

**WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023**  
**WORSHIP, NEWS, and EVENTS**  
**Time after Pentecost**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, June 11, 9:30 a.m. - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION - COMMEMORATION OF THE EMANUEL NINE - FATHER'S DAY**

- Today we celebrate **Juneteenth** in worship through hymns. **Juneteenth**, a federal holiday on June 19, commemorates the approximate date the last enslaved Africans and African Americans received notification of their emancipation after the Civil War.
- Today we also commemorate, per resolution from the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, the 9 people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. For more information, see [www.elca.org/emanuelnine](http://www.elca.org/emanuelnine)
- **Pastor Amy** will **preside and preach**. **Assisting Minister** is **Cindy Bellrichard**. **Reader** is **Brian Caton**. **Cantor** is **Jonathon Struve**. **Two Ushers** are needed. To volunteer, sign up online at [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-april#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-april#/) or on the poster in the Gathering Space.
- Our liturgy through Labor Day weekend is **Ben Splichal Larson's** beloved ***Behold, I Make All Things New***.
- **Scriptures for worship today: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8**. The Genesis text is here: [Old Testament Reading for Sunday, June 18](#)
- Our Summer Series, "**Finding Our Roots in the Story**", continues. Additional information is in **REMINDERS**.
  - **Pastor Amy** on today's story: *God, in the form of three messengers, announces to Sarah and Abraham that they will have a child. Sarah, because of her advanced age, laughs at this seeming impossibility. Yet nothing is impossible for God, and in due course Isaac is born. Now, Sarah confesses, everyone will share in her joyous laughter.*
- **Elizabeth Craft**, granddaughter of Good Shepherd member **Naomi Craft**, will provide offertory and postlude music.
- For **Holy Communion**, kneel as you are able at the altar rail. We offer gluten-free bread and pre-poured cups of wine and white grape juice. Individual sealed cups of bread and wine are also available.
- In-person Sunday worship services are **live streamed** on Good Shepherd's **YouTube channel**. Services, accompanied by links to the bulletins, are available at this link for later viewing: **Need link**

**10:30 a.m. - FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

- **Carol Hasvold** will **Make Coffee/Set Up** and **provide treats**. **One additional person** is needed to **Make Coffee/Set Up** and **two people** are needed to **Serve/Clean Up**. **One additional person** is also needed to **provide treats**. To volunteer, go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-april#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-april#/) You can also sign up on the **poster** in the **Gathering Space**.
- To learn about Fellowship Hour opportunities, go to [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-teams/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-teams/)

## EVENTS

### **TONIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - WEDNESDAY MEET-UP: CRAFT NIGHT**

- All families are invited tonight to a **Craft Night**, part of the twice-a-month **Wednesday Meet-Ups** for families this summer. Wednesday Meet-Ups will include a variety of activities and a light snack!
- Crafts tonight include **Tie-Dye** (bring something to tie-dye), **Friendship bracelets**, and **Decorah Rocks** painting.
- For upcoming Family Meet-Ups, see page 7 of the June/July newsletter, [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/23-JuneJuly-Newsletter.pdf](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/23-JuneJuly-Newsletter.pdf)

### **TONIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 7:00 p.m., Dixie's Biergarten - FIRST "LIVING AS DISCIPLES" BOOK DISCUSSION**

- Come to the first of two **June** "Living As Disciples" Summer Book Discussions, sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran, Decorah Lutheran, and First Lutheran Churches. All are welcome!
- The featured book for **June** is **US: The Resurrection of American Terror** by Reverend Kenneth Wheeler. See below for the June 15 discussion time and location.
- The book should be available soon at Decorah's Dragonfly Books.
- More information about the summer book discussion series is under **REMINDERS**.

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 9:00 a.m., Good Shepherd - RUN BY FAITH SUMMER RUN CLUB BEGINS**

- Middle and High School youth are invited to join **Kelli Gapinski**, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, on Thursday mornings for a Summer Run Club. All running experience welcome!
- Participants meet at the church, share a tiny devotional, run 2-3 miles together, and come back for a healthy snack. There will be different routes throughout the summer.
- Adult volunteers are needed for either the caboose or run leader. To volunteer, please contact Kelli at [kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:kelli@goodshepherddecorah.org)

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 10:30 a.m., The Landing - "LIVING AS DISCIPLES" BOOK DISCUSSION**

- Today's Summer Book Discussion in the "Living As Disciples" series, sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran, Decorah Lutheran, and First Lutheran Churches, is also on June's featured book, **US: The Resurrection of American Terror** by Reverend Kenneth Wheeler. See above for an alternate discussion time and location.
- All are welcome at one or both of the sessions! More information about the book discussion series is under **REMINDERS**.

### **THURSDAY, June 15, 11:00 a.m., Church Library - BIBLE STUDY**

- **Reverend Ginny Olson** and **James Barth** will lead today's hour-long Bible Study, and all are welcome to join!
- Each Bible Study will reflect on the story for the upcoming Sunday that is part of our summer worship theme "Finding Our Roots in the Story".

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 304 3rd Avenue NE, Belmont, Iowa - NORTHEASTERN IOWA WOMEN OF THE ELCA 35TH ANNUAL GATHERING**

- The theme of this year's NEIA SWO (Synodical Women's Organization) Gathering is *Stir Us, Free Us*. People can attend in person or virtually.
- Contact **Bev Sheridan** at [sherida701@gmail.com](mailto:sherida701@gmail.com) for a registration form and more information.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary - SUMMER SOLSTICE WORSHIP SERVICE**

- Come for a service of evening prayer and readings on this longest day of the year. All are welcome!
- Afterwards, there will be S'mores outside over a campfire.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 7:30-8:30 p.m., following Summer Solstice Worship Service, Good Shepherd's Backyard - WEDNESDAY MEET-UP: YARD GAMES**

- Families are invited to play some fun **yard games** together and make S'mores over a campfire. (Note the time change from the information in the June/July newsletter.) All are welcome!
- Rain Alternative: Board games in the Fellowship Hall.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 10:00 a.m., Water Street Park (next to Oneota Community Food Co-op) - GATHERING FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

- Bring your friends, bring a sign or a song, and join arms to support each other and the reproductive rights of all women. Please feel free to let interested others know about the gathering. Call **Marty Steele**, member of the Good Shepherd Social Justice Team, with any questions at 563-419-6163.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 4:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church - PANEL ON TRANS RIGHTS**

- Join members of the Good Shepherd Social Justice Team in attending a Trans Rights Panel at First Lutheran, featuring a local youth and parent who organized the event to raise awareness of the effect of anti-LGBTQ+ laws on youth and their families.
- Representatives from One Iowa, ACLU, and Iowa Safe Schools will be present.
- Please come and learn more about how our community and we as individuals can support and encourage our siblings in Christ.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall - JUNE GATHER BIBLE STUDY**

- This summer's three part *Gather* Bible Study is "Salvation Now", written by Reverend Dr. Anna Madsen. All are welcome!
- **Lindy Moeller** will lead the study, with **Ann Naslund** providing refreshments.
- If you need a copy of the study, contact **Bev Sheridan** at [sherida701@gmail.com](mailto:sherida701@gmail.com).

**NEWS**

**REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN FOR YOUTH SERVICE TRIP**

- Youth finishing grades 6 and up **can still sign up** for the **Service Trip to Waterloo and Waverly** on **July 9-10** but please **register ASAP!** **Kelli Gapinski**, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, and **Pastor Amy** will accompany the group.

- The cost is \$60 per youth (includes meals and housing), with scholarships available. Please pay by dropping off a check or cash in the church office, or use the **Tithe.ly online giving link at our website's GIVING Tab:** [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/tithe-ly-giving/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/tithe-ly-giving/) and choose "Summer Youth Trip" in the drop down menu.
- Complete information about daily activities and a link to the registration/medical release form are here: [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/education/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/education/) and on page 7 of the **June/July Shepherd's Voice** newsletter.
- Questions? Contact the Church Office at [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) or 563-382-3963.

### LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS HELPERS IN THE CUTTING GARDEN

- **NEW** - A couple of volunteers are needed to join Elizabeth in **checking on and harvesting flowers** from the **Cutting Garden** that's within Good Shepherd's fenced garden.
- These flowers are used for our sanctuary vases and also made available along with veggies on Sunday mornings.
- Scheduling and time commitment are very flexible. For additional information, contact Elizabeth: [elizabethkaschins@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethkaschins@gmail.com) or 563-419-0764.

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR KIDS LUNCH CLUB

- **Kids Lunch Club (KLC)** provides kids ages 18 and under with **free** nutritious lunches **Monday-Friday** from 12:15-12:30 p.m. at **Freeport Park**, and 12:45-1:15 p.m. at **John Cline Elementary School**, through August 11.
  - **Note: Friday, June 16** includes an **Ice Cream Sundae Party** (along with lunch) at both locations!
- Volunteers are needed to **pack lunches** on **Mondays** at **10:30 a.m.** and **Wednesdays** at **5:30 p.m.** in the kitchen at Decorah United Church of Christ.
- Especially needed are volunteers to **distribute lunches every weekday** from **12:10 - 1:15 p.m.** at **Freeport Park** and then at **John Cline**.
- **Sign-up for packing lunches** and **distributing lunches** at [decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub/](http://decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub/) under the **For Volunteers** tab. Descriptions of each position are provided.
- Information about KLC for **families** and **how to donate** is also available at [decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub/](http://decorahucc.org/kidslunchclub/) Or contact KLC Coordinator **Shanna Putnam Dibble** at **563-419-6624**, or email her: [decorahkidslunchclub@gmail.com](mailto:decorahkidslunchclub@gmail.com)

### GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBERS IN NMP SUMMER MUSICAL

- Many congregation members are involved in New Minowa Players *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, a new musical based on Victor Hugo's 1831 novel.
- Performances are Thursday-Sunday, June 22-25. Additional information about the musical, performance times, and online ticket purchases is here: [www.newminowaplayers.org/events/the-hunchback-of-notre-dame](http://www.newminowaplayers.org/events/the-hunchback-of-notre-dame)
- Good Shepherd members include: Music Directors: Jonathan Struve and Karin Martin-Hiner; Named roles: Matt Spencer and Erik Johnson; The Congregation: Mikayla Hiner; Cathedral Choir: Melissa Bills, Melanie Folkerts, Karin Martin-Hiner, Linda Martin, Mic Martin, Erik Johnson, Tim Folkerts, Colin Thompson. Pit Orchestra: Brenna Parker, Aidan Nalean-Carlson; Set and props: Jason Martin-Hiner. Many in the cast also serve various roles in the production's crew.
- Watch for additional information and photos in our local print and online media.

## **FLOCKS TAKE ON MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT STARTING IN JULY**

- Good Shepherd Flocks will provide Ministry and Fellowship support beginning next month. The **Red Flock** will take on these duties in July. Hip hip hooray for the Red Flock and **Shepherds Luther Snow** and **Lise Kildegaard**!

## **DECORAH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS OF CANNED FRUIT AND PASTA**

- The Decorah Community Food Pantry welcomes donations of all varieties of canned fruit, pasta, and other shelf stable foods. These items are currently hard for the Food Pantry to obtain in quantity from the NE Iowa Food Bank.
- Donations can be dropped off 24-7 at 110 Railroad Street, as there are donation bins located just outside the Food Pantry door.

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

### **FRIDAY, JULY 7 - SUNDAY, JULY 9, Luther College - LITURGY LAB: A CREATIVE WORSHIP RETREAT FOR CLERGY, MUSICIANS, AND LAY LEADERS**

- Hosted by Jon Ailabouni, Pastor Melissa Bills, Brooke Joyce, and Kathryn Thompson (with support from the Marilyn Roverud Fellowship in Lutheran Studies), **Liturgy Lab** is a weekend worship retreat for musicians, lay leaders, pastors, poets, writers ... anyone who shares a passion for creative liturgical practice!
- Focused on **exploring creativity in the worship arts**, the event will include presentations, workshops, and opportunities for the hands-on creation of worship elements.
- The weekend culminates in a collaborative worship service crafted from the weekend's creative work.
- Participants are encouraged to bring musical instruments, journals, favorite creative supplies, and favorite books of poetry, liturgy, or other worship resources.
- More information about the worship retreat location, schedule, fees, and how to register is here: [luther.irisregistration.com/Site/LITURGY2023](https://luther.irisregistration.com/Site/LITURGY2023)
- Please consider joining us, and if you have friends you think might be interested, please forward this message. For questions, contact **Brooke Joyce** at [joycbr02@luther.edu](mailto:joycbr02@luther.edu)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 24-26, 5:00-7:30 p.m. - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023: OPERATION RESTORATION: MENDING GOD'S WORLD**

- All youth entering grades K-6 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd.
- The cost is \$20 per child, with an additional \$5 for each additional household member. Scholarships are available—contact the church office : [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org)
- **Register by July 5.** Registration forms and information are here: [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/education/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/education/)

## **REMINDERS**

**SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: "FINDING OUR ROOTS IN THE STORY"**

- Each Sunday through Labor Day weekend, our worship explores Biblical stories from Genesis and Exodus as part of the theme “**Finding Our Roots in the Story**”.
- Good Shepherd member **Reverend Dr. Rolf Svanoe’s** recently published book, ***I Love to Preach the Story: Finding our Roots in Genesis and Exodus***, is shaping and guiding our summer worship.
  - The book is available for purchase at The Silver Birch on Water Street. Signed copies are available for \$15.95 on the counter across from the church office. Stop by during Tristan’s office hours, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Monday-Friday to pick up a copy! Please make checks out to *Rolf Svanoe*.

## INFORMATION ON “LIVING AS DISCIPLES” BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES DURING JULY AND AUGUST

- Hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, and Decorah Lutheran Church, “**Living as Disciples**” is a series of book discussions *in community* that began in **June** and continue in **July**, and **August**. All are welcome!
- There are two opportunities to discuss each month’s book; you can come to either discussion or both! The **July and August** books and dates include:
  - **JULY - *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times*** by Reverend Dr. Otis Moss III, **Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.** at Pulpit Rock Brewery or **Thursday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.** at The Landing
  - **AUGUST - *Belonging: 5 Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple*** by Reverend Dr. Karoloine Lewis, **Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.** at Dixie’s Biergarten or **Thursday, August 17, 10:30 a.m.** at The Landing
- Books will be available at Decorah’s Dragonfly Books.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

- The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet during June, July or August, but will resume on the third Wednesday in September.
- If you need yarn or patterns over the summer, contact **Jeri Laursen** at [jeri.laursen@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.laursen@gmail.com)

## SIGN UP FOR JUNE MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT

- The **Ministry and Fellowship Support Sign-Up for June** is on the church website at [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-april#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-april#/) as well as on **posters** in the Gathering Space. **Assisting Ministers, Readers, Ushers, and Fellowship Servers** are needed each Sunday.
- Full descriptions of these positions are available at the **Ministry Support link** under the **MINISTRIES Tab** on the church website: [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-teams/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-teams/)

## BABY GIFT DONATIONS STILL WELCOME

- Ann Naslund is collecting donations for a gift of Chamber Dollars for Ministry and Communication Coordinator **Erica Yaneff** and her husband **Nick**, who are expecting their second child, due on July 2.
- Donations can be dropped off at the Decorah Chamber of Commerce office (mention they are for Good Shepherd) or give directly to Ann.

## LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS HELP WITH WEEDING

- Volunteers are needed to help maintain the mulched and rocked landscape beds containing perennial plants and shrubs.

- Scheduling is very flexible. If you are interested and available for about an hour at a time that works for you, approximately once a week, contact **Jane Kemp, Subcommittee Convener:** [kempjane10@gmail.com](mailto:kempjane10@gmail.com)

### **MOWING HELP NEEDED**

- It takes a village to maintain the grounds at Good Shepherd and your help is needed! Sign-up and full instructions are at the **Mowing link** on our website under the **Sign-Ups Tab** [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-mowing1#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48abaf2ea2f49-mowing1#/) and on a poster in the Gathering Space. **Good Shepherd provides all equipment needed.**
- Dates still needing volunteers: **7/3** (1 person), **8/7** (1 person), **8/14** (2 people), **8/21** (1 person), and **8/28** (1 person). Signups for September are also available.

### **STEPHANIE HOFF'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

- Our member **Stephanie Hoff** has Stage 5 chronic kidney disease and needs a kidney transplant.
- Information about Stephanie and living kidney donation is available here: [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/mystory/)

### **CDC COVID 19 INFORMATION HAS CHANGED**

- The **CDC** has stopped issuing its **COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review**. You can consult the following CDC website for information and additional resources: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)
- **Masks remain Optional and Respected** at Good Shepherd. Masks are available at the Ushers' table.
- Communion continues to be served using Gluten-free bread and disposable cups with pre-poured wine and white grape juice. Individual, sealed servings of bread and wine will always be available upon request.

**SUNDAY BULLETINS** are available on Friday mornings for the coming Sunday on our website at the **Bulletins link** at the **WORSHIP Tab:** [www.goodshepherddecorah.org/bulletins/](http://www.goodshepherddecorah.org/bulletins/), in a basket on the Ushers' Table outside the sanctuary doors, and at a **link from the YouTube broadcasts of the services.**

### **PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS FEATURE GOOD SHEPHERD'S WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY FRIDAY**

- The **video** of last Sunday's Worship Service **will be available this Friday at 6:30 p.m.** on **Mediacom's Public Access Channels 15 and 79-2.**





