

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 15, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Auf, auf, mein Herz! Zu Gott dich schwing" No. 65 vs 1-3 Seite 64

Testimony: Christian Metz, April 5, 1833

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-15

Psalm: 32

Closing Hymn: "Auf, auf, mein Herz! Zu Gott dich schwing" No. 65 v 4-6 Seite 64

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

Opening Hymn: "Arise my heart, turn to the Lord" No. 6

Closing Hymn: "Now, the hour of worship o'er" No. 278

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins 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.

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## AMANA BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT FUNDRAISING

The fundraising for the Middle Fire Station is underway. We have \$57,702.33 in the Building Fund checking account as of today, June 15th. We have pledges for \$6,000 and a \$5,000 check is on its way. Please help us reach our goal of \$800,000 and send a check to Amana Benefited Fire District, PO Box 342, Amana, IA 52203

## CARTOONIST COMES TO LIBRARY

Please join the fun and draw along in a kid-friendly art adventure featuring Cartoonist Buck Jones at the Amana Community Library, 3023 220th Trail, Amana on Thursday, June 26 at 10am. This program is free. We hope to see you there!

## 4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK

We are planning a community 4th in the park again this year!

- 8:00 am -- Amana Church Youth Group breakfast with free will donation going to our Pine Ridge mission trip August 2.
- 10:00 am -- Amana Church Service --
- 2:00 pm -- Baseball --
- 4:30 pm -- Begin to gather our food for the potluck dinner with brats & dogs donated by Amana Family Practice cooked by our 'grill guys'.
- 5:00 pm -- Let's Eat!
- 6:00 pm -- Stick around and dance to the marvelous tunes of Dogs on Skis!
- After Dusk -- The most amazing display of fireworks

Please consider contributing to the Community Fireworks Fund for our spectacular show over the Lily Lake!

Please mail your donation to:



**Amana Community Fireworks,**  
PO Box 11,  
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or use this Venmo QR code. Every little bit helps.

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## ESSEN WAGEN- HOME DELIVERED MEALS

The Amana Church, in conjunction with Colonial Manor, sponsors the Amana Essen Wagen, which provides a hot noon meal to home-bound, adults or their adult child, delivered to your home (even to your chair!) each weekday, except holidays. Please contact Colonial Manor at 319-622-3131 to sign up for this service. You can register for a short time while recuperating at home, or on a permanent basis. The suggested donation per meal is \$4.00.

## COLONIES IN BLOOM: GARDENS OF THE AMANAS & 'HEART BALM' ON JUNE 28TH

Enjoy Two Great Amana Heritage Events on one Day in the Amanas!

Celebrate both Iowa theatre and the gardening heritage of the Amana Colonies on Saturday, June 28th. Begin with Colonies in Bloom from 10am-3pm and take a self-guided tour of selected gardens in the seven villages. Then, enjoy a performance of "Heart Balm" by Iowa City playwright, Janet Schlapkohl, at the historic Homestead Village Church Museum at 7pm.

Colonies in Bloom is a free event that celebrates the rich gardening culture of the Amana Colonies. Gardening has always been a key part of the Amana Colonies and has flourished over time. In the communal era, production of fruits and vegetables was a community endeavor. Hobby gardens were unknown. When the communal system ended in 1932, hobby gardening became popular.

Selected residences and businesses will open gardens to visitors for Colonies in Bloom. Each garden is unique, with both traditional and modern gardens as well as both native and exotic plants. Maps for Colonies in Bloom will be available at the Amana Heritage Museum, the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, and each participating garden location as well as online as a PDF on the [amanaheritage.org](http://amanaheritage.org) and [amanacolony.com](http://amanacolony.com) websites

"Heart Balm," a live performance by playwright Janet Schlapkohl at the historic Homestead Village Church Museum, is the story of a young German immigrant who discovers love, a new occupation, the Iowa court system, and herself. The play poses the question, "What is the price of a broken heart?" Doors open at 6:30pm and the show begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25 with a \$5 discount for Amana Heritage Society members. Tickets are on sale soon at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org).

The Homestead Village Church Museum (4210 V Street, Homestead) will play host to this performance to raise awareness about its exciting future. We are planning a major historic preservation project to restore this amazing structure to its former humble glory. It was built in 1865 and served as a worship space until the 1990s when it became a museum site for visitors to learn about the religious heritage of the Amana Colonies. Revitalization efforts to this wonderful church building will allow it to become a venue for educational and entertaining musical and theatrical performances, focusing on the history and heritage of the state of Iowa as a whole.

More information about the Amana Heritage Society and these two great events can be found online at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org). Contact us at [amanaheritage@southslope.net](mailto:amanaheritage@southslope.net) or 319-622-3567.

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**AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP**  
**Church Services**  
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Amana Arts Guild

**AGES 8+ MORNING SESSION**  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Crochet Amigurumi
- Basket Weaving
- Sew Your Own Squishmallow!

**AGES 12+ AFTERNOON SESSION**  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- Pom Pom Animals
- Embroidery
- Weaving

**Sign up today!**

**RAVENWOLF PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:**  
Cody James Trio with Soultru, Friday, June 20th, 6:30pm-9:30pm. Come share another evening with a fantastic Rock band from Wisconsin! Making their second appearance at Raven Wolf Productions!! Showcasing Great original song writing and lyrics that you can really connect to!! With Featured guests Soultru!!!

Sorcha, Sunday, June 22nd, 4:30pm. Sorcha is a new and exciting take on the Irish genre. The goal of Sorcha is to introduce audiences to original material that has a focus on creating an exciting live sound. We believe we achieve this by pushing the boundaries of what a reel, jig, or a hornpipe can be. By combining fresh arrangements and technical mastery of our instruments, we put on an unique and thrilling show.

Ravenwolf is located at 2283 240th St Williamsburg. Please bring your own seat. Info and upcoming events at:  
[www.ravenwolf.productions](http://www.ravenwolf.productions)

**Amana Community Library June Hours**  
Monday 9am-3pm  
Tuesday 9am-6pm  
Wednesday 9am-Noon  
Thursday 9am-6pm  
Friday 9am-Noon  
Saturday 9am-Noon

**Lakeview Village**  
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Above is a photo of what is seems to be an early Arts Guild Communal meal. It is taken in the gym at the school

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Tentative Agenda of the Meeting Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**  
**Monday, June 23rd, 2025 6:30 p.m. at ACLUD office 4304 220th Trail Amana And via Zoom**

I. Call HPC Meeting to Order  
II. Set Agenda  
III. Review/Approve the June 2nd regular meeting minutes:  
IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda:  
V. Discussion/Action on permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:  
a. 2025-033 Robert Schwarting /2819 220th Trail Middle Amana/HP-R/ Install new composite siding in color Canyon Drift (sample in office). Cover fascia/trim with Aluminum. Repaint the front deck/railing and replace the front storm door with a similar door.  
b. 2025-036 Glenn Barr /111 220th Trail South Amana/ 155005062 /HP-R/ Delivery & placement of portable 14'X24' building on gravel pad totaling 336 Sqft. Grey composite siding, grey shingles, white trim, doors and windows.

VI. Other Business  
- Lighting Ordinance  
VII. Administrator's Report (if applicable)  
VIII. Adjourn

Members of the HPC were appointed by the ACLUD Board of Trustees (BOT) pursuant to Chapter 303, Code of Iowa, and Chapter 21.00 of the Land Use Plan. Members of the HPC are resident electors of the ACLUD and are qualified by interest in, knowledge or experience in matters pertaining to the history, and culture of the Amana Colonies. All ACLUD HPC meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend.

**Lily Lake Clean-up**  
Plans are coming together for the 3rd clean-up of the Lily Lake. The community is invited to help clear out brush and small trees along the shoreline and improve visibility of the lake.  
**Date: June 28th, 2025**  
(rain date 7/12/25)  
Plans and prayer 7:30 a.m.  
Work 7:45 - 10:00 a.m.  
**Meeting place: Picnic table area**  
Bring: Gloves, weed whackers, loppers, tubs/baskets, insect repellent, etc.  
This service project is organized by the Amana Area Fellowship and approved by the Amana Society, Inc.  
Questions: contact Les Ackerman  
319-330-8713 or  
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[www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

**THE AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY COMMUNAL DINNERS!**

The Amana Heritage Society is hosting Communal Dining Experiences at the Communal Kitchen Museum in Middle Amana.

We have space for a regularly scheduled Communal Dining Experience on this Friday, June 20, as well as others on July 11 & 25, August 15 & 29, September 19th, and December 5th.

These themed dinners will highlight various aspects of communal Amana life. The December 5th communal dinner will be a traditional Christmas dinner with a special dessert.

Traditional communal-era menus are exclusively offered to share the culinary legacy of the Amana Colonies that transformed into a leading Iowa visitor attraction known for family-style dining.

Have a group of 12 or more? Contact us today about reserving your own communal dining experience.

All communal dining experiences take place at the Communal Kitchen Museum, 1003 26th Ave, Middle Amana, IA. Limited seating of 24. Advanced tickets required and can be purchased at [www.amanaheritage.org](http://www.amanaheritage.org). The price is only \$35 per person with no tax or gratuity required. Proceeds benefit the Amana Heritage Society's efforts to share Amana's rich 300-year heritage.

For more information about communal dinners please email [heritageprograms@southslope.net](mailto:heritageprograms@southslope.net) or call 319-622-3567.

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