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May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 9:30 am Sixth Sunday of Easter  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Art by  
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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***

**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. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. 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>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<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>	Austin Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Taylor Bastian	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Sue Diddens	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Jay and Michelle Andrews
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Colton Brinker, Marybeth Brinker		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Chris Brinker		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Ashtyn Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darlene Aurand, Troy and Cindy Doubler		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jeremy and Cara Schriener, Jerry and Beth Martin		

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –  
**WOV SETTING 5- BREAD OF LIFE**

**PRELUDE** *(A time for prayer and reflection)* **Karen Niemeier**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel/Stand*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW#377



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!



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



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

## GREETING

P: 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.**

KYRIE *Stand*

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: B Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: B Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: B Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

D Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**I**  
**II** For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

<sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of

Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 67** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#67**

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. <sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 14:23-29 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr**

**SERMON**

Pastor Art Stees

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW#815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA ; Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Bless the ministry of Randy and Carol Stubbs as they carry out Christ's mission on our behalf in Tanzania. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far. Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit. Deliver your healing and peace to all in need especially **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Sheridan Brinker, Gerry Harnish, Hope Carlson, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Curtis, Larry Bonebright and Mike.** Strengthen and encourage **Ray Stamm and Dorothy Wagner.** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed. Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also in the book of life. Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: 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.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS***Please stand*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer** *(after acolyte presents offering at altar)*

**A:** Let us pray, Blessed are you, **C:** O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**DIALOGUE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

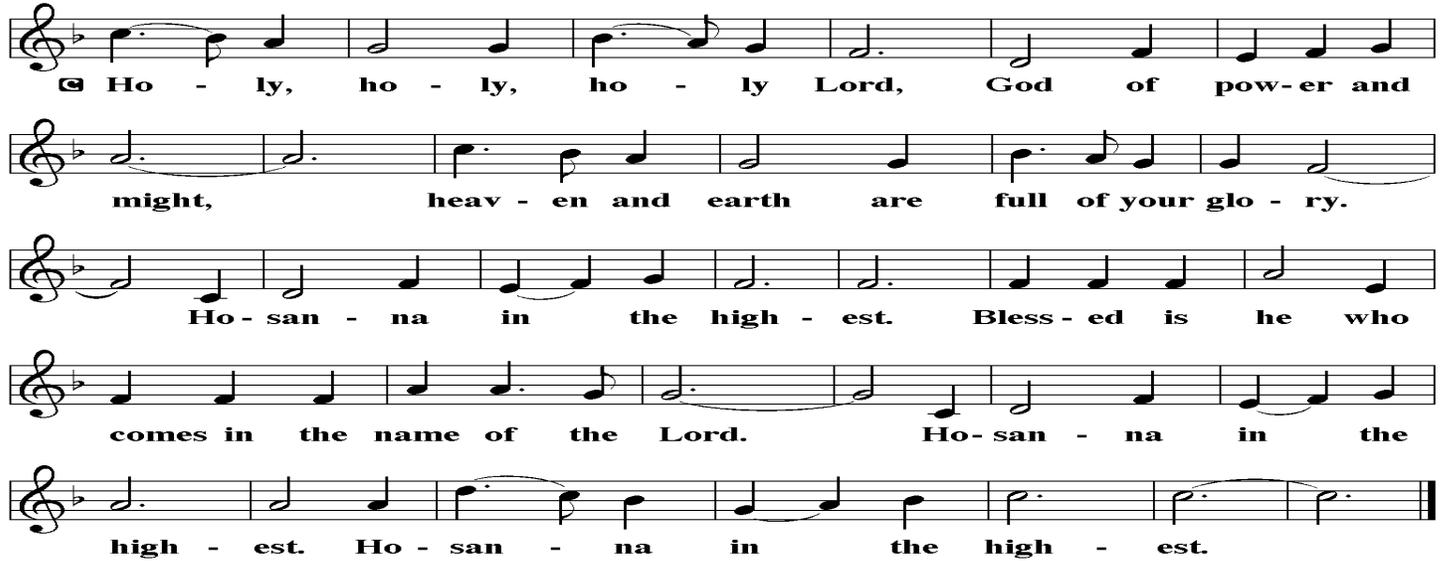
**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

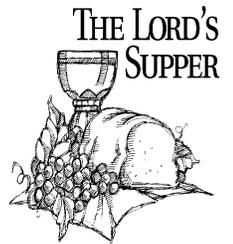
**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.*



**COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**TABLE BLESSING:**

P: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

**CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A:** Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

**BLESSING P:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit...bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW#543

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

**DIMISSION (from the back)**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE****Karen Niemeier**

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 8<sup>st</sup> 2016**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion/</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Learning Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friend Potluck Supper	6:00
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30-8:00pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am

Attendance April 24<sup>th</sup> was 79

Total Offering April 24 2016: \$3,943.57 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,843.99

**Prayer Requests**

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, especially especially ***Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Sheridan Brinker, Gerry Harnish, Hope Carlson, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Curtis, Larry Bonebright and Mike*** and homebound members ***Ray Stamm and Dorothy Wagner.***

**LENA LIVING CENTER invites all to join them on for the following activity**

May 4th, Coffee Hour at The Mercantile at 2:00 pm.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER SISTER/FRIEND POTLUCK SUPPER**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm  
we will play Bingo, and there will be prize.

**LOOKING FOR SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP**

If you or someone you know would like to share your talent, please call Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496)  
or Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP**

will meet May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker FHN Family Counseling Center topic  
Depression & Anxiety in Parkinson's.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

will meet Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck & Entertainment from "Glenda Linneman" at 12:00pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF RECOGNITION**

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am  
Worship Service with a reception following in the fellowship hall.