

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCA

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100: 3

Pastor Amy Larson

A Reconciling In Christ Congregation



All are welcome at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling In Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

Welcome Guests. Good Shepherd members welcome you to coffee and conversation following worship in our Fellowship Hall (down the east hallway.)

Holy Communion is by intinction. All are welcome to come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine. The bread is gluten-free. Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. If you have an allergy to eggs you may request a wafer. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew and offer prayers. Ushers will direct the congregation to two Communion stations in front of the altar. If you wish to have the Pastor serve Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers before the service begins.

Thank you for bringing children to worship today. It is hard work to worship with kids, but it is such important work that helps them and the whole church. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here. A nursery attendant also is

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 22, 2015 •CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY•

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book in pew)

page numbers in front, hymn numbers in back

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC: God, the Omnipotent - arr. Nelhybel

PRAYER BELL/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS pg. 94

GATHERING SONG: Canticle of the Land - D.G. Raney (handout)

PRAYER OF THE DAY...Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93 (all sing verses in **bold**)

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION pg. 171

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

RECOGNITION OF CHARTER MEMBERS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS/APOSTLE'S CREED pg. 105

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

available to be with children in the nursery, where activity bags are available.

WORSHIP LEADERS AND MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTE – Midge Kjøme; ASSISTING MINISTERS –Holland family; CANTOR – Daniel Raney; ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Kaschins, Jeri Laursen; GREETERS/USHERS – Kris and Jerry Frank; NURSERY – Mara and Ava Holland; FELLOWSHIP SERVERS – Marty Steele, Bob Felde

PRAYER LIST - Good Shepherd Family: Shirley Casebere, Janet Gall, Ed Kaschins, Judy Mikkelsen, Catherine Moeller serving in Mexico, Don Pilgrim, Anthony Ruiz, Mickey Slind, Carrie Solberg, Nathan Wicks at Wartburg Seminary and our members at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place. Relatives and Friends: Marion Beatty, Nathan Berg, Family of Marlie Bishman, Jim Cascio, Mike Dikelsky, Gary Koenig, Jody Kruegel, Josh Martin, Lisa Quenan, Pat Plude, Victor & Maria Sistepaz, Adele Slind, Robert Solberg, Lyle & Walter Steele, John Tapscott, All Residents & Staff of Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place; Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Clinic in Jos, Nigeria; our Companion Congregation in Tsumeb, Namibia, and all suffering from famine, fires and other natural disasters.

PASTOR AMY'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon./Tues./Thurs. @ 10am-12pm, Weds. @ 10:45am-12:45pm and by appointment.

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Today as we remember the congregation's 57th birthday on Noember 24, we celebrate the charter members and charter children of our congregation who still add so much to our life together:

John Bale
Erik Berg
Connie Bolson
Richard and Millie Dinger
Lindsay Erdman
Lowell Erdman
Donovan Hommen
John Kjøme
Mildred Kjøme
Nils Kjøme
Karl Knudson
Justine Lionberger
Dorothy Magelssen
Beverly Nelson

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY Prelude on "Dundee" - arr. Dan Raney

OFFERING SONG: Hymn # 183 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

OFFERING PRAYER ...Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 172

LORD'S PRAYER pg.173 *Our Father, Who Art in Heaven...*

COMMUNION HYMNS Lamb of God pg. 174, Hymn #487, "What Feast of Love"; Hymn #826 "Thine the Amen"

BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ...Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: Hymn #544 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

PRAYER BELL/ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTULDE Lead on, O King Eternal - arr. Nelhybel

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David Ramsey
LaVerne Ramsey
Helen Schweizer
Anvy Wicks

Today we rejoice to welcome to Kristin Swanson and Kate Blair as new members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Income from January 1st, 2015 to October 31st, 2015: \$164,052.98

Total Expenses from January 1st, 2015 to October 31st, 2015: \$163,933.87

Total Income was higher than total expenses by: \$119.11

Besides the normal operating expenses, we were challenged with some extraordinary expenditures. One of them was the cost of the new roof.

The cost of the new roof was \$25,422.00. We used \$1,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, \$7,000.00 from the Undesignated Memorial Fund and \$8,000.00 loan to pay for the project. The remainder of \$9,422.00 was paid with money from the general fund account which was saved up from prior years' surplus. As of the end of October, the funds available in the checking account for operating expenses were \$4,956.03 before the money from the loan of \$8,000 was deposited. The contributions for September of \$14,997.48 and for October of \$14,608.79 were less than projected.

We still have expensive bills to pay before the end of the year including the fourth quarter of benevolence obligations, payroll for employees, health insurance, and benefits.

Our current financial picture does not look as good as it did in the reports of the last few months. We hope members of the congregation will try to help to meet the costs.

Respectfully submitted, Clara Knudson

NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS OFFERED BY WELCA COFFEE PROJECT

The WELCA Coffee Project is introducing three new caffeine-free Equal Exchange teas, Organic Ginger, Organic Green Tea with Ginger, and Organic Rooibos Chai. The teas will be available again on November 22nd and into December! \$3.00 per box. Dark chocolate: 5/\$1.00.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE

SERVICE Will be held Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm at Decorah Covenant Church. Pr. Amy will be sharing in worship leadership at the service.

THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 29 We will dedicate new blue, Advent paraments created and woven by member and professional weaver, Barbara Berg.

Families please sign up in the narthex to light the Advent wreath Sundays and Wednesdays in Advent. The Adult Ed. Committee has created an Advent prayer calendar that will give us one "Word of the Day" for each day We will have an intergenerational event about praying in Advent on Nov. 29.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CONCERT "Down Thru the Ages" performed **Today at 3:00 p.m.** at Decorah Lutheran Church. Brad Schultz, Luther College organist, will be featured as a guest artist. A freewill offering will be taken.

PLEDGE DRIVE We haven't yet reached our goal of 80 pledges, please get your pledge forms in by Nov. 29 as the budget committee meets on Nov. 30.

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE (CNA) TRAINING COURSE AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH - Northeast Iowa Community College will offer a CNA class to help meet the training requirements to become employed as a nurse aide in nursing facilities. For more information contact Liza Hicken at NICC (5563.562.3263, ext 222 or [800.728.2256](tel:800.728.2256)) or hickene@nicc.edu before December 1, 2015. **Part of our Christmas offering will go to sponsor a student in the class.**

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, November 22nd

8:45 am - Band Warm-Up

9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion- Christ the King Sunday, New Members Welcomed, Charter Members Honored

10:30 am - Fellowship Hour

10:45 am - Communion Class- ages 4-15 and parents - narthex

5:00 pm - Winneshiek Farmer's Market Association

Wednesday, November 25th

7:30 am – NO MEN'S BREAKFAST

2:00 pm - Pastor Amy at Aase Haugen

7:00 pm- Thanksgiving Eve service at Decorah Covenant Church

7:00 pm – NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

8:00 pm – NO BAND REHEARSAL

Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 29th

8:45 am - Choir Warm-Up

9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion –
BROADCAST (11 am), First Sunday of Advent,
lighting of Advent wreath, dedication of new
paraments

10:30 am - Fellowship Hour

10:50 am- Intergenerational event on Advent
Prayer Calendar/Praying in Advent