

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

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

Opening Hymn: "Triumph, Triumph! Der Herr ist auferstanden" No. 967 vs 1-6 Seite 954

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Vivis, Switzerland, October 20, 1727

Scripture: Romans 6:1-10

Psalm: 16

Closing Hymn: "Triumph, Triumph! Der Herr ist auferstanden" No. 967 v 7-12 Seite 955

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

Opening Hymn: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" No. 85

Closing Hymn: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" No. 22

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 NEWS AND NOTES

Amana Library and Amana Pool Post Summer Hours

It's summertime and there is time to swim and read, we hope. So here are the summer hours at the Amana Public Library at the Amana Elementary School (west side entrance) and the Amana Pool same entrance.

Library: Monday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. ; Tuesday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. – noon; Thursday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ; Friday 9 a.m. – noon and Saturday 9 a.m. – noon.

The pool has open, public swimming on Sundays 1 – 3 p.m.; Wednesdays 1 – 3 p.m.; and Fridays from 7 – 9 p.m. Admission: infants free; preschool \$1; students \$3; adults \$4.

Lap Swims are 6-7:30 am Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Aerobics are 6-7:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call TJ at 319-430-9181 before going.

The Wurst Brass Band Festival is a BIG DEAL!

The Wurst Brass Festival featuring bands from Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Illinois and Minnesota are coming here to perform this weekend, June 13 and 14.

This is happening along with the Amana Colonies Wurst Festival, June 13 and 14, so that's a lot of brass band and bratwurst folks.

Also happening June 14 at the Middle Park – the annual Allis Chalmers Collectors Reunion tractor parts swap and meeting.

Ackerman Winery in Amana will be featuring their "Cider and Sausages Wurst Fun Ever" on Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m and Saturday, 10 – 6 p.m. Purchase a Cider and Sausage Flight featuring hard ciders and other fun Wurst-fest themed beverages. Plus sausage sticks for the kids and apple juice. They are pulling out all the stops and will have yard games for the entire family set up on the lawn at Ackerman and a build your box fort station for kids!

Iowa Brass hosts the Iowa Wurst Brass Festival with bands coming from across the Midwest to perform here.

Friday night is the "March In and Perform for the Judges" competition event with bands arriving at three different venues to play a 15-minute set each.

The venues are: The Market Barn, the Festhalle Barn and the Millstream Brewing Co.

Friday night's competition performances begin at 6 p.m. at each of these 3 venues and conclude at 7:15 p.m. All five bands will perform at all 3 venues so stick with a venue to hear all five competition bands. This is styled after the British brass band competitions blending a fresh modern on good old march music and a bit of showmanship too. Who is coming to compete in Amana?:

North Winds Brass Band of Rice Lake, WI
Illinois Brass Band of Arlington Heights, IL,
Sheldon Theatre Brass of Red Wing, MN

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

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The Big Iowa Brass, Solon and Iowa City Fountain City Brass and of Kansas City.

On Saturday Justin Roberts will host the Wurst Brass Band celebration at the Festhalle 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. as each band will perform a one-hour set. Yes, Iowa Brass Band performs twice during the day. Admission will be \$5.

Millstream Brewing Company is co-hosting the Wurst Brass Festival starting with the competition Friday night. They will be offering a special release for the festival too! Then on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. brass combos and bands will be performing all day until 9 .m. Moy's Food from the Streets and the Brau Haus will be serving food on site.

The bands performing at Millstream Brewing Co. on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. : Betrunkn Messing; the Iowa Brand Band Quintet; College Street Brass; Brick Street Ramblers, and the Metro Brass Quintet.

To end the party from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. David Zollo and the Body Electric Band will be at Millstream Brewing Co. This Iowa City-based band will bring home the bacon concluding the day with a mix of rock, blues and soul with Iowa heart to cap the evening. David Zollo, as all will recall, is an Iowa rock legend and the Body Electric is a honky-tonk-meets rock and roll roots band.

From "Village Voices" A High Amana Childhood

I am very happy to report that the little black and white book, "Village Voices" published in 1996 via an Arts Guild Project Grant is available for sale at the High Amana General Store and the Amana Heritage Museum bookstore.

As promised here is an excerpt from an essay by Marietta Bendorf Moershel written by her in 1995. Mrs. Moerschel was a longtime teacher of German in the Amana High School. She was born and grew up in High Amana, married Carl Moerschel, had two daughters and lived with her family in Homestead before retiring to Lakeview Village.

"I was born in 1920 in one of the smallest of the seven Amana villages, High Amana, with a population of about 100. The main occupation in High Amana was farming. The village had a bakery, a cobbler, a part-time barber, a carpet weaver and a blacksmith, who was my grandfather. There were three communal kitchens, a machine shop, a carpenter shop, a post office and a general store which still exists today. In the early 20th century, before the coming of

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AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

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GARAGE SALE

Books, puzzles, purses, clothes Small thru plus size, tee shirts, hoodies. Lots of misc. Friday June 13th 10 -5 Saturday June 14th 9 -? 709 47th Ave. Amana

HELP WANTED

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rural electric cooperatives to the Middle West, this store sold farm light battery sets all over southeastern Iowa (among many other things.) My home by the time I was born already had 7 inhabitants: my mother, my father, my maternal grandparents and my mother's sister and two brothers. The home was a typical, ten-room Amana frame house with a commodious attic and a full basement [presently owned by the Eric Reihmann family]. Even now I could draw a quite detailed floor plan of the house and the furnishings in it. . .

High Amana had nice hills for sledding and in the winter after school we would all head for the hills, most often to a certain hill called the Huppel-de-Hupp (Bumpety-Bump) [now the hill on which the homes stand as you drive up to the cemetery.] It had two sledding runs. One was a smooth, quick glide to the bottom, the other an exhilarating, bumpy, bouncy flight that might jolt you off your sled halfway down. . . One cold school day (when I was 8 or 9) I decided I would not go home for my lunch and instead spend the noon-hour sledding all by myself. I did not share this plan with anyone, not even my best friend. I lingered behind, took my sled and pranced off to the hill. I made several trips down and walked up, but I wouldn't admit to myself that it did not seem half as much fun as I had thought, but I pretended it was and kept riding down and trudging up. Meanwhile my family was out looking for me. The search was short-lived. Brother Puegner reported that he had seen me walking up the street pulling my sled. There was always someone looking out for me.

Submitted by EZH.



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-IOWA SCENIC VIEWS BY FOOT

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH

5:00 PM



WHEN YOU THINK OF IOWA, WHAT ARE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND? DID YOU KNOW THAT IOWA HAS 99 COUNTIES AND 101 COURTHOUSES? TYLER SULLIVAN HAS BEEN TO 96 OUT OF THE 99 COUNTIES, AND HAS BEEN TO 1282 CITIES ACROSS THE STATE. HE ALSO IS RUNNING AT LEAST IN A MILE IN ALL THESE COMMUNITIES. AND TO MAKE IT MORE MEMORABLE, HE FORMS A POEM FOR EACH OF THE COUNTIES HE VISITS. LAST YEAR HE TRAVELED TO OVER 150 MUSEUMS ACROSS THE STATE. THIS YEAR HE CHALLENGES HIMSELF TO VISIT 250 MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS ACROSS THE STATE.



COME AND LISTEN TO HIS ADVENTURES HE HAS EXPERIENCED ACROSS IOWA!

OBITUARY

Norman Richard Geiger died on Friday, June 6, 2025, at Colonial Manor in Amana at the age of 91 years. Funeral Services will be held 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Amana Church, in Amana. Burial will follow in the High Amana Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Amana Church.

Norman R. Geiger was born October 1, 1933, in Amana, Iowa, the son of Harry A. and Johanna (Schwalbe) Geiger. He graduated from Amana High School in 1951 and then attended Iowa State University, where he was a member of the Adelante Fraternity. Norman served honorably in the United States Army, spending over a year of his military service stationed in Karlsruhe, Germany. On June 16, 1956, he was united in marriage to Rosemarie Pitz at the Amana Church. Except for his time away at college and in the Army, he was employed by Amana Farms from the time he was a teenager until he retired in 1995.

He dedicated many years of service to the Amana Volunteer Fire Department. He also served on the Colonial Manor of Amana board of directors and spent a three-year term as a director with the Iowa County Cattlemen's Association. He belonged to the Amana Heritage Society and was a lifelong member of the Amana Church Society.

Over the years, Norman found joy spending time in the Amana timber mushroom hunting; participating in a bowling league; playing cards with friends, either at the river cabin or in a couples' bridge club; planting, tending and harvesting a large vegetable garden; attending home and away Iowa football games; travelling to Colorado in the fall and Florida in the winter; going to his grandchildren's activities; and relaxing in his reclining chair reading newspapers and watching Chicago Cubs baseball games.

In recent years, visits and phone calls from his family and friends brightened his days. When his health began to decline a few years ago, he and Rosemarie lived briefly at Stoney Point Meadows in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He moved to Colonial Manor of Amana in February, 2023, which is where he passed away on June 6, 2025 at the age of 91. Drawing on his Christian faith, he was ready to leave the ills of this world behind and enter into eternal life.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 69 years, Rosemarie of Middle Amana, Iowa; his son, Stuart (Amy) Geiger of Cedar Rapids and their children Hanna (TJ) Lindgren of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Benjamin (Anne) Geiger of Urbandale, Iowa and Olivia

Geiger of Cedar Rapids; his daughter, Elaine Geiger of North Liberty, Iowa and her children Allison (fiancé Samuel Slusher) O'Keefe of Alexandria, Virginia, Kurtis O'Keefe of Lone Tree, Iowa, and Erin O'Keefe of Chicago, Illinois; his great-grandchildren, Carter, Connor and Brendan Lindgren of Colorado Springs and Hallie and Ava Geiger of Urbandale; his brother-in-law, Harold Pitz; his sister-in-law, Lauren Fortune; and his nephews, Stephen Geiger and Scott Geiger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, Harlan and Margaret Geiger; and his beloved granddaughter, Emily O'Keefe. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the University of Iowa Dance Marathon in honor of Emily O'Keefe or the Amana Church Society. Powell Funeral Home in Marengo is caring for Norman and his family. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

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