

**GOOD SHEPHERD/LSSI SUNDAY**

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- 3 WHEREAS, the Gospel of Jesus Christ compels the Church to be active in the world as an  
4 incarnate expression of God's commitment to God's beloved creation; and  
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- 6 WHEREAS, we believe it is God's will, testified to in the Old Testament prophetic tradition and  
7 incarnated in the life and ministry of Jesus, that all people should experience  
8 wholeness of body, mind, and spirit; and  
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- 10 WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has served people in need in Illinois for  
11 more than 140 years and continues to serve people in need regardless of race,  
12 creed, ethnicity, etc.; and  
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- 14 WHEREAS, LSSI is the only statewide ELCA social ministry organization in Illinois; and  
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- 16 WHEREAS, LSSI, like most other human care provider organizations in Illinois, has suffered from  
17 chronic underfunding of state-funded services; therefore, be it  
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- 19 RESOLVED, by the 2008 Assembly of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, that the fourth Sunday of  
20 Easter be designated as Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday in every congregation in this  
21 synod beginning in 2009 and that congregations be encouraged to make use of  
22 resources provided by LSSI to lift up this church's common ministry through LSSI;  
23 and be it further  
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- 25 RESOLVED, that members and friends of ELCA congregations in Illinois be encouraged to  
26 communicate to their elected officials their support for increased funding for human  
27 care services.  
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- 29 Submitted by:  
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- 31 The Rev. Wayne Miller, Bishop, Metropolitan Chicago Synod  
32 The Rev. Gary Wollersheim, Bishop, Northern Illinois Synod  
33 The Rev. Warren Freiheit, Bishop, Central/Southern Illinois Synod  
34 The Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council