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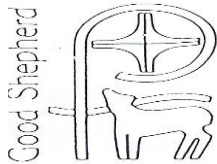
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THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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Mission Statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is the family of God gathered under our Lord's care, equipped with the good news of Jesus to share God's love with the world.

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We want to thank Pastor Dahl, Pastor Vetter, the February Service group, Diane Hermanson and everyone at Good Shepherd for making Ron's memorial service special for us. But thanks mostly for your prayers!

Jackie Estes & Family

I just finished reading through the wonderful cards with their expressions of good will and support. Please accept my/our gratitude for the generous gift from the congregation and for your kind words. We have been truly blessed by our time with you.

God's Peace,
Pastor Steve & Candace

Thank you Gerri Rogholt for the many hours you spent sorting and displaying the gift cards for the Card Sale. Also, for all the years you have taken care of the card sales.

Sonja Walker



Dear WELCA Members:

Once again we had a successful Valentine Tea. I believe 76 ladies attended – up some from last year. Lots of comments about how nice the tables looked, and of course all the good sandwiches and desserts. A big THANK YOU to everyone involved who make this happen so it goes off without a hitch!

Our church's annual meeting was held, and we also had to say our good byes and thank yous to Pastor Dahl. What a blessing that he was here until we got a new pastor. We made the call and Keith Lankford and his wife Chantell answered. Another Blessing! Pastor Keith will be installed on Saturday, March 12, at 11:00 AM, with a congregation potluck to follow. Let's pray for God's guidance for Keith and our congregation.

Spring will be here soon! Although with the weather we've had in February you'd think it was already here. We're in the Lenten season, and joyful of God's love that His Son died for our sins. He is Risen!

Nancy Peterson
WELCA President

MEN'S BREAKFAST – JoJo's

Thursday, March 3rd 9:00 AM

Come and join us for food, fellowship and Bible study.

Open to men of all ages.

Thank you Vivian for letting us know about another **New Library Book** worth reading "Having Our Say". An autobiography by Sarah and Elizabeth Delaney. This is a delightful and informative history of two sisters who lived to over 100 years. Their lives were not really dull. Their theory – "when you live this long, you can say almost anything you wish!". Surely you will enjoy it!



**Lutheran Youth
Organization**

February may be for lovebirds, but this year we celebrated Valentines Day and President's day by heading to Andes Tower Hills and Faith Haven Camp for our Annual Ski Trip and Overnight. We had youth from every church along with a great crew of adults, hitting the slopes before heading to Faith Haven. At camp we enjoyed supper, Worship featuring guest speaker Krista Monson, games and snacks and stayed up Way Too Late.

Coming up in March we have another favorite event, The **ST. Patty's Trivia Night**, this year on March 20th at 7pm at Faith Haven. We'll have Shamrock Shakes, Mini Doughnuts and break into teams to see who's been studying up for Trivia! And Yes, there will be prizes! A date to keep your calendar is March 20th, which is the Registration Cut Off for our **Summer Mission Trip to Denver Colorado**. The Trip is July 30-August 5th, open to all 7-12th Graders. Registration form and \$100 deposit is due by March 20th!

Locally, our Youth would like to **thank everyone** for supporting the Henning Band & Choir by enjoying the Valentine Brunch. They made over \$400! And are well on their way to New York City!! While there the students will have an opportunity to visit some of the sites, including the Empire State Building and will participate in competitions against other High School Band & Choirs.

Thank you to the Quilting Ladies for the donation of the quilt that was raffled as a fund raiser for the New York Trip as well!

Good Shepherd's Band and Choir members



In Our Prayers

Lloyd & Barb Amundson
 Beverly Bjerketvedt, LuJean Juvrud
 Betsy Peterson, Evelyn Mitchell
 Ken Moenck, Ida Peterson, Judy Curtis,
 Keith Lovell, Family of Phyllis Murphy,
 Dorothy Nordgren,
 Lou Ann Johnson, Family of Ron Estes,
 Ray Goepferd

Serving in March

Liz, Merle and Morgan Klintworth
 Diane and Jim Hermanson
 Todd and Abby Volden
 Bill and Jane Goepferd
 Renee, Curt Woltjer and Brianna

Our Giving* in February		Attendance
2/7	\$2331.00	80
2/10**	\$ 470.00	53
2/14	\$ 2707.00	103
2/17	\$ 218.00	40
2/21	\$1961.00	128
2/24	\$ 320.00	

*\$3900.00 is needed each week in order for us to stay on budget. **Lenten Services included

Have you changed your landline to a Cell Phone only?

We would love to have your number! Please notify the office if you have changed your home number – this will make it easier for the Service Group Leaders and we promise never to sell your information to an outside advertising company.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 JANUARY 2016**

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH COUNCIL
 MEETING January 27, 2016

COMMITTEES MET AT 6:30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

BY: President- Diane Thorson @ 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Pastor Dahl

OFFICERS Diane Thorson Pam Moran
 Nancy Peterson (also WELCA Pres)
 Joan Fosse

TRUSTEES Gary Haugdahl Brenden Markuson
 Dennis Peterson Mary Seipkes
 Abby Volden

DEACONS Rance Bjorklund Jim Morse
 Don Seipkes

EDUCATION Anji Redfield Susanne Torgerson

STEWARDSHIP Brian Ebeling LaVaye Herness

OTHER ATTENDEES: Keith & Chantell Lankford

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Dahl Jeremiah 29:11. Pastor talked about being our interim pastor, and also that with a new pastor that there will be changes, and we should be open to those, and also to taking risks.

MEET & GREET: Keith & Chantell Lankford

– Welcome!

TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Place on File

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes from 9-23-15 and 12-28-15 meetings – Place on file

BUDGET APPROVAL: Diane talked us through the changes, etc. in the proposed 2016 budget compared to actual 2015. Church utilities & heat, and parsonage utilities were moved from Building Fund to General Fund. Motion made by Brian to accept budget, and Gary 2nd. Motion carried/approved.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING: Jesse Dilly is interested in being VP nominee. Diane agreed to be Deacon nominee, and we’d like another Stewardship member.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: At this time we have ended our agreement with Richard Fischer, the architect we were working with. All payments to him have been made. It was determined that the first plans developed would not be a right fit for our congregation. New plans are being developed, and we will be working with Rick Hammer, and obtaining architectural services from an Alexandria firm – Widseth Smith Nolting. The Building Committee and Trustees plan to meet with Rich Hammer and someone from Widseth Smith Nolting on February 3 or 4. Discussed the matching that Lloyd & Barbara Amundson will do for the Building Project. To date we have received commitments for almost 30% of the amount needed. Pastor Dahl will pass on to our new pastor who he has talked to about giving and/or pledging towards the match.

DEACONS: We have received a letter/request from Nidaros Lutheran Church from their

Search Committee. Vining and Nidaros will not be sharing a pastor anymore. Diane contacted them to acknowledge receipt of their letter, and that we would be in touch after we have a new pastor. The Deacons will contact the Nidaros Search Committee to find out more specifics about what they are looking for from our church.

TRUSTEES: If Keith Lankford is approved as our new pastor, the following will be done in the parsonage: New washer and dryer, new kitchen sink, and painting.

STEWARDSHIP: Some Coin Clangers were approved in the 2016 Budget. Are there are any other suggestions?

Anji talked about the band/choir students that are fund raising to go to NYC – there are about 8-10 from our congregation. Diane suggested our church support some type of fund raiser for them. Diane and Pastor will work on applying for Thrivent Action Team money. We also talked about these students participating in future church services. Motion made by Brenden for our church to support these students with a free will offering fundraiser. 2nd by Susanne.

Motion carried/approved.

EDUCATION: Devotion books will be given to the 7th graders.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED – CLOSED WITH LORD’S PRAYER.

Minutes Submitted by Council Secretary – Nancy Peterson



Judy Curtis will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on March 13th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan in Battle Lake – Please drop in and wish her well! Or, send a card 105 Glenhaven Dr. #115 Battle Lake, MN 56515.

Around the Community.....

The Henning Lions Club will be sponsoring a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday March 13th. The event will be held at the Community Center with proceeds going to the Henning Food Shelf. 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

EASTER LILLIES AND SPRING FLOWERS Parkers Prairie Floral

Orders will be taken until March 15th and flowers will be delivered before Good Friday. Order Blanks are on the Bulletin Board, checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd.



**You are invited to attend the
Installation of Keith Lankford as
Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church on Saturday, March 12, 2016
11:00 A.M.**

There will be a luncheon following the service.

We thank the congregation for their help in bringing the following dishes:

**A – M Hot Dishes
N – O Salads**

Buns, beverage and cake will be provided.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 2 **7:00 p.m**
 "A City Dweller" Mr. Troy
Olson – OTC LYO
Wednesday, March 9 **7:00 p.m**
 "Wandering through the Wilderness"
Intern Jon Rundquist – Zion, Amor
Wednesday, March 16 **7:00 p.m**
 "A Sleeping Disciple" Rev. James
Gronbeck – Zion, Amor

Maundy Thursday **March 24th**

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Good Friday **March 25th**

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Easter Sunday **March 27th**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with
 Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Breakfast *

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with
 Holy Communion

*** time subject to change**

Hymns for people of a Certain Age

Precious Lord, Take My Hand and Help
Me Get Up

It is Well with My Soul But My Back
Hurts

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

Be Thou My Vision My Bifocals aren't
Enough

Nobody Knows the Trouble I have
Seeing

*Thank you Ed and Ann Ellenson for
sharing this chuckle!!*