



The Shepherd's Voice

November 2019

Beloved of God,

Recently I was asked how things are at Good Shepherd as the renovation project draws to a close. I replied, "there is so much gratitude and generosity." That doesn't just capture how things are after the renovation. This is who you are Good Shepherd. You are grateful, and you are generous. You are attentive to and thankful for what God is doing among us. You also participate in what God is doing through your generosity. I give thanks for you!

There are so many reasons to be grateful for what God is doing through Good Shepherd. Together we've contributed to the renovations to our building that will allow it to better serve our ministry and the larger community. We've installed a geo-thermal based sustainable heating and cooling (HVAC) system. Funding the renovation and HVAC hasn't impacted our commitment to ministry and mission. We have continued to increase the amount of money we give to ministry beyond our doors. This year we've given over \$50,000 to make the love of God known in concrete ways throughout the world. We have also supported innovative worship like the jazz services, Maundy Thursday Dinner worship, and the inspired midweek Lenten worship.

All of this is made possible through your generous giving of your time, talent and treasure. Because of you, Good Shepherd is known as a place of open doors and open hearts. The renovation costs were reduced because of all of you who helped with St. Grubby's Day, demolition, carpet removal and painting. The Special Appeal to help with the renovation/HVAC costs has raised \$40,340.61 as of Oct. 21. In this time of rampant individualism, consumption and excess, you are modeling a different way of being the world- the way of community, compassion, justice and joy! I give thanks for you!

Now is the time to consider what we can do together through our regular giving to our mission goals (our budget) in 2020. Our goals for 2020 are to make progress on the renovation and HVAC loans, grow our giving to ministry beyond our doors, and provide more funding for innovative worship like jazz and dinner worship. We are also working to launch an occasional new worship opportunity, called Rejoicing Spirits, focused on people with disabilities and their caregivers. Because Rejoicing Spirits is participatory and interactive, it serves all kinds of people and especially families with young children. In order to reach these goals, we hope to increase our giving by \$10,000.

This week, you will receive a letter inviting you to make a Statement of Intent on Stewardship Sunday, November 10. (You can also mail your statement of intent or submit it online, look under the GIVE tab on the website.) Please consider the specific invitation in your letter and plan to make a Statement of Intent. You will also receive a phone call the week of Nov. 4 to remind you of the Stewardship Sunday. I am available for conversation about your giving if that would be helpful to you. The dollar amounts indicated on the Statements of Intent will be used to develop a 2020 budget that will allow us to meet our goals. One generous member has offered a challenge: if ninety-four households make Statements of Intent, this member will give an additional \$5,000.

Thank you, Good Shepherd, for being such a grateful and generous congregation. Let's continue to share freely of what God has first given us.

Peace, Pastor Amy

Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020: OPENING OUR DOORS, OPENING OUR HEARTS

Good Shepherd is known for opening our hearts and our doors to God's world. In the past year, we've improved our building so that it can better serve both our ministry and the community groups that use the space. We have done this while strengthening worship and growing our giving to ministry beyond our doors. **In 2020, we will continue to give generously to serve others, pay down the building loans and fund innovative worship opportunities. Our hope for next year is that giving will increase by \$10,000 to make these plans a reality.** This increase is possible as each of us prayerfully remembers all that God has done for us, and then gives a joyful and generous response.

On Sunday, November 10 we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday and place our Statements of Intent in the offering basket. You can also mail your Statement of Intent to the church office or make your intent on the website, look under the GIVE tab. If 94 households respond we will receive an additional \$5,000 toward our ministry goals, as one member has offered a generous challenge gift to inspire our giving. The week of Nov. 4 you will get a call reminding you to bring you intent in by Nov. 10. Thank you for being part of this open and inviting congregation!



Stewardship: ELCA Global Mission Young Adults in Global Mission Country Program Profile

2019-2020

YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION (YAGM) participants, ranging in age from 21 to 29, take the plunge into a *life-changing year-long journey* in communities around the world. As they share their gifts in service, they also receive the gifts of their hosts' hospitality, engaging in relationships of mutuality, interdependence, solidarity and trust.

CENTRAL EUROPE

www.ELCA.org/YAGMsupport



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2019-2020 VOLUNTEERS

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HOW THEY SERVE

YAGM Central Europe volunteers are part of a Lutheran worshipping community. Each volunteer serves with Lutheran diaconal or educational ministries as well as non-profits and Lutheran ministries that empower Roma communities. Each young adult becomes involved in congregational and community life. In each unique context, volunteers are connected explicitly or implicitly with members of Roma communities. Specific assignments include youth and music ministry, teaching, ministry to homeless people, providing companionship to seniors in elder-care facilities and accompanying students through the Roma College program.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Young adults grow in intercultural awareness and work to build relationships with people who are members of marginalized Roma communities. They

also share in the joys and struggles of a Christian church that is redefining itself.

WHERE THEY SERVE

Lutheran churches in Central Europe are exploring how to be church in this post-communist and post-Christendom age. Like the ELCA, they live with a surrounding culture of growing secularism and materialism, as well as increasing ethnic and religious diversity. In this context, the injustices faced by the minority Roma people stand out. People of the Roma community continue to endure discrimination, fear, mistrust and even violence from people of the dominant culture.

WORKING TOGETHER

The YAGM Central Europe program partners with the Lutheran Church in Hungary, The Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia, and The Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization.

Your gifts to Good Shepherd support the ministry of these young adults.

Thank you for your generosity that allows these young adults to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in the world!

In 2019, Good Shepherd gave over \$50,000 to ministries like this that serve God's world.



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November Adult Forums

November 3 - "The Knights of Malta." On the heels of the Joyce/Self family's adventures in Malta, Brooke Joyce will share what he learned about the ancient Catholic military Order of St. John. Special guest appearances by the Italian artist Caravaggio, French conqueror Napoleon, and British poet William Blake included free of charge!

November 10 - "Run, Hide, Fight Armed Intruder Training". All Good Shepherd members and friends, and especially ushers and greeters, are encouraged to attend an adult forum about how we as a congregation can best respond in the unlikely event of an armed intruder. Our insurance company, Church Mutual, is encouraging all congregations to do this training. The Congregation Council decided to offer this training in an adult forum time. It will be led by Good Shepherd member Brent Parker who serves as Assistant Chief of the Decorah Police Department.

November 17 - "Sanctuary. What does it mean to offer sanctuary? What does it mean to be a sanctuary denomination?" Pastor Anne Edison-Albright, College Pastor at Luther and voting member to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, will lead a conversation about the history and present of the sanctuary movement, and how the ELCA's decision to use the word "sanctuary" impacts our ongoing work with migrants and their families.

November 24 - "Dickens - A Christmas Carol: A Secular Scripture?" Is there a theology in the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the rest of Bob Cratchit and his family? (The first of two sessions, the second to occur on December 8.) Led by Harland Nelson.

November Scriptures

Sunday, November 3 All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17 God will wipe away every tear.	Psalms 149 Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.	Ephesians 1:11-23 God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all the church	Luke 6:20-31 Jesus speaks blessings and woes
Sunday, November 10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 19:23-27a I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God	Psalms 17:1-9 Keep me as the apple of your eye	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 The coming of the Lord Jesus	Luke 20:27-38 Jesus speaks of the resurrection; the God of the living
Sunday, November 17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Malachi 4:1-2a A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous	Psalms 98 In righteousness will the Lord judge the world.	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ	Luke 21:5-19 Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake
Sunday, November 24 Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice	Psalms 46 I will be exalted among the nations.	Colossians 1:11-20 Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood	Luke 23:33-43 Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise

Good Shepherd Announcements

THE SPECIAL APPEAL TO ADDRESS BUILDING COSTS IS EXTENDED WITH A NEW MATCH!

We have reached our initial financial goal of \$35,000 - over \$40,000 has already been raised (this is a correction from information in a previous bulletin). Thank you Good Shepherd! Now, two congregation members want to celebrate how much we can do together when all of us give what we can. To inspire our generosity and encourage every member of the congregation to make a contribution to this Special Appeal, no matter how large or small, the donors will match any gift of \$1000, or less, given to the Special Appeal from October 27 - November 10. If at the end of the Appeal all active households have made a gift, the donors will give an additional \$544 - double our number of active members. (Donations given prior to October 27 will not be matched, but counted toward the number of households participating.) This invitation to generosity is for a one-time gift, now. The Special Appeal is happening as we are also considering our regular giving for 2020. Please prayerfully consider the ways you can respond generously to what God has given you through one-time gifts and regular giving.

THANKS TO GOOD SHEPHERD for bringing salads and desserts, and for working at the Decorah Community Meal on Oct. 3rd. We served over 170 meals that night. Thank you to all who participated!

FRIENDS OF RECOVERY want to thank Good Shepherd for letting us use the library two days a week. We invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee and making crafts. We meet on Mondays and Fridays from 1-4p.m.

ST. DUSTY'S DAY, Sat. Nov. 9 from 9 -11a.m.
Our new digs need some dusting and sprucing up! Come for a fun day with St. Dusty, sister to St. Grubby, in which we'll help our new spaces shine. Property and Management Committee will lead us in cleaning. We'll share in pizza when we're finished.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE November 21

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS - Plans are being made for an intergenerational event during Fellowship time on December 1. Hope for the Holidays is an effort by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services to get Christmas greetings to children and families in detention at our southern border. We will create and/or write simple Christmas greetings which will be mailed to LIRS for distribution along with the cards from some of our sister congregations in the area. We will also put together gift bags for Mosaic Home residents. If you have extra Christmas cards please bring them to Marty Steele before December 1.

KRUMKAKE FUNDRAISER FOR DC! Brenna Parker and Mason Cote, are making krumkake to raise funds for the eighth grade trip to Washington, DC next June. Holiday orders for krumkake will be taken until Sunday, December 15 and may be picked up during fellowship on Sunday, December 22, from 2 - 5 pm, or by arrangement. To place your order for 6 cookies (\$5) or 12 cookies (\$10), you can add your name and phone number to the order form outside fellowship hall or complete your information online here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2zhz2ry>. Payment can be made at pick up to Mason Cote or Brenna Parker. For questions or to take an order you can also contact Bridget or Heather.

DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY has asked all churches to help collect specific items for their clients. These monthly requests will help to plan for an eventual move and save some funds for future operational costs. November's "Items of the Month" are Ranch salad dressing and feminine hygiene products. *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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Bliven - new address

Norris - new address



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lutheran World Relief kits. The Sunday School helped to assemble 30 School Kits and CLA circle made 45 Baby Care Kits at their October meeting. Check the website to see pictures of the assembling of the Baby Care Kits. The Upper Iowa River Cluster of the Women of the ELCA will collect kits from all participating churches on Saturday November 2 at Olson Explosives and Trucking in Decorah. Olson's will then deliver the kits to the LWR warehouse in St Paul. Olson's provides a truck and driver for the trip with donations accepted from area churches. How nice to have a donation spot so close to us!

2020 is fast approaching and with that we need to get our circle hostesses ready for the new year. Please get them to Jenny as soon as possible. We will also have our WELCA annual meeting and mid-winter brunch on January 25 with Anna circle as hostess. Please contact Bev with any program ideas.

Registration is open for the Eleventh Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona July 16-19, 2020. Renew your spirit with thousands of faithful women just like you who are eager to grow, learn, pray and party-together! Join us in Phoenix, and live your faith in love that leads to justice. Register online at welcatg.org. Early bird price is \$325 through January 6, 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 19: CLA circle, Bev Sheridan, hostess
- November 2: LWR pickup, Olson explosives

November Circle Schedule

- 11/12 - Anna Circle - 9:30 a.m. - Jane Borelli hosts at Aase Haugen
- 11/13 - Miriam Circle - 10:00 a.m. - Carrie Solberg hosts
- 11/19 - CLA Circle - 7:00 p.m. - Bev Sheridan hosts NOTE DATE CHANGE

Social Justice Ministry

Working to promote God's Justice in our Community, our Country and the World

THANK YOU!

Many Thanks to all who helped to make the Decorah Area Faith Coalition's October Fiesta a success. Through your generosity, and the generosity of the wider community, the DAFC received \$3500 in donations, all of which will go to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund. NHN is administered by the United Congregational Church in Decorah, and provides support for our community members who are undergoing and immigration related crisis.

Make Plans to Participate in the February 3 Republican and Democratic Caucuses

We have the unique opportunity in Iowa to be the first in the nation to vote (caucus) for presidential elections. It's both a privilege and a civic duty for all people to participate, and that includes people of faith. Consider these words from "Called to Be A Public Church" from the ELCA:

Scripture reveals God's presence in all realms of life, including political life. This church understands government as a means through which God works to preserve creation and build a more peaceful and just social order in a sinful world. The electoral process is one way in which we live out our affirmation of baptism to "serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus," and "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

New Voter ID Rules

Remember that Iowa's new picture ID requirement will be in full effect beginning in 2020. This means that you will need a state issued picture ID – like your driver's license, or US Passport, or Military ID, in order to participate in the caucuses or cast a ballot. Please call County Auditor Ben Stienes at 563-382-5085 if you have questions about your voting status, or need to know the where to go to caucus or vote.

Looking Ahead

On Sunday, Dec. 1, make plans to participate in an intergenerational Christmas card event, "HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS" sponsored by LIRS and AMMPARO. Hope for the Holidays is an effort by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services to get Christmas greetings to children and families in detention at our southern border. We will create and/or write simple Christmas greetings which will be mailed to LIRS for distribution along with the cards from some of our sister congregations in the area. This is the 5th year of this program by LIRS and our first year to participate.

Final Thought

Civil obligations call each of us to participate out of a concern and commitment for the whole. Civil obligations call us to vote, to inform ourselves about the issues of the day, to engage in serious conversation about our nation's future and learn to listen to various perspectives. —Sister Simone Campbell - from The Center for Contemplation and Action, daily mediations on the Prophets. Go to cac.org to learn more about Fr. Richard Rohr and the Center for Action and Contemplation, and to sign up to receive daily mediations in your email.

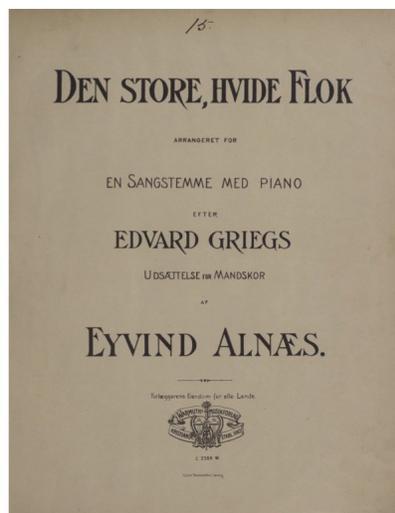
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Den Store Hvide Flok

At least once per year at Good Shepherd, we sing a beautiful hymn, "Behold the host arrayed in white." The tune we sing is a Norwegian folk song, at least 400 years old, arranged and immortalized by Edvard Grieg in the late 19th century. At least one other tune is sometimes paired with this hymn text. The words were written in Danish by Hans A. Brorson in the 1760s. Sadly, Brorson did not see his lyrics published; his son included them in a collection issued the year after his father's death. Brorson's hymn comes from Revelation 7, where John describes a great crowd of the redeemed singing before the throne of God. Below is the original Danish, followed by the translation found in the ELW by Gracia Grindal:

Den store hvide flok vi se
 som tusind bjerge fuld' af sne,
 med skov omkring af palmesving,
 for tronen, - hvo er de?
 Det er den helteskare, som
 af hin den store trængsel kom
 og har sig to'ti Lammets blod
 til Himlens helligdom!
 Der holde de nu kirkegang
 med uophørlig jubelklang
 i høje kor, hvor Gud han bor
 blandt alle engles sang.

Behold the host arrayed in white
 like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
 that stands with palms and sings its psalms
 before the throne of light!
 These are the saints who kept God's word;
 they are the honored of the Lord.
 He is their prince who drowned their sins,
 so they were cleansed, restored.
 They now serve God both day and night;
 they sing their songs in endless light.
 Their anthems ring when they all sing
 with angels shining bright.



November Music Schedule

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"
Weekly choir and band rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 and 8 pm. Handbells rehearse 11/17 at 8:45 am. All are welcome!		

November 2019 Ministry Team

DATE	LITURGY/WORSHIP	USHER *Head Usher	FELLOWSHIP *Coordinator (F) only bring food
Sunday, November 3 All Saints Sunday New Member Sunday 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Reg Laursen Reader: Germano Streese Communion Server: Ruth Bruce Cantor: Megan Buckingham	1. *Kirk Johnson 2. Dave Peterson Greeter: Jeri Laursen Acolyte:	1. *Jeri Laursen 2. Sue & Lyle Luzum 3. Jim & Liz Fritz 4. Kathy Buzza
Sunday, November 10 Stewardship Sunday 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Jane Jakoubek Reader: Jane Borelli Communion Server: Hayley Jackson Cantor: Megan Buckingham	1. *Richard Ylvisaker 2. Joanne Ylvisaker Greeter: Harriet Hayes Acolyte:	1. *Jeri Laursen 2. Marv Slind 3. Cindy Bellrichard 4. Jim & Liz Fritz
Sunday, November 17 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Harland Nelson Reader: Germano Streese Communion Server: Bev Sheridan Cantor: Dan Raney	1. *Joyce Epperly 2. Ed Epperly Greeter: Harriet Hayes Acolyte:	1. *Ingrid Callaghan 2. Diane Kruse 3. Marilyn & Al Anderson 4. Harriet Hayes
Sunday, November 24 11 a.m. Broadcast	Asst. Minister: Angie Sadler Reader: Richard Ylvisaker Communion Server: Bev Sheridan Cantor: Dennis Barnaal	1. *Dave Peterson 2. John Jefferson Greeter: Kris Peterson Acolyte:	1. *Marion Pruitt-Jefferson 2. Kris Peterson 3. Joyce Epperly 4. Donna Bahr

November Altar Guild - Elizabeth Kaschins, Marie Freerking

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 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, Linda Donoghue, Jonathon Struve, Bob Naslund, and guest Officer Brent Parker speaking about the armed intruder adult forum on November 10.

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

Kerry Johnson moved and Bob Felde seconded a motion to approve the 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 September 2019 Congregational Council meeting minutes.
2. Receive Cindy Bellrichard and Stephanie Hoff as new members.

Agreement to receive any additional new members via email prior to the November 3rd new member welcome. (Christy Tomlinson received via council email.)

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council.

Discussion Agenda:

Special Appeal and Building Financing Update: Treasurer John Moeller updated the council on the financing for the renovation project. Members have responded generously to the special appeal, which has provided money that can be used immediately to pay for remaining bills from the project. To date, the special appeal has raised funds totaling \$33,340.61. The largest expenses which remain on the project are the outdoor lighting, which is on backorder and will be installed when materials are available, and the movable divider which will be installed in the new adult forum space. John Moeller is meeting with the bank to discuss options for loan repayment, including options for five and ten year repayment plans. John noted that members expressed at the recent adult forum that the congregation not be too aggressive in paying of the loans if doing so impedes the mission and programming of the church. The loans total \$275,000, with \$125,000 for the HVAC loan which carries no interest for two years, \$125,000 for the initial building loan, and \$25,000 in additional loans taken out to cover the cost of the project. Our current budget includes approximately \$65,000 designated for renovations and improvements. This budget item can be applied to loan repayment over the next few years.

Discussion of Armed Intruder Adult Forum with Officer Brent Parker: Officer Brent Parker spoke to the council about the Armed Intruder Program which he will be presenting at the Adult Forum on November 10. This presentation would follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" model for responding to an active shooter situation should one arise at the church. Officer Parker noted that the Winneshiek County tactical team trained in Good Shepherd. After discussion, the council affirmed a desire for voluntary participation in the adult forum, with a special invitation to people who serve as ushers and greeters to attend. The goal is to equip members with the tools and strategies meant to save as many lives as possible in an active shooter situation, so that people know what to say, who to call, and how to act.

Designate Advent and Christmas Offering: Bob Larson moved, and Linda Donoghue seconded a motion to designate our Advent and Christmas offerings globally for Lutheran World Relief and their work with Syrian refugees and locally for Helping Services for Youth and Families, contingent on selecting a specific project or program within the organization to support. Motion carried. (After discussion with Helping Services, the council voted via email for these funds to go to their "Giving Project" which provides perishable groceries and gas cards to families.)

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

The Christmas program has been scheduled for December 15th at 5:00 pm

We are planning a Mission trip to Denver on July 25th through August 1st next year. This would be for kids who have completed seventh grade and older.

Outreach and Hospitality Committee: No report

Property and Management Committee: Bob Naslund

St. Dusty's Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 (9:00 AM-11:00 am), organized by the committee. This will be a complete house cleaning as the dust settles from the renovation.

Stewardship Committee: Jerry Bruce

The committee worked out the schedule for the Fall Appeal. The committee is going to engage in a Phone-a-thon this year to contact members ahead of Intent Sunday on November 10th. The committee prepared its budget request for 2020.

Worship and Music Committee: Bob Larson

The usher responsibilities sheet and the usher basic outline sheet have been revised.

The committee is in need of an interim member because Jon Ailabouni is stepping off the committee until June, as Jon and his family are living in Rochester until then. This new interim member could then be on the ballot for a full term at the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report: No report.

President's Report: Steve Holland

No Report

Secretary's Report: Jonathon Struve

No Report

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

Total income year to date: \$223,505.22

Total expense year to date: (\$550,033.39)

- \$5,964.54 (Youth Director Salary - this position is already funded - 416/416A)

- \$1,210.00 (paid from non-offering gift)

- \$131,495.72 (HVAC expenses - 498B)

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

- \$206,985.83 (Facility Renovation expenses - 498)

Operating Expenses: \$175,870.87

Ordinary income (\$223,505.22) - Operating Expenses (\$175,870.87) = \$47,634.35 (income applied to the building project)

Building Expenses through October 8, 2019

Building expenses : \$414,391.49

Building income: \$125,000.00 (HVAC loan)

\$125,000.00 (Renovation low interest bank loan)

\$25,000.00 (Renovation loan II)

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

\$47,634.35 (Ordinary Income Applied to building projects)

\$3,000.00 (designated contribution to HVAC project)

\$4,500.00 (2019 funds not transferred to general fund)

\$37,758.80 (Building Fund Gifts, including 2 weeks of our special appeal)

\$398,749.39

Some of these expenses have been billed but not yet paid. We still have \$25,000.00 in our line of credit, so at this point we still have adequate funds to pay the expenses to date.

Announcements:

Committee budget requests are due by the November Council Meeting.

The executive committee is beginning the process of staff evaluations and requests feedback from members.

Newsletter Deadline: October 17, 2019

Next Council Meeting: November 19, 2019, 7:00 PM Devotions for November: Jerry Bruce

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Pr. Amy Larson led the council in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. ---Submitted by Jonathon Struve, Congregation Secretary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27</p> <p>9:30am - Jazz</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:50am - Sunday</p> <p>11am - Adult Forum-</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <p>10:30am - Marilyn</p> <p>1pm - Friends of</p> <p>5:45pm - ALANON</p> <p>6:30pm - ALANON</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11am - Marilyn</p> <p>3pm - Nominating</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm - No</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>8pm - Band</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Centering</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1pm - Friends of</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Stewardship Phone a thon</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Stewardship Sunday</p> <p>8:45am - Choir</p> <p>9:30am - Worship @</p> <p>10:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10:50am - Sunday</p> <p>11am - Adult Forum</p> <p>5pm - Farmers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pr. Amy Day Off</p> <p>10:30am - Marilyn</p> <p>1pm - Friends of</p> <p>5:45pm - ALANON</p> <p>6:30pm - ALANON</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - Worship and</p> <p>9:30am - Anna Circle</p> <p>11am - Marilyn</p> <p>4:45pm - Education</p> <p>5pm - Path to</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am - Opportunit</p> <p>10am - Jenny staff</p> <p>10am - Miriam Circle</p> <p>10:30am - Aase</p> <p>5:30pm - Confirmati</p> <p>7pm - Choir</p> <p>8pm - Band</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am - Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Centering</p> <p>1pm - Travel Club @</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11am - Stewardship</p> <p>1pm - Friends of</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am - Troubling the</p>
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