

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Combined Service will be live streamed on Facebook, May 17, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: Ich glaub' an Dich vs 1-3 No. 461 Seite 454

Testimony: Christian Metz, Middle Ebenezer, March 22nd, 1850

Scripture: Matthew 5:8

Psalm: 24:4-5

Closing Hymn: I Trust in Thee vs 10-12 No 84

Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

There will not be a Memorial Day service in the South Amana Cemetery this year. The video of the Memorial Day service will be available at 9:00 a.m. on Monday 26, 2020 on both Facebook and YouTube ("The Amana Church" is our channel).

461 Mel. Die Zeit geht an. (Art 19)

1. Ich Glaub an Dich, dein Wort ist meine Kraft, mein Weg und Licht, ja meines Lebens Saft. In Angst und Noth macht der Durchbrecher Bahn: ich folge Dir, ach Herr! geh' Du voran.

2. Mein's Flehens Stimm' steigt Herr, zu deinem Thron, mein Gott und Herr, mein Mittler, Menschensohn! Du trittst herfür und sprichst: Ich bin dein Heil, in deiner Noth bin Ich dein' Hülf' und Theil.

3. Die höchste Kunst, in Noth zu glauben fest, daß unser Gott die Seinen nicht verläßt, das bitte ich, weil Du es selber sagst, und immer nur um den Unglauben klagst.

AMANA SOCIETY, INC.

Board of Directors Election Results

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mike Shoup, Dixie Trout, and David Rettig have been elected to a 3 year term in the 2020 board of director's election.

AMANA Firefighters

-- Annual Breakfast --

POSTPONED

Due to the current COVID situation we are postponing until a later date to be determined.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

It all began with a call to Doris Hahn asking where I could get her daughter's book about the Hahn Bakery. Naturally, it can be found at the bakery. That led me to think of a time when my Grandpa Stuck brought home a loaf of baked bread from the Hahn Bakery, once it began operating again in the early 1960s.

I thought that my mother was going to "hit the ceiling" because she was so excited. She caressed the bread as though it was some kind of precious gem stone and actually – I promise this is true - had tears in her eyes. This was so unlike my mother until she started to talk about her childhood memories of the bakeries in the various villages – the wonderful smells and the "crunch" of the bread crust. She then cut up the loaf not in the thin pre-sliced pieces we were used to from "store bought" bread. Mom was right, and we had to crunch down on the bread, but it was worth it. Grandpa insisted that we had to eat the crust because it would, "give you rosy cheeks" (I never have figured out that reasoning, but you never argued with my grandpa.)

This bread became known in our family as "Hahne Brot" and was a staple at family dinners for decades after.

Now, after the Covid Virus shutdown, and thus, the lack of Hahn bread, I too, have become like my mother and was overjoyed to get a loaf of it, again, this weekend. I am ashamed to say that I ate more than one piece – perhaps I will have rosy cheeks.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

CCA High Virtual Graduation May 22

At 7 p.m. on Friday, May 22 go to the Clear Creek Amana Facebook page to connect to a live presentation of the graduation exercises for the Class of 2020, CCA.

CCA student council officers, Raina Heinze, Student Council President and Taylor Grefe, Student Council Vice President will open the presentation introducing Senior Class "Reflection" speakers, Rachel Bemacki, Brett Lund, Anna Schwarting, Sarah Stewart and Lasya Yakkala.

The CCA Class of 2020 honors Valedictorians: Anna Schwarting, Rachel Bemacki, Madison George, Trace Johanson, Brett Lund, Sarah Stewart and Lasya Yakkal.

Congratulations to the CCA Class of 2020!

Amana Colonies Food Pantry Receives Support More Iowa County Residents Need Food

With an increased number of local residents in need of food, the Amana Colonies Food Pantry run by volunteers of the Amana Church at the Middle Amana Church received a \$650 grant from Feeding America as part of the \$100 million gift from Jeff Bezos.

Volunteers were pleased with the grant, but say they are even more excited by the community support they have received these past three months. "Since the pandemic shutdown in March, we have gotten tremendous support from so many people and local groups," said Kristie Yoder, Amana Church Elder, co-chair with Annie Trumpold of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry.

In April, Feeding America, a nonprofit hunger relief charity supporting 60,000 food pantries and 200 food programs in the United States, made a donation to Iowa HACAP which then made grants to each one of the food pantries it works with, including the Amana Colonies Food Pantry.

The Amana Colonies Food Pantry distributes food twice monthly or as needed. It is a confidential service primarily for residents of Iowa County though it turns no one in need of food away. It is located at the Middle Amana Church at 1112 26th Ave. Middle Amana. Boxes of canned and dried foods, fresh food, milk, bread and meat are distributed the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. until noon. If food cannot be picked up, delivery may be arranged. If food is needed at other times, that too may be arranged. If you need help or wish to make a donation you may call the church office at 319-622-6155. All enquires or requests are kept confidential.

Right now, all food pantries, food banks and free meal programs in Iowa are under strain with the economic slowdown and unemployment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Feeding America and the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) in Iowa, 341,890 Iowans are struggling with hunger – of these 111,500 are children. That means 1 in 9 adult Iowans and one in 7 Iowa children struggle with hunger.

"We saw a significant uptick (in usage of the Amana Colonies Food Pantry) initially and it remains higher than normal, but now with the mobilization of pop-up food pantries in this area, which have been inundated with requests and are distributing thousands of boxes of free food, plus the schools are handing out free lunches, because of these two things, I think we have seen some of the initial impact lessen just a little," Yoder noted.

Prior to Christmas the Amana Colonies Food Pantry was serving about 14 to 20 families every two weeks, now they are serving about 25 to 30 families every two weeks.

The Amana Colonies Food Pantry has several sources of food. It receives both free and low-cost food from the HACAP food reservoir (Hawkeye Area Community Action Program) in Hiawatha. HACAP gives them milk and cereal, flour and some other staples for free. It charges the Amana Colony Food Pantry for other foods when it has them in stock. Yoder estimated that the pantry spends about 16 cents on the dollar for foods like bread, meat, fresh produce and whatever HACAP can provide at a low

cost. "We can get a huge amount of food for \$60," she added.

The Amana Colonies Food Bank buys from the dollar stores and the Marengo Big G, which looks for good buys for them "We have a great relationship with the Big G and they are very very helpful," Yoder said. Some things like laundry soap and shampoo, toilet paper and toothpaste have to be purchased as there is no free source. "We do get donations of these things, but something you just have to buy so you have enough. That and the meat, we sometimes have to buy chicken or pork. That's when we use those cash donations. It just stretches our resources so much more," Yoder explained.

"We also need to give a shout-out to Colonial Manor which has been very generous with the program. . . As have local Amana and Iowa County residents who bring in everything from detergent, toilet paper and cleaning supplies to beef, cases of canned goods and garden produce. Nothing goes to waste, we hand it all out," Yoder noted.

Every two weeks a group of eight or ten Amana Church volunteers make up packets of food (in boxes and red bags) enough food for about two weeks for 25 to 30 families. They try to give out at least five pounds of meat, plus some fresh and canned vegetables, cereal, rice, beans, dried pasta, bread, eggs. "We do know that a couple of families have dietary restrictions so we keep that in mind, and if families have children and many of ours do, we include things that kids like, like mac-n-cheese, spaghetti o's, those little fruit cups," Yoder noted.

When and if they can afford too, every so often they try to give out essentials like laundry detergent, toilet paper, hand soap and shampoo.

"We are very grateful for every bit of help and support," Yoder said.

How can you help? Please mail a cash donation to

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the Amana Colonies Food Pantry, care of the Amana Church at PO Box 103, Middle, IA, 52037 Please note that donation is for the food pantry. Or drop off food at the Middle Amana Church – please when contributing any frozen or fresh foods contact Kristie Yoder at 319-5609-0397 to arrange a drop off time.

What is needed? Here's a few ideas: spaghetti sauce, dried pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, tuna, canned fruit, boxed meals, easy to prepare Mac n'cheese in boxes, fruit cups, applesauce cups, pudding, Jello, canned soup, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soaps, hand sanitizer, cleaning products for the home, toilet paper, tissues.

**"In Case" You Were Wondering
Wurst Festival to be August 29**

Hold the mustard! The sixth annual Amana Colonies Wurst Festival will be held August 29. Originally, scheduled for June 20th this celebration of all things sausage has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Named the "Best New Event" by the Iowa Tourism Commission in 2015, Wurst Festival is a one-day celebration with the gates opening at 11 a.m. at the Market Barn in Amana. Live music begins at 1 p.m. and continues until 6 p.m.

As in years past, Wurst Festival feature sausages from area meat shops and sausage makers, locally brewed beer and wines as well as foods from local vendors. Sausage makers will compete to earn awards as their work will be judged by panel of experts and by those who attend as they taste samples and choose their favorites.

In addition to the taste testing and general fun, festival-goers may enroll in Wurst University for the opportunity to earn the "Wurst education" in Iowa.

The Dachshund Derby is back again this year, so you might want to begin training your Dachshund. Post time is p.m. Go to the Amana Colonies website for details and a Dachshund Derby entry form.

Middle Amana Park ReOpens

With the statewide COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on parks, the Middle Amana Park, a private property maintained by the Amana Society for the use of the general public, remained closed this spring but will reopen officially as of Saturday, May 23.

Laura Sue Woods, Amana RV Park and Event manager, reports that the park will be open for family picnics, kids play and self-contained RV or tent camping. The restrooms will be opened, but the showers will not. Dumpsters will be emptied, however, please remember that security cameras record those who illegally dump at the park.

Please follow all social distancing guidelines for public spaces when enjoying the park.

All residents are also urged to please pick up after their dogs and to dispose of all trash properly.

Amana Society Shareholders—Thank You!

Thank you for electing me to the Amana Society Board of Directors. I appreciate all of the support and will work to the best of my ability to fulfill my responsibilities and to uphold the trust you have placed in me. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns: trout.dixie@gmail.com 319-360-4022

Sincerely,
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OBITUARY

Our dear husband, father, Opa and Great-Opa, Bill Ackermann, has completed his final Model A journey here on earth, and has safely arrived in his heavenly home. A public graveside service, practicing social distancing, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2020, at the Main Amana Cemetery, Main Amana, with Elder Tony Berger officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be contributed to the Amana Church Society, the Amana Heritage Society or Alzheimer's Research. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

William Fred (Bill) Ackermann was born August 17, 1928, to Carl and Elise Ruedy Ackermann, in Amana, Iowa. He was born in the same house in which he resided for his entire life. His desire was to be in his home until his death, however the ravages of Alzheimer's disease made that sadly impossible. He passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 17, 2020 with his daughters by his side, at The Gardens of Cedar Rapids, after residing there for nearly two years.

A graduate of Amana High School, Bill joined the US Army. Following his military service, he returned to Amana. On October 17, 1953, Bill and Dorothy Lorenc were united in marriage in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They made their home in Amana where they raised their family. He had a long career as an independent insurance agent as the owner of The Ackermann Agency, Corp.

Bill also remained active in the Army Reserves, receiving his discharge as a Master Sergeant after 22 years of service.

Active in his community, he was a member of the Amana Church Society, Amana Heritage Society, as well as delivering meals with the Essen Wagen. He was proud to be a Mason and Shriner for many years. Bill's most important and enjoyable hobby was antique autos, but more specifically Model A Fords, of which he restored four. He and Dorothy were very active members of the Cedar Rapids Hawk A Model A Ford Club and Antique Auto Club of America.

Nothing gave Bill more joy than to get together with his entire family. At these times, Bill could be heard telling his family, "This is all our fault," with a twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his wife of over 66 years, Dorothy Ackermann, Amana; daughter Sandra (Gerald) Fetzer, Marion, and their children and their families, Andrea (Jeremy) Dorn (Lucas and Liam), Patrick Fetzer (Jaden and Brianna), and Zachary (Stephanie) Fetzer (Emerson William and Rosalie); Deborah (Phillip) Weisskopf, Oxford, and their children, Josh (Rachel) Weisskopf Petacat and Callista Weisskopf; as well as Lorence's children, Mathew Ackermann (Whitney Alberhasky), Elizabeth (Eric) Draeger (Jasmin) and Kristin Ackermann. He is also survived by his sister, Elsie Meeker, and one nephew and two nieces.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son, Lorence William in 2014; his two triplet granddaughters, Heather Lynn and Micah Joy Weisskopf in 1995; as well as his brother-in-law, W. Kenneth Meeker.

Dorothy, Sandy and Deb wish to thank The Gardens for their care and compassion in allowing them to spend time with Bill during his final journey.

Online condolences may be left at www.klosterfuneralhome.com

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Larry W. VonAhsen, age 70, formerly of Williamsburg and Cedar Rapids, died Friday, May 15, 2020 in Amana, Iowa. Per his wishes, his body was donated to science. There will be no services at this time. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family.

He is survived by his wife Nancy; his sons Rodney and Bradley; and six grandchildren, Nathan VonAhsen, Madi VonAhsen, Payton VonAhsen, Kaylyn Muldoon, Josephine VonAhsen, and Waylon VonAhsen; and a great-grandson. Also surviving are his siblings, Helen Ritchie, and Kristine and Karen VonAhsen. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Mark VonAhsen

Larry William VonAhsen was born December 16, 1949 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the son of Loren and Phyllis Royal VonAhsen. He received his education in the Williamsburg schools, and later received his G.E.D. Larry was united in marriage to Nancy Ehrle on November 16, 1968 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsburg. When the couple relocated to Cedar Rapids, they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.

Larry was employed with Kraus Furniture in Amana, as well as the Williamsburg Sanitation Department. He worked for Borst Upholstery in Cedar Rapids, where he spent countless hours working on the chairs at the Paramount Theatre. He learned loom rug weaving at Camp Sunnyside, and continued this craft for many years. Larry filled his time serving as a scout master, a T-ball coach, and also as a volunteer for the Salvation Army Corp in Cedar Rapids.

For some thirteen years Larry has been a resident at Colonial Manor. With his passing, the family wish to thank the entire staff for their attention to Larry's situation and challenges. A special heartfelt appreciation to Brianne Becker, Kim Ballard, Chrissy Kerkman Volesky and Joey Glass for your professional care and friendship.

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