

THE PARISH PULSE



Health and Welfare Check

BY PASTOR KOEPEL

Greetings people of the Good Shepherd!

I seriously pray as I write this that you are enjoying every possible minute of your God-given life and you are seeing God's blessings every day. Every year we like to do a "state of Good Shepherd" report. Following are just a few tidbits of what's up at your Church. Read further to see more, and please come to our annual meeting on Sunday, February 25th (9:15 am-10:15 am) to hear even more details of what we've accomplished as God's people and what we are planning to do as God's people in the future...

[2024 Pastors Report \(Year end for 2023\)](#)

We're still working on the "now what?".

"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 (paint/sound/light/garden/yard work/basement re-vamp) to looking at hiring staff (director of Christian Education?, 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 another strong and stable year for Good Shepherd. Thanks be to God! 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. We're still seeing a plethora of guests enter our doors on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings for worship. A handful of new groups have formed over the last year. Thanks again to the "Blessing Brigade" which sends out cards to people and helps people in the event of a need. We also started a Friday night "game night" which is a fun way to get to know and compete with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. 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 2023 will push us up hill in 2024 and it's going to be another great year here in Oshkosh.

Thank you for everything...Doing things without being asked, cleaning and taking 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.

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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. Our musical staff and Sunday school staff are amazing for dedicating 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 and comfort care, as well as, taking care of the prayer partner/mentor program for our confirmands. Our Lutheran Woman's Missionary League (LWML) at Good Shepherd is moving forward and has also met their 2023 goal with the collection of our mites...helping change the world with Christ's message and their mighty-mites...Thanks you, LWML! We are also blessed with in incredible office staff and a formative group of volunteers that keeps things rolling and moving forward. Thank you all! The craft fair keeps breaking records with sales and attendance (and is very generous with their blessings). Last year Christmas Eve had a record numbers of attendees, as did our Lenten Mediation and Hymn Sing. And, my favorite: your church was blessed to give \$22,000 to missions locally and abroad! Thanks be to God!

There's more that will be covered in the official report, but for these intents and purposes:

- Good Shepherd is stable. On average, we worshipped 265 people/week in 2023. This is appx. 49% of our membership, but is not counting the 150 views/week via Facebook/Website. For comparison, the average in 2022 was 220.

Let's look at some stats beginning with Official Acts (from 2023)

- 2023 Worship Service attendance total average weekly (total number of worshippers/52 weeks): 265
- 2022 Average: 220

The following were received into His kingdom by the Sacrament of HOLY BAPTISM...

1. Isaac James Stephenson, son of Joe and Samantha Stephenson on 01/22/2023
2. Zoey Leinweber, daughter of Adam and Amber Leinweber on 03/05/2023
3. Liam Luethy, son of Brian and Lois Luethy on 03/19/2023
4. Divina Kay Myers, daughter of Brian and Elizabeth Myers on 05/14/2023
5. Naomi Schroeder, daughter of Jacob Nicole Schroeder on 06/04/2022
6. Clara Lee Clappes, daughter of Dean and Leah Clappes on 09/14/2023
7. Wren Louise Eichhorn, daughter of Riley and Samantha Eichhorn on 12/22/2023

-May the blessings of our Lord rest upon these baptized, and may the children continue to grow in their God-given faith in Christ.-

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION (Confirmed on 05-14-2023_

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| 1. William Beck | 7. Kinsey Koepsell |
| 2. Abigail Breitenbach-Casey | 8. Dylan McDonald |
| 3. Matthias Charles | 9. Riley Mugerauer |
| 4. Gweneviere Cooley | 10. Matthew Stinski |
| 5. Mila Crowe | 11. Avarie Tritt |
| 6. Shawn Kirchoff | 12. Walker Feutz |

MARRIAGE

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| 1. Nick Hearn and Lauren Potratz | Married: 08-26-2023 |
| 2. Brady & Logan Wagner | Married: 10-07-2023 |

+ CALLED TO THEIR ETERNAL HOME +

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| 1. Harold E. (Bud) Hoepfner | Death: 06-13-2023 |
| 2. Janet Dunham | Death: 06-19-2023 |
| 3. Sharon M. Hoepfner | Death: 11-02-2023 |
| 4. Josephine N. Henriksen | Death: 11-26-2023 |
| 5. Jerome Weber | Death: 12-23-2023 |

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NEW MEMBERS

1. Joe & Lisa Abitz, Carter, Drew
2. Debra Brand
3. Barry & Linda Brehmer
4. Verna Butt
5. Mary Busby
6. Kelly & Debi Crowe
7. Matt & Betsy Drexler
8. Ken Durant
9. Heather Freiberg
10. Clair Kentopp
11. Greg & Natasha Killian and children
12. Jake & Katherine Lee
13. Wes & Erin Lungwitz, Dominic, Jameson
14. Brian & Elizabeth Meyers
15. Jim & Jennifer Navin
16. Erin Schettle, Marleene, Jaiden, Kenna
17. Jack & Joni Schloesser
18. Abby Stowe
19. Charles & Justine Whittaker
20. Nancy Williams



All in all - 48 New members welcomed in 2023 including Children and baptisms— 60 if you include confirmands.

Transferred/Released (Loss of members) FROM GOOD SHEPHERD - 2023

1. Chad & Alyssa Berry, Lily, Charles, & Ella (moved out of area)
2. Armand & Angela Lewis and family (moved out of area)
3. Abby Gallenberger (moved out of area)
4. Ron & Kathy Groskreutz (moved out of area)
5. Adam Schmidt (moved out of area)

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY – DECEMBER 31, 2023

*Communicant Membership:	437
Children:	108
Baptized Membership (Communicants & Children):	545
*ACTIVE Members:	270 (ish)

*Your pastor’s definition of “active membership” are those who worship faithfully, take some ownership of their church and are involved in one way or another with their time, talents or treasures. This number is always changing.)

That’s all for now. Please mark your calendars and do your best to attend the Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 25th (9:15 am-10:15 am) to find out about what the Boards at Good Shepherd accomplished in 2023 and their plans for 2024.

See you soon! -P.G.



Momentum

by Chad Smith, *Congregational President*

Greetings Good Shepherd,

Though it felt like it would never come, winter is well upon us! The new year is in full swing, painting has started, and the sanctuary lights have been updated! The difference is outstanding. Thank you to the many volunteers on our Board of Trustees for getting all this done!

We approved the church budget in early January. We outlined many projects to update our Church and deliberately increased our Mission's budget by over 50%. This line item has been ~\$13,000 in our budget for some time. The Board of Evangelism has done an excellent job of impacting the community with our Mission of the Month and now we have earmarked an extra \$7,000 to make even more of an impact.

I'm excited for all the plans we have in the works including a sound system, stained glass in the atrium, garage movement, and some potential work in the basement. The people of Good Shepherd have truly blessed her with their treasures to make all these projects happen and these mission donations possible.

We also have many things we want to work on as a Council, including a review of our Constitution and a financial review. We need people to champion some of these projects, in particular the basement and the Constitution review. If you have any interest in helping, please reach out to me.

In closing, I want to use a little of my space to thank Leslie Mason for her time on Council as our Recording Secretary. Leslie is truly a blessing to Good Shepherd. She kept me organized and made it so easy for me to serve as your Council President. At the same time, her meticulous organizational skills make it very easy for someone to step up to fill this role. If you have any interest, please reach out to me as well for details (the sooner the better as I have less chance to mess it up!).

Yours in HIS service,
Chad Smith

Choosing Joy

by Sharon Leinweber, *Fellowship Chair*

Greetings Fellow Members of Good Shepherd!

The year 2024 - What would Good Shepherd look like without Fellowship?

Without Fellowship, members may feel more alone and isolated from one another.

Without Fellowship, individuals may struggle to navigate challenges, and the absence of encouragement may affect their spiritual growth.

Without Fellowship, the church may become a more formal and less engaging place. Limited social interaction can lead to a less welcoming atmosphere.

Without Fellowship, there may be a lack of personal responsibility and mutual accountability in staying true to the values and teachings of the church.

Without Fellowship, individuals may struggle to find a place where they feel accepted and valued, potentially leading to a diminished sense of belonging.

I am not sure about you, but this does not look like a church I would want to be a member of. So.....what do you want to do about it?

To me, Fellowship represents the chance to get involved in a variety of activities, meet new members, and reconnect with old members, to have FUN. There are so many things happening right now that provides a chance to get involved, I say GO FOR IT. It may be outside of your comfort zone, but hey, look at me, never thought I could or would be a Board Chair. I have been able to meet so many people, create friendships, and have such joy in being part of something that strives to help others. I encourage everyone to look for that opportunity that works for them and jump in with both feet. No worries, there is always someone there to catch you.

I would like to end on what is hopefully an inspiring note:

When you choose joy you feel good, and when you feel good, you do good, and when you do good, it reminds others of what joy feels like, and it just might inspire them to do the same – Author Unknown.

May God lead you to find the JOY in Fellowship!

Get in the Game!

by Fred Kirchenwitz, *Head of Elders*

Happy New Year, Good Shepherd! As I write this, northeast Wisconsin is finally starting to come out of its first (and I hope only) arctic deep freeze of the winter. We are also celebrating a playoff victory (if you are a Packers fan.) In my opinion, sports is just one of the many blessings God gives us. Whether you're watching your favorite team win and it just makes winter that much shorter, or if you are actually competing. As far back as I can remember I have played or coached sports, mostly basketball and baseball. Even now as I'm pushing 60, my wife Jenny tells me my life revolves around balls. Throwing them; catching them; chasing them; hitting them etc.....and now that I cut grass at a golf course, being hit BY them. So I thought it would be appropriate to incorporate some sports metaphors into this letter.

Growing up, I didn't realize the life lessons sports was teaching me. Winning and losing are the obvious ones. As a matter of fact, I'm STILL learning to be gracious in one and humble in the other because sometimes my competitiveness gets in the way of that. The concepts of grace and humility are certainly a few of the fundamental blocks of our Christian faith. Proverbs 3: 34 states, "*God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble*", and of course our Savior Jesus Christ is the example we should be following.

Another life lesson I learned from sports was being part of a team and fulfilling my role on that team. I've been very fortunate in my life to be part of some very successful teams. My roles on these teams varied, but I came to realize that no matter how great or small, I was contributing to their success. This is not unlike being a member of a church, everyone has a role to fill. The important thing to remember is that we do it with joy and the purpose of glorifying God. One of the greatest enemies the church has to battle is that of apathy and indifference. Sloth is considered one of the seven deadly sins and is described in Proverbs 13: 4, "*The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.*" Nobody joins a sports team because they want to sit at the end of the bench and not participate. We want to become part of something that's bigger than ourselves. Shouldn't the same be said for being a part of a church? In the coming weeks you are going to see various notes in the bulletin, and maybe even this newsletter, asking for volunteers to serve on different Committees or Boards. Please prayerfully consider joining or at least asking questions about them.

After all those years playing sports I thought I knew a lot about them and it would be an easy transition into coaching. I was WRONG! I had to learn how to teach. That meant preparing, organizing a practice plan, and running drills that created muscle memory so the kids didn't have to think about what they were doing, it would just come naturally. This is not a call for you all to become pastors and teachers, but I do believe it equates directly to worship and Bible study. God gives us His Word. It's a living, breathing way He reveals Himself to us. It's not meant to sit on a shelf, or be used as a paperweight collecting dust. We are to learn, read, and inwardly digest it, because it's what we teach, preach, and confess! 1st Peter 3: 15 sums this up perfectly, "*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*"

As I conclude this letter we are hours before the Packers/49ers game, and like most of Wisconsin I hope for a victory. In the last few paragraphs I pointed out a number of similarities between the church and sports. I'd like to finish the letter with one very important difference. While I don't know the outcome of tonight's game and I might be let down by it; I do know that Christ has never let me down and my salvation is sure. God's Blessings!

In His service,
Fred Kirchenwitz



What does Good Shepherd Church need?

by Daniel Weiss, Stewardship Chair

Dear members and guests of Good Shepherd,

Several months ago we invited you to take a survey to help the Church Council understand the perceived needs of our congregation. We consulted the LCMS South Wisconsin District website for guidance and incorporated 17 needs of a congregation listed there. A total of 88 individuals completed the survey and this article outlines the results of what you shared with us. According to several different ways of analyzing the results, the highest priority needs identified by Good Shepherd members are:

1. Youth ministry (51%)*
2. Teaching children (43%)*
3. Calling on delinquent members (39%)*

* Percent of respondents identifying these three issues as a HIGH priority

The next six priorities are all fairly close based on the percentage of members identifying them as high priorities:

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| 4. Calling on sick and shut-ins (32%) | 7. Training members (30%) |
| 5. Evangelism (31%) | 8. Teaching adults (30%) |
| 6. Community involvement (31%) | 9. Calling on membership (28%) |

The final eight needs identified by the District office were not considered high priorities for our congregation at this time:

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| 10. Pastoral Counseling (23%) | 14. Circuit/District/Synod (15%) |
| 11. Pastor being social w/members (22%) | 15. Worship (14%) |
| 12. Administration (18%) | 16. Stewardship (11%) |
| 13. Preaching content (16%) | 17. Preaching delivery (11%) |

For strategic planning purposes, the needs identified by the survey can be grouped as follows:

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Member care/hospitality</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Spiritual growth/discipleship</u>
· Youth ministry	· Call on delinquents	· Evangelism	· Training members
· Teaching children	· Sick and shut-ins	· Community involvement	· Teaching adults
	· Call on membership		

The Council is reviewing these results and will be updating the congregation as we identify actionable plans to place before the voters. If you have any questions about this process or these results, please contact me at dweiss@sexualintegrityleaders.com or at (920) 642-3990.

Yours in Christ,
Daniel Weiss
Stewardship



The following results are from the returned surveys broken-down three different ways:

HIGH priority needs identified by all respondents

Priority Tier	NEED	% of all responses listing as HIGH priority
1	1. Youth ministry	[52%]
1	2. Teaching children	[44%]
1	3. Call on delinquents	[40%]
2	4. Sick and shut-ins	[32%]
2	5. Evangelism	[31%]
2	6. Comm. involvement	[31%]
2	7. Training members	[30%]
2	8. Teaching adults	[30%]
2	9. Call on membership	[28%]

HIGH priority needs by years of church membership

NEED	0-3 years	4-8 years	After Koepsell (0-8 years)	9-20 years	20+ years	Pre Koepsell (9+ years)
Sick and shut-ins	27%	29%	29%	33%	35%	34%
Comm. involvement		35%	25%	47%		38%
Evangelism		29%	27%		41%	34%
Youth ministry	32%	62%	50%	40%	65%	53%
Training members		32%	27%	33%		31%
Teaching children		56%	43%	40%	47%	44%
Call on delinquents		50%	39%		53%	38%
Teaching adults		44%	29%		35%	
Preaching Content	36%					
Call on membership	32%		25%		47%	31%
Social involvement	27%					
Percentage of respondents	25%	39%	64%	17%	19%	36%
Percentage of total HIGH priority	19%	42%	62%	15%	23%	38%

HIGH priority needs by age group

NEED	13-17	18-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76+
Sick and shut-ins		50%	56%	36%		30%	35%
Community involvement	50%	50%	44%				
Evangelism		50%	67%	36%			45%
Youth ministry	50%	75%	44%	64%	53%	35%	50%
Training members	50%	50%	67%				30%
Teaching children		50%	44%	45%	47%		50%
Pastoral Counseling		50%		36%			30%
Call on delinquents			56%	45%	41%	39%	45%
Teaching adults		50%		55%			30%
Call on membership		50%					40%
Social involvement	50%		44%	36%			
Administration			56%				
Percentage of respondents	5% (4)	5% (4)	10% (9)	13% (11)	19% (17)	26% (23)	23% (20)
Percentage of total HIGH priority	3%	7%	15%	15%	15%	19%	27%

Music Ministry

by Cam Bedroske, Music Director

Here we are in season of Epiphany. Jesus has come, He is Light and enlightens us to serve each other in love. We get to serve as witnesses of this light. What an honor it is to speak words of comfort, joy, truth, and peace to each other.

I love using the word "ministry" when talking about music. God has given us the gift of music that reaches deep within our soul. It gives us a way to express His truth in many ways. To the children, we sing 'simple songs' in Sunday School that speak of Jesus our Savior. Then, within our worship services our hymns quote Bible verses and theology. They teach us as we sing! Many of us have fond memories of how these hymns ministered to us in times of need or times of great joy. They tuck themselves away in our very being!

Thank you so much for all of the special music that was offered at Christmas time. Caroling to our homebound, Sunday School Program, soloists and ensembles providing preludes, Adult Choir and Bell Choir sharing special music at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm Christmas Eve are just some of those special music offerings.

This month we step into Lent. There is so much gorgeous music to be shared! I want to make you aware of our annual "Lenten Meditation" Concert. It is on March 24th (Palm Sunday) at 3:00 pm. Please attend this free concert. It is a time for reflection on the Passion texts, coupled with inspired musical selections. We host a guest String Quartet, have performances by our Adult Choir and special soloists. This is such a gift to all of us. Please consider inviting your friends and family. There will be a reception afterwards.

Lastly, know that you are always encouraged to be a part of the Adult Choir, even if it is just to rehearse with us. Our rehearsals are time for learning, friendship, prayer, and meditation. Thank you to all of our musical members who set aside time and energy to serve.

Grace Abounds,
Cam Bedroske

Loneliness Epidemic

by Kristie Zenner, Board of Education

I recently heard about a group in California that was formed to combat the negative impacts of the “loneliness epidemic”. The cost of joining this group is \$200.00 per month. I was surprised to read that membership is growing rapidly! Hearing this raised many questions for me. What exactly is the “loneliness epidemic” and what are the negative impacts? So, true to who I am, I began to research, coming across a fairly scientific explanation.

Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation *

Why Social Connection Matters - Our relationships and interactions with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors are just some of what create social connection. Our connection with others and our community is also informed by our neighborhoods, digital environments, schools, and workplaces. Social connection - the structure, function, and quality of our relationships with others - is a critical and underappreciated contributor to individual and population health, community safety, resilience, and prosperity. However, far too many Americans lack social connection in one or more ways, compromising these benefits and leading to poor health and other negative outcomes.

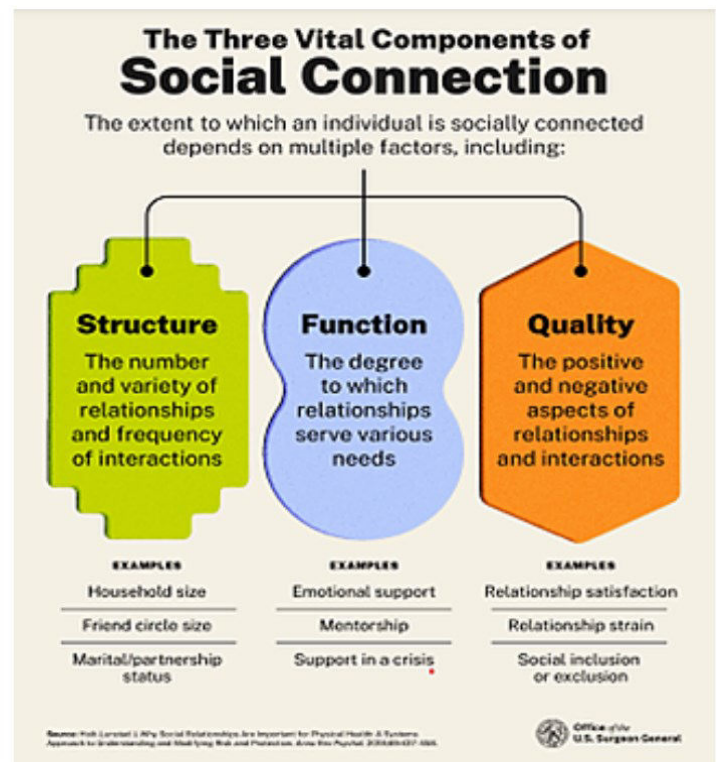
As I read through the publication my thoughts drifted through my life and the times I felt alone and how my feelings of loneliness were banished. As I reflected, I realized in every instance of loneliness God provided the solution! He did this through His word, a new relationship and experience - someone entered my life from a faith filled loving place. What a wonderful gift of compassion and love! The only payment required of me was to trust in His forgiveness, mercy, and ultimate sacrifice on the cross. With new eyes my research changed.

So, what does Gods word tell us about loneliness.....

- Genesis 2:18: *It is not good for man to be alone.*
- Ephesians 4:15-16 *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*
- Acts 5:42 *And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.*

.....the core resolution being His Love!

Are you open to learning with new eyes and sharing that learning with others? Throughout the Lenten season there will be opportunities to join in the fight of the “loneliness epidemic” and grow and strengthen your relationship with God! The Board of Education needs volunteers to assist with planning, leading and/or hosting small group and VBS in 2024. If you are interested, please join us at church on Monday January 29th, 7:30pm to learn more and share your ideas! If you are interested but unable to attend, please reach out to Kristie Zellner at 608-316-0547, kbesch0432@aol.com



*<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf>

Did you See Her?

by Jill Botsford, LWML

Did you watch the Rose Parade on New Year's Day? Our newly-elected LWML President, Eden Keefe, rode on the Lutheran Hour Ministries float with their president. Check out the videos of the parade to see if you can spot her!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-yGuuBi47E>

A new year has brought the LWML here at Good Shepherd to our knees. We are struggling with our lack of ladies attending our meetings. The LWML is an important part of the LCMS organization.

We provide many outreaches locally, district wide, and nationally that spread Christ's love and His message of salvation to others. When you become active in LWML you become a part of a truly amazing group of women who make a tremendous difference in the spreading of the Gospel to others. Please answer our prayers and try us out – you will be glad you did. Remember, all women of Good Shepherd are members – become an active one today!

In February, we are having a Tea and Cookies get-together, along with our Bible study and short business meeting. NOTE the time change for this month – it will be at 10:00 a.m. You will learn how LWML can change lives one MITE at a time. If you are unable to attend meetings, please consider financially helping out when the Mite box is set out on the first Sunday of the month (and the Thursday night prior to that Sunday). These monies go directly to fulfill the grants that were voted on at the national convention last June. If your New Year's resolution was to help promote the Gospel, here is a great opportunity.

There are several opportunities to get involved with the LWML this winter. The Pre-Lenten Prayer Service on Saturday, February 17th in North Fond du Lac is a great beginning! See specifics about it on the bulletin board and in upcoming bulletins.

Ladies, see you at the next meeting? We are praying that Christ will touch your heart to join us.

Prayerfully submitted by Jill Botsford, LWML Secretary



WELCOME

When you come to worship services at Good Shepherd, have you noticed the wonderful members who have taken the time to arrive early and be greeters? They make us feel welcomed and noticed at church. They also help make a positive first impression on our visitors. If you would like to become a greeter, please contact Vivian Mittelstaedt at maxandpaul@sbcglobal.net or 920-479-0775.

Thank you to our current Greeters: Rich and Kathy Keas, Shirley Schynder, Marilyn Kleinhans, Jan Ratchman, Lee and Nancy Kantin, Kristin Mike, Bill and Nancy Macksam, Leslie Mason, Deb Bochinski, Tom and Kay Mitchell, Brian and Steffanie Nagler.

Treasurer's Report

by Diane Flouro, Treasurer

Well, we have come to the end of the 2023 year. We received a significant number of large dollar donations in December as you can see below, and we continue with steady giving monthly. I would like to personally say THANK YOU to all of you for all your giving, whether it be financial or of your time and talents! Our church is what it is because of all of you! Please consider getting involved in all the great things your church has to offer. Every one of you has time and/or talent which our church would love to use. We are growing and as they say, "more hands make little work." If you like accounting, I can even find some things for you to do for me. 😊

We are doing great financially as you can see below. We have more and more members giving through Joyful Response. Just come talk to me if you are interested in doing this online giving. Be on the lookout for the year-end report which will have the full financial summary for 2023. The newsletter always contains the last two months, but the year-end will be all inclusive. If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to call, email, or chat with me in church. My cell phone is (920) 420-5841 or email at flourodi@yahoo.com.

Here is a summary of the designated funds and the last couple of months of giving/expenses:

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

2023 TREASURER'S SUMMARY	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
Regular Giving	29,172.00	64,268.72
Strategic Fund	280.00	11,050.00
Mission	447.00	653.35
Thrivent Dep	288.00	
Other	804.00	70.00
Other-Craft Fair	13,283.54	63.00
Interest	160.90	167.62
Scrip Income*	212.17	161.47
Total Income	44,647.61	76,434.16
Total Monthly Expenses	27,743.14	29,918.03
Monthly 2022 Budget	27,861.86	27,861.86
Monthly Expenses over (Under) Budget	(118.72)	2,056.17
West Point Bank Checking	64,588.94	98,197.02
West Point Bank Savings	4,194.23	52.29
West Point Bank Money Market	105,476.55	109,748.44
LCEF Savings	69,233.08	78,503.04

Upcoming Midweek Worship Services

Wednesday, February 14th – 10:30 am & 6:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service*

Wednesday, February 21st - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm- Midweek Lenten Service*

Wednesday, February 28th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm- Midweek Lenten Service*

Wednesday, March 6th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm- Midweek Lenten Service*

Wednesday, March 13th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm- Midweek Lenten Service*

Wednesday, March 20th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm- Midweek Lenten Service*

Thursday, March 28th - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29th - 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm - Good Friday

Easter Worship Services

Sunday, March 31st – 6:30 am, 8:00 am, & 10:30 am (Communion at all services)

*Lenten Mission Meals will be served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm

Birthdays

February

Feb 1 Debra Cooley
Feb 1 Jeff Phillips
Feb 4 Katherine Lee
Feb 4 Grace Leiden
Feb 4 Ashley Rock
Feb 4 Phyllis Sasse
Feb 5 Larry Paulus
Feb 6 Ruth Galow
Feb 6 Debbie Last
Feb 6 Samantha Stephenson
Feb 7 Carter Abitz
Feb 7 Don Davis
Feb 7 Justine Whittaker
Feb 8 Jeff Dunham
Feb 8 Kim Reetz
Feb 9 Lisa Feldner
Feb 9 Gary Galow
Feb 9 Ethan Klatt
Feb 9 Kirsten Klatt
Feb 10 Amanda Hibben
Feb 11 Jason Ahlers
Feb 11 Allen Gebel
Feb 11 Amelia Mielke
Feb 11 Liam Mielke
Feb 12 Lynn Bridwell
Feb 12 Mike Phillips
Feb 13 Aaron McMillan
Feb 15 Reagan Bandelow
Feb 15 Wayne Guy
Feb 15 Jane Koplitz
Feb 16 Joshua Martin
Feb 17 Maddox McMillan
Feb 18 Liz Hoversten
Feb 18 Wesley Lungwitz
Feb 19 Alyssa Casey
Feb 19 Ted Strobel
Feb 21 Ken Durant
Feb 21 Shirley Radloff
Feb 24 Bonnie Borgen
Feb 24 Branden Mike
Feb 24 Donna Tritt
Feb 25 Noah Hinrichs
Feb 25 Riley Kirchenwitz
Feb 26 Lee Kantin
Feb 26 Lauren Purath
Feb 27 Linda Brehmer
Feb 29 Colin Steinbeck

March

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

Wedding Anniversaries

February

Feb 3 Bill and Louise Gabert (28)
Feb 4 Dian Sheldon and John (35)
Feb 6 Kieran and Apryl Weed (8)
Feb 15 Matt and Julie Toll (10)
Feb 19 Mike and Michelle Tyrriver (13)

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:2-3

March

Mar 11 John and Jody Davis (24)
Mar 15 Alfred and Renate Piotter (66)
Mar 17 Karyl Stephenson and Patrick (34)
Mar 28 Jacob and Nicole Schroeder (4)
Mar 30 Gene and Donna Gohlke (56)

Official Acts

Baptism

Wren Louise Eichhorn, daughter of Riley & Samantha Eichhorn, December 22, 2023

Called to Heavenly Home

Jerome Weber, September 3, 1944 - December 23, 2023

Eric Nienass, April 16, 1944 - January 8, 2024

Karen Thon, June 9, 1943 - January 19, 2024

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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 920-231-8445.

Donations/Classifieds

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. Check it out! There are several free items listed. This is also a great place to sell items. Go to: <https://www.goodshepherdinoshkosh.com/classifieds.html>
Thank you!

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Worship Services:

- Wednesdays 10:30 am & 6:30 pm (During Lent)
- Thursday - 6:30 pm (After Lent)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

- Served every Sunday in Atrium after worship service.

Bible Study

- Women's - Saturday mornings 8:30 am
- Men's - Saturday mornings 7:00 am
- Adult - Sundays 9:30 am
Wednesdays 9:30 am (10:30 after Lent)

Sunday School

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

