



The Shepherd's Voice

October 2019

Beloved of God,

Jesus tells us to love God and others with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. He says this is what God most wants from us and for us. As Jesus describes it, love isn't just a feeling. It's a choice and an action. Love involves conscious, active intentional work. Yet, it can be hard to remember to choose love and to live it out. God knows this. God knows we need real, tangible help with this work. So, God told the people of Israel to put concrete reminders to love on their hands and foreheads, doorposts and gates (Deuteronomy 6:1-9).

These days we have all sorts of tools to remind us to do things. Some people write notes on their hands (similar to what God commanded in Deuteronomy!), others put post-it notes up everywhere or set alerts on their phones. Wouldn't it be great if we used those tools to encourage us to love? What if each morning, as everyone's rushing to get out the door, a daily alert came through that just said LOVE? Would that change the morning? Yet even without a post-it note, checklist or phone alert, there are so many concrete things in our lives that can serve as encouragement to practice love.

I see a lot of them around this building. The Reconciling in Christ logo on our doors, for instance - the visible sign that this congregation has intentionally chosen to welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender and queer people - encourages me to live out that commitment by my actions. Our new fully accessible bathroom calls to mind this congregation's long commitment to those with special needs and reminds me that showing love involves concrete action. As I walk around, I see baskets to collect items for the Food Pantry and supplies for school kits that will be given to children around the world, as well as thank you notes from all the ministries we support through our financial gifts. All serve as good encouragement to live out our faith and love in concrete ways.

When I see Al-Anon, Friends of Recovery, and Narcotics Anonymous groups meeting here, I'm reminded to love and pray for those who struggle with addiction. And, I'm grateful because lessons from 12-step programs can help us all to love more fully. When I see the building being used to accompany our immigrant neighbors, I'm reminded that Jesus says if we welcome strangers, we welcome him. We love God by loving all of God's children. The Kinderhaus preschool that rents our space teaches me what love sounds like. It sounds like singing, laughter, kind words, and teachers who so gently redirect and comfort. Every time I hear those teachers working with a kid, I get a lesson in patience.

And then when you all come on Sundays, I see so many reminders to actively practice love. I see people who've lost loved ones and need us to stay with them for the long haul of grief. I see all your faces and think about the joy and pain you all carry - some of which I am privileged to carry with you.

I'm reminded how much we all need loving, caring community and how much we need help and encouragement to practice love for real people in real time. It's hard work to keep loving people year after year in community. All the minor annoyances, all the larger disagreements can take a toll. Yet we keep showing up, week after week, to practice love

In so many ways here, we are reminded to live out love of God and love of neighbor. Thanks be to God.

Peace to you, Pastor Amy

A Message from the Congregation President

For the last few months you have all been watching our building project unfold, but it is also important for everyone to see the less visible financial piece of the project. What follows is information about significant cost overruns, an explanation of what is being done about it, and an invitation to consider a gift to help us push this project to its completion.

As you might remember, the original estimate of the cost of this project was \$250,000. As the project winds down, it appears the actual costs will be closer to \$450,000. There are many reasons for this, and there will be an adult forum on October 13th where you will be able to ask questions. However, I can assure you it is not due to any mismanagement of the project. Good Shepherd members have long been careful stewards of the congregation's resources, and in this case, costs were minimized by having members do much of the work. Further, the Facilities Improvement Committee, with the support of the pastor and congregation council, has made the decisions it believes will best enable the congregation carry out its mission, both within the church and in the community, while maintaining the long-run financial sustainability of the congregation.

For example, there have been unexpected costs of complying with safety regulations for preschools, but we decided to incur that extra expense both because these improvements are beneficial to our members and also because our mission of hospitality requires it. Providing a home for Kinderhaus is good for the community, brings life to our unused space during the week, and has even brought a few new faces to worship on Sunday. Other unexpected costs included upgrades that we knew would be necessary at some point in the future but discovered they would be much less expensive to complete while the building was already under construction. These decisions, while increasing the cost of the project, were made with an eye toward saving the congregation money in the future. The result is a facility that will serve us and our community for a very long time but that is much more expensive than we thought it would be.

The treasurer and the congregation council have developed a plan to pay for this. Our intent is to first use the money set aside for the project, plus the proceeds of the loans we expected to take out when the project began. In addition, we have taken out another \$50,000 loan from the bank, although a larger loan would have required using the building as collateral, so we decided against borrowing more than that. We also have some income in excess of our current operating expenses, and a member has offered an additional loan of \$25,000 if necessary. This, we believe, will allow us to cover the costs of the project without affecting benevolence or other activities necessary to carry out the mission of the congregation.

The church's long-term financial health is still very strong. Our fear is inadequate short-term cash flow. Part of being a good neighbor in this case means promptly paying the people who have been doing the construction work, and that means cash will be tight for the remainder of the year. So, we are inviting you to consider a gift to help the congregation through to the end of the building project. This is a one-time request and is separate from the stewardship appeal for regular giving that will proceed as normal this fall. By making this additional request now, we hope to raise \$35,000 to ensure we have adequate cash through the end of the year and to minimize the need for borrowing. A gift of a few hundred or a few thousand dollars will go a long way toward helping the congregation through this time.

Things are not unfolding exactly as we expected, but I get some comfort thinking about how God might work through us and our new facility to strengthen and expand our mission in ways we can't yet imagine.

Steve Holland, Congregation President

TREASURER'S REPORT

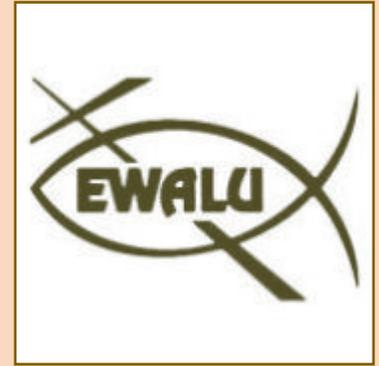
1. Member giving has been strong. Our projected offerings for 2019, based on statements of intent, was \$278,504.00 That would translate into \$185,669.32 through August. Actual giving through August has been \$194,418.09. A couple of families have completed their yearly giving already but we still are ahead of projected giving. In short, the members of Good Shepherd are giving as they promised.
2. Our total income through August was \$197,053.72. Our total operating expenses through August (this does not include the renovation costs or the youth director salary, which comes from earlier income) was \$153,072.35. That means we are running a healthy surplus of \$43,981.37. We have applied this surplus to the renovation costs.
3. As of August 31 we have spent \$310,373.77 on our building projects (renovation plus HVAC). We have paid for the work as follows: (a) \$125,000.00 from a no-interest HVAC loan; (b) \$125,000.00 from a second bank loan; (c)\$30,860.24 from our 2018 surplus plus "building fund" contributions; (d)\$3,000.00 from an HVAC contribution; (e)\$21,209.80 from additional member contributions to the building project; (f)\$43,981.37 from our operating income surplus.
4. Because the costs of the HVAC and renovation projects probably will approach \$450,000 we have secured an additional \$50,000 loan from the bank. Although this will not be enough to cover our remaining costs, the bank was unwilling to loan us additional funds without giving them our mortgage as collateral. As explained by Steve Holland in a recent temple talk, we probably can cover the remaining costs from our ordinary income, money in the bank, and a member loan but as Steve also explained, we will feel more comfortable in our ability to pay the persons completing the renovation over the next couple of months if we can raise \$35,000 in one-time gifts from members of the congregation.

John Moeller, Treasurer

Stewardship

thank you camp
EWALU it was
so fun to be
there for a week
your my favorite
camp ever
Adeline
Bollinger

thank you
Good Sheph
for sending
me to camp
EWALU
Adeline
Bollinger



Good Shepherd provided camperships to Ewalu this year. Thank yous from the Bellrichards were in the August newsletter.

Thank you Good shepherd,
Thank you for the campership
to attend Ewalu bible camp. I
attended night camp. We got to
stay up very later than normal.
Some things we got to do are
the high ropes course, lots of
hiking, and late night games. I
learned a lot about the bible
and how god is everywhere
in our life. I very much
enjoy going to Ewalu camp
every year.

Thanks,
Mason Cote

Dear Good Sheard, Thank you all so much for
giving me a campership to ewalu! I really enjoyed going
to camp! My favorite part was meeting new people although
I enjoyed everything.

Thank you again,
Abby.

Thank you Good Sheperd for the
campership to Ewala and for all your
support for me + my family as
I recover
-Nate

October Adult Forums

OCTOBER 6 - Carole Daughton, a retired register nurse, volunteered with Gundersen's Global Partners Program. Carole went to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to work in a health clinic for several years as part of this program. She saw first hand the poverty and the desolation on the reservation. She then identified another volunteer opportunity – the art of *QUILTING*. It was almost impossible for the Native Americans to provide supplies. She planned a sewing program for the women on the reservation. Others have joined Carole in this project, traveling with her, and donating supplies. Come hear her story. If you have some material or fabric you would like to donate, bring it with you to the forum.

OCTOBER 13 - FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT UPDATE in Fellowship Hall. Learn more and join Lindsay Erdman and crew to answer your questions about the facilities improvements and costs. John Moeller will also give us a financial update.

OCTOBER 20 - No forum

OCTOBER 27 - OPENING OUR DOORS, OPENING OUR HEARTS - members Jon Ailabouni, Steven Zittergruen, Ruth Bruce and Jane Kemp will share stories about the ways our congregation uses our financial giving to serve the world.

October Scriptures

Sunday, October 6 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Wicked surround the righteous	Psalms 37:1-9 Commit your way to the Lord	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Guard the treasure entrusted to you	Luke 17:5-10 Faith the size of a mustard seed
Sunday, October 13 18th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed	Psalms 111 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart	2 Timothy 2:8-15 If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ	Luke 17:11-19 One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God
Sunday, October 20 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31 Jacob's struggle with the angel	Psalms 121 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message	Luke 18:1-8 The widow begs for justice
Sunday, October 27 Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Jerusalem will be defeated	Psalms 84:1-7 Happy are the people whose strength is in you	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 The good fight of faith	Luke 18:9-14 A Pharisee and tax collector pray together

October 2019 Ministry Team

DATE	LITURGY/WORSHIP	USHER *Head Usher	FELLOWSHIP *Coordinator (F) only bring food
Sunday, October 6 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Bob Larson Reader: Krista Holland Communion Server: Cynthia Ernst Cantor: Dennis Barnaal	1.*Steve Holland 2. Mara Holland Greeter: Ava Holland Acolyte: Leah Holland	1.*Jeri Laursen 2. Sue & Lyle Luzum 3. Kathy Buzza 4. Dan Bellrichard
Sunday, October 13 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Ruth Bruce Reader: Lise Kildegaard Communion Server: Marv Slind Cantor: Jason Rausch	1.*David Faldet 2. Rachel Faldet Greeter: Christy Vrtis Acolyte: Viola Vrtis	1.*Ruth Bruce 2. Lise Kildegaard 3. Marv Slind 4. Cheryl Donlon
Sunday, October 20 Live Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Ruth Bruce Reader: Germano Streese Communion Server: Reg Laursen Cantor: Jonathon Struve	1.*Jerry Bruce 2. Erik Berg Greeter: Wanda Diefelt Acolyte: Pranav & Gautam Caton	1.*Jeri Laursen 2. Marv Slind 3. Cheryl Donlon 4. Ingrid Callahan 5. Sandhya Caton
Sunday, October 27 Reformation Sunday Jazz Worship 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Angela Sadler Reader: Jane Borelli Communion Servers 1. Bob Larson 2.	1.*Richard Ylvisaker 2. Joanne Ylvisaker Greeter: David Faldet Acolyte:	1.*Ingrid Callahan 2. Rachel Faldet 3. Harriet Hayes 4. Cynthia Ernst

October Altar Guild: Kim Kavan, Ann Naslund, Angie Sadler

Good Shepherd Announcements

PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY will resume October 3, 10 a.m. Pr. Marion will lead October study.

“LUTHER SERVES” will be held **Saturday, October 12, 9:30-Noon** – Need help with fall cleaning or yard work? Luther’s Student Congregation will send volunteer teams to assist area residents who need help with yard work and household chores. All work is done on a volunteer basis. Any donations received will be divided between local and global ministries. Contact the Luther College Ministries office at 563-387-1040 or email ministry@luther.edu by **Monday, October 7**, to request a Luther Serves team.



DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Church -



Good Shepherd is the sponsor for this meal. Volunteer workers, salads, and desserts are needed. Sign-up sheets will be available at the church or you may contact the Office using email, decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com. For questions, contact Dave Judisch, 563-380-7707 or judiscda@luther.edu

CANOE RIDGE ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER: Wednesday, October 9, serving begins at 4:30pm. Menu includes Mike Reicks’ chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, corn, cranberry salad, lefse, rolls, cookies, bars & beverages. Tickets are \$14.00 for 11 & over, ages 10 & under \$6.00, pre-school free. All take outs are \$14.00. Please purchase advance tickets by calling: Virginia Hanson 563-382-9414.



OCTOBER FIESTA: Please bring your family and friends and join the Decorah Area Faith Coalition for an “October Fiesta”, Friday, October 18, 4:30 - 7p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We’ll be serving harvest soups, homemade breads and desserts. All proceeds will go towards supporting “Neighbors Helping Neighbors,” a fund to help community members impacted by the immigration crises. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, kids \$5, age 6 and under free, \$20 for a family. Can’t attend? You can donate online at <http://decorahucc.org/neighbors/>.

Beginning in September, the **DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY** has asked all churches to help collect specific food and personal hygiene items for their clients. These monthly requests will help to plan for an eventual move and save some funds for future operational costs.



**Decorah
Community
Food Pantry**

Each month we will publicize in the weekly and monthly newsletters the “Items of the Month”. **Octobers items are cooking oil (qt) and deodorant.** *GS has designated the last Sunday in each month as our donation day.* Please place these donations in the Pantry Basket outside the Sanctuary at Good Shepherd or drop off directly at the food pantry.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - October 17.

Good Shepherd Announcements



PEACE BE THE JOURNEY RIDE: The Northeast Iowa affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will host its “Peace Be The Journey” bicycle ride for mental health awareness from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Decorah Fish Hatchery, 2325 Siewers Spring Rd., Decorah. The purpose of the ride is to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and raise funds for education, support and advocacy for those affected by mental illness, their families and their communities. The course for the ride will be the closed-loop Trout Run trail, beginning and ending at the fish hatchery. Additionally, for-purchase concessions from Kymar Kafe, caramel-apple sundae bowls, a “bouncy house” and face painting will be available to all riders and the public. Door prizes have been contributed by numerous regional businesses. All riders are encouraged to wear helmets. More information and pre-event registration can be found at namineiowa.org. Registration is available at the event as well.

FIRST LUTHERAN TRAVELERS AND FRIENDS invite you on a one-day motor coach trip to view *HARK! THE BASEMENT LADIES SING* on Friday, November 1 at the Ames Theatre in Burnsville, Mn. The Church Basement Ladies appear in a new musical comedy that takes place while cooking meals and preparing for Christmas. The day includes transportation, noon dinner, show, and all gratuities. *Reservations and payment are due no later than Oct. 8*. Informational booklets and reservation forms are available in the church office at First Lutheran.

First Lutheran Church 50+ Gathering Group: GS Members are invited to come enjoy an afternoon walk on the trails around David and Kirsten Heine's farm at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 20. These are relaxing trails, with a distance for everyone. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Those who don't care to walk can sit and chat or choose to arrive at 5:00 pm when we will share a potluck meal together in the Heine barn. Following the meal, learn about apple farming in Norway on David's family's farm in Tokheim, Norway. Please bring a generous dish to share and table service. Apple cider and coffee will be provided but you are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice. RSVP to John or Lindy Moeller at 563-382-8159 or lindymoeller@gmail.com



WE REFUSE TO BE ENEMIES : Hear the story of The Tent of Nations, a 100-acre farm and orchard located in the West Bank, near the city of Bethlehem. Mr. Daoud Nassar is the latest member of his family to operate this farm, having owned it since 1916. Besides a farming operation, Tent of Nation has also become an international peace and education center, attracting thousands of visitors annually in order to learn more about their farming methods, non-violent resistance, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Mr. Nassar is welcomed by the Southeastern, Northeastern, and Western Iowa Synods of the ELCA, under the auspices of Friends of Tent of Nations North America (FOTONNA). He will speak at 7pm on Nov. 7 in the Center for Faith and Life Recital Hall at Luther College.





Thank you to everyone who helped with the reception following the memorial service for John Bale. It is truly amazing how the congregation comes together to make this possible. Everyone is so willing to help. The families really appreciate it.

Thank you to all who donated to our LWR kits this fall. We have had a large amount of items donated this year but still need some notebooks. We have enough other supplies to make 30 kits but will need about 70 notebooks to complete the kits. Each school kit needs four notebooks. Our youth will help assemble the school kits on October 13. Some of these youngsters have been doing this so long that they know exactly what to do. They would love to teach the adults so come and join the fun, they have a regular assembly line going!

Not to be outdone by the youth, CLA circle has a pretty good system going also when they assemble the Baby Care Kits. Gail Judisch does an amazing job preparing the items (nine different items for each kit). The group can assemble and package around 45 kits in about an hour. Come to the October 22 meeting at the church to see this project in action. Coffee and bible study to follow. All are welcome to come and participate.

Registration opens September 30 for the Eleventh Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona July 16-19, 2020. Early bird price is \$325 through January 6, 2020. Scholarships are available through the NEI Synod Women. See Bev Sheridan for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

October Circle Schedule

10/8 - Anna Circle - 9:30 a.m. - Carol Hasvold hosts

10/9 - Miriam Circle - 10:00 a.m. - Carol Hasvold hosts

10/22 - CLA Circle - 7:00 p.m. - Wanda Rueber hosts at church

The Music Page

You shall not be overcome

Earlier this summer, I reported on my trip last spring to Norwich, England, where I visited the church of St. Julian. This fall, as part of my sabbatical project at Luther College, I am working on a new musical composition based on the writings of Julian and incorporating some chants by Hildegard of Bingen. These two women transformed the church in powerful ways, and their words and music continue to speak to us today. This month, I share one of Julian's most quoted passages from her "Revelations of Divine Love."

And this word: you shall not be overcome, was said full sharply, and full mightily for sureness and comfort against all tribulations that may come. He said not: You shall not be troubled, you shall not be travailed, you shall not be diseased; but he said: You shall not be overcome. God wills that we take heed at his word, and that we be ever mighty in faithful trust in well and woe, for he loves us and delights in us ... and all shall be well.



October Music Schedule

10/6 Band
Gathering: Gounod, "March Pontifical"
Off.: 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

Weekly choir and band rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 and 8 pm
Handbells rehearse 10/20 at 8:45 am
All are welcome!

Social Justice

DECORAH AREA FAITH COALITION

The DAFC is an affiliation of local faith communities who work together to address the needs of immigrant families in our community. The group began in 2008 as a way for churches in our area to respond to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid at the meat processing plant in Postville.

In 2017, in response to the arrest and detention of a community members by ICE, the DAFC once again became active to rally community support for the family and the detained immigrant, and others who were facing immigration related crises. Since that time, the DACF has sponsored 8 community wide events to provide fellowship, education, and support – both financial and legal, for local families in need. The DAFC has raised over \$17,000, money which goes directly into the “Neighbors Helping Neighbors,” fund which is administered by the Decorah United Church of Christ.

Anyone interested in supporting immigrants is welcome to join the DAFC. Currently the group is composed of clergy and lay people from 12 different organizations. Good Shepherd members Dave Judisch, Marty Steele, Pr. Mike Blair, and Pr. Marion are active members and can answer any question you might have.

Our next fellowship and fundraising event is “October Fiesta” on Fri. Oct. 18th from 4:30-7:00, right here at Good Shepherd. We will be serving seasonal soups and chili, homemade bread and desserts. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids (6 and under are FREE) and \$20 for a family. We’d love to see you there!

ELCA ADVOCACY

Check out the ELCA Advocacy page at [ELCA.org/Advocacy](https://www.elca.org/Advocacy). There you can learn about the advocacy ministry of the wider church and find out more about important issues like immigration, racial justice, climate change, the Middle East, and domestic hunger. Click on “Advocacy Alerts” to receive up to date information sent to your email on action you take to promote justice. Click on “Take Action” to find about what you can today!

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE

The LIRS website has lots of great information about immigration and refugees, including detailed information about how you can be involved. Check it out at [LIRS.org/refugees](https://www.lirs.org/refugees).

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 - 7:00 pm

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

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

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

Bob Larson moved and Jerry Bruce 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.

Approval of the August 2019 Congregational Council meeting minutes.

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council.

Discussion Agenda:

Paying for building costs in excess of existing cash and loans: Treasurer John Moeller reported that Decorah Bank and Trust was willing to provide an additional \$50,000 in loans to cover the cost of the building, but would require having possession of our mortgage as collateral for any more than that amount. A member has also offered to loan the church \$25,000 if necessary. John Moeller expressed concerns over cash flow as the project is completed and bills come due. After discussion, the council approved a recommendation to undertake a one-time special capital campaign appeal to raise \$35,000 to cover building costs. Steve Holland agreed to give a Temple Talk at worship on Sept. 22nd to explain the need for the appeal. Letters will be sent to the congregation outlining the reasons for the additional costs and the need for the appeal. An adult forum is scheduled for October 13th to provide information on the project.

Nominating Committee Appointments: The council approved the appointment of Bob Larson and Bob Naslund to be the council representatives on the Nominating Committee. Other members are Steve Holland, Pr. Amy Larson, Ruth Bruce, and Dennis Barnaal.

Pastor's Report: Nathan's schedule for rehabilitation and care continues to be rigorous. Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson will continue as visitation pastor through October, and she will lead the Thursday morning Bible Study. Thank you for continued support and prayers.

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

Fall Retreats: Youth are participating in two retreats this fall: 4 youth will attend the ReKindle Retreat on Sept. 27-28. 2 Youth are signed up for the Dirty Feet Retreat on Oct. 4-6.

Rally Sunday was a success and there was good attendance for both age groups.

Sunday School Sign in/out: It is necessary to have parents sign their children in and to have an adult accompany them from the Fellowship Hall to the classroom. The thought is to have the SS helper gather the kids in the Fellowship Hall and pass around a sign in form to parents. The kids will then walk with the helper to the classroom. After class, the helper can let parents know they can come to the classroom to sign out and pick up their child(ren).

Outreach and Hospitality Committee: No report

Property and Management Committee: Bob Naslund

The committee wishes to commend members of the congregation for their amazing volunteer work and service in helping with the building project, mowing, landscaping, and many other projects.

(Continued on page 13)

Stewardship Committee: Jerry Bruce

The 2020 Annual Stewardship Appeal is set for this fall. The committee is working on plans for an adult forum on October 27. Brochures and bulletin Inserts are ready to be printed.

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. The Luther Student Congregation will join with Good Shepherd for worship on this Sunday.

There is a need to find ways to expand the usher pool as well as revising and editing the usher list of responsibilities.

The committee is exploring the option of offering a "rejoicing spirits worship service" with a template prepared by Mosaic Homes for special needs folks as well as their caregivers. Pastor Amy reported that such services have been very successful in congregations that have initiated them.

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

President's Report: Steve Holland

Committees are reminded to prepare their budget requests for 2020 before the November council meeting.

The executive committee will be conducting annual staff reviews, and the congregation may submit comments to Linda Donoghue.

Secretary's Report: Jonathon Struve

No Report

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Total income year to date:	\$197,053.72
Total expense year to date:	(\$441,168.84)
	-\$5,311.46 (Youth Director Salary - this position is already funded - 416/416A)
	-\$148,277.03 (HVAC expenses - 498B)
	-\$28,507.43 (2018 surplus used for renovations - 498A)
	<u>-\$106,000.57</u> (Facility Renovation expenses - 498)
Operating Expenses:	\$153,072.35

Ordinary income (\$197,053.72) - Operating Expenses (\$153,072.35) = \$43,981.37 (this is the amount applied to the building project)

Building Expenses through September 8 (and how we have paid for those expenses)

498B HVAC	\$121,517.17
498A 2018 Surplus	\$28,507.43
498 Renovation	<u>\$160,349.17</u>
	\$310,373.77
	-\$125,000.00 (HVAC loan)
	-\$30,860.24 (118: 2018 surplus plus some building contributions)
	-\$43,981.37 (this year's difference between income and ordinary expenses)
	-\$3,000.00 (designated contribution to HVAC project)
	<u>-\$125,000.00</u> (Renovation low interest bank loan)
	\$38,677.64 (this is the total we currently have available for renovation costs)

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline: September 19, 2019

Next Council Meeting: The next meeting will be October 15, 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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Choir warmup 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Sunday School & Youth Forum 11:00 AM Adult Forum - Social Justice Committee update 1:00 PM 2 pm Concert Across America (Sanctuary) 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 1:30 PM Property and Management Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Community Meal 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Band warmup 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Sunday School & Youth Forum 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Anna Circle 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 4:00 PM Council Agenda planning 4:45 PM Education Committee 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Miriam Circle 10:30 AM Aase Haugen Communion 1:00 PM Wellington Pl. Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 1:00 PM Travel Club 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Stewardship Committee 	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Choir Warmup 8:45 AM Choir warmup 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Sunday School & Youth Forum 11:00 AM Adult Forum 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 7:00 PM Council Meeting 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 5:00 PM Decorah Community Meal 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM DFC fundraiser 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 PM Montessori kids group
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Handbell warmup 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Sunday School & Youth Forum 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby care kit prep in FH 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 7:00 PM CLA Circle 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Opportunity Homes 9:30 AM Opportunity Homes 11:00 AM Communion at Eastern Star 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Jazz Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:50 AM Sunday School & Youth Forum 11:00 AM Adult Forum - Stewardship Appeal 2020 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr. Amy Day Off Mall intent letter 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 6:00 PM AL/ANON 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Marilyn Anderson tutor 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Band Rehearsal 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study led by Pastor 12:00 PM Centering Prayers 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
701 Iowa Avenue
Decorah IA 52101

OCTOBER 2019

The Shepherd's Voice

Contents:

Pastor Amy Larson

Music Director: Brooke Joyce
Children Youth and Family Director: Kathryn Thompson
Administrative Assistant: Jenny Werner
Email: decorahgoodshepherd@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org>
Church Office: 563-382-3963
Office Hours: M-F; 8 a.m.- 12 Noon

<i>Words from Pastor Larson</i>	1
<i>Letter from Council President</i>	2
<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	3
<i>Stewardship</i>	4
<i>October Adult Forums</i>	5
<i>October Scriptures</i>	5
<i>October Ministry Team</i>	6
<i>GS Announcements</i>	7-8
<i>WELCA News</i>	9
<i>Music Page</i>	10
<i>Social Justice</i>	11
<i>Council Minutes</i>	12-13
<i>October Calendar</i>	14

GOOD SHEPHERD IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

