



The Shepherd's Voice

June 2019

Beloved of God,

I am looking forward to our summer together. After a season of intentional listening and planning, we are moving ahead with renovations to our building that will increase our capacity for ministry without expanding our footprint. We are also installing a geothermal- based heating and cooling system that will allow us to be better stewards of God's creation. There will be some disruption this summer but good will emerge from it. We'll also get a chance to practice the Fruit of the Spirit - especially love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control! (See an update from Facilities Improvement Committee in this newsletter).

This summer, we'll be doing book discussions together. The June book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Your life experiences with the Bible may be different from hers, but Rachel wrote this book for you, too. If you have very little experience with the Bible, you'll find this book a helpful way to approach it. Rachel offers what I think is a very Lutheran way of loving and engaging with our life-giving scriptures. There are two opportunities for discussion: Tuesday, June 11, 12:00 p.m., on my porch at 904 5th Ave. (feel free to bring a sack lunch); or Thursday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., at Pulpit Rock Brewery.

I'm also looking forward to our intergenerational camping weekend, June 21-23, at Pulpit Rock Campground. Details are in this newsletter. There are a number of events planned throughout the weekend and you're welcome to attend any or all of them whether you are camping or not. Friday night we'll have a campfire with songs and s'mores at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night we'll have a cookout and potluck at 5:30 p.m. Saturday there are opportunities to hike, bike, tube and canoe. Sunday we will continue the camping theme as our Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. worship service will be held outdoors at Good Shepherd.

This summer we'll be singing the *Behold I Make All Things New* liturgy in worship. It is such a joyful, hopeful liturgy- perfect for our summer ahead! On Sunday, June 2 we will celebrate Welcoming Sunday, Reconciling in Christ Sunday, and affirm again our welcome to all people, especially lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons. On Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate Public Ministry Sunday. We will bless Nathan Wicks as he prepares for ordination (which will be held here on June 24), and bless Amalia Vagts and Daniel Grainger as they head into internship. We will celebrate all our members preparing for public ministry. I look forward to worshipping with you.

Peace to you,

Pastor Amy

Facilities Improvement Update

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As we approach the end of May, the beginnings of the reconstruction project have begun. The storage areas have been emptied and stored materials relocated primarily to the annex. The cabinetry removals are underway to prepare for demolition of interior walls and related work that will begin the contractor portions of the project once the school year is over.

Good Shepherd volunteers will remove and demo as much as we can to make way for the reconstruction. For those that are interested in helping with this, please contact Reg Laursen or Jim

Fritz. Contractor work will begin the first week of June with the construction of temporary walls at both ends of the Education Wing to separate the reconstruction from the rest of church activities. In this way access to the entry, church offices, and sanctuary will continue, but the construction area will be walled off to control dust, noise and related activities. This will include the temporary closure of the east entry kitchen door so kitchen access will be by way of the fellowship hall door during this time, but the fellowship hall will be accessible for most regular activities. Restrooms next to the sanctuary will be available for use during construction but the restrooms next to fellowship hall will not.

Construction outside for the geothermal portion of the HVAC system will also begin in June. It is expected that this will continue thru most of June. Interior HVAC work will begin as demolition allows and as new wall construction is ready. The majority of the reconstruction work will continue thru most of July to prepare for finish work in August.

We appreciate the support and patience of all as we work through the construction. A great variety of details have been worked out and many will continue to evolve as we get into the more significant structural changes needed to relocate the layout of the education areas. We hope to minimize disruption as much as possible, but things will be messy for the summer. We also hope for good weather not only for the work outside, but also for the Sunday walks from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall as these will involve going outside to circumvent the construction area.

Thank you all for your support and a big **Thank You** to Reg and Jim for spearheading the construction activities.

Submitted by Karla Erdman for the Facilities Improvement Committee

Summer Fun at Good Shepherd

GOOD SHEPHERD'S FIRST INTERGENERATIONAL CAMPING ADVENTURE

FRIDAY, JUNE 21-SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Pulpit Rock Campground

The Education Committee is planning activities based at the campground for ALL members of our congregation to enjoy. See details on next page Please plan to join us for some or all of this family-friendly experience.



SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSIONS WITH PASTOR AMY

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held-Evans

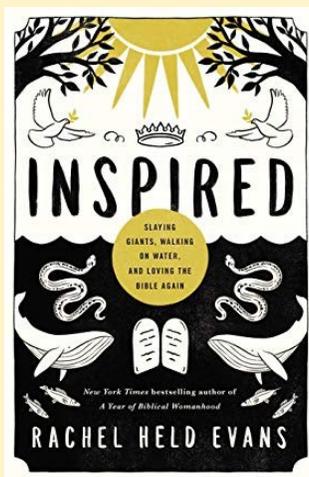
June 11, Noon, 904 5th Ave. Bring a sack lunch if you like.

June 20, 7p.m. Pulpit Rock Brewery

Reading Ahead:

July: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Father Gregory Boyle

August: *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles

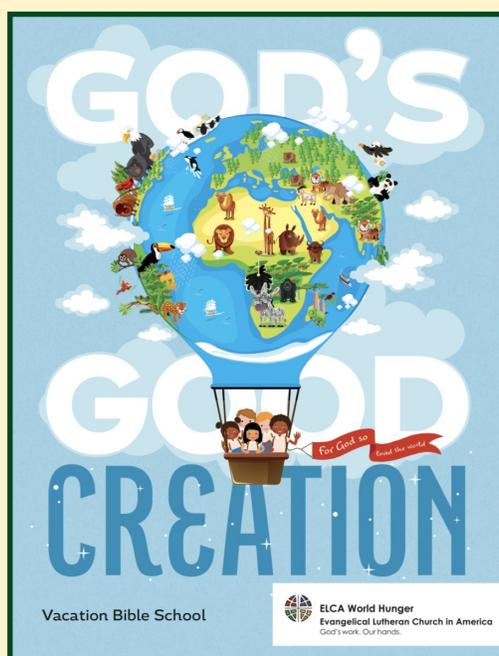


2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"GOD'S GOOD CREATION"

Monday-Wednesday, July 22-24, 5:00 -7:30 p.m. Following a light supper each evening from 5:00-5:20, children will rotate between music, crafts, games, and storytelling activity stations. All youth and children *over* age 4 are welcome - please join us! The cost of VBS is \$10 per child or \$15 per family. Due to the remodel this summer, VBS will be held at **United Church of Christ, 209 W Broadway.**

To register, call the church office at 563-382-3963, or contact Kathryn Thompson: kathryn.susann@gmail.com.



GOOD SHEPHERD'S FIRST INTERGENERATIONAL CAMPING ADVENTURE

WHEN: Friday evening, June 21st through Sunday morning, June 23rd

WHERE: Pulpit Rock Campground - We've tentatively reserved 3 tenting spots (each spot can accommodate 3 tents) and 2 camper spots on Friday and Saturday nights. Camping rates can be found here: <https://parks.decorahia.org/pulpit-rock-campground>. If you are interested in reserving a spot, please contact Bridget or Brent Parker by Monday, June 17th. You can pay upon arrival at the campground.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday Night - Arrive and set up camp in the late afternoon. Drop in for s'mores and campfire songs around 7pm.

Saturday, 9:00 am - Brent Parker will lead a one hour hike in the area.

Saturday, 11:00 am - We are looking for a volunteer to lead a one hour bike ride in the area.

Saturday Afternoon - Tubing (through Larsons and Off the Driftless) and canoeing (through Off the Driftless) will be available.

Saturday 5:30 pm - We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish to share and join us!

Sunday Morning - Pack up and depart the camp site. To continue the camping theme, worship will be outdoors at 9:30 am at Good Shepherd.

You do not need to camp to participate. Please contact Bridget Parker (bridget0912@gmail.com) or Kathryn Thompson (kathryn.susann@gmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer. We hope you join us for some or all of the planned activities!



June 2019 Ministry Team

DATE	LITURGY	USHER * Head Usher	FELLOWSHIP *Coordinator (F) Food Only
Sunday, June 2 LIVE Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Harland Nelson Reader: Richard Ylvisaker Communion Server: Jane Jakoubek Cantor: Tom Buresh	1.*Amalia Vagts 2. David Lester Greeter: Jeri Laursen Acolyte:	1.* Doris Barnaal 2. Jeri Laursen 3. Marilyn Rue 4. Barbara Berg
Sunday, June 9 LIVE Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Tom Buresh Reader: Richard Ylvisaker Communion Server: Connie Buresh Cantor: Reg Laursen	1.*Reg Laursen 2. Dick Wuest Greeter: Connie Buresh Acolyte:	1.*Bev Sheridan 2. Glendalu Wuest 3. Bev Nelson 4. Sue & Lyle Luzum
Sunday, June 16 LIVE Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Angie Sadler Reader: Bob Larson Communion Server: Max Eness Cantor: Jonathon Struve	1.*Richard Ylvisaker 2. Joanne Ylvisaker Greeter: Rae Jean Rathje Acolyte:	1.*Ingrid Callahan 2. Diane Kruse 3. Albert Anderson 4. Marilyn Anderson
Sunday, June 23 LIVE Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Tom Buresh Reader: Harland Nelson Communion Server: Angie Sadler Cantor: Marion Pruitt-Jefferson	1.*Joanne Ylvisaker 2. Richard Ylvisaker Greeter: Connie Buresh Acolyte:	1.*Joyce Epperly 2. Kris Peterson 3. Rae Jean Rathje 4. Bonnie Johnson
Sunday, June 30 LIVE Broadcast	Asst. Minister & Reader: Bob Larson Communion Server: Jane Jakoubek Cantor: Megan Buckingham	1.*Karl Jacobsen 2. Max Eness Greeter: Elizabeth Kaschins Acolyte:	1.*Charilyn Hover 2. June Melby 3. Tim Lecanter 4. Bev Nelson

Altar Guild: Jerrine Jacobsen, Karl Jacobsen, Chris Hick, Linda Wolfs

2019 3rd Qtr Ministry Team

July - August - September

Jon Ailabouni	Mark Finanger	David Lester
Kate Ailabouni	Marie Freerking	Jon Lund
Jerry Aulwes	Russ Freerking	Beverly Nelson
JoAnn Aulwes	Nate Furler	Harland Nelson
Donna Bahr	Tabita Green	Lyle Otte
Dennis Barnaal	Carol Hasvold	Trudy Peterson
Doris Barnaal	Claude Hayes	LaVerne Ramsey
Barb Berg	Harriet Hayes	Kathy Reed
Don Berg	Chris Hick	Loyal Rue
Erik Berg	C. Hildebrandt	Marilyn Rue
Tom Buresh	Gary Hildebrandt	Hannah Schroeher
Connie Buresh	Charilyn Hover	John Schroeher
Heather Cote	Ed Hover	David Shaffer
Dustin Cote	Jerrine Jacobsen	Rebecca Shaffer
Naomi Craft	Karl Jacobsen	Carolyn Solberg
Wanda Deifelt	Jane Jakoubek	Jane Suntken
Sharon Drew	Dave Judisch	Kristin Swanson
Karla Erdman	Gail Judisch	Matt Tapscott
Lindsay Erdman	Jane Kemp	Amalia Vagts
David Faldet	Wendy Kjome	Linda Wolfs
Rachel Faldet	Martin Klammer	Glendalu Wuest
Lois Finanger	Diane Kruse	Richard Wuest

Watch for SignupGenius in your inbox soon!

***The signups at church will be posted outside the church office during construction



Kids Lunch Club is looking for community support for its fourth summer! KLC is a community-powered organization that provides free lunch for any kid that needs one every week day in the summer.

This summer, fresh grab-n-go options will be served from John Cline from 12-12:30pm and Freeport Park from 12:45-1pm. ALL kids under the age of 18 are welcome!

You can donate by writing a check to “Kids Lunch Club” and sending it to Decorah UCC or you can use the PayPal link on our website. We are also in need of volunteers at this time. Consider helping to pack or distribute lunches while building our sense of community. [Sign up to volunteer](#), donate electronically, or learn more about the program at kidslunchclub.org. [Like us on Facebook](#) to get constant updates, photos, and facts for the summer!

June Scriptures

Sunday, June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34 While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptized	Psalm 97 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Blessed are those who wash their robes	John 17:20-26 Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love
Sunday, June 9 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Filled with the Spirit to tell God’s deeds	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.	Romans 8:14-17 Filled with the Spirit to proclaim God’s deeds	John 14:8-17 [25-27] The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth
Sunday, June 16 The Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Wisdom rejoices in the creation	Psalm 8 Your glory is chanted above the heavens.	Romans 5:1-5 God’s love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit	John 16:12-15 The Spirit will guide you into the truth
Sunday, June 23 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:1-9 The prophet sent to a rebellious people	Psalm 22:19-28 In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.	Galatians 3:23-29 In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek	Luke 8:26-39 Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes
Sunday, June 30 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Elijah says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing	Psalm 16 I have set the Lord always before me.	Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit	Luke 9:51-62 Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back

Good Shepherd Announcements

PUBLIC MINISTRY SUNDAY - On June 9 we will celebrate Public Ministry Sunday. We will offer blessings for Daniel Grainger and Amalia Vagts as they head into internship and Nathan Wicks as he prepares for his first call. (Nathan's ordination will be at Good Shepherd on Monday, June 24, time TBD, more details soon).

We will celebrate all our seminarians and our deaconess student, Angie Sadler. We'll take photos to accompany the story that the Living Lutheran magazine is doing about Good Shepherd and our many students preparing for public ministry.

On June 9 we will also share blessings of Farewell and Godspeed for Jon and Janeen Christy on their move to Ames, IA.

The Social Justice Sub-Committee would like to say "**Thank You**" to all who participated in our Day of the Mothers event on Mother's Day Sunday. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send more than \$250 to the Border Servant Corp and we wrote 25 postcards to our elected leaders asking them to support compassionate immigration reform. If you didn't get a chance to give to the Border Servant Corp, you can go online anytime and make a contribution through their website:

<https://peacelutheranlc.com/ministries/public-witness-2/border-servant-corps/>

A Thank You for our Mother's Day special offering:

Thank you and Good Shepherd SOOO much!! We are humbled by your continued generosity. Border Servant Corps now welcomes more than 100 people every week, and supports Hospitality Centers in several locations. Your generosity will be put to very good use for the families we are blessed to welcome.

In gratitude,

Kari Lenander, Executive Director, Border Servant Corps

SEEKING MENTORS for Central American children ages 5-12, who are willing to coming 4 hours a month for a year to spend with a child. Helping Services, AMMPARO and the Peace and Justice Center are collaborating on a new program. Please see Marty Steele or call 563-419-6163 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES

Thomas Twiton - Luther College
Anthony Ruiz - High School
Natalie Tapscott - Decorah High School
Hallie Johnson - High School

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Cindy & Jeff Ernst
Carson, Chauncy, & Beckett Egglund
David & Kris Peterson

Full directory information and photos are now available on the password-protected directory at our website's CONNECT Tab:

<http://goodshepherddecorah.courtyardapp.com/directory>

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Jerry Bruce: new email address
Joyce Epperly: new email address
Cheryl and Joel Ruiz: new address

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE

The May newsletter from Pastors Rachel and Zach, ELCA missionaries serving Hungary and Serbia and supported by Good Shepherd through membership in our Synod's Upper Iowa River Conference, is posted on our website under the MINISTRIES Tab. It provides updates about their ministry, news about the Young Adults in Global Mission program there, and is beautifully illustrated. It can be viewed here: www.goodshepherddecorah.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/May-2019-Newsletter-from-Rachel-and-Zach.pdf

THE DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY will offer a volunteer orientation and training session on June 5th, 10:00 AM at First Lutheran Church. This session is for people interested in helping out at the Food Pantry as well as current volunteers. Board members will describe various types of opportunities available to help keep the Pantry running smoothly and give a tour of the Pantry. They will also explain current and new procedures. Contact Carol Hemesath at 563 380 8505 or carolhemesath@gmail.com to register.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

June 20



June Circle Schedule

6/25 - CLA Circle - 7:00 p.m. - Marie Freerking hosts

Anna and Miriam Circles do not meet in June.

The Northeast Iowa Synodical Women's Organization 32nd Annual Gathering will be held June 22 at Wartburg College. **A New Bold** is the Convention theme and the theme verse is "I will give them a new heart & put a new **Spirit** within them" Ez 11:19. Mary Jo Mettler will be our special guest this year. She will preach at the morning worship and then host three sessions about her experiences with the Phoebe and Curran Hospital Solar projects. Registration forms are available from Bev Sheridan. Beverly Nelson and Angela Sadler are attending from Good Shepherd.

Nordic Fest is fast approaching (July 25-27). All Good Shepherd members will be needed as we prepare for our Krumkake demonstration and sale. We will have to work around the construction but hope to be baking the two weeks before the Fest in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets will be coming out soon. Volunteers are also needed to work the booth and for demonstration purposes. Look for further details in the weekly news.

This summer **Gather** is excited to present a three-session Bible study on the book of Esther by the Rev. Kay Ward, a bishop in the Moravian Church and author of Gather's popular Bible study "In good company: Stories of biblical women." Through the story of Esther, this bold biblical woman, we will learn how God is calling us to find and use our voices "for such a time as this."

Session one: Esther the Queen - Voices in the King's Court

When Esther becomes the queen of Persia, her faith is tested. In this session we will think about how our culture may challenge our faith.

NOTE: The Annual W/ELCA Summer Bible Study will be held on Thursday, June 20, from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Coffee and treats will be served at 9 a.m. as a welcome. Pastor Melissa Bills will lead the study and discussion on the theme "For Such a Time as This: Lessons from the book of Esther." The study is in the summer issues of Gather Magazine. Please bring your June and July magazines to the meeting. Copies will be available, if needed. Women from other Lutheran church in the area are invited to attend. A free pot luck salad luncheon will be served at noon. Call First Lutheran's office with your reservation: 382-2638.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 22: NEIA Synod Women's Organization 32st Annual Gathering, Wartburg College, Waverly 8:00-4:30

July 25-27: Nordic Fest activities

Stewardship

Jazz in Worship

It's been a delight to lead jazz worship services at Good Shepherd this spring. I'm grateful for the way the congregation has embraced this new style. It's been a lot of fun and very meaningful to see the music come to life here!

For the last ten years, I've been experimenting with bringing jazz into worship. It started at my home church in Barrington, IL and has continued at Luther College. Since the article about my work came out in Living Lutheran magazine last summer, I've been able to reach even more congregations (specifically this past fall in Dripping Springs, TX and La Grange, IL).

Singing familiar hymns and liturgy texts with a jazz setting helps us hear and understand the words in a new way. There's a long tradition in jazz of taking older music (e.g. the blues, American songbook standards, etc.) and reinventing them with fresh harmonies, improvisations, and innovative arrangements. Applying this mentality to the immense body of music for worship feels natural to me as a jazz musician. My goal is that the music should be recognizable and accessible to a congregation and enjoyable for jazz musicians to play.

This year, I'll be applying for a grant with the Calvin Institute on Christian Worship to help support my work. And I will continue to meld the sophistication and soulfulness of jazz with the worship music tradition, writing new arrangements, leading worship services, and composing an original jazz liturgy setting. Thank you to Good Shepherd for supporting me in this musical venture and for the financial support of our music ministry. Your financial gifts helped to make these jazz services possible. Jon Ailabouni

WEBSITE TIPS

WEBSITE TIPS OF THE MONTH

Current Good Shepherd NEWS, INFORMATION, and PHOTOS Are Just a 'Click' Away:

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∞ The Music Page ∞

God's Morning Song – The Dawn Chorus

“Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; I myself will waken the dawn.”

Psalm 57:8 (also Psalm 108:2)

I am a bird enthusiast! I believe that birds – and especially bird songs – are one of the great blessings of God's creation. Scripture contains many references to birds, and one of my favorites is from Psalm 84: *Even the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altar, O Lord of hosts.* I love the image of these tiny birds having a place in God's house – even at the altar, though I suspect that the Altar Guild might find nesting birds in the sanctuary a bit troublesome!

The Psalms frequently refer to the entire creation praising God, for example: *All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name – Ps. 66:4; Praise the Lord from the earth.....wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds - Ps. 148.* It seems that all the world is filled with the Spirit and created to praise God.

June is the peak season for listening to bird song. When you step outside you can't help but notice the chorus of birdsong happening around (and above) you. Getting outside before sunrise is one of the very best times to listen to bird songs. This special time - beginning about an hour before sunrise – is when birds are especially tuneful. Ornithologists call it the “Dawn Chorus.” Even as I write this, on May 16th, we have a resident Cardinal who starts our mornings with his cheerful “birdie-birdie-birdie-birdie” beginning just after 4:30 AM. It isn't long until the Robin, House Wren, and Cat Bird join in. You can hear the dawn chorus in your very own backyard, but a couple of my favorite spots are the Decorah Prairie and Twin Springs Park.

Want to learn to recognize just who's singing in those trees? Check out the website “All About Birds” from Cornell University. Simply enter the name of the bird in the search bar, and you'll be able to listen to a recording of the songs and calls of the bird you're curious about. You can also see pictures, and read about the bird's habitat and foraging behaviors. <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search> <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search>

--Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

A word from Brooke

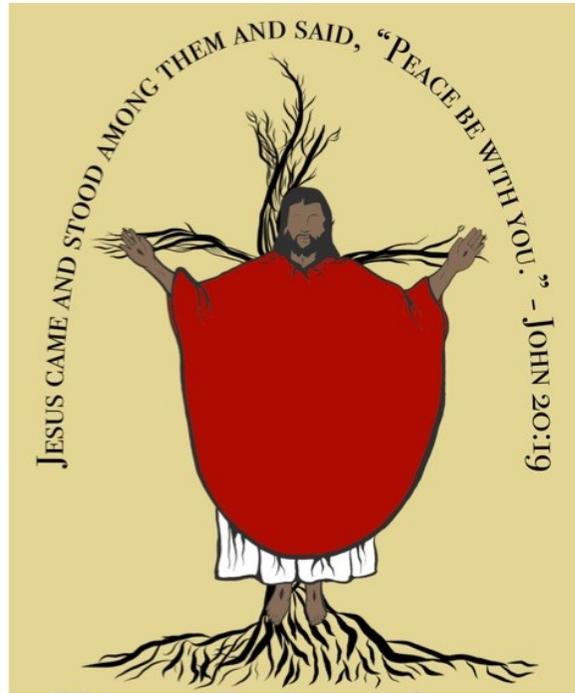
I want to thank Pastor Marion for taking the reins of the Music Page these last few months. It has been such a gift to simply let her do the heavy lifting, while I sit back and read her insightful words of wisdom. Thank you, Marion!

While I'm at it, thanks to Jonathon Struve, Jon Ailabouni, Kathy Reed and Aaron Burmeister for their wonderful musical leadership this spring. How nice it is to step away and not worry about a thing!

I look forward to re-joining the Good Shepherd community on June 12. For now, here is the only selfie I've taken on this adventure, posing in front of one of the two organs in the Mezquita in Cordoba, Spain.



By the grace of God and
the call of the church
Nathan Holdhusen Wicks
will be ordained
to the ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church



on Monday, the twenty fourth day of June
in the year of our Lord
two thousand and nineteen
at three o'clock in the afternoon
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
701 Iowa Avenue Decorah, Iowa
the Reverend Terry Brandt
Bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.
Your prayers and presence are requested.
All pastors and deacons are invited to process.
The color of the day is red.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

Present: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson, Steve Holland, Kerry Johnson, Linda Donoghue, Bob Larson, Nathan Larson, John Moeller, Bob Naslund, Jerry Bruce, Bob Felde and Jonathon Struve.

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

Bob Felde moved and Jerry Bruce seconded a motion to approve an amended meeting agenda. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

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 April Congregational Council meeting minutes.

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council.

Discussion Agenda:

Discussion of policy regarding the displaying of flags and banners at Good Shepherd: The council discussed criteria that should be followed regarding the display of flags and banners outside the church. The consensus was that any displays of banners or flags should be a faith-based reflection of who we are and the mission of this congregation. In general, the council would discourage displaying banners or flags of a secular nature. However, banners or flags that directly reflect our mission may be displayed, such as the “Blessed Ramadan” sign and the Reconciling in Christ banner. Decisions regarding the display of flags or banners outside the church may be brought to council for approval on a case by case basis.

Discussion of Lease with Kinderhaus: Property and Management will develop a memorandum of understanding with Kinderhaus that will document their use of the facility and the rental of the space. The Kinderhaus board has indicated that they would be comfortable agreeing to a three-year commitment to lease our space. The council is supportive of these measures.

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

A summer camping adventure at Pulpit Rock Campground is scheduled for June 21-23.

VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 22nd through Wednesday, July 24th. The theme is “God’s Good Creation.”

Outreach and Hospitality Committee: Kerry Johnson

New members were received on Sunday, May 19, with a potluck following worship including new members and shepherd families.

Property and Management Committee: Bob Naslund

Thanks to the Hildebrands for providing a new “trimming mower.”

The committee will be looking into what our share of the cost may be to remove an ash tree that is on the southern border of our property. The tree may be as much as half on our lot.

Thank you to all who participated in St. Grubby’s Day! Thanks also to Thrivent for the \$250 grant.

Stewardship Committee: Jerry Bruce

The committee is looking at dates for the 2020 fall appeal, and will begin setting specific goals and deciding on a theme once more information is available regarding the building project and the mission needs of the congregation.

The committee proposes a joint meeting with the endowment committee to discuss how to grow the endowment fund.

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Worship and Music Committee: Bob Larson

The committee affirmed that the soup supper experiment and the Maundy Thursday dinner/worship event be repeated in 2020.

The budget for the Maundy Thursday dinner/worship needs further examination.

Outdoor services are being explored for several summer Sundays.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Amy Larson

About 80 people participated in the Maundy Thursday dinner/worship, which was a powerful, intergenerational way for us to enter the story of Holy Week.

We will celebrate Welcoming Sunday on June 2. All Reconciling in Christ congregations are encouraged to have a Sunday each year that makes their welcome to LGBTQ people explicit.

Pr. Matt Larson's ministry has already been very helpful. He is making the rounds of visits in town, and he has provided coverage while I was away at a conference.

President's Report: Steve Holland

No Report

Secretary's Report: Jonathon Struve

No Report

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Total income year to date: \$94,810.99

Total expense year to date: (\$122,878.75)

Net income year to date: (\$28,067.76)

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline: May 23, 2019

Next Council Meeting: June 18, 2019, 7:00 PM

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Pr. Amy Larson led the council in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. ---Submitted by Jonathon Struve, Congregation Secretary

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blessing of Graduates 26 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM Adult Forum 3:30 PM Anthony Ruiz graduation party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 27 Office closed 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM CLA Circle 7:00 PM Ramadan Meal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Confirmation Final Party 7:00 PM Holland quartet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 3:00 PM Dreaming student recital 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> last day of Kinderhaus 1:00 PM Friends of Recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Kinderhaus Move Out Day 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomingsund...ng/ChristSunday 2 8:45 AM Pick up Choir 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 2:00 PM Synod Assembly Orientation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 3 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Book Discussion Group 4:00 PM Council Agenda planning 4:45 PM Education Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Aase Haugen Communion 1:00 PM Wellington Pl. Communion 4:30 PM Worship and Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Community Meal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NE IA Synod Assembly 11:00 AM Stewardship Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM NEI Synod Women's Organization 32nd Annual Gathering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Ministry Sunday 9 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 10 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Social Justice Committee 7:00 PM Council Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM FLC Bible Study tentative 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 7:00 PM Book Discussion Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camping at Pulpit Rock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21
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