

THE PARISH PULSE



How Stuff Works

BY PASTOR KOEPEL

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

**Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—
while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?...”**

—From the book of Job, chapter 38.

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

The verses above (along with the rest of God’s Words to Job) give me goosebumps every time I read them. There are so many things we take for granted. The sun coming up tomorrow. The moon shining tonight. The pull of that moon and the tide that comes in. So much more, and it’s all awesome.

I had to buy a car last March because my good old Honda “Pontius” Pilot died. I got a used Nissan Rogue. I push a button, it starts, I drive. There are many things my car can do that I don’t even take advantage of or know. It gets me where I want to go and that’s really all I care about. I was happy early this winter when I learned I could push another button to disengage the “non-slip” traction and could do burnies in the church parking lot!

I have a smartphone that can do hundreds of things that I don’t know how to do. I can make a call, send a text, take a picture... and maybe a couple of other things, but I am not using it to its full potential. I don’t care either. And I have no idea how it works. How can we send a video through the air to someone thousands of miles away again? It’s beyond my line of reasoning.

Even as a trained Theologian, there are a lot of things in God’s Word I don’t know or understand. And, as some of you may know full well, the more we learn, the more we find out we don’t know. God’s Word is like that. Life is like that.

Sometimes I’ll read a Bible text, look at different commentaries on that text and get three or four different meanings. We have discussions in our Bible studies on a certain Bible verse or story that go off in a plethora of different directions. There’s speculation, there’s assumptions, there’s opinions about different texts or stories that draw a whole new light on the text. That’s good. That’s how God’s Word works, and it’s fun to learn new things!

But...when discussing and speculating different things, one thing has to be kept in mind, (and I’ve been reminded of this multiple times by one of our very own members at Good Shepherd) it’s this, “Is it necessary for salvation?”

Just like it’s not necessary for me to know everything about my car (and how it works) or my phone (and how it works), it’s also not necessary for me to know everything about the Bible (and how it works). I, like you, know enough...what’s necessary for salvation!

But, just like when I found the “non-slip” traction button in my car...learning new stuff about God’s Word and how it all fits together can be, and is indeed, fun!

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Consider checking out one of our Bible studies. Start one of your own! Dig deep into God's Word this year and learn new things!

I'm excited to celebrate all of the fantastic things with you that are going on at your church this year. 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.

Unexpected Planning

by Fred Kirchenwitz, *Head of Elders*

Over the past year as I've written these articles for the Parish Pulse, I've always tried to choose a topic that is biblically based with the hope of maybe motivating others to service within the congregation. I felt that if you wanted to know what the Board of Elders was up to, you could simply read the minutes from our meetings (courtesy of Tom Dunham). But maybe instead of trying to motivate this time, I thought I would share one of the Elders goals for 2023, and that is to develop a Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for the congregation.

Being members of Good Shepherd I think we can agree that while we are not OF the world, we are IN the world. What I mean by that is our faith separates us from the secular world, but it does not keep us from experiencing the sin that goes on there. It seems that not a week goes by when we don't hear or see in the news of another senseless stabbing, shooting or bombing. The unfortunate common thread generally seems to be a quote from someone who lived through it saying, "We never thought this would happen here." They then become a footnote in the long list of places that share these very tragic occurrences. A CMP probably can't stop one of these occurrences from happening, but there is a lot of good it can do! It can aide the congregation by providing specific procedures to follow in the event of a crisis situation. Whether that be a medical emergency, a menacing person, or a weapons threat. It can also have a crisis response team established to follow up after the dust has settled.

I'm sure by now that some of you who are reading this are probably thinking this is all very extreme, but in October of 2022 Sergeant Todd Wrage of the Oshkosh Police Department came in and spoke to the Council and the Elders as a group. He explained that while these tragedies are all unique in their own way, there are a couple of absolutes. First, is that we're not sure how every individual is going to react, and secondly (and most important) the worst thing you can do is NOTHING! So while I was never a boy scout, I adhere to the adage of, "Fail to prepare..... prepare to fail!" That then is our purpose as a Board of Elders with this CMP is to be as prepared as possible. God willing we will never have to put this plan into practice, but we certainly wouldn't be looking out for our members if we didn't have one in place.

I realize now that as I look back at this letter it certainly wasn't motivational or inspiring, just informative. It spoke about some of the dark things that go on in our society and how we have to deal with them. But haven't we as Christians always had to deal with these things? John's Gospel says of Jesus, "*In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*" So while I think it is necessary we have a CMP, I still believe the best way to deal with the darkness is to show and tell people of the light that resides in us, the members of Good Shepherd, and that is our Savior Jesus Christ!

In His Service,
Fred Kirchenwitz



New Year, New Roles

by Chad Smith, *Congregational President*

Hello Good Shepherd Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and a few goals as we kick off 2023. First a little about me. My wife Susie and I have been members of Good Shepherd since we came to the Oshkosh area in 2010. Most of you know us and have watched our four little blessings grow up in the church. Alex, Colton, Henry, and Thomas keep us on our toes to say the least. Most note their charm and matching Carhartt jackets that they wear most of the winter. I am so joyful Good Shepherd is part of their upbringing.

I am a lifelong LCMS member. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Grafton. Susie and I were married at Prince of Peace in Spring Lake Park, MN. I have been serving as Vice President of the Congregation for a few years now. Since Keith has decided to step back from the Presidency after much thought, prayer and encouragement I welcomed the opportunity to lead the church council. Don't worry, Keith is not going anywhere, in fact he is taking over Evangelism as Nicole steps back to focus on her family. Thank you Nicole for all your work the past few years. The mission of the month is awesome!

Moving on to my goals for 2023.

1. Council Vacancies: If you haven't taken the chance to get to know your Church Council, please do so. They are an awesome group of people coming from very diverse backgrounds, careers, and viewpoints with a single mission to propel your Church forward with the gifts God gave them. We are extremely blessed with the talents of this group, but we also have vacancies in Vice President and Youth on the Council that need to be filled as soon as possible. If you have any interest in a leadership or support role, or have any thoughts on who would make a good candidate, please let myself or Pastor know.

2. Strategic Planning: As you probably know by now, your church is debt free! What an amazing feeling that was for me, immediately being followed by angst over what is next! At the end of 2022 we launched a strategic planning initiative to figure out where we go from here. Trickling to the top of the list were building upgrades such as sound and lighting and a long term staffing plan. Based on our growing membership and number of services, I strongly feel our Pastor needs some additional support in the ministry. I also feel strongly that Pastor Koepsell will make a great mentor for our future staff with the goal of freeing him up to further care for our members and his family.

With all of this, I will push the Council to continue to be good stewards of the treasures you all bless your Church with. The words "How does this spending expand the Kingdom of God" resonates in my head as we deliberate on decisions. If you need any feedback on how fiscally conservative/frugal I am you may consult my wife or the parking lot for the 2003 Silverado I purchased when I graduated college and still drive today.

We have a great start on planning and a great team working on this, but always welcome your thoughts on support on where you think we should go from here.

3. Get YOU, yes YOU involved. 12 years ago if you asked me if I would be president of the Church Council, I would have probably laughed out loud. We went to church, we sat in back like any good Lutheran, but that was about it. Today, we still sit in the back, but God had a plan and here I am.

During the heights of the COVID shutdown, Pete Mehn and I were fumbling through a test of Facebook Live. We did an actual broadcast vs a test video and unarguably, it was terrible. As they say, God works in mysterious ways. Chris Hibbens, who happens to work in video broadcast saw our struggle and got us on the right path a few days later. He loaned us a camera and got sound connected to it. Pete used his gifts to set up the laptop software and we were off and running. Pete and Matt Toll stream the service every week. These men don't ask for credit or recognition, but without these members blessing us with their talents we wouldn't have this important part of our ministry today.

There are so many of you with so many talents that I don't know, so I ask you to self-reflect and think about what is God's plan for you?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I truly feel blessed to be part of this Church and part of this Council. I ask your prayers and your patience for all of us as we continue to do what we think is right for your church, but again, we always welcome your feedback. The best way to get a hold of me is via email or text. I do work full time and have many family activities so my responses may not be instantaneous, but I'll do my best to get back to you.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified and do not be overwhelmed, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

In His Service and Yours,
Chad Smith

Not Missing Out

by Sharon Leinweber, Fellowship Chair

Dear Friends in Faith,

Happy 2023! I pray that God blesses each and every one of you in this new year.

Fellowship. What exactly does the word fellowship mean? Each of us has our own thoughts about what fellowship means so I think it is time to hit the dictionary. According to Websters dictionary fellowship has several different meanings – companionship, friendly association, a mutual sharing, a group of people with a shared interest, an endowment. Hmmm....

OK, that helps but what does Fellowship mean at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? I have thoughts on it and I am sure you do as well. When I think of Fellowship at Good Shepherd I think of involvement. Getting involved in what is happening at church will provide opportunities for Fellowship. Something as simple as offering to bring treats for Fellowship Hour on Sunday to joining in when working around the church to joining a board. All of this is Fellowship at work at Good Shepherd.



Battery-power

I received the following from a dear friend and I think it is a great example of Fellowship:

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?

Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?

Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA... attention and affection

Some need AAA... attention, affection, and acceptance

Some need C... compassion

Some need D... direction

And if they still do not seem to shine.....simply sit with them quietly and share your LIGHT.

What will Fellowship at Good Shepherd look like in 2023? Do you have ideas? Let any of the board members know your ideas. All are welcome to attend a Fellowship Board meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm. Come check us out.

God's Blessing

Sharon Leinweber

Education News

With Lent quickly approaching, Advent can seem like a very long time ago. However, I would like to take this chance to once again thank all the wonderful Sunday School teachers, parents of students, musicians, and volunteers who helped our Christmas Program, "Operation Baby King" happen. The kids certainly had a great time and enjoyed performing for the congregation.

The Board of Education is already looking forward to upcoming events. We are excited to announce that VBS will be back this summer! Please save the date of Saturday, July 22nd. Plans have already begun to make this a fun, meaningful event for the children at Good Shepherd and those in the community.



Rebuilding the Foundations and Restoring God's People

by Daniel Weiss, *President of SILS*

The title above is the theme for our big event that is now less than four months away. From May 18-20, I will be meeting with hundreds of Christian Leaders at the Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit in Jacksonville, FL. I am pleased with our selection of presentations and speakers. Consider some of our keynote presentations:

- A Theology of Attachment: The Story of Human Connection from Scripture and Neuroscience
- Together for Better: A Successful Partnership Between a Pastor and a Therapist
- Beyond Behavior: Matters of the Heart Around Sexuality

We also have some wonderful breakout workshops, including:

- A Holistic Approach to Leadership Health and Integrity
- Forgiveness Among Us: For Self, Others, and as Professionals
- Reaching Youth with Messages on Sexuality
- Developing Biblical Sexual Formation in a Porn-entrenched Culture
- Abortion and Men: Recognizing and Healing the Father's Wound



This will be our fifth conference and the number of attendees continues to grow. Some ministries bring their entire staff to the event and we have several churches that have brought multiple staff several years in a row. Visit SexualIntegrityLeaders.com to learn more about the event.

Please pray for me as I prepare all the details and that 1. God would be glorified in all that we do; and 2. that the attendees would be well-served. Thank you for your support.

Daniel Weiss

Brushfires Foundation President

Music Ministry

by Cam Bedroske, *Director of Music*

We are soon entering the beautiful reflective season of Lent. On February 22, we celebrate Ash Wednesday. If you have been looking for a time to join the Adult Choir, now is a great time. We are learning new music, reviewing former pieces and just truly enjoying each other's company. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:30-7:30 pm. You are always welcome.

Chime Choir is a wonderful group of fun musicians. We are looking for 1-3 more players so that we are able to tackle some larger pieces of music and fill out the octave playing. If you can read rhythms, maybe you took piano lessons or played an instrument at some point in your life? Well, you are just right for this group. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:15 pm. Feel free to check us out. You could observe us any night, and try it out, then see what you think!

Lenten Meditation is set again for Palm Sunday. This is a concert of sacred choral and instrumental music focusing on Jesus' Passion. There are Scripture readings and music. It has been a tradition for many years here at Good Shepherd. We invite a string quartet to play with the choir and also stunning pieces that they play alone. It is an inspirational way to begin the Holy Week. Please attend and ask a friend to come with you. You will be blessed! The date is Sunday April 2nd at 3:00 pm.

Our sweet and small Children's Choir is a true delight to direct. This quintet of kids brightens my Sunday evenings. We are focusing on more instrumental stuff and they love it. Perhaps you have heard them play the chimes or xylophones already. Thank you parents of these kids! You are welcome to join them on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:15 pm.

Grace Abounds,
Cam Bedroske

An Ending and a Beginning

by Daniel Weiss, *Head of Stewardship*

Happy New Year, friends. Have you ever stopped to think that we end each year by celebrating Christmas and begin the next by...celebrating Christmas! I love following along with the liturgical calendar. There's so much richness to our holy days that the secular world misses. Rudolph is relevant on foggy nights once a year, Frosty melts each spring, and Santa Clause doesn't even let people see him on the one night of the year he goes out in public. On the other hand, we are able to treasure the Only-Begotten Son of God all year long.

Just as there are endings and beginnings of years, our church is at the crossroads of some major endings and beginnings. I am in what must be a very rare position for a Stewardship chairperson. Our church is now officially debt free. So, what is there to steward? Job well done? Not at all.

When I became stewardship chair, I realized and have endeavored to view stewardship as our collective ability and desire to wisely use all of the resources God has given to us. This means so much more than our "treasure." We are called to be good stewards of our time, talents, gifts of service, relationships, bodies, minds, and spirits. The whole world belongs to God and He is ever calling us to joyfully join Him in His ongoing mission on earth.

Here at Good Shepherd, there are many ways to do this. You may join a board to help manage the church's weekly business. You might become an usher or serve in the Altar Guild or with the Craft Ladies. You might help care for the building and grounds. Two immediate needs we have are for a congregational vice-president and a chair for the Board of Youth. Please carefully pray about whether God might be calling you into one of these positions.

Another area of service that we are embarking on as a congregation is our strategic planning initiatives. The voters approved monies in this year's budget to upgrade certain elements of our building. The upgrades we are exploring are improvements to the sanctuary lighting and sound and to make the fellowship hall in the basement more inviting. If you would like to help with any of these ideas, please contact me at dweiss@brushfiresfoundation.org.

Finally, you are all invited to attend a special Debt-Burning worship service and celebration on Saturday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We will begin with worship (there is an actual worship service for this in our Lutheran Service book!) and a catered meal with special activities and a raffle to raise money for student and international ministries at UW-Madison.

Everyone is invited, but we ask you to RSVP at <https://forms.gle/XdJGNxpAfV9RH6XB9> to help us plan for the food and meal seating.

One more thing: Please stop sending in envelope donations to Debt Reduction. You may dedicate those monies to the general fund or to our Strategic Planning Initiatives. If you have been doing automatic online giving to Debt, please contact Diane Flouro to change the designation of these funds, (920) 420-5841 or email at flourodi@yahoo.com

Daniel Weiss
Stewardship Chair



LWML

by Mary Becker, LWML

I want to wish everyone a joyous, healthy and peaceful 2023 as we continue to walk with our Lord and strive to do His will and serve Him with gladness.

We have a busy year ahead of us, starting with a Pre-Lenten Prayer Service on Saturday, February 11 at Divine Savior, North Fond du Lac starting at 10am. A lite breakfast will be served before the start of the service. More information can be found on our bulletin board. They do need to know the number of participants so if you plan to attend please call Mary at 920.229.9561 by Wednesday, February 8th. We will meet on the morning of the 11th at Good Shepherd's parking lot by 9:15am to carpool. All are welcome to join us.



Zone 11 Spring Rally is Saturday, April 22, Trinity Lutheran Church & School in Menasha. Registration is at 8:45am, with a devotion at 9:15, and a breakfast brunch to follow. Guest speakers will be Reverend Timothy and Deb Kinne; "Something Wonderful Happened Here; A Visit to The Holy Land." Gifts from the Heart donations will benefit Trinity Food Pantry and Harbor House Abuse Shelter, Appleton. Needed items and information are posted on our bulletin board.

Come enjoy the cool breeze off Lake Michigan, June 22-25. The Lutheran Women in Missions of the North Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and South Wisconsin Districts, invite you to the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in beautiful Milwaukee. The theme is "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" Psalm 33:12-13. Opportunities abound as we plan to "Worship together with our sisters and brothers in Christ! Share the Good News with everyone the Lord places in our path. Fellowship with good friends while meeting new ones. Enjoy accomplishing God's work with LWML sisters and brothers in Christ!" Wednesday, June 21st, before the convention starts, the Tee Up 4 Mites Charity Golf Scramble will be held. All information is posted on our LWML bulletin board by the restrooms.

Two more events happening this year are our Fall Retreat in September and our Zone 11 Fall Rally in October which will be hosted by Trinity, Oshkosh and Good Shepherd ladies and held at Good Shepherd. More information will come at a later date. Please check our bulletin board for more information and any questions call Mary at 920.229.9561.

Thank you and God Blessings to you.

Job /Ministry Opportunity

The following need has come to Good Shepherd's attention. Please share with anyone you feel could be a good fit.

"Thank you so much for your support of A Place of Refuge! The Lord of Life continues to do great things through our humble efforts. We do need your help in filling a crucial role at Refuge House, Refuge House Manager.

A Place of Refuge is a life-affirming ministry that exists to help pregnant women give birth to their babies in a safe supportive Christ-centered environment. We seek a strong woman of faith with a servant heart who can inspire residents to be their best self, and the best mother they can be. The women we are privileged to serve are precious children of God with intrinsic value. Both mom and baby are equally worthy of our love and protection. At our shelter, Refuge House, we empower women to set attainable goals to learn the necessary life skills for future independent living. Transformational changes evidenced by her increasing confidence, positive sense of self awareness, motivation, and learned parenting skills are celebrated and affirmed with joyful encouragement.

Are you excited to be part of this life-affirming, life-changing ministry? We welcome you with your God-given gifts to apply for the full-time, live-in position of Refuge House Manager! For job descriptions and other information, please contact APOR Executive Director, Deaconess Grace Rao, at raogv57@yahoo.com or (414) 760-2483. A Place of Refuge is located in Milwaukee."

Mission Update - Used Eye Glasses

A "Mission of the Month" recipient

Thank you so much for your recent donation of eyeglasses to MOST Ministries. Your donation helps keep our storeroom stocked with eyeglasses ready to send worldwide as hosts request an eyeglass team.



As a group of South African community members wait their turn to enter the eyeglass clinic, the MOST Ministries team shares about eye health. At this time they also learn how the eyeglass clinic works, what to expect and instructions are given on how to make a simple saline solution for the new eyedroppers they will be given at the clinic. These eyedroppers are so important in areas where we serve. With the swirling dust, immense sun and cooking over an open fire, eye protection and eye drops help reduce some of the preventable eye diseases they often encounter. That is also why we take non-prescription sunglasses on each team. If you are looking for a group activity to do at home with your family, small group, etc., email me at kbone@mostministries.

We give thanks to God for safe travel for our teams so far this year. We have four teams leaving in the coming two months, two to Guatemala (Eyeglass and Medical), one to Honduras (Eyeglass) and one to South Africa (Eyeglass). Please pray for safe travel, that the community members we serve will see the Lord in all we do and say and that all is done to the Glory of our Lord. As we seek God's guidance at MOST Ministries, please also pray for our staff, international hosts, team leaders, church liaisons, and volunteer team members. We are blessed that "This IS the day that the Lord has made" and we are rejoicing that he has brought us all together. Thank you for your support and prayers.

You are precious in His sight and in ours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly".

Kelly Bone
Business Manager and Volunteer Director

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!
Isaiah 52:7 (NL T)



Treasurer's Report

by Diane Flouro, Treasurer

Welcome to 2023, as you may all know, the debt has been paid off and our balance is currently ZERO ☺ Again, thank you to all who contributed to Good Shepherd in the past 20 or so years to help accomplish this goal. We now have new goals for the future, including various strategic initiatives that we would like to begin to fund. There is a list posted on the bulletin board by the upstairs kitchen that lists some of the projects we are looking at. Please consider donating to these worthwhile projects in the future to further expand our church body/outreach. Anyone interested in giving through Joyful Response can reach out to me to get this initiated. I will also be putting forms in the Atrium near the new member pictures, so you can simply pick one up and return it to me if you would like to start this electronic giving. It is a very simple form and ensures the church's contributions remain steady whether you are out of town or not. If you ever have any questions about this option, please feel free to just ask 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

2022 TREASURER'S SUMMARY		Nov 2022	Dec 2022*
Regular Giving		30,691.00	42,301.11
Debt Giving		475.00	370.00
Mission		115.00	346.00
Thrivent Dep		7.00	
Sign Donations		0.00	
Other		1,004.63	3,253.25
Other-Craft Fair		11,675.80	
Interest		29.38	29.06
Scrip Income*		92.72	601.92
Total Income		44,090.53	46,901.34
Total Monthly Expenses (not incl Mtg)		25,922.74	50,544.15
Mortgage Payment		4,952.59	4,968.58
Total Monthly Expenses(incl Mtg)		30,875.33	55,512.73
Monthly 2022 Budget		31,335.00	31,335.00
Monthly Expenses over (Under) Budget		(459.67)	24,177.73
Mortgage Balance as of End of Month		6,288.49	0.00
Additional Pay Down of Debt		4,952.59	6,288.49
West Point Bank Checking		35,172.33	79,927.48
West Point Bank Savings		7,769.44	6,779.44
West Point Bank Money Market		10,035.40	10,039.52
LCEF Savings		63,859.65	12,961.44

*Dec: Sign costs included of \$20,661 + addtl loan payoff of \$1,319.91

Scrip

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Scrip at Good Shepherd. Last year, the church earned over \$2,700 in rebates from the Scrip program. When members purchase Scrip gift cards, Good Shepherd gets a percentage back from that sale.

For example, if you shop at Festival and buy a \$100 Scrip card, the church will receive \$3. It may not seem not seem like much but in a church of over 250 active members, the proceeds can add up quickly!

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If you have any questions about Scrip, please contact Linda Everson, ramsfanl@yahoo.com

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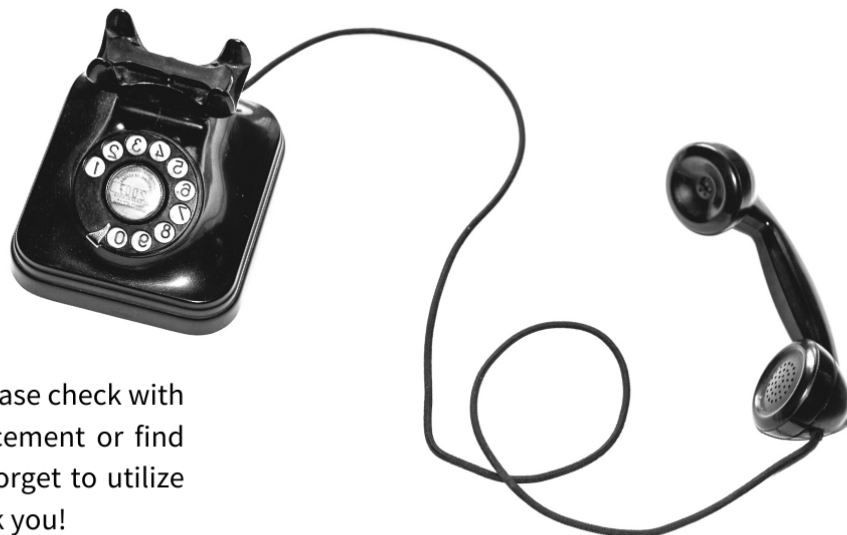
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Pastoral Visits

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:

- Thursday - 6:30 pm (before Lent)
- Wednesdays 10:30 am & 6:30 pm (During Lent, beginning Feb. 22)
- 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.

Birthdays

February

Feb 1	Debra Cooley	Feb 12	Lynn Bridwell
Feb 1	Jeff Phillips	Feb 12	Mike Phillips
Feb 4	Grace Leiden	Feb 13	Aaron McMillan
Feb 4	Ashley Rock	Feb 15	Reagan Bandelow
Feb 4	Phyllis Sasse	Feb 15	Wayne Guy
Feb 5	Larry Paulus	Feb 15	Jane Koplitz
Feb 6	Ruth Galow	Feb 16	Joshua Martin
Feb 6	Debbie Last	Feb 17	Bud Hoepfner
Feb 6	Samantha Stephenson	Feb 17	Maddox McMillan
Feb 7	Don Davis	Feb 18	Liz Hoversten
Feb 7	Justine Nitzke	Feb 19	Alyssa Casey
Feb 8	Jeff Dunham	Feb 19	Ted Strobel
Feb 8	Kim Reetz	Feb 21	Shirley Radloff
Feb 9	Lisa Feldner	Feb 24	Bonnie Borgen
Feb 9	Gary Galow	Feb 24	Branden Mike
Feb 9	Ethan Klatt	Feb 24	Donna Tritt
Feb 9	Kirsten Klatt	Feb 25	Noah Hinrichs
Feb 10	Amanda Hibben	Feb 25	Riley Kirchenwitz
Feb 11	Jason Ahlers	Feb 26	Lee Kantin
Feb 11	Allen Gebel	Feb 26	Lauren Purath
Feb 11	Amelia Mielke	Feb 29	Colin Steinbeck
Feb 11	Liam Mielke		

March

Mar 1	Nathan Kiffmeyer	Mar 16	Joel Nitzke
Mar 1	Nolan Kiffmeyer	Mar 17	Deb Radloff
Mar 2	Akira Cooley	Mar 17	Lois Schroeder
Mar 3	Christine Feutz	Mar 20	Ryan Makurat
Mar 4	Melissa Kirchoff	Mar 20	Katie Rodig
Mar 6	Ella Smith	Mar 20	Bronson Weed
Mar 8	Aiden Spaeth	Mar 21	Colton Smith
Mar 9	Silvie Weiss	Mar 23	Nathan Kirchenwitz
Mar 10	Brian Haag	Mar 26	Thomas Adamski
Mar 10	Steve Ludwig	Mar 26	Allie Heideman
Mar 11	Barbara Kolb	Mar 28	Mat Bandelow
Mar 12	Sophie Bridwell	Mar 28	Robert Loewe
Mar 13	Steve Bridwell	Mar 29	Jace Koepsell
Mar 14	Amy Hoepfner	Mar 29	Jon Mielke
Mar 15	Jody Davis	Mar 31	Craig Mittelstaedt
Mar 15	Marie Koch	Mar 31	Caleb Schroeder
Mar 15	George Suwalski		

Wedding Anniversaries

February

Feb 3	Bill and Louise Gabert (27)
Feb 4	Dian Sheldon and John (34)
Feb 15	Matt and Julie Toll (9)
Feb 19	Mike and Michelle Tyriver (12)

*"Be devoted to
one another in love.
Honor one another
above yourselves."
-Romans 12:10*

March

Mar 11	John and Jody Davis (23)
Mar 15	Alfred and Renate Piottter (65)
Mar 17	Karyl Stephenson and Patrick (33)
Mar 28	Jacob and Nicole Schroeder (3)
Mar 30	Gene and Donna Gohlke (55)

Official Church Acts

Called to Heavenly Home

Michael Kramer	10/30/1968 - 12/8/2022
Bert Behm	4/18/1931 - 12/14/2022

Baptized

Ruby Joann Wais, daughter of Matthew & Alexandra Wais	12/18/2022
Isaac James Stephenson, son of Joseph & Samantha Stephenson	1/22/2023



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Lenten Schedule

The purpose of the Lenten services is to invite us into a time of contemplation as we look at the way in which our Lord suffered, the necessity of that suffering, and the importance of our participation in that suffering. While Advent was a time of curiosity and wonder, Lent is a time for us to reflect on the centrality of the Cross. Midweek Lenten services are not the same as Sunday services. This year, the Lenten sermon series will focus on "Spiritual Vision Problems". We encourage you to attend these mid-week services them and pray that you are blessed by them.

Worship Times

Wednesday, February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 1st, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 8th, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 15th, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 22nd, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 29th, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Lenten Meditation

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 3:00 pm

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 6th 12:30 & 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 7th 12:30 & 6:30 pm

Easter Morning, April 9th 6:30, 8:00 & 10:30 am

Midweek Schedule Changes

During Lent, Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study will be on hiatus. However, there is still Adult Bible Study every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 10:15 am. We encourage you to attend this time of study and meet members that do not usually the attend Mid-Week study.

Wednesday evenings during Lent, Good Shepherd will be offering a free-will offering meal. Each week, a different group/board from church will be hosting a meal. These meals not only provide a break from cooking, they offer a time to fellowship with members you may not know. Consider attending these meals to help feed your body and then go to service and feed your soul. Meals are from 5:30-6:15 pm.