NOVEMBER 2009

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Nov. 2	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Senior Dinner Fertile Girls Night Out	Noon 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Re-cycle Day	
Nov. 16	Library Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	DEADLINE FOR REMINDER AS Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Nov. 19	Re-cycle Day	
Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Dinner at Church of Christ	5 - 7 p.m.
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service at Fertile Lutheran Church	7:30 p.m.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members; Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, and Pat Renchin; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was: Maintenance Manager Craig Koch

Minutes Approval

Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the September minutes. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Clapper Tree Service has completed their annual tree trimming and removal in the park and up at the ball fields. Buck Russell and Kenny Strohman have sprayed and cleaned up the debris around the ball field tree line.
- The City is writing a Trees Forever grant to add 6 new trees to the ball field tree line.
 We intend on planting 3 Autumn Blaze Maples, 2 Emerald Lustre Maples and 1
 Skyline Locust to the South of the diamonds and playground. Each tree will be 8-9' tall and 2.5" in diameter. DOT Crown Vex will also be spread out to provide a thick matting of purple wildflowers.
- The property at 302 West Main Street, which was the City had taken legal action
 against regarding ordinance infractions and unpaid utility bills, has been sold. The new
 owners are in the process of bringing the property up to code. The prior owner has
 made all necessary payments to clear their account.
- JCAP, our insurance company, met with us this last month and requested that we add a
 protective padding to the light poles in the ball field and to place a pvc guard along the
 top rim of the fencing. They also requested more peat gravel underneath the playground
 equipment in the park. The City has made tremendous improvements to the safety of
 the town since ICAP became our insurance provider.
- Crescent Moon has winterized and locked the porta-poties at the ball diamond and at the
 point. The ones in the park will be winterized and locked after Halloween.
- The concession stand at the ball diamond has also been winterized.
- On October 26th, the Library will host their annual Halloween party "Alice in Horrorland" starring your favorite characters such as the Queen of Hearts, the Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum. The festivities run from 6:30-8:00 at City Hall.
- LeDeoux signs will be sanding, painting and sealing the frame around the Fertile sign on Hwy 18 this fall, if weather permits, or first thing in the spring.
- Please be sure to clean-up the areas around the alleys on your property. It won't be long
 and the snow plow will be making its seasonal debut. The City will also be trimming
 trees along the paths of the snow plow soon.
- A big thank you to Leon, the owner of the Fertile Lumber Company for bringing his building up to the code of ordinances. We appreciate your efforts in keeping Fertile safe
- In regards to the water issues along West Washington. Mr. Rachut has found that
 sections of his tile are blocked and has made arrangements to have his tile replaced in
 the spring. Mrs. Bang is also in the process of following up with the Worth County
 Conservation Department.
- Craig has been working overtime to mulch the tremendous amount of leaves produced in the park and throughout the City's property. He and Warren have also been preparing to drain the sewer lagoons before winter hits.

City Clerk's Report

- · Eddie presented the September financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (25% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Server	Water
Income	11.77%	26.85%	27.13%	28.08%	28.77%
Expense	21.96%	68.62%	25.74%	22,57%	27.79%
The Receds Fin	id is currently over h	udget thue to the ("it	s portion of the ne	w road surfacing d	one in July)

- · Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the September Expenses. Motion Carried.
- The City passed a financial audit by the USDA this last month. Last year's loss in the
 Water fund triggered the audit. The loss was proved to be caused by un-budgeted
 expense relating to the flood of 2008 and the imminent failure of the well pump. USDA
 audited both the water and sewer system financials and gave us clean bill of health.
- Two liens were presented to the Council for failure to pay utility bills. 105 Hill Street for \$350.75 and 605 West Washington for \$212.88.
- Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve both liens for un-paid utility & maintenance bills. Resolution Passed.

Committee Reports

 Streets and Signs – The difference in levels between West Washington and the side streets will be altered when the side streets are re-paved. The County is still scheduled to re-pave 1street this fall, weather permitting. Otherwise, it will be re-paved in the

- spring. State funding permitting. While there are no plans in motion to pave the side streets, it does remain a priority of the Council.
- Community Center The committee presented a rough draft of a Capital Campaign letter for the Council's advice. Adjustments will be made to the document before sending to the public.
- Fertile Days Cindy Peters has agreed to head up this new committee. So far there
 have been some who have voiced interest and one who has volunteered.

Other Business

 Winn-Worth Betco has a revolving loan fund available to business owners to assist in the hiring of personnel. Contact them at 641-592-0800 for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

 The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, November 17, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Tad moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of September 30, 2009

Туре	As of September 30, 2009	Paid Amount
	Name	Fall Alliount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,146 53
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-1,146 53
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-135 00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-1,452 61
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-1,432 67
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-55.06
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-46 40
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-141 87
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-14 38
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1.834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-137 30
Bill Pmt -Check	Alitel	-79 59
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-80 73
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-460 00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10 00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1.044 16
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	-2.000 00
Bill Pmt -Check	Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp	-131 16
· Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-331 00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-750 00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County Cattlemen	-2,7
Check	First State Bank	-2,4
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Deposit		1,525.43
Deposit		4,274.42
Deposit		3,515 95
Deposit		8,494 69
Deposit		2,342 31
Deposit		4,208 54
Deposit		12 57
Liability Check	IPERS	-614 38
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Liability Check	IPERS	-427.50
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-403 00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1.451.08
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-588.74
Total General Fund Chec	3,266.13	
Total General Fund Accounts	3.266 13	
Roads Revenue Fund Savir	igs	
Deposit		9.51
Total Roads Revenue Fund S	9.51	
Water Fund Accounts		
Deposit		1 78
Total Water Fund Accounts		1 78
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Deposit		3 97
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		397
TOTAL		3,281.39
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NEW BOOKS

Bride Backfire - Kelly Eileen Hake Nine Dragons - Michael Connelly Shades of Blue - Karen Kingsbury Blood Game - Iris Johansen The Christmas List - Richard Paul Evans Breaking the Silence - Barbara Taylor Johnson The Sound of Sleigh Bells - Cindy Woodsmall The Perfect Christmas - Debbie Macomber Blood Lite - Charlaine Harris True Detectives - Jonathan Kellerman Wee Christmas Homicide - Kaitlyn Dunnett Last Gunfighter: Sudden Fury - William W. Johnstone Outlaw's Bride - Lori Copeland That Holiday Feeling - Debbie Macomber /Robyn Carr Lakeshore Christmas - Susan Wiggs Unhallowed Ground - Heather Graham Renegade Hunter - Lynsay Sands Lucky Break - Carly Phillips Ralph Compton Novel/ Bounty Hunter by Joseph West Southern Lights - Danielle Steel The Rope Walk - Carrie Brown LARGE PRINT Cry in the Night - Colleen Coble A Cousin's Prayer - Wanda E. Brunstetter



Library News

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

The holidays are coming fast. Turkey Day will be here & gone. That means it's time to plan our Christmas Open House & Santa Day. It will be December 12, from 9 – noon. Santa will be here & we will again hold our holiday raffle.

Ruth Rhodes has crocheted a beautiful afghan & we will again have our Wal-Mart gift card. If anyone has anything they would like to donate please contact the library.



A Norwegtian drove in front of the Cadillac agency in a brand new Cadillac. "Where's your service departent?" he asked.

"Service department?" exclaimed the dealer. "You have a brand new Cadillac. You don't need service on it yet, surely?"

"Vell," said the Norwegian. "Ay used to da stick shift...and this car has got those funny letters like PRNDL on the steering veel."

"Yes, that's correct," said the dealer. "That's the automatic transmission."

"Vell," said the Norwegian. "I first put 'er in 'L' for 'light out.' Den I see a guy trying to pass. So I put 'er in 'S' for "sick 'em'. Dat put me a little faster. So when anodder car starts to pass, I looks at the dial and put 'er in 'D' for 'Dig in.' Boy, I really got going. All of a sudden a kid in a hot rod started to go 'round me. So I looked at the dial again and put it in 'R' for "Racing."

Where's your service department?"

The Norwegian government recently purchased 1,000 septic tanks; and as soon as they learn how to drive them, they plan to invade Sweden.

A Norwegian discovered he had mice in the house, so he set a trap. Being a bit thrifty, he used as bait...a picture of a piece of cheese. when he checked the trap next morning he found...a picture of a mouse.

Did you hear about the Norwegian who thought that Manual Labor weas the President of Mexico?

OLE: Call da manager. . . I can't eat dis food. WAITRESS: It's no use . . . he won't eat it either.

Dagfinn loved crossword puzzles. When he died, his last request was to be buried 6 down and 3 across.

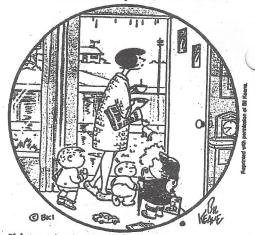
The judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena who had charged non-support. He said to Ole, "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks myself."

INGRID: Vould you like to see da ring dat Lars gave me? HELGA: It looks like a nice ring. And it must be a comfort to know dat he isn't a spend-thrift.

THE FAMILY CIRCLS.

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By Bil Keane



"I know why the car pool's so late, Mommy! This is OUR morning to drive!"

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My nerves are a-twitter; my hair has gone white. My knees, they are knocking; I'm quaking with fright.

My whole life is streaking in front of my eyes. "Dear Lord, please be with me!" I urgently cry. My heart's in my throat, but at least I'm alive. The problem? I'm teaching my kid how to drive!

-ANN LUNA

Dave Haugen, Owner

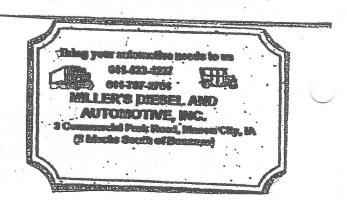


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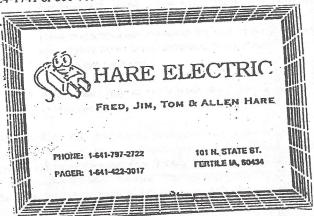
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- Oct. 27 Diabeses Awareness meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly at 5:30 p.m. This is an education session.
- Oct. 30 Maple Court nail clinic 9:00 a.m. Please call to schedule your appointment.
- Nov. 5 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office the 1st Thursday of each month in Northwood from 1:00 4:00 p.m. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to insure your child's home is not poisoning your family. No appointment necessary.
- Nov. 13 Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop. Please call for an appointment.

OCTOBER: Flu- If you wish to receive your flu/pneumonia injection, you may stop into Worth County Public Health from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Persons with Medicare Part B will receive the shots for free. The general population can receive flu shots for \$20 and pneumonia shots for \$40. Please call 324-1741 or 800-765-1388 to ensure that vaccine is available.



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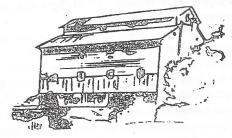
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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Fern Midtgaard wih Amanda Waddington as co-hostess. We pledged allegiance to our flag. Penny read the Gardener's Creed.

Roll call was "if you could meet someone famous, who would it be? We had many interesting answers and comments.

Thanks to members who braved the cold, windy weather to put the corn shocks on the light poles, and to Betty for donating the shocks.

We signed Christmas cards for the elderly and "shut in's".

Business consisted to election of officers for the coming year. We had much discussion on the Iowa Grant which we are applying for. We brought food for the food bank.

Our next meeting will be our "Guest Night." Meeing adjourned with singing our table prayer.

Fern Midtgaard, Reporter

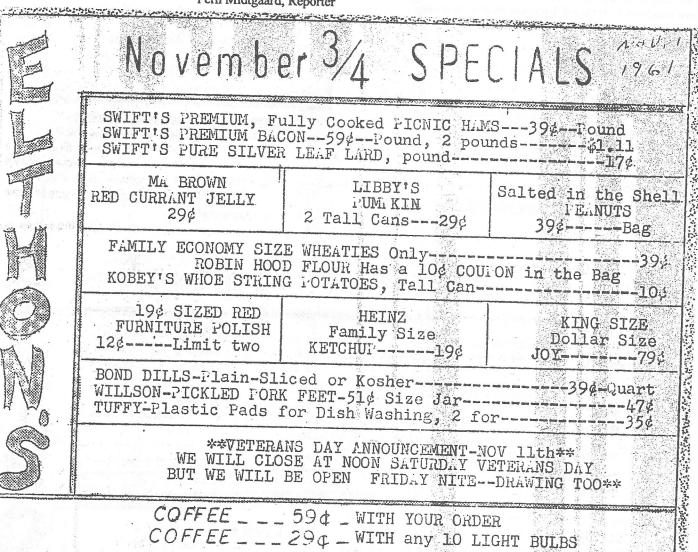
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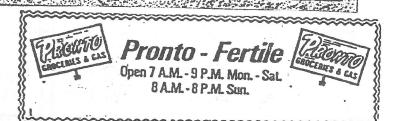
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Dear Ladies,

Keep up the good work. We enjoy the Reminder.

Floyd & Lois Zobel

Dear Ladies,

I really enjoy the paper. Please keep it coming. Fertile will always be home.

Orland Miller

Dear Ladies,

Enclosed plese find my check for the Fertile Reminder. I enjoy it very much, even though I don't always know the people. I remember Wayne talking about some of them.

Thank you for for your time and effort.

Janet Humphrey

Dear Ladies,

It's time to renew my subscription for another year. Thanks for doing such a good job.

DeEtta Thovson Twedt

Dear Ladies,

Please renew the Reminder again. I enjoy the paper very much. Thank you for your hard work.

Mary Homerding El Reno, OK

Dear Reminder Staff,

Enclosed is my check for another year of the Fertile Reminder. Thanks to your relentless staff!

I appreciate the articles written by George Kisner and also Dick Varberg.

I love the Norwegian jokes as they "tickle" my

funny bone!!

Thanks to Betty Wadding for the tremendous job on the Fertile School book. I read it cover to cover.

Helen Sparby Iowa City Class of 1940

Dear Friends,

Please renew our subscription for 2 years. We enjoy the Reminder so much.

Yours truly, Dick & Elenor Varberg

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for all your time and hard work, my way of keeping in touch with Fertile news.

Jarlyn Ouverson Upchurch

WITH SYMPATHY

OPAL ALMELIEN 1918 - 2009

Opal Almelien, age 91, of Fertile died Oct. 3, 2009 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City.

Funeral service was held Oct. 6 at Fertile Lutheran Church with burial at Elim Cemetery in rural Fertile.

Opal Hougham Almelien was born March 6, 1918 in Adel, the daughter of Zerry J. and Florence (Morse) Hougham. She attended a variety of schools as the family moved from one pastorate to

another. Opal graduated from Ogden High School in 1936.

During high school, she completed normal training for teachers and soon after began a teaching career that spanned more then 30 years. Opal taught at several Cerro Gordo country schools.

On March 2, 1945, she was united in marriage to Edward T. Almelien. The next several years were spent

raising her children and helping on the farm.

Opal was a woman of faith and spent countless hours teaching Sunday School and leading Bible studies. She was inducted in the Forest City Education Hall of Fame in 2000.

She is survived by her children, Jim (Kathleen) of Washington, daughters Becky Butz (Dave) of Clear Lake and Rosemary Almelien of Lake Mills.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren and eight

great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by hr parents; her husband, Edward in 1975; her son, Ron, in 2000; two brothers, Raymond and Russell and a sister, Ruby Taylor.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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The Fertile High School class of 1959 held its fiftieth reunion September 4 - 7 in Crossville, TN at the home of Gary and Pat Ouverson. Gary Ouverson and Nelda Ouverson Frahm were in charge of the reunion. The class's forty-fifth reunion was held in Fulton, IL in 2004 and it wasdecided that it would be fun to meet at different locations because most of the classmates who attend travel some distance anyway.

The classmates met Friday night at Gary and Pat's for a pizza party on the patio and driveway. After dinner everyone gathered in the media room and watched a DVD about the events that took place in 1959. After the video, a test was given to see if the classmates still had sound minds. Greetings were read from Mrs. Evans, a former English teacher, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dreves. Due to Mr. Dreve's recent surgery, the Dreves were not able to attend this reunion. Neal Luker also related information from Mr. Arnold Gaumnitz who had been the chemistry teacher for many of the classmates. Classmates then shared many fond memories.

On Saturday morning, the classmates gathered at the Ouverson's home for a continental breakfast. After several cups of coffee and good conversation, the group went into Crossville for a walking tour of the town. The noon meal was eaten at an artist's cafe complete with all types of art work on display. The rest of the afternoon classmates could do whatever they wanted. At 5:00 P.M. the classmates gathered at Gary and Pat's for a cookout, conversation and catching up on people's lives.

The class met on Sunday morning and attended the church to which Gary and Pat belong. They are active in forming a new congregation. After the services the class went to the Cumberland State Park for a wonderful lunch in the lodge. The dining room is in a beautiful wooded area. From the restaurant the class went to the Cumberland County Playhouse and saw a great musicial productions of *Smoke on the Mountain*. The class returned to the Ouverson's home and enjoyed a light dinner. Before the evening closed, pictures were taken of all attendees. While some classmates returned home on Monday, others continued on to various locations to enjoy the scenic area. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Paul Ouverson, Beverly Tweed McNeese and Larry Burtness will plan the fifth-fifth reunion. Classmates attending were Donna (Vaage) and Larry Nelson, Beverly (Tweed) and Gale McNeese, Larry and Janet Burtness, Donna (Pitkin) and Jerry Ouverson, Paul and Carol Ouverson, Gary and Pat Ouverson, Nelda (Ouverson) and Larry Frahm and Neal and Jane Luker. Classmates unable to attend were Gwen Johnson Scott, Loren Hoffman, Lyle Knutson, Diana Hunter Coons, Gary Hall, Jerry Hill and Les Torkelson. Judy Haugen Hall and Sandra Felland are deceased members of the class.

Thank you to Neal Luker for sending this article and the class picture. Front row, left to right -- Donna Nelson, Nelda Frahm, Donna Ouverson and Beverly McNeese. Back row, left to right -- Paul Ouverson, Gary Ouverson, Neal Luker and Larry Burtness.



COOKS THO PRIVIOUS

If you would like to submit recipes for this column, send them to: Reminder, PO Box 62. Fertile, IA 50434.

Chocolate Chip Blond Brownies (this was one of our favorite bars though the vears)

1 cup sifted Flour

1/2 tsp. Baking powder

1/8 tsp. Soda

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 cup chopped riuts

1/3 cup shortening

cup brown sugar

egg

tsp. Vanilla

Sift dry ingredients, add nuts and mix well, set aside. Melt butter or other shortenings in sauce pan; remove from heat. Add sugar firmly packed and mix well. If vegetable shortening is used, add 1 tablespoon hot water. Cool slightly, add egg slightly beaten and vanilla; blend. Then add flour mixture, a small amount at a time, mixing well after each addition. Spread in greased 9x9x2 pan. Sprinkle 1/2 package semi-sweet chocolate chips over p. (A lot of the time, I just mixed in the chips .o the dough & then sprinkled some on the

BAKE 350° for 20-25 minutes. Cool in pan.

: "This is the twelfth time you've been to the refreshment buffet."

Will: "That's O.K. I tell everybody I'm getting

something for you."

Preacher: "Cars aren't mentioned in the Bible." Kid

: "But it says, 'Jesus and his disciples were

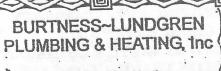
all in one Accord.'!"

: "My brother's in the candy business. Ned

Ted : "Is he doing well?"

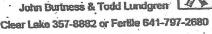
Ned : "So far he's made a mint."

> Six kids and two dogs shared one umbrella, still none got wet. Why? It wasn't raining.



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FUN KORNER

(It is hard to find things for this Fun Korner. If you have anything you would like to share, send it along to the Reminder at PO Box 62, Fertile IA 50434)

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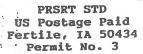
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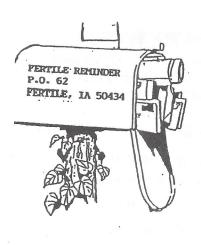
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looking like her passport picture."









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Please join us on Saturday, November 21st We will be serving dinner with all the trimmings from 5 - 7 p.m in our church fellowship hall.

Reservations are not required but are appreciated. Please call the church office at 797-2784.

Please join us - We look forward to sharing a meal with you.

Celebration Community Church

Has relocated to:

805 10th Ave. North
Clear Lake, Iowa
641-357-0026
9:00 – Sunday School
9:45 – fellowship
10:00 – Praise and Worship Service
6:00pm – Youth Group (Sundays)

Fertile Lutheran Church

602 W. Washington St. P.O. Box 215 Fertile, IA 50434

Phone 641-797-2767 David Halverson, Lay Minister

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School at 10:40 am

THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY
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CHURCH ON THANKSGIVING EVE,
NOVEMBER 25TH. SERVICE TIME IS 7:30
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!