



# *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

June/July 2016

### WORDS FROM PASTOR LARSON

Beloved of God,

This month, let's consider the fourth question I have for us this year: **How will we encourage participation in the life of the congregation while also encouraging people to discern where God is calling them?** First we have to ask, why participate in a congregation?

All the polling data in the US indicates declines in church membership and declines in the ways people participate in their congregations. The 20<sup>th</sup> century patterns of church participation have ended in most places in the US and are ending in rural Midwestern places like Decorah. Yet the issue of belonging is still central for us as people and for congregations.

In her book *Christianity After Religion*, author Diana Butler Bass argues that we all still have a very real need to belong and that helping people find a place to belong should be a top priority for congregations. Yet today belonging has less to do with joining an institution and much more to do with relationship. It has to do with questions like: Who do I want to live my life next to? What community will help me form who I am?

Congregations allow us to live our lives next to each other and to be shaped in community. Together we create a worshipping community that forms us to be people who pray, praise, lament, learn and question. Together we struggle with God and find that we are both wounded and blessed, as Jacob was (Genesis 32:22-32). Together we learn how to love more fully and we grow in our capacity to serve others. We come as isolated, broken individuals and are transformed into a living body that gives itself in love for the world.

For all this to happen, we need to interact. We need to do the work of the congregation together so that we can be shaped by each other and by God into God's people. We need invitations to serve as well as help in discerning where we are being called to serve so that we are responding out of a sense of freedom rather than guilt.

There are many ways that our committees and council are helping people to freely be part of the work of this congregation. The Stewardship Committee has given us a new model for Ministry Teams to share in Sunday morning duties. The Congregation Council has been talking about how to invite more people into other ministry opportunities. We have been thinking about how our standing committees can serve as steering committees to oversee the work of evangelism, stewardship, worship and music, education, and property and management. Committees can oversee task forces and small groups that carry out particular roles, for example, the Welcome Neighbors taskforce, the lawn mowers, a membership updates task force, etc. Many sub-committees have formed as well such as the Communications, Kitchen and Landscaping sub-committees.

How is God calling you to take part in this community? What gifts do you have to offer? What needs do you see in our congregation and in our world that you can help meet? Bring those questions to God in prayer. Come talk with me or Council members about them. We need one another and we need you.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Amy

Butler Bass, Diana. *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*. New York: HarperCollins, 2012.

# WORSHIP NOTES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP** will begin again on Wednesday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m. We will do a hymn based service and share in the Faith5 practice and Holy Communion. We also welcome worshippers to offer brief reflections. We'd love to hear your thoughts on faith and life, why you love a particular hymn, a poem that is meaningful to you, etc. If you're interested in offering a reflection, please talk to Pr. Amy. There will be three outdoor services this summer with cookouts following on June 22, July 13 and one more date to be determined.

**PASTORAL COVERAGE THIS SUMMER:** Pr. Stacey Nalean-Carlson will provide pastoral coverage June 13-22, July 15-16 and August 1-2. Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson will provide pastoral coverage June 23-25 and July 17-22. Her contact information is in our directory. Pr. Marion will preside and lead worship the two Sundays and three Wednesdays. Martin Klammer will preach on June 19 and Jane Jakoubek will preach on July 17.

**JUNE ALTAR GUILD:** Charilyn Hover (convener), Carrie and Kalle Solberg, and Elizabeth Kaschins.

## JUNE AND JULY SCRIPTURES

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 5, 2016 1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 12, 2016 2 Samuel 11:26--12:10, 13-15, Psalm 32, Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2016 Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2016 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2016 Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2016 Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016 Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016 Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19), Luke 11:1-13

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2016 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

### June Circle Schedule

Mary Circle, do not meet in June or July

Anna Circle and Miriam/Ruth Circles do not meet in June, July or August.

June 28 —CLA Circle, 7 :00 p.m.; Bev Sheridan hosts

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** is available at Good Shepherd. Details are available in the brochures at church or from Jane Jakoubek ([janejakoubek@gmail.com](mailto:janejakoubek@gmail.com)).

# June 2016 Ministry Sunday Schedule (open spots are highlighted)

DATE	LITURGY/WORSHIP	USHER *Head Usher	FELLOWSHIP *Coordinator
WEDNESDAY JUNE 1	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Jane Kemp	1. Pam Torresdahl	
SUNDAY June 5 <u>BROADCAST</u>	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Brian Solberg <b>Communion Server:</b> Marty Steele <b>Cantor:</b> Jason Rausch	1.* Ed Epperly 2. Haldis Kaasa <b>Greeter/Nursery:</b> Nathan Larson <b>Acolyte:</b> Abby Larson	1.* Norma Refsal 2. Jutta Anderson (F) 3. Kris Frank 4. Jerry Frank 5. Beth Jones
WEDNESDAY JUNE 8	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Sue Blair	1. Jonathon Struve	
SUNDAY June 12	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Bob Larson <b>Communion Server:</b> Jane Kemp <b>Cantor:</b> Kate Narveson	1.* Richard Ylvisaker 2. Haldis Kaasa <b>Greeter/Nursery:</b> Nathan Larson <b>Acolyte:</b>	1.* Norma Refsal 2. Harley Refsal 3. Bev Nelson 4. Joyce Epperly 5. Ed Epperly
WEDNESDAY JUNE 15	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Sara Hanssen	1. Richard Ylvisaker	
SUNDAY June 19	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Bob Felde <b>Communion Server:</b> Marty Steele <b>Cantor:</b> Dennis Barnaal	1. * Jonathon Struve 2. Rae Jean Rathje <b>Greeter/Nursery:</b> Drew Duffy <b>Acolyte:</b> Abby Larson	1. *Doris Barnaal 2. Marilyn Anderson 3. Albert Anderson 4. Marty Steele (F) 5. Beth Jones
WEDNESDAY JUNE 22	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Kathryn Thompson	1. Richard Ylvisaker	
SUNDAY June 26 <u>BROADCAST</u>	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Reg Laursen <b>Communion Server:</b> Kathryn Thompson <b>Cantor:</b> Reg Laursen	1.* Jeri Laursen 2. Jerry Frank <b>Greeter/Nursery:</b> Kris Frank <b>Acolyte:</b> Eli Gertz	1.* 2. Jutta Anderson (F) 3. Tanya Gertz (F) 4. 5.
WEDNESDAY JUNE 29	<b>Asst. Minister:</b> Sara Hanssen	1. Sue Blair 3	

# Ministry Teams July-Aug-Sept 2016

Liturgy	
Dennis	Barnaal
Jennifer	Cantine
Janeen	Christy
Wanda	Deifelt
Sharon	Drew
Brad	Hanson
Carol	Hasvold
Karl	Jacobsen
Jane	Jakoubek
Jane	Kemp
Lise	Kildegaard
Jon	Lund
Harland	Nelson
Jonathon	Struve
Matt	Tapscott

Ushering	
Jerry	Aulwes
Doris	Barnaal
Don	Berg
Megan	Buckingham
Ed	Epperly
Lindsay	Erdman
Jerry	Frank
Marie	Freerking
Marion	Hanson
Ed	Hover
Jerrine	Jacobsen
Dave	Judisch
Haldis	Kaasa
David	Lester
Beverly	Nelson
Russell	Norris
Lyle	Otte
Judy	Schoel
Kristin	Swanson
Amalia	Vagts
Jaci	Wilkinson
Richard	Wuest

Fellowship	
JoAnn	Aulwes
Donna	Bahr
Barb	Berg
Sue	Blair
Jim	Buzza
Jon	Christy
Naomi	Craft
Cheryl	Donlon
Joyce	Epperly
Karla	Erdman
Kris	Frank
Russ	Freerking
Mary	Fritz
Tabita	Green
Bunice	Heidtke
Charilyn	Hover
Beth	Jones
Diane	Kruse
Kate	Narveson
Corinne	Nelson
Anna	Norris
LaVerne	Ramsey
Marilyn	Rue
Tim	Schoel
Helen	Schweizer
Carolyn	Solberg
Kristin	Swanson
Glendalu	Wuest

**Third Quarter Ministry Team Members: Please sign up for at least 2 services.**

## EDUCATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Thanks to all who helped clean out the Annex on St. Grubby's day. We are looking forward to using that space when Sunday school starts up again this fall!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** We are hosting Vacation Bible School at our church on August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 pm each day. All children ages 5-12 are welcome, and we would love to have members of the community participate. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors you think might be interested.

A hearty snack will be served from 5 -5:30 p.m. Following the snack, we will have activity stations, including crafts, games and music, based on our theme, Jonah and the Big Fish! Our final day will include a short performance of Jonah and the Big Fish that will be open to the public.

If you know now you'd like to help, please tell a member of the Education Committee (Megan Buckingham, Heather Cote or Anna Norris). Closer to August, we'll be asking the congregation to help with specific volunteer activities both in preparation for VBS and during the program.

**EWALU DAY CAMP:** EWALU will be offering a Day Camp in Decorah for youth who have completed grades K-6. It will be held at First Lutheran Church August 8-12 from 9am-3pm. The cost is \$52. Good Shepherd will be helping to support this Day Camp and many Good Shepherd youth will be participating. Contact Pr. Amy if your child is interested or if you want to host or provide meals for day camp staff.



The **WELCA Northeast Iowa Synod** Board has been busy planning their annual gathering for June 18 at Wartburg College in Waverly. The theme verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise your age, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity". What a wonderful reminder of what it means to live as a disciple of Christ, no matter what your age or ability! We will have representatives from Wings of Refuge, Retrieving Freedom, LSI and WELCA Church-wide. Laura Gentry will be doing our Bible study and teaching us about Laughing Yoga. We will also have sessions on chair aerobics and computer communications. It is going to be a fun and spirit-filled day for all ages and abilities. Contact Bev Sheridan or the church office for applications. We also need a voting delegate as Bev is now on the Synod board and cannot be a delegate. First time attendee scholarships are also available.

The Education Committee is preparing for **Vacation Bible School** this summer and have asked if WELCA could help with coordinating the food. They are planning for kids ages 5-12 attending August 15-17 (Mon-Wed) from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. A light supper will be offered at 5:00 and then the program would start at 5:30. WELCA will be responsible for coordinating the meals similar to our Lenten soup suppers with sign-up sheets. All members of the congregation would be given the opportunity to donate food and help in the kitchen. There is also a possibility for a coffee/dessert event on the final evening for all congregation members. This would be a good inter-generational activity for members who no longer have children in that age group. Please contact Bev Sheridan if you are able to help with this event.

## **Good Shepherd's Participation in Nordic Fest: From Quilts to Krumkake**

In just 8 weeks Decorah will be celebrating its Norwegian heritage with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nordic Fest. Did you know that Good Shepherd has been participating in this event **all 50 years?**

Our first project in 1966, and for several years thereafter, was a quilt display here at Good Shepherd along with a *Konditori* (coffee shop) that served sweet soup, a variety of Norwegian cookies and coffee. The quilt displays later moved to the high school. Our second project was selling Norwegian cookies at a Fest booth in front of what is now Viking Bank. In a booth in front of Bank of the West, we began making and selling *krumkake* using a favorite recipe from one of our charter members, Doris Klocke. As you know, we make great quantities at church in advance and also go into production during the Fest with a live demonstration in the lobby of the bank.

And here we are in 2016 still making krumkake! You might well call it "krumkake season." We have sold thousands of those tasty, crumbly Norwegian treats through the years. Last year, we produced 3,313 krumkake and yielded a profit of \$2215. Our proceeds are distributed to many causes in our community and the world; a portion always stays here at Good Shepherd for needed improvements. In the past few years, we have given \$500 each to the GS roof loan fund, LED lighting project and purchase of new paramants. We have also given a \$500 CNA scholarship, \$500 to Aase Haugen Homes and supported the Decorah Free Clinic/Food Pantry at First Lutheran, Good Shepherd Mission Assistance Fund, refugee resettlement, EWALU, LSI, LWR, Mashiah Foundation, Helping Services of Northeast Iowa and our WELCA churchwide organization.

Planned by WELCA, this is an **all-congregation member event**. Although this project is a fundraising activity that benefits many causes as well as needs here at Good Shepherd, we've found that it's a wonderful fellowship opportunity for all: families, men, women and children. Last year 46 individuals shared in making this a successful project (some of these folks worked 2-3 shifts!). All ages are invited to participate and no experience is necessary.

## **Preparing Krumkake batter at home**

Recipe & plastic container are furnished; look for these on the table in the Narthex as Nordic Fest nears.

## **Baking**

7 sessions are planned at **church** (see below) or you may want to bake at **home** or with a friend in your home. Come when you can and work only as long as you want. Bakers and rollers can sit down while working. (Note we are scheduling the baking days a week ahead of Nordic Fest week.)

**Selling at the Booth** (2 ½ - 3 hour shifts, stools available for sitting down)

## **Demonstrating during Fest**

(2 ½ hour shifts in lobby) at Bank of the West

As you see, there are several volunteer opportunities to choose from. Look for sign-up sheets for the various tasks on the table in the Narthex each Sunday as Nordic Fest nears. If you have questions, contact Ann Naslund, Bev Sheridan or Doris Barnaal.

P.S. Help! Through the years we have worn out some of Good Shepherd's krumkake irons and are now interested in purchasing a used iron in good condition. If you are downsizing or have an extra iron in your cupboard, please contact Doris Barnaal.

## **BAKING DATES AT CHURCH**

Monday, July 18: 8:30am & 1:30pm

Tuesday, July 19: 8:30am & 6:00pm

Wednesday, July 20: 1:30pm

Monday, July 25: 8:30am & 1:30pm

(another date may be added if needed)

## **BOOTH SHIFTS**

Thurs. eve, Friday all day & eve, Saturday all day & eve

## **DEMONSTRATING IN BANK LOBBY**

All day Saturday

If you cannot work an entire shift, please indicate what times you would be available.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSION ASSISTANCE FUND** — Pastor Amy asked me to write a summary for the newsletter about Good Shepherd's **Mission Assistance Fund**. You may have noticed the donation basket on the Sunday morning coffee and desserts' table and wondered where that money goes.

A Task Force was created in 2015 to revise the "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" as it had been used in previous years. I was a member of that Task Force as were four others. We met many times and developed the guidelines which were accepted by the Congregation Council and are now in use. The mission statement of those guidelines says:

*"The mission of the **Mission Assistance Fund** at Good Shepherd Church is to follow the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40, 'Truly I tell you; just as you did it to one of the least of these you did it to me.' At Good Shepherd, a committee, including the Pastor, the congregation's treasurer and one layperson is given discretion and authority, within the limits and guidelines below, to provide confidential financial assistance to persons in need. The Fund is intended for individuals and families confronted with an emergency situation and can be assisted by Good Shepherd above and beyond social service agencies."*

When a person in need communicates with the pastor about their need, that person completes an application form and meets with the pastor to discuss the situation. The pastor then talks in strict confidence with the other two members of the committee. All three people must come to a consensus before the money can be given to the person. A set of procedures and standards is carefully followed.

In addition to the donations on Sundays and special appeals, the congregation's annual budget includes money for this **Mission Assistance Fund**. The treasurer publishes in the newsletter a generalized report about the distribution of the funds. The annual audit committee reviews the fund and reports in the annual report.

Submitted by Lyle Otte

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**— Meeting through the summer will be determined each week depending on member availability.

## **ARTHAUS' YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

**(YAP)** - In March, students from YAP along with with other area teens have been working in collaboration with music students from Luther College. The project, entitled "Sound Garden", was facilitated by ArtHaus Co-director, Eric Petersen-Brant, and Luther's Composer-in-Residence, **Brooke Joyce**. The group unveiled it's collaborative creations on May 6 during the Luther Research Symposium .

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER CHANGES** - This issue of the newsletter is for both June and July. We will send out some supplemental material for July (calendar, ministry team schedule etc.) The deadline for submissions for the July supplement is Thursday, June 16.

**THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION** - All members with email addresses should have received an email message on May 1 alerting them that they have been subscribed to *The Shepherd's Voice*, the Good Shepherd monthly newsletter. Paper copies of *The Shepherd's Voice* will continue to be mailed to members. You can unsubscribe to the emailed newsletter at any time. Questions to: Jane Kemp, [kempjane@mchsi.com](mailto:kempjane@mchsi.com).

**FARMERS MARKET COUPONS** - The Community Food Pantry hosted at First Lutheran Church distributes coupons that can be used to buy vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, and honey at the Winneshiek Farmers Market. Coupons let people add fresh, nutritious, locally grown food to their diets and can also be used to purchase plants for a food garden, helping people to raise their own food. Plants help end the cycle of poverty. Please help raise the \$25,000 needed for this growing season. Send checks to the food pantry with *Farmers Market Coupon* on the memo line.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**KIDS' LUNCH CLUB** – Help feed hungry kids this summer. Thanks to Jaci Wilkinson, Kathy Buzza, and Reg and Jeri Laursen for serving as our point people when lunch packing happens at Good Shepherd.

**Everyone else-** If you can pack or distribute lunches, **please sign up at [www.kidslunchclub.org](http://www.kidslunchclub.org)**. This is a community effort and volunteers are needed to pack on Sundays at 12pm at Decorah UCC; Tuesdays at 5pm at Decorah United Methodist; and Thursdays at 5pm at Good Shepherd. Volunteers are also needed M-F from 11:30-1:30pm at John Cline School. Please sign up at the site or contact Decorah UCC to sign up at 382-2661. You can also donate funds at this website; \$8000 is needed.

**SUMMER LANDSCAPE WORK IS UNDERWAY** - The five entryway pots have been planted with combinations of coleus, SunPatiens, sweet potato vines, cannas, and new this year - a King Tut plant in the center of the Fellowship Hall entry pot. Plants in shades of orange, bronze, russet, and lime green were chosen again this year. Lynette's Garden is being refreshed and tended; some perennials and annuals have been added. The parking lot berms and all mulched beds received a top-dressing of new mulch. Three Lime Light hydrangeas were added to the rocked bed along the west front to replace ninebarks that died. The subcommittee is grateful for the Luther Spring Fling students who helped with cleanup and mulching and Jerry Frank for digging out, planting, and disposing of yard waste. Now the watering and weeding begins! The subcommittee welcomes seasonal volunteers and new members!!  
Landscape Subcommittee: Elizabeth Kaschins, Jane Kemp, and Norma Refsal

**NEW LITURGICAL SEASON AND COLOR** – We are in the *Time After Pentecost*, the longest season of the church year. It began on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 22, and will end with the first Sunday of Advent in late November. This time also is referred to as “*the green Sundays*”. The color for our paraments, gates, and pastor's stole during this long period is *green* signifying the life of the church in the Spirit, that Christ is with us, and a time when the church gathers to worship the triune God. It also is the color of growth, representing our growth in the Christian way

of life and thought. Barbara Berg, the designer and weaver, incorporated symbols of growth and the communion elements into each piece: sprouts growing into stems of wheat for bread; grape clusters for wine; and on the stole a chalice, piece of bread, and descending dove indicating the coming of the *Time After Pentecost*.

**DEMENTIA NETWORK:** Aase Haugen is starting a network of support for family or caregivers of those suffering from Dementia. The Two Rivers Dementia Network, will begin **Monday, June 6, at 10 am**. Nancy Billings Meyer, PhD, RN as the Volunteer Dementia Consultant. Nancy has personal experience dealing with dementia care and a first-hand view of the disease process, as she cared for her late husband who was diagnosed with dementia. The meetings will be held weekly in the Board room of Aase Haugen Senior Services, 4 Ohio St., Decorah. This group is free and open to anyone who may need education, support, encouragement, or useful, practical tips on care approaches for those with Dementia.

### DIRECTORY CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:

**Ruth and Jerry Bruce: email change**

**Carmen Sunde: address change**

#### New Members:

**Chris Hick & Linda Wolfs**

**Wendy Kjome & Kristi Kjome-Johnson**

**Addresses and phone numbers can be found online on the Courtyard Directory .**

**JULY NEWS SUPPLEMENT DEADLINE : JUNE 16**

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JULY 21**

# ∞ The Music Page ∞

## Summer Music Schedule

There are lots of ways to share your music gifts at Good Shepherd this summer:

\* Good Shepherd Band: rehearses weekly at 7 pm on Wednesdays in June and July. All wind and brass players are welcome!

\* Come and Try Handbells: Weekly at 5 pm on Wednesdays in June and July. All ages and all musical backgrounds are welcome! No need to read music.

\* Special music: On any Sunday in June, July or August (or Wednesday in June or July), we'd love to hear you play or sing a solo, duet, trio, or...? Brooke will maintain a schedule--e-mail him (wbjoyce3@gmail.com) with your ideas!

\* Pick-up Choir: Three times this summer, on June 12, July 10, and August 14, come at 8:45 to learn an easy and beautiful anthem to sing for the offertory. All singers of all ages are welcome!

## July 5 Concert for Independence Day



Following worship on July 5, Brooke will offer a one-show-only concert of music that celebrates Independence Day. Depending on how many people he is able to persuade to join him, there may be some surprise guests as well...

The program will last no more than 30 minutes and will start around 11:15, giving everyone time to get coffee and treats. All are welcome!



# CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, May 17, 2016

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

President Kate Narveson called the meeting to order.

Devotions involved council members reflecting on passing on faith to children and Mark 10:13-16 using the Faith5 modified for leaders.

Reg Laursen moved, Drew Duffy seconded to approve the April 2016 minutes; passed.

Jeri Laursen moved, Megan Buckingham seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting; passed.

### **Old Business:**

Information Item: There will be two CNA classes at Good Shepherd coming up: Sept/Oct and January. Pr. Amy, Drew Duffy and Jonathon Struve will attend the Synod Assembly meeting in June. A \$125 offering will be given. After discussion R. Laursen moved to pay the \$8000 roof loan on May 31. Duffy seconded; passed. J. Laursen will let Joyce Epperly know to write the check on that date.

### **New Business:**

Good Shepherd will participate in the Kid's Lunch Club program. This is a program that provides lunches to children in need. Volunteers will pack lunches at three sites. GS will be a packing site at 5 p.m. on Thursdays to prepare the lunches. Jaci Wilkinson (June), Kathy Buzza (July) and Reg and Jeri Laursen (August) will be present in the kitchen to help. Others who want to volunteer need to sign up at [www.kidslunchclub.org](http://www.kidslunchclub.org). There will be a fund raiser on Saturday, May 21 from 8-11 at the Water Street Park for this cause.

Narveson suggested that teams involving youth and congregation members volunteer for the Cafeteria to Community meal packing program at Luther in the fall, to continue this kind of service.

Amalia Vagts will attend the Churchwide Assembly representing ELM. She asked that Good Shepherd designate her a congregational observer. J. Laursen moved, Buckingham seconded to approve this request; passed.

### **Recurring Work of the Body**

Education Committee: Megan Buckingham

The last day for Sunday School will be May 22.

The annex has been prepared for use in September for the Sunday School classes. Megan thanked the P/M Committee and those who worked on this project on St. Grubby's Day.

VBS plans continue. Volunteers are still needed.

Evangelism Committee:

Pew cards are being updated and refined by the Communications Committee.

"Bring Friends to Church" on May 1 was successful and the brunch afterwards was well received.

Four new members were welcomed on May 8.

More volunteers are needed for the Welcome Neighbor's Picnic in September.

Property and Management Committee: Reg Laursen

The Committee has established a Facility Use Fee Schedule which was presented to the Council. Members using the facility for family events, Self Help groups and Luther Music groups (under the supervision of a Luther Faculty Advisor) will not be assessed a fee but a donation for custodial service will be welcome.

The committee also has made a Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Use Checklist which will be posted in the kitchen and will be given to those who request use of the space.

The committee approved the request from Kinderhaus for a small desk in the coffee room across from the small kitchen.

Stewardship Committee:

The Committee is continuing work on Fellowship Hour guidelines.

Worship and Music Committee: Jonathon Struve

Wednesday services at 5:30 will be in June and July. An all ages pick-up bell choir will be at 5:00 each week and will play when ready at some Wednesday services. The services will be hymn based, use Faith5, and will possibly have a short reflection from congregational members. The committee is planning three outdoor services followed by a BBQ supper.

The Committee is exploring the idea of restoring the original baptismal font.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Amy Larson

Pr. Amy will do continuing education the afternoon of June 12-June 17. Jenny is out that week. The office will be covered by members and Pr. Amy will be available via phone and email.

Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson will serve as presider for the 3 Wednesdays (June 15, June 22, and July 20) and 2 Sundays (June 19 and July 17). Martin Klammer will preach June 19 and Jane Jakoubek will preach on July 17. Pr. Stacey Nalaen-Carlson will provide pastoral coverage.

President's Report: Kate Narveson

Narveson is formulating the idea of a discussion group or booklet with distinctive emphasis on Lutheran Theology for those who did not grow up in the Lutheran Church.

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Our budget of \$215,648 divided by 12 means we should bring just under \$18,000 each month to cover expenses. Our total income for the first four months was \$70,406.59 with corresponding expenses of \$71,315.71. The difference is -\$909.12. The current balance in the Mission Assistance Fund is \$732.12 and assistance provided to date is \$1514.58. R. Laursen moved and Duffy seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Passed.

Announcements: The May Newsletter deadline in May 19, 2016 and the next Council meeting will be July 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 and was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Jeri Laursen, Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The joy and goodwill that permeates Good Shepherd each Sunday morning appears to have carried over to the offering plate. I think it fair to say that one-third into the year we are in good shape financially. Although we are running a small deficit (total income for the first four months was \$70,406.59 with corresponding expenses of \$71,315.71, resulting in a difference -\$909.12), that is the result of a one-time expense (the desperately needed new copy machine). If giving continues at the same rate for the rest of the year, we should be able to end the year with a balanced budget.

In addition to pledged giving, members of the congregation continue to respond to special requests; a special offering last month enabled us to send more than \$412 to support the work of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.

In the middle of all of this good news I want to remind members of the congregation that historically we see a drop in giving during the summer months. We know that will happen and it does not affect our ability to pay the bills, but regard this as a gentle reminder that it would be better if we don't fall too far behind.

### **MISSION ASSISTANCE FUND**

To date this year five persons have requested and received funds. A total of \$1,914.58 has been distributed to pay for a motel room, apartment rent, car maintenance, and medical bills. The fund currently has a balance of \$323.12.

**GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE ROOF LOAN.** Recall that when we needed to borrow money to complete the roof project last year, an anonymous member of the congregation gave us an \$8,000 loan with the stipulation that we would not have to begin paying interest until June 1, 2016. The good news is that on May 31, we paid the loan in full. We were able to do that by combining \$3,830 in earmarked contributions from members of the congregation, \$170 in memorials honoring Don Pilgrim, and \$4,000 we had designated for the roof in this year's budget.

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> <li>6:30 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 AM Election Day Polling Location</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30 AM Mens Breakfast</li> <li>5:00 PM Come and Try Handbells</li> <li>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</li> <li>7:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Jane Jakoubek</li> <li>1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Lunch Club Packing</li> <li>5:00 PM Community Meal</li> <li>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM Janet Lambert Memorial Service</li> </ul>
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadcast</li> <li>8:45 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> <li>6:30 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 AM Election Day Polling Location</li> </ul>	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 AM Pr. Amy @ Aase Haugen</li> <li>1:00 PM Pr. Amy @ Well. Pl.</li> <li>3:30 PM Education Committee</li> <li>5:00 PM Come and Try Handbells</li> <li>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</li> <li>6:00 PM Worship &amp; Music</li> <li>7:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Lunch Club Packing</li> <li>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synod Assembly</li> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synod Assembly</li> <li>8:45 AM Choir rehearsal</li> <li>9:30 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> <li>6:30 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>5:00 PM Come and Try Handbells</li> <li>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</li> <li>7:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Decorah Community Meal</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Lunch Club Packing</li> <li>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> </ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/ELCA Syn...al Convention</li> </ul>
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> <li>6:30 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Come and Try Handbells</li> <li>5:30 PM Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion</li> <li>6:15 PM Cookout</li> <li>7:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Lunch Club Packing</li> <li>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadcast</li> <li>9:30 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> <li>6:30 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM CLA Circle</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Come and Try Handbells</li> <li>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</li> <li>7:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Lunch Club Packing</li> <li>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> </ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

# July 2016

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<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> <li>6:30 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Come and Try Handbells</li> <li>5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion</li> <li>7:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle</li> <li>1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting</li> <li>5:00 PM Kids' Lunch Club Packing</li> <li>5:00 PM Community Meal</li> <li>7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</li> </ul>	<p>9</p>
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