

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship service- 10 am

SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH

July 15- Women's Bible Study at 10:30 am
 July 22- Women's Bible Study at 10:30 am
 July 23- Newsletter Articles Due
 July 24 & 25- Kastner/Berens rehearsal & wedding

What is with this summer weather? We have a stretch of warmer/hot weather or what is planned for next week (June 21-27) where there is a chance of rain every day. It seems like we have missed every big storm so far this year. Like any farming community such as Schleswig, we pray for enough rain so that we have enough moisture in the ground before we hit the heat of July and August. The Bible talks about rain quite a bit. Like in Acts 14: where it says, "yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Or in Psalms 72: 6, when it says, "May he be like rain falling on a mowed field, like showers watering the earth." And finally in Leviticus 26: 4 where it states, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit." As always this shows that God will provide, what we need, when we need it.

This is the same in our own lives. God will provide for us, for what we need not what we want. Again, there is that fact that he will provide for what we NEED not what we want in life. He will take care of the needs in our lives as long as we are willing to follow him. If we are willing to follow him with our whole life, he is willing to take of our needs!

But what does that cost us? The time and financial commitment are the first thing people think of. The most important commitment is the life commitment that we as Christians need to make. We need to make that commitment to him, that should be the first and foremost commitment we make. The others will follow. Are we (you) willing to make this commitment? We all have said yes to this, but do we all follow it? Do we love and respect our neighbors, whether they live next to you or sit in the church with you on Sundays. Are we willing to make that commitment to help each of them no matter who they are? To show them the love that Jesus shows to us every day. If we are willing to do that then Jesus is willing to show his love and provide for us.

PRAYER:

Jesus, we come to you and ask that you provide the rain that we need to make our crops and gardens grow. So, that we may be able to help to feed our neighbors where ever they live. We ask that you allow us to show your love to these neighbors. We thank you Jesus for being a part of our lives in no matter what we do. We know that you are a loving and caring God, allow us to share that with all that are all around us. AMEN.

I hope and pray that you have a great July with your family and friends.

God Bless all of you,
 Pastor Kirk Manchester



July 1 - Lance Clausen
 July 2 - Josie McMinemee
 July 6 - Mindi Sieren
 July 7 - Carrie Johnson
 July 8 - Darrell Brodersen
 Laurie Hansen
 July 9 - Kim Brockman
 July 11 - Haxton Fineran
 July 15 - Delbert Schmidt
 July 19 - Trevor Nemitz
 Evelynn Sharp
 July 20 - Carissa Barker
 Kinley South
 July 21 - Brinkley Thies
 July 22 - Colton Johannsen
 July 24 - Cierra Kastner
 July 25 - Roger Baer
 July 28 - Avery Sieren
 Dennis Bumann
 July 31 - Sean Krohnke

**Newsletter articles are
 due July 23th.
 Your August newsletter
 will be available
 Sunday, July 26th.**

Hymns on the Chimes



July 3- 5:00 PM “Battle Hymn of the Republic” in memory of Palmer & Verline Peters from the Peters family
 July 4- 4:00 PM “God Bless America” in honor of Independence Day from the UCC
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 July 4- 4:00 PM “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” in honor of Independence Day from the UCC
 July 4- 4:00 PM “Army Goes Rolling Along” in honor of Independence Day from the UCC
 July 9- 5:00 PM “The Old Rugged Cross” in memory of Roy Johnson from Zola Friedrichsen & family
 July 15- 9 AM “God Will Take Care of You” from Bill & Joyce Petersen in memory of their parents
 July 18 -5:00 PM “How Great Thou Art” in memory of Milroy Groth from Marlene Groth
 July 18- 6:45 PM “It is No Secret” in memory of Ralph Miller from the Ralph Miller family
 July 19- 6:15 PM “Home on the Range” in memory of Dale Lacey from Sandy Lacey and family
 July 19- 7:00 PM “America the Beautiful” in memory of Edward W. Claussen from Craig Claussen
 July 25- 12:00 PM “How Great Thou Art” in memory of Rawlo Kastner from Rubie Kastner

May Financials



<u>Income:</u>	
Weekly Envelopes	\$2460.00
Loose Offering	\$303.50
Seasonal Offering	\$3.00
Misc. Offering	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$86.33
Interest Income- General Fund	\$5.24
<u>Total Income:</u>	\$2858.07
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Association Dues	\$747.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$340.05
Janitor Supplies	\$9.63
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00
Music	\$180.00
Office Expense	\$298.78
Pastor Expense	\$5977.19
Payroll Expenses	\$0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$386.27
Supplies	\$232.50
Support Staff Salaries	\$3573.75
Utilities	\$1949.99
<u>Total Expense:</u>	\$13695.16
<u>Net Ordinary Income:</u>	- \$10,837.09

July Greeters and Acolytes

July Greeters:

July 5- Jeff & Jenny Boelter
 July 12- David & Cathy Henningsen
 July 19- Neil & Kim Kragel
 July 26- Scott & Kristy Clausen

July Acolytes:

July 5- Hayden Fineran & Ryder Luth
 July 12- Huntur Johannsen & Jett Paulsen
 July 19- Taryn Johannsen & Averi Valentine
 July 26- Jersey Bral & Journey Bral

May Numbers for the Books

Date	Attendance	Contributions
May 3	55	\$557.00
May 10	62	\$448.25
May 17	49	\$965.25
May 24	41	\$79.00
May 31	48	\$611.00
Total:	255	\$2660.50
Average:	51	\$532.10



Call to Order: Council President, Seth Neubauer opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Council members in attendance were, Leisha Kragel, Josie Krohnke, Linda Reimer, Roberta Jepsen and Josh Jurgensen. Kirk Manchester and Tammy Neubauer were also present. Absent were Jill Sedore and John Fineran.

Opening Prayer: Kirk opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda items consisting of the May 7, 2026 meeting, the April 15, 2026 meeting minutes, and the financial reports. Seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid: A motion was made to pay the bills. Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

CE: No report was given.

CSFD: They will be conducting interviews May 31 for scholarships.

CSFI: No meeting.

Property: They have been collecting bids for the west door in the narthex. No decision has been made at this time.

Outreach: There has not been a meeting.

Endowment: Mike Goodin submitted a report on behalf of the committee. They plan to continue with the same investments they currently have. He will submit the report for the newsletter as well.

Pastor's Report: Council reviewed the report submitted, listing visiting elderly, giving communion, making calls to those ill, doing counseling and attending meetings. He will be doing a graveside service in June and the Memorial Day service at the cemetery.

Old Business:

Worship at the Pond: June 14 is the date. Food will be pot luck, with the church providing the meat. Kirk will ask Jolene to organize table service and water and he will transport it to Judy's.

Memorial Flowers: A reminder was given that Leisha would pick up the memorial flowers and she and Roberta would get them to the cemetery following worship on Sunday.

New Business:

Narthex Door: The prices on the doors have been extremely high. Brendan Allard is currently working on a bid.

Candice's Summer Hours: Candice requested to have her office hours changed to Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 2 pm from June 1st to August 31. This is due to the reduced work load in the summer and the high price of gas. She will work more hours if needed, to keep up with her work. She will be available via email or phone if anything urgent should come up. There will be a sign on the door with contact information. Council approved having her summer hours changed as she requested.

Propane Contract: Seth had been in contact with AgState about contracting propane for the 2026-2027 heating season. Council decided to hold off contracting for another month.

(Council Minutes continued)

Other Business: A rough draft of a letter to the congregation was distributed. The draft was approved to be sent to the congregation to notify members that Kirk's contract was not renewed. Leisha and Josie are planning vacations in June so will not be available to sign checks during those times.

The next meeting will be June 17 at 7 pm.

With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. The Lord's Prayer was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Neubauer

Financial and Council Secretary



I pray you all are having a great summer! We have been making preparations for our Vacation Bible School happening August 9th-12th. It will be an event you do not want to miss! Keep an eye out for upcoming information about the kick off community meal on the August 9th and our family night on the 12th. Please encourage your family and friends to sign up on <https://schleswigucc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>. We also need a few more volunteers, please sign up or let the office know. Even a day or two is greatly appreciated.

EXTRA!
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The Birthday Times

Volume 1...No. 1

Schleswig, IA - Saturday, July 25, 2026

FREE

BACK IN 1936,

THE HOOVER DAM WAS COMPLETED,
A DOZEN EGGS COST 20 CENTS,
A GALLON OF GAS COST 19 CENTS,
RADIOS WERE THE HEART OF THE HOME,
ELECTRICITY CAME TO RURAL AMERICA,
AND A LEGEND WAS BORN!

Please Join Us To Celebrate

CURLY'S

90TH

BIRTHDAY!

Birthday Edition

July 25 SATURDAY

OPEN HOUSE 3-5 PM

Family dinner to follow
Mike's Bar and Grill
Cedar St - Schleswig

Wish to send a card? PO Box 234, Schleswig, IA 51461

Pilgrim Heights Summer Camp

There are 2 camps available this summer:

Young Explorers (grades K-6): July 5th-9th

Adventure Seekers (grades 7-12): July 12th-16th

STEWARDSHIP JULY 2026

Where does the money come from? The second in this series is the John A. Wulf Trust. John Wulf was a farmer who never married. He farmed with his parents until their deaths. John and his parents were long time members of our church. He continued to farm on their Crawford County farm until his death. His directions for his trust designated several beneficiaries would receive 10% of the trust income for 10 years. After that time the trust will terminate and the remainder of the assets would pass to his major named beneficiary. Our Schleswig United Church of Christ was one of those recipients. The investment of the assets is directed by the trustees of this trust as appointed by John. That includes determining the rent for the farm ground. Our share of the yearly income varies but has averaged near \$15,000. The instructions for disbursing this gift are determined by the Church Council. Special instructions state the money is to be spent on local projects to benefit the town of Schleswig and its residents. Several of the other beneficiaries are local services and programs such as the Fire Department, city services, etc. Typically, our giving does not add to what these programs receive. We have several remaining years of this income. Various projects have been supported in Schleswig and the immediate area. If you have suggestions for targets for a portion of this money, give your ideas to the Church Council. They would consider your idea. Bear in mind that this gift is time limited. Also continue to remember the generosity of John Wulf.



Please notice date change:

July 15th and July 22nd



Morning: 10:30 am

(evening session will start again in August)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

**AUGUST 1-
CHURCH WORK DAY**

**AUGUST 2-
SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY**

OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months, the office will be open Monday-Friday. However, Candice will only be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 am-2 pm.



**Summer Worship
time will remain
at 10 am**