



The Shepherd's Voice

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We are God's people and the sheep of God's Pasture—Psalm 100:3

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

September 2016

WORDS FROM PASTOR LARSON

Beloved of God,

I continue to give thanks for the ways you offer yourselves in service to the world and this congregation. For example, we just had a wonderful Vacation Bible School. I was amazed at the gifts and talents people shared in leading our kids and in the way the kids used their gifts to share the story of Jonah with the congregation. The Education Committee and I are grateful for the support, encouragement, prayers, food and gifts offered. It was such a joy to see so many of you at the closing program to support our kids.

I give thanks for our work with the Kids' Lunch Club in Decorah that helped families in need. You'll see a report on that in this newsletter. We will continue to work on growing this program in Decorah in hopes of serving more families next year and of getting a grant in the future. It was exciting to see people from a variety of churches working together to pack and distribute lunches.

I'm also grateful for our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Churchwide Assembly was just held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Good Shepherd member Amalia Vagts was there and shares her reflections in this newsletter. As Amalia notes, "Our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, called the white members of our ELCA to have honest conversations about white privilege in order to work for racial equality and an end to racism." Members of the Social Justice Subcommittee and I are now in conversations with others in Decorah about how we can facilitate honest conversations and actions to address white privilege in our congregations and in Decorah. Details are still being worked out for conversations this fall. Please watch your email and the bulletins for more on that.

Finally, I give thanks for the ways I see you inviting people to Good Shepherd. People are hungry for a relationship with God and growth in community that we are experiencing together. I'm grateful you're inviting them to be part of it. Last month our **Inviting Church challenge** was to use the words "my church" once a week in a sentence. **This month's challenge** is to add the word "is", as in "my church is _____." "My church is part of the white privilege conversations happening in Decorah." "My church is having a picnic for friends and neighbors this weekend. I hope you'll come." "My church is the church with the gluten free communion bread." "My church is the site for Kinderhaus." "My church is hosting the CNA class in Decorah this month." (We'll host a September/October class and a January class.) Try using "my church is" and let me know how it is going!

Peace, Pastor Amy

P.S. Thank you for your prayers and support for all affected by flooding and for me as I grieve the death of my friend, Pr. Sarah Nietz.

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Shower caps, bike helmets, and life jackets: all the ways we try to safeguard ourselves – and all not quite enough to weather life's storms, unless we embrace the responsibilities God calls us to and unless we work together. That was one thing I took away from the delightful performance of "Jonah and the Big Fish" on the closing day of Good Shepherd's Vacation Bible School. (I also learned that every single one of the kids has great hair.) Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a grand success.

We reach out to the community again on September 11, our seventh annual Welcome Friends and Neighbors Picnic. In our planning for the first picnic, members of several committees worked together and this year we're returning to that collaborative model; I hope you'll contribute where you can. The first planners decided not to focus the event on evangelism – it was to be for the community, not for us. Rather, the picnic seeks to be a celebration and expression of our gratitude for our Decorah community and for God's abundance in our lives.

For that reason, we'll share festive music by our homegrown musicians and highlight homegrown or local food, too. I hope that you'll look for ways to use local ingredients in the dishes you contribute, and the hotdogs we provide are bought from Grass Run Farm, via the Oneota Community Co-op.

We'll be sending special invitations to groups such as Helping Services and Opportunity Homes, to the Decorah police and firefighters, and to Luther Campus Ministries and the Diversity Center. All are welcome: please invite friends and neighbors – stress that the picnic is our thank-you for the goodness of this place.

Kate Narveson

Adult Forums

SEPTEMBER 25 - Social Media Sunday will be celebrated at Good Shepherd. This national ecumenical initiative is considered an evangelism event by the NE Iowa Synod and participation is encouraged for all congregations. At Good Shepherd, everyone is invited to bring their phones, tablets and/or cameras to church on September 25 and be ready to share favorite moments "before" and "after" the service. Text, take photos, or email any individual to announce that you are in church and celebrating Social Media Sunday. Or use the hashtag #SMS16 for posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more. After the service, join Communications Subcommittee members for an Adult Forum in the Narthex to catch up on updates to the Good Shepherd website, online directory, or just to ask questions. Subcommittee members will distribute a handout and be available to demonstrate the website and directory and answer questions.

EDUCATION

2016 Vacation Bible School was a huge success! Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us share the story of Jonah through drama, games, crafts and food.

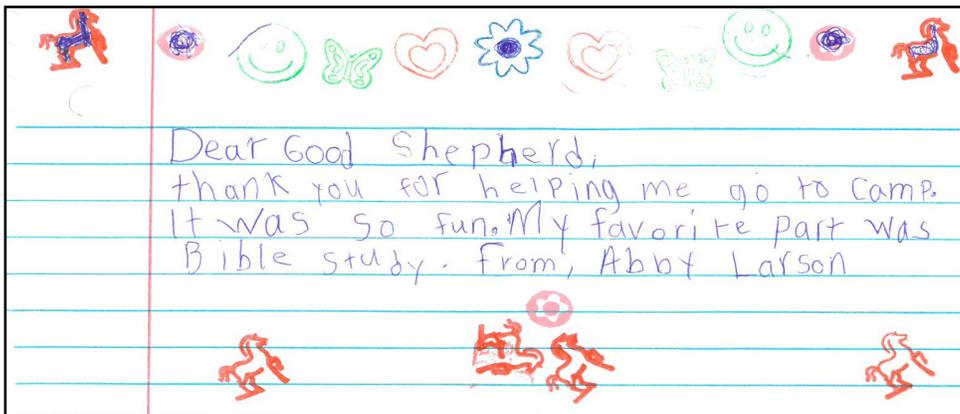
- Thank you to the Education Committee: Megan Buckingham, Heather Cote and Anna Norris for all their work in planning, coordinating and leading Vacation Bible School.
- Thank you to Lise Kildegaard for all her work on the drama.

· Thank you to our adult volunteers: Brooke Joyce, Kathryn Thompson, Sara Hanssen, Jennifer Self, Norma Refsal, Dustin Cote and Matt Larson.

· Thank you to our youth shepherds: Ava Holland, Mara Holland, Kristi Kjome-Johnson, and Nathan Larson.

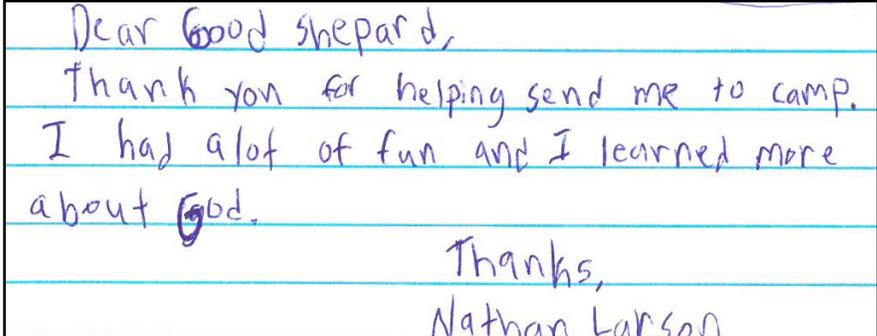
· Thank you to everyone who brought food and to Bev Sheridan for coordinating food.

We are very grateful for the support and encouragement we received from the congregation!



Camp Thank You Cards

We will kick off Sunday School for the 2016-17 school year with **Rally Sunday on September 11th**. Sunday School classes will begin at 10:45am. All children are welcome to join us!



Notes from ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Amalia Vagts

I recently attended the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans, LA. I was there for my job (director of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries), but was also there as a “Congregational Observer” for Good Shepherd. Several council members and Pastor Amy invited me to share a few thoughts.

In our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we think of “church” in three ways – congregationally (what happens at Good Shepherd), synodically (what happens in the Northeast Iowa Synod), and Churchwide (what happens across the 65 synods of the ELCA). The Churchwide Assembly is the largest legislative gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. It occurs every three years. Nearly 1,000 people are elected to be voting members in a process that begins long before the actual meeting. At the assembly, voting members vote on decisions that direct the actions and priorities of our church at the Churchwide, synodical, and congregational level.

There were many significant actions taken at this assembly on a wide variety of issues. I would like to focus on two major conversations we were asked to bring back to our home congregations.

First, much of the assembly focused on racism in our church and what it means to become a diverse and inclusive church. Presiding Bishop Eaton challenged the white members of our ELCA to have honest conversations about white privilege in order to work for racial equality and an end to racism. The assembly committed to deepening our relationship with historic black churches and also committed to confessing the ways in which we have and continue to participate in racism, while also committing to changing racist policies and practices in our church. We will hear more and be invited to participate in conversations about this in the coming weeks and months.

Second, our ELCA is currently in the midst of large conversations about the direction and priorities of our denomination, in an effort named “Called Forward Together in Christ.” The ELCA has gathered thousands of comments into one paper that will be discussed this fall at the Conference of Bishops (gathering of all 65 ELCA bishops) and the ELCA Church Council. Bp. Eaton described this as a “Ministry Site Profile” of the whole ELCA (this is what we did prior to calling Pastor Amy). This will be a living document that grows as we grow. The process has led to the following conclusions – 1) we are distinctively Lutheran – teaching grace and placing worship, prayer, and reading the Scripture are at the center of our faith life, 2) we believe in doing ministry in the world through service and advocacy, working for justice, 3) we are working to be welcoming and inclusive, and 4) we seek to be in community with others. Does this sound like Good Shepherd? You can learn more here – elca.org/future. This is a way for us to learn more about what’s happening in other parts of the ELCA. You can also read the paper and share your opinion about it in an online survey. Read more and watch videos of speakers and worship at <https://www.elca.org/ChurchwideAssembly>. I was very grateful to attend this assembly and would be glad to visit more in person about these, or other actions.

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

September 4, 2016 16th Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</u>	<u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>Philemon 1-21</u>	<u>Luke 14:25-33</u>
September 11, 2016 17th Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Exodus 32:7-14</u>	<u>Psalm 51:1-10</u>	<u>1 Timothy 1:12-17</u>	<u>Luke 15:1-10</u>
September 18, 2016 18th Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Amos 8:4-7</u>	<u>Psalm 113</u>	<u>1 Timothy 2:1-7</u>	<u>Luke 16:1-13</u>
September 25, 2016 19th Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Amos 6:1a, 4-7</u>	<u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>1 Timothy 6:6-19</u>	<u>Luke 16:19-31</u>

September 2016 Ministry Schedule

DATE	LITURGY/WORSHIP	USHER *Head Usher	FELLOWSHIP *Coordinator (F) only bring food
Sunday, September 4	Asst. Minister: Jane Kemp Communion Server: Janeen Christy Cantor: Dennis Barnaal	1.*Amalia Vagts 2. Jerry Aulwes Greeter/Nursery: Amalia Vagts Acolyte: Maggie Norris	1.* Jim Buzza 2. Jon Christy 3. Janeen Christy 4. Kate Narveson 5. JoAnn Aulwes 6. Kathy Buzza
Sunday, September 11	Asst. Minister: Jonathon Struve Communion Server: Reg Laursen Cantor: Jonathon Struve	1.*Dave Judisch 2. Jerry Aulwes Greeter/Nursery: Reg & Jeri Laursen Acolyte: Ann Naslund	1.*Carrie Solberg 2. JoAnn Aulwes 3. Naomi Craft 4. Kathy Buzza 5. Jim Buzza
Sunday, September 18 BROADCAST	Asst. Minister: Karl Jacobsen Communion Server: Elizabeth Kaschins Cantor: Daniel Raney	1. *Dave Judisch 2. Jerrine Jacobsen Greeter/Nursery: Russ & Marie Freerking Acolyte: Carrie Solberg	1. *Jeri Laursen 2. Linda Wolfs 3. Jim Buzza 4. Chris Hick 5. Denise Tapscott 6. Kathy Buzza
Sunday, September 25	Asst. Minister: Jane Kemp Communion Server: Megan Buckingham Cantor: Kate Narveson	1.*Reg Laursen 2. Carrie Solberg Greeter/Nursery: Jeri Laursen Acolyte: Jeri	1.* VOLUNTEER NEEDED 2. Charilyn Hover 3. Linda Wolfs 4. Chris Hick 5. Donna Bahr
September Altar Guild Team: Judy Schoel, Ann Naslund, Carol Hasvold			
SPECIAL EVENT: Birthday Party - Aase Haugen September 1, 2:00 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six 9X13 cakes or 72 cupcakes: Buzza, Jones, Rue, Naslund, Kemp, Laursen • Two unfrosted angel food cakes: Buzza, Epperly • Cards with \$2 in each: Kaschins • Program of entertainment: Mike & Sue Blair 	Party Host Volunteers 1. Jeri Laursen 2. Jim Buzza 3. Helen Schweizer

4th Quarter Ministry Teams (October- December)

Liturgy Team

1	Bruce	Ruth
2	Buckingham	Megan
3	Fritz	Jim
4	Fritz	Liz
5	Holland	Steve
6	Holland	Krista
7	Kjome	Midge
8	Laursen	Reg
9	Naslund	Bob
10	Naslund	Ann
11	Norris	Anna
12	Norris	Russell
13	Slind	Marv
14	Snow	Luther
15	Solberg	Brian

Ushering Team

1	Aulwes	Jerry
2	Bellrichard	Dan
3	Hicken	Liza
4	Bruce	Jerry
5	Duffy	Drew
6	Felde	Bob
7	Hover	Ed
8	Kavan	Choung
9	Kavan	Cheuang
10	Knudson	Karl
11	Knudson	Clara
12	Kruse	Diane
13	Lester	David
14	Borelli	Jane
15	Otte	Lyle
16	Raney	Daniel
17	Rathje	Rae Jean
18	Sheridan	Bev
19	Steele	Marty
20	Streese	Germano
21	Trout	Jason
22	Ylvisaker	Joanne

Fellowship Team

1	Anderson	Jutta F.
2	Anderson	Albert
3	Anderson	Marilyn
4	Aulwes	JoAnn
5	Buzza	Jim
6	Buzza	Kathy
7	Drew	Sharon
8	Erdman	Karla
9	Frank	Kris
10	Fritz	Mary
11	Judish	Gail
12	Kaschins	Elizabeth
13	Kilarski	Laurie
14	Kjome	JoAnn
15	Laursen	Jeri
17	Nelson	Corinne
18	Rausch	Jason
19	Refsal	Norma
20	Refsal	Harley
21	Rue	Marilyn
22	Ruiz	Cheryl
23	Solberg	Carolyn
24	Spencer	Randi Berg
25	Tapscott	Denise



SIGN UP ONLINE OR AT CHURCH

"In order fill all needs, we had to add some people who have only worked one quarter, but didn't choose the 4th as their preference. Please seek to find a replacement on your own, or contact the church office if it is not possible for you to serve this quarter. Thank you."

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS PICNIC: Good Shepherd will host it's 7th annual "Welcome Friends and Neighbors Picnic" on Sunday, September 11 from 5-6:30 p.m., a chance to celebrate community and enjoy fun, food, and good conversation! As in the past, the picnic will include lots of good local food, live music by local musicians, including the Good Shepherd Band, games for kids, and a marshmallow roast and is free and open to all. A large tent will again, provide shelter from sun or showers, and in the event of a heavy rain, the picnic will be held inside in the Fellowship Hall. Publicity will invite the Decorah community to the event, including the Luther College students, faculty, and staff. Please sign up to bring food for the picnic's potluck and to volunteer for various jobs at the picnic . For additional information, go to <http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/> email decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com or call the church office at 563-382- 3963. September 11 is also the National Day of Service and Remembrance and the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday".

EWALU ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL: Quilt Auction, Country Store, Concessions, Hayrides and Devotional Service. Check the poster on the board out side of Fellowship Hall for the schedule and volunteering or donation forms. Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. with auction beginning at 1. p.m. - 37776 Alpha Ave. Strawberry Point, IA, www.ewalu.org.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY group will be starting again on Wednesday, September 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone who is interested in this activity is invited. It will be held at 1007 Ridge Road at Joyce Epperly's home.



Adult Bible Study resumes on September 8th, weekly at 10 a.m.



MARRIAGE HONORS



RICHARD AND MILDRED (NORDHEIM) DINGER

July 18, 1941 at Big Canoe Lutheran Church

ROBERT AND ANN (AAKER) NASLUND

August 20, 1966 at Bethel Lutheran Church,
Madison, WI

REGINALD AND JERILYN (JORGENSEN) LAURSEN

September 3, 1966 at Bethesda Lutheran Church
Eugene, OR

DIRECTORY UPDATES

CATHY BAKKE

TANYA GERTZ

Email remains the same

See online directory for changes

October Newsletter Deadline

September 22



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Nordic Fest Krumkake demonstration and sale. We sold 3486 krumkake this year per Doris Barnaal's math skills. This amounted to an income of \$2090 after 10% was given to the Nordic Fest board. These monies will be distributed at our January meeting.

Thank you also to all who donated food and helped prepare and serve the snacks for Vacation Bible School. It was so refreshing to see so many young people gather at our church for VBS. I hope everyone got to enjoy the play that they presented, Jonah and the Big Fish. This is also the September Bible Study session in the Gather magazine for our circles, When God Forgives the Guilty. So thank you VBS for preparing us for Bible Study.

This fall we will again be collecting articles for the **LWR School Kits**. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children-and in some cases, adults-continue learning despite the hardships of poverty and disaster they face. A collection box will be set up in the N arthex.

Items needed for **School Kits** are:

Four 70 sheet notebooks-wide ruled	One 30 centimeter ruler	One pencil sharpener
One pair blunt scissors	Five unsharpened #2 pencils	One 2 ½ inch eraser
Five black or blue ballpoint pens	One box of 16 or 24 crayons	

Women of the ELCA's Tenth Triennial Gathering will be held July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis under the theme "All Anew". The gathering will bring women together from across the church with life-changing workshops, worship, bible study and more. It will never be closer for us than it will be in 2017. Registration opens September 6. Early-bird registration is \$310 through December 31; after that, registration is \$350. Register at welcatg.org or send an email to women.elca@elca.org for a registration packet. The Northeast Iowa Synod also has scholarships available to help cover the cost of the registration. Forms can be found at www.neiasynod.org or contact Bev Sheridan for more information.

Ten Good Reasons to attend the Tenth Triennial Gathering (more to come in the following months)

10. Hear the Gathering choir raise the roof with our All Anew theme hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading."

SEPTEMBER CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Mary Circle: 9/6, 4 p.m. Joyce Becker hosts
Anna Circle: 9/13, 9:30 a.m. Haldis Kaasa hosts
Miriam/Ruth: 9/14, 2 p.m. Bev Nelson hosts
CLA Circle: 9/27, 7 p.m. Marie Freerking hosts



End of Summer Report

Wow! What an incredible summer! We want to first and foremost thank all volunteers for their donations of time, money, and effort. We can confidently say this summer was a success because of you. We met and exceeded our financial goals for the year, which will help give us a jump-start to next summer's program. We look forward to continuing to serve the Decorah community.

The students and families who found their way to our program genuinely needed it. There was a solid group of children who used the program every single day of the week, every week of the summer. What a blessing for those who may not only suffer from food scarcity, but lack of other basic necessities as well.

There is also the peace of mind this offered to many families who are financially able. Many parents sent their children on bikes or walking, knowing they were getting a balanced meal while they were away at work. Others sent their summer nanny with their little ones which relieved the stress of families trusting teenagers to cook in the kitchen. One mom brought her two kids every day for the second half of the summer, knowing we would have gluten-free lunches. A grandma brought her four grandkids every day after swimming, commenting how hard it is to feed four kiddos on a retirement budget. These stories are the stories that make this program worth it.

This summer, we served a total of 1,640 lunches. This averaged out to 33.6 lunches per day. We served programs at both Carrie Lee Elementary and Crossroads schools. We utilized a total of 270 volunteer spots at the following sites: Good Shepherd (50), Decorah Congregational UCC (80), United Methodist Church (49), and John Cline distribution site (91).

Donor Organizations:

- Thrivent Financial
- John Cline Elementary (building use)
- Rockweiler (fridge)
- Grass Run Farms (beef stick ends/pieces)
- Depot Outlet
- T-Bock's
- Hovden Oil
- Xi Omnicron Sorority
- St. Ben's School

Fun Numbers:

- 984 PB&J sandwiches and wraps
- Over 200lbs of bananas
- 435 Oranges
- 300 Oatmeal packets
- 990 bags of cereal
- 640 string cheese
- Over 90 lbs of carrots

Participating Congregations:

- Decorah Congregational UCC
- Decorah Lutheran Church
- First Lutheran Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Individuals from St. Ben's and Decorah Covenant Church

Thanks for all you do, Decorah!

Kids Lunch Club Team

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Sing to the Lord a New Song!

- ∞ O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 96)
- ∞ Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. (1 Chronicles 16)
- ∞ I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. (Psalm 13)
- ∞ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. (Psalm 33)
- ∞ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40)
- ∞ Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. (Isaiah 42)
- ∞ Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Psalm 149)
- ∞ I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you. (Psalm 144)
- ∞ O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. (Psalm 98)

Sing a new song with us this fall! The choir, band and handbell choir provide us with opportunities to sing God's praises and "join in the hymn of all creation." All three groups are open to all in our community. All ages and musical talents welcome. On the next page is a schedule for rehearsals and services. For more information, please contact Brooke Joyce, music director, at the church or via e-mail, wbojce3@gmail.com



An excerpt from a medieval manuscript created in Switzerland in the late 10th century, showing the text "Cantate Domino canticum novum" (sing to the Lord a new song).

A "new" liturgical setting for the fall

This fall, we will return to a familiar liturgy from the red ELW hymnal: setting 9, by Joel Martinson. Titled *Missa Canticum Novum* (New Song Mass), it was commissioned in 2003 by the ELCA for the Renewing Worship project which led to the publication of the ELW in 2006. We sang this liturgy during Lent, but we omitted the hymn of praise, which tends to be one of the distinctive parts of any Lutheran liturgy. Joel Martinson was born in Minneapolis in 1960, attended Luther college, and has lived in Dallas, TX since 1981. He is Director of Music Ministries and Organist at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas.

Music Schedule, Fall 2016

9/11	Handbells/ Choir/Band	Gathering: Brooke Offertory: Arrangement, "Shout for Joy, Long and Loud" (Choir/Handbells/Band) Postlude: Pitoni, "Cantate Domino" (Band)
9/18	Choir/ Band Quartet	Gathering: Purcell, "Sing to the Lord" (Quartet) Offertory: Purcell "Sing to the Lord" (Choir/Jonathan/Quartet) Postlude: Brooke
9/25	Band	Prelude: Brooke Offertory: Lassus, "Cantate Domino, pt 1" (Band) Postlude: Lassus, "Cantate Domino, pt 2" (Band)
10/2	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
10/9	Choir	Offertory: Arrangement, "O Sing to the Lord" (Choir/Erik)
10/16	Choir/Band Trio	Offertory: Wiesenhorst, "Sing Ye" (Choir/Band Trio)
10/23	Choir	Offertory: Wilson, "Sing a new song to the Lord" (Choir/Kathy)
10/30	Band	Prelude: Hassler, "Intrada" (Band) Offertory: Arrangement, "A Mighty Fortress" (Band) Postlude: Arrangement, "Now thank we all our God" (Band)
11/6	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
11/13	Choir	Offertory: Schein, "Sing to the Lord" (Choir/Kathy)
11/20	Choir	Offertory: Nichols, "O come and sing unto the Lord" (Choir/Kathy)
11/27	Band	Gathering: Brooke Offertory: Arrangement, "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (Band) Postlude: Marcello, "The heavens declare" (Band)
12/4	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
12/11	Choir	Offertory: Johnson, "We wait for thee" (Choir/cello)
12/18	Choir	Offertory: Mendelssohn, "There shall a star come out of Jacob" (Choir/piano)
12/24	Choir/Band	TBA
12/25	Band	TBA

Choir rehearses weekly, Wednesdays 7-8 pm; on Sundays when choir sings without band, warm-up at 8:45

Band rehearses weekly, Wednesdays 8-9 pm; on Sundays when band plays without choir, warm-up at 8:45

Handbell Choir rehearses at 8:45 on the morning we play, plus the previous Wednesday at 6 pm

All members/friends/guests at Good Shepherd are welcome to join each of these groups. For more information, please contact our music director, Brooke Joyce: 382-4452, or wbjoyce3@gmail.com.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES, August 16, 2016
8:00 p.m. (delay due to VBS)

Present: Pr. Amy Larson, Kate Narveson, Drew Duffy, John Moeller, Jeri Laursen, Megan Buckingham, Jonathon Struve, Lise Kildegaard, Reg Laursen, Amalia Vagts

Devotions were given by John Moeller on the theme of "Faith" locally (congregation, neighborhood, community) Duffy moved, Buckingham seconded to approve the July minutes, passed; R. Laursen moved, Duffy seconded to approve the August agenda, passed.

Old Business:

Buckingham moved, Kildegaard seconded to approve the plan and letters from council to update the membership roster. It was suggested that we hand address the envelopes and that we put initials in the return address.

Reminder to Committee chairs: Please tell subcommittees to submit quarterly reports.

New Business:

Property and Management Committee presented a motion to Council that our congregation coordinate a tree planting campaign in Decorah to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and help replace trees affected by the Ash Borer. No second needed. Motion passed. Alliant is offering trees to its customers as part of an energy efficiency initiative, and we might investigate how to take advantage of that offer.

Pr. Amy requests that committees send document of record to the church office to be added to the Dropbox so they are available for future reference/use.

Recurring Work of the Body – Committee, Pastor and Officer Reports

Education: Megan Buckingham

(At the time of council last Tuesday..) VBS is going great! The Education Committee is enormously grateful for the support of the congregation and for the active participation of the kids and youth helpers. On Sunday, August 28th we'll have a blessing of the backpacks for all kids and adults involved in school or education. Families are encouraged to bring backpacks--or briefcases--to worship. Also on Sunday, August 28th, we'll have a tubing trip from Chattahoochie Park to Pastor. Amy's house from 2-4pm. All ages are welcome. We'll meet at Chattahoochie Park at 2pm. We'll have ice cream after we get off the river and be finished by 4pm. RSVP by Friday, August 26 by emailing amyzlarson@gmail.com to make sure we have enough tubes. September 11th is Rally Day and will kick-off a new year of Sunday School!

Evangelism: Lise Kildegaard

The committee is brainstorming ideas for new evangelism efforts. The label project for the Krumkake went well. 750 labels were made. The committee will be editing the pew information card and will be developing a brochure to be made available at the hotel, maybe on campus, campground, etc.

Property & Management: Reg Laursen

Renovation of the Annex is nearly complete. Pr. Amy reports that her allergies are improved after the

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shampooing of her office carpet and replacement of furnace filters. A/C in the Fellowship Hall has been fixed.

Stewardship: Amalia Vagts

The committee is working on the pledge form. The Fall Pledge Drive will launch on October 9 and conclude November 13. Generosity Project, an intergenerational event, will be October 23. It was suggested that a door with a window be put on the nursery. The committee will look into the procedure for background checks on persons manning the nursery.

Vagts gave a brief report from the ELCA assembly meeting. She recommended that members go to the ELCA website and listen to Bishop Eaton's address.

Worship and Music: Jonathon Struve

A survey regarding midweek worship is being developed.

Worship Event Notes: Blessing of Backpacks will be August 28; Rally Sunday is September 11; Reformation Sunday is October 30; All Saints Sunday is November 1 and potentially an All Saints and Election Prayer Service on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Beginning this fall choir will rehearse weekly at 7:00 p.m. and band at 8:00 p.m. Handbells will practice monthly.

Jane Kemp has offered to refinish the original baptismal font. The font will serve as an historical/artifact with no liturgical function and will be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Pr. Amy's Report:

There is a planning meeting on August 18 with Pr. Laura Arnold for the White Privilege curriculum.

Pr. Amy is available to the congregation in addition to posted office hours. There are times when she will have meetings during office hours. Jenny will know her schedule.

Pr. Amy is helping to connect AMMPARO-the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities-to the Path to Citizenship program in Decorah.

President's Report: Kate Narveson

SignUpGenius will be used for the Welcome Friends and Neighbor's Picnic. The planning is coming along nicely but there are still a few jobs to be filled.

The September Council meeting on September 20 will be preceded by a potluck at 6:00

Narveson would like to investigate solar for the church and plans are to have Dennis Pottratz come and meet with the P/M committee; no date has been set yet.

VP and Secretary: No reports

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Cash available at end of month: \$22,449.21

Income over Expenses year to date: \$4500+

We are caught up on our benevolences.

Brooke needs another week of absence in August. R. Laursen moved, Buckingham seconded to pay him for that week in exchange for his extra work for VBS; passed.

Announcements:

September newsletter deadline is Thursday, August 18, 2016

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 for a potluck followed by the meeting. Narveson will give devotions. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jeri Laursen, Secretary

September 2016

Family
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28 Blessing of t...ks in worship Farewell and...Certz Family Broadcast 8:45 AM Come and Try Handbells 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 2:00 PM Tubing Trip to Pr. Amy's house	29 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:30 PM AL/ANON	30 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band rehearsal	31 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band rehearsal	1 Recycle 1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting 2:00 PM Aase Haugen Birthday Party 5:00 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	2 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery	3
	4 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour	5 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:30 PM AL/ANON	6 4:30 PM Mary Circle	7 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band rehearsal	8 Jenny arrives 8:15. 10:00 AM Adult Bible study 1:00 PM Decorah Travel Club 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	9 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery	10
	11 Rally Sunday 8:45 AM Handbell Choir 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 5:00 PM Welcome Neighbors Picnic	12 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:30 PM AL/ANON	13 8:30 AM Opportunity Homes 9:30 AM Anna Circle 2:00 PM Pr. Amy at Wellington Place 5:15 PM Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Worship & Music Committee	14 10:30 AM Pr. Amy @ Aase Haugen 2:00 PM Miriam / Ruth Circles 3:30 PM Education Committee 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band rehearsal	15 Recycle 10:00 AM Adult Bible study 5:00 PM Decorah Community Meal 7:00 PM White Privilege-Let's Talk Facilitator Orientation 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	16 10:00 AM Stewardship Committee 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery	17
	18 Broadcast 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour	19 Social Media Week 9:30 AM CNA Class orientation 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:30 PM AL/ANON	20 8:30 AM Opportunity Homes 6:00 PM Council potluck 7:00 PM Council Meeting	21 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band rehearsal	22 October new...missions due 10:00 AM Adult Bible study 7:00 PM White Privilege-Let's Talk- Kickoff 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	23	24
	25 Social Media Week Check in at...l Media Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour	26 8:00 AM CNA Class 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:30 PM AL/ANON	27 7:00 PM CLA Circle	28 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band rehearsal	29 Recycle 10:00 AM Adult Bible study 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	30 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 4:00 PM Oneota Community Orchestra Dinner and Concert	1

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