



The Shepherd's Voice

April 2019

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2019 Holy Week Worship Schedule

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 9:30 a.m.

**Outdoor Procession of Palms
from Fellowship Hall to Sanctuary
Reading of the Passion Story**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner Worship with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 7 p.m.

Tenebrae Service of Shadows

COMMUNITY EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 20, 7 p.m.

Carriage House behind First Lutheran Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 9:30 a.m.

Festival Worship with Holy Communion



**All Are Invited and Welcome ...
NEW MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD**

On the night before he died, the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his disciples to observe Passover. They shared a meal and prayed together. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus knelt and washed their feet. According to the other gospels, after supper Jesus took the bread and wine on the table and gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body... this is my blood ... do this in remembrance of me." Maundy Thursday, the first of The Great Three Days of Jesus' Passion, marks the end of the season of Lent.

To celebrate this holy night, we will share in a catered meal, hear the stories about that night, and get a taste of what these stories mean for us today. There will be an opportunity to share in hand or foot washing and Individual Confession and Forgiveness. We will serve Holy Communion to one another and process to the sanctuary to share in the Stripping of the Altar as Psalm 22 is chanted.

When: April 18, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

Who: Hosted by the Worship & Music Committee - Bob Larson, Jon Ailabouni, Martha Monson-Lowe, Elizabeth Kaschins and Pastor Amy

We have adapted the Dinner Worship Service created by Luther College Pastor Anne Edison-Albright, first used by her congregation in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and more recently at First Lutheran Church, Decorah.

The main entree will be gluten free chicken and rice. A vegan option will be available. The meal will be served buffet-style. Each table will be set with a salad, light dessert, wine, grape juice, and breads for the meal and Holy Communion.

Adult Forums

April 7 - The Better Angels Project - Better Angels, a citizen's organization, was founded in order to help conservatives and liberals engage in productive conversation to better understand one another. Krista Holland will share more about the organization's beginnings and vision. A few Good Shepherd members who participated in a Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop last December will also chime in with their impressions.

April 14 - 2018 Palm Sunday Procession from the Mount of Olives to the Old City - You are invited to walk with Martha Monson Lowe and George Lowe through Holy Week in Jerusalem, from Palm Sunday to Easter.

April 21 No Forum – **Easter Sunday**

April 28 No Forum – **St. Grubby's Day**

NOTE ON YAGM - We are now splitting our missionary support to do 1/2 to Oyebades and 1/2 to the country coordinators for the YAGM program in Hungary. At the recent Upper IA River conference assembly, the conference decided we would be sending our mission support directly to the 2 missionaries, Rachel Eskesen and Zach Courter, a married couple. They are full time, long term missionaries who oversee the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Hungary. The latest copy of their newsletter can be viewed on the GS website, home page, click on "News and Events" (blog).

April Scriptures

Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21 The Lord gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people	Psalms 126 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.	Philippians 3:4b-14 To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings	John 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus for his burial
Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a The servant of the Lord submits to suffering	Psalms 31:9-16 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.	Philippians 2:5-11 Humbled to the point of death on a cross	Luke 22:14--23:56 The passion of the Lord
Sunday, April 21 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day	Isaiah 65:17-25 New heavens and a new earth	No Psalm will be chanted	Acts 10:34-43 God raised Jesus on the third day	Luke 24:1-12 The women proclaim the resurrection
Sunday, April 28 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus	Psalms 118:14-29 You are my God, and I will exalt you.	Revelation 1:4-8 Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming	John 20:19-31 Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

April 2019 Ministry Team

DATE	LITURGY/WORSHIP	USHER * Lead	FELLOWSHIP* Coordinator (F) food only
Wednesday, April 3 5:30 p.m.	Asst. Minister: Krista Holland	1. Steve Holland 2. John Moeller Greeter: Leah Holland	Soup Supper Bev Sheridan Coordinator
Sunday, April 7	Asst. Minister: Jane Kemp Reader: Kate Narveson Communion Server: Pam Torresdal Cantor: Jonathon Struve	1.*Richard Wuest 2. Richard Yvlisaker Greeter: Janeen Christy Acolyte: Jack & Maggie Norris	1.*Connie Buresh 2. Glenda Wuest 3. Donna Bahr 4. Bev Sheridan
Wednesday, April 10 5:30 p.m.	Asst. Minister: Jonathon Struve	1. Jeri Laursen 2. Sue Blair Greeter:	Soup Supper Joyce Epperly Coordinator
Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday	Asst. Minister: Reg Laursen Reader: Jane Kemp Communion Server: Pam Torresdal Cantor: Megan Buckingham	1.*Jeri Laursen 2. Tom Buresh Greeter: Janeen Christy Acolyte:	1.*Norma Refsal 2. Lyle & Sue Luzum 3. Cheryl Donlon 4. Kate Narveson

April Ministry Team cont.

<p>Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Asst. Minister: Jane Jakoubek Reader: Jonathon Struve Cantor: Marian Pruitt-Jefferson</p>	<p>Greeter: Amalia Vagts</p>	<p>Catered Supper Elizabeth Kaschins Coordinator 1. June Melby 2. Amalia Vagts 3. David Lester 4. Sue Blair 5. Mike Blair 6. Jon Christy</p>
<p>Friday, April 19 Good Friday Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Asst. Minister: Reg Laursen Reader: Jane Borelli Cantor: Tom Buresh</p>	<p>1.* Ed Epperly 2. Joyce Epperly</p>	<p>No Fellowship Hour</p>
<p>Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>Asst. Minister: Jane Jakoubek Reader: Jonathon Struve Communion Server: Reg Laursen</p>	<p>1.* 2. 3. Greeter: Jeri Laursen Acolyte:</p>	<p>No Fellowship Hour</p>
<p>Sunday, April 28</p>	<p>Asst. Minister: Jane Kemp Reader: Megan Buckingham Communion Server: Cantor: Kate Narveson</p>	<p>1.*John Moeller 2. Greeter: Reg Laursen Acolyte:</p>	<p>1.*Jeri Laursen 2. Doris Barnaal (F) 3. Elizabeth Kaschins 4. Lindy Moeller</p>

HELP!! Please call the church office to volunteer to usher on Easter Sunday.

April Altar Guild - Barbara Berg (Convener), Marie Freerking, Angie Sadler

2nd QTR MINISTRY TEAM 2019 (April - June)

Albert Anderson	Gloria Hove	Daniel Raney
Jutta Anderson	Ed Hover	Rae Jean Rathje
Marilyn Anderson	Charilyn Hover	KJ Rebarcak
Donna Bahr	Jane Jakoubek	Norma Refsal
Doris Barnaal	Jerrine Jacobsen	Harley Refsal
Dennis Barnaal	Bonnie Johnson	Dale Rueber
Sue Blair	Chris Johnson	Wanda Rueber
Mike Blair	Elizabeth Kaschins	Angie Sadler
Jane Borelli	Cheuang Kavan	Bev Sheridan
Megan Buckingham	Jane Kemp	Luther Snow
Tom Buresh	Lise Kildegaard	Brian Solberg
Connie Buresh	Martin Klammer	Denise Solberg
Brian Caton	Bob Larson	Marty Steele
Sandhya Caton	Jeri Laursen	Jonathon Struve
Janeen Christy	Reg Laursen	Kathryn Thompson
Jon Christy	Tim Lecanter	Pam Torresdal
Dustin Cote	David Lester	Raymond Torresdal
Heather Cote	Lyle Luzum	Amalia Vagts
Naomi Craft	Sue Luzum	Bobby Vrtis
Cheryl Donlon	June Melby	Christy Vrtis
Bob Felde	John Moeller	Glendalu Wuest
Karen Fitton	Lindy Moeller	Richard Wuest
Robert Fitton	Kate Narveson	Joanne Ylvisaker
Sara Hanssen	Ann Naslund	Richard Ylvisaker
Krista Holland	Bob Naslund	
Steve Holland	Beverly Nelson	

Good Shepherd Announcements

Are you considering the **GRACE INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM**? Two exciting updates: 1) Marty Haugen, author of many beloved hymns, will be a presenter and worship leader at one of the retreats. 2) There is an early bird registration discount of \$250 for applications received before May 15. See <https://luther.edu/grace-institute/> for more information about the program.

CENTERING PRAYER - Are you feeling drawn to prayer forms that rely less on words and more on the work of the Spirit within you? Centering Prayer is one form of Christian contemplative prayer, where we let go of words and thoughts in order to rest in the presence of God and open ourselves to God's presence and action in our lives. (The Breath Prayer that Pr. Amy has been including in Good Shepherd worship is another form of contemplative prayer.) Sometimes Centering Prayer is called Christian meditation, and its roots go back a long way in Christianity and its approach is grounded in Christian theology. A good resource about contemplative prayer and Centering Prayer is Contemplative Outreach .

(contemplativeoutreach.org). Several Good Shepherd members have begun doing Centering Prayer together at church each Thursday from 12-12:20 pm in the sanctuary. Anyone who practices Centering Prayer is welcome to participate. If you're interested in learning more or already practicing and want to be part of the Thursday prayer, contact Jane Jakoubek (janejacobek@gmail.com).

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

MAY 1 APPLICATION DEADLINE. Examples of Eligible Recipients:

- Student members attending ELCA colleges (EPIC grants)
- Members who wish to advance their church-related education or leadership skills

Application forms are available in the cubbies outside the Church office.

EASTER FLOWERS and PLANTS FOR THE SANCTUARY Altar Guild welcomes contributions of floral bouquets and flowering plants to grace our altar area for the Easter Sunday Festival Worship Service. Contributions can be designated in honor or memory of loved ones and friends. Please inform Jenny if you are doing so. Because of allergies and sensitivities, please refrain from choosing heavily scented flowers and plants. Suggestions are: Hydrangeas, azaleas, potted bulbs, and cyclamen. They should be delivered to the Narthex Table no later than mid-afternoon, Saturday, April 20. You are free to take them after the service or leave them for the Easter season.

HAVE EASTER DINNER AT GOOD SHEPHERD!

WELCA would like to invite you to a potluck dinner on Easter Sunday, April 21st at noon in the Fellowship Hall of Good Shepherd. Meat and potatoes will be provided, bring a dish to pass. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Good Shepherd Mission Assistance Fund. Join your church family and friends for a good meal and fellowship. **Please RSVP** to Ann Naslund 563- 380-3486 or Bev Sheridan at 382-9025 (sherida701@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. We will also need a few people to help with setup and cleanup.

AASE HAUGEN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Join us for recognition, entertainment and an ice cream sundae. Wednesday April 10, 2:00 p.m., Aase Haugen Main Dining Room. Please RSVP to Andrea at 382-3603.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

April 18

SAVE THE DATE:

GS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 22-24

DIRECTORY CORRECTION AND CHANGES

Betty Rose is a current GS member

Bev Tangen - new address

Message from the Council President

Good Shepherd Congregation,

Earlier this year, the congregation was asked to ponder Good Shepherd's future and respond to three questions: What excites you? What challenges do you see? What resources do you see that we could draw upon more fully?

The Congregation Council collected the post-it notes you stuck around the Fellowship Hall and, in the first council meeting of the year, discussed your comments. Your ideas were insightful and reflect, to use some of your own words, a "vital" and "spirited" congregation.

The Council thought you might be interested in a summary of the congregation's responses. Recognizing that a complete list of all of the comments would be too long for this report, I have tried to emphasize major themes. Many of these themes overlap and at times they are in tension with each other. The things that excite can us simultaneously challenge us.

As you ponder Good Shepherd's future: What excites you?

Growth

Measured by the number of comments, the congregation's growth was far and away the most significant issue on members' minds. We are excited by the many new faces in the pews and the number of new families and children. Many of you commented on a sense of greater enthusiasm, deeper engagement, and more fresh ideas.

Leadership

The congregation has a strong appreciation for the leadership of Pastor Amy, Brooke, and our other worship leaders. There is also excitement around Kathryn's leadership of the youth program and an appreciation for the many ways our members take on leadership roles.

A passion for justice

There is excitement around the congregation's commitment to social justice, especially our outreach to immigrants (and involvement with AMMPARO) and the LGBTQ community.

The building remodel

The upcoming building remodel and geothermal system have strong support and the congregation seems excited about the possibilities our new spaces will offer.

As you ponder Good Shepherd's future: What challenges to you see?

Growth

The congregation's growth is generally viewed positively, but there is also a clear-eyed recognition of the challenges it creates. More people will require more space and more resources. The congregation is well aware of the challenge of managing our building, finances, and time in thoughtful and sustainable ways.

An aging congregation

Many of you noted the challenges created by an aging membership, particularly the importance of passing on our history and "institutional memory" and the difficulty of balancing the needs of newer and long-time members.

Change

There were several comments about a fear of change and a resistance to new ideas. Others noted the challenge of adapting while holding on to our core identity.

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As you ponder Good Shepherd's future: What resources do you see that we could draw upon more fully?

People

Good Shepherd's most valuable resource is its people. Your comments remind us of the need to use our members' talents wisely. We must think of ways to better involve families and the congregation's young people. There are also opportunities for greater collaboration with community members.

Outdoor spaces

The backyard is a unique resource that many feel could be used to promote the spiritual life of the congregation and strengthen partnerships with the community.

The Congregation Council will be revisiting these themes throughout the year and will refer to them as we work to shape policy and plan for Good Shepherd's future. Thank you for your time and energy, and I welcome your reaction to this summary. If you care to dig in further, we will make a more complete list of the congregation's comments available at various places around the church.

Steve Holland
Congregation President

St Grubby's Day

April 28, 2019



Mark your calendar!!! Wear grubby clothes to church on April 28 and stay after church to participate in fun and fellowship with others while sprucing up our grounds and buildings. Bring work gloves, dust rags, paint scrapers, or whatever your favorite deep cleaning tools might be. We will have a list of jobs and people to help you find the supplies needed, and will end with **pizza**. Inside and outside jobs will be available for all ages. This is a great tradition at Good Shepherd and a wonderful opportunity for inter-generational fellowship.

Stewardship

Here's the Church...

"Here's the church; here's the steeple; open the doors and see the people."

This is just a simple little poem we learned as children and taught our kids when they were little, but in actuality it is much more than that. We teach our children that the church is much more than a building. The church really is the people inside, caring for each other, teaching our youth and each other, and being good stewards of our surroundings, including the building that we meet and worship in.

Good Shepherd's Stewardship Committee and Church Council has embraced the program of Stewardship for All Seasons, SAS for short. What this means is that we look at how we can be good stewards, taking care of what God has given us and share it with those around us, not just in the fall with an annual stewardship campaign, but all year long through programs such as "Water to Thrive" that our Sunday School has adopted for the Lenten season. With our support of the youth and this program, we are setting stewardship in motion, to think globally, to help others, while at the same time setting an example for our youth that they are indeed a vital part of Good Shepherd Church and what they think and do, really matters to us all. Going to the faucet and getting a drink of water is an easy task for us, but not so much in many regions of the world.

During Lent and through Easter Sunday, Good Shepherd is also collecting offerings that will be divided between the Decorah Community Food Pantry and ELCA World Hunger. These are two more good examples of stewardship in our community and the world around us. The other opportunity we have to share during the Lenten season is the Lutheran World Relief Health kits that are being assembled from the donations collected in baskets the narthex. A towel, a bar of soap, a toothbrush, comb and nail clippers are minor things to us, but so appreciated by someone in a refugee camp or a victim of a disaster.

The next big project to demonstrate our Stewardship for All Seasons, is the building/remodeling project we, as a congregation, have voted to take on in the upcoming months at Good Shepherd. What an exciting demonstration of stewardship in action, by the physical improvements that will make our building more user friendly, as well as more efficient in its heating and cooling operations! Just as any other "change" in our daily routine, we will have to be more patient as the construction progresses and as we navigate around the potholes of the stages of progress. Thinking ahead to "when this is done" will have to be at the forefront of our minds as we go through the construction days ahead. Actually this is quite a unique opportunity for us to demonstrate our stewardship, to make our physical plant more ecologically and economically sound, because we chose to take on this project, not because we had to do it. We are definitely being good stewards with the improvements that will be made for our benefit, for our youth and for the entire community in the years to come in Stewardship for All Seasons.

Here's the church; here's the steeple; open the doors and see the people. At Good Shepherd, the people are not just sitting, but actively learning, growing, making and eating soup to nourish our bodies and souls. We are sharing and being stewards every season of the year. What can you do?

Connie Buresh, Stewardship Comm.



During Lent we will join LWR in *A Season of Hope*. As we walk through the season of Lent together, announce to the world that the Hope of Christ makes a new season possible. Each week we will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits for families in need around the world. Simple items can offer hope for families coping with war,

poverty and disaster. Collection baskets will be available in the narthex. We are still in need of some items and will be collecting them on the first Sunday in April.

April 7: Nail clippers and lightweight bath-size towel (dark color recommended)

We will be asking the children to help assemble the kits and prepare them for shipping on May 4.

CLA Circle will be assembling Baby Care Kits at their April 23 meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. A list of items needed for the Kits can be found in our WELCA handbook or on the Good Shepherd website.

Cluster D Spring Gathering, April 27th at Good Shepherd Lutheran at 9:00 am

Pastor Elaine Siemsen of Immanuel Lutheran in Cresco will present her program on Prayer Labrynth. Join other Lutheran women in the Cluster for a morning of coffee, fellowship and an informational program.

Easter Dinner at Good Shepherd, Sunday April 21st

Again this year, **WELCA would like to invite you to a potluck dinner on Easter Sunday at noon in the Fellowship Hall of Good Shepherd.** This was very well attended and appreciated last year. Meat and potatoes will be provided, please bring a dish to pass. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Good Shepherd Mission Assistance Fund. Join your church family and friends for a good meal and fellowship. To make reservations, please contact Ann Naslund 563-380-3486 or Bev Sheridan at 382-9025 (sherida701@gmail.com). We will also be needing a few people to help with setup and clean-up.

Good Shepherd will host Church Women United May Friendship Day on Friday May 3. The theme for this year's celebration is "THE TIME IS NOW" based on John 4:23-"But the time is coming-and is here?" May Friendship Day focuses on uniting us in the Spirit to do God's work despite our differences.

The Northeast Iowa Synodical Women's Organization 32nd annual gathering will be held June 22 at Wartburg College in Waverly. Convention registration forms and scholarship applications are available from Bev Sheridan. Education scholarship application forms are also available for women who are furthering their education. Scholarship deadlines are May 15, 2019.

2019 WELCA booklets are available on the hall counter by the church office. All are welcome to participate in the WELCA activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 27: Cluster D Spring Gathering, Good Shepherd, 9:00 am

May 3: May Friendship Day, Good Shepherd, 9:00 am

May 4: LWR pickup, Olson Explosives

June 22: NEI Synod Women's Organization
32nd Annual Gathering
Wartburg College, Waverly, IA
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

April Circle Schedule

4/9 - Anna Circle - 9:30 a.m. - Doris Barnaal hosts

4/10 - Miriam Circle - 10:00 a.m. - Donna Bahr hosts

4/23 - CLA Circle - 6:30 p.m. - Lindy Moeller hosts at church

∞ The Music Page ∞

What is the most important musical instrument in worship?

(The answer may surprise you!)

At Good Shepherd we are blessed to have a wide variety of musical instruments used in our worship: Organ, piano, harmonica, ukulele, guitar, tuba, trombone, baritone, trumpet, clarinet, string bass, saxophone, handbells, violin, cello, hurdy-gurdy, flute, recorder, drums and more. That is an impressive list, to be sure!

Scripture names a number of instruments that were used in Jewish worship – stringed instruments like the lyre and harp, wind instruments like the trumpet and flute, and percussion instruments like the tambourine and cymbal. That great diversity of instruments enhanced our Hebrew ancestor’s worship, and continues to do so in our day as well. All of these wonderful instruments serve to enliven our singing, and inspire our praise of God. The use of a wide variety of musical instruments also has the added benefit of providing many people with the opportunity to share their musical gifts.

But as to the question about which instrument is the most suitable, or important in worship, what shall we say? Many of us would agree that the keyboard instruments – organ and piano – are the fundamental and most practical instruments for leading worship. They are able to provide strong melodic, harmonic and rhythmic leadership of our congregational singing, and they have the added benefit of being played by a single individual.

However, if we were to say that the organ and/or piano are the most important musical instruments in worship, we’d be missing the point. While the organ and piano – and all sort of musical instruments - are good and worthy of leading our praise in worship, the essential musical instrument – the one we simply cannot do without – is YOUR singing voice. Soft or loud, high or low, weak or strong – your God-given voice, joined together with the voices of all those gathered with you in worship, is the essential musical instrument for praying, praising, and worshiping God. So sing boldly! – *Marion Pruitt-Jefferson*

Music Schedule for April

(choir rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays, band at 8 pm)

4/7	Choir	Offertory: Behold the Lamb of God (Willan)
4/14	Choir	Offertory: Lamb of God (Christiansen)
4/19 (G. Friday)	Choir	Offertory: Darkness was Over All (Victoria)
4/21 (Easter)	Band	Prelude: Christ Lag in Todesbanden (Praetorius) Offertory: Alleluia (Mozart – Low Brass) Postlude: Hallelujah (Handel)
4/28	Jazz Service	Offertory: TBA

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

Present: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson, Steve Holland, Kerry Johnson, Linda Donoghue, Elizabeth Kaschins, Nathan Larson, John Moeller, Claude Hayes, Jerry Bruce, Bob Felde and Jonathon Struve; David Judisch, representing Path to Citizenship.

Devotions and Initial Actions: Steve Holland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Kerry Johnson led devotions.

Kerry Johnson moved, Linda Donoghue seconded a motion to approve an amended meeting agenda. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda: NOTE: Items in the Consent Agenda are designed to be approved by consent of the council without discussion or formal vote. The chair asks for objections to the items in the consent agenda. If there are no objections, these agenda items are then considered passed by consent. The council may choose to move an item from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda if council members feel a discussion is warranted.

Approval of the February Congregation Council Meeting minutes.

Approval of Outreach and Hospitality Committee Continuing Resolution. The committee reviewed their continuing resolution.

The document was revised to reflect the name change of the committee from “Evangelism” to “Outreach and Hospitality” as approved by the congregation at the annual meeting on February 3, 2019.

Approval for Good Shepherd to serve as a sponsor for the Decorah Community Meal on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Sponsors organize volunteer workers and provide salads and desserts to accompany the main dish.

Approval of a proposal from the Education Committee to sell Water to Thrive merchandise during fellowship hour in Lent.

Approval of Bob Fitton to serve as an additional member of the Property and Management Committee.

Approval of Marty Steele to serve as one of Good Shepherd’s voting members at the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly in June 2019.

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council.

Discussion Agenda:

Path to Citizenship Request to use Good Shepherd Facilities for Legal Clinics: Dave Judisch, representing Path to Citizenship, presented a proposal for Good Shepherd’s fellowship hall to serve as the location for their legal clinics, which are held quarterly. The Path to Citizenship coalition has worked through the Methodist ministry Justice for our Neighbors to hire immigration lawyers to assist clients in Decorah. Good Shepherd would merely provide the space for the program. Bob Felde moved and Nathan Larson seconded a motion to approve the use of Good Shepherd’s fellowship hall for the Path to Citizenship’s quarterly legal clinics. Motion approved.

Motions related to financing the renovation project:

1. Discussion and vote to authorize Good Shepherd to borrow up to \$120,000 from Decorah Bank and Trust for the new HVAC system: It is proposed that the cost of the new HVAC system for the fellowship hall and education wing of the church be covered by a 2-year no-interest loan through Decorah Bank and Trust. This loan would have no payments required in the first year, with payments beginning in the second year of the term. After two years, if the loan is not paid off, Good Shepherd would be charged interest on the remaining balance. The maximum amount of \$120,000 is sufficient to cover the cost of the new HVAC system. Linda Donoghue moved and Bob Felde seconded a motion to authorize Good Shepherd to borrow up to \$120,000 through a 2-year no-interest loan at Decorah Bank and Trust for the HVAC system in the fellowship hall and education wing. Motion Passed.

2. Discussion and vote to authorize Good Shepherd to open a line of credit at Decorah Bank and Trust for the balance of the cost of the renovation project: The line of credit would establish a maximum limit of \$130,000 to cover the costs of construction and renovation of the building not related to the HVAC system. The line of credit will allow Good Shepherd to cover expenses as needed during the renovation process. Linda Donoghue moved and John Moeller seconded a motion to authorize Good Shepherd to establish a \$130,000 line of credit for the purpose of covering the costs associated with the renovation of the church not related to the HVAC system. Motion Passed.

The loan and the line of credit are meant to cover the total maximum cost of the renovation project (\$250,000) as authorized by the congregation at the annual meeting on Feb. 3, 2019.

Decorah Pride Sponsorship: Good Shepherd has received a request to be a sponsor for the Decorah Pride event, which will be held on May 11, 2019. The sponsorship allows the organizers of the event to cover the costs of publicity, renting space and equipment, and supplies. Last year, Good Shepherd joined the other Reconciling in Christ Congregations in town (First Lutheran and the Luther Congregation) in the parade. In discussion, the council agreed that as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, serving as a sponsor is a

statement that fits the mission of love, support, and welcome that Good Shepherd has affirmed for all people. Linda Donoghue moved and Jerry Bruce seconded that we give \$250 to be a sponsor of Decorah Pride. Motion passed.

Discussion of a potential policy regarding sales in the church: Steve Holland led a discussion asking the council to consider whether Good Shepherd should develop a policy regarding sales in the church. No decision was made regarding the development of a specific written policy, but the executive committee will continue looking into this issue.

Discontinue hosting Life Line Screenings: Some concerns were raised about the Life Line Screening organization the church has hosted in the past. Of particular concern was the solicitation of members to participate in the screening program. Jerry Bruce moved and Linda Donoghue seconded a motion to discontinue hosting a Life Line Screening event at our church. Motion Passed.

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

The Committee Reports were received and accepted as submitted.

Youth Representative: No Report

Education Committee: Submitted by Bob Felde

The Sunday School Lenten project is off to a strong start, with donations of \$868.15 on the first Sunday of Lent. We greatly appreciate the congregation's generosity. Kathryn and Sara are meeting with the high school youth every other week. The first two meetings were very well received, with five youth attending each meeting.

Outreach and Hospitality Committee: Kerry Johnson

A Good Shepherd information session has been scheduled for May 5th, following worship. There will be a new member Sunday on May 19th, followed by a welcome brunch. The council may need to receive new members via email as this will occur before the May 21 council meeting.

Property and Management Committee: Bob Naslund

The sign-up for mowing crews began on March 10, and mowing begins on April 15.

St. Grubby Day is scheduled for April 28. The committee is discussing whether the congregation should move forward with developing an armed intruder plan.

Stewardship Committee: Jerry Bruce

After discussion, the committee determined that funding for Good Shepherd missions and operations, as well as the upcoming HVAC and renovation projects, are in a solid financial condition. Therefore, rather than initiating a special spring appeal, the focus will be instead on encouraging the congregation to give generously to the Lent and Easter offerings supporting ELCA World Hunger and the Decorah Community Food Pantry and the Sunday School Lenten Project supporting Water to Thrive. The committee will send letters to organizations using our facilities inviting them to consider contributing to our HVAC project.

The Stewardship Committee Continuing Resolution is being revised to reflect the use of the Stewardship for all Seasons approach to guiding generosity and regular giving.

Worship and Music Committee: Bob Larson

The committee is primarily working on the details for the Maundy Thursday Dinner/Service on April 18.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Amy Larson

There has been an increased need for pastoral care among ill and injured people in the congregation in the last month. Hold these members in your prayers and support. Conversations with retired pastors have continued regarding a visitation pastor position here. An option will be discussed with the executive committee.

Worship during Lent requires much planning and preparation. Thanks to all who are serving in the Altar Guild, the Worship and Music Committee, and the musicians serving this spring while Brook Joyce is away. It has been a joy to work with Kathryn Thompson and the Education/Youth committee on the Water to Thrive project.

President's Report: Steve Holland - A letter has been drafted summarizing the themes of the "ponder Good Shepherd's future" exercise. This letter will be shared with the congregation.

Secretary's Report: No Report - Jonathon Struve

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Total income year to date: \$45,956.02

Total expense year to date: (\$41,688.63)

Net income year to date: \$4,267.39

Announcements: Newsletter Deadline: March 21, 2019, Next Council Meeting: April 16, 2019, 7:00 PM

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Pr. Amy Larson led the council in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. ---Submitted by Jonathon Struve, Congregation Secretary

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 UrbanImmersionServiceRetreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Choir warmup 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Youth Forum 11:00 AM Sunday School 12:30 PM Sandy Goode recital 5:00 PM Oneota Coop 	<p>1 Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM M Anderson Tu-toring 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>2 9:00 AM M Anderson Tu-toring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Faith Coalition 	<p>3 5:30 PM Lenten worship service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>4 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 	<p>5 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</p>	<p>6 4:00 PM Fellowship Set up</p>
<p>7 8:45 AM choir warmup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Youth Forum 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Forum 2:30 PM Girl scouts 3:00 PM Pew to Pulpit 	<p>8 Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM M Anderson Tu-toring 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>9 9:00 AM M Anderson Tu-toring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Anna Circle 1:00 PM Town & Country Garden Club 4:00 PM Social Justice Committee 	<p>10 10:00 AM Miriam Circle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Aase Haugen Communion 1:00 PM Wellington Pl. Communion 5:30 PM Lenten worship service 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>11 Recycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 1:00 PM Travel Club 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 	<p>12 11:00 AM Stewardship Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 	<p>13 4:00 PM Fellowship Set up</p>
<p>14 8:45 AM choir warmup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Choir Warmup 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Youth Forum 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Forum 12:15 PM Wegege Piano Recital 	<p>15 Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM M Anderson Tu-toring 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>16 9:00 AM M Anderson Tu-toring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Quilts of Valor 7:00 PM Council Meeting 	<p>17 10:00 AM Setup for Maundy Thursday Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>18 Maundy Thursday Newsletter Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 5:00 PM Decarah Community Meal 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner Church 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 	<p>19 Good Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 7:00 PM Good Friday Service 	<p>20 EasterVigilatFLCCarriageHouse</p>
<p>21 Easter Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Easter Dinner 	<p>22 Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM M Anderson Tu-toring 1:00 PM baby kit sorting 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>23 9:00 AM M Anderson Tu-toring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Baby kit sorting 7:00 PM CLA Circle 	<p>24 9:30 AM Opportunity Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Garden club set up 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>25 Recycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Garden club set up 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 12:00 PM Town and Country Garden Club 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 	<p>26 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</p>	<p>27 8:00 AM Cluster WELCA event</p>
<p>28 St Crubbys's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 	<p>29 Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM M Anderson Tu-toring 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>30 9:00 AM M Anderson Tu-toring</p>	<p>1 9:30 AM Opportunity Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>2 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 	<p>3 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM Immigration Legal Clinic 4 pm 	<p>4 9:00 AM WELCA Friendship Day</p>

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