

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 18, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Horet doch, ihr lieben Seelen!" No. 435 Seite 432

Testimony: Johann Adam Gruber, Leisingen, Switzerland, December 22, 1716

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-21
Psalm: 1

Closing Hymn: "Heut is der Tag des Heils," No. 416 Seite 414

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Hark, Dear Souls, Do Listen Closely" No. 100

Closing Hymn: "This Is the Day of Grace" No. 88

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK

4th of July is fast approaching! So far we have the following activities lined up for the Middle Ball Park.

- 7:30 am Breakfast - youth group mission trip free will donation! Help us help the folks at the Pine Ridge Reservation.

- 9:00 am Church service to honor our country!
- 2:00 pm Baseball usually happens at this time, we expect it again!

- 5:00 pm Iowa's Biggest Potluck. If you are from Middle, High, or West please bring a salad to share, if you are from East or Amana bring a dessert, and if you reside in the villages of Homestead or South please bring a side dish to pass. We'll provide the brats and dogs!

- 6:00 pm Dogs on Skis for your listening and dancing pleasure!

- Dark-thirty-Fireworks over the Lily Lake.

If you would like to donate to the fireworks fund please mail your money to Amana Community Fireworks, PO Box 11, Amana, IA 52203 or use the Venmo QR code below. Every little bit helps.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Have you ever noticed that when you clean out a closet Or a drawer you have more of a mess than before?

Let me give you an example. I only wanted to clean out my shoes and the linen closet. No big deal? In your dreams!

It seems that I somehow accumulated three pairs of snow boots and four or five pairs of shoes I have never worn. I didn't even remember buying them!

One pair of shoes was still in the original box with the label on it.

The way I figure it is that when I am in the house I don't wear shoes, certainly not ones with heels.

When Charlemagne and I go out for something special I really wear heels especially now that I walk like a toddler just learning to walk.

Six inch heels have never been shoes I have gravitated to mainly because I used to be tall and would tower over people and they made me walk oddly.

So there I was, surrounded by shoes and bed linens for twin and full sized beds.

I thought of cutting the linens up and having them woven into rugs, but that would require getting out the sewing machine in order to sew together the strips of fabric I would have to cut the linens into, thus creating more of a mess than I set out to clean up in the first place.

Further, I could only imagine the on set of the headache I would get just from threading the sewing machine which always meant having to re-read the instructions a couple times, then looking at the machine and trying to match the gears with the instructions without mumbling words that turned the air blue. Gone are the days when all this used to be a multi-generational endeavour.

After careful consideration I got a garbage bag and put all the no longer needed items in it. The rest went into the garbage and I took two Tylenol to relieve my backache.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Church Restore Revive Renew Fund Drive Nears Goal

Just 12 months after kicking off the Amana Church's fund drive to raise money for the restoration of the Amana Church in Amana and the Kinderschule in Middle Amana is just about there, having raised \$355,984 in cash donations, pledges and grants.

Over 97 percent of the Phase 1 goal of \$364,387 has been raised to repair and restore the Amana Church building in Amana and to create a new home for the Amana Colonies Food Pantry at the Middle Amana Kinderschule, fund drive co-chairs Jon Childers and Emilie Hoppe, announced this week.

"We are, I hope, within days of reaching our Phase 1 goal which allows us to move forward on the work we need to do to get these buildings repaired and in better shape to serve the whole community," said Hoppe.

The work required to rehab the buildings is extensive and will require a Phase 2 fund drive of an estimated \$108,000 to complete. The Phase 2 will begin as soon as the Phase 1 goal is reached.

With its goal to "use what has been provided to serve our community let us reclaim and build upon our heritage to carry out a mission for the Amana community that feeds body and soul," the Restore Revive Renew campaign began in 2022 after the Amana Church was chosen to be part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation - National Fund for Sacred Places partnership program.

The National Fund for Sacred Places is awarding a total of \$75,000 in grant funding toward the repair and rehabilitation of the two structures. The remainder of the money is being raised via donations from church members, friends, businesses and merchants, and from granting agencies and foundations.

Since becoming part of the program, one of only 15 churches in the nation, the Amana Church has worked with the National Trust, Sacred Places team receiving training, help and support. It engaged Sequel Architecture of Des Moines to carefully evaluate the structures, draw up plans and bid documents.

Bids are being sought by contractors to complete the work on the buildings. All the work will be done to National Historic Landmark structure standards and will be approved by the State Office of Historic Planning and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as well as the Amana Colonies Land Use District.

Here's some of what's being planned:

At the Amana Church in Amana -

- Construct new handicapped accessibility ramp on west side and replace the accessibility ramp on the east side.

- Replace upper story fire escapes.

- Remove 1950s era asbestos shingle siding. Replace with historically accurate siding.

- Repair/ reconstruct 28 large wooden storm windows and repair wooden window frames etc. Replacing exterior trim.

- Repair dormer windows.

- Repair entryways and cellar entries.

- Replace soffit fascia and gutters.

- Repair retaining walls and repoint foundation and chimneys.

At the Kinderschule in Middle Amana here is some of what is being done to make it a practical space for the food pantry.

- Restore replace floor and siding

- Restore foundation

- Make electrical updates, utility updates/ installation of HVAC

- Repair framing, windows, window trim and restore storm windows

- Add a sidewalk

- Repair entry and porch area.

How can you help? Every dollar raised will be put to good use. Please if you have not already done so, your help is needed now. To make a donation go to Amana Church website at Amanachurch.com and look for the Restore Revive Renew tab at the top of the home page. Click on that to go to a page with information about the fund drive and to donate

via a credit card, Venmo or Paypal. Or send checks to the Amana Church, PO Box 103 Middle Amana IA, 52307, Mark for Sacred Places Fund Drive.

Thank you very much.

Amana Colonies Wurst Festival Sizzling

This weekend, Friday June 16 and Saturday, June 17 it's the Amana Colonies Wurst Festival with kick-off community party at the Market Barn, 5 - 8 p.m. Friday. The Swampland Jewels will be playing at 5:30 and there is no admission charge as they will be grilling brats and serving up goodtimes.

The Market barn area in Amana is the site for this annual Amana Colonies Wurst Festival which features, live music, good food, drink and games of skill and chance.

New this year we've a Wurst Brass Festival at the Festhalle Saturday, June 17 starting at 11 a.m. Brass bands, including our own Die Tiefen Keller Kinder, have signed up to perform and compete for honors. DTKK plays at 5 p.m. according to their Facebook page.

Other highlights of the festival:

- Wurst vendors this year include Amos Dean's of Solon, Charboom's Craft BBQ of Cedar Rapids, Stoneridge Wholesale of Wisconsin, Macy Moo's of Creston joining longtime wurst champs the Amana Meat Shop. On site there will be ice cream, desserts, Ackerman Winery, Fireside Winery, White Cross Winery wines and beers dispensed by Amana Events. 11 - 6 p.m. Saturday at the Market barn in Amana.

- Hotel Millwright serves up brats and blues 11 - 2 p.m. Saturday. On Electric Thread's patio or indoors if the weather insists.

- A Wurst FEST Kinderplatz at the garden by the Visitor Center 11 - 4 p.m.

- Brass Band Blowout at the Festhalle - Saturday with brass bands performing back to back starting at 11 a.m. Carries on into the evening!

- Yard Games and Competitions at the Market barn during Wurst Festival.

- Dachshund Racing 5 p.m. Saturday at the Market barn area. Sponsored by Bankhaus. To enter call the Visitor Center. Rules apply. \$5 entry fee per little dog.

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AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

“NIGHT AT THE MILLRACE THANK YOU

Amana Historical Sites Foundation will be hosting a “Night at the Millrace” to thank RC Eichacker, for his donation to the Millrace & Hydro project. Please join us at the Electric thread patio June 22nd from 6-8.

COMPASS DONATES TO FIRE DISTRICT

Compass Memorial Healthcare donates \$2,327 towards the purchase of recharging stations and four battery packs for the Amana Benefited Fire District’s SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment.

**YOUTH THEATRE CAMP “THE SUPERHERO THAT IS ME” by Deb Kennedy
Coming to AMANA June 26-30, 2023.**

“The Superhero That Is Me” is an original show by Deb Kennedy. A young boy inspired by superheroes, ventures out to get some “super” training in this year’s youth theatre camp. Along his journey, he learns that being someone else isn’t a good fit and discovers that he has his own “strengths” and is a “Super” kid.

At the end of the week, June 30th at 7pm, the students will perform for their families and the community in the Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Ave, Amana, IA. Contact deborahkennedy@live.com for tickets, ADULTS - \$10 KIDS - FREE

FOR SALE

For Sale; 78 Amana Society Inc. Class A shares. Call 641-220-3090

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sales 4306 & 4311 V Street, Homestead 8:30 to 4:30 June 15,16,17. Antiques, Primitives and Miscellaneous Including: Hitchcock chairs, cherry cottage cheese press tramp art, grain painted box, framed Buckley Moss, tools, tool boxes, 32 ft wood ext ladder, screw jacks, ladder jacks, cedar chest, amish chest, cake stands, McCoy, rugs, Old tools, Toys and much more.

HUGE Garage Sale Father’s Day weekend! 2603 K Street Middle Amana Friday, June 16, 8-5 Saturday, June 17, 8-4. 50 CENT SALE on BOYS CLOTHING from our 7 boys random sizes from NB- teen size. MANY items \$1-\$2 LOTS of: good Junk, Antiques, Linens, Crafts, Decor, Wedding, Furniture, Toys Garden Books, Jewelry, Home school Curriculum

WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, signs, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, textiles, automotive, oddities and the unusual. Any condition. Fair cash prices paid. Call or text 319-270-1251/Jack CirkI.

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We get many questions about signs (both permanent and temporary). With a little research effort you can likely find your answer in the ACLUD ordinances. Go to the website www.aclud.org and click on the Ordinances and Historic Reference Material link at the top of the page. Now choose the Division 3.0 document. The main section regarding signs is from pages 84 through 101. Then in the back Appendix there is more sign info from pages 127 through 145. Table 31 on page 145 is particularly useful in determining what signs are permitted in what location. And also please visit the definition of a Special Event Sign on page 101.

For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840



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SOUTH SLOPE MATCHING GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

South Slope Cooperative Communications and Aureon are pleased to announce that matching charity grants have been awarded to the Amana Heritage Society, Wishes for Wildlife Foundation, Safe Haven, and the Amana Benefited Fire District.

The Amana Heritage Society will use their grant funds to purchase a theft, fire, and water security system in their School House.

The Wishes for Wildlife Foundation will use their grant funds for Phase 2 of their “Sustainable Wildlife Food Source” project that focuses on planting green browse food plots for wildlife.

Safe Haven of Iowa County will use grant funds to purchase three custom-built dog room dividers to serve as a barrier between the dogs in their kennels and the dogs being walked by volunteers.

The Amana Benefited Fire District will use grant funds to replace the Amana Fire Department’s outdated thermal imaging camera to allow teams to split up for a more rapid assessment of the dangers.

**Charlie’s Saturday Morning Market
Plants, Produce, Cookies
10:00 A.M. - Noon in W. Homestead**

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Wurst Brass Festival Saturday June 17

Get ready to enjoy a day full of amazing brass music and mouth-watering German-style food because the Iowa Brass is proud to host the Wurst Brass Festival in conjunction with the annual Amana Colonies Wurst Festival.

This all-day music festival, held on Saturday, June 17th, will showcase talented brass bands from Iowa and Wisconsin at two different locations. The Festhalle Barn will feature an entertaining large brass band music festival from 11am to 7pm, while small brass groups will perform from 11am to 5pm in town.

The festival will feature a range of talented groups including Iowa Brass, Wisconsin Brass Band, DTKK Polka Band, CR Jazz (Cedar Rapids Big Band), Brick Street Ramblers, BYO Brass, Iowa Brass Band Quintet, Metro Brass Quintet, Lowly Brass, and Betruken Messing. Each band will bring their unique style and sound to the stage, providing a diverse and thrilling musical experience for all.

Admission to attend this unforgettable festival is only \$5, providing an affordable and exciting opportunity to showcase the skills of talented brass bands while celebrating the rich German heritage of Amana. Don’t miss out on this inaugural Wurst Brass Festival hosted by Iowa Brass. Mark your calendars, grab your tickets, and get ready to be blown away by the sound of brass!

The tentative schedule can be found on the Iowa Brass website.

Communal Meal at the Ruedy Kitchen House

It’s boiling beef and creamy spinach. Join the Amana Heritage Society volunteers and staff on Friday, June 23rd for their second, public, in-person communal meal of the season at the Ruedy Kitchen House in Middle Amana. Yes, now we can once again gather at the kitchen house and share a meal.

On the menu this time: boiling beef, creamy spinach, boiled potatoes in crumbs, cooked horseradish, two sides/ salads and desserts. Cost - \$30 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance and space is limited, so be sure to get your reservation in before they sell out. Menus are listed on the Amana Heritage Museum website at the button below the Communal Meal picture. Each dinner will have a unique program led by museum staff and volunteers. Check in at the Ruedy kitchen at 5 p.m.

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RAGBRAI UPDATE

RAGBRAI riders will be passing through the Colonies of West Amana, High Amana, Middle Amana, Amana and Homestead on July 28th. The cyclists will ride down 220th Trail into Amana, turn south at the 46th Ave intersection, passing through the Market Barn parking lot and exit town on H Street. Anticipate the bulk of riders to begin arriving here around 10:30 a.m. with the last few leaving at 3:00 p.m.

Most activities will be held in Amana. Expect street closures with several businesses offering refreshments along the route. If you are planning to offer food, contact the state Department of Inspections and Appeals to comply with all permitting and regulations. Amana Colonies Festivals Inc. will be hosting riders at the Festhalle barn with music by Barefoot Becky, food served by the Amana Heritage Society, and of course, wine and beer will be served in partnership with Amana Society Inc.

There will be emergency medical services in the Pharmacy parking lot and assistance from the county sheriff to direct traffic.

The ACCVB is asking anyone willing to lend their weekly pick-up garbage can to contact Stacey Colledge at the Visitor Center. Garbage cans will be placed along the route for riders to dispose of their waste responsibly. Help keep our community clean by loaning your can for just a few hours. More information is available at the Amana Colonies Visitor Center at 319-622-7622.

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Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Call 319-622-3567 for tickets. Or check the amanaheritage.org website for online dinner ticket purchase.

In Honor of Our Veterans -- 3rd of 4 excerpts from a 2013 Willkommen feature on Amana’s WW2 Soldiers By Emilie Hoppe

Like women across America, Amana women went to work, though in Amana this was hardly new. During the communal era women staffed the communal kitchens and gardens. After 1932 many Amana women worked in the mills or in one of the newly-opened restaurants. A few even opened businesses or worked with family members who opened cafes, beauty shops and the like. When the young men left for war, the Amana women were poised to step into their jobs, though farm work remained for “men only.”

While restaurant owner Bill Leichsenring fought in the China Burma India theater, his wife, Lina, ran the Ox Yoke Inn keeping the books, coping with food shortages and lack of staff.

Helene Rind, who had managed the woolen mill sales and business office since just after the Great Change, continued at her post working 60 hour weeks. When it became evident that some stuffy military bureaucrats had difficulty working with a female, Helene simply signed her correspondence “H. Schmieder.” When an officer from the office of Army purchasing came to Amana to inspect the mill he was plenty shocked to find a tall, striking brunette sitting at the head desk of the mill office. He insisted she call the “her boss” and so Rind sent for Amana Society Secretary Peter Stuck, who came to the mill and with a charming smile told the man that yes, Miss Schmieder was in charge of the business at the mill.

A number of colony women left home for war time jobs including Lillian Zuber (Benner) who worked in a defense plant in Clinton, Iowa and Hattie Leichsenring who went to California to join her sister already there working in an airplane plant.

Henrietta Zimmerman joined the WAVES in November 1943 while Linda Miller joined the WAACS near the end of the war. Both served stateside in clerical positions. Photos of them in their dashing uniforms thrilled their hometown friends.

Meanwhile news from the Pacific and European theatres of war was sobering...

(Next week-- young men who served overseas.)