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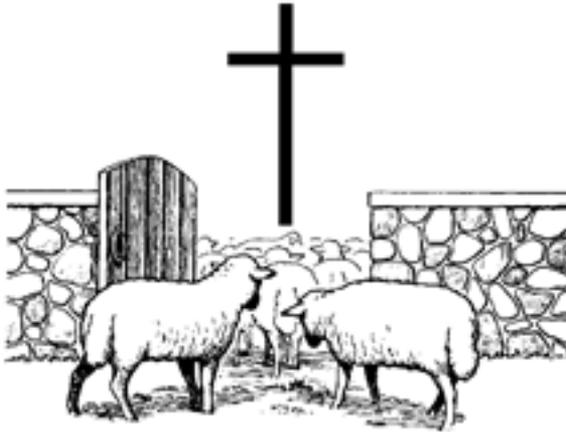
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home, and would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, the pastor will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Organist Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 436 *The Lord's My Shepherd!*

Epistle Lesson Revelation 7:13-17 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Gospel Lesson John 10:11-16 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

Hymn 368 *The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare*

(This hymn was written in 1712 as an expression of our total reliance on the Lord, our Shepherd. Unfortunately, some of the wording is archaic and no longer in use. In stanza two, it references a “glebe,” which was a plot of ground that a family would work in order to provide what they needed in order to survive.)

Sermon Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

The LORD is My _____.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 783 *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 785 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

CALL Our teacher call was one of three calls that had been submitted. The two graduates were assigned to Clarkston, WA (Nathan Buck) and Markesan, WI (June Schmid). Seminary graduate, Sam Naumann, was assigned to Corpus Christi, TX.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP We were please to have 4 non-member students attend the round-up on Friday.

MUSICAL The students from our CDS will be performing a musical on May 15 (a Wednesday evening). The musical will be held in the SSC High School cafeteria. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

MEDITATIONS Subscriptions to Meditations will soon be renewed. The cost is \$15 per year. The current subscription expires in June. Please use the sign up sheet in the entryway table to indicate if you plan to order it.

MOWING Please inform the Cemetery Board if you are willing to assist with the mowing or trimming this summer. At the time of writing, the pastor was not aware of any volunteers.

GRADUATION Next Sunday will serve as Graduation Day for our CDS. If there are members who are graduating this year, please let the pastor know so that we can acknowledge them.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN From the Treasurer: We have raised \$24,191.50 out of the \$43,000 we projected for the fiscal year that ends in June. Offerings for this purpose (Missions and ILC) are listed as CLC General on the offering envelopes.

NIGHT OUT The next Ladies Night Out is planned for May 21.

1st Qtr Stats

1 st Qtr 2019	Number	Total	Average
Sunday	11	1085	99
Midweek	4	259	65
Bible Class	11	469	43
Sunday School	11	245	22
Communion	4	299	75

Received into Membership: Eric and Chris Bass (Trevor and Lilly), Kassie Voit

Transfers: Kristin Liepold to Kansas City, MO
Ryan Mueller to Austin, MN

New Missionary to begin work in Togo and West Africa – Missionary Peter Evensen is flying to Togo on May 3rd. Missionary Ohlmann will accompany him to introduce him to the leaders, pastors, and work in Togo. Missionary Evensen take up residence in Lomé, Togo where he will be working with Pastor Kossi Blewu and the Mission Evangelique Lutherienne Church of Togo (MELC). Since Missionary Evensen is conversant in French, this will be a great blessing in working with the seven men who are currently studying to be evangelists and ordained pastors at the MELC Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute. He will also have opportunities to preach and teach at the French speaking congregations and preaching stations of the MELC in Togo and Benin Offer prayers of thanks to the Lord for the language gifts that He has given to our missionary and pray for all that is necessary for such a transition. Pray also for the Lord's blessings on all the opportunities Missionary Evensen will have to proclaim the truth of God's saving word.

USHERS Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B., Jonathen L., Jonah A.
Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Ryan D.

CLEANING (Wk 4) C. Ahrens, The Fogelmans
The Voits