



# *The Shepherd's Voice*

September 2019

Beloved of God,

Jesus says, "I tell you, do not worry." You know, as I do, how hard it is not to worry when you get that awful call, when you're waiting for the surgery to be over, when the future feels uncertain. There's also so much that is worrisome in the larger society. In these times, "do not worry" can feel like a pretty tall order. Yet we can more fully experience God's healing presence and be a healing presence in the world if we can let go of worry.

All the teaching and tools about letting go of anxiety all emphasize three key things:

1) it's important for us to be out in nature. 2) it helps to get out of our heads with all their anxious thoughts; we need to be in our bodies moving, making music, singing and releasing the tension that builds up. 3) It is important to connect with the breath. **Be in nature, be in the body, connect with the breath.** **Beloved, we experience these three things in relation to our triune God.** God, our creator, savior and sustainer, gives us the very gifts we need to help with anxiety.

**1) God our creator calls us out into the natural world** full of abundance, power and beauty - out where creation itself can help to soothe our anxiety, uplift and cleanse us. Our creator also works through doctors, researchers and medications that can give our besieged brains help with debilitating anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses. Many of us need medication in order to get out of bed and get moving, singing and praying. So, thanks be to God our creator for the science of psychiatry.

Yet, God didn't just create us and then leave us be. **2) Our triune God also came to be present with us in the body in the person of Jesus.** Jesus came to tend and heal and feed our bodies, to help us know that our fragile, broken bodies are forgiven and loved - precious to God. Jesus still comes to us in his body and blood to feed our bodies in tangible ways.

**3) Our triune God is also present to us in the Holy Spirit, which is the very breath of God.** As we breathe, our spirits are connected to this Spirit breath of God.

God doesn't just tell us, "Do not worry, do not be afraid, all right, good luck with that." God comes to be in relationship with us. **In relationship with this triune God, we are given help with worry and anxiety through the gifts of creation, our bodies, and the breath.** God promises to be a very present help in trouble and says, "I will be with you always." God is present with us in all the moments of our days - in the hopeful times and in the stressful times - working for healing. We can't always see it, we don't always experience it, we still live in hurting and broken bodies and a hurting and broken world. Yet, we are not alone. God is at work. **Today, consider the lilies, receive God's nourishment for your body, breathe deeply in community. Do not be afraid.**

Thank you for being in community with me and with my family in this time of pain, healing and hope. We are so very grateful for all your prayers, love, support and generosity. We give thanks for you!

Peace, Pastor Amy

# Rally Sunday, September 8

(Start of Sunday School & Youth Forum)

Blessing of the Backpacks - 9:30 a.m. during Worship

\*\*Kids and Adults bring backpacks, briefcases & work bags for a blessing

Games, team-building, and get-to-know-you activities at 10:45 a.m. outside

(For ages 4 yrs. old - 12th grade)

• Sign up as a helper for Sunday School and Youth Forums at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)



## September Scriptures

Sunday, September 1 12th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 25:6-7 Do not put yourself forward	Psalms 112 The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue	Luke 14:1, 7-14 Invite the poor, crippled to your banquet
Sunday, September 8 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God	Psalms 1 They are like trees planted by streams of water.	Philemon 1-21 Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker	Luke 14:25-33 Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross
Sunday, September 15 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:7-14 Moses begs the Lord to turn from anger against the Hebrews	Psalms 51:1-10 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Christ Jesus came for sinners	Luke 15:1-10 Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners
Sunday, September 22 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 8:4-7 Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor	Psalms 113 The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.	1 Timothy 2:1-7 One God, one mediator, Christ Jesus, who gave himself for all people	Luke 16:1-13 Faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/ wealth
Sunday, September 29 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy	Psalms 146 The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed.	1 Timothy 6:6-19 Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?	Luke 16:19-31 Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man

# Stewardship

## 2020 Stewardship Fall Appeal

September 8<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day Sunday, the official beginning of Good Shepherd's education program for the year. What a joyous day that is, and what a blessing it is for Good Shepherd to have such an active and productive Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Thank you, Kathryn Thompson, for your leadership in this area and thank you to the congregation for your continued financial support of this program.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> is also the official kickoff for the annual Good Shepherd Stewardship** appeal. Again, what a joyous blessing it is for this congregation to express its love of God by generously supporting God's work here at Good Shepherd. As has been the case for the past two years, the Stewardship Committee is using the Stewardship for All Seasons format to conduct the annual appeal. In a nutshell, Stewardship for All Seasons gives us the structure to purposefully inform the congregation of Good Shepherd's goals and the financial needs to meet those goals. SAS also actively encourages, motivates, and asks each household in the congregation to consider generosity in assisting with financially meeting those goals. During the course of the year we will thank you for supporting Good Shepherd's many programs and activities; often those thanks will be expressed in the monthly newsletter, The Shepherd's Voice, as we keep you updated on how your dollars are working.

The kickoff for the 2020 Fall Appeal will come during the September 8<sup>th</sup> worship service in a brief Temple Talk when Stewardship Committee member Connie Buresh will present the Fall Appeal Theme. On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> the Stewardship Committee will mail **Time and Talent** forms to each household, requesting their return on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, when they will be placed on the altar during the Offering. We are calling this Time and Talent Sunday. An explanation of the process will be included in a cover letter.

Intent/Pledge Forms will be mailed prior to the week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> will be Intent Sunday. At that time, each household will be asked to place its giving intentions for 2020 on the altar during the Offering.

Each week between the September 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Appeal kickoff and the **November 10<sup>th</sup> Intent Sunday**, the congregation will receive from the Stewardship Committee information relating to Good Shepherd's needs to support God's ministry in the upcoming year. That information will come in the form of Temple Talks, bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, direct mailings, on-line presentations, and a brochure prepared by the Communications Sub-Committee. In addition, two Adult Forum sessions will be offered: on October 13<sup>th</sup> the Facilities Improvement Committee will discuss the progress and costs of the HVAC/Remodel and on October 27<sup>th</sup> the Stewardship Committee will discuss the goals and financial needs to meet those goals. Both Adult Forum sessions will offer an opportunity for questions and answers.

Thank you from the Stewardship Committee for generously considering future missions and ministries at Good Shepherd. Jerry Bruce, Stewardship Chair

# Good Shepherd Announcements

## *Welcome* *Friends & Neighbors!* **COMMUNITY PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 • 5:00–6:30**

**Good Food • Games • Live Music**  
*Free & Open to All!*



Good Shepherd will host its 10th annual *Welcome Friends and Neighbors Picnic* on Sunday, September 15; a chance to celebrate community and enjoy good food and conversation! **As in the past, the picnic will include lots of great local food, live music, including the Good Shepherd**

**Band and a special performance by local musicians Matt and Siri Steven, and more!** As always, there will be games for kids and a marshmallow roast. A large tent will be set up in Good Shepherd's front yard, due to construction work in the backyard, to provide shelter from sun or showers. In the event of a heavy rain, the picnic will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The entire Decorah community is invited, including Luther College students, faculty, and staff. Signup sheets are available at church for people to bring food for the picnic and to volunteer to help. You can also sign up online using SignUpGenius. For a link to these signups, go to <http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/>, call the church office at 563-382-3963, or email [decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com).

David Lester is the picnic chairperson again this year.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Kate & Jon Ailabouni - new address  
D. Bellrichard & L. Hicken - new address  
Lyle Otte - new address  
Daniel & Allie Grainger - new address  
Jennifer Self - new email  
Kerry Johnson - new email

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

will resume on October 3rd

**ADULT FORUMS** will resume

late September/early October

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

September 19

### **2019-20 Sunday School and Youth Forum**

**Awaken your faith by helping with  
Sunday School and Youth Forum!**

Our Sunday School and Youth Forum are growing and we **need helpers**. The teachers do all the prep and leadership. We are in need of other adults to be a second, supportive presence in the room.

This requires just 45 minutes of your time a few times a year and a very brief background check for new volunteers.

Please sign up today using SignUpGenius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848AEA922A1FE3-201920> or contact Bridget Parker.



**Thank you to all who helped with our Krumkake Project.** It was another very successful project with a total net income of \$2,275. It was down a little from last year but all vendors were reporting a slow time. The committee is always evaluating ways to make this project more efficient. We will be purchasing a couple more single krumkake irons as the ones we like are getting harder to find so we want to purchase them when we can. We had a total of 114 people that helped with the project this year, from donating materials to attaching labels to baking and mixing to demonstrating and selling to retrieving the popcorn tins and returning them to the attic in the annex. It is always amazing how many people help with this project at Good Shepherd (both young and old). Thanks again to everyone!!

**Again this year we will be collecting items for LWR school kits and baby care kits.** City-wide garage sales are this month and if you are a garage sale shopper and need a project, gently used baby items are needed for our kits-cotton t-shirts, baby gowns or sleepers, receiving blankets, jackets, sweaters, baby caps, socks. The Depot is also a good place to shop for these items.

We had a large amount of donations in August for our LWR school kits but can still use 70 sheet notebooks, crayons (12 or 24 count), rulers and pencil sharpeners. Donation boxes will be set up in the church entry .

**The Upper Iowa Cluster D WELCA fall gathering** will be held Saturday, September 28 at St John's Lutheran church in Waukon beginning at 9 am. The program will be on Retrieving Freedom puppies by Diane Wills. Retrieving Freedom volunteers train service dogs to help veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder and injuries sustained during their service and children with autism. The key to their success is matching the dog to the individual who can get the most benefit from that training. Diane and her husband have been training service puppies for several years. All are welcome to attend.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**September 28:** Upper Iowa Cluster D fall gathering, St John's Lutheran, Waukon, 9 am.

**November 2:** LWR pickup, Olson explosives, 7:30 -10:30 am.

#### **September Circle Schedule**

9/10- Anna Circle - 9:30 a.m. - Aase Haugen, all contribute

9/11- Miriam Circle - 2:00 p.m. - Carrie Solberg hosts

9/24- CLA Circle - 7:00 p.m. - Ann Naslund hosts

# September 2019 Ministry Team

DATE	LITURGY	USHER * Head Usher	FELLOWSHIP *Coordinator (F) Food Only
Sunday, September 1 LIVE broadcast	Asst. Minister: Jane Kemp Reader: Jane Jakoubek Communion Server: Sharon Drew Cantor: Jason Rausch	1.*Brent Parker 2. Dennis Barnaal Greeter: Bridget Parker Acolyte: Brenna & Bristol Parker	1.*Doris Barnaal 2. Marilyn Rue 3. Kathy Buzza 4. C. Hildebrandt (F)
Sunday, September 8 11 a.m. broadcast Rally Sunday	Asst. Minister: Harland Nelson Reader: Jane Kemp Communion Server: Jerrine Jacobsen Cantor: Dan Raney	1.*Lyle Otte 2. Dick Wuest Greeter: Karl Jacobsen Acolyte:	1.*Carrie Solberg 2. Wanda Deifelt 3. Germano Streese 4. Glendalu Wuest 5. Naomi Craft (F)
Sunday, September 15 11 a.m. broadcast Jazz Service	Asst. Minister: Angie Sadler Reader: Harland Nelson Communion Server: Jerrine Jacobsen	1.*Karl Jacobsen 2. Jerry Auwles Greeter: Erik Berg Acolyte:	1.*Diane Kruse 2. W. Deifelt/G. Streese 3. Barbara Berg (F) 4. Lois & Mark Finanger
Sunday, September 22 11 a.m. broadcast	Asst. Minister: Harland Nelson Reader: Jane Jakoubek Communion Server: Jane Jakoubek Cantor: Megan Buckingham	1.*David Faldet 2. Ed Epperly Greeter: Rachel Faldet Acolyte:	1.*Joyce Epperly 2. Wanda Deifelt 3. Germano Streese 4. Barbara Berg (F) 5. Trudy Peterson
Sunday, September 29 11 a.m. broadcast	Asst. Minister: Harland Nelson Reader: Jane Kemp Communion Server: Sharon Drew Cantor: Marion Jefferson	1.*David Judisch 2. Tom Buresh Greeter: Connie Buresh Acolyte:	1.*Wanda Deifelt 2. Germano Streese 3. Harriet Hayes 4. Charilyn Hover 5. Bev Nelson
<u>Special Event</u> Thursday, September 5 Aase Haugen Birthday Party Arrive 2:00 p.m.		Six 9X13 Cakes or 72 cupcakes, 2 Unfrosted Angel Food Cakes Birthday Cards with \$2 Program of Entertainment: Brooke Joyce	1.* 2. Jeri Laursen 3.

# Music Schedule, Fall 2019

9/1	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
9/8	Choir/Band	Gathering: Keller, "American Hymn" (Band) Offertory: Doald Kids, "Aleluya" (Choir/SS/Band) Postlude: Traditional, "When the Saints Go Marching In" (Band)
9/15	--	Jazz Service
9/15	Band	Picnic music, start at 5 pm
9/22	Choir	Offertory: Neufeld, "Kum Ba Ya"
9/29	Choir	Offertory: Hopp, "God of Grace and God of Laughter"
10/6	Band	Gathering: Gounod, "March Pontifical" Offertory: Palestrina, "Adoramus Te" Postlude: Croft, "O God Our Help in Ages Past"
10/13	Choir	Offertory: Mendelssohn, "Grant Us Thy Peace"
10/20	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
10/27	--	Jazz Service
11/3	Band	Gathering: Weelkes, "O Care, Thou Wilt Despatch Me" Offertory: Traditional, "Den store hvide flok" Postlude: Traditional, "I am Bound for the Promised Land"
11/10	Choir	Pfautsch, "Jesus Still Lead On"
11/17	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
11/24	Choir	Offertory: Behnke, "Spirit God, Eternal Word"
12/1	Choir	Offertory: Kallman, "Now We Await/Veni Emmanuel"
12/8	Handbells	Offertory: TBA
12/15	Choir	Offertory: TBA
12/22	Band	Gathering: Tchaikovsky, "Waltz of the Flowers" Offertory: Tchaikovsky, "Arabian Dance" Postlude: Tchaikovsky, "Trepak"
12/24	Choir/Band	Band plays "Nutcracker" for prelude music and some carols for service, choir sings Gramann, "A Winter Carol"
12/29	Choir	Traditional, "Good King Wenceslas"

Choir rehearses weekly (beginning 8/28), Wednesdays 7-8 pm; on Sundays when choir sings, warm-up at 8:45 am  
Band rehearses weekly (beginning 8/28), Wednesdays 8-9 pm; on Sundays when band plays, warm-up at 8:45 am  
Handbell Choir rehearses at 8:45 am on the morning we play

All members/friends/guests of Good Shepherd are welcome to join each of these groups. For more information, please contact our music director, Brooke Joyce: 382-4452, or [wbojce3@gmail.com](mailto:wbojce3@gmail.com).



## End of Summer Report 2019

It's safe to say that the fourth summer of Kids Lunch Club flew by! It's also safe to say that this summer saw a marked increase in use of the program. We served 1,510 total lunches, which is up 369 lunches from last year. It's hard to draw a clear line to particular causes for the increase, but we were incredibly happy to serve more lunches than ever before through the program.

Kids of all walks of life enjoy this free, healthy, grab-and-go lunch on a daily basis. The core group of daily attendees was up this year, as well as many kids who would drop in and out, depending on their schedules. We served a record of 51 lunches in one day and many days, particularly early in the summer, saw a high of 40-45 lunches. Kids continue to utilize the program for various reasons, whether it is their only meal of the day, or a healthy stop between their busy activities. We served daily from John Cline Elementary, as well as Freeport Park.

As we wrap up our fourth summer of programming, we want to first and foremost thank all volunteers for their donations of time and effort. You helped make a total of 702 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches this summer! We can confidently say this summer was yet another big success because of you.

We are also grateful for many monetary contributions from community members and organizations. While we did not meet our financial goal for the year, we look forward to continuing to inspire community-based fundraisers in the future. We also continue to accept donations for next year, which will help us plan for our fifth year of programming.

We are thankful for the many churches and individuals that donated to the program with time or money. We are again thankful to John Cline Elementary for use of the building and Sogo Snacks, led by Dan Bellrichard and Liza Hicken, who donated beef bites to be served twice a week for the entire summer.

Thanks for all you do, Decorah! To Lunch Club!

Sincerely,

Kids Lunch Club



Our denomination, the ELCA, holds a churchwide assembly triennially - to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and be church together for the sake of the world. This year's churchwide assembly was full of important votes and actions, including:

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.

A declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.

Approved resolution declaring the ELCA is a "sanctuary church body," encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work. (see more about this below)

Approved support for the World Council of Church's *Thursdays in Black*, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.

Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.

Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.

Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.

Approved memorials: affirming but not "endorsing" the Poor People's Campaign, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.

Adopted a new social statement, "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action," and its implementing resolutions.

Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected Churchwide Secretary, a full-time position which acts as executive administrator and leader on all constitutional matters and interpretation.

Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.

Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.

### **What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA?**

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**In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.** The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

**Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation or synod to engage in any illegal actions.**

**We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers.** To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.

**Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors.** While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.

**Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts.** It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.

**While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work.** Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a second Language (ESL) classes; marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families; providing housing for a community member facing deportation; or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.

**Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church.** Our decades long work with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.

**At our last churchwide assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy** (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).

**Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate.** We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures), all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

**In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.** Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.

**Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work.** At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 - 7:00 pm

### Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

Present: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson, Steve Holland, Kerry Johnson, Linda Donoghue, Bob Larson, Jerry Bruce, Bob Felde, John Moeller, Jonathon Struve, and Lindsay Erdman representing the Facilities Improvement Committee.

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

Jerry Bruce moved and Linda Donoghue seconded a motion to approve an amended 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.*

1. Approval of the June 2019 Congregational Council meeting minutes.

Approval of issuing a second credit card for the same Good Shepherd account through Bank of America for use by the Administrative Assistant, Jenny Werner.

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council.

### Discussion Agenda:

Approve amended renovation project cost and additional loan: Lindsay Erdman, representing the FIC, reported that construction costs for the project will exceed the initial figure due to several factors. Among these are the following: Upgrades necessary to fulfill code requirements (including replacing the fire alarm system in the entire building), upgrades to the infrastructure of the building, greater reliance on Singing Hammers Construction than initially anticipated, and adjustments necessary once the project began (including additional materials required to complete the geothermal system). As the renovation enters its final stages, FIC recommends increasing the amount of financing to cover the cost of the project and anticipate any additional costs we may incur. The council concurred with this assessment.

John Moeller made the following motion: Because we acknowledge that the project may cost as much as \$450,000, the council approves applying for an additional \$100,000 in loans, split between the HVAC loan and the regular loan as appropriate. The motion was seconded by Jerry Bruce. Motion carried.

Report from Pastor Amy regarding her schedule and coverage of pastoral duties: Nathan is home, and is fulfilling an extensive schedule of appointments with professionals aiding in his recovery. This takes time, and Pr. Amy would like to focus primarily on keeping up with worship, confirmation class, stewardship, pastoral care, and preaching. Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson will serve as visitation pastor through the end of September. Pr. Amy asks for some flexibility in scheduling and her duties during this time. She appreciates the understanding, prayers, and support of the council, committees, and the congregation.

### 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: Bob Felde

VBS was successful. There were ten attendees - four from Good Shepherd, one from the UCC, and five Guatemalan immigrant children. Older Good Shepherd youth also helped lead activities!

Outreach and Hospitality Committee: No report

Property and Management Committee: Bob Naslund

The committee is working to replace the windows in the sanctuary.

The committee is working with Kinderhaus on an "Agreement to Share Space."

Discussed whether another "St. Grubby's" type of event might be timely.

Stewardship Committee: Jerry Bruce

The Fall Appeal will focus on Time and Talents in September and Financial Intentions in November. A schedule of events relating giving to our ministries and our facility has been proposed for the fall.

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Worship and Music Committee: Bob Larson

Good Shepherd will host Bishop Munib Younan, Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and former president of the Lutheran World Federation on September 29.

Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 8.

The liturgical setting will move from the Ben Larson setting "Behold I make All Things New" to ELW setting 6 beginning September 1.

Two more jazz services are scheduled for fall.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Amy Larson, see above.

President's Report: Steve Holland

No Report

Secretary's Report: Jonathon Struve

No Report

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Total income year to date: \$168,531.00

Total expense year to date: (\$343,861.30)

- \$4,658.38 (Youth Director Salary - this position is already funded - 416/416A)

- \$103,302.22 (HVAC expenses - 498B)

- \$28,507.43 (2018 surplus used for renovations - 498A)

- \$75,371.84 (Facility Renovation expenses - 498)

Operating Expenses: \$132,021.43

Ordinary income (\$168,531.00) - Operating Expenses (\$132,021.43) = \$36,609.57 (this would be our surplus were we not doing a building project).

**Building Expenses through August 9 (and how we have paid for those expenses)**

498B HVAC \$103,302.22

498A 2018 Surplus \$28,507.43

498 Renovation \$110,165.92

\_\_\_\_\_ \$241,975.57

- \$103,000.00 (HVAC loan)

- \$30,860.24 (118: 2018 surplus plus some building contributions)

- \$36,609.57 (this year's difference between income and ordinary expenses)

- \$2,974.71 (designated contribution to HVAC project)

- \$75,000.00 (low interest bank loan)

\$6,168.95 (combining our income and loans and expenses, this is our current surplus)

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline: August 22, 2019

Next Council Meeting: The next meeting will be September 17, 2019, 7:00 PM

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Handbell warmup</li> <li>9:30 AM Worship</li> <li>10:30 AM Fellowship Hour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pr. Army Day Off</li> <li>6:00 PM AL/ANON</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jenny out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>8:00 PM Band Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Centering Prayers</li> <li>1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting</li> <li>5:00 PM Community Meal</li> </ul>		
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