

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Beloved in Jesus,

Monday, January 6, 2025 is the feast of Epiphany. We have trimmed our trees, exchanged our gifts, sung our Christmas carols. We lit our candles against the darkness. We listened to Luke's cherished Christmas story.

Luke's Christmas story is bright and happy. There is no mysterious and perhaps illegitimate pregnancy in Luke. And what about the singing: the shepherds, the angels, Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and more, all singing praise.

Matthew tells a darker story. It is a tale of wicked kings, massacred infants, Rachel weeping for those children and a midnight flight into Egypt. In Matthew, the Gospel has powerful enemies and great opposition to the redemptive purposes of God in Christ.

Oh how we would like to stay in Luke's Christmas story with the angels and the shepherds and the singing and the singing and the singing....

Yet the church does not let us tarry long, lingering around the manger. The church year moves to the feast of Epiphany away from the joy and peace of Luke's account to the tension-filled story of the birth of Christ according to Matthew.

Perhaps Matthew's Christmas story is truer to the times in which we now live. We have our "Herods" in leadership across this world. Even now children are being killed in the Holy Land.

The list is long. We hear the cries of the people in Gaza, the West Bank, Central America, the Ukraine, Haiti and more. The list of those suffering and dying unnecessarily is beyond our human capacity to count.

Isaiah writes, "Arise, shine, for your light has come..." Where is this promised light? Who has the power? Whose power is winning?

This is the issue in Matthew's Christmas story: Who really holds the power?

Matthew writes " Herod is frightened and all Jerusalem with him". Herod assembles the same group who at the end of Matthew gathers again to plot Jesus' death. At the beginning of Matthew and at the end the rulers of the people (Herod or Pilate) along with the religious leaders do all they can to get rid of dangerous Jesus.

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Hostile authorities cannot destroy the one who not only brings the light, but is the light that shatters the darkness of this world.

Epiphany announces that the light of Christ is not just for the Jews, but also for us the Gentiles. The light of Christ is not just for the faithful, but the unfaithful. It is for the worthy, but also for the unworthy. It is not just for our friends, but for our enemies.

We, the body of Christ in this world, are a fellowship of “darkness-dispellers”, commissioned to make known to the principalities and powers of this world that their power is soon ending!

Come, Prince of Peace!
Pastor April

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

offered by Jane Jakoubek

O God, we begin this new year with a jumble of hopes and fears swirling in our minds and hearts. You know all we yearn for and all that keeps us awake at night.

God, you are eternally at work in and through creation. Be with us now!

God, you came as the rescuing and peace-bestowing Jesus. Be with us now!

God, you are with us as Spirit to encourage and guide us. Be with us in now!

Be with us each moment of this new year.

Sustain us through all that comes.

Help us find meaning and purpose each day.

Help us to choose those things that truly feed our souls.

Help us to think more about the needs of others than of ourselves.

Help us to trust that you are always at work, in and through all things.

Help us to know joy, a sure sign of your presence.

Surround us with the peace that passes all understanding, the peace that the world cannot give.

God, you are eternally at work in and through creation. Be with us now!

God, you came as the rescuing and peace-bestowing Jesus. Be with us now!

God, you are with us as Spirit to encourage and guide. Be with us in now!

Amen.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

	Old Testament Reading	Psalm Reading	New Testament Reading	Gospel
January 5 <i>2nd Sunday Of Christmas</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 <i>Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock</i>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 <i>All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)</i>	Matthew 2:1-12 <i>Revelation of Christ to the nations of Earth</i>	John 1:1-5; 10-14; 15-18 <i>God with us: the incarnation of the Word</i>
January 12 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	Isaiah 43:1-7 <i>When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you</i>	Psalm 29 <i>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)</i>	Acts 8:14-17 <i>Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit</i>	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 <i>The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit</i>
January 19 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5 <i>As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you</i>	Psalm 36:5-10 <i>We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)</i>	1 Corinthians 12:1-11 <i>There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit</i>	John 2:1-11 <i>The wedding at Cana</i>
January 26 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 <i>Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people</i>	Psalm 19 <i>The teaching of the Lord revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)</i>	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a <i>You are the body of Christ</i>	Luke 4:14-21 <i>Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah</i>

THANK YOU FOR POINSETTIAS

POINSETTIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- In celebration of our daughters Nora and Blair – Rebecca & David Schaffer
- In memory of Bud Bahr - Donna Bahr
- In memory of Richard Snow – Lise Kildegaard & Luther Snow
- Connie Buresh for Family, Friends and Blessings in 2024
- In memory of Don Kemp - Jane Kemp
- In memory of Claude Hayes – Harriet Hayes
- In memory of our parents Vernon, Ida, and Edith Naslund and Maynard and Mimi Aakir, and our grandson Brendan Numehdahl – Ann & Bob Naslund
- In memory of Mike & Carol Moe – Naomi Craft
- In memory of Harley Refsal – Bob & Marilyn Larson
- In memory of Glenn Nelson - Bob & Marilyn Larson
- In memory of Ed Kaschins - Bob & Marilyn Larson
- In memory of Paul Solberg - Bob & Marilyn Larson
- In honor of our grandparents - Chris, Bonnie, Erik & Hallie Johnson
- In honor of Bob & Eileen Fahrenkrug – Nancy & Jeff Roatch
- In memory of our parents: Pastor Marty & Vera Silseth, and Eldon & Doris Peterson - Kris & Dave Peterson
- In memory of Arthur & Betty Van Roekel and Edgar & LeVerne Epperly - Ed & Joyce Epperly
- In memory of my parents: Heyo and Anna Kampman - Beverly Sheridan
- Given in gratitude for the love, support, and prayers of the congregation throughout my transplant journey - Stephanie Hoff
- In memory of Eileen Fahrenkrug - Sara Wicks
- Marv Slind

MESSAGE FROM ERICA YANEFF

Thank you, Good Shepherd, for the support and more the last three years. Good Shepherd is a place filled with folks living, working, and learning in beautiful, passionate, and inquisitive ways. It has been a joy to be a small part in helping you all in this work. Now the realities and rhythms of our family are needing me to be at home full time. We appreciate the encouragement and support as we enter this new season as a family - we are so grateful for you all, Good Shepherd!

GIFT OF CRECHE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Mark Rima of Decorah donated the crèche he created 25 years ago to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The beautiful crèche was accepted with gratitude, transported to Good Shepherd, and set up on the church lawn by Christy & Jeff Tomlinson, Reg Laursen, and Dave & Kris Peterson. Jim Fritz arrived for inspection after a full day at music contest; Jim had suggested the location of the crèche. A sincere Thank You to Mark Rima!



RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM UPDATE

Dear Good Shepherd friends,

Thank you for being part of the ongoing work at Good Shepherd, the ELCA and beyond to work for a more just and equitable world. We are excited to share an opportunity to learn more about and consider collective action on behalf of racial justice.

The ELCA is participating in the National Day of Racial Healing by partnering with the Augsburg Fortress to offer a free online educational event that centers the voices of ELCA leaders of color:

- Tuesday, January 21, from 10 am - 2 pm central time (we are welcome to participate for whatever portion of time works for us).
- Participants will have the opportunity to raise their awareness about racial healing & envision collective action to build common ground for a more just and equitable ELCA and world.

The National Day of Racial Healing is hosted by the Kellogg Foundation as part of its work with the Truth, Racial Healing and Transforming community partners.

To learn more about the event and register, go to

www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/racial-justice-ministries/national-day-of-racial-healing

We hope you will join us. Thank you for helping us move from hopes and prayers for racial justice to another step forward on behalf of all God's beloved people.

- The Racial Justice Team

WELCA annual meeting and mid-winter brunch will be held Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Dr Anna Peterson from Luther College will present the program on “The Business of Baskets: Weaving Economic Ties Between the Bethany Indian Mission, Ho-Chunk Families, and Lutheran Ladies’ Aides in the Mid-Twentieth Century Midwest” We will also be dispersing funds from 2024, contact Bev Sheridan if you have any funding requests. Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

M & M Retreat Mary and Martha fun for all. You are invited to a retreat to Celebrate all the Marys and Marthas! Please join us on February 21 & 22 at the EWALU Stone Center Retreat Center to celebrate you! The event is sponsored by your NEIA Synod board and Katies Fund. More information is on the WELCA bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Gather Bible Study

We will meet on Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm for our Gather bible study in the Good Shepherd fellowship hall.

Winter/Spring 2025: “Faithfulness” by Denise Rector Session One: Ruth and Naomi

Ruth chooses to remain part of Naomi’s family, even after Naomi has lost everything – including her husband and sons. This intergenerational story of faithfulness during emptiness and sorrow helps us learn how to rely on God in bleak times. (from Gather website)

Upcoming events:

January 25: WELCA annual meeting and mid-winter brunch, 9 am

January 28: Gather Bible study, Fellowship hall, 7 pm

Gail Judisch -Bible study,-Kathy Buzza refreshments

February 21/22 Mary and Martha WELCA retreat, EWALU Stone Retreat Center

All are welcome!

MID-YEAR UPDATE ON OUR CURRENT EPIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Mara Holland (Gustavus)--Mara is a junior and has received the Good Shepherd EPIC scholarship for three years. She is majoring in Health and has been on both the Dean's and President's lists. Mara has played on MIAC championship volleyball teams all three years.

Daniel Skrade (Concordia-Moorhead)--Daniel received his second Good Shepherd EPIC scholarship this year. While at Concordia he has become a fixture on the Concordia Men's Tennis Team. Daniel is majoring in Spanish and Math and has been a member of the choral music program.



Annalise Skrade (Concordia-Moorhead)--Annalise is also on her second Good Shepherd EPIC scholarship. She is majoring in Education and will be pursuing a teaching career. Annalise is playing on the Concordia Women's Tennis Team.

Gabe Hiner (Luther)--Gabe received his first Good Shepherd EPIC scholarship this year. He participated in Christmas At Luther, singing with Nor Skkor and playing in the Symphony Orchestra. He has not yet declared a major course of study.



Mason Cote (Gustavus)--Mason has received his first Good Shepherd EPIC scholarship. At Gustavus he has chosen Chemistry as his major course of study and is swimming on the Gustavus Men's Swim Team.

Keaton Solberg (Luther)--Keaton has returned to college after a three year absence. He is considered a non-traditional student and is living off-campus, working two part-time jobs. This is Keaton's first Good Shepherd EPIC scholarship and he will be a Management major. He is considering running on the Luther track team this spring.



SAUK AND MESKWAKI TRIBES

People of the Outlet and The Red Earth People

Historically, the tribes coalesced in the St. Lawrence River Valley in Canada and New York and over time migrated under pressure to eastern Michigan, and west and south into Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa (1,6). The tribes lived in wooded areas near rivers plentiful in game, fur bearing animals, and easy to grow crops such as corn, beans, and squash (5,7). The Meskwaki were called the Fox by the French but have always self-identified as Meskwaki, the Red Earth People, based on their creation story. The Sauk were called People of the Outlet based on their historical location near Saginaw Bay and the outlet of the Saginaw River (9). The Meskwaki and Sauk are two distinct tribal groups but have been linked historically due to linguistic and cultural similarities as well as alliances during warfare (1,7).

While in the Great Lakes region in the 1700s, France, with all its resources and full standing army, tried to completely exterminate the Meskwaki—the only tribe in the nation on which war was declared by a foreign country. The Sauk and Meskwaki allied in 1735 to fend off the French and other Native tribes and afterward moved south from Wisconsin into Illinois, Iowa, and upper Missouri (1). At the beginning of the 19th century, they inhabited a huge area of land roughly bounded by the Wisconsin River in the north, the Missouri River in the south, extending east to the Fox and Illinois Rivers, and west to the area between the Des Moines River and Missouri River. In 1804 this land was ceded to the US, under dubious circumstances, in the Treaty of St. Louis, by a delegation not authorized to sell land or sign treaties (9,10). This unauthorized sale of land was a factor in the Black Hawk War of 1832.

The Sauk and Meskwaki, aggravated by the loss of these lands in the east, moved increasingly westward and northward into Iowa, from the early 1800s until the 1840s, invading lands of neighboring tribes, including the Ioway and Dakota (8). After the Black Hawk War of 1832, the US combined both tribes into a single group, labeling them the Sac & Fox Confederacy for treaty making purposes. From 1830 - 1842, after a series of “gun point” treaties requiring land cessions in Iowa from the east to the west, the Sauk and Meskwaki lost their lands in the State and ultimately were removed to a reservation in east central Kansas in 1845 (1,2,5,6,7). The Meskwaki consider their reservation time from 1845-1857 a genocidal event, which reduced the population to 300 (5).

During the time of forced removal, some Meskwaki remained hidden in Iowa, forging relationships with neighbors and settlers, allowing the tribe an unbroken presence in the State. In 1856, Iowa allowed the Meskwaki legal residence and allowed them to purchase land. In 1857 the Meskwaki purchased 80 acres in Tama County, Iowa, creating a settlement area (1).
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Every year between 1857 and 1866 different groups of Sauk/Meskwaki people returned to the settlement with the majority returning to the area after 1862 (6,9). In 1867 they began receiving annuity payments from the Federal government, which gave them a new formal identity—the Sac & Fox of Iowa—to distinguish them from the other two Sac & Fox groups on reservations in Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas (Sac and Fox Nation, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri). As landowners the tribe had formal jurisdictional status from Iowa but also from the Federal government. This jurisdictional ambiguity allowed the Meskwaki to live more independently than other tribes confined to reservations and gave them time to return, thrive, and grow (1,2,6).

In 1896, to resolve this ambiguity, Iowa ceded all jurisdiction over the Sauk/Meskwaki to the US. Over the next hundred years, the tribe steadily purchased more land by trading trees, trapping, and using annuity payments. Today the tribe owns more than 8,600 acres. The Meskwaki Settlement is not an Indian Reservation, set apart from the public domain and reserved for Indians, but privately purchased property owned by a sovereign nation (1,2,6).

Today, known legally as the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, with more than 1,450 enrolled members, it is the only federally recognized tribe in Iowa. Owing to the noble sacrifice and vision of their ancestors, the People of the Red Earth are a fiercely independent people, defining their own identity on their own terms (1,2,7). They are working hard to determine the needs within their community, protecting their inherent sovereignty, preserving and promoting their culture, and improving the quality of life for future generations (2).

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Families invited to free

Winter Fun Day: Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to Camp Ewalu for a free Winter Family Fun Day from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 18. Check in that day at the Creation Center, located at Ewalu's main site just 3 miles west of Strawberry Point.

This FREE family-friendly event will have lots of outdoor winter fun (based on conditions), plus indoor

activities like arts and crafts, a hot chocolate bar, and more in the Creation Center and Cedar Lodge! There will be sledding and snowshoeing if weather permits (please bring your own sleds and snowshoes; Ewalu will have a few extra).

Guests are welcome, so invite a friend! Bring your winter gear and dress for the weather to explore God's creation and experience the wonder of winter at camp. RSVPs requested (but not required) by contacting the camp office at 563-933-4700 or office@ewalu.org, or go online to www.ewalu.org/winter-family-fun-day.



2025 Summer Camp Registration

NOW OPEN

EWALU
Camp & Retreat Center

NEW FOR 2025:

- **SPLASH CAMP** (8TH GRADE) 
- **WANDERERS** (GRADES 9-12) 

Plus, tiered pricing & great discounts for early registration!



GO TO → EWALU.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP

EWALU Camperships Available: Good Shepherd campers that attend EWALU this summer receive a \$100 campership! Notify the Church Office (office@goodshepherddecorah.org) when you register and be sure to write in on your EWALU registration form that Good Shepherd is providing a \$100 campership, you are responsible for the funds for the remainder of the camp program. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

ANNUAL REPORTS & ANNUAL MEETING: Standing committees please submit your annual reports to Tristan in the church office in preparation for the Annual Report and **Congregational Annual Meeting on February 2nd.**

BUDGET FORUM: There will be a budget forum on Sunday, January 5th in the Gathering Space to discuss the proposed draft budget for 2025.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND WINTER GREENS AT GOOD SHEPHERD: Old Christmas trees and winter greens are being collected for use for the Easter Vigil bonfire (this year April 19th!). Please leave them in the space between the Annex and Mower shed. Removal of metal and roping from wreaths and greens is appreciated.

BINGO AT WELLINGTON PLACE: Good Shepherd is helping to host Bingo at Wellington Place on Tuesday, January 14th. 3-4 Volunteers are requested to help play bingo (12:30-1:30 pm time commitment) and to help provide enough cookies/bars for 35-40 people. Sign up in the Gathering Space or online under "Sign-Ups". Contact Jeri Laursen to help or with any questions.

DECORAH COMMUNITY MEAL: THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m., Decorah Lutheran Fellowship Hall -

- Please join your friends and neighbors for this free meal in Decorah Lutheran's Fellowship Hall, [309 Winnebago Street](#). All are welcome!
- This month, salads, desserts, and volunteers are provided by members of First Lutheran Church. The main course is provided by Sodexo of Luther College.
- Gluten free options and carry outs are always available

OPENING FOR PART-TIME MINISTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR:

A part-time Ministry & Communications Coordinator position is currently open, due to the resignation of Erica Yaneff. The Ministry & Communications Coordinator assists the Pastor and works collaboratively with the Good Shepherd staff, church committees, and congregation members to fulfill the everyday function of the Church, as well as needs that arise throughout the calendar year. The Coordinator serves as the go-to person for managing communications between committees and the congregation. The creation of publications (bulletins, monthly newsletters, social media posts, special event posters, etc.) also falls under this position. For a complete job description and application form, go to goodshepherddecorah.org/ministry-communications-coordinator.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION OPEN:

Good Shepherd seeks a leader for the part-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministry, working with ages Pre-K through High School. The Director serves the wider mission of the congregation, creating, coordinating, and directly participating with children and youth in programs of learning, service, and faith formation along with the Pastor and the Education and Youth Committee. Applicants should have knowledge of the Lutheran faith; experience with children and youth activities and programs is desired. Contact the church office at (563) 382-3963.

GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING December 17, 2024 MINUTES

In attendance: Kris Peterson, Pr April Ulring Larson, Karin Martin Hiner, Marilyn Rue, Chris Johnson, Sara Hopkins, Lise Kildegaard, Anne Clausen(Zoom) and JimFritz (Zoom guest). John Moeller (expenses and income conversation)

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

- In one word or one sentence, share what you most need from God now and/or gratitude
- Opening Prayer - Pastor April
- As we deliberate, let us affirm our congregation's commitment to pursue racial justice, advocate for migrant families, and support the LGBTQIA community.
- Is there anything on the consent agenda that should be moved to the discussion agenda? If not, is there a motion to approve the whole agenda?

Brian moves we adopt the agenda, Lise seconded and it passed.

LINK TO REPORTS:

All submitted committee reports are located in the folder linked above. Links to individual reports are included at the end of this document. Thank you.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of November 2024 Council Meeting Minutes** [Link to Minutes](#)
2. **Reception of Committee Reports (see summary below)**

Discussion Agenda

1. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor April Ulring-Larson
2. **Staff Update**
 - a. **Ministry and Communications Coordinator**
 - b. **Director of Youth and Education**
3. **Call Committee Report:** Megan Buckingham, Convener; Council Representatives Anne Clausen & Karin Martin-Hiner
4. **President's Report:** What we have to do to wrap up this year
5. **Resolution from Facilities and Grounds:** Jim Fritz
 - a. Chair proposal letter Jims comments: The chairs that were bought to go with the tables have not worked out. We got a full refund from the first company. The proposal is that the money from the refund and new donations be used to buy the chairs that go with the tables To be bought through Jubilee the downtown store. They will sell them at 45% off. Asking the council to approve the spending on chairs. Hospitality and outreach to the community has been a good reason to have forever chairs.

Sara moves that we allocate \$1500 toward the patio chairs , Marilyn seconded and it passed. Council welcomes any donations beyond this.

GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6) **Stewardship Campaign:** Sara Hopkins

- The Stewardship committee exceeded number of intents and raised above the goal for the income. Each member of the committee made phone calls and people were contacted and the results are impressive especially in an interim time in the congregation.

7) **2025 Proposed Budget: Chris Johnson and Tim Lecander**

- Bring the Budget forward. Chris and committee will increase amount for AV technicians, synod, and adjust benevolence to 26% of the total amount.

8) **Nominations: Chris Johnson**

- Vice President nomination. A person who will be on council 3 years. VP , President, and Past Pres. Two other adjustments need to be made.

• **Reception of Treasurer's Report**

Announcements

- Newsletter Deadline is Thursday Dec. 20 this month due to Christmas holiday
- Committee reports/summaries due to office on Second Monday of the month, 12/9
- Agenda with committee links emailed to Council Third Monday of the month 12/16 Please read prior to the Council meeting.
- Next Council meeting (third Tuesday of month) is January 21st
- Thank-you's and appreciation time

For Review: Recurring Work of the Body – Committee, Pastor, and Officer Reports

Education Committee: Link to minutes

- Christmas Program Planning:
- Roles & Communications with Families
- Meal Details & Planning

Outreach and Hospitality Committee:

- No meetings recently - will connect with pastor April about some next steps

Facilities and Grounds Committee: Link to Report

- Snow removal plan & ice melt in doorways
- Chair example in the Gathering Space
- Projects around the building

Stewardship Committee: Link to Report

- Final calls/texts for campaign
- Discussed with Pastor and evaluated campaign
- Set date for celebration

Worship and Music Link to Report

- Tree care plan
- Advent worship planning

Closing Prayer

Mtg was closed.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at Fairfield Inn & Suites Decorah 9:30am In-person Worship 10:45am Fellowship Time 1:30pm Meeting 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Kinderhaus 8am Meeting 9am Church Office Hours 6:30pm AL/ANON 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 9:15am Bible Study w Pr. A 3:30pm Piano lessons 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 5pm English language clas 7pm Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Band rehearsal 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 5pm Decorah Community 5:30pm Racial Justice Tee 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Forum 9:30am In-person Worship 10:45am Fellowship Time 11am Budget Forum 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Setup 9am Church Office Hours 10:30am Staff Mtg 2pm Violin lessons 6:30pm AL/ANON 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day 9am Church Office Hours 9:15am Bible Study w Pr. A 3:30pm Piano lessons 4pm Stewardship Commit 4pm Violin lessons 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 10am Eastern Star/ArIn Fa 2:30pm Aase Haugen Con 5pm English language clas 7pm Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Band rehearsal 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle 9am Church Office Hours 12:15pm Violin lessons 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am In-person Worship 10:45am Fellowship Time 10:45am Sunday School 2pm Cello Recital setup 3pm Duo Cello Recital 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 2pm Violin lessons 6:30pm AL/ANON 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellington Place Bingo 9am Church Office Hours 9:15am Bible Study w Pr. A 12pm Gardan Meeting 12:30pm Bingo at Wellingt 3:30pm Piano lessons 4pm Violin lessons 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5pm English language clas 7pm Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Band rehearsal 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 12:15pm Violin lessons 12:45pm MEF Committee I 5pm Oneota Community C 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 11am CPCC and Stakehold 	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am In-person Worship 10:45am Fellowship Time 4:30pm Eat, Play, Love 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Kinderhaus 9am Church Office Hours 10am Staff Mtg 2pm Violin lessons 6:30pm AL/ANON 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 9:15am Bible Study w Pr. A 1:30pm Depot Annual Mee 3:30pm Piano lessons 4pm Violin lessons 6pm Sons of Norway 7pm Congregation Council 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 5pm English language clas 7pm Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Band rehearsal 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle 9am Church Office Hours 12:15pm Violin lessons 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Church Office Hours 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 8am WELCA meeting
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