

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

*Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church*

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Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light by Jan Richardson

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow
and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,
in whom
the brightness blazes—
your heart
a chapel,
an altar where
in the deepest night
can be seen
the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines
every broken thing
it finds.

Beloved People of God,
I have shared this blessing with you before during
this Christmas season (Christmas begins on Dec. 25
and lasts for 12 days!) I want to share it now as I
prepare to say farewell to you.

You bear the light for each other and for neighbors
throughout Decorah, Iowa, the US and the world.
There are so many things to celebrate about how
you witness to the light and love of Christ as a
congregation. I know you will continue to bear the
light in beautiful ways.

As I prepare to leave, I especially want to say thank
you for how you've born the light to me personally
over the past eight years. You've loved and prayed
for me as I grieve my parents who died too young
and my dearest friend, Sarah, who died in 2016.
You've provided care, love, and prayers as our family
has healed after Nate's accident in 2019 and Matt's
accident in 2021. Your kindness has sustained and
encouraged me. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I love you all and this congregation. Because I love
this congregation, I will honor the boundaries
required of pastors who leave congregations and
won't do any pastoral acts (baptisms, funerals,
weddings, and pastoral care) for you after January
7th. This allows the next pastor you call to become
fully your pastor. I will remain your sibling in Christ.
You will be in my heart and prayers. You will have
my gratitude always.

Peace to you,
Pastor Amy

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

	First Reading	Psalm Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
January 7	<u>Isaiah 60:1-6</u> <i>Nations come to the light</i>	<u>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14</u> <i>All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)</i>	<u>Ephesians 3:1-12</u> <i>The gospel's promise extends to all</i>	<u>Matthew 2:1-12</u> <i>Revelation of Christ to the nations of the earth</i>
January 14	<u>Genesis 1:1-5</u> <i>God creates light God creates light</i>	<u>Psalm 29</u> <i>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)</i>	<u>Acts 19:1-7</u> <i>Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus</i>	<u>Mark 1:4-11</u> <i>Revelation of Christ as God's servant</i>
January 21	<u>1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]</u> <i>The calling of Samuel</i>	<u>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</u> <i>You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1).</i>	<u>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</u> <i>Glorify God in your body</i>	<u>John 1:43-51</u> <i>The calling of the first disciples</i>
January 28	<u>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</u> <i>Repentance at Nineveh</i>	<u>Psalm 62:5-12</u> <i>God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)</i>	<u>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</u> <i>Living in the end times</i>	<u>Mark 1:14-20</u> <i>The calling of the disciples at the sea</i>

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PROVIDED POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY! Please stop by and pick up your poinsettia by Saturday, January 6. Plan to bring a protective covering. Thank you! Contact Elizabeth Kaschins with questions and concerns.



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

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offered by Jane Jakoubek

God of new beginnings, may the work you began in and through Good Shepherd 65 years ago continue now as we pray, wait, and walk together through this time of transition. Help us each be a living stone, doing our part as the foundation of your church, the body of Christ in the world, here in this place and in this time. Help us bring your love, healing, justice, peace and freedom to your beloved community. God of new beginnings, be with us now.

God of Love, the real work of Christmas goes beyond the glitter and festivities...it's rolling-up our sleeves and taking up our cross to do the hard work of love...it's letting your Word transform our hearts so they are open to your peace and love...it's saying yes to your call to us to help make of the world a place of justice and love. God of Love, help us to be part of the real work of Christmas.

God our hope, for these past eight years you have worn the face of and spoken to us in the voice of Pastor Amy. We give thanks: for stretching and growing, for teaching and learning, for expanding our capacity to love each other and love the world. Now, you will be with us wearing the face of and speaking to us in the voice of Pastor Dave. Help us to open our minds and hearts to all you send us through him. And as we take up the work of the call process in the coming months, help us to know you are already at work preparing the next person you will bring to serve us, moving in their heart and spirit, their life and relationships, for the journey that will move them to come to us, once again wearing your face and bringing the Word to us. Be with our new pastor, as of yet unknown to us or to them, but known fully to you. God our hope, hear our prayer. Amen.

COMMUNITY MEAL REMINDER

GOOD SHEPHERD SERVING & PROVIDING FOOD FOR JANUARY 4th DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: Meal is from 5-6:15 at Decorah Lutheran Church. All are welcome to join!

- **Food providers:** please have food delivered to Decorah Lutheran's Kitchen between 2-4:15 on the 4th. (Kitchen is connected to their fellowship gathering space on the lower level) Have your dish serve 15 adults and mark your containers with your name so you can pick them up before 7.
- **Volunteers:** plan to check in a few minutes before the start of your shift with one of the leaders (in an apron).

CALL PROCESS UPDATES

- The Council is working to establish the Good Shepherd Church Call Committee. Members of Good Shepherd are invited to prayerfully consider the talents and gifts of fellow church members, and to participate in the process of the Council's discernment of members for nomination to the Call Committee. Please use the index cards provided in each pew, and also on the Gathering Space table to write the name(s) of the individuals you would raise for consideration. Please write the reason you would choose to nominate this person. You may nominate yourself. There will be a youth representative on the call committee. Please consider youth to nominate as well. Place the cards in the offering plate, office desk, or email the office with your nominations. **The office may receive nominations until January 9th, 2024.**
- The Good Shepherd Church Council reports with thanks, joy, and affirmation that the Executive Committee has proposed and the Council has approved Megan Buckingham to serve as one of the co-chairs of the Call Committee. We are thankful for Megan's acceptance. As one of her nominators wrote: "Megan would be an exceptional co-chair of the call committee! She has such gifts for envisioning and implementing helpful processes that move things forward in thoughtful and timely ways." As co-chair, Megan can soon begin her work in this role, which includes working along with Pastor Amy, Pastor David, the Executive Committee, and Council, to move forward on the steps of discerning the Call Committee, nominations for which are still so thoughtfully and prayerfully arriving from church members. Thank you, Megan, Pastor Amy, Executive Committee, Council, and Congregation!
- Pr. David Wrightsman will begin as our Intentional Interim Pastor January 1st.

YOUTH & FAMILY

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM The 2023 Christmas program was a big success! It was a fun and beautiful program. The program would not be possible without the help and wisdom from the Education Committee and church staff, parent volunteers, and our wonderful children and youth. Thank you to all who had an important role making this a positive experience for our kids. We are also grateful for the volunteer efforts of the families and youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering and for the generous donations for the dinner in support of their trip.

No Sunday School Programming on January 7th so all can attend and enjoy the farewell brunch for Pr. Amy. Programming will resume on the 14th.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING SPOTLIGHT

Each month from here until the youth head to New Orleans in July, we will be spotlighting some of the youth attending, and sharing more information about the ELCA National Youth Gathering. This month, the spotlight is on Aidan & Gabe! Fun fact: 13 Good Shepherd Youth are attending the trip, made up of 5 sets of siblings and 2 individuals!



Aidan Nalean-Carlson

- **Year in School:** Senior
- **What hobbies do you enjoy/extracurricular activities are you in?** Reading, Envirothon, marching band, cross-country, and tennis
- **Did you go on the Youth Trip last summer or have you been on any trip like this before?** I went to the Twin Cities trip last summer.
- **Why do you want to go to the Youth Gathering this summer?** New Orleans seems like a vibrant city and I have a lot of friends going.
- **What is one aspect you like about being a part of the Good Shepherd Community?** Everyone is committed to making the church a welcoming, open environment.

Gabe Hiner

- **Year in School:** Senior
- **What hobbies do you enjoy/extracurricular activities are you in?** I am in Speech (Group and Individual), Theater, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Music Listening Contest, Tennis, and Envirothon. I enjoy all types of music as well as reading and playing board games.
- **Did you go on the Youth Trip last summer or have you been on any trip like this before?** Yep! I went to Minneapolis on the youth trip 2 summers ago.
- **Why do you want to go to the Youth Gathering this summer?** Well, there are many reasons. In addition to this trip being an opportunity to grow my faith, I have a lot of friends who are going, and the trip was really fun last year as well! I'm hoping it will be a similar experience.
- **What is one aspect you like about being a part of the Good Shepherd Community?** The congregation is very inclusive, and, of course, there is always unique and fun music to listen to or even participate in during Sunday worship.



RACIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

For the past year and a half, the Racial Justice Team has been devoting time at each meeting to learning about white supremacy culture and anti-racist alternatives. For our December meeting, the topic was how white supremacy culture defines progress. The answer is one we're all familiar with: Progress is Bigger and More... regardless of costs to those doing the work or the environment or other people or even the quality of the work itself. It's an easy definition of progress for churches to adopt: progress is more members, a bigger building, more people at worship. But for the Racial Justice Team, this meeting was also our last meeting with Pastor Amy, and it was a good moment to pause and ask what does the Christian faith say about progress? How should we look back at our last eight years with Pastor Amy and evaluate our progress? What goals should we be setting for our congregation as we call a new pastor?

When we asked what our faith has to say about progress, the six voices around the table lifted up the following thoughts:

- Are we seeing increase in the fruits of the Spirit? *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* Galatians 5:22-23
- Are we seeing our life together as a congregation as a pilgrimage, where there are important steps to be taken one at a time, yet we focus not only on the end goal but how we care for each other and ourselves throughout the journey day by day?
- Are we judging our progress by whether we get a good result...or whether we have been faithful to the Gospel? Are we remembering that God works in ways we often don't understand and that our role is to be faithful, trusting God's promise that all is in God's hands?
- Are we growing in love—love of God and love of our neighbors?
- Are we growing from viewing things through the eyes of the secular world (for example, progress is bigger and more) to seeing things from God's perspective? For example, are we growing in our capacity to see that *we are all* beloved children of God (including those we disagree with or struggle to like)?
- Are we grateful for what we have? Do we see the blessings in where we are now? Are we taking care of what we have, including each other (instead of focusing on what we want next)?

As *you* reflect on our progress as a congregation, what do *you* see? How can we follow Jesus more faithfully in our life together? How can our new pastor help us do that?

AN UPDATE ON THE 2023-24 GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This academic year the Good Shepherd Mission Endowment Fund awarded a scholarship to five members of the congregation: Ava Holland, Mara Holland, Nathan Larson, Annalise Skrade and Daniel Skrade. All five are doing very well at the college of their choice.

AVA is a senior at Luther majoring in Health Promotions with an emphasis in Sports. She has a minor in Applied Leadership and Management. She is a member of the Luther volleyball team and has been a member of the American Rivers Academic All-Conference Team. She has also been a member of the campus Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. She plans to utilize her Luther educational experiences in the Twin Cities after graduation this coming spring.

MARA is a sophomore at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minnesota and has not committed to a major. She is a member of the Gustavus volleyball team that compiled a 27-6 record this fall and participated in the Division III NCAA Regional Tournament. Academically Mara has been on the President's List. She has also coached a youth club volleyball team in St. Peter.

NATHAN is a sophomore at Wartburg College in Waverly. He is concentrating on his long-term goal of entering the ministry. His plan is to attend Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque upon completion of his studies at Wartburg College.

ANNALISE is in her first year at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She hopes to major in English with a minor in Environmental Sustainability. She plans to prepare for a career in teaching at the secondary level. After a very successful career on the tennis team at Decorah High School Annalise is looking forward to playing on the Concordia College women's team. She had her first college tennis experience while playing in tournaments in the fall and the team will begin the spring season in January. The team will have several meets with teams in Florida before the MIAC schedule begins.

DANIEL is also in his first year at Concordia and he plans to major in Math and minor in Spanish. He is participating in the Concordia music program by singing in the choir. Daniel will play on the Concordia College men's tennis team which will begin spring practice in January. He had his first college tennis experience last fall while playing very well in some tournaments.

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee is proud to represent the congregation in financially assisting these young members of the congregation with their higher education.

- Jerry Bruce, Jim Buzza, John Jefferson, Brian Solberg, Erin Anderson

WELCA NEWSLETTER

WELCA annual meeting and mid-winter brunch will be held Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Patty Casterton and Sam Boeke from Aase Haugen Senior Services will be telling us about the Capital campaign to fund a chapel for their new facility. We will also be dispersing funds from 2023, contact Bev Sheridan if you have any funding requests. Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about these exciting plans for Aase Haugen.

Gather Bible Study

We will meet on Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm for our Gather bible study in the Good Shepherd fellowship hall.

Winter/Spring 2024 Bible study: “Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it’s not just Jesus inviting us to see creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God’s story and saving work. This four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

Session One: Weather: Powerful force for change

We can’t control the weather, but we can learn from it. Storms, rain, drought and wind shape the lives of human and non-human beings, both in scripture and today. As we face catastrophic storms and the weird weather of climate change, biblical stories of extraordinary weather convict and humble us. They show us how to live faithfully, moving us to act even when we feel powerless. (from Gather magazine)

Upcoming events - All are welcome!

January 23, 2024: Gather Bible study, Fellowship hall, 7 pm
Lindy Moeller-Bible study, Gail Judisch-refreshments

January 27, 2024: WELCA annual meeting and mid-winter brunch, 9 am

DREAM WEEK : WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

“THE F-WORD: STORIES OF FORGIVENESS” EXHIBITION at Luther College
Center for Faith and Life, second floor

This exhibition, a program of the Forgiveness Project, is a thought-provoking collection of arresting images and personal narratives exploring forgiveness in the face of atrocity. Drawing together voices from South Africa, America, Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland, and England, the exhibition examines forgiveness as a healing process, a path out of victimhood, and, ultimately, a journey of hope. The exhibition will be displayed on campus for two weeks, and all are invited to an opening reception on Wednesday, January 10, at 4 p.m in the CFL Lobby.

FAREWELL BRUNCH FOR PASTOR AMY: All are invited to join in a farewell gathering for Pastor Amy on Sunday, January 7th following worship in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a catered brunch in honor and celebration of her time at Good Shepherd.

GIFTS FOR PASTOR AMY: The Outreach & Hospitality Committee is collecting donations for some farewell gifts for Pr. Amy from the Good Shepherd Congregation. Donations can be given to the Church Office via mail, envelope, or in the offering plate. These gifts will be given to her during the farewell brunch.

ANNUAL REPORTS & ANNUAL MEETING: Standing committees please submit your annual reports to Erica in the church office in preparation for the Annual Report and **Congregational Annual Meeting on February 4th.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Do you enjoy crocheting or knitting? Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the third Wednesday of each month 1:00-3:00, September thru May in the Gathering Space at the church. New members please join us! Yarn will be available. Confirmands, graduates, people who are baptized, those suffering illness, Helping Services for Youth and Families and Hospice Winn-Med are all recipients of shawls. Questions: Contact Jeri Laursen.

NOTE FROM KINDERHAUS PRESCHOOL: All are welcome to enjoy and play in the Kinderhaus play space outside - just a gentle reminder to please put things back where you found them and treat the space as your own. Thank you!

ADULT FORUM JAN. 28 - INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS as RELATED TO LUTHER ARCHIVES:

The Luther College Archives is home to a collection of records from the Bethany Indian Mission. The presentation will look at what these records are, how they, along with other missionary-related collections, came to Luther's possession, and future plans for providing care and access to them. Archivist Hayley Jackson will lead this in the Gathering Space.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND WINTER GREENS AT GOOD SHEPHERD: Old Christmas trees and winter greens are being collected for use for the Easter Vigil bonfire (this year March 30th!). Please leave them in the space between the Annex and Mower shed. Removal of metal and roping from wreaths and greens is appreciated.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

- In one word or one sentence, share what you most need from God now.
- Prayer - Tim
- As we deliberate, let us affirm our congregation's commitment to pursue racial justice, advocate for migrant families, and support the LGBTQIA community.
- Is there anything on the consent agenda that should be moved to the discussion agenda? If not, is there a motion to approve the whole agenda?

LINK TO REPORTS:

All submitted committee reports are located in the folder linked above. Links to individual reports are included at the end of this document. Thank you.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of November 2023 Council Meeting Minutes [Link to Minutes](#)
2. Approval of Dec. 4 special meeting minutes [Link to Minutes](#)
3. Reception of Committee Reports (see summary below)
4. Charge Audit committee with beginning work: John Schroeder ('24), Steve Holland ('24), Jason Martin-Hiner ('24)
5. Receiving New Members:
 - a. Bill and Linda Dotseth (they were among those welcomed in Nov. but haven't yet officially been received by council action)
 - b. Associate members Jeff and Nancy Roatch
 - c. James and Nancy Ulring

Discussion Agenda

1. **Review proposed 2024 Church Budget especially the benevolence giving**
 - The Racial Justice team requests that Council ensure that of the 26% of our budget that is given to ministry beyond the congregation include funds for the three current initiatives of the Racial Justice Team: 1) educating congregational leaders and others about their role in dismantling racism by understanding and counteracting White Supremacy Culture; 2) moving beyond African American music to learning about and taking action to undo injustice against Black people, and 3) participating in the Truth and Healing Initiative that addresses injustice against Indigenous people.
 - Rationale: In order to carry out the congregation's intent in adopting a Racial Justice Statement, the congregation should examine all aspects of its work, including the budget, to ensure that this commitment is played out in all aspects of congregational life. The annual 26% amount for ministry beyond the congregation is a place where our commitment to Racial Justice should be evident.
 - Proposal: increase Mission Support to the synod/ELCA as this directly funds the Truth and Healing initiative and the ELCA racial justice work.
 - Aase Haugen appeal: The congregations are being asked to raise \$300,000 over 3 years for the chapel at the new Aase Haugen care facility. [See letter here](#)
2. **Recommendation to Council re Land Acknowledgement Task Force**
3. **Process for appointing call committee- Kris**
4. **Become familiar with interim agreement with Pr. David, review priorities- Kris**
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report [Link to Report](#)**

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Announcements – Newsletter Deadline is December 26, 2023 (always the 25th of the month, delayed this month due to Christmas)

Next Council meeting - January 16, 2024

Committee annual reports due Jan. 15, 2024

Adjournment and Closing Prayer- Lord's Prayer

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

Education Committee:

1. Pastor Amy transition - committee member reflection and sharing
2. Pastor Amy transition - preparing for ministry/activity handoff and coverage, including direct support for Kelli and Erica
3. Christmas program - review of details, dinner plans, other needs

Outreach and Hospitality Committee:

1. New Members
2. Pastor Amy's farewell

Facilities and Grounds Committee:

1. 2024 Projects
2. Grinnell Insurance compliance issues
3. Winter preparedness of grounds

Stewardship Committee:

1. 111 Statements of intent have been received, surpassing the goal of 100 Intents!
2. Increase in intents for financial giving in 2024 by over \$28,000, exceeding our goal of \$25,000 in new giving for 2024.
3. We had a good meeting with shepherds on Dec. 3.

Worship and Music

1. 2024 Budget
2. Communion cups
3. Pew cushions

Pastor's Report

1. Focused on helping the congregation be ready for transition, not as much pastoral care as usual.
2. People seem hopeful and less concerned now that the interim of Pr. Dave has been announced.
3. Records and constitution will be ready for me to sign off on them.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div><div>31</div><div><div>KINDERHUS WINTER BREAK</div><div>9:30am - In-person Worship & Live</div><div>10:45am - Fellowship Hour</div></div></div>	<div><div>1</div><div><div>CHURCH CLOSED</div><div>6:30pm - ALANION</div></div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div></div></div>	<div><div>3</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>11:30am - Mission Green overview for 2</div><div>5:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>7pm - Choir rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div><div>7pm - Confirmation</div><div>7:45pm - Band rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div></div></div>	<div><div>4</div><div><div>GOOD SHEPHERD HELPING WITH COMMUNITY</div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>11am - Bible Study @ Library</div><div>1pm - Violin lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>2pm - Fiddle Lesson @ Library</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>5pm - Decorah Community Meal @ DLC</div><div>5:30pm - Racial Justice Team @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div><div>PASTOR AMY DAY OFF</div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>5:15pm - Trumpet lessons @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div><div>10am - Pr. Amy's exit interview</div><div>12pm - Farmers market board</div></div></div>
<div><div>7</div><div><div>Pr. Amy Farewell</div><div>9:30am - In-person Worship & Live</div><div>11am - Pr. Amy Farewell Brunch</div></div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>4pm - Piano lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>4pm - Worship and Music Committee</div><div>4:30pm - Keilly's Office Hours</div><div>6:30pm - ALANION @ GS Fellowship Hall</div></div></div>	<div><div>9</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>9am - One Tak Good Shepherd Decorah</div><div>9:30am - Sons of Norway meeting @</div><div>12:30pm - Bingo at Wellington Place</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div></div></div>	<div><div>10</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Eastern Star/John Falck</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>2:30pm - Aase Haugen Communion</div><div>5:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>7pm - Choir rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div><div>7pm - Confirmation Class @ Fellowship</div><div>7:45pm - Band rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div></div></div>	<div><div>11</div><div><div>Recycle</div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>11am - Bible Study @ Library</div><div>1pm - Violin lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>2pm - Fiddle Lesson @ Library</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>5pm - Education Committee</div></div></div>	<div><div>12</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>5:15pm - Trumpet lesson @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>13</div><div><div>12:30pm - Green Flood gathering @</div></div></div>
<div><div>14</div><div><div>9:30am - In-person Worship & Live</div><div>10:45am - Fellowship Hour</div><div>10:45am - Sunday school</div><div>5pm - Festival of Light @ Fellowship Hall</div></div></div>	<div><div>15</div><div><div>KINDERHUS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT</div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>4pm - Piano lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>4:30pm - Keilly's Office Hours</div><div>6:30pm - ALANION @ GS Fellowship Hall</div></div></div>	<div><div>16</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>1:30pm - Depot Annual Meeting</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>6:30pm - Sons of Norway @ Fellowship</div><div>7pm - Congregation Council meeting @</div></div></div>	<div><div>17</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>1pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Gathering</div><div>5:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>7pm - Choir rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div><div>7pm - Confirmation Class @ Fellowship</div><div>7:45pm - Band rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div></div></div>	<div><div>18</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>11am - Bible Study @ Library</div><div>12:45pm - MEF Committee Meeting @</div><div>1pm - Violin lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>2pm - Fiddle Lesson @ Library</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>5pm - Oneoka Coop Produce @ Fellowship</div></div></div>	<div><div>19</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>5:15pm - Trumpet lessons @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>20</div><div></div></div>
<div><div>21</div><div><div>9:30am - In-person Worship & Live</div><div>10:45am - Fellowship Hour</div><div>10:45am - Sunday school</div><div>11am - 2024 Budget Forum @ Fellowship</div></div></div>	<div><div>22</div><div><div>KINDERHUS ENROLLMENT OPEN TO CURRENT</div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>4pm - Piano lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>4:30pm - Keilly's Office Hours</div><div>6:30pm - ALANION @ GS Fellowship Hall</div></div></div>	<div><div>23</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>7pm - WELCA Circle Mtg. Gather Study @</div></div></div>	<div><div>24</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>5:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>7pm - Choir rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div><div>7pm - Confirmation Class @ Fellowship</div><div>7:45pm - Band rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div></div></div>	<div><div>25</div><div><div>WINTERFEST PREP TIME</div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>11am - Bible Study @ Library</div><div>1pm - Violin lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>2pm - Fiddle Lesson @ Library</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div></div></div>	<div><div>26</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Open House @ Indoor Classroom</div><div>5:15pm - Trumpet lessons @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>27</div><div><div>8am - Prep WELCA Brunch</div><div>9am - WELCA Brunch & Annual Meeting</div></div></div>
<div><div>28</div><div><div>9:30am - In-person Worship & Live</div><div>10:45am - Fellowship Hour</div><div>10:45am - Sunday school</div><div>11am - Adult Forum: Indian Boarding</div></div></div>	<div><div>29</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>4pm - Piano lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>4:30pm - Keilly's Office Hours</div><div>6:30pm - ALANION @ GS Fellowship Hall</div></div></div>	<div><div>30</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>10am - Erica office hours</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div></div></div>	<div><div>31</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>5:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>7pm - Choir rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div><div>7pm - Confirmation Class @ Fellowship</div><div>7:45pm - Band rehearsal @ Sanctuary</div></div></div>	<div><div>1</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>11am - Bible Study @ Library</div><div>1pm - Violin lessons @ Sanctuary</div><div>2pm - Fiddle Lesson @ Library</div><div>3:30pm - Piano lessons</div><div>5pm - Decorah Community Meal @ DLC</div><div>5:30pm - Racial Justice Team @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div><div>9am - Church Office Hours</div><div>5:15pm - Trumpet lessons @ Library</div></div></div>	<div><div>3</div><div><div>9am - Kinderhus Open House @</div></div></div>