

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 25, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM with Sw Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich Glaub an Dich" No. 461 Seite 456

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann, Bischweiler, October 8, 1820

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-7
Psalm 33:18-22

Closing Hymn: "Nun Welche Ihr Hoffnung" No. 749 Seite 740

The late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "I Trust in Thee" No. 82

Closing Hymn: "Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee" No. 180

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

The Saturday worship service meets 6:00 PM in the Sunday school meeting room in Amana.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's English Service.

BIBLE STUDY

We will resume our study of Acts beginning with chapter 23 on Monday, March 12, at 6:30 P. M. at Lakeview Village. Everyone is welcome. Call Shirley Reihman at 622-3486 if you have any questions.

CONGREGATE MEALS

Come join us for Congregate Meals at the Fellowship Hall in the Amana Church on Mondays.

Our menus for March:

Mar 5: Pulled Pork Sandwich/Bun, Hawaiian Cole-slaw, Potato Cubes, Capri Vegetable Orange Whip

Mar 12: Oven fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fiesta Corn, Strawberry Banana Medley

Mar 19: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Chuckwaagen Corn, Apple Crisp

Mar 25: Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Scandanavian Veggies, Strawberry/Banana Medley

The cost is only \$5 and also includes your drink!! Open to all ages. The doors open at 11:00 and we serve at 11:30!! Please call Donna Trumpold at 622-3218 or 560-6285 by noon on Friday to make a reservation. We hope to see you!!

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 05, 2018 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I was just thinking about some things that one never sees anymore. It is odd how they just disappeared and none of us really noticed until someone asked, "whatever happened to?"

Do you remember those "leather" notebooks we all had to have once we reached a "mature age?" They were not leather, but some sort of plastic with a zipper that went 3/4ths of the way around the books you stuffed inside.

The more books you could get in that carrying case the better otherwise the books would go sliding all over and often unto the floor.

I have no idea why they often had 3 metal holders for what I suppose were to be those important reports you wrote and were to hand in the next day. If you used those holders you often put the glued circles unto the paper to keep it from tearing while you stuffed more books into the bag.

Boys always had brown or black bags while the girls got more original and had all sorts of colors for their bags.

My personal favorite was a turquoise bag which I used until the zipper finally broke. I did ask my mother to fix it, but she just gave me that stare that meant no way.

Then there were those days you got new shoes. Usually it had to be around the beginning of school or Easter when you bought the shoes.

Everyone had their own special store for shoes. A long time ago it was the general store in each of the seven villages.

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Breakfast with Belle Saturday at CCA High

While the Clear Creek Amana High School drama and music departments prepare for their spring musical "Beauty and the Beast" their parents in FAME will be hosting a pancake breakfast this Saturday, March 3 from 7 - 11 a.m. at CCA High to support music and the fine arts at CCA.

Yes, you can dine and have your photo taken with CCA's very own Belle from the musical (in costume) as you enjoy a pancake, sausage and scrambled egg breakfast featuring foods from the Amana Meat Shop and the Johnson County Pork Producers. Both are supporting the event. Your free will donation will help fund music and fine arts education at Clear Creek Amana. The event will also feature a silent auction of nifty gift baskets and prizes.

Mark your calendars as the CCA production of "Beauty and the Beast" will be April 19 - 21 at the Tiffin High School Theatre.

It's Bockwurst Time in Amana

Yes, it's "bockwurst time" in the Amana Colonies with the Amana Meat Shop making their spring specialty at least once a week.

The pork sausage made with milk, fresh chives and eggs is a German sausage traditionally made in the spring during Lent when milk and eggs are abundant and when the first green herb of the garden appears.

At the Amana Meat Shop they use an old Amana Colony recipe that has been perfected by at least eight generations of Amana butchers. They told me at the Meat Shop, they make bockwurst at least once a week this time of year so there is fresh bockwurst in patties and links in their meat case and frozen patties and links for travelers and for Amana residents who understandably want to extend "bockwurst season" into the summer.

We asked a few neighbors how they like their bockwurst and we received lots of replies. Here are a few:

- As an easy "Saturday lunch." Boil the links and serve alongside good quality egg noodles. Excellent "mit Rotkraut."

- For Sunday breakfast or Sunday supper. Fry patties and serve alongside pancakes or waffles.

- As a "Bockwurst sandwich." Fry bockwurst patty and fry eggs over easy. Place one patty and fried egg on toasted "good bread" or a toasted English muffin. If you want to add a bit of razzle-dazzle top the sausage patty with a slice of American cheese and fry a bit longer till the cheese melts, before adding the egg.

- Midweek dinner for the family. Boil 6 links bockwurst, serve alongside "Spätzle," sauerkraut, apple sauce and a tossed green salad dressed with chopped boiled eggs and only light drizzle of vinegar and oil.

- Traditional Amana "Saturday supper." This was the Saturday super menu in the Amana communal kitchens pre-1932. Boil bockwurst. Serve with fried or scrambled eggs and boiled potatoes. Top boiled potatoes with butter (and toasted crumbs if you want to get fancy).

- Bockwurst Pizza. Make a pizza crust or use a premade crust. Use your favorite pizza sauce. Fry patty and crumble or parboil link and slice. Scatter on pizza, add your favorite toppings (green pepper, mushrooms) and cheese. Bake as usual.

- Bockwurst Pot Pie. Boil bockwurst in a large pot. Skim off any foam. When very nearly cooked, cut in a recipe of "Spätzle" and boil till noodles are tender - about 4 minutes. Drain well. Place all in a large serving dish or bowl. Top with browned bread crumbs.

- Bock in a Bun. Parboil wurst until fully cooked. Grill till casing is nicely browned/ seared. Pop into a toasted bun and enjoy with a glass of Bock beer.

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Zuber's Home Plate Lunches

Serving from 11:00 - 2:00

Monday - Thursday

Serving a variety of sandwiches, salads, soups, and homemade desserts.

March Specials

Monday - Meatloaf, vegetable, salad and roll

Tuesday - Kielbasa Cabbage Potato Skillet meal, salad and roll

Wednesday - Mystery Day - the special will be different each week

Thursday - Irish Stew, salad, and roll

Every Thursday is Cinnamon Roll day

Every Tuesday and Thursday we'll have a mint dessert

NO lunches served the week of March 12 - 15.

Our last day to serve lunch will be March 29th.

Lakeview Village

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"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 3

Please join the Clear Creek Amana cast of "Beauty and the Beast" for a very special Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 3 from 7:00-11:00 AM at the Clear Creek Amana High School Commons in Tiffin. (see News and Notes)

Also, on March 3 at 4:00pm F.A.M.E. will presenting the Bill Riley Talent show which is free and open to the public. Come out and see some great talent in the high school Performing Arts Center!

Millstream Brau Haus

Help Wanted

Server position needed starting March 1st on Fridays & Saturdays. Call and ask for Teresa or stop in to apply. (319) 622-3672

LIVE SATURDAY NITES AT THE MILLSTREAM BRAU HAUS

We're starting up our live music on Saturday nights again at the Brau Haus! Join us this Saturday night from 6-9pm as Nick Stika performs classic rock from 6-9pm. Enjoy a beer or two with friends and stay for supper!

Positions Available

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We are looking for cashiers that are available to work weekdays and weekends from 8am to 5pm.

Please apply in person at: **Amana Colonies Bakery & Cafe, 4522 220th Trail Amana Ia.** or call us at **319-202-8340** to set up an appointment.

Amana Print Shop hours

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Spring is near. If you are thinking of selling, it is time to get your home ready. Buyers are on the move to find their dream home and one that fits their family's life style. Spruce up your curb appeal. If the buyer sees an unkept property with a for sale sign, you will never get them to the front door. Remember. Your home should always speak to the buyer and say, "Buy me. I am ready".

Many thanks, Alex

Alex Hamilton, The Amana Realtor.
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**THE ESSEN WAGEN SERVES
HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

One meal a day can make a difference! If you're home-bound, or an adult child of a home-bound person, this message is for you. "Essen Wagen" is "home-delivered meals," a service provided by the Amana Church Society to any eligible home-bound persons living in the Amana Colonies, regardless of religious affiliation. Essen Wagen volunteers deliver hot home style meals, prepared at Colonial Manor during the noon hours, Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). The meals typically include a hot main dish, servings of vegetables or fruit, bread and milk. A contribution of \$4.00 per meal is requested. There is no charge for delivery.

Essen Wagen volunteers also provide the benefit of a daily check in with the home-bound person to make sure they are safe in their homes. The peace of mind provided by the Essen Wagen volunteers for the seniors and their guardians cannot be overestimated. Home delivered meals also help home-bound seniors remain more independent.

Essen Wagen meals are also available to others to fill a temporary need during illness, convalescence, or other home confinement periods of time. If you have a need for these services, or know of a person who could benefit from "one hot meal a day," please call the church administrator at 622-6155, for more information.

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I wonder if any of you remember those black-tie shoes with the thick back heel that every woman of a "certain age" had. (I believe that age was as soon as your hair began to turn grey or white.)

Later, when we became more "modern" we would go to Cedar Rapids and buy our shoes.

The children often went to "Craemer's Department Store" to buy the "Buster Brown" shoes that were advertised Saturday mornings when this show was on. The show was supposedly based on stories by Rudyard Kipling and had this young Indian boy with a turban.

Charlemagne was one of those lucky people who even got his feet x-rayed at the shoe department to see if the shoes fit just right.

My parents refused us permission to use this machine. I was so disappointed, but now think of how wise they were considering the damage radiation can do. (Personally, I think this is the cause of Charlemagne's big toe nail never growing in right.) Some of the children even got the high-top shoes because they were "Pidgeon Toed."

My sister and two of her classmates had to wear those shoes. If the other two girls yelled as much as my sister did whenever she went to the doctor to have her feet examined the doctor probably lost his hearing at an early age.

My sister got so angry one time and told the doctor off loudly in GERMAN. My mother was trying very hard not to burst out laughing because the doctor kept asking what she was saying. (It was not a curse.)

I, being the older and GOOD sister, started to tell him until my father literally dragged me out of the room. Both my sister and I became very upset and told our parents how cruel we felt they had been.

I am still wondering if this problem still exists and children must wear high-top shoes. (All three of the girls seemed to turn out normal although I don't think any of them ran any races.)

Another thing that seems to have disappeared is the caboose on the train. Whatever happened to that lovely red car anyway?

One wonders if the man (it was always a man) who sat in that car ever got sick from being thrown around in the car much like the person who is at the end of a skating group that is playing "Crack the Whip."

Have you any memories like these?

B.S.H.

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**SOUTH SLOPE PRESENTS LOCAL
NON-PROFITS WITH GRANTS**

South Slope Cooperative and Aureon are pleased to announce that matching charity grants have been awarded to Cedar Amateur Astronomers, North Liberty Community Pantry and North Liberty Optimist Club. Upon reviewing an abundance of applications, the Aureon Charity Grant Committee delegated funds to projects committed to the betterment of local Iowan communities. South Slope and Aureon awarded the following grants at the South Slope office on February 16, 2018: Cedar Amateur Astronomers - \$2300, to purchase a new projector.

North Liberty Community Pantry - \$1000

North Liberty Optimist Club - \$1000 North Liberty to purchase winter clothing for elementary students.

Grant applications are available at www.southslope.com/grants <<https://www.southslope.com/community/grants-scholarships/>>. Aureon awards range from \$250 to \$1,500 and up to \$1,000 is matched by South Slope. Grants are awarded quarterly and amounts are determined by an independent charity grant committee.

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**SEVEN WORTHWHILE WAYS
TO USE YOUR TAX REFUND**

According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than 70 percent of the nation's taxpayers received a tax refund averaging nearly \$3,000 in 2017 and will get a similar amount this year. As Americans receive their refunds along with additional benefits coming from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in December, Bankhaus has highlighted seven tips to help them use their money wisely.

"Tax season is the perfect time to hit the reset button on your finances," said Elaina Kempin, Bankhaus Marketing Director. "Your refund can help put you on the right path towards reaching your financial goals. Consider using it to pay off debts or creating an emergency fund."

To help consumers make the most out of their money, Bankhaus has highlighted the following tips:

- Save for emergencies. More than 60 percent of Americans are not prepared for unexpected expenses. You can prepare by opening or adding to a savings account that serves as an "emergency fund." Ideally, it should hold about three-to-six months of living expenses in case of sudden financial hardships like losing your job or having to replace your car.

- Pay off debt. Pay down existing balances either by chipping away at loans with the highest interest rates or eliminating smaller debt first.

- Save for retirement, your child's education or future health expenses. Open or increase contributions to a tax-deferred savings plan like a 401(k) or an IRA. Your bank can help set up an IRA, while a 401(k) is employer-sponsored. Look into opening a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan to ensure school expenses will be covered when your child reaches college age. Or save for future health expenses with tax-free dollars by investing in a Health Savings Account.

- Pay down your mortgage or student loans. Make an extra payment on your mortgage or student loans each year to save money on interest while reducing the term of your loans. Be sure to inform your lender that your extra payments should be applied to principal, not interest.

- Invest safely with U.S. savings bonds or municipal bonds. The U.S. Treasury allows for savings bond to be purchased using your tax refund for as little as \$50. Savings bonds earn interest for a maximum of 30 years.

- Invest in your current home. Use your refund to invest in home improvements that will pay you back in the long run by increasing the value of your home. This can include small, cost-effective upgrades like energy-efficient appliances that will pay off in both the short and long term – and with tax credits (as long as Congress continues to renew the program). Donate to charity. The benefit is two-fold: Giving to charity will make a difference in your community, and you can also claim the tax deduction, if you itemize.

Bankhaus also stressed the importance of lower-income workers filing a tax return—even if their income is too low to trigger any federal tax liability—in order to potentially claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Depending on a recipient's income, marital status and number of children, the EITC can result in a refund of up to \$6,318 to help them achieve financial goals.

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