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WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music *"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"*
 Tune: "He Leadeth Me" by William B. Bradbury arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome *Luann Adlerks*
 Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

We gather here today to be guided to restore our souls.

Let the Spirit of love fill us.

May we breathe in the gentle breeze of green pastures of spring.

Let us not fear. May we breathe your soothing breath of life into our souls.

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *UMH #127*

All

Opening Prayer

Good Shepherd, Noble Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice.

Lead us to green pastures and still waters. Open the gate for us all, that we may go freely, and have life abundantly.

Forgive us when we have gone astray. Bring us back safely into your fold.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to hear your Word. Blessed are you, through Jesus Christ, give us goodness, lead us down right paths, and restore our souls. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Moment

THE WORD

Psalm 23:1-6

Acts 9:36-43

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

John 10:22-30

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Restores My Soul"

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is *UMH #138*

All

Prayers for the People

Shepherding God, in a dangerous world, let us hear your voice and come and go through your gate and follow you.

We pray for the whole church, devoted to Love and to universal fellowship, being generous to all who have need.

We pray for the earth, for green pastures and still waters, that we may restore them to the goodness and purity that they had at the time that you created them.

We pray for the people of the world, their nations, and leaders, that your wisdom and peace may govern all, so that no one will fear.

We pray for all those in need, for those in want, those who are ill and suffer. Guide us to feed them, and comfort them in your name.

We pray for all. May no one live in fear; may all dwell in your presence. Blessed are you, Great Shepherd, who, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, gives us goodness and mercy, leads us down right paths, and restores our souls. Amen.

Offering

"Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen arr. Mark Hayes

Luann Alderks

Words for inspiration:

"Shepherd me, o God

Beyond my wants

Beyond my fears

From death into life."

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMC #95)

All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination. Thank you for all the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church.

You have sent into our lives kind Christians who have encouraged us in beautiful ways.

Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit.

May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

And the Prayer Christ gives us . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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 have 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. Amen.

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381

All

SENDING

May you hear God's calming loving and peaceful voice restore your soul. May the Christ in you be fully present. May a stranger see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. **God Bless! Go in love, joy, peace and calm. Shalom. Amen.**

Postlude *"My Tribute" by Andrae' Crouch arr. Hal Leonard*

Luann Alderks

INFORMATION

Upcoming Events:

Tues, May 13 1pm: Finance Committee meeting

Tues. May 20, 1pm: Admin board meeting

Sun. June 1, 9:30 am New Member Sunday

Sun. June 8, 9:30 am Graduation Sunday

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny is at James Gang coffee shop

Saturdays, 9:00 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Fridays, 2nd and 4th 5:30-8:00 pm: Youth Group and Confirmation

Music on the Prairie Wednesdays, 6-8 pm June, 18, July 16, August 20,

beginning with The Old Country Boys in June. Food available

Mon-Thurs., July 28-31, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm, VBS- Smore Jesus!

Each evening we will have dinner, fun camping themed activities, with the campfire and s'mores.

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org.



Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions and Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst



***Sunday School age children/parents please grab your Fun Pages Pack which will be available at the back of the church (near the greeters) or on the front middle pew. If you are ages 4-7, please take a canvas bag; if you are ages 8-10, please take an expandable file folder. Have fun!!**