*Congregation is invited to stand as able

MUSIC WHILE GATHERING

TIME OF WELCOME & SHARING

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

"He Is Lord" - Copyright 1986 by Johnson, Cloninger & Fettke; CCLI#1154612

**HYMN #369**

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Children are invited to come forward as we sing the last verse

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN GIVING

**Weekly Offering Challenge Goal - $760**

*Offertory Hymn #115 Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Unison Offertory Scripture (1 John 3:24a) Those who obey God’s commandments live in fellowship with him.

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Responding Through Our Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology #52

*REQUESTED HYMN #321 Higher Ground

Children are invited to go to Junior Church after we sing

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23:1-6

Message - The Shepherd’s Purpose

**HYMN OF INVITATION #169**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

If you sense the leading of God’s Holy Spirit to publicly repent of your sin and to accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, to be baptized and/or request membership into our church, to rededicate your life, to request specific prayer… or whatever the need, please come forward as we sing.

*CLOSING PRAYER & POSTLUDE

Today’s Worship Service Helpers

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Last Week’s Stewardship Report

Sunday School attendance (15) & offering ($55)
Worship attendance (28 - 2 visitors) & offering ($634)
Ladies’ Craft Night attendance (6)
Tuesday’s Bible study/prayer attendance (3)

72-item Combined March/April Challenge Goal of Hygiene Products for the Rescue Mission/Way Station

Congratulations!!! 98 (136%) items have been given so far

Our emphasis missionary (Native American Indian field in Peoria, Arizona) for the months of March/April is Billie Sue Dunn (challenge goal is $300). Congratulations!!! $441 (147%) has been given for her so far.

Celebrations This Week

27 - William G. Vaughn, Jr.
28 - Larry Carr
29 - Sandy Stevens

For Your Information

28, Free Community Church dinner @ Zion Lutheran (5-6:30 PM)


Income - $10,518.00
Expenses - $8,449.62

Pastor Woody will continue to serve as our pastor through the end of May. John Ballinger, our District Executive, is aware of the situation and will be in contact with our appropriate church leadership. Please check your church mailbox (contains a hard copy of Pastor Woody’s resignation effective May 31, 2015) and be sure to empty it of all items each week.
**Message Outline**

**Psalm 23:1-6: The Shepherd’s Purpose**

I. Shepherd  
A. Followers listen to Jesus’ voice  
   - Psalm 23:1; John 10:11  
   - Deut. 26:7 John 10:16, 27  
B. Knows his followers  

II. Guidance  
A. Wrong way  
   - Psalm 119:105  
   - Psalm 119:128; Matthew 23:16, 24
B. Right way  
   - Psalm 119:105; John 16:13

III. Preparation is critical  
A. Human success  
   - 1 Chronicles 22:13; John 14:2-3  
   - 1 Corinthians 9:26
B. Spiritual success  
   - 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

Conclusion: O God in Christ Jesus, thank You for being our Shepherd. Despite our sinfulness, You still want to give us the best that life has to offer. You restore our very souls, carefully guiding each of us in the paths of righteousness so that You might be glorified. Even when physical death lurks at our doorstep, we need not be afraid, Your Holy Presence is such a tremendous comfort. Our human minds find it hard to understand that you are preparing a special place for each of us in Your heavenly abode. Our minds and hearts should overflow with Your graciousness and mercy. May goodness and love be very evident in our Christian lives here on this planet - and we look forward to living in Your eternal presence when we physically pass on from this earth. Never again will we hunger or thirst, the weather will always be pleasant. Jesus, the perfect Lamb, is also the Great Shepherd who leads us to the springs of living water. And every tear of our eyes will be wiped away.  

Based on Psalm 23:1-6; Revelation 7:16-17

**April 28 Bible Study & May 3 Message Focal Texts**


**April 26 Target for Reading Through the Bible - 2 Chronicles 15**

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**Please contact our church office by Tuesday no later than 5 PM to share any items to be considered for next Sunday’s bulletin. Our church’s answering machine and email box are checked regularly. Pastor Woody may be contacted directly @ 724-624-4471 (or church email may be used).**