

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 20, 2025 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Andrea Haldy presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich will Dich lieben" No. 490 vs. 1-4 Seite 486

Testimony: Excerpts Christian Metz, Marienborn, December 13, 1833

Scripture: Matthew 12:15-21  
Psalm 25

Closing Hymn: "Weil selbst der Herr" No. 1049 vs 1-3 Seite 1026

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

Opening Hymn: "Thee will I Love, My strength, My Tower" No. 46

Closing Hymn: "Christ, Thou my Life and my Hope" No. 20

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.

### Taking donations for Pine Ridge Reservation

The Amana Church is supporting a group of adults & youth volunteering to help improve the quality of life at Pine Ridge Reservation. Volunteers will help construct outhouses, skirt trailers, and other tasks. If you would like to contribute to a fund to purchase a Lowe's gift card to use for this work, please send your contribution to: Amana Church Society, PO Box 103, Middle, IA 52307 with a memo indicating 'Pine Ridge' funds only go to the Lowe's card.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Amana Society Service Company will be flushing hydrants on the following dates from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. Residents may notice discolored water or low pressure intermittently

Amana – Boy's Town	Monday July 21
Amana – Main St. & Backstreet	Tuesday July 22
Hotel Millwright & East Amana	Wednesday July 23
High Amana	Thursday July 24

## HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING

The 2nd quarter meeting for the Homestead Sanitary District will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Homestead Welfare Club.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Middle Sanitary Sewer District Purpose of Hearing: Amendment of ordinances – Rate increase

The Middle Amana Sanitary Sewer District in Iowa County, Iowa will meet at the lift station at 3002 K Street in Middle Amana at 6:00PM on July 29, 2025. The purpose of the public hearing will be to amend the ordinances of the Middle Sanitary Sewer District to set the rates and fees.

The regular July meeting of the Sanitation Board will take place immediately following the public hearing.

## LIBRARY NEWS Magic at Library

Please join the Amana Community Library, 3023 220th Trail, for a free show packed with laughs, magic, and kid-friendly silliness with Toby Kid on Thursday, July 17 at 1:00 pm. Please join in the fun!

### Book Club

Love to read and talk about books? Did you know the Amana Community Library, 3023 220th Trail, Amana has a Book Club? The group meets at 9:00 am on the 4th Tuesday of every month to discuss a book provided by the library. August's book, Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale by Lynda Rutledge, is available now for you to pick up at the library, if you are interested. The book will be due and discussed on August 26 at 9:00 am. Consider joining the Amana Library Book Club; it's fun, it's free, and it's fantastic!

## FOURTH OF JULY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4th a great celebration! There are so many people within our community who do their part, and more, to make our 4th of July happen. We are thanking those listed below and apologize for anyone we missed. Many hidden helpers do a lot of work so even if you are not named here "Thank You"!

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Amana Church Collects for Red Cross Flood Relief

With the tragic Texas and New Mexico flooding July 4 and again last week, America Red Cross resources to help flood victims have been stretched.

The Amana Church has initiated a collection for the American Red Cross Texas/ New Mexico flood relief efforts and will match voluntary contributions up to \$1,500, noted Amana Church administrator Peter Hoehnle. Donations may be dropped off at the Amana Church office in Middle Amana and one check will be cut for the donation. Or mail to Amana Church PO Box 103, Middle Amana, IA 52307. Please note that this donation is for Red Cross Flood relief.

The Red Cross has established reunification centers, support and direct aid to victims in Kerr County and in other parts of Texas and in Ruidosa, NM.

If you would like to mail your donation directly to the American Red Cross, the address is American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA, 50037-0839. Or go to the redcross.org website for online donations. There is a handy "check donation form" you can print from the website at redcross.org that you can fill out and mail with your check/. If you would prefer to call them for details you may call 1-800-733-2767.

### 2008 Iowa River Flooding Recalled

Flood conditions on the Iowa River and all rivers in our state are tracked by the Iowa Flood Center. To see their website go to [ifis.iowafloodcenter.org](http://ifis.iowafloodcenter.org)

After the 2008 Iowa floods, the Iowa Flood Center was created and is operated by staff at the University of Iowa with their headquarters right on the Iowa River. It's supported by grants from the National Science Foundation. The center offers real time rainfalls maps with river flow conditions and projections that make it possible to more accurately predict flooding. Emergency management staff people and others rely on the website for detailed information. Though complicated it does have user friendly features that make it usable for lay people. An easy way to gain insight for our area would be to follow the Iowa County Emergency Management notifications on their Facebook page.

Flooding in the southwest brought to mind the historic 2008 flooding here in eastern Iowa which forever changed Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Here is what happened from the 2008 Late Summer edition of Willkommen report on the flood:

A long, hard winter, was followed by a wet, cool spring. Between May 1 and June 15 in eastern Iowa 13.86 inches of rain fell; 7.55 inches above average. In northern Iowa they received nearly 15 inches, almost 9 inches above average, according to the Iowa State University Extension Service.

So by Wednesday, June 11 with rain falling in torrents across eastern and central Iowa, every river and creek was running out of control, so far above flood stage no one knew what might happen next.

What happened next was tragic. By dawn Thursday, June 12, 2008 Vinton and Palo were overwhelmed by flood water from tributary creeks and the rampant Cedar River. With the Cedar River running a full 12 feet above the worst known flood, the waters were bearing down upon Iowa's second largest city, Cedar Rapids.

Friday, June 13 dawned in Cedar Rapids with over 8,000 people homeless as some 3,200 homes and many hundreds of businesses in Cedar Rapids were flooded.

Cedar Rapids' city hall, county courthouse, federal building, central police station and central fire station were flooded.

The entire downtown was underwater with multiple city landmarks, including the city's public library, children's science museum, the National Czech and Slovak Museum and the historic Czech Village on 16th Ave. under 12 feet of water.

Nearly 15,000 electric customers in Cedar Rapids were without power and the fresh water supply to the city was at 25 percent of capacity with water pumps, wells and water storage damaged, destroyed or contaminated. City officials begged that fresh water be used for drinking only.

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The breakfast gang-Amana Church youth group, leaders and cooks led by Penni Berger with our grill guy in training, Carrson Hartwig. They do more before 7:30 am than most of us do all day! Many thanks to Emilie Hoppe for an inspiring church service reminding us that we were immigrants once too.

To the folks who organized the baseball game and Kubb area. It's great to see young and old alike enjoy our park!

The Kitchen crew- Penni Berger, Tony Berger, Jon Childers, Carmen Grimm, Tom Gross, Andrea Haldy, Susan Shoup, Marcia Schutterle, Jane Krauss, Jackie Krauss, Dennis Gormley and Dixie Trout. Many of these folks show up year after year without being asked to help get food organized and served! A very special thanks to those who stay to clean up after the meal while the rest of us listened to music!

Fireworks crew-Led by 'Fully Loaded Aerial Displays'-Chris Herr and Lynn Trumpold, it was all hands on deck to get our amazing fireworks display off the ground!

A very special thanks to Amana Society for providing the park each year. To the Amana Meat Shop crew for the brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut and buns!

To Dr. Tim, the guy who does the fundraising!

And again, to anyone we forgot to mention, we appreciate all that you did! It was a great community effort!

None of this would be possible without the business sponsors listed below and the many community members who gave over \$2,500 with donations from \$10-\$500. Huge Thanks!

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The National Guard, along with FEMA, the Red Cross and the Salvation mobilized to feed, house and help the victims of what had already been dubbed Iowa's "1,500-year flood."

With record or near record rainfalls in central and eastern Iowa, the Iowa River, had been in flood stage in Iowa County for weeks. Held in check by the dam downstream of the Amanas at the Coralville Reservoir, the Iowa River was "under control," but control would be lost when it overtopped the spillway and threatened everything in its downstream path.

Iowa River flooding in Iowa City and Coralville damaged hundreds of homes, many businesses and multiple buildings on the University of Iowa campus. The toll to the university is still being assessed but is expected to top tens of millions.

In Amana we watched as the river crept closer to the villages as the rain fell off and on during the week of June 9. On the 12th and again on the 13th volunteers, gathered in the village of Amana to fill sandbags. The Price Creek levee was fortified with sandbags and a sandbag wall was built around homes on the east side of Price Creek. Sandbags were used to protect the electric substation, sanitary pumping station in Amana and the electric generating plant by the Amana Refrigeration in Middle Amana.

Hot, tired and anxious, over a 100 volunteers, all residents of the colonies, filled as many sandbags as possible. At intervals both days, free food, water and soda was delivered to the sandbagging work site.

"We're the best fed sandbag crew in Iowa I bet!" quipped Don Krauss of the Village Winery. Food donated by the Ox Yoke Inn, the Amana Meat Shop and Smokehouse, water and rootbeer donated by

Millstream Brewing Company and Casey's kept the volunteers going.

One by one that week the bridges closed on the Cedar and the Iowa Rivers. By 6 p.m. June 13 every single bridge on the Iowa River and the Cedar River, including the Interstate 80 and 380 bridges, was closed.

Suddenly the trip from South Amana to West Amana, normally a three-minute car ride, became a 280 mile trek.

"To get home to West Amana from work (at Kinze Manufacturing on the north side of the Iowa River) I would have had to drive to Des Moines and then to Ames and then down Highway 30 to Benton County and then take county roads to West Amana. . . I spent a couple of nights in South Amana at a friend's house instead," said West Amana resident Bob Hoppe.

The bridges on I-80 and I-380 reopened quickly once river levels fell. Meanwhile Highway 220 between West Amana and South Amana remained closed for several days diverting all traffic westward through Marengo.

Highway 151 between Amana and Homestead was closed from June 12 to June 25.

In all, the Amana Colonies, Marengo and other communities on the Iowa River got off easy compared to the devastation in Cedar River communities. Levees in Marengo held.

A levee along Price Creek which shelters Amana held with the addition of the sandbag supports.

Mary Ames and her family suffered as their home in lower Amana was flooded forcing their relocation.

In Amana the property toll includes:

- three homes in the colonies received serious damage due to flooding. Many more received minor dam

age due to storm and sanitary sewer backups.

- the Amana Colonies RV Park office was flooded with 11 inches of water due to a flash flood on Price Creek. Repairs are already nearly complete and the park remained opened throughout.
- the historic Mill Race canal sustained heavy damage as floodwaters tore out the control structure at the east end of the canal and damaged canal levees throughout. The damage is currently being assessed by engineers.
- Most significantly, over 1,600 acres of the Amana Farms was not planted this year due to flooding while another 260 acres of planted land was flooded in June. Then during a June 14 thunderstorm, hail damaged 489 acres.

With prices for corn and soybeans at an all-time high, this represents a major loss for Amana Farms.

- By Emilie Hoppe. Willkommen, Late Summer 2008

**Attempted Murder on I80 June 20**

The Iowa County Sheriff's Office released a statement last week closing the June 20 case involving a suicide and attempted murder on the Interstate 80, westbound on-ramp, at Exit 225.

The release stated: "On June 21st, 2025, around 9pm, David Robert Morse, age 56, shot his wife, Tara Elinor Morse, age 52, with a handgun while traveling westbound on I-80 near the Johnson County/Iowa County line. Tara Morse received a serious gunshot wound but survived.

Mr. Morse then stopped the vehicle he was driving along the I-80 Westbound on-ramp at exit 225, in rural Williamsburg. At that location, Mr. Morse turned the handgun on himself, firing once, and died as a result."