

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Good Friday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, April 18, 2025 starting 7:00 P.M. with Br Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O Darkest Woe" No. 105

Testimony: Ursula Mayer, March 17, 1716

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Scripture: John 18:28-19:30

Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus, We give thanks to thee" No. 209

Song Sheets will be provided.

The Easter Sunday service will be combined in Amana at 10 am with breakfast at 9:00 am and an easter egg hunt after the service.

The service will be a cantata filled with singing and scripture with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Awake my heart with Gladness"

Testimony: Christian Metz, Haag, April 20, 1835

Scripture: Luke 2:1-14; Luke 19:1-10;

Mark 4:35-41; Luke 15:1-7;

Matthew 12:9-14; Matthew 28:1-10

Hymns: "Jesus both Sheep and Shepherd is"

"Jesus lebt/Christ arose"

Closing Hymn: "Life begins anew"

Song Sheets will be provided.

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 online may be found at:

<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

NOTICE

Please Close All Gates

Who Let the Cows Out? – Hopefully Not YOU!!

The Amana Society would like to remind everyone to CLOSE ALL GATES when entering and exiting a farm field. In some areas you may not be able to see that there are cattle in an area. That DOES NOT make it okay to leave it open – even for a short time. Failure to close a gate can create a very dangerous and costly situation and may result in a loss of recreational user privileges and reduced access.

HEY GOOD LOOKIN', THE MUSEUM NEEDS KUCHEN!

Attention all Obstkuchen bakers! The Amana Heritage Society will be a vendor at Maifest again this year. If you are willing to bake Kuchen, we can accept them at the Festhalle grounds beginning at 9am on Saturday, May 3th, 2025. Thanks for your continued support!

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. Enjoy not cooking and enjoy visiting with one of our volunteer drivers.

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.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

As a child, my desire wads to have pigtails. Unfortunately, I had curly hair. Many people would be thrilled to have curly hair, but not me!

Curly hair ran in our family. There are even pictures of my father, his brother and two cousins all with curls. All four kept their curls all their lives and generously gave them to their children.

I wanted to have pigtails like my friends, Susan, Rebecca, and Marianne, but I just could not get my hair tamed enough to stay in a ponytail.

My sister's hair, by contrast, was very straight, a fact that she loved to point out to me. We both shared a double cowlick from our mother which no amount of taming down seemed to take care of.

It seems that my curls have now almost all disappeared thanks to chemo. Those nurses said that my hair would grow back as before, but it has not! Ah, well, maybe sometime my hair will grow long enough so that I can have pigtails after all.

B.S.H.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Three Finalists for New Superintendent

The Clear Creek Amana Community School District School Board has announced three finalists in its search for the district's next superintendent following a comprehensive review process. The finalists are Aaron Davidson, Josh Lyons and Nathan Wear. Stated a press release from the school district, April 10.

The CCA board and stakeholder interview teams conducted final, formal interviews with each person on Tuesday, April 15. A final decision was expected to be reached soon after the formal interviews. The next superintendent will begin leading Clear Creek Amana CSD effective July 1, 2025.

Aaron Davidson serves as executive director of educational services in the Fort Dodge CSD. Prior to his current role, Davidson was a middle school principal in Fort Dodge, as well as a PK-6th grade principal in Pocahontas CSD. Earlier in his career, he was a health, social studies, and science teacher, and he also has experience as a baseball, basketball, and football coach.

Josh Lyons is the associate superintendent of the Solon Community School District.

Lyons previously served as a regional administrator for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency, and has experience as both an intermediate and elementary school principal. He began his career in education as an elementary teacher in Dunkerton, Iowa.

Nathan Wear served as associate superintendent and chief academic officer for Linn-Mar CSD. Previously, Wear was the principal of Solon High School and the principal of Pence Elementary School in Fairfield, Iowa. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Iowa and Viterbo University.

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Meet Emma Walker New AAG Director

Emma Walker and I sat down in the office of the Amana Arts Guild at the Folklife Center in High Amana to talk about her new position as the executive director of the Amana nonprofit.

Walker came on board the Amana Arts Guild this spring. A resident of Amana she grew up in Iowa County. A freelance photographer and graphic designer, with her own design studio, Cellar Door Art and Design, her work spans multiple mediums including artificial and natural light photography, graphic design, web design and mixed media illustration. She's worked with Mediaverse Studios, a film production co-op based in Marengo that produces short and full-length films for independent distribution, business or merchant website and social media.

She'll be in the office regularly at the AAG in High Amana and in the Gallery on Main in Amana. You can reach her at her email: director@amanaarts-guild.org or call 319-622-3678.

"I'm excited by what I'm seeing at the Amana Arts Guild and the ways I can help facilitate the board's vision. . . the rich environment supportive of the arts here and the potential to build on that is really inspiring," Walker told me.

First on the schedule is hosting art/ craft pop up shops at Maifest. The AAG is encouraging its members to join them at a mini-art fair sale at Maifest this year. Give Walker a call for more information.

The Amana Arts Guild has organized its 2025 workshops and classes and will be offering the Summer Festival of the Arts in August, plus unfurling one of eastern Iowa's most decorated art events, the Labor Day weekend, Plein Air Iowa, Fresh Paint, art competition. Plein Air Iowa attracts dozens of talented artists to work out of doors here in the seven villages, enter their on the spot, landscapes for prizes and participate in the social events. Sign up via the Amana Arts Guild website.

Opening the Gallery on Main more hours will require volunteer help this year, Walker noted. The AAG needs several volunteers to staff the gallery when Walker cannot. Training will be provided for all volunteers and it would be a fun way to promote the

arts and the Amanas.

This year a second method for selling art and craft has been introduced. Craftspeople and artists may pay a flat, monthly fee to have their items stocked in the gallery and then price them as they wish and take the full proceeds of all their sales. "This is just a different style or method of artist sales. Since announcing it, we've seen a good response. Instead of the consignment model. We do still offer the consignment model as has been done in the past too. This just gives the artist another option," Walker explained.

Established in 1978, the Amana Arts Guild supports local artists. This year's board of directors: Suzanne Conquest, president, board members Robert Brost, Angela Tjaden, David Garman, Tamra Garman, Amy Hartwig, Stephanie Seckel, Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp and Gordon Kellenberger.

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Water Babies Swim Classes May 5 - 9, 2025

Amana Pool, Middle Amana

Classes will be held

Monday thru Friday

The cost is \$40

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

6 mo. - 18 mo.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

19 mo. - 2 yrs



Contact Margaret Trumpold

Cell 319-400-0062/Home 319-622-3299

Amana Furniture Shop Part-time - Weekends

Amana Furniture Shop is looking for a friendly, organized, and dependable individual to join our team as a part-time counter staff member. If you enjoy working with people and are passionate about customer service, we'd love to meet you!

Requirements:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Basic computer skills and ability to operate a POS system
- Previous retail or customer service experience is a plus
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Must be punctual and reliable

Contact Laura Sue at 319-622-3953 or lswoods@amanas.net.

WANT TO BUY

-Reloading Equipment -Bullets and Brass
-Presses and Dies -Shooting Sports Items
-Large and Small Estates -Supplies and Ammo
-Muzzleloaders and Firearms: Vintage & Modern
Will also do Appraisals & Consignment Sales
Call, Text or Email JOEL VZ (319) 530-1234
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