



The Shepherd's Voice

July 2020

Beloved of God,

Americans are struggling with how to live together in these days. How do we live in community amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic? How do we care for those most impacted by the virus and those facing financial hardship? How do we work for justice for people of color and all people? How do we do this all when our country is so very polarized?

As people of God, we are not alone as we wrestle with these questions. God is present with us by the power of the Holy Spirit. God guides us through the holy scriptures. In worship this summer, we are hearing from the book of Romans. In chapter twelve of Romans, we hear guidance about how to live faithfully in contentious times. I have been pondering this whole chapter quite a bit lately and encourage you to do the same. Here is a portion of the chapter: *⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

We are using some of this biblical language in the dismissal at the end of worship these days. The pattern within the ELCA is that worship ends with God's blessing and then a dismissal that sends us into the world. Often the dismissal is quite short. The options suggested in our worship book are: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Go in peace. Remember the poor. Go in peace. Share the good news. Go in peace. Christ is with you.* We respond, **Thanks be to God.**

On Ash Wednesday, we normally hear a longer dismissal that comes from the twelfth chapter of Romans. That same dismissal was suggested for worship this June 7, the day we received a sermon from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. It seems fitting to continue to hear this longer dismissal as worship ends these days. The world needs disciples who hear God's charge to us in scripture and put it into action. Here is that dismissal. People of God, let us join together to live this way in the world!

Go forth to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

You are always in my prayers. Peace to you, Pastor Amy

July 8 and 12 - Communion Services in Good Shepherd Backyard

We will be offering two identical outdoor worship opportunities on **Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, July 12 at 4:00 p.m.** These services will be short and provide an opportunity to gather together for prayer and Holy Communion.

Because we care deeply about your safety and wellbeing, a number of measures are being taken to limit possible exposure to COVID-19:

- Each service will be limited to 50 people. You are asked to sign up using SignUp Genius or by calling the church office. This will allow us to have a safe number gathered and will allow for contact tracing should that be needed. Please plan to sign up for only one service to allow more people to attend.
- There will be limited access to indoor restrooms (one person at a time in the building).
- The service will not involve congregational singing and Pastor Amy will use a microphone to amplify her voice.
- You are asked to bring your own chairs. We will have circles marked on the lawn for each household to help with physical distancing. There will be folding chairs at the church for those who need them and they will be cleaned by ushers. Families with children are welcome!
- Everyone over the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be available for those who do not bring them.
- Communion will be offered using a single-serve cup with a wafer of bread attached. Physical distancing will be practiced as households are ushered to the table. Communion will be distributed without physical contact.
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms needs to stay home.
- Please be advised that the CDC recommends that those at high risk for a more severe COVID-19 illness (people over 65 and those with underlying conditions) avoid gatherings.

Thank you for helping us to gather in a way that is safe and inclusive for our community. All are welcome!

If you cannot attend, we can extend the table of Holy Communion to you. Please be in touch with Pr. Amy about options that might work best for your situation. We plan to offer more worship services like this throughout the summer. Online worship will continue to be offered on Sunday mornings including Sunday, July 12.

-Worship and Music Committee

STAYING CONNECTED WHILE WE ARE APART

WORSHIP

- Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for **Good Shepherd Decorah**. If you subscribe to the channel it will be easier for you to see new content.
- We continue to "premiere" the services Sundays at 9:30am to help us worship together. This means the link for the service is available earlier but is first able to view at the worship start time. The live chat is available before those start times and during that premiering time. Joining the live chat is a way to be in community as we worship together. You can also view services after the premiere times.
- Luther College KWLC will broadcast our Sunday service at 9:30am throughout the summer.
- Podcasts of music, prayers and prayer practices are now available. Click on the [buzzsprout icon](#), upper right on our website's homepage, for a shortcut to the Good Shepherd podcasts.
- Listen to [Pr Amy's Sermon](#) online through the GS website or contact the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

STUDY & DEVOTIONALS

- Zoom Bible Study Thursdays 10 a.m. (Email Pastor to get the Zoom invite)
- Sign up for daily devotions that can be sent to your email. To sign up go to: d365.org or <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/christ-in-our-home-email-subscription>
- Bell ringing each Monday at 11 am through July - bell ringing and silent prayer to remember lives lost and affected by covid-19 and a call to prayer and action for racial justice.

GIVING

- Send your check or offering envelope through the mail - 701 Iowa Ave. Decorah IA 52101.
- Give online through your own bank or continue your auto withdrawal through the church.
- Give online at our website under the Giving tab through tithe.ly.
- Text to give: # 833-751-0260
- In addition to giving to the work of the congregation, please consider gifts to the local **Mutual Aid Network** fund to help those impacted financially in this time. You can give to Good Shepherd and designate for this fund.



JOIN US FOR

AN AT-HOME/VIRTUAL VBS

COMPASSION

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INTERGENERATIONAL VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN JULY

All are invited to participate

in an intergenerational virtual Vacation Bible School during the month of July.

Each Wednesday (July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 4:30 p.m., a video produced by Kathryn Thompson, Brooke Joyce, and Pastor Amy will premiere on the Good Shepherd YouTube channel. You are welcome to watch at that time or any time following the premiere. Programming will include: Word of Welcome, music, storytelling and a sending. It will also include printouts and a craft.

***People of all ages* are welcome to sign up to receive materials via email to participate in Vacation Bible School at home. Contact Bridget Parker or Kathryn Thompson to be included on the email list.**

bridget0912@gmail.com, kathryn.susann@gmail.com

Treasurers Report

As of May 31 our income for the year was \$118,149.48 (last year it was \$117,292.95) and our total expenses were \$129,502.45. Although that shows a deficit of \$11,353.45, the total income does not include funds from the PPP SBA loan. Expenses paid by that loan (salaries and utilities) for half of April and all of May totaled \$19,538.09. That means when one includes the PPP money, which should be forgiven, as of May 31 we had a surplus of a little more than \$8,000.00.

The PPP loan/grant was for two months, which means we no longer will have access to those funds after June 15. Whether we will run a deficit without the loan is hard to predict. Offering income through June 20 was the strongest to date and even with some major expenses in the second half of the month we probably will show a surplus in June.

As of June 20, we have received approximately \$140,000.00 in offerings. Recall that our statements of intent projected an annual income of \$300,000.00. That amounts to \$25,000.00 per month, which means at the end of June we probably will be \$7,000-\$10,000 below our anticipated giving. Not surprisingly our loose offerings and rental income also are lower than usual (but we have made up for some of that with coffee expenses way below what we budgeted!). As an aside, we have not fallen behind in making our benevolence payments, and we continue to pay \$4,000 per month on our renovation and HVAC loans. In sum, are not as flush as we have been in recent years but we are in okay shape and we have enough money in designated accounts that we don't have to worry about not having money in the bank to pay our bills.

Submitted by John Moeller

Stewardship

Good Shepherd's Role in Raising Funds for the Mutual Aid Network Fund

Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the Decorah and Winneshiek County Mutual Aid Network Fund. As of June 21, \$23,850 in donations have been received. Of this amount, Good Shepherd's contribution is \$6,021. The funds are being used to increase the crisis fund for Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC).

Angela Leuenberger, the Mutual Aid Network (MAN) Administrator, reports that "NEICAC hasn't really started using [the MAN funds] as they've had other funds and federal funds to use. However, that will change in the upcoming weeks. With restrictions being lifted you will see landlords issuing more evictions and Black Hills and Alliant Energy issuing more notices of shutting off power. Also, some municipalities will be shutting off water. When people receive these notices, they will likely start calling in for help."

As families reach out for assistance, NEICAC will be able to assist members of our community through your generosity. The Mutual Aid Network will be providing regular updates as the funds are used.

We are indeed blessed that our Good Shepherd family takes John 13:34 to heart, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."

Submitted by Angie Sadler

July Scriptures

<p>Sunday, July 5 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Zechariah 9:9-12 The king will come in humility and peace</p>	<p>Psalm 145:8-14 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.</p>	<p>Romans 7:15-25a The struggle within the self</p>	<p>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 The yoke of discipleship</p>
<p>Sunday, July 12 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-13 The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose</p>	<p>Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Your paths overflow with plenty.</p>	<p>Romans 8:1-11 Live according to the Spirit</p>	<p>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The parable of the sower and the seed</p>
<p>Sunday, July 19 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Isaiah 44:6-8 There is no other God than the Lord</p>	<p>Psalm 86:11-17 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.</p>	<p>Romans 8:12-25 The revealing of the children of God</p>	<p>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The parable of the weeds</p>
<p>Sunday, July 26 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>1 Kings 3:5-12 Solomon's prayer for wisdom</p>	<p>Psalm 119:129-136 When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding.</p>	<p>Romans 8:26-39 Nothing can separate us from God's love</p>	<p>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Parables of the reign of heaven</p>

Good Shepherd Announcements

PHASED REOPENING: The Congregation Council has approved the phased reopening plan proposal by the COVID-19 Task Force. The plan can be found on our website at:

[good shepherd decorah.org/building-closed/](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/building-closed/)

You can also request that a copy be mailed to you by contacting the church office.



GOOD SHEPHERD PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE

The Good Shepherd podcast, created by Brooke Joyce, <https://goodshepherd.buzzsprout.com/> currently has episodes which

include Holden Evening Prayer music and prayers, the June 3 and 10 lessons and Prayer Practices by Pastor Amy, and music from recent services.

Note: Pastor Amy's sermons are available as of June 21. Additional content will be added in the future.

- The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Podcast Addict, Podchaser, Deezer, and Listen Notes. Links to these providers are posted on the website under the **Worship** tab.
- There is a "**Worship Podcasts**" link on the pull-down menu under the **Worship** tab on the website. You can also get to the podcast directly by clicking on the **buzzsprout** logo at the top of the website home page.

RADIO BROADCASTS RESUME: Luther College **KWLC** are broadcasting our Sunday service at 9:30 am throughout the summer. They will pull the sound from the audio of our YouTube so a better signal and more reliable sound will be available.



MUSIC FOR ONLINE WORSHIP - Invitation from Music Director Brooke Joyce

Good Shepherd musicians of all ages are invited to create an audio or video recording of music that can be used as we continue with online worship. Solos or ensembles are welcome!

Brooke is unable to provide assistance, so this would need to be self-generated. The easiest thing to do is make a video with your phone and then email wbjoyce3@gmail.com or text it to him (419-9995).

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Jon & Kate Ailabouni - new address

CONTINUED THANKS TO ALL for the beautiful personal & local pictures used on our weekly YouTube slides for worship. These pictures have continually kept us connected while we are apart.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 16



Greetings all,

This is July and in a normal year this article would be entirely devoted to Nordic Fest and baking krumkake. I am enjoying (sort of) the quietness of the summer but also missing the business of preparing for Nordic Fest and working with my Good Shepherd family. Hopefully next year we will again be able to work together on our krumkake project. In the mean time, spend a little family time and make a batch of krumkake.

We will continue to have our circle meeting using Zoom on July 28 using the Gather magazine Bible study with Kris Peterson as the leader. Our theme for the summer session is “Just Love”. Our study begins by quoting Dr. Cornel West who once said *“Justice is what love looks like in public”*. We found this study to be very appropriate for the current times and wanted to continue it during the summer. In session 2, we will consider “just love” at the level of the community. Everyone is invited to join us. Contact Bev Sheridan if you would like a copy of the lesson or need to get the Zoom information.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 150,000 FACE MASK CHALLENGE

Not all heroes wear capes. Some make face masks.

Join other ELCA sewers and create face masks to be included with personal care kits already scheduled to be sent out internationally.

- Go to <https://lwr.org/masks> to read about the challenge, including FAQs, patterns, and supply sources. **Currently 103,400 masks are pledged, so 46,600 masks are still needed as of 6/17/20.**
- After making your pledge, create the masks, put them together in bundles of 25, and mail them to Lutheran World Relief, 398 East Richmond Street, South St. Paul, MN 55075, 651-457-9009.
- Please mail your face masks as soon as possible so LWR can start shipping personal care kits. **They hope to have all masks before October 1, 2020, but will continue to accept masks after the deadline.**

PART 1- THE PAST

The birth of the Endowment Fund came in 1993 when Luther College Music Department Chair Weston Noble made an offer of \$50,000 to Good Shepherd to purchase property owned by the church on Ohio Street. Noble's purpose was to construct housing for retired and/or elderly people. Included in the offer was a covenant that the housing would be restricted to the elderly and/or retired for 21 years, and the covenant could be renewed once for an additional 21 years.

Congregation President Marion Hanson called a Special Congregation Meeting for April 25, 1993 to:

1. review the offer from Weston Noble;
2. decide whether or not to accept the offer;
3. determine how the money would be used if the property was sold.

Following a congregational vote to accept the offer, the discussion turned to the use of the \$50,000. The minutes of the meeting indicate there was a fairly even split between paying off the sanctuary construction bank loan and establishing a Good Shepherd Endowment Fund to support worthy projects.

A compromise was reached by establishing the Endowment Fund with the entire \$50,000 as the principal, and then providing the entire principal sum as a loan to the congregation to pay off the bank loan. Through the Building Debt Retirement Fund budget line item, the congregation paid the Endowment Fund 5% interest per year until the principal balance was repaid over a nine year period.

At the congregation's Annual Meeting on January 23, 1994 a Resolution to Implement the Endowment Fund was passed. The Resolution stated, in part, that the purpose of the Fund was:

1. to provide for the receipt of extraordinary gifts by having a congregational plan for use that is coordinated with the congregation's total ministry;
2. to promote the faithful Christian stewardship of all resources, present as well as accumulated, by encouraging personal wills and estate plans that reflect love for family, neighbor and God's work through the church;
3. to encourage gifts of accumulated assets to enhance the Mission outreach of the congregation beyond that expected and supported through regular giving and apart from the general operation of the Congregation.

Also included in the Resolution was the intended distribution of the income generated by the Fund as follows:

1. Grants to students attending ELCA seminaries and colleges
2. Grants to social service agencies and institutions to which this Congregation relates.
3. Grants to special programs in our community that are in spiritual and/or economic need.
4. Grants to individuals and/or families in our community who are in spiritual and/or economic need.

For many years the Mission Endowment Fund Committee couldn't fully function because the Endowment Fund principal had been loaned to the congregation. The committee's primary task was to monitor the repayment of the loan and interest. Consequently, for some years there were no earnings to distribute.

Eventually the loan principal and interest were repaid and the committee was able to consider investing the fund for the best growth. The committee was also able to begin considering the use and distribution of the earnings. However, the growth was slow due, in part, to the fact that the congregation didn't consistently pursue the purposes of the fund as prescribed by the Resolution.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - 7:30 pm

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

Present: Pr. Amy Zalk Larson, Jonathon Struve, Kerry Johnson, Linda Donoghue, Robert Fitton, Ann Naslund, Connie Buresh, John Moeller, Jon Ailabouni, and Hayley Jackson.

Devotions and Initial Actions: Jonathon Struve led devotions. Motion to approve the agenda seconded and 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.

Approve May 2020 council minutes.

Accept committee reports.

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council.

Discussion **Agenda:**

Phased Reopening Plan Approval: Pr. Amy brought the Task Force's current draft of Good Shepherd's Phased Re-Opening Plan to Council for review and approval. The plan contains 4 phases, each with benchmarks that must be met in order to transition to the next stage, while still providing flexibility that allows the Task Force and Council to discuss and plan for each new phase. Council was generally supportive of the plan, appreciating that it was detailed enough to provide a solid rationale for decisions while remaining flexible. Members asking questions about how open the Task Force is to revisions considering new information (they are open to it), cleaning protocols for provisions allowing external groups to use outdoor and indoor facilities (our custodian would facilitate that – may need to increase a few fees for weddings/funerals to cover extra cleaning costs), and the comfort of Good Shepherd staff with the plan. Hayley motioned that the plan be accepted, Connie seconded. It passed unanimously.

Phase 2 Approval: The COVID-19 Task Force recommended we consider Good Shepherd to be in Phase 2 of our re-opening plan. Public Health Board is satisfied that we have enough testing in Winneshiek County, 24-hour testing in Howard County and rapid testing in Blackhawk County, to meet the required benchmark requiring ready access to testing. Entering Phase 2 would allow for potential of offering outdoor worship, outdoor meetings (for Good Shepherd Groups, Al Anon, and Friends of Recovery), but only open the building by appointment. Motion to accept Phase 2 status made by Connie, seconded by Kerry, and passed unanimously.

Phase Transition Decision-Making: Pr. Amy wanted to discuss whether the task force or the Council should decide when the church would officially enter a new phase in the reopening plan. Council felt that they should have some input into that decision and discussed how quickly the transition to a new phase would need to be decided. Council decided that Hayley would act as a Council liaison to the Task Force, working with Pr. Amy to provide information from Task Force meetings. In the event the Task Force recommends that the church transition to a new stage, the recommendation will be sent to Council, who can vote over email to accept or reject the recommendation.

Fall Kinderhaus Opening: Pr. Amy shared that Kinderhaus is planning for their fall re-opening and needed to know if Good Shepherd would be opening the building for that purpose. Council discussed the logistics of reopening Kinderhaus, including how much space would be required (the classroom is very contained and children spend a significant amount of time outside), how to work to minimize risk and maintain comfort of Good Shepherd staff while Kinderhaus is in session, and would we be satisfied to allow this even if worship remains online this fall. Council reached the conclusion that given how contained the Kinderhaus area is (significantly lowering transmission risk), and our commitment to our community partners, opening Kinderhaus in the fall would be acceptable. Ann moved that Council accept plans to reopen Kinderhaus on schedule and devise any necessary workarounds that might help lower risk to Good Shepherd staff. Connie seconded, passed unanimously.

Kids Lunch Club Funds: Kids Lunch Club has effectively been discontinued due to volunteer safety, access to food, and minimal internal staffing structure. Pr. Amy is working with the Decorah Faith Coalition to find new ways of providing food to families, possibly through the Mutual Aid Network or Spectrum Food Bank. She asked the Council to consider directing the \$200 dollars budgeted for Kids Lunch Club towards this new project. Jonathon made the motion to direct the \$200 budgeted for Kids Lunch Club be directed towards the new initiative from the Decorah Faith Coalition. It was seconded by Jon A. and passed unanimously.

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November Voting at Good Shepherd: Jonathon drafted the following statement to the County Auditor on behalf of Good Shepherd Council: "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is concerned both about the safety of our voting process and encouraging wide participation in our elections. In our recent primary election, an effort to encourage voting by mail was widely successful because of the efforts of our Secretary of State, who mailed ballot request forms to all registered voters in the state. Given the success of that campaign and the greater safety of voting by mail rather than in person while concerns about Covid-19 are heightened, we support continued efforts to make voting safe, secure, and accessible to all eligible people. Good Shepherd has often served as a polling place for precincts in Winneshiek County, and we are happy to have our facility used for this purpose. However, the safety of our members as well as that of the wider public is paramount. At this time, we believe our county auditors should continue to encourage voting by mail and we support efforts to make it easy for citizens to do so by sending registered voters ballot request forms through the mail. We will continue to assess the situation, but if we feel that adequate precautions are not being taken to maintain a safe voting process both by encouraging absentee/mail-in voting and by taking measures to ensure the safety of in person voting, we will not agree to host precinct voting for the November election." Council was supportive of this draft and said it should be sent to Ben Steines as soon as possible to aide him in planning for the upcoming November Election. Hayley motioned that Jonathon's statement be sent to Ben Steines as an official statement from the Good Shepherd Congregational Council as soon as possible. Rob Fitton seconded it, and it was passed unanimously.

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

The Committee Reports were received and accepted as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Amy

Refer to the COVID-19 and Good Shepherd Phased Reopening Plan discussion above.

Education Committee: Ann Naslund

For VBS we will use the Illustrated Ministries curriculum. VBS emails will go out to families each Wednesday of the 5 Wednesdays in July. Programming will include a video that includes: Word of Welcome, music, storytelling and a sending. It will also include printouts and a craft. The Ed Committee is putting together bags for families that want them that will include printouts and craft supplies.

VBS will be available to all GS members and we hope to provide some intergenerational content.

EWALU will begin hosting summer camps on June 28th. We have 5 youth still signed up to go.

Mission Endowment: Jerry Bruce

Three \$1000 EPIC (Educational Partners in Covenant) scholarships and one \$500 diaconal award were made this year to Good Shepherd members Erik Johnson, Hallie Johnson, Ava Holland and Angie Sadler.

With growing numbers of youth at Good Shepherd, the committee is looking for ways to increase the endowment in order to provide more grant and scholarship opportunities.

There will be a three-part series of articles discussing the past, the present and the future of the fund in the July, August and September issues of *The Shepherd's Voice*.

Property and Management Committee: Robert Fitton

Met with Lindsay Erdman regarding changes to sidewalk running parallel to Iowa Ave. in front of the church. The committee unanimously supported the current proposed design, which includes removing areas that have been heaved by the tree roots and moving the sidewalk away from the roots in the long term. The plan requires one more review before cost estimates can be provided. Once cost estimates are received, P&M will meet with Council do discuss best methods of funding it, either through donations or from the budget.

Reg Laursen and a crew were able to sod the back courtyard which had been damaged by erosion. The sod was donated by Luther College.

Stewardship Committee: Connie Buresh

The committee is working on the fall stewardship campaign. The chosen theme is "We Are the Church, Loving Our Neighbors." The committee is working on delivery modifications to respond to our current situation.

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Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

YTD Income: Total income to date is \$118,149.48. Total offering this year is currently \$111,302.13, which puts us about \$14,000 behind what was expected based on submitted Statements of Intent, which predicted \$25,000 per month. We also are missing cash gifts from the offering plate and rental money, but we are on target with our benevolence giving.

YTD Expense: YTD Expense is currently -\$129,502.93. Currently running a deficit of about \$11,353.45. The deficit increases when we make our quarterly contribution to the Synod, so John expects it will decrease next month. We have enough money in designated accounts to pay our bills despite the deficit.

SBA Loan: Loan was used to pay May salaries and utilities. We will no longer have access to this loan after the June 15 payroll.

Worship and Music: Jon Ailabouni

Committee discussed several options for meaningful outdoor worship and gathering opportunities that would minimize risk to health and safety. Options included inviting congregants to church grounds on Monday mornings for the ringing of the bell to commemorate those who have died and been impacted by COVID-19 (proposal brought to Council on June 1, and approved by email vote June 2), and inviting congregants to drive through prayer stations, including one where families could get out of the car one at a time and do a brief communion ritual with packaged communion cups and wafers (proposal brought to Council on June 1, and approved by email June 2). The committee agreed that for now, online worship is the primary focus, while discussions for outdoor options will continue next month. Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays will continue, except for in July when it will be replaced by VBS.

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline: June 18, 2020

Next Council Meeting: The next meeting will be July 21, 2020, 7:30 PM via Zoom

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Pr. Amy Larson led the council in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

---Submitted by Hayley Jackson, Congregation Secretary

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Visitation Pastor: Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Music Director: Brooke Joyce

Children Youth and Family Director: Kathryn Thompson

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GOOD SHEPHERD IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

