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Little Lambs Preschool
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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151

Opening Hymn: 740

Hymn of Praise: 941

Sermon Hymn: 475

Closing Hymn: 473

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Service

10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study

11:30AM-Voter's Meeting

MONDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool

9:00am-Sewing

12:00pm-LL Preschool

6:30pm-Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool

5:00pm-Confirmation Pictures

5:15pm-CC Classes

6:00pm-Singers

7:00pm-Ringers

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study

8:15am-LL Preschool

12:00pm-LL Preschool

FRIDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool

9:00am-Ardys Mae Bible Study

12:00pm-LL Preschool

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Service w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am-Divine Service/Rite of Confirmation w/HC

Confirmand Social to Follow

10:30am-SS/Adult Bible Study



In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Dorothy Kester
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Lynette Bossart
Sandra Fiala
Sherry Richardson
Violet Dencklau
Debbie Monical

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Mardell Prewitt-April 30
Marlys Ditzenberger-April 30

Baptismal Birthdays:

Wayne Lussman-April 26
Pat Niemeyer-April 26
Paityn Ahrens-April 27
Jim DeBoer-April 27
Adam Neavin-April 28
Alma Kastendieck-April 29
Ruby Jacobsen-April 30
Randy Junkman-May 1
Steve Benson-May 1
Mason Newell-May 1

Attendance – 41, 109

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$6813.10

Mission Central-\$20

Online-\$350

Total of all Gifts: \$6833.10

Acolytes

4/26-Garrett Begalle & Lukas Ferry

Organist/Pianist

4/25-Mandy Kastendieck

4/26-Jan Altemeier

April Ushers

Steve Doty
Gary St. John

The LWML Have chosen
33 Mission Grants for 2025-2027
Totaling \$2,622,270.00

**Thank you for your Monthly Mites
Donations and Support**



A Confirmand Social will be held
after the service on Sunday, May
3rd. Come and celebrate with them
as they continue their spiritual jour-
ney.

BOE Meeting

Monday, May 4th at 6pm.

Please make a note of the date
change.

Stewardship

The Good Shepherd provides abundant-
ly; in thanksgiving, we manage His
blessings to care for others in His name.

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not
want." — Psalm 23:1*

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will
be Sunday, May 17th.

The nursery is located in the back of
church. Parents are welcome to take
their children in there at any time during
the service. Please note, there is a
changing table/restroom in the back.

Introit

Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P: I am the good shepherd.

C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P: For the LORD is a great God,

C: and a great King above all gods.

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For he is our God,

C: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I am the good shepherd.

C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Collect

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE

833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

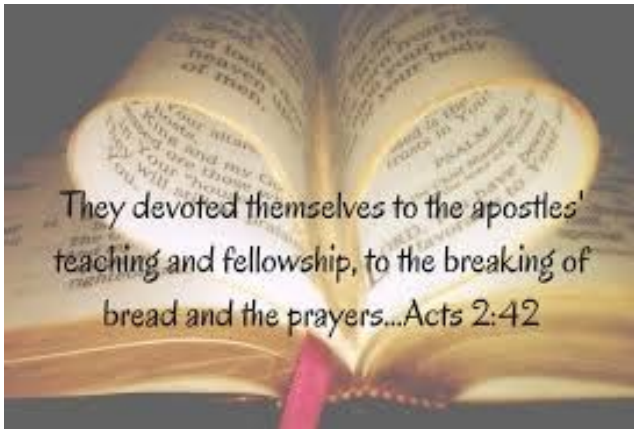
First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



SCHOLARSHIPS: The Camp Okoboji Auxiliary has TWO scholarships available yet for 2026. If you know of someone in need of financial assistance for Camp this year, please contact camp@campokoboji.org, and we will send the application.



VBS will be June 14th thru June 18th

We need volunteers!

Cheryl Eichler will be the director again this year. She will be coordinating volunteers interested in helping. Please contact Cheryl if you can help out. Thank you.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

“TRULY, TRULY, I TELL YOU,
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SHEEPFOLD BY THE GATE, BUT
CLIMBS IN SOME OTHER WAY, IS A
THIEF AND A ROBBER.

– JOHN 10:1

A big **THANK YOU** to all the members of the congregation who have supported our cooking projects for both JOY Group and The Beacon of Hope over the years. Perhaps you blessed us with extra produce, Thrivent Cards, meat, canned goods, or monetary donations. All of which have been greatly appreciated. We are scavengers and will make use of most anything. You have blessed these projects in so many ways. Again, **THANK YOU!** -The Cooks

*Thank
You*

Voters' Meeting agenda

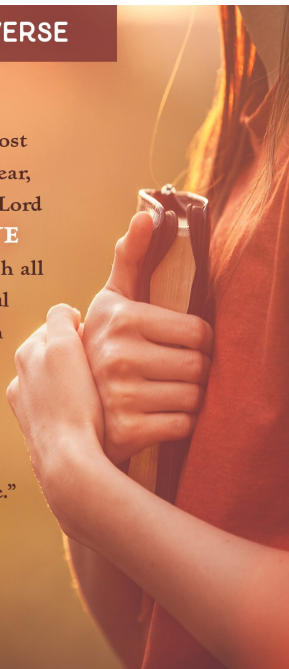
Sunday, April 26-Following Adult Bible Study

1. Open with prayer
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Board & Committee Reports
 - Trustees
 - Elders
 - Christian Management
 - Christian Outreach
 - Endowment Committee
 - Bd. of Education
 - Sunday School
 - Pastor
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
7. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

MEMORY VERSE

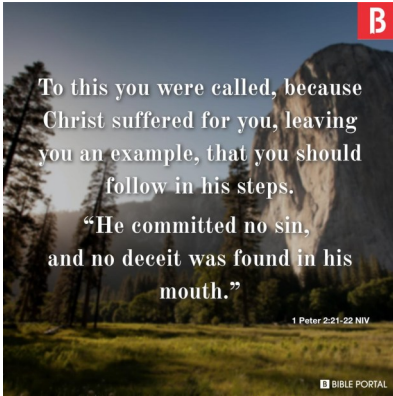
JESUS ANSWERED, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And **YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: '**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

MARK 12:29-31



Stewardship Corner:

1 Peter 2:21 – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”



Building Healthy Families: *“I have learned now that while those who speak about one’s miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more.”* (C.S. Lewis) If you’re alive and old enough to read this, you’ve probably experienced the deep pain of losing someone you love. The Gospel, God’s ministering through His Spirit, the support of a pastor, and the love of family and friends help us heal. But sometimes – for a variety of important reasons – the pain of grief doesn’t resolve and we feel stuck. If this is true for you or someone you know, call us. Lutheran Family Service offers specialized care for complicated or unresolved grief that will help. Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

“Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

“Second Chances and First Impressions” God is the God of second chances, not for Himself but for others.
(1 Corinthians 15:47-49)
[Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour](#)
WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.

The **FIRST MAN**
ADAM was from
the **EARTH**
The **SECOND**
MAN JESUS is
from **HEAVEN**



4 Year Old Lead Preschool Teacher Needed

Position is Part-Time with Full-time Potential

Sign on Bonus for Qualified Candidate

Must have BA in Early Childhood Education

Contact Joan Arndt @ Little Lambs Preschool

515-576-6308

littlelambs@goodshepfordodge.org

Endowment Committee Awards

The committee met on April 21st and approved the following requests:

- Organist/Pianists 2 sets - 12 volume Hymn Prelude Library \$1000
- CIAMonthly Postage sending letters to shut ins & nursing homes \$500
- Swaddling Clothes Diapers & Wipes to families in need \$5000
- Adult Bible Study Support missionary in Asia Region \$400
- LWML Seminary Student-Zachary C. Smith \$2000
- BOE Journaling Bibles & Supplies \$1250
- BOE Nativity Costumes \$1500
- CIA Tents \$2000
- Pastor Rent 15 passenger bus -youth camping \$850
- Sewing Group Material for quilt tops \$200
- Pastor Computer for Intern \$1,055.99

****Award Recipients must use their funds by December 31st****