

-Church News-

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA
Bethesda Lutheran Church
439 Main, Jewell

Sunday
9:00 am Worship, with Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Live-stream on Facebook
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15-11:00 am Sunday School during the school year
10:15-11:30 am The Wired Word adult forum

Monday
1:00-2:00 pm Lord’s Cupboard is open on 1st Monday of each month
3:00 pm Worship service broadcast on Channel 14, CCS (Stratford cable)
5:00-6:30 pm Lord’s Cupboard is open each Monday

Tuesday
12:00 pm Tuesday Together Time – Community potluck
3:00 pm Worship service broadcast on Channel 14, CCS (Stratford cable)

Wednesday
3:30-5:00 pm Wednesday Kids
5:30-7:00 pm Confirmation meal and classes during school year
6:00-7:00 pm H.S. Youth Group – during school year

Friday
Church Offices are closed
Saturday
Pastor’s Day Off

JEWELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Bob Miller, senior pastor:
515-859-3855
Rev. Kerry Oliver, associate pastor: 515-689-3941
537 Main - Jewell, Iowa

email: jewellunitedchurch@gmail.com
Facebook: Jewell United Church of Christ

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship (Communion first Sunday of the month).Worship is live--streamed on our Facebook page. Fellowship time following service.

Monday: 5 pm BASE exercise group
2nd Tuesday: 10 am Women’s Fellowship
2nd/4th Thursdays: 1 pm Piece-makers quilting and sewing group

VICTORY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Ernest Amstalden
Phone 515-827-6015
Jewell, Iowa

Sunday
9:00 am Coffee and Fellowship @ the Center
10:00 AM Worship Celebration

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Phone 515-826-3312
Pastor Craig Benson
www.stpauls-afc.org
Rural Jewell, Iowa

Sunday
Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship time
10:45 am Worship Service

Wednesday
7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study
Services available online
https://stpauls-afc.org

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Craig Benson
Phone 515-899-2396
www.salemchurch-afc.org
Rural Radcliffe, Iowa

Sunday
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Youth Group
Services available online
https://www.salemchurch-afc.org

ST. CECILIA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fr. Don Czapl, Pastor
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www.stceciliaparis.org

Saturday
5pm Mass
Sunday
8:30:10:30am Mass; 5pm Espanol

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Saturday
8:30 a.m. Mass

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Jon Rollefson
1629 DeWitt St.
Ellsworth, Iowa

Sundays:
8:30 AM Prayer Group
9:00 AM Worship
Live stream on Facebook and YouTube

Tuesdays:
9:30 AM Community Coffee
3:45 PM Friends of Jesus (Grades K-3rd)

6:30 PM Small Group
Wednesdays:
3:45 PM Friends of Jesus (Grades 4-6th)

5:30 PM Confirmation
Saturdays:
7:00 AM Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study



Church News Reminder

Please supply church information by 5:00 p.m. Monday. Include Friday of the current week through Thursday of the following week. Mail to PO Box 130, Jewell IA 50130 or e-mail: shrecnew@globalccs.net. If you have questions, please call 515-827-5931. Thank you.

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Iowa Legislature Goes into “Overtime”

May 2 marks the 110th day of the 2025 Iowa legislative session, and the proposed end of the first session of the 91st General Assembly. However, our work is not yet done. The Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Senate must pass uniform budget bills before we can adjourn sine die, or for the last time, this legislative session.

This week individual bills were released for each House budget subcommittee. House Budget Subcommittees include:

1. Administrative and Regulations Appropriations
 2. Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations
 3. Economic Development Appropriations
 4. Education Appropriations
 5. Federal and Other Funds Appropriations
 6. Health and Human Services Appropriations
 7. Justice Systems Appropriations
 8. Transportation, Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Appropriations
- A budget bill must pass through subcommittee and the Appropriations Committee before it is eligible for floor debate. The House Appropriations Committee, on which I serve, met May 1 and passed the following budget bills:

- Economic Development. As chair of the Economic Development Budget Subcommittee, Wednesday I chaired a subcommittee meeting. Thursday I managed the bill through committee. It appropriates \$40.6 million. It helps fund Iowa Councils of Government and the World Food Prize. I am pleased our bill also includes \$1.25 million to fund the Grocer Reinvestment and Local Food Processing Fund. However, this funding is contingent upon the Iowa Senate passing the House bill that creates the fund.
- Transportation. The bill increases allocations from FY 2025 by \$16,393,885 for the Road Use Tax Fund and \$16,139,006 for the Primary Road Fund.
- Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). This bill is the primary source for public infrastructure-related expenditures. Examples include state park infrastructure, recreational trails, public transit, lake resto-

ration and water quality, community attraction and tourism grants, Destination Iowa grants, and community forestry grants.

- Federal and Other Funds. Federal moneys will be allocated to programs such as the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, community mental health services, community development, and more.

This week the Appropriations Committee also passed House Study Bill (HSB) 330, which appropriates \$40.6 million from the Sports Wagering Receipts Fund. Since its legalization in 2019, the revenue from sports wagering in Iowa has increased. This bill creates a permanent gambler treatment appropriation and establishes a standing appropriation of \$1.5 million from the Fund for the Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighters.

The House Appropriations Committee also passed HSB 331, an Opioid Settlement Fund Appropriations bill. It allocates \$9.1 million a year for three years to crisis response, treatment and recovery from opioid addiction. It also allocates \$3.9 million a year for three years for statewide prevention and program evaluation efforts.

At this point in the session, we are “on call.” The Appropriations Committee chair will call a meeting when we have bills to consider. The House Majority Leader will call members back to the statehouse when floor debate is scheduled.

The end of this session is not yet in sight, however, my House Republican colleagues and I remain committed to passing a balanced budget that fulfills our commitments and funds Iowans’ priorities. It is my honor to represent Iowa House District 55 as we seek to deliver another year of conservative state budgeting while keeping your taxes low.

Stay in Touch

I will continue to author a weekly newsletter/newspaper column until the Iowa Legislature adjourns sine die. Feel free to contact me about issues of interest to you. You’re welcome to message me through social media, email me at shannon.latham@legis.iowa.gov, or call the Iowa House switchboard at (515) 281-3221.

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~ Occasionally we are out on assignment ~

Confirmation at Bethesda Lutheran Church



Lane Widick, left, and Mason Engelby, right, were confirmed at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell on Sunday, May 4 by Pastor Jonathan Dolan.

Double Up Food Bucks Program announces new online registration

Simplified sign-up makes it easier for Iowa SNAP users to access healthy food

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Healthiest State Initiative today announced the launch of a new online registration system for its Double Up Food Bucks program. For the first time, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) users in Iowa can enroll online at mydoubleupiowa.org—eliminating the need to sign up in person at participating locations.

This enhancement aims to increase accessibility and reduce the burden on local grocery stores and farmers markets that previously handled registration. Now, more Iowans can begin using Double Up Food Bucks to bring home more fresh fruits and vegetables.

“Our goal is to make the Double Up Food Bucks program as simple and accessible as possible for all eligible Iowans,” said Jami Haberl, executive director of the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative. “This new online registration will streamline the process so more fami-

lies can take advantage of this valuable resource.”

About Double Up Food Bucks

SNAP users are automatically eligible for Double Up Food Bucks. The program empowers SNAP recipients to maintain a healthy diet and put more food on the table. For every dollar spent on produce, another dollar is matched in Double Up Food Bucks, up to \$15 per day.

The program is available at 90 locations throughout Iowa, including select Fareway and Hy-Vee grocery stores, farmers markets, farm stands, CSAs and co-ops. Visit www.DoubleUpIowa.com to learn more, including a list of participating sites. Double Up Food Bucks is made possible through the generous support of Bank of America, Corteva, Farmers Mutual Hail, Wellpoint, and UCare, along with funding from the USDA’s Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP).

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