



THE PARISH PULSE

The Perfect Gift

BY PASTOR KOEPSSELL

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” –Jesus’ words in Luke 11:13

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

The life of a “gift.”

You hear about it. You see someone with it. You fancy a commercial about it. The newest, the greatest thing.

This idea gets put on a list with some of your other ideas.

The list gets passed around to whoever wants to take the time, effort and means to get what’s on the list.

Whoever took the time, effort and means to find the special gift takes it home, wraps it up all fancy, and places it under a tree in your living room.

Whoever put this idea on a list, sees their name on this pretty package and the anticipation sets in.

Finally, the big day is here. Time to open the gift! For me? For me? Joy is in the air.

The gift is opened and appreciated. Used a lot at first, then, after a few weeks, not so much.

It gets put on a shelf or under a bed or in a closet. Spring cleaning comes and the gift makes its way to the basement...then garage...then the rummage sale or Goodwill...or, heaven forbid, the trash can.

That might be a fast-forwarded version of most of the stuff we receive as “gifts” but probably holds up fairly true. There are a few things we keep until our life on this earth ends. A few precious things. The other things wear out or just aren’t as useful or needed as we thought.

Every single person has been given a precious gift in Jesus Christ. Some don’t even know they have it yet. Some don’t want the gift. Some put it on a shelf and maybe bring it out or look at it a couple times a year. Some tuck it away as piles of other stuff get put on top or in front of it. Some, heaven forbid, finally toss it away.

I really hope you get a gift this Christmas that you love, cherish and use for the rest of your life. Oh yeah, you already did! I hope you take hold of this precious gift of Jesus you’ve already been given and cherish it and use it and live it. Not just this Holiday season, but every single day of your earthly life. It’s the only gift you get to take to the next life!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you!

See you in Church.

Pastor G.

With Joy in My Heart

by Fred Kirchenwitz, *Head of Elders*

Every couple of months, Krista our incredibly organized office manager, sends out a notice that it's time for various Board Chairs to submit their articles for the Parish Pulse and regrettably two things almost always jump into my head. 1) Didn't I just write an article the other day? and 2) What am I going to write about this time? My problem is that I'm taking on this task with grumbling on my lips vs. JOY IN MY HEART. A tendency of human nature to be sure, but not really the attitude one should have when they're given the opportunity to do something for their church! In my last letter I spoke about service and volunteering. It's time to take that one step further and I'd like to point out some people who I believe already have.

I'd like to start with the ladies and men who help organize and make items for the craft fair. This group of volunteers gets together weekly starting in January to craft items for a fair that doesn't take place until November. That's dedication, and I have to believe that it's done with JOY IN THEIR HEART. They've discovered the secret that it's the friendship and fellowship that goes on there that makes it so special. Then, on that 1st day of deer hunting season they see it all come together and probably experience a great feeling of joy and satisfaction. They're not afraid to ask for volunteers and baked goods, and even when they don't get everything they want, they thank God and their fellow members that they got everything they need.

The next group I'd like to give a shout out to is a group you probably never see unless your travels take you past the church in the middle of the day during the week. Pastor often encourages you to go out and take a walk around the church after the services and you may notice how immaculate everything looks, but how often do we give it a second thought of how it came to be? Pastor refers to this as the Tom and Jerry show, but I know full well Dave's name should be added to the list as probably should a few others that I'm not aware of. I won't mention their last names because they wouldn't want me to and they would only blush if I did. I see the JOY IN THEIR HEART every time I look outside our church's doors.

Thirdly, is our Fellowship Board. I see their JOY almost every time I step in the doors. Whether it's the delicious treats between services, Lenten or Advent meals, or even at such a somber time as a funeral. I wish more Boards would take on their personality of going right up to people and asking for their assistance. We might be surprised at the turnout we get. Coincidentally a lot of the craft people and fellowship people are the same people. Somebody stumbled upon a recipe (no pun intended) for what works!

Lastly, I'd like to mention a member of our Board of Elders. Rick Dittberner is stepping down after 15 years of service. Since 2007 Rick has been doing this task with JOY IN HIS HEART and we're going to miss him. He hasn't gone anywhere. He's still part of the church choir, but maybe now he has a little more time to spend with family or just traveling with Doreen or.....possibly finding his next calling at Good Shepherd?

Taking his place will be Dave Eichorn. Dave has served in this position before at Trinity Oshkosh and I believe he will bring the same joy and enthusiasm as Rick. We look forward to having him on our board!

So in this season of Advent when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, as well as the hope of a new year, let's take on the the tasks our Master gives us so we can hear those words from Matthew 25: 21, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

With JOY in my heart
Fred Kirchenwitz



Building Advent Anticipation

by Keith Casey, *Church President*

Greetings and the Lord be with you!

Sometimes in the face of adversity, the words we give and receive can make all of the difference. In today's culture, "anticipation" has been reduced to a feeling of dreaded expectation. We anticipate a recession. We anticipate continued unrest internationally. We anticipate a colder and wetter winter.

Yet as God's people and through His Word, "anticipation" is used quite differently. In the Bible we find examples of people's anticipation being driven by the Holy Spirit to act in advance to what has been brought to their attention. Noah began building the ark by faith...in anticipation of a flood when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear to save his family (Hebrews 11:7). Moses instructed the Israelites how to prepare in anticipation of the Lord's Passover. Nehemiah heeded God's direction and anticipated the Lord's future action while he obediently rebuilt Jerusalem's walls and gates.

As we continue to live in times of challenge and adversity, may the Holy Spirit restore our anticipation for the fulfillment of God's promises.

Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness (Romans 8:10).

In His service and yours,

Keith Casey

Congregation President

Not Missing Out

by Sharon Leinweber, *Fellowship Chair*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" I love Christmas time, the lights, decorations, and the festive atmosphere all make my heart feel good.

There is a film that I watch every year at Christmas – A Christmas Carol, the 1959 version starring Alister Sims as Scrooge. My favorite part of the film is when Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning. That look of pure joy on his face when he realizes he has not missed Christmas, it is awesome.

That kind of joy is the joy that should fill our hearts every day of the year. Knowing that God gave us the most special gift, His Son, to bear our burden of sin on the cross. While it is easy to get caught up in all the "other" things at Christmas, it is important to remember and share the true meaning of Christmas.

What's up for Fellowship in 2023? It's up to you!! If you have ideas, please share them. If you want to know about the board, join us for a meeting. Don't worry, no pressure to join. Looking for ways to get involved, just ask. Let's make 2023 an amazing year of Fellowship.

May God bless you always



Don't miss out on the joy of Christmas

A Year of Blessing

Blessing Brigade

This past year at Good Shepherd, the Blessing Brigade was founded. It is a group of volunteers focused on strengthening ties between church members. There are numerous ways to do this but this year we focused on increased member communication (maybe you received a card on your birthday/anniversary or when you were needing a little extra prayer). We also ministered through meals to members who were blessed with a new child or just needed a little assistance. The response from this ministry has been very touching and rewarding.

If you would like to be a part of the Blessing Brigade (or if you have questions), please reach out to Krista at krista2621@yahoo.com

In 2023 we are looking to compile a list of volunteers who might be willing to help out church members occasionally with basic handyman chores, transportation assistance, or any other simple needs. Please contact Krista to join this list.



Music Ministry

by Cam Bedroske, *Director of Music*

It is with a very thankful heart that I get to share such wonderful news about music ministry at Good Shepherd.

The congregation prayed for the Hymn Sing to be a window of opportunity for us to share our faith, give God Glory, and praise Him with many people from our community. That is exactly how God blessed that afternoon. We had so many people with us and the music was a vehicle of grace. Those of you who attended, I thank you. It is hard to explain in words what it meant to so many people.

A quote from a visitor, "You have a very special thing happening here. Thank you."

This is so true. The music groups from our congregation joined forces and demonstrated faith in action and beauty. Thank you to the Chime Choir, The Children's Ensemble, and the Adult Choir. Simply lovely! We also thank our soloist, James who sang with such heart. Special thanks to our guest string players who created a quartet and performed with elegance. Lastly, thanks to Lynn Bridwell our accompanist and the guest pianist, Nathan who accompanied the string quartet.

As Music Director here, I am so thankful for our Pastor who promoted this Hymn Sing. God creates opportunities for partnership and I am thankful for his. I also want to thank the committee who helped with the reception after the concert. So many voices and smiles!! Food and fellowship are community builders.

To God alone, be the glory! He served us by His grace on that special Sunday in November!

December Opportunity:

We are sponsoring a Congregational Caroling Afternoon on Sunday Dec. 18th. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 pm and visit as many people as possible with songs of joy and Christmas. Come one...come all! You are available to leave at any time during the event. We are often done by 3:00.

Christmas Opportunity:

If you want to participate in the Christmas Eve Preservice music, contact Cam with a text or call 920-379-2037.

You can sing a solo, or sing with others. You may play an instrument, or use our piano. I have music if you are at a loss to find something by yourself. We perform 30 minutes before the evening service at 6:30.

January Opportunity:

Join Adult Choir or Chime Choir. We are in need of 1-2 more chimers!

Grace Abounds, Cam Bedroske

The Origin of Christmas Favorite, "Once in David's Royal City"

by Eugene Byrne

Cecil Frances Humphreys was born in Dublin to a comfortable Anglican family. In 1848 she published *Hymns for Little Children*, a book of verse explaining the creed in simple and cheerful terms and which gave us three famous hymns. So to the question who made the world, the answer was *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. Children's questions on the matter of death were answered with *There is a Green Hill Far Away*, while *Once in Royal David's City* told them about where Jesus was born. The book was an instant hit and remained hugely popular throughout the 19th century.

The organist and composer Henry Gauntlett put music to it a year later and nowadays it traditionally opens the King's College Cambridge Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Cecil threw herself into working for the sick and poor, turning down many requests to write more verse. Much of the proceeds from *Hymns for Little Children* went to building the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

'Tis the Season to Receive Like a Child

by Daniel Weiss, *Head of Stewardship*

As we prepare for Christmas, there is much thought of giving to others in honor of the greatest gift the world has ever received, the Incarnate Word of God, Jesus Christ. And, there is also thought of receiving...but not too much, for to think of getting at Christmas feels a bit off. In Acts 20, Paul reminds us that Jesus said it "is more blessed to give than receive."

Indeed, Jesus wanted his followers to recognize that their blessings all come from God and to share these blessings freely with others. We give with joyful hearts, because we remember and honor God's many free gifts to us. Not only the baby Jesus, but the grace of forgiveness that he won for us on the cross and the faith we need to believe.

Parents work each year to teach their little ones the real reason for the season. It is baby Jesus, they say, not that pile of presents under the tree. But the gleam of the gifts, the colorful packaging, the glowing lights, and the candles and sweets—these are what delight the children. But we try and try, anyway.

Then sometime when they near adulthood or after a few years of it, our children begin to experience the joy of giving to others that exceeds that of receiving. Later on, perhaps in middle age, we begin to feel less want for gifts. "Your presence is the greatest gift" we write on birthday invites.

Yet, for some of us, something strange has happened. We begin to disdain getting gifts. They no longer interest us and we ask people to stop giving to us. Christian author Henri Nouwen wrote that if we hope to be good givers, then we also must be good receivers. His point was that the heart of giving and receiving a gift is the relationship behind it. We have opportunity at both ends to bless the other. By being open to receiving gifts and by receiving them with genuine joy, we are able to bless the givers, as well.

Now, I am not promoting consumerism and materialism here. Gifts given and received can be acts of kindness, a phone call to a shut in, service projects, bringing over a warm cup of coffee and a danish, or keeping your door open to receive a visitor with the same.

Here at Good Shepherd, I am so thankful for the generosity of our members. Each week, we see the Eversons selling script to aid the church. The crafting ladies work all year to produce a harvest at the craft fair. The trustees keep the lawns mowed and the sidewalks cleared. The Sunday School teachers pour themselves into the next generation. The Altar Guild keeps our communion service sparkling and prepared. The church council and various boards do much of the business of running the church. The blessing brigade sends out notes of encouragement.

There is a LOT of joyful giving at our church. This year, let's also remember to be joyful receivers. Each week, we are offered the gift of forgiveness, fellowship with the Lord and others in worship, the very body and blood of Jesus, teasing us with the blessings of heaven. Indeed, Jesus wants us to receive the gifts of heaven like little children. So, let us all delight in the sweets, the colors, the sounds, the smell of candles, the warm embrace of loved ones, and most important, the heavenly gifts that lead us to everlasting life.

A blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas to you.

Daniel Weiss
Stewardship Chair



Youth Activities

Board of Education

In November we were blessed to have a Youth Ministry Team from Concordia University come and lead a shut-in at Good Shepherd. More than 20 kids from the congregation and area attended. All through the night they participated in faith-filled activities, food, games and lots of fun! Thank you to all the parents that encouraged their youth to attend and to the amazing adult volunteers who helped make this possible.



An ice-breaker at the beginning of the night helped youth get to know each other



Youth preparing to go home and sleep the rest of the weekend



Selfless and brave church volunteers who stayed up through the night helping make Lock-in memories

Sunday School Information

by Nikole Vergin, *Sunday School*

At the end of October, the Sunday School rooms got a fresh coat of paint and an updated look. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. In the new year, there will also be new wall hangings in the rooms.

Sunday School kids are excitedly looking forward to Christmas and the Christmas program. If your child attends Sunday School, please remember that there will be rehearsals on Sunday, December 4th and 11th from 6:30-7:15 pm, plus Saturday the 17th from 9:00-noon.

This year's Christmas program is called "Operation Baby King" and will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, December 18th at the late service. Join angel agent Double O-Heaven and a host of helpers in this delightful Christmas pageant. Agent Double O-H is assigned the mission of ensuring that no nation or single group of people claim the baby king as their own. Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, volunteers, kids, and parents who help make these wonderful Christmas programs possible.

LWML

by Mary Becker, LWML

Greetings to all.

Our LWML SWD Fall Retreat was held on September 23-24 in Fond du Lac, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center. The theme was "Empowered by God's Grace," with the Bible verse, I can do all things through Him who Strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). There were 151 in attendance. We learned more about our God-given gifts and how we use them in our daily lives through our keynote speaker, Karol Selle.

Our retreat offerings were divided between the Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach and the Female Church Workers Scholarship Fund. There were a variety of servant events offered during free time, both Friday night and Saturday, for everyone to enjoy and take part of. This is a wonderful event that I like going to each year.

We held elections in October for the open secretary position that was held by Sharron Ziemer until her resignation. Thank you to Sharron for your service. Our new member, Jill Botsford has graciously accepted the position...Thank you Jill.

Our next National LWML Convention will be held in Milwaukee, June 22-25, 2023 and our SWD is one of the hosts. Please take a look at our bulletin board for more information on ways to help make this convention a big success! The theme is Celebrate the Lord of the Nations, Psalm 33:12-13.

We are excited to report that our National Grant #21, has been paid in full from our mite collections. This grant is being used to support Mercy House, Belize Lutheran Campus.

Our next meeting Tuesday, December 13th will be our Christmas party and will be held at The Roxy at 6:00 pm. All women are welcome, but we will need a count so please call Mary at 920-229-9561 by December 8th.

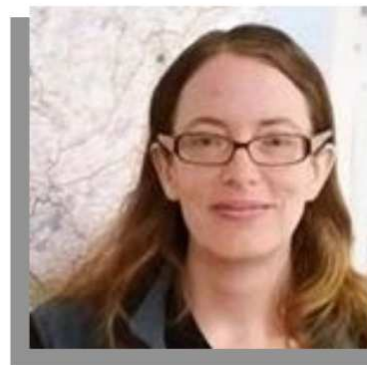
Thank you and God Bless



Mission Update

by Linda Jordan, Wycliff

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
(Psalm 89:1)



Dear Prayer Partners,

Over the past couple of years, I have been on a team of people developing a professional growth plan to guide those who want to learn more about language survey and improve their skills. This growth plan has been pilot tested and uploaded to a website that will help mentors work with mentees who may not live in the same country. It is now ready to use, so we are in the process of matching people up with mentors who can work with them online and help guide them through the plan. I'm excited about this new opportunity to provide ongoing training and support for the surveyors who are working to find the remaining Bible translation needs worldwide.

Praise God that the new professional growth plan for people involved in language survey is now ready to use.

Please pray that the Lord would guide us and give us wisdom as we pair mentors with mentees and support people starting to use the website.

Please pray that the mentors and mentees would work well together and share their knowledge, skills, and experience in mutually beneficial ways.

Thank you so much for your prayers!

Yours in Christ,
Linda Jordan

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Treasurer's Report

by Diane Flouro, Treasurer

As we approach 2023, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is doing great financially. We will be entering 2023 debt free as our mortgage will be paid off in December. Thanks to the entire church body in being diligent in supporting our church financially. There continues to be many needs of this beautiful church and the community we live in. In the last month or so, contributions have dropped a bit for whatever reason. Please consider giving by using Joyful Response. It is an easy way to have automatic contributions go directly to the church. It can be changed, amended, started, or stopped at any time. If you ever have any questions about this option, please feel free to just ask me. Shortly after this Newsletter comes out, we will again be approving our annual budget for 2023. Please take time to review what the Council is proposing for the new year and again, if you have any questions, you know where to find me.

As always, if you would like any details behind the numbers, please feel free and reach out to me. My cell phone is (920) 420-5841 or email at flourodi@yahoo.com.

Yours in Christ,
Diane Flouro, Treasurer

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH		
2022 TREASURER'S SUMMARY	Sept 2022	Oct 2022
Regular Giving	29,559.81	34,874.00
Debt Giving	495.00	951.00
Mission	88.00	324.00
Thrivent Dep	0.00	
Sign Donations	0.00	100.00
Other	278.59	737.00
Interest	28.14	26.30
Scrip Income*	397.87	184.14
Total Income	30,847.41	37,196.44
Total Monthly Expenses (not incl Mtg)	30,553.07	24,955.97
Mortgage Payment	4,920.76	4,936.65
Total Monthly Expenses (incl Mtg)	35,473.83	29,892.62
Monthly 2022 Budget	31,335.00	31,335.00
Monthly Expenses over (Under) Budget	4,138.83	(1,442.38)
Mortgage Balance as of End of Month	16,177.73	11,241.08
Additional Pay Down of Debt	4,920.76	4,936.65
West Point Bank Checking	30,807.60	29,704.61
West Point Bank Savings	4,205.35	4,205.35
West Point Bank Money Market	10,022.90	10,031.28
LCEF Savings	47,099.35	56,260.39

*Sept: Otis elevator repair \$8,750

Altar Care

by Pat Dreger

Have you ever wondered what Altar Care is or does? Altar Care sets up for Communion and cleans up after. The sign-up sheet for 2023 Altar Care is now in the atrium. We are always looking for new people willing to help out with this ministry. If you are able to sign up for the entire month, please sign on both lines for the month. If you can only do certain Sundays, please note the Sundays you are able to do. We now have Communion every Sunday alternating services. If there is a 5th Sunday in the month there is no Communion on that Sunday.



If you are interested in getting involved in Altar Care you can contact me with questions and we can set up a time for me to come give you instruction and help you until you are comfortable doing it by yourself, please call me, Pat Dreger, 420-9665. Thank you for considering helping out.

Looking to Get More Involved at Good Shepherd in 2023?

2023 is almost here! Are you ready to get more involved at Good Shepherd? If so, there are always lots of opportunities. We are all a part of Christ's body and that body doesn't function properly when one or two or six parts decide they're not going to contribute (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).



There are many ways to become more active at Good Shepherd. On this page (and in the worship bulletin) we have listed many but not all of the ways you could use your skills and interests at church. If you have an idea that is not listed, please reach out to the Board Chair that you think your idea would fall under. Contact names and numbers are listed in parentheses and contact information can be found on the the last page of the newsletter or in the church directory.

Social Opportunities

- Become a worship greeter (Vivian Mittelstaedt)
- Help prepare and drop off meals to members in need (Krista Weiss)
- Join the Evangelism Board as they plan outreach ideas and help revamp Missions at Good Shepherd (Keith Casey)
- Contact/or visit our homebound members (Krista Weiss)

Prayer Chain

- Take time to lift up our members and leadership in prayer
- Volunteer to lead the Prayer Chain. This requires a computer, good communication/organizational skills and a desire to prayer regularly for those in need. (Pastor Koepsell)
- Become the Prayer Co-Ordinator at Good Shepherd (co-ordinate with the Prayer Chain, help inspire members to deepen their prayer life, plan prayer events) (Pastor Koepsell)

Church Groups

- Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Mary Becker)
- Women's Bible Study on Saturday mornings (Pat Koltz)
- Men's Bible Study on Saturday mornings (Mike Phillips)
- Adult, Children's or Chime Choir (Cam Bedroske)
- Blessing Brigade (Krista Weiss)
- Altar Guild (Pat Dreger)
- Fellowship Board (Sharon Leinweber)
- Board of Trustees (assist with maintenance of church property both inside and outside) (Craig Dreger)
- Craft Group (Pat Phillips or Pat Dreger)

Youth & Education

- Volunteer to lead a Bible Study (Jennifer Charles)
- Youth Board Leader (Currently Vacant)
- Head up Cradle Roll (a ministry for the families of infants and toddlers following their baptism. During the first three year's of a child's life, resources and encouragement are sent to the parents on a regular schedule. (Krista Weiss)

Changes in 2023

Starting in January 2023, church leadership will look different at Good Shepherd. We want to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to Colonel Keith Casey for serving as Congregational President these last few years. Thank you for your service and guidance. Chad Smith will start serving as Congregational President in January. We are grateful for his willingness to serve the church in this position and also thank him for his time as Congregational Vice President. A new Vice President will be appointed this year.

Our Evangelism board is also undergoing a transformation. Nicole Schroeder has served as Evangelism Chair for the last two years and is now ready to transfer this leadership role to Colonel Casey. Thank you, Nicole, for all your time and dedication to Evangelism at Good Shepherd. We appreciate your service and dedication!

Birthdays

December

Dec 1	Nicole Schroeder	Dec 14	Doreen Dittberner
Dec 2	JoAnn Meier	Dec 14	Richard Tritt
Dec 3	Benjamin Heideman	Dec 16	Deidra Flouro
Dec 4	Richard Keas	Dec 16	Phyllis Huebner
Dec 5	Tami Klauer	Dec 19	Brian Spaeth
Dec 5	Dana Rasmussen	Dec 20	Justin Mielke
Dec 6	Brittany Bandelow	Dec 20	Ken Szweda
Dec 6	Linda Nienass	Dec 21	Sherri Groskreutz
Dec 7	Andrew Makurat	Dec 21	Judy Mielke
Dec 7	Kyle Makurat	Dec 21	Kat Skadahl
Dec 8	Sandra Casey	Dec 21	Carol Zuberbier
Dec 8	Diane Flouro	Dec 22	Ryan Bandelow
Dec 10	Lydia Phillips	Dec 24	Dylan McDonald
Dec 10	Ryan Trost	Dec 26	Ryan Beck
Dec 11	Ella Beck	Dec 26	Kay Radank
Dec 11	Renate Ptotter	Dec 30	Brenda Davis
Dec 13	Bill Macksam	Dec 30	Bette Lienhard
Dec 13	Benjamin Wiley	Dec 31	Heather Beck

January

Jan 1	Kari Steinbeck	Jan 15	Shawn Kirchoff
Jan 3	Susan Schaefers	Jan 15	Stacy Martin
Jan 4	Danielle Flouro	Jan 15	Keith Reetz
Jan 4	Diana Trinoskey	Jan 15	Cody Skadahl
Jan 6	Kurt Brunner	Jan 15	Zoe Skadahl
Jan 6	Zoe Brunner	Jan 19	Tom Dunham
Jan 7	Lynn Kramer	Jan 19	Lea Potratz
Jan 8	Gavin McMillan	Jan 20	Bill Fenlon
Jan 9	Elisha Charles	Jan 21	Bill Koltz
Jan 9	Bryan Koch	Jan 22	Rick Rasmussen
Jan 10	Alfred Ptotter	Jan 23	Paul Mittelstaedt
Jan 10	Brad Wiley	Jan 24	Kathy Groskreutz
Jan 11	Valorie Gebel	Jan 26	Camala Bedroske
Jan 11	Rori Hinrichs	Jan 26	Mike Zellner
Jan 11	Bill Wagner	Jan 27	Fallon Crowe
Jan 12	Ashlyn Casey	Jan 29	Marlee Potratz
Jan 13	Katherine Purath	Jan 31	Chad Berry
Jan 14	Jenny Mehn	Jan 31	Sandra Dordel
Jan 14	Jimmy Smith	Jan 31	Brenda Hawig
Jan 15	Darci Doan		

Wedding Anniversaries

December

Dec 6	Ronald and JoAnn Meier (70)
Dec 13	Seth and Jessie McDonald (19)
Dec 18	Derek and Reagan Pope (1)
Dec 24	Pete and Judy Mehn (28)
Dec 26	Rev. Mark and Edna Hayman (51)
Dec 27	Kevin and Ellen Konrad (25)
Dec 29	Chad and Elyssa Berry (11)
Dec 31	Steve and Jodi Breitenbach-Casey (2)

*"Be devoted to
one another in love.
Honor one another
above yourselves."*

-Romans 12:10

January

Jan 3	Mike and Genie Kuble (42)
Jan 14	Eric and Linda Nienass (39)

Schedule of Events

December

December 4th - 9:30 am Voter's Meeting
6:30-7:15 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 7th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm Advent Worship
5:30-6:15 pm Free Advent Meal

December 11th - 6:30-7:15 pm Christmas Program
Rehearsal

December 14th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm Advent Worship
5:30-6:15 pm Free Advent Meal

December 17th - 9:00-noon Christmas Program
Rehearsal

December 18th - 10:30 am Christmas Program
"Operation Baby King"

December 21st - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm Advent Worship
5:30-6:15 pm Free Advent Meal

Christmas Eve Worship Services - 10:30 am, 4:00 pm,
6:30 pm (preservice music starting at 6:00 pm)

Christmas Morning Worship Service - 9:00 AM

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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!



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Worship Services:
 Wednesday 10: 30 am & 6:30 pm during Advent
 Thursday - 6:30 pm after Christmas
 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 (on break during Advent)
 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.