

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Beth Martin
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Braden Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Sheila Keene
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sheila Keene	<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engel
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jay Andrews, Hanna Brinker, Taylor Bastian		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Jerry and Beth Martin, Darlene Aurand		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Donna Gullickson, Mike Geiseman		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

May 3rd thru May 10th 2015

Today	Worship	9:30 am
	Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School after Children's Message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School Opening in Sanctuary (Preschool-6 th grade)	10:45 am
	Sunday School (Small Groups 1 st -6 th grade) and Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Circle members meet at GS to set-up decorate for banquet	9:00 am
	Pastor Miranda at Grace Place	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Worship Music Team Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Mission Trip Meeting	4:15 pm
	Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Banquet	6:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders @The Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	National Day of Prayer	
	Community Prayer Service at Lena Burial Park	12:00 pm
	Community Service at Salem UCC, Elroy, IL	7:00 pm
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion/Kids Sing	9:30 am
	Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School after Children's Message	
	Sunday School Opening (Preschool-6 th grade)	10:45 am
	Sunday School (Small Groups 1 st -6 th grade) and Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance April 26th was 104
 Total Offering for April 26, 2015: \$3,361.66
 Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,638.30

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

Good Shepherd Prayer List

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Lynn Meyers, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Lynn Hesselbacher, Pat and homebound members Verl Price and Steve Fahr.*

Order of Worship

***The Work of the People* by Dakota Road Music**

PRELUDE:

Karen Niemeier

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

INVOCATION: (congregation stands) A: We welcome each other to worship in the name of God our creator, and our redeemer, who walks with us and promises to be with us every step of our lives.

CONFESSION: L=congregation left or pulpit side, R=congregation right or font side

- L: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.
- R: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- All: **We have not responded to your promise.**
- L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.
- R: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.
- All: **We have not responded to your promise.**
- L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.
- R: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

All: **We have not responded to your promise.**
 L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.
 R: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.
 All: **We have not responded to your promise.**
 L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.
 R: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

All: **We have not responded to your promise.**

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS A: We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

Now the Green Blades Rises!

ELW #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

GREETING:

GS: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING LITANY

AM: God comes to us in the waters of baptism, rushing to fill our lives with the Spirit.

C: **Refresh us, O Lord.**

GS: God comes to us in the words of the prophets, the language of the gospels.

C: **Speak to us, O Lord.**

AM: God comes to us in the clamoring voices of children, the needs of the world.

C: Slow us down, O Lord.

GS: God comes to us in the midst of disease, healing our bodies and souls.

C: Comfort us, O Lord.

AM: God comes to us in the bread and wine of the table, signs of mercy and grace for all.

C: Feed us, O Lord.

SONG OF MERCY:

“Kyrie Eleison”

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain.

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE:

“We are Called”



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved
 We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole
 (God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise



(we are whole) the Sav-ior ran-somed our souls__ and we're singing
 (to give praise) The love of God will not change__ and we're singing



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a



Oh_____ Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 22:25–31 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#22**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 John 4:7–21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been

perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Help Us O Lord" *congregation sings through two times*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Help us O Lord to hear your word O - pen our hearts to feel your word Give us the strength to live your word each day".

GS: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 15:1-8 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. P: The gospel of the Lord! C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

SERMON

Wayne Kurth

*Every year, millions of people around the globe observe World Malaria Day on April 25. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is again turning this day into a special week, inviting our congregation to participate. With your gift today, you can be a part of making malaria history. By working together, we have seen great success. Lutheran malaria programs stretch into 13 African countries and have impacted more than 2 million people with efforts to prevent and treat malaria. Thanks to your faithful support, we have already raised over 90 percent of the \$15 million goal and we are nearing the fulfillment of our commitments to several programs. But five countries still depend on your support. Join our Lutheran companion churches and partners to reach our goal and be a part of history with a gift that helps create a future free from malaria. **Good Shepherd has supported this reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters in Christ through Mission Support and giving to ELCA Word Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign as a church and as individuals. If you would like to give a special gift to help end the suffering caused by Malaria, checks can be written out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with "ELCA Malaria Campaign" in the memo line and placed in the offering plate.***



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTLES CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing “The Spirit intercedes for us” with repeat.

After each petition: WA: let us pray C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

WA: For the mission of the church throughout the world, that all be led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news that God is love. We pray especially today for the church in its ministry of healing, that it may be united in prayer and service on behalf of our brothers and sisters affected by malaria and we pray for guidance and peace for Jeremy, Jean Wenzel’s Grand-son-in-law who was ordained Sunday April 26, let us pray, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For plants and animals, for clean water and air, for favorable weather, and for the whole of creation. We pray especially today for all farmers and those working in the fields, we pray for safety, fruitfulness, needed rain, and for your guidance that we all might serve as good stewards of the earth, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For judges, lawyers, for the leaders of government, and for all who seek justice in this world, that all be treated with fairness and equity, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those who are poor, hungry, bereaved, distressed, and sick especially those infected with or affected by Malaria and **Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Lynn Meyers, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Lynn Hesselbacher, Pat** and for those who provide care and comfort, that all find assurance of God's unending love for them. Strengthen and encourage **Verl Price and Steve Fahr.** C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those who yearn for meaning and community with others, that the Holy Spirit lead them to mentors in the faith; for those visiting this congregation; and for those who are away with family and friends, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for the confessors of the faith in past generations, especially those who have died in the Lord, that they inspire future generations to proclaim the gospel, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

GS: Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: **Amen.**

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing “The Spirit intercedes for us” with repeat.

PEACE GS: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Karen Niemeier

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. **C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

A: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

SENDING LITANY

AM: We have splashed in the waters and been cleansed of our sin.

C: Refreshed, we serve you, O Lord.

GS: We have heard your word spoken through our generations.

C: Inspired, we serve you, O Lord.

AM: We are reminded that you are among the young, the sick and those in need.

C: Eyes open, we serve you, O Lord.

GS: We live with the assurance of your love, even as your people suffer illness and disease.

C: Confident, we serve you, O Lord.

AM: We are full with your promises of forgiveness and grace.

C: Ready, we serve you, O Lord.

BENEDICTION

GS: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C: Amen.

GS: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

C: Amen.

GS: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **C: Amen**

SENDING SONG

Let All things Now Living

ELW#881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



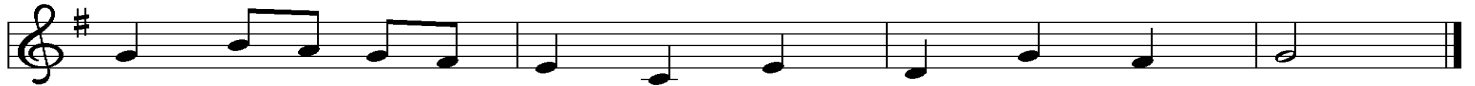
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DIMISSAL (from back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Dates: August 7th to August 15th

We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip.

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry.

I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you.

Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

Team Building! Discipleship! Relational Ministry!

Ministry with Lakota children! Cultural Learning! Service!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. Financial Assistance is available.

Our Next Mission Trip Meeting is this Tuesday, May 5th, at 4:15pm

Circle Members

will meet at 9:00 am on Monday, May 4, 2015 at church to set-up and decorate tables for the Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper

Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper

Date: May 5, 2015 (Tuesday) Time: 6:00 pm Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm we will play Bingo **Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper** hosted by the women of Faith and Hannah Circles. This year we are trying something new, because we are getting older and can't do as much as we used to be able to do. **So this year, please bring your favorite casserole, salad and/or dessert (enough to serve at least 10 people).**

If you have questions, please call Rene Johnson (815) 369-2818. A free-will offering will be taken. Please call the church office (815) 369-5552, with the total number attending in your group by May 3, 2015. (See flyer on bulletin boards for more program information.)

Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and prizes.

End of the Year Carnival Sunday May 17th

WORSHIP with Sunday School Staff Recognition and special reception following in the Fellowship Hall SUNDAY SCHOOL SONGS in Fellowship Hall, FAMILY CARNIVAL with games for all ages, music, and treats in fellowship hall! And SUMMER MINISTRY REGISTRATION

God's Global Barnyard

Sunday School offerings this year are going towards ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. All of the animals in God's Global Barnyard help families who are poor and hungry throughout the world. All ages are invited to join us in this effort! God's Global Barnyard is a part of ELCA World Hunger.

Calling for Favorite Hymns!

Submit the names of your favorite hymns during fellowship time the next few weeks, and we will sing some of the top favorite of the congregation during worship this summer. Slips will be available during coffee hour May 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Lena Living Center Wed. May 6th at 2:00

Afternoon coffee Break Held at Lena Mercantile Eatery

Enjoy a complimentary dessert and beverage sponsored by Lena Living Center RSVP to 815-369-4561