

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, June 02, 2024 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Ich sing ein Lied von dieser Zeit" vs 1-6 No. 483 Seite 478

Testimony: Excerps from J.C. Gleim, Büdingen, June 15, 1716; C. Metz, Württemberg, May 22, 1832

Scripture: Mark 1: 1 – 8  
1 Peter 3: 18 – 22  
Psalm 51

Closing Hymn: "Auf Auf Mein Herz" vs 1-6 No. 65 Seite 64

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

Opening Hymn: "This Song is for the Fleeting Days" No. 4

Closing Hymn: "Arise My Heart, Turn to the Lord" No. 6

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.

## HANK BENDORF FUNERAL SERVICE

The Amana funeral service for Hank Bendorf will be Saturday, June 8, 2024, in the Middle Church at 4 p.m. with visitation at 3 p.m. with interment in High Amana.

## AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 05, 2024 in the Amana lift station.

## AMANA LIBRARY HOURS JUNE 1- JULY 11

Monday 9:00am-3pm  
Tuesday 9:00am-6pm  
Wednesday 9:00am-12:30pm  
Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-Noon

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## FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Today is Memorial Day. When it first started, in the wake of the Civil War, it was called "Decoration Day." People would go out and decorate the graves of those who had served in the military.

Today, we also decorate the graves of deceased family members. After World War II the name of this holiday because "Memorial Day."

Today, we remember those people who gave their oath of allegiance to God and county and donned military uniforms and went off to fight for our freedoms.

Our Amana church was, and still is, recognized as pacifistic. This has caused some problems in the past. During the Civil War, instead of sending men to fight, the community gave goods to the sanitary commissions and other organizations serving the soldiers at the front lines. During World War I many men enlisted in – mainly – noncombatant roles, although a few did serve on the front lines. Two men died during their World War I service, in both cases, due to illness.

During World War II, men, and even a few women, went in never using the continuous objector card to get out of active service. The Korean Conflict came along and Amana men served, as well as during the Vietnam War.

Those who know me are aware that I dislike gunfire. This is ironic, because both my Opa and my husband love to hunt and trap. Yet, gunfire makes me jump and even cry out in fright. I know it has to be necessary in some cases, but keep it away from me.

At military funerals nothing brings a lump to my throat more than those 24 notes played by a bugler for "Taps." It seems that it was first played to mark the end of day during the Civil War.

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## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Big Brass for Wurst Festival

This year's Amana Colonies Wurst Festival is going to be one for the history books as the Wurst Brass Band contest adds to the festivities. There will be more brass bands here than you can imagine, so get excited.

Friday, June 14 the first of its kind in Iowa, The Wurst Brass Band Contest begins at 6 p.m. at three different locations in Amana: the Market barn, the Festhalle barn and Millstream Brewing Co.

Hosted by Iowa Brass, this competition is patterned after Whit Friday band competitions in England. To see what that looks like check out Whit Friday Bands on YouTube. The bands will make their way from venue to venue and at each venue perform for the public and panel of esteemed judges.

Five brass bands from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Kansas will compete by performing two march songs (think of your favorite Sousa or Karl King tunes) at each of these venues. That means you'll see all five bands performing in all three venues. Each performance won't last more than 15 minutes then the bands will rotate. Competing: Madwaukee Brass Band, Milwaukee; Chicago Brass Band; Sheldon Theatre Brass of Redwing MN; the Iowa Brass Band; and the Fountain City Brass Band of Kansas City.

So get to a venue and stay put to see the five competing bands Friday night. Following the last performance all the bands will assemble at the Festhalle for the awards and back-slapping congrats with beverages and snacks on offer. No admission charge to any venue Friday night.

Judging the bands will be: Mark Heidel, director of Bands and Prof. of Music in the School of Music, University of Iowa and Anthony Williams, Associate Prof. of Trombone, University of Northern Iowa. The Wurst Brass is hosted by Iowa Brass. Serving as host and "emcee" will be our friend Justin Roberts of KCRG.

Saturday the music continues as the bands perform at the Festhalle 10 a.m. - 6:30 and down the street at Millstream Brewing Co. 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Meanwhile the AC Wurst Festivals begins in earnest. Several bands from across the Midwest are joining in the fun on Saturday so the number of bands in town Saturday will be a record-breaker.

Closing the day at Millstream Brewing Co. from 6 - 9 p.m. Millstream changes it up with Mill Creek Band, a rock cover band. There's no admission to Millstream Brewing Saturday.

There is \$5 admission to the Brass Band Festival Saturday at the Festhalle. Hear all the bands perform one after the other at the Festhalle, snacks and beverages available. There is an admission fee to Wurst Fest Saturday with a combo ticket that gets you into both the Wurst Fest and the Band Festival at the Festhalle.

The Amana Colonies Wurst Festival is Saturday, June 15 at the Market barn in Amana in celebration of all things sausage. Saturday at 11 a.m. the AC Wurst Fest gets rocking with two bands. Here's the schedule thus far:

Saturday AC Wurst Fest at the Market Barn  
11 – 1:30 Tanya English Band  
1:30 – 2 Games of Skill including the Steinholding contest!

2 – 5 p.m. Trophy Dads perform  
5 p.m. Dachshund racing!

Multiple sausage vendors will offer samples and sandwiches at the Wurst Festival at the Mar

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When the flag is presented to the bereaved at the conclusion of a military burial, no greater honor seems appropriate as to see the soldier kneeling before the individual to present the folded flag from the coffin. He, or she, then stands and salutes. The ceremony, of course, cannot bring back the loved one, but the simple act of honor and remembrance by comrades means so much.

On Memorial Day we honor all those men and women who allow us to have the freedoms that we have. B.S.H.

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 @ 9:00 a.m.  
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ket barn. Along with the spicy meats enjoy BBQ and Milk Shakes too to round out the menu. Prof. Wiener presides at the AC Wurst Fest. Enter the "Steinraisin" contest, play games of questionable skill and enjoy the vibe. The dachshund races are scheduled for Saturday 5 p.m. Enter your dachshund (or dachshund look alike) on line at the Amana Colonies website under the Wurst Fest listing. Brass Bands Performances Saturday At Millstream Brewing Co. 10:30 - 11:30 Betrunken Messing 11:45 - 12:45 Brick Street Ramblers 1 - 2 Iowa Brass Quintet 2:15 - 3:15 Die Tiefen Keller Kinder 3:30 - 4:30 Blue Tone Jazz Collective 4:45-5:45 Metro Brass 6 - 9 Mill Creek, rock n roll covers Band Performances Saturday at the Festhalle 10 - 11 Metro Brass of the Twin Cities 11:15 - 12:15 Iowa Brass 12:30 - 1:30 Madwaukee Brass of Milwaukee 1:45 - 2:45 CR Jazz Big Band 3 - 4 Sheldon Theatre Brass of Red Wing, MN 4:15 - 5:15 Chicago Brass Band 5:30 - 6:30 Fountain City Brass Band of Kansas City

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**NOTE FROM THE PRINT SHOP**

I have Jury Duty during the month of June. If in fact I do have to sit on a jury I ask that everyone bear with me as I may only be available to operate the print shop in the evenings, resulting in possible delays.

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**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**

Life is a merry-go-round: you look at it from a distance and see all the beautiful colors and shiny mirrors and think of what wonderful things you can do if only you could get on this whirling circle of horses and music.

Once on it, the first round is exciting, especially if you are allowed to ride the horse that you wanted, but the second and third rounds get rather lackluster and you really want to get off. The music is no longer beautiful, but rather "tinny," and the up and down movement of the horses makes your stomach want to heave up its contents. You have seen the sites and you want to get off, NOW!

I feel that way about life sometimes. The beginning looks so wonderful and promising. I just know the "horse" I choose will be beautiful and perfect and never ever will I fall off because I am ready for anything that life has to offer.

The music begins, but instead of some wonderful waltz or march, I hear something that I cannot relate to and the constant bang of the drum which keeps resounding in my head like a terrible headache.

Then there are those horses that go up and down. One is "up" and thinks everything is going well and smoothly, but then the horse goes down and you feel that you are in the pits and want to get off.

You have whirled around and around so often and seen the same people and places over and over again that you wish, seriously, that you had gotten on another ride, but which one?

When the ride stops you get off, not gracefully - and try to get off the platform of the "merry-go-round" only to realize that you are a little dizzy and need to hold onto something. Such is the journey of life.

Leaving the analogy behind, my own experience with "merry-go-rounds" leaves much to be desired. What I am saying is do not waste your money on me and take me to the midway. I am a dud. I just can't handle the motion, noise, or even the smell.

I used to think that the "merry-go-round" was the safest place for me, but the last time I was on one was when I was under the age of twelve.

About the third spin, I was do dizzy and gripping the brass pole so hard that I was sure that I would fall off and die.

My mother kept insisted that we wave as we passed her, but instead I screamed, "Stop this thing!" Obviously I lived and did not fall off.

My sister just walked away from me, pretending that she did not know me, while I dry heaved. Lovely! B.S.H.

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