

Good Shepherd
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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

MAY

What's happening at Good Shepherd



Church News

Grace and Peace to you,

As of the writing of this, it has been a couple of busy days. Friday was the rain storm and subsequent flooding of First Lutheran and us offering our help. On the 19th of April, we held a Joint Worship service in our building and will continue to do so until they are able to return to their own space. We will be letting them use our meeting rooms for the next couple of weeks, also.

It has been many years since we have had a Confirmation in our church, and First Lutheran will be having theirs here in May. You may also see, on the first Sunday of the month, many of the duties that adults usually perform on Sundays will be done by the youth. This, I think, is a great way for them to get a feel of what being a confirmed member of the church is.

I am also looking forward to sharing music with them. I've so missed the choir. They invited any of our members to join them, if we so choose.

As for other news about our church, we are continuing as we have been. Pastor's article tells the church schedule, but I want to assure you that Good Shepherd and First Lutheran will be sharing duties during the services. If you volunteer for the readings, coffee hosting, or anything else, please consider continuing as we have been doing.

Mike Hornby, Council President



Life can change so suddenly – for better or for worse. A birth or a death. An engagement or a divorce. A job lost or a new, exciting promotion. A medical diagnosis that announces health or sickness. And, yes, rain and flooding.

I was excited and honored last Sunday, after the devastating flooding over the weekend, to be able to tell representatives of First Lutheran Church that our church council had said, “Use our building as your own.” There will be some changes in building use, activity level, and worship as we move forward, and we are blessed to be able to offer some space as First Lutheran deals with their tragic losses and struggles to return to “normal”.

First and Good Shepherd will share worship leadership at joint services at 8:00 and 9:30 starting immediately. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion each week. Details are still being worked out, but we will need volunteers from each congregation to serve: greeters, ushers, readers, coffee preparers and providers, communion servers, cleanup responsibilities, and a host of other opportunities. Thank you for volunteering.

Please be in touch with council president Mike Hornby, treasurer Enid Branham, another council member, or me with questions or offers of assistance.

Blessings,
Pastor David Andert

Easter has past us! We are reaping the rewards of what Christ has done for us! Alleluia!!

Now it's our turn to give back to help support the mission that he would have us focus on. Our weekly offerings have been lower than what we would hope for. We have to remember that it doesn't matter the time of the year. The mission goes on, and if our mission is going to go on, we are going to have to be able to pay the bills that need to be paid.



We are a very giving, caring church. We were blessed this weekend to be able to use our facility to share a worship service with First Lutheran after their devastating flood. But in order to be able to do things like that, we need to be able to continue on as a congregation, and the only way we're going to do that is for people to step up in a leadership role, and to continue our giving with the way we have pledged to do.

Is my prayer that we are able to continue to do these wonderful things in our community and wonderful things for the people of our church. With your help, all things are possible!!!

Respectfully,
Enid Branham
Treasurer



Every year the 4th Sunday of Easter is “Good Shepherd Sunday” (April 26 this year). Each year the Psalm is 23 and the Gospel is from John 10 – both “Good Shepherd” chapters. That makes it a special day for our Good Shepherd congregation. I appreciated recently being sent the following from the book “Loved back to life” by Sheila Walsh:

“Every once and a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may even kick the poor animal away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind. These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck. Their spirit is broken. These lambs are called “bummer lambs.” Unless the shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected and alone. So, do you know what the shepherd does? He takes that rejected little one into his home, hand-feeds it and keep it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to his chest so the bummer can hear his heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock. But that sheep never forgets how the shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him. When the shepherd calls for the flock, guess who runs to him first? That is right, the bummer sheep. He knows his voice intimately. It is not that the bummer lamb is loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it. It's not that it is loved more, it just believes it because it has experienced that love one on one. So many of us are bummer lambs, rejected and broken. But He is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heart beat. We may be broken but we are deeply loved by the Shepherd.”

We collected more than 30 boxes of cereal for March. April ECHO collection will be rice and beans, while May will be toilet paper. This only a suggestion – if you want to donate something different it is fine. Everything is appreciated.

Other items that we collect are: pop tabs, which go to the Ronald McDonald house which helps pay for families to stay near their sick children in the hospitals; Prayer shawls, which are given to anyone troubled or ill; (Knitters or Crocheters are welcomed to donate. See Ruth or Kris for instructions.) grocery receipts from Daniel's Sentry with the green sticker (you must ask the cashier for the green sticker. We receive 1% of the totals on the receipts). These are small items, but they help in big ways.



We will be waiting for the results of the Crop Walk. Thank You to Kris for leading.

Ruth Demmon
Care & Concern



Good Shepherd Council Minutes for March 1, 2026

Present: Pastor David Andert; Mike Hornby; Ruth Demmon; Terry Seltz; Syd Rauworth; Dick McWilliams

Excused: Enid Branham; Juanita Habeck

Called to Order at 11:25 AM

Devotions led by Terry Seltz – Luke 6

Minutes were read. Ruth motioned to accept them. Terry seconded them. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Care & Concern – February ECHO items totaled 40. The Giving Tree items of Scarves, Hats, Mittens, Socks, and etc. were distributed to Van Buren Grade School and others needing them, including Agrace. Lenten Meals are all filled.

Ruth also proposed showing a sign at the beginning of the recording of the church services for watchers to email the church to let us know who is watching. Mike offered to research the particulars on how to do that with Lori.

Education – Adult Sunday School has started on the book of Job.

Stewardship – Discussed a sign or a banner for the church. Also discussed putting a banner on the parking lot entrance for the school people to see. We decided on “Welcome Sundays @ 10 AM” with the size to be approximately 48”.

Property and Grounds – The tractor has been sent in to be serviced. There was an issue with the last snow plowing job of K&W; They removed the bushes and knocked over the ‘organist’ sign. Ruth’s son (Vince) volunteered to help with any small tractor/ small engine problems. Nine people have volunteered to help mow our grass this year. Lori is typing up a schedule. Dick needs to make new outer door keys. A discussion followed about who may have keys that we should have been returned. There was also discussion on reroofing the shed. It definitely needs to be done this Spring.

Worship and Music – An email blast went out to the McDowell club for organists/pianists. Only 2 people answered. We’re still working on the schedule. Flowers for Easter has a signup sheet in the fellowship room. An audit committee of Bob Hornby, Leroy Wildes, and Dale Arneson has been formed. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services will be led by Pastor Andert.

Pastor’s Report – A new contract was signed with only a couple of changes in wording. “Serving 6 hours per week of other pastoral responsibilities including visitation and may grow up to 10 hours per week as the budget allows (not to exceed 10 hours).”

Dick motioned to accept all reports. Syd seconded it. Passed unanimously.

New Business – Terry is reading a book purchased at the Lay Leadership Summit about community and how the church can help. He will research a little more and report back. Syd had again discussed going door to door for ECHO and to hand out church flyers. He said he’d spearhead it.

No old business

Ruth motioned for adjournment. Syd seconded it. We adjourned at 12:35 PM.



A few photos from Holy Week and our Community Outreach day. Snacks and water and invitations to worship with us at Good Shepherd were given to people who parked in our lot while waiting to pick up their kids from Harrison school.





On April 19th, we shared worship and fellowship with First Lutheran Church after their devastating flood. We are thrilled to be sharing space with them while they wait for their building to be re-stored!





**WEEKLY OFFERINGS
MARCH 2026**

		Attendance
03/01/26	\$1,366.00	17
03/08/26	\$1,145.00	16
03/15/26	\$975.00	20
03/22/26	\$757.00	19
03/29/26	\$1,977.00	24
	\$6,220.00	



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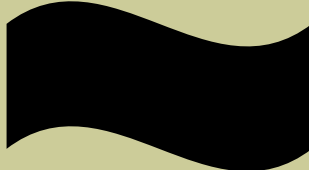
- May 3 Jonathan Itnyre
- May 5 Jake Oja
- May 7 Alana Schneider
- May 14 Melissa Olson
- May 16 Gracie Hilker
- May 24 Rollie Kraus
- May 26 Robin Kuter
- May 27 Jordan Graffin
- May 31 Rob Oja



- May 24 Reggie & Stephen Hare
- May 24 Connie & Larry Masterson
- May 28 Dorothy & Steven Salzman
- May 29 Maury Martin & Susan Slauson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 am & 9:30 am Worship Services with Holy Communion 11:00 am Council Meeting	4 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5	6	7 8:00 am Men's Group	8	9
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24 8:00 am & 9:30 am Worship Services with Holy Communion	25 Church Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	26	27	28 8:00 am Men's Group	29	30
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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday—Friday
9:30 am—3:30 pm



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