

THE PARISH PULSE



Family

BY PASTOR KOEPSSELL

“...For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family* in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen....” - (Ephesians 3:14-21)

*** Or whom all fatherhood**

Greetings people of the Good Shepherd! I pray this newest edition of the Parish Pulse finds you well.

Oh, the prayer of Paul (above), for that young church in Ephesus. Go ahead, read it again... It's my prayer for you, it's my prayer for all God's people. Perhaps we all should pray it more.

Family. It's a broad word. I feel like I have lots of different family. Family from my past, family from my present and family that will be with me in my future in one way or another.

We all have families in all different stripes. From the ladies you play golf with to the guys you go fishing with. From the people you craft with to the people you wreck and fix stuff with. From the people you laugh and cry with to the people you compete against. Family from your last job and your current job, your last church and your current church. Even in addition to your core family, think of all the different family connections you have. Think about all the different ways and different people God has placed in your life.

Now think (again) about your church family.

Well...first maybe go back to your core family. When the family “has to” get together, whether for an Easter Sunday, a Christmas Celebration, a family reunion...or even a funeral... What happens when you're there, at one of those events?..

...You look around, acknowledge who's there...and acknowledge who's not!

I can't be the only one who's guilty of this!

Fishing weekend... “Everyone is here except...”

“Where is (so and so)? I booked a foursome, we only have three!”

“Everyone showed up to pay their last respects, except.....”

(Continued...)

“They RSVP’d but they didn’t show up...”

From a simple Easter Dinner to some kind of orchestrated event, if you anticipate and are excited about someone being there and they don’t show up...it bothers you.

God has orchestrated a really, miraculous, huge, SALVATION event...just for you. Just for you and for your family. And, when some of the family doesn’t show up to the party...hmmm.

It’s a blessing to see so many in church...it’s a curse that we wonder, “Where was so and so...”

Here’s the thing...There’s always going to be a “so and so”, there’s always going to be someone missing. That’s what keeps us going. Our Dear Heavenly Father wants ALL OF HIS family at the party.

...And It truly is better with you here.

Enjoy this edition of the Parish Pulse. There’s a lot of information herein. Thank you for your prayers and the support you give your church. Please take advantage of all we have to offer, and if you’d like us to offer something else, consider leading the charge! Someone once said, “It’s okay to learn new things!”

I’m excited to celebrate all of the fantastic things with you that are going on at your church this coming summer. Read more to see what’s up! And continue to learn---and be convinced of the fact that God has done everything necessary for your salvation...by Grace alone, through Faith alone...known through Scripture alone!

Stay awesome. See you at Church! -Pastor G.

Sacrificial Reflections

by Chad Smith, *Congregational President*

Greetings Good Shepherd!

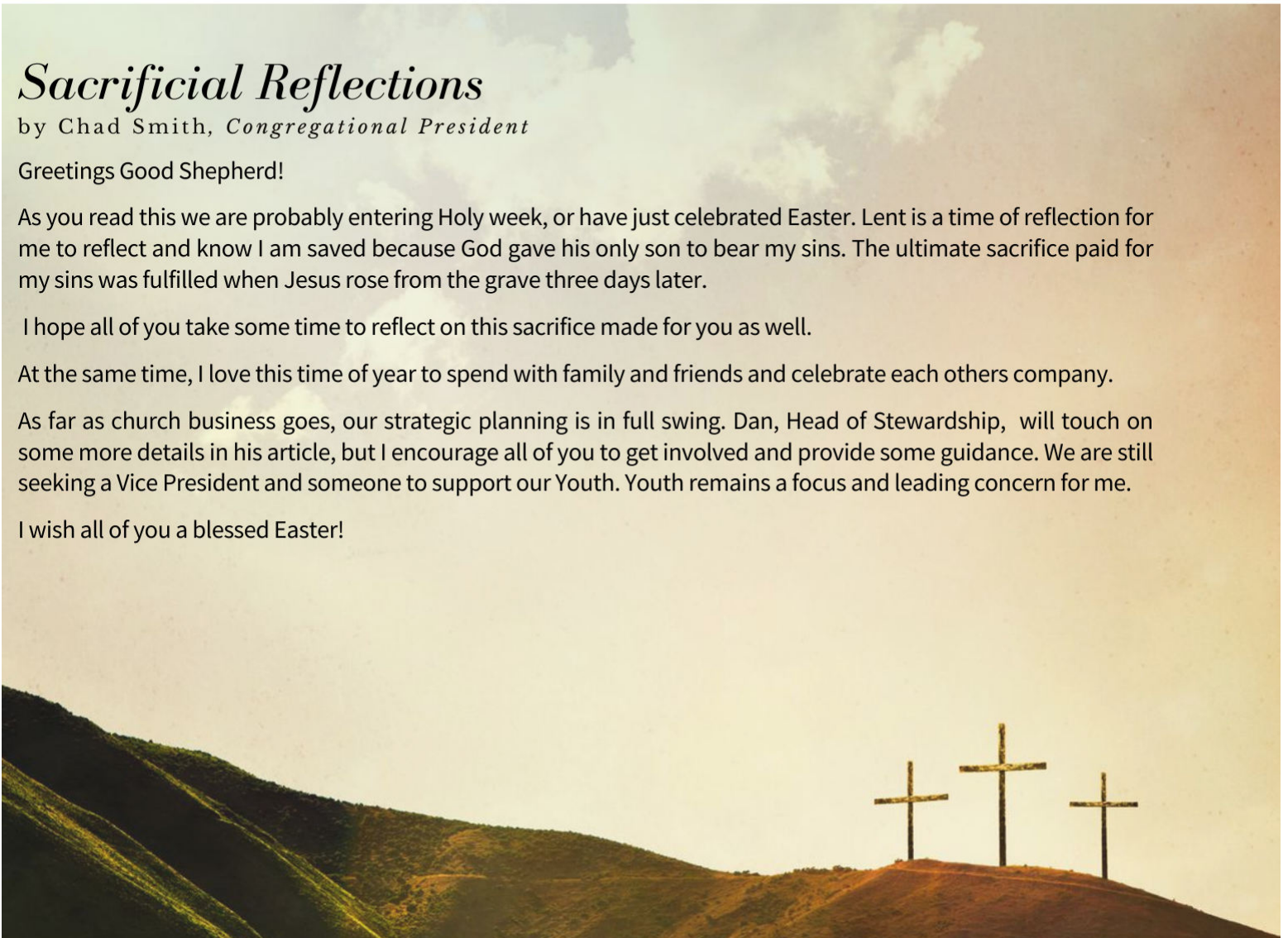
As you read this we are probably entering Holy week, or have just celebrated Easter. Lent is a time of reflection for me to reflect and know I am saved because God gave his only son to bear my sins. The ultimate sacrifice paid for my sins was fulfilled when Jesus rose from the grave three days later.

I hope all of you take some time to reflect on this sacrifice made for you as well.

At the same time, I love this time of year to spend with family and friends and celebrate each others company.

As far as church business goes, our strategic planning is in full swing. Dan, Head of Stewardship, will touch on some more details in his article, but I encourage all of you to get involved and provide some guidance. We are still seeking a Vice President and someone to support our Youth. Youth remains a focus and leading concern for me.

I wish all of you a blessed Easter!



Why We Do What We Do

by Fred Kirchenwitz, *Head of Elders*

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thought I would put that joyous Easter greeting out there seeing as it's right around the corner. The last article I wrote for the Parish Pulse was purely informational, while this one, I am hoping, will be more educational.

The Strategic Planning committee asked the Board of Elders to address certain topics from the congregational survey that was collected. Among them are having the youth more involved in the worship service, having lay members read, offering a contemporary service, and having a quarterly speaker to give pastor a break. I can't really address all those points in this article, but if you are interested, I would gladly discuss it with you individually or at our monthly Elders meetings. My goal in this letter is to address the role of women in the worship service, specifically if they should serve as Elders or serve Communion.

Good Shepherd's polity (operational and governance structure) is explained in our constitution and bylaws. These bylaws state that the congregation acknowledges and accepts all the books of the Old and New Testament as the revealed Word of God, verbally inspired and as the only rule of faith and life. We also abide in the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church which are as follows: The Book of Concord, the 3 Creeds, the unaltered Augsburg confession, Apology of the Augsburg confession, Smalcald articles, Luther's Small and Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord. I'm sure you have these all memorized, as I do.....haha, but these are the writings we Believe, Teach and Confess.

Good Shepherd also belongs to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, so we also follow their polity, which states in regards to women in congregational offices:

1. Women may not serve in the office of the pastor nor exercise any of it's distinctive functions.
2. Women may serve in humanely established offices in the church as long as the functions of these offices do not make them eligible to carry out official functions that would involve public accountability for the function of the pastoral office.

To summarize the second point: Lay assistance in the distribution of the elements in the celebration of Holy Communion, in order to avoid confusion regarding the office of the public ministry and to avoid giving offense to the church, should be limited to lay men.

Are you all still with me? Nobody dozed off? Excellent! I would like to say that this is a succinct way of explaining why men are Elders. Oops, too late for that! I would like to emphasize that this is all biblically based from Ephesians 5: 22-32, 1 Peter 3:1-6, and Genesis 1:26-28. I encourage you to read these passages, and if you can, to do it in a Lutheran Study Bible. I know a lot of what I've written sounds like "Law", but if you read the Study Bible (which puts it more profoundly than I ever could, you'll realize that it's based in "Gospel").

If you have any questions about this or would just like to discuss it more, I would be happy to do that. My phone number is 920-420-5684. Maybe I'll bump into you at church and we can have a cup of coffee (or a Mt. Dew). Again, Easter Blessings! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Have you heard about qualified charitable distributions (QCDs)?



The following article was posted on Fidelity.com and can be accessed here: <https://www.fidelity.com/building-savings/learn-about-iras/required-minimum-distributions/qcds>

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Also, QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Can I make a QCD? - While many IRAs are eligible for QCDs—Traditional, Rollover, Inherited, SEP (inactive plans only), and SIMPLE (inactive plans only)* —there are requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$100,000.)
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.
- Contributing to an IRA may result in a reduction of the QCD amount you can deduct. (The aggregate amount of deductible IRA contributions you make to your IRA after you turn 70 1/2 will reduce the amount of the QCD that is not includible in your gross income.)

Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year's RMD. Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, and which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD.

Under certain circumstances, a QCD may be made from a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime, and distributions are generally tax-free. Consult a tax advisor to determine if making a QCD from a Roth is appropriate for your situation.

What kind of charities qualify? - The charity must be a 501(c)(3) organization, eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Tax reporting - A QCD is reported as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-Inherited IRAs. For Inherited IRAs or Inherited Roth IRAs, the QCD will be reported as a death distribution. Itemization is not required to make a QCD. While the QCD amount is not taxed, you may not then claim the distribution as a charitable tax deduction.

A QCD is not subject to withholding. State tax rules may vary, so for guidance, consult a tax advisor.

When making a QCD, you must receive the same type of acknowledgement of the donation that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution. A tax advisor can help you determine if both your IRA and charity qualify for QCDs.

Shining Brightly

by Sharon Leinweber, Fellowship Chair

Dear Good Shepherd Family –

Lent has always been a time of reflection for me....looking at what Jesus suffered and endured in my place. I think about God's pain as He sent his Son to the cross in my place. I think about how quickly people turned against Jesus, even after all the things He had done to show them who He was. I think about "what if I had lived while Jesus was on earth, would I have believed and followed Him?" Tough question. I encourage all of you to ask that question of yourself.

We each have confidence in our faith. We each know what is in our hearts. So does God. He knows and understands beyond our own comprehension. While this can be scary at times, what a blessing to have someone who knows us so well, who is there for us no matter what, and who loves us unconditionally.

While Lent is reflective, Easter is celebration. Jesus died for us. He rose from the grave for us. Our sins are forgiven! God chose every one of us as His child. As the Sunday School children sang a few weeks ago – "This little gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." Let each of us shine our light and celebrate God's love and forgiveness.

Upcoming events

Game Night – watch bulletin for the next date

Lenten Meditation – April 2nd

Confirmation Prayer Partner Receptions – May 3rd and 10th

Sermon on the Green / Church Picnic – Aug 6th

I'd like to leave you with the following (for some reason it makes me think of Fellowship)

*If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L. means
"First Attempt in Learning"*

*End is not the end, in fact E.N.D. means
"Effort Never Dies"*

*If you get "No" as an answer, remember N.O. means
"Next Opportunity"*

Craft News

After a brief hiatus following the successful 2022 Craft Fair, the Craft Group is eager to begin meeting again for crafting and fellowship. With last year's proceeds we were able to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED), sponsor Advent and Lenten suppers, give a monetary donation to the Oshkosh Day by Day Warming Shelter, provide 100 hygiene kits for the LCMS Orphan Grain Train to distribute overseas and U.S. disaster areas, and designate funds for the confirmands weekend retreat. None of this would be possible without members of Good Shepherd taking the time to use their talents to create items for the Craft Fair.

We will once again meet every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30-4:00 pm beginning May 3rd. There has been some interest in evening hours so we will also be meeting once or twice a month in the evening for anyone who is unable to meet during the day. Everyone is invited to bring a craft to work on or just come and see what we are doing. If you have any questions, contact Pat Phillips 920-420-5143, or Pat Dreger 920-420-9655. We hope to see you on May 3rd.



Music Ministry

by Cam Bedroske, *Director of Music*

Music Ministry is a gift to all of us in our church family.

We are blessed to have so many musicians who love to be inspired and share their insight and talents. I enjoyed working with the choirs, children, Sunday School, Chimers and instrumentalists over the past few months. All of us at Good Shepherd are happy for your willingness to share your love of music with us. Our congregation's "songs" are uplifted with joy and beauty as the choir sings along with the congregation or adds a special arrangement to a stanza. This community of Good Shepherd is inspiring as we work together and Praise God with voice and spirit.

I want to thank the many who worked patiently to prepare and celebrate the start of Holy Week at the Lenten Meditation. I believe that is a gift to us and the community of Oshkosh and beyond. God's Word is powerful and gracious; accompanied by beautiful meditative melodies, voices and stringed instruments, piano, organ...God's gift to us!

Thank you for a great year of music by our youngest choir...Children's Choir. They have become friends and also challenge each other musically. I love being with them. Thank you to the parents for enabling their gift to us and to God.

Thank you Chimers. We are a committed group of friends and musicians. I give thanks to God for the time together and the growth we shared.

At the end of April, Music Ministry will be on a little break. I (Cam) will be having a knee replacement and Lynn, our accompanist, will have hand surgery. Please keep us in prayer and be ready for the start of music all over again this Fall.

I want to thank Bridget for helping fill the Sundays in May and June as organist.

God is so very good! Let us all proclaim the joy of Easter!

Grace Abounds,
Cam Bedroske

LWML

by Jill Botsford, *LWML*

Great things are happening here at Good Shepherd in our LWML Group! We have been busy with activities this past few months and have many more exciting things happening in the future. Our Spring Rally for Zone 11 is scheduled for April 22nd in Menasha. You are all invited to attend. For more details check the bulletin board or talk with one of the LWML members. We will carpool from church to Trinity that morning. The theme is "Something Wonderful Happened Here: A Visit to the Holy Land", presented by Rev. Tim and Deb Kinne. This will be a wonderful presentation and opportunity to get to know the ladies in our circuit.

Of course the BIG event this summer is the 2023 LWML Convention being held June 22-25 in Milwaukee. It is great to have this happening so near us and a wonderful opportunity to see what projects we are working on worldwide. The Convention is always so uplifting as women from across the states gather together to worship and share their sisterhood in Christ. A fall retreat is being planned for Sept. 29-30 at Wisconsin Dells. We will cohost the Fall Rally with Trinity Oshkosh here at Good Shepherd on October 21st. Mary, our President, would be glad to give you further information and answer any questions you may have. Her number is 920-229-9561.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. we would love to have you join us!

Respectfully submitted by
Jill Botsford, LWML Secretary



Good Shepherd's 2023 Year-End Report

2023 Pastors Report (Year end for 2022)

You always hear me refer to your church, Good Shepherd, as “your church” which it is, but never more so than this coming year. We have paid off our debt! Good Shepherd is now no longer owned by a bank but truly owned by its members. “Your church” has never been more applicable. Of course, ultimately it’s Christ’s Church...The Lord of lords has put us in this position to seek to do His will here at Good Shepherd and beyond, so...now what?

That’s the question we’re seeking to answer in our strategic development meetings, elders meetings, council meetings, etc. From some in-house improvements (sound/light/garden walk path, basement re-vamp) to looking at hiring staff (youth, assistant pastor, etc.) to expounding our mission outreach to Oshkosh and beyond...what an exciting time to be a part of God’s movement at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Last year was strong and stable for Good Shepherd. We gained some strength in numbers (and hopefully in faithfulness). We lost some members who moved out of the area or were called to their eternal home. Some members found a better fit for them for worship elsewhere and that’s ok too.

Sunday mornings at Good Shepherd are typically vibrant with people from all age groups worshipping and fellowshiping together. A handful of new groups have formed over the last year. Thank you to the newly formed “Blessing Brigade” which sends out cards to people and helps people in the event of a need. I’m excited to see new relationships being forged and people growing in their faith in Christ. God is being glorified in many and various ways at your church. I’m very confident that the momentum we carry from 2022 will push us up hill in 2023 and it’s going to be another great year here in Oshkosh.

Thank you for everything...Doing things without being asked, those who clean and take care of church, helping with different events and serving on different committees, accomplishing tasks, welcoming new people, teaching and mentoring our children and young adults, sharing musical skills, opening up your pockets to help pay the bills and support Good Shepherd’s missions, tech help, Craft Fair help, landscaping/snow removal/lawn cutting, the support you give me and my family. We’re so blessed to be here.

We have an absolutely incredible Board of Elders and Church Council that dedicates their time and talents to Good Shepherd and for that we are certainly blessed. We have an absolutely incredible musical staff and Sunday School staff that also dedicates their time and talents to teach our kids and enhance our worship experience at Good Shepherd as well. Our Fellowship committee continues to bring people together for Christian fellowship...as well as implementing a prayer partner/mentor program for our confirmands. Our relatively newly formed Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League (LWML) at Good Shepherd is moving forward and has also met their 2022 goal with the collection of our mites...helping change the world with Christ’s message and their mighty-mites...Thanks you, LWML! We have continued to develop a “Board of Education” in the hopes of standardizing and bettering our current confirmation practices and making sure our children know the basic concepts of the faith and how it applies to their lives. We are also blessed with in incredible office staff (of one) and a formative group of volunteers that keeps things rolling and moving forward. Thank you all!

There’s more that will be covered in this report, but for my intents and purposes:

Good Shepherd is stable. On average, we worshipped 220 people/week in 2022. This is just under 50% of our membership, but is not counting the 150 views/week via Facebook/Website. For comparison, 2021 average was 186.

Let’s look at some stats beginning with Official Acts (from 2022)

- 2022 Worship Service attendance total average weekly (total number of worshippers/52 weeks):220
- 2021 Average:186
- 2020 Average:185.
- (Pre-Covid--2019 was 221!)

2023 Year-End Report *(Continued...)*

The following were received into His kingdom by the Sacrament of HOLY BAPTISM (10)

1. Dyani Edith Chamberlin Baptism: 01/09/2022
2. Gentry Mueller, daughter of Shawn and Alycia Mueller Baptism: 02/06/2022
3. Mirabelle Grace Lamie, daughter of David and Shaylyn Lamie Baptism: 02/10/2022
4. Cosette Marie Lamie, daughter of David and Shaylyn Lamie Baptism: 02/10/2022
5. Caleb Theodore Schroeder, son of Jacob Nicole Schroeder Baptism: 03/31/2022
6. Grace Marie Werner, daughter of Josh and Kyla Werner Baptism: 04/10/2022
7. Otto R. Breitenbach-Casey, son of Steve and Jodi Breitenbach-Casey Baptism: 08/11/2022
8. Adaleigh Jane Delveaux, daughter of Zachary Delveaux and Brittany Schneider Baptized: 10/06/2022
9. Ashlyn Sophia Weed, daughter of Kieran and Apryl Weed Baptism: 10/16/2022
10. Ruby Joann Wais, daughter of Matthew and Alexandra Wais Baptism: 12/18/2022

-May the blessings of our Lord rest upon these baptized, and may the children continue to receive a Christian education.-

Junior Confirmation - Confirmed: 06-5-22

Megan Bruss, Akira Cooley, Carter Crowe, Cole Heideman, Taylor Rodig, Kat Skadah, Delaney Smith, Madaline Weiss

Married in 2022

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| 1. Cody Nicholson and Kiley Klauer | Married: 06-18-2022 |
| 2. Don Davis and Brenda Hubner | Married: 07-17-2022 |

Passed Away in 2022

1. Delores A. Ziemer Death: 01-11-2022
2. Rev. Tom Hoversten Death: 04-09-2022
3. Betty Jane Gudmanson Death: 04-27-2022
4. Joyce Ludwig Death: 04-29-2022
5. Rev. Julius Manteufel Death: 06-24-2022
6. Albert Purath Death: 07-11-2022
7. Donald Sasse, Death: 08-12-2022
8. Dexter H. Schaub Death: 08-15-2022
9. Michael A. Kramer Death: 12-08-2022
10. Bertrant O. Behm Death: 12-14-2022

New Members

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| 1. Jason & Denise, Ethan Ahlers | 12. Kay Radank |
| 2. Jill Botsford | 13. Lyle Rockhoff |
| 3. Don & Brenda Davis | 14. Vila Rockhoff |
| 4. John & Jody Davis | 15. Andrew Schaick |
| 5. Wayne & Muriel Guy | 16. Kristin Schaick |
| 6. Cynthia Hintz | 17. Shirley Schynder |
| 7. Pastor Tom Hoversten | 18. Jean Stauber |
| 8. Kevin & Ellen Konrad | 19. Karen Thon |
| 9. Brian & Loi, Liam Luethy | 20. Ryan Trost |
| 10. Reverend Ronald & JoAnn Meier | 21. Beverly Ware |
| 11. Roberta Purath | 22. Edward & Deanna Zimmermann |

2023 Year-End Report *(Continued...)*

All in all - 42 New members welcomed in 2022 including Children and baptisms.— 50 if you include confirmands.

Ten members called to their eternal home.

Transferred/Released (Loss of members) FROM GOOD SHEPHERD - 2022

1. Dorothy Roehlig (moved out of area—Appleton)
2. Carl & Cherie Steckley (released to Church of choice)

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY – DECEMBER 31, 2022

*Communicant Membership:	404
Children:	89
Baptized Membership (Communicants & Children):	493
*ACTIVE Members:	270 (ish)

Worship Weekly: 220 average weekly worship attendance (2022) of 493 total membership means appx. 44% of our baptized members are frequently attending worship (less the people who join us online for worship).

**Always changing*

SCRIP 2022

A huge thank you to the Linda and Jeff Everson and everyone who purchased Scrip cards. During 2022 members of Good Shepherd bought \$63,245 in SCRIP. This returned \$2765 to Good Shepherd. What a wonderful way to support Gods work while purchasing items we use every day. Please consider using Scrip for more of your purchases in 2023.

Stewardship 2022 Year in Review: Daniel Weiss

Our mortgage is at \$0. Our biggest news from 2022 is that we paid off our mortgage. This is the result of many years of prayer, sacrifice, and faithful giving by Good Shepherd members. Those that were here at the time may recall that less than 10 years ago, Good Shepherd was financially hurting to the point of modifying our loan to an interest-only mortgage. This is usually the death-knell for churches. By God's grace and many faithful members, we were able to work toward financial freedom in December. Don't neglect to attend our mortgage burning service and celebration on February 18. This is a BIG DEAL!

Our volunteers were magnificent. One reason we were able to pay down the church debt like we did is that so many individuals stepped in to care for our congregation's many needs. We have saved tens of thousands of dollars over the years because of volunteers mowing our lawns, shoveling our sidewalks, doing routine maintenance, and for many years, cleaning the church each week. We also earn a significant amount through the SCRIP program. Thanks are due to Jeff and Linda Everson for running the program and for the many members who use it. We are also grateful for our worship assistants, such as Altar Guild, ushers, and elders. Our services flow so well because of the many people working in front and behind the scenes. Then there are the dedicated Sunday School and confirmation teachers. Thank you for caring for our youth so well. This year also saw David and Sharon Leinweber and many others beautify the church grounds and assist with the sign transition. Finally, our church is governed by the members themselves through the volunteers who sit on the Church Council. These dedicated volunteers are working hard each month to manage the church's business and are often underappreciated. Thanks to all that serve in this capacity and those volunteers working on the various boards.

Strategic planning was launched. In anticipation of the mortgage retirement, the Council invited the congregation for strategic projects/ideas for consideration as we chart out the next few years of ministry. Late in the year, we identified several projects that were of greatest need or opportunity and elevated these to our strategic planning project list. The congregation approved monies to go into the strategic planning fund in 2023 to help us get these things done. The first projects include improving the lighting and sound in the sanctuary and updating the fellowship hall in the basement to be more inviting. Nicole Virgen and a host of volunteers also updated our Sunday school rooms. Thanks for your great work!

2023 Year-End Report (Continued...)

Elders 2022 Year End Report - Fred Kirchenwitz

In writing this yearend report, I looked to our constitution to see again what the exact duties of an Elder are, and to compare them with what I believe as a group we have accomplished or fallen short of. While I believe we have checked most of the boxes, there is certainly room for improvement. I try to remember that all 9 of us are volunteers, some with very busy lives, but all dedicated to the one purpose of serving our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ!

At the beginning of 2022 (as in most years) we start with envelopes that are not picked up and compare them with worship attendance to see if we have members who aren't making the worship service a part of their lives. While we try and send birthday postcards or texts throughout the year, we make specific calls to the above-mentioned members. We try and make face to face contact with the assigned members in our Elder groups on Sunday and Thursday evenings, but when we're unable to do that, phone calls sometimes become necessary. As always, we make sure we are assisting Pastor before, during and after the worship service, making sure that things are running smoothly. Some of the other things we did during the year was to assist at all funerals and weddings, sponsor a Lenten meal, help with the church picnic and numerous other tasks that might not be on our list of duties, but are certainly ways in which we can help the congregation function.

There were a couple of changes to our group throughout the year. Craig Mittelstaedt and Rick Dittberner stepped down after many years of faithful service. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to Good Shepherd! In their place, Jacob Schroeder and Dave Eichhorn have stepped up. They may have big shoes to fill, but they have already proved to be great additions and assets to the board.

Some of our goals as group for 2023 are to formulate a contract for the office manager's position, create a Crisis Management Plan for the congregation (see February/March Parish Pulse), look at where our constitution needs amending and shore up our usher list to help support the needs of our worship services. In 2023, as in last year, we would like to get closer to all our members in our Elder groups on a personal level. That means seeking them out specifically to let them know we care for them and are praying for them. Building these types of relationships is very important! So, in conclusion, we would like to ask for your help in this matter, the regular Sunday worshiper. If you know of a member or family that you haven't seen in a while, or is going through a difficult time, please let your Elder know. While we take this task very personally, it's truly everyone's responsibility to look after their fellow brother or sister in Christ!

2022 Board of Youth Year End Report - Matt & Julie Toll

Much of 2022 centered around the Youth Gathering that was held in Houston during the month of July. Early in the year we had our big pizza sale in which we made and sold almost 300 pizzas to help raise funds for the Gathering. During the early months of the year we also maintained our weekly hangouts on Wednesday nights in which we averaged 6 teens in attendance each week. From there on it was lots and lots of planning, filling in all the blanks to get all the details in order for the Youth Gathering. As July rolled around, 8 teens and 2 chaperones were ready to embark on the Gathering adventure. The Gathering was a great experience for us all to lean into God's Word, being reminded of His promises and faithfulness, and to encourage and support one another in the struggles and trials we face in life. The Gathering theme was 'In All Things' and focused primarily on Colossians 1:15-20.

As the school year began to get underway again, Matt and Julie resigned from the board chair position. This has since left the position open.

In the fall, Jennifer Charles coordinated a lock-in at the church that included a team from Concordia that lead the event. The event was very well attended.

2023 Year-End Report (Continued...)

Board of Education 2022 Year End Report - Jennifer Charles

Board of Education has been working with Pastor to prepare the youth for Confirmation. There are currently three levels in the Confirmation program. Level 1 is being taught by Camala Bedroske and has 4 students. Level 2 is being taught by Jennifer Charles and has 6 students. Confirmation 1 is being taught by Pastor and has 13 students. This year confirmation will be on Mother's Day, May 14.

In November The Board of Ed coordinated an All Night Youth Lock in with a group from Concordia University. Approximately 30 students attended between grades 6 through high school. A great time was had by all!

Sunday School - Nikole Vergin

Our 2021-22 Sunday School year wrapped up in May.

VBS was not held in 2022 due to schedules. However, we've already solidified the date for 2023 – July 22 with a new one day layout.

Sunday School was offered starting in September with classes for each age group. We have 32 kids involved from 3K to 8th grade. In December, the Sunday School children performed their Christmas program December 18th.

This year, we are blessed to have a group of high school girls (recently confirmed) teaching in our 2nd & 3rd grade classroom. It is heartwarming to see these girls share their faith with our young children.

A Thrivent Action Team was coordinated to update the four classrooms on the east side of the fellowship hall. The rooms received new paint and a fun colorful focal wall with the help of over one dozen volunteers. New faith posters were also purchased and will be hung in the classrooms.

Fellowship 2022 Year End Report - Sharon Leinweber

A heartfelt thank you to Mary Becker, Christ Feutz, Abby Gallenberger, Vivian Mittelstaedt, and Krista Weiss for giving of their time and talents to the Fellowship Board in 2022.

Blessing Brigade: In 2022 a new group called the Blessing Brigade was started with the intent of organizing volunteers with those in need. The focus of the Brigade is four areas – Connection Care, Meal Support, Home/Errand Assistance, and Unexpected Circumstances. Connection Care and Meal Support are currently up and running. If you have any questions or want to get involved, please contact Krista Weiss.

Inside/Outside Clean-Up: Fellowship has been busy cleaning this year – both inside and outside the church. The kitchen and kitchenette are both a work in process but we are making progress. Thank you to Leslie Mason, Krista Weiss, Chris Feutz, and Vivian Mittelstaedt for giving up a Saturday to help get the kitchen cleaned and somewhat organized. There was also work done outside, cleaning up the landscape around the church. Thank you to David Leinweber, Jerry and Jan Ratchman and Abby Gallenberger for their willingness to get their hands dirty.

Prayer Partners: Receptions were held on May 18th and May 25th for Confirmands and Prayer Partners to meet after confirmation questioning. It was awesome seeing Prayer Partners and Confirmands finally meet and get to know one another. Hopefully these connections will provide support and encouragement to the youth of Good Shepherd.

Sermon on the Green/Picnic: On July 24th roughly 138 people gathered on the lawn at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for a church service and picnic. While the weather did not exactly cooperate, even the big tent did not survive, there was good food and fellowship. Thanks to Cam and her wonderful musicians who added so much to the service. Thanks to Pastor for braving the dunk tank. Thanks to all of the people who brought food to share. A big thanks to Todd Klauer for doing all the grilling. A surprise visit by the police to engage with the children and join in the meal added community fellowship to the event.

2023 Year-End Report *(Continued...)*

Fellowship Continues to Support:

- Fellowship Hour: Coffee and treats after the 8AM and 10:30AM services continue to provide an opportunity for fellowship. If you have a favorite treat you would like to share, please sign up for a Sunday.
- Funerals: A sincere thank you to Pat Dreger, Pat Phillips, Janet Dunham, and Donna Tritt for giving of their time and talents serving at the following funerals:
Betty Gudmanson, Albert Purath, Donald Sasse, Dexter Schaub, Mike Kramer
- Greeter Program: The Greeter program continues under the leadership of Vivian Mittelstaedt. There are dedicated greeters at each service to welcome old and new members each Sunday. Thank you to all who volunteered to be a greeter!
- Lenten/Advent Meals: Fellowship continues to provide a Lenten and Advent meal with the proceeds going to the Mission of the Month.
- Pastor Circuit Meeting: Fellowship provided refreshments for the Pastor Circuit meeting held at Good Shepherd.

So, what plans does Fellowship have for 2023? We will continue to serve and support when asked. The Prayer Partner program is doing well this year – thank you Prayer Partners. Sermon on the Green along with the picnic will happen again this summer. I do not want to give too much away so watch for information on new fun things that will provide opportunities for fellowship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Trustee's 2022 Year End Report - Craig Dreger

We coasted thru 2022 without any budget busting maintenance catastrophes or unexpected major expenses. Several large (expensive) budgeted projects were completed to good effect. One of these was the resealing and striping of the parking lot, this is a reoccurring expense every three years, the other large expense was the replacement of the choir room floor with an epoxy coating, this should last us many years to come.

Another large project accomplished in 2022 was replacement of the lighted sign in front of the church, this project was off budget as it was completely funded by designated special donations. The new sign has several advancements over the old sign. The new sign offers increased visibility to traffic passing by on Ninth Avenue, it allows us to stay up to date on service times, highlight special services such as Advent and Lent or Holy Week service times, and any other special messages such as mission of the month or upcoming events i.e. Craft Fair or VBS.

Windows in the sanctuary were noted last year as needing attention, several were fixed with some simple repairs, and one remains that needs the opener crank replaced which is somewhat involved and expensive to repair, this will be addressed when the weather warms up this spring.

A “Ring doorbell” was added for increased security for staff and others using the facility in off hours.

We should expect repair expenses will continue to be larger in the future than they have been in past years given the age of our building and infrastructure. A myriad of mundane projects, unclogging drains, redirecting down spouts, fixing faucets & toilets while not expensive to repair they do consume a fair amount of time & effort in the course of the year. These types of issues are not predictable and never ending, not tragedies just inconveniences.

With winter on us the parking lot snow removal contract is taken care of using the contractor from previous years. Sidewalk snow removal is accomplished by volunteers; there is a signup sheet in the narthex. As always there is an ongoing need for volunteers for snow blowing and lawn care.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of a functioning church without them our earthly life would be much coarser. We enjoy the services of many good volunteers but we can always use more. Going forward in 2023 we have a long list of expensive “want to have” projects i.e. repainting the worship area. We will have to wait and see how well the budget will stand up to some of these projects and prioritize them as we get into the New Year.

2023 Year-End Report *(Continued...)*

Evangelism 2022 Year End Report - Nicole Schroeder

- Our activities this year included:
- Continued collection of food and donations for the Lutheran Food Pantry
- Continued support of Wycliffe Bible Translators and Brushfires Foundation.
- Updated the Welcome bags.
- Created a new Member Directory.
- Helped pay for Lenten Meals.

The biggest change was starting the Mission of the Month. First and foremost, a big thank you to Krista Weiss for all her help updating the mission board and helping organize such a big project! Here is the 2022 mission's breakdown by month:

- January – n/a
- February – Help the Homeless, Hygiene Drive: item and monetary donations
- March – Father Carr's COTS: meals made and delivered
- April – Grace Preschool: \$1,302.10
- May – Concordia: \$1,205
- June – Bella Health: \$1,100 and 30 baby bottles filled with money and gift cards
- July – United Way, Back to School: \$1,225 and donations
- August – MOST Ministries: hundreds of eyeglasses and glass cases
- September – Day by Day Warming Shelter: \$1088 and donations
- October – Sleep in Heavenly Peace: \$1,324
- November – Trinity Lutheran: \$1,115 and dinner/auction
- December – Children's Hospital: \$1,346 and donations

This Upcoming Year (2023)

I want to thank everyone for their enthusiasm, involvement and generosity the last few years with missions, donations and activities. I had a great time heading up Evangelism, but with having such a young child at home and one on the way, I am so thankful to Keith Casey stepping in to take over. I look forward to what he has in store! As always, thanks be to God for the blessings he bestows on us so that we may in turn help and bless our neighbors.

Spring is here and it is time to start thinking about the church garden. Over the last few years, volunteers have helped plant, maintain, and harvest vegetables from the garden out behind the sanctuary. Fresh produce is then distributed to local food pantries and church members.

Last year, through a grant from Thrivent, we purchased heavy duty woven weed barrier. This allows us to plant more vegetables but spend less time weeding and watering. We are looking for more volunteers to help with this fun and important ministry.

To share your ideas, head up this ministry, find out more or to volunteer, please contact Krista at the church office 920-231-0530 or krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org

*As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter,
day and night will never cease. – Genesis 8:22*



Strategic Planning Team Spring Update

by Daniel Weiss, *Head of Stewardship*

Dear friends in Christ,

Last Fall, the Church Council surveyed the congregation to learn more about the kinds of ministry we should be exploring as we neared the full payment of our mortgage. You submitted 42 ideas that we examined, categorized, and directed to various boards to consider. At the end of the 1st quarter of 2023, we have much progress to report. I hope you will take a few moments to review the work of our Strategic Planning Team and pray about the areas where we still need guidance and support.

Successes

(Congregational ideas that have been completed or are being implemented)

- Idea 1: Develop a Master Plan for Staffing/Add a second Pastor/Youth Director.

Action: We have formed a Staffing Study Group (SSG) to explore the needs of the congregation. This team will begin its work in earnest after Easter. Look for a congregational survey in June that will help us learn more about our staffing needs.

- Idea 2: Improve lighting and sound system/paint the sanctuary.

Action: We have formed a Sanctuary Improvement Team (SIT) headed by Chad Smith. This team is soliciting estimates of various costs and will present findings to the full Church Council for review and approval.

- Idea 3: Grow Good Shepherd's exposure in the community and leverage technology.

Action: In 2022, we added the digital sign, have adopted local missions, and continue livestreaming our services. If you have other ideas to increase our exposure to our community, please share them with President Chad Smith smithck2@gmail.com or Stewardship Chair Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com

- Idea 4: Provide more purpose driven Bible studies.

Action: The Education Board is seeking small-group leaders and Bible study ideas from congregation. Please share specific ideas with Jen Charles jcharles987@yahoo.com.

- Idea 5: Provide young adult Bible studies.

Action: Katie Rodig is teaching high school youth on Sundays with an informal question and discussion format that is working very well.

- Idea 6: Evaluate the new confirmation format for success or problems.

Action: The Confirmation Evaluation Committee reports significant improvement among this year's confirmands. Year 3 students are vastly more prepared than they were in recent years. Year 2 students are grasping concepts and enjoying learning. Year 1 students have embraced the more informal style of learning as they grow familiar with basic Bible, church, and theological knowledge. Additionally, the Fellowship Board has arranged Prayer Partners for each confirmand, further strengthening their bond with the congregation. If you wish to pray for and bless our confirmands, please contact Sharon Leinweber sharon.leinweber@yahoo.com.

- Idea 7: Have more congregational dinners, game nights, etc.

Action: Two game nights were held in March and were well received. Attendees reported that the format allowed members to get to know others outside of their familiar groups. Congregational meals during Lent and Advent provide other opportunities for fellowship.

- Idea 8: Continue Mission of the Month

Action: The Evangelism Board is continuing this great idea.

- Idea 9: Update Sunday School rooms.

Action: Rooms were painted in late 2022. Other updates are being considered. Please share ideas with Nicole Vergin nikole.vergin@gmail.com.

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- Idea 10: Develop an annual every member visitation program.

Action: This is already being offered to those interested through the Elders outreach. The Elders will make every effort to connect with and offer a visitation to members during their normal contacts. If you desire a pastoral or elder visit, please contact the church office to set it up.

- Idea 11: Provide more opportunities for women to assist in services. (Communion, Elders).

Action: The Elders plan to educate the congregation (with new members coming from many denominations) on LCMS Synodical practice and Scriptural reasons for male pastorate and elders. Head Elder Fred Kirchenwitz also addressed some of these topics in his article in this issue of the Parish Pulse. If you have further questions, please contact Pastor Koepsell or your assigned elder.

- Idea 12: Only have one service on Sundays and have more time for fellowship.

Action: Thankfully, church growth over recent years prevents us from moving to one service outside of summer months. We are open to suggestions about improving fellowship options in summer and between services. Please contact Sharon Leinweber sharon.leinweber@yahoo.com with ideas.

- Idea 13: Have regular times of prayer outside of normal worship services.

Action: The Stewardship Board will explore this in the second half of 2023.

- Idea 14: Offer training on understanding and using our spiritual gifts

Action: The Boards of Education and Stewardship will work with Pastor Koepsell and the Elder Board to identify and procure Bible studies that cover this topic. If you have ideas about curriculum or resources, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com.

- Idea 15: Host a guest Pastor once a quarter

Action: The Board of Elders and Pastor Koepsell have secured preaching commitments in 2023 from South-Wisconsin District President John Wille and Mission Executive Nathan Meador.

- Idea 16: Provide Preschool care at Good Shepherd.

Action: The Strategic Planning Team identified two existing preschools within and near Oshkosh. Trinity Lutheran on the east side of town and Grace Lutheran in Omro both offer this service currently and both are struggling to cover the costs. We recommend the congregation support these two ministries before launching our own. The Council is exploring allocating mission monies to these preschools in the next budget.

- Idea 17: Review church constitution and bylaws for any needed updates

Action: The Council determined that the last time our Constitution and Bylaws were amended was 2001. Council is currently reviewing our governing documents and will bring suggestions for further study to the May Council meeting.

Current Needs

(Congregational ideas that need support and/or leadership)

- Idea 1: Grow the Blessing Brigade.

Action: In the past few years, Good Shepherd members have grown increasingly invested in the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of the congregation. From arranging meals, to praying for confirmands, to sending notes of encouragement, we are trying to make sure every member at Good Shepherd feels known, loved, and valued. Our Blessing Brigade is spearheading this effort, but we could use more members. If you would like to encourage others and help them stay connected in meaningful ways to the fellowship and ministry of Good Shepherd, please contact Krista Weiss krista2621@yahoo.com to learn what you can do.

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- Idea 2: Update the basement to make it warm and inviting.

Action: The Strategic Planning Team recommend forming a Basement Beautification Team (BBT) to develop a plan and budget for updating the basement to make it more inviting and user-friendly. We are currently seeking a leader for this team and team members to help with the work. If you would like to get involved, please contact Daniel or Krista Weiss krista2621@yahoo.com.

- Idea 3: Develop a landscape Master Plan to consider gazebo, prayer path, memorial trees and plants/ move garage closer to the dumpster.

Action: The Strategic Planning Team recommend forming a Grounds Planning Team (GPT) for future study and recommendations for 2024. If you would like to get involved, please contact Daniel Weiss edselweiss@yahoo.com.

- Idea 4: Develop a handyman brigade to assist elderly and members in need.

Action: We need a leader to explore how to set this up. If this was your idea or if you would like to help, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com

- Idea 5: Develop elderly visitation and support groups.

Action: We need a leader to explore how to set this up. If this was your idea or if you would like to help, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com

- Idea 6: Connect with local immigrant population to meet needs and welcome them to the area.

Action: We need a leader to explore how to set this up. If this was your idea or if you would like to help, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com

- Idea 7: Provide Daycare

Action: We need a leader to explore how to set this up. If this was your idea or if you would like to help, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com

- Idea 8: Provide after school care and learning.

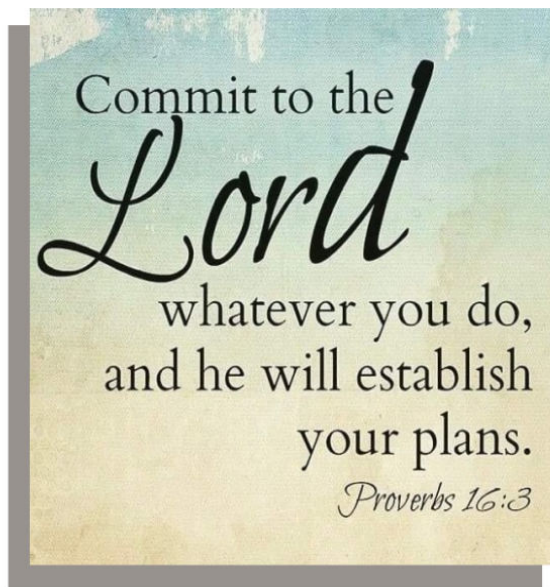
Action: We need a leader to explore how to set this up. If this was your idea or if you would like to help, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com.

- Idea 9: Add a gym for community outreach.

Action: We need a leader to explore how to set this up. If this was your idea or if you would like to help, please contact Daniel Weiss dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com

We also have 16 more ideas that are being reviewed and explored. Look to future Parish Pulse editions for updates. Thank you to everyone who is currently serving the church. If you are looking for new ways to plug into the ministry here, please consider jumping into some of these projects.

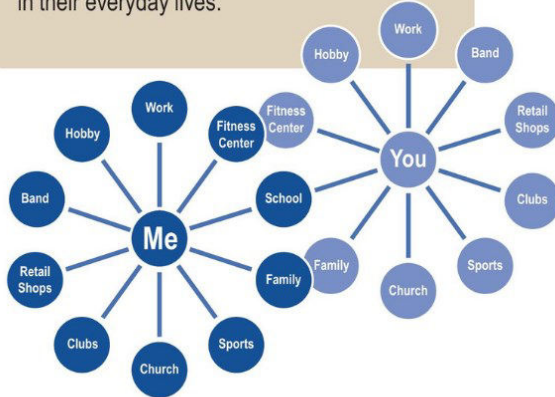
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Every One His Witness

by Keith Casey, *Evangelism Chair*

Good Shepherd Evangelism is ready to lead an in person program series of six sessions on Witnessing from the LCMS called *Every One His Witness*. Witnessing. What’s it all about? The *Every One His Witness* Lutheran evangelism program puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with people in our everyday lives. Participants learn: What is witnessing? Why do we witness? And the “how-to” of witnessing using the LASSIE approach — Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage.

If you are interested in participating this summer in a study of *Every One His Witness*, please contact Keith Casey at 785.209.4781 or keithalancasey11@yahoo.com. Dates and times will be determined once a initial headcount is obtained.

Keith

Treasurer's Report

by Diane Flouro, Treasurer

Well, who would have thought we would get over 12 inches of snow in late March, but here we are, at the end of March with lots of snow on the ground. Spring is supposedly here, but I think we will have to wait just a bit longer for all the trees, flowers, and plants to bud.

Our financial picture is looking good and as you all know we are looking at long range planning. With that, we have begun to set aside more money for these items and are looking into different options to invest these monies over the long term. If any of you are financial planners and have some ideas, please reach out to me. I have been looking at Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) the organization that helped us with our mortgage, as well as Thrivent Financial.

We have updated our Good Shepherd Website to include a link to donate to our church through Thrivent, so if you are interested in donating electronically, you can use this link (Donation - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (goodshepherdinoshkosh.com) and Thrivent

will pay any and all fees associated with using your credit card, so the church doesn't get charged for these donations. We also have Joyful Response which is another electronic way of giving. This is easily done through completing a form and providing to me for input; your donation can be weekly, monthly, bi-weekly, or whatever you would like. You can change your donation anytime by simply emailing me with changes.

If you have any questions on either of these, please let me know and I would be happy to discuss. My cell phone is (920) 420-5841 or email at flourodi@yahoo.com. Above is the summary of the last couple of months of giving/expenses.

2023 TREASURER'S SUMMARY	Jan 2023	Feb 2023
Regular Giving	34,599.25	30,158.32
Strategic Fund	170.00	340.00
Mission	220.00	198.00
Thrivent Dep	163.00	375.00
Other	144.61	76.02
Other-Craft Fair		
Interest	14.47	17.85
Scrip Income*	200.69	382.31
Total Income	35,512.02	31,547.50
Total Monthly Expenses	21,964.97	22,271.84
Monthly 2022 Budget	27,861.86	27,861.86
Monthly Expenses over (Under) Budget	(5,896.89)	(5,590.02)
West Point Bank Checking	87,368.95	85,090.46
West Point Bank Savings	6,779.44	6,779.44
West Point Bank Money Market	10,043.92	10,047.77
LCEF Savings	23,189.51	33,031.51



Save the Date - VBS is July 22!

We are excitedly planning our 2023 VBS where kids are sure to fetch some faith-filled fun with Pets Unleashed- Where Jesus Cares 'Fur' You!

Sign-up information coming soon!

If you're interested in helping, please contact Nikole Vergin nikole.vergin@gmail.com

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Worship Services:

- Thursday - 6:30 pm (after Easter)
- Holy Week -
 Maundy Thursday 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
 Good Friday 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
 Easter 6:30, 8:00 & 10:30 am
- Sunday-8:00 am & 10:30 am

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

- Served every Sunday in Atrium between worship services after.

Bible Study

- Adult - Sunday - 9:15 am
 - Wednesday mornings 10:30 am
 (except during Lent)
- Women's - Saturday mornings 8:30 am
- Men's - Saturday mornings 7:00 am

Sunday School

- Sundays at 9:15 am during the public school year.

Pastoral Visits

Hospitalized? Or you desire a call? If you are going into the hospital, please call and let the office know. We do not always receive information from the hospital in a timely manner so that the appropriate visitation can be made. Also, hospitals can no longer release information about admittance and room number, if you have not signed a waiver. If you want a home visit from Pastor Koepsell, a call or other service, please contact the church office with your request.



Donations

Before you donate an item to the church, please check with the Church Council. They can assist in placement or find the best use for your donated item. Don't forget to utilize the Classifieds Section on our website. Thank you!



Birthdays

April

Apr 1	Barry Brehmer	Apr 7	Apryl Weed	Apr 16	Eric Nienass	Apr 23	Theresa Bray
Apr 1	David Doan	Apr 9	Jane Eichhorn	Apr 17	Avery Rodig	Apr 24	Dennis Bostwick
Apr 1	Samuel Mehn	Apr 12	Amber Leinweber	Apr 18	Joshua Dreger	Apr 24	Will Bray
Apr 2	Kinsey Koepsell	Apr 13	Gene Gohlke	Apr 18	Shelley Goding-Rivera	Apr 24	Joanne Brinkman
Apr 2	Andrew Schaick	Apr 14	David Leinweber	Apr 18	Ken Ruehl	Apr 24	Phillip Steinbeck
Apr 5	Gerald Sprague	Apr 15	Carter Crowe	Apr 20	Harper Tritt	Apr 25	Andrew Klatt
Apr 6	Don Borgen	Apr 15	John Davis	Apr 22	Erica Potratz	Apr 28	David Wagner
Apr 7	Ruth Wagner	Apr 16	Kiley Nicholson				

May

May 1	Louise Gabert	May 7	Abby Zink	May 17	Anne Fogtman	May 24	Faulkner Charles
May 1	Jackson McMillan	May 8	Terri Kramer	May 17	Kristy McMillan	May 25	Mike Radloff
May 3	Susan Hinrichs	May 9	Laurita Daugherty	May 17	Karyl Stephenson	May 25	Nolan Tokarski
May 3	Ronald Meier	May 11	Mike Kuble	May 17	David Wojciechowski	May 25	Barb Wiley
May 3	Jackie Wagner	May 12	Kay Mitchell	May 18	Hannah Bruss	May 26	Steven Tritt
May 4	August Hibben	May 12	Don Riedel	May 20	Lynn Paulus	May 26	Karen Wenzel
May 4	Karen Schuster	May 12	Joshua Werner	May 21	Chad Smith	May 28	William Beck
May 6	Samantha Brunner	May 13	Frank Jarvenpaa	May 21	Sara Suwalski	May 28	Susan Danula
May 7	JoAnn Haskins	May 13	Landon Leinweber	May 22	Benjamin Mehn	May 28	Heather Klauer
May 7	Jenny Kirchenwitz	May 13	Ruth Nevers	May 22	Olivia Werner	May 29	Finn Hinrichs
May 7	Craig Skadahl	May 16	Barb Bandelow	May 24	Jodi Breitenbach-Casey	May 29	Lucille Pflanze
May 7	Becky Tuchscherer	May 16	DuWayne Besaw				

Wedding Anniversaries

April

Apr 8	Jeff and Linda Everson (31)
Apr 10	Lee and Carol Zuberbier (41)
Apr 11	Jim and Sharron Ziemer (59)
Apr 22	Becky Tuchscherer and John (34)
Apr 25	John and Brenda Hawig (36)
Apr 28	Brad and Barb Wiley (39)
Apr 30	Wesley and Shirley Radloff (63)

May

May 7	Gary and Ruth Galow (63)	May 17	Larry and Lynn Paulus (48)
May 9	Tim and Samantha Brunner (8)	May 18	Aaron and Lori Bruss (21)
May 9	Mike and Patricia Phillips (53)	May 21	Katie and Rob Rodig (18)
May 9	Mike and Deb Radloff (36)	May 22	Kenneth and Susan Hinrichs (47)
May 10	Robert and Eileen Loewe (54)	May 22	Brian and Lisa Spaeth (19)
May 10	Branden and Kristin Mike (15)	May 23	Don and Bonnie Borgen (64)
May 12	Jacob and Fallon Crowe (17)	May 23	Kurt and Emily Brunner (42)
May 13	Gary Bunke and Jan Peterson-Bunke (10)	May 23	David and Darci Doan (36)
May 13	Bud and Sharon Hoepfner (56)	May 25	Kevin and Sandra Dordel (38)
May 14	James and Lori Purath (40)	May 25	Phillip and Kari Steinbeck (26)
May 15	Brian and Steffanie Nagler (30)	May 27	Bill and Marian Fenlon (45)
May 17	Todd and Heather Klauer (26)	May 27	Joshua and Kyla Werner (6)

