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The Parish Pulse

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Worship Services

Thursday - 6:30 pm Sunday-9:00 am

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after worship service.

Bible Study

Adult—Wednesday at 10:30 am Adult—Sunday at 10:30 am Teens—Sunday at 10:30 am

Sunday School

Sundays at 10:30 am during the public school year.

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm during the public school year.

Prayer Chain

Kathy Reehl—(920) 688-2312

...Rhythm...

(Jesus Said): "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (NIV)

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (The Message)



I couldn't find the word "rhythm" in the NIV or the ESV translation of our Holy Bible. I had to use another version, "The Message." I was kind of surprised by that. Surprised because our lives certainly follow a rhythm. From the changing of the seasons, the school year, the time to plant, time to harvest, time to shovel, time to mow, etc...and sports...

'The Sports Year.' And, yes, I mean that to mimic what we have as 'The Church Year.' There is a rhythm to sports that carries one along from one season to the next. Baseball wraps up as football is getting going, which then gives way to hockey and basketball (which never seem to end!), March Madness, then The Masters, before turning things over once again to the 'summer game.' One's entire life can be framed by the "rhythm" of sports.

But there is something more to life than sports. In developing the liturgical cycle of the Church Year, we are called to follow a different rhythm. The liturgical cycle we follow is a beautiful picture, played out throughout the year, summarizing the birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit of our Triune God. And nothing is more unusual than the rhythm and themes of Lent and Easter.

You see, people of the Good Shepherd, in the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, the Magi come to Jerusalem asking, "Where is He born king of the Jews?" They ask because it wasn't obvious. Who would look for the King of kings in a humble home, in a humble town, and served by His humble mother?

It wasn't easy finding God's King at the beginning of His earthly life, but it would be even <u>more difficult</u> at the end of His earthly life.

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Who would ever expect God's King to be betrayed, denied, accused, mocked, and crucified? Who would ever look for the King on the throne of a cross on a hill of disgrace? Who would ever look for God's glory in a Crucified King?

The exalted Son of God goes where human reason would never expect a king to go--high and lifted up... on a cross, bearing away the sin of the world. Yet, He is willing to be a king despised and dishonored, that we might be considered great in God's Kingdom and receive the exalted title: "Children of God!"

So that we don't miss Him, and miss all His benefits, the Passion according to St. Matthew makes clear the identity of this King and what He has come to do. The Crucified King proclaims a King whose glory is shown not in His impressive power or strength, but chiefly in showing mercy to sinners--like you and me.

Currently my two oldest boys (and proud players in the Oshkosh West marching band) are in Florida on a band trip. Apparently marching in the band takes a little rhythm, because they had to practice for this expedition on Sunday afternoons for hours the last month or so. For me it was a little reminder of the rhythm of life.

As we continue our rhythm of the church year, traveling preparations to the cross and empty tomb once again, let us recall these wonderful words of Martin Luther, who brings all of our rhythms & themes together when he writes:

St. Paul writes in Romans 4:25 as follows: "Christ was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification." Paul is indeed the man who extols Christ in a masterly manner, telling us exactly why and for what purpose he suffered and how we should conform ourselves to his sufferings, namely, that he died for our sins. This is a correct interpretation of the sufferings of Christ, by which we may profit. And as it is not sufficient to know and believe that Christ has died, so it will not suffice to know and believe that he rose with a transfigured body and is now in a state of joy and blessedness, no longer subject to mortality, for all this would profit me nothing or very little. But when I come to understand the fact that all the works God does in Christ and done for me, nay, they are bestowed upon and given to me, the effect of his resurrection being that I also will arise and live with him; that will cause me to rejoice. (The Sermons of Martin Luther, Volume 2 Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000)

Christ did it all for you.

Rhythm...BOOM, BOOM, BOOM!...No matter what season; calendar, sports, liturgical, etc...All has its beginning and an end in Christ. He is Risen Indeed! And you too shall rise, by His unforced rhythms of grace.

See you Sunday (and/or Wednesday) as we try to keep the rhythm!...with our Good Shepherd leading the way.

-Pastor

P.S. Sunday, April 7th ...A very good day to be in the midst of the rhythm of Lent. Worship/Meditate/Learn. See inside for more details!



Greetings members of Good Shepherd!

I hope everyone is looking forward to spring and warmer weather, I know I am. I want to fill everyone in as to where we stand as of the moment.

First, I want to thank you all for working together to make our church a home for all of us. It is great to see all of us working together to make things better for everyone. The sense of community at Good Shepherd is tremendous. There is a saying that the health of a church is evident by the health of its fellowship and our fellowship hour is strong! I look forward to seeing you at our Lenten Meditation and Jews for Jesus on the 7th of April. That Sunday promises to be a great day of worship, music, and education. Come out see all that we are doing!

I want to thank everyone for all their dedication and commitment to our church. Financially we are doing well. Bills, payroll, programs etc. are all being taken care of. Our mortgage principal is going down! Under 500,000! With that being said, I don't want to have everyone thinking things are by any means perfect but, as some of you know, we are in a much better position than we were a few years ago. I want to thank everyone for that. Praise to everyone! This is our community and I'm glad that we are supporting it.

I want to put a plug in for the Joyful Response program. This program is an automatic debit of a checking or savings account that is controlled completely by the giver. It is your decision as to when it comes out, how much is given and can be changed by you at any time. If you are interested in this way of giving, contact Heather Klauer at heatherklauerrn@sbcglobal.net

I would also like to ask everyone to please let us know your email address. This saves the church a lot of money on postage and a lot information is available for free online. I would like to encourage everyone to utilize our website. If you have any questions please contact Krista Weiss at the church office or at krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org

Thank you to everyone for all your support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We wouldn't be where we are without every one of you.

Your servant in Christ! Keith A. Casey Congregation President



(What is it and why does it matter?)

Joyful Response is a way to electronically give your church offering. No more forgetting your offering envelope on a busy Sunday morning or worrying about missing offerings when you are sick or on vacation.

If you are interested in setting up a Joyful Response account please talk to Heather Klauer or email her (heatherklauerrn@sbcglobal.net) You can also pick up a form in the atrium with other "Good Shepherd" paperwork in the hanging organizer. On the form you can now designate what ministry programs your funds go to!



Thank you to the many members who have helped support the church by buying Scrip. So far, the amount of Scrip purchased this year has netted \$500 back to the church!

Remember, Scrip can be purchased after worship service every Sunday. If you have any questions, please talk to Linda or Jeff Everson or email at ramsfanl@yahoo.com

LCMS Stewardship Ministry April 2019

"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out" (Deut 28:3-6).



This is God's promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground or their wombs, their flocks or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there's a catch. He would do this for Israel only "if you obey the voice of the Lord your God" (Deut 28:2b). If they did that, He would cause that "all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you" (Deut 28:2a). If they didn't obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn't keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways (Deut 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh, fulfilled the law for us – in in our place and for our benefit; died for us – in our place and for our benefit; and is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon His work and not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and thereby it becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is not in order to receive blessings but because in Christ we already have. It is with this in mind that we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).



Craft Group Notes

The craft group has resumed meeting on Wednesdays. We will meet afternoons from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. After Easter we will add evenings as well. Hours will then be 1:00 pm-4:00 pm and 5:30 -7:30 pm. It is not necessary to come for the entire time or every week. Come for an hour or stay the entire time.

Members new to Good Shepherd may not be aware that for over the past 20 years we have held an annual craft/bake sale on the first Saturday of deer hunting season. This year the date will be November 23rd. A group of dedicated women have gotten together weekly to fellowship and make

crafts for the sale. Last year we earned over \$6,000.

Although the group has been only women there have always been men behind the scenes cutting wood and doing other tasks we are unable to do. Men have also used their own talents to make items for the sale. New last year were hand-tied fishing lures. We welcome any items and are always looking for new ideas. If you have an idea we think will sell we will use it or help you make it. We welcome novice to experienced crafters.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in crafting or just curious about what we do to stop in on Wednesdays. We can even arrange private tours of our craftroom. If you have any questions contact Pat Phillips at 233-4248 or mpphil@charter.net



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Spring has sprung! The fresh air; the greening up of the grass and flowers. Flowers begin to blossom and soon you will be able to open windows and air out house. Maybe you are a golfer and anticipate hitting the links. Whatever you look forward to, thank the Lord for his many blessings! Renew your spirit! Come to church!

We have many opportunities to fellowship and renew the spirit within you:

April 7th is a big day! The choir has The Lenten Meditation at 3p.m. This is a great opportunity for renewal. Sit back and let the gift of music and God's Word fill your spirit! There will be an awesome string quartet, the choir has a number of selections for reflection, and the Passion Account is read in sections followed by a musical selection that fits the Word. You can stay at Good Shepherd for food and fellowship, or head home, get renewed and come right back @ 6:00 p.m. for Christ in the Passover, presented by Jews for Jesus.. More spirit enhancement! Wow!

The following Sunday is Palm Sunday followed by Holy week! Services are on Thursday 6:30 PM with Communion. Good Friday 12:30 AND 6:30 Tenebrae. Led by the spirit, we will have Easter Sonrise service at 6:30 a.m. Easter breakfast be offered from 7:30-8:45 AM. followed by 9:00 AM service with Communion! May Your spirit be renewed!

Remember, 40 days after Easter is the Ascension of our Lord, May 30th. We will be holding a joint worship service with other LCMS churches and Good Shepherd is hosting! This is a terrific opportunity for uplifting your Spirit!

In all of these opportunities God is coming to us with His love, forgiveness, and giving us the opportunity to respond in joy and thanksgiving. I will see you there!

P.S Keep our Confirmation Kids in prayer as they are nearing the end of instruction. It is an honor to watch them grow in faith and service. More on that later!

Gary Bedroske - Elders

Opening Events O

Lenten Meditation 3:00 PM (April 7th, 3:00 PM)

Christ in the Passover (April 7th, 6:00 PM)

Maundy Thursday (April, 18th, 6:30 PM)

Good Friday (April 19th, 12:30 & 6:30 PM)

Easter Worship Services (April 21st, 6:30 & 9:00 AM)

Easter Breakfast (April 21st, 7:30-8:45 AM)



Flock of our Good Shepherd,

We've set our clocks ahead, snow is melting, the sun is getting warmer, days are getting longer, songbirds beautify the morning dawn, and we're starting to see the first glimpses of buds on the trees and spring perennials poking through the ground. Springtime offers a welcome change to the gray, cold, dead days of winter as we experience the new life and vibrancy this season brings.

Our faith also tends to move through different seasons throughout our days and life. Sometimes we tend to be lifeless and unfruitful, distant from and doubting God's providence and promises. Other times, we live brightly, exuberant and enriched, bringing forth fruit and resting on God's faithfulness with unshaken strength and ease.

With the transition to spring, we are now less than 4 months away from the National Youth Gathering held in Minneapolis this year. With this year's theme of Psalm 46, our youth will be reminded, encouraged, and rooted in the strength of and sureness in God Almighty. For He alone is our refuge and fortress. Whether we are stuck in the deepest depths of winter or running lively through a beautiful spring meadow, we rest securely on God, not our own ambition or accomplishments, nor the opportunities and pleasures of the world. God alone has the power to change us and move us, bringing us up out of the dark depths, and He alone has the power to sustain and work through us, bringing forth continued fruit and beauty in our lives. No matter the season we are in, we need to cling firmly to God and His Word. He alone brings and sustains life, all that we need through the changing seasons of this world and our days here.

We will be having two major fundraisers this year to help cover the costs of attending the youth gathering. Hopefully by now you've heard of the first of these, flower sales through Flower Power. We receive 50% of all sales dollars. Please consider paging through a catalog located in the Narthex or take a look online at http://goodshepyouthgroup.shopfpf.com/. Orders can be made via either method and need to be placed by April 15. Orders will be delivered around May 1. Our second fundraiser will be a special Mother's Day brunch held after worship on Mother's Day. More information and tickets will be available in the weeks to come. Please consider joining us for this occasion.

Lord's blessings,

Matt Toll





Official Acts of the Church

Called to Heavenly Home

Pat Anderson

8/15/1940 -1/31/2019

Baptism

Avery Meuller, daughter of Shawn & Alycia Mueller 2/17/2019 Brinley Pearce, daughter of Jacob and Stephanie Pearce 3/17/2019

New Members

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Engage Inspire Transform

"It does not take a majority to prevail, but...a tireless minority keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." -Sam Adams

Dear friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Spring greetings! I'm sure we can all say together, "Thank God winter is over!" We may not be out of the snow danger completely, but the warmer weather is certainly welcome.

I'd like to share a story about a recent event I attended. Our friends at the Wisconsin Family Council hosted an event in March called *Pastors at the Capitol*. This was the first event of its kind here in Wisconsin (to my knowledge). About 50 pastors from around the state gathered for this special event, including Rev. Mark Meier of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi.

At the event, the pastors were introduced to a new mission project for our state: praying for *and with* our state legislators. The goal was not to argue policy, but to attend to the spiritual care of these officials. Regardless of whether they have a D or R after their names, these lawmakers need to know about Jesus Christ and his forgiveness. We heard stories from other states that have started a similar outreach and how some legislators were so touched that they broke down in tears when receiving the prayers of a pastor.

After learning about the project, these 50 pastors went to every office in the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate to offer to pray with the representative or staff. They also took a gift for the people of that district: a new Founder's Bible, which includes the entire Bible plus 700 pages of supplemental materials about the Christian origins of our nation's founding. We heard several stories of how touched the legislators were or how much the staff appreciated these gifts.

After lunch, I was given an opportunity to share about my work with Brushfires. I told the pastors how we can serve and support them, how we can bring talks and events to their churches, and about the training we are doing through the Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit and our Barna survey results.

When I was finished presenting, a pastor was asked to pray for me and the work of Brushfires. While praying, he mentioned the "one, or possibly two people who might be struggling with sexual issues" in the congregations represented by the attending pastors. This deeply saddened me. I realized too late that I gave the wrong talk. These pastors (or at least the one praying) believe that good Christians don't struggle with sexual temptations or brokenness. Yet, in our culture, how could they not?

At least two generations have grown up believing pornography exposure at a young age is a normal occurrence. More than 90 percent of people have sex before marriage. More than ten percent of people, including within the church, struggle with romantic or sexual feelings toward members of the same sex, and all of us cannot help but encounter the toxic sexuality promoted in the news, on TV, in the movies, in music, in tabloid magazines. The truth is that every one of us is impacted by sexual brokenness, either directly or indirectly.

One of the main goals of the Brushfires Foundation is to help individuals, families, and church communities address the sexual challenges of our age with openness, honesty, compassion and truth. Part of that goal is to eliminate the very common attitude in the church of "us" and "them." Until we understand that we all must stand together to fight against sexual brokenness as a community of faith, we will never be able to minister to those individuals and families that are silently suffering in shame and isolation. If any member of the body is in pain, we are all impacted.

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No doubt these are difficult issues to approach and understand. This is one reason I feel so blessed that God has called me to this work. My fervent desire is to help people come out of their dark places and into freedom in Christ. This is why I always put out an invitation to talk with me privately about struggles you may be having and why I devote my time to equipping pastors and churches to address these issues well.

This is also why the spiritual and financial support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is so important. Just as we can't see sexual brokenness as an issue of "us" and "them," neither can we view the work of Brushfires as "yours" and "ours." This is true Gospel work for our age and I am thankful we can walk this road together.

Yours in Christ,

Daniel Weiss

Founder and President

David I Waiss

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Greetings from Fellowship! We had 1 funeral in February (Pat Anderson). We served approximately 50 people at the luncheon following the service. I am currently planning Easter breakfast. We are still looking for more volunteers to help make it awesome! Please call me with any questions. I have been working with Doreen Dittberner organizing and cleaning the kitchen. We could always use volunteers! Please be patient with me as I assume the fellowship duties.

If you would like to help with any of the above mentioned events or simply find out more about the Fellowship Board, please contact me, Becky Siegrist, at: wbsblmts@att.net or 920-420-7851

Respectfully, Becky Siegrist



Blessings to our children and their families! Sunday School is winding down for another year with the last day on May 19th. The children will sing on April 14th and May 19th. There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Please join us for breakfast between services! The children's offering until the end of year is to help our military families and to help The Wounded Warrior Project. Please prayerful-

ly encourage them to help the people who have or are protecting us.

Save the date: August 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} for Vacation Bible School! Watch the bulletin for registration and times. We will have a "Yee Haw" time.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Everson, Director of Education.



Happy Spring!

As we continue to look to the cross in this Lenten season, may we all be reflecting on what is coming. Good Friday! What a great God we have in sending his Son, Jesus, to carry our sins. Yet it doesn't end there. Easter is the true meaning for the season; Christ's resurrection from the grave. This is the reason for living, knowing that when we die, we too will see Jesus face to face in heaven and on the last day rise again.

Thank you to the Evangelism team for serving the Lenten meal on 3/13. Around 60 people attended the meal. \$118 was donated in the free will offering. There are four more weeks of meals to be served by other boards and groups. Many of these meals will have the donations go towards the Boys and Girls Ranch in North Dakota. You can read about this amazing outreach in the flyers available in the atrium or on the tables when you enjoy the Lenten meals.

<u>Pizza Ranch:</u> Monday March 25th is our night to serve the community at Pizza Ranch. What a great way to let Oshkosh know about our congregation. This is always a great night of meeting and greeting people. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. I will update on how this fun event went in our next newsletter.

<u>Pictorial Directory Update:</u> Tuesday April 16th from 2-9:00 PM people can come and get their picture taken for our directory. This can be new members, members whose families have changed with the birth of children, or people who couldn't get their picture taken last time. After your picture is taken, LifeTouch will invite you to purchases pictures but you are under NO obligation to do so. You will have the chance to choose which picture of you is in the directory. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 picture just for having your picture taken. We do need 15 units to sign up for LifeTouch to come on the 16th. The signup sheet is in the atrium. Please sign up soon to ensure you get the most convenient time. If you can't make it, please let me know and I will see what can be done. I will also need a few volunteers that day to check people in. You don't need to be at church the entire time. Time slots would be 1:30-4:30 PM and 4:30-7:30 PM and I will close. Any time you can give is appreciated. Thank you!

<u>Coffee Hour:</u> Thank you to all who have shared goodies for Coffee Hour, everyone enjoys them. Help is needed setting up/cleaning up the coffee and table before church. There is a signup sheet on the table, or just let me know.

If anyone is interested in joining the Evangelism Team, please contact Vivian. Thank you to the great team we have. I appreciate all you do.

Have a blessed Easter! In Christ, Vivian Mittelstaedt





Musical Notes



Musical Notes for Good Shepherd

As I write this note to you, we are thick in the planning of Holy Week Music and the preparations for the Lenten Meditation/Concert happening in April. Our congregation is blessed to have a rich music ministry infused with many servant-hearted people.

We sing God's Word every week as a congregation. This is a part of our heritage as Christians. Our hymns serve to point us directly to the gift of salvation and its source. Whether singing is your thing, or not, we hear and read those words in worship. It is an honor to accompany the church's song!

Holy Week is right around the corner. Take time to attend each service. Each one has a uniqueness and purpose. God comes to us with His gifts. We respond in thanksgiving and praise!

The musical journey begins:

- Sunday April 7th 3:00 p.m. <u>The Lenten Meditation</u> (Word and Music, choir, soloists, instrumental works, string quartet, readings form God's Holy Word)
- Sunday April 7th 6:00 p.m. <u>Jews For Jesus</u> presentation of Christ in the Passover
- Sunday April 14th 9:00 a.m. <u>Palm Sunday</u>- Sunday School Students sing and instrumental soloists
- Thurs. April 18th 6:30 p.m. <u>Maunday Thursday</u> Choir and instrumental solos
- Friday April 19th 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service Choir and soloists
- Sunday April 21 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. <u>Easter Sunday</u> Both services with Choir and instrumentalists

And...of course Hymns and Sermons and God's gift of Communion!

Please note that after Easter the choirs will resume their normal rehearsal slots:

- Children's Choir @ 5:30-6:15 p.m. on Wed. April 24th
- Adult Choir @ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wed. April 24th

Get Excited!!

40 Days after Easter= Ascension

Our congregation hosts this annual event of joint worship with our sister congregations.

There is a joint choir and it is FUN!

Be ready to help and be a wonderful host congregation.

It is Thursday May 30th.

P.S. Feel invited to join the choir at anytime. You will be blessed by God's Word!

Grace Abounds, Cam Bedroske- Music Director

New Members

We are excited to welcome our newest members who joined Good Shepherd on March 3rd.



Lydia & Josiah Brunner



Jan Peterson (Bunke)



Bill & Ruth Wagner



Jennifer & Griffin Wiley



Kevin Jooss



Mike & Kristie Zellner



Jan & Jerry Ratchman



Ben & Robyn Boche, Samuel & Jack



Craig & Jodie Skadahl Kat, Zoe, & Coty



Lee Paris



John & Brenda Hawig

Not pictured Mueller Family and Greg & Jodi Brey



Kurt & Emily Brunner: We retired in 2015 and moved to Oshkosh in 2017. Kurt is a retired HVAC control systems engineer and Emily is a retired schoolteacher and homemaker. We have 8 children and 9 grandchildren. Kurt enjoys stamp collecting and Emily enjoys reading. We are enjoying our retirement and being able to spend

more time with family.

Lydia Brunner: I am a full time caregiver with Visiting Angels. My fiancé Tyler and I moved to Oshkosh in December to be closer to my family. I enjoy reading, painting, and baking, and am looking forward to our wedding this September.



Kurt & Emily Brunner

Josiah Brunner: I enjoy working at Alro Steel. I moved to Oshkosh last fall to be Lydia & Josiah Brunner closer to my family. I enjoy reading, working out, playing basketball, and golfing.



Craig was born and grew up in West Bend, WI. He attended West Bend West High School. After graduation he attended Fox Valley Technical College where he majored in Automotive Technology. After school, he worked at Midas and then got a job as a Honda Technician at Bergstrom Exit 116 the Import Superstore. Where he still works today.

Jodie was born in Waukesha, WI. When she was three years old her family relocated to Belgium, WI, where she attended Cedar Grove-Belgium School. After High School, she attended Fox Valley Technical College and got her degree in Interior Design. While in school she worked part-time in retail and at Olan Mills Kids Portrait Studio in Oshkosh, WI. After graduation she stayed at the portrait studio, became full-time and worked her way up to manger. It was then that her old boss opened his own portrait studio. When asked to help him she jumped at the chance and Kidz Shotz was born. She worked there until the digital age. She then found herself in the chiropractic world. She currently works at Fosso-Gelhar Chiropractors of the Fox Valley and has been with them since their opening 8 years ago.

Although Craig and Jodie met in college their lives were on different paths. It was not until 2002 that they got married at Trinity Church in Oshkosh. They then purchased a home on the Northside of Oshkosh a year later.



Craig, Jodie, Kat, Zoe & Cody

In 2007, they had their first child, Kat. Now 11, she is in 5th grade at Winneconne Elementary School. She enjoys riding and showing horses, country music, BMX bicycle racing, swimming, reading and anything artistic.

Five years later, in 2013, they had twins! A girl and a boy. Now 6 years old, Zoe and Cody are in Kindergarten at Winneconne Elementary School. They both take classes at Richards School of the Dance. While Zoe is very interested in make-up, shoes and dresses, Cody does BMX and enjoys everything there is about cars and trucks.



Ben and Robyn Boche have joined Good Shepherd as transfer members from St. John's Lutheran Church in Lombard, IL. They originally hail from the Indianapolis, IN area, where they met in church in 2012. Married in July 2014, Ben and Robyn then moved to the Chicago suburbs for Ben's job at Concordia University Chicago. While they were there, they started a family and now have two little boys, Samuel and Jack. As their family grew, they felt a desire to leave the big city behind. They landed in Oshkosh and have been here since June of 2018.

Ben is a professor at UWO in the College of Education and Human Services. He teaches in the Depart-



Ben, Robyn, Samuel and Jack Boche

ment of Literacy and Language, working with pre-service teachers and graduate students. Ben grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming and is the youngest of four siblings. He enjoys reading, playing tennis, and spending time with his family and friends. Robyn grew up in northwest Indiana, and she is the youngest of three siblings. A former music teacher, she now stays at home with Samuel and Jack. She enjoys singing, cooking, and meeting new friends.

Samuel is three years old, and he will be starting preschool in the fall. He loves playing with cars, doing puzzles, and going to the park. Jack is one year old. He loves playing with his big brother and cuddling with his mom and dad. The Boche family also has a Boston Terrier named Rosco, who loves food and naps.



Mike and I are both Wisconsin natives and enjoy traveling, family, learning together and most of all sharing our faith in our daily lives. We are blessed with a wonderful family: daughter Angela, son-in law Trevor Warren and two beautiful 3 yr old grandchildren, Bennett and Alexa, son Nathaniel and daughter- in- law Jenni Kaegi, married Aug of 2018 and a little black rescue dog named Oxford. Mike has worked as a professional chef for over 30 years in various capacities from private chef to senior living culinary director. I have been working in the IT space as a business analyst, project manager for 20+years. We are excited to live by the water in the Fox Valley and are looking forward to exploring the area and getting to know the Good Shepherd congregation. We thank you all for the warm welcome!



Mike and Kristie Zellner

Cheers,

Mike and Kristie Zellner



Trinity Tours invites you to come along and enjoy some great entertainment, wonderful food and plenty of fellowship! There are a wide variety of choices & sure to be something to fit your fancy. We'd love to have you join us!

- April 27, 2019 "Menopause The Musical" at The Fireside
- May 8, 2019 "The Collingsworth Family" at The Fireside
- June 22, 2019 "That's What I Call Rock and Roll" at The Fireside
- August 10, 2019 "Annie" at The Fireside
- September 14, 2019 "Buddy" at The Fireside
- November 23, 2019 "A Christmas Story" at The Fireside
- December 7, 2019 "Christmas Stars" Xavier High School

"MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL" This hilarious musical parody set to classic tunes from the 60's, 70's and 80's will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles!

"THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY" Back by popular demand, this amazing Christian family will certainly set your heart aglow!

"THAT'S WHAT I CALL ROCK AND ROLL" This is a brand new live musical celebration featuring the wildly popular Fireside Band led by Fireside's favorite Steve Watts!

"ANNIE" America's favorite cartoon sweetheart is back in one of the most popular Broad way shows of all.

"BUDDY" tells the true story of Buddy Holly through his short yet spectacular career and features the classic songs "That'll Be the Day, " "Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "Everyday," "Not Fade Away" and Many More!

"A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical" The musical captures holiday wonder with such deliciously wicked wit that it is sure to delight children and grown-ups alike!

"CHRISTMAS STARS" Xavier High School!

If you have you have questions, contact Janet or Tom Dunham 860 W. 19TH AVE. Oshkosh, WI 54902 920 233-0263

Council Minutes January 15, 2019

Members Absent: Heather Klauer and Donna Tritt

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor opened with devotion Isaiah 62 v. 1-3 from Lutheran Hour Ministries "Making us His Own and Giving.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2018 Council Meeting.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: We have added 4 new counters and have been training them so we have a good number of counters. Deb will update Counters Contact List and give to Krista. Everything else is going well.

Treasurer's Report - Read by Deb Bochinski in Heather Klauer's absence:

November 2018 Bank Deposits	\$40,223.65
November 2018 Bank Withdrawals	\$30,007.72
End of November 2018 Bank Account Balance	\$38,673.91
Mortgage Balance	\$527,013.56

Joyful Response for November: \$5,330.00

\$5,000 to South Wisconsin District (annual pledge)

December 2018 Deposits	\$58,844.55
December 2018 Bank Withdrawals	\$35,598.08
End of December 2018 Bank Account Balance	\$61,920.38

Joyful Response for December 2018: \$5,680.00

Pastor's Report and Board Reports were presented.

Board of Education: Collection for Home Bound was a success. The children collected \$260.00. I bought a cheese, sausage, cracker gift box. Jim and Lori Purath, Jeff and myself delivered 13 gifts. All were very glad to see us and very appreciative of the gift. The kids signed a card also. This was after practice for program, pizza, and cake party. The program was December 16 and children did a great job. Thanks to Bridget Cullen for her direction. Next collection of children's offerings will be for our 3 military personnel and Wounded Warrior project. Sunday, January 13th 3 new children official to the program. Kat, Zoe, Cody Skadahl. No Sunday School on April 21st (Easter). Question asked about if Sunday School was still ending on May 19th now that confirmation was moved to June 9. Yes it will end on May 19th. Will be calling VBS meeting in February. Will be weekend again.

Board of Elders: Welcomed our new elders at the December 11th meeting. They are: Aaron Bruss, Tom Dunham, and Fred Kirchenwitz. In all we have 9 elders. The following elders have stepped down this year: Howard Hoppe, Gene Gohlke, and Keith Casey. We spent considerable time acquainting all the Elders with current membership. We have current lists with designated members for each Elder. We will make sure that we have a current "shut-in" or assisted living from the office at each monthly meeting so we can cross reference that each Elder's list. That way we can make visits or phone calls. January's meeting held discussion of these topics: Starting a second Sunday service. For now, we will continue with one service as long as we can

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Council Meeting Minutes January 15, 2019 (Continued)

comfortably fit. We enjoy the closeness we have as a congregation with one service. In that effort, the elders are encouraging the ushers to be proactive in helping late arrivals as it nears the start of the service. The ushers will discuss that. The Christmas Eve effort was very positive, as the ushers even helped in the aisles. It has been decided to wait until the average Sunday attendance reaches 180 per weekend. We are currently at ???. The new Bible Study for adults Wednesday/Sunday is titled "What is the Church?" We encourage all church leaders at attend. As a follow-up to the December meeting, I asked that all Elders make themselves available to their assigned families by introducing themselves and praying for their needs. March 6th marks the start of Lent with a 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service. Lenten meals will be assigned in February. We discussed Pastoral visits to the Shut-ins/Home-bound members. Christmas Caroling to these members was very successful. We had a large group. Thanks Vivian M. for organizing the route. The Music Director thanks the many people who participated in the Christmas Eve Pre-service music. Thanks also the Adult Choir for their many hours of practice for that evening and also the quick turn around to the 50th Anniversary Service January 6th.

New Business: Discussion and approval of support of Grow Machines. We will be donating \$50.00 a month towards the cost of these machines. Krista brought this forward.

Brought forward and discussed ideas of changing up type of service – making it more modern to fit with the changing times to draw younger crowd. Will continue discussion in the future.

Also brought forward discussion on who is getting our mission dollars. Need more discussion and follow-up. Noah will get more information.

Discussed our wish list:

- New sign for Westhaven Drive side. Also move the current sign on 9th Street side so it is more visible and readable.
- Using funds for new sign from Ruby Van Keuren Family as seed money toward cost of new signage. Keith with Craig and Mike Phillips for more suggestions/information.
- Pastor asked for ideas on continuing 50-year theme anniversary celebration thru the year April, July, and possibly fall more to come.
- Pastor is requesting we all do our part to engage new members.

Introduced Becky Siegrist as new Chair of Fellowship.

Welcomed Chad Smith to council as well.

Looking to have new member dinner in March – more to follow.

Keith Casey requested year end reports from each board head by January 31st.

Next meeting - February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Deb Bochinski, Recording Secretary (in Donna Tritt's absence)

Retyped by Donna Tritt

Voter's Meeting Minutes February 17, 2019

President Keith Casey called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell opened with prayer.

Members present: 53

Motion M/S/C to accept the following five (5) individuals as voting members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: Desiree Flouro, Jo & Bill Zorr & Craig & Jodie Skadahl

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2018 Voters' Meeting.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the Special Voters' Meeting to Approve 2019 Budget held on December 2, 2018.

2018 Year-End Report (see 2018 Year-End Report Printed Version)

Pastor's Report – Pastor Koepsell: Pastor encouraged everyone to read the Parish Pulse – lots of good information in it. He thanked everyone for everything. Good Shepherd is stable – on upswing. We need to celebrate. Mark your calendar for April 7th for an all-day event as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. At 3 o'clock we will have our Lenten Meditation. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will follow. At 6:30 Jews for Jesus from San Francisco will be here. We will be inviting other churches. We have new members on the horizon. Board chairs – don't forget to fill your boards. Pastor read his report in the 2018 Year-End Report. He thanked our elders who have served and welcomed our new elders. Also, welcomed Chad Smith as our new Vice President.

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt – See her report in our 2018 Year-End Report.

Board of Education – Linda Everson: Another busy year. See her report in our 2018 Year-End Report.

Youth – Matt Toll: Thanked Fred for his years of service. Four (4) members will be attending the youth gathering in Minneapolis. See his report in our 2018 Year-End Report.

Fellowship – Lori Purath: Thank you to <u>all</u> who helped. See her report in the 2018 Year-End Report.

Elders - Craig Dreger in Gary Bedroske's absence: See his report in the 2018 Year-End Report.

Stewardship – Keith Casey in Noah Hinrich's absence: Joyful Response electronic giving information is available. See his report in the 2018 Year-End Report.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer: We had a nice year. See her report in the 2018 Year-End Report.

New Business: Craig Dreger stated that the elders discussed returning to two services given the growth of our congregation. We would start with two services on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Services would be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with education hour at 9:15 a.m. Budget impact would be an additional \$75 for organist fee. Other details to be discussed. Discussion followed. Fred made a motion that the two services be put to a vote. Seconded. Motion tabled. Pastor understood from the elders' meeting that there would be a special voters' meeting to decide if we will go to two services. We are here to discuss two services not vote. Discussion followed. According to our constitution and by-laws we do not need voter approval to determine the number of services. There will be a special voters' meeting in March to further address this issue.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

Council Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

Present: Gary Bedroske, Deb Bochinski, Keith Casey, Linda Everson, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Mike Kirchoff, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Becky Siegrist, Chad Smith, Julie Toll, Matt Toll, and Donna Tritt

Guests: Rick Dittberner, Fred Kirchenwitz, Tom Radke, and Krista Weiss

President Casey called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Pastor opened with the Lutheran Hour Ministries devotion for February 19th.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Council Meeting.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: Everything is going well. Our new counters are doing well. Deb has updated the Collection Counters Schedule dated 1-1-19. She will put copies in the counter's box so all counters receive a copy.

Treasurer's Report - Heather Klauer:

January 2019 Bank Deposits	\$23,010.39
January 2019 Bank Withdrawals	\$34,414.24
End of January 2019 Bank Account Balance	\$50,516.53
Mortgage Balance	\$520,648.08
Joyful Response for January 2019:	\$4,970.00

Pastor Koepsell's Report: Pastor presented the names of new members: Ben & Robyn Boche and Jack and Sam; Greg & Jodi Brey; Josiah Brunner; Lydia Brunner; Jan (Peterson) Bunke; John & Brenda Hawig; Kevin Jooss; Shawn & Alycia Mueller and Avery; Lee Paris; Jerry & Jan Ratchman; Craig & Jodi Skadahl and Kat, Zoe, and Cody; Bill & Ruth Wagner; Griffin & Jennifer Wiley; and Mike and Kristie Zellner.

Board of Stewardship - Noah Hinrichs: Absent - nothing new to report.

Board of Trustee – Mike Kirchoff: Mike wanted to thank Krista and Craig for the all the work they did during our water damage.

Board of Fellowship – Becky Siegrist: Working on Lenten Meditation event on April 7th and thinking about Easter breakfast. She is in need of committee members.

<u>Board of Youth</u> – Matt and Julie Toll: Five youth will be attending the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this summer. Heather will write a check for the registration fee that is due. A state gathering was mentioned and will be looked into.

<u>Board of Education</u> – Linda Everson: No Sunday School on April 21st (Easter). The last day of Sunday School for the 2018-19 school year will be May 19th. Sunday School donated \$50 to Samaritan's Purse. We have a new music director for Sunday School – Robin Boche. There will be a VBS meeting on February 27th. VBS will be held on a weekend. The Sunday School children will be singing on March 10th.

Board of Elders - Gary Bedroske: Cam Bedroske, Music Director, was a guest at the meeting. Pastor and Cam are meeting once per month to coordinate services. Pastor is providing Cam with three months of Liturgy for music planning purposes. The next week's music is settled by Monday with Pastor having final approval. Information was provided that some adult choir members are interested in having a voluntary choir to sing at funerals on a voluntary basis probably from those retired members. Cam stated that all music text put into the bulletin should go through her to make sure we are not violating any rules. Cam stated that the Lenten Meditation Service will be on April 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Pastor stated that Jews for Jesus will be here later that day for a presentation. Cam stated that Robin Boche, who will be a new member and is a musician, will be handling Sunday School music. Cam left the meeting after her report.

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Discussion was held regarding adding a second Sunday service with a final suggestion of 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 with Sunday School and Bible Study from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Communion could be rotated between services every week. Discussion was also held regarding Contemporary services. The feeling is that more research would have to be undertaken before anything was implemented. Pastor stated that whatever we do, we must do well. Pastor's report: There will be 27 new members accepted into the congregation on 3/3/19. January 2019 weekly average attendance was 205 vs. January 2018 of 187. One funeral was held and there are some baptisms coming up. Wednesday morning bible study has approximately 9 people attending. They are going through the Old Testament. Confirmation instruction has 16 to 17 students with 5 being 8th graders. Tenebrae services will be at 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will be with communion. Palm Sunday is 4/14/19 and Easter is 4/21/19. Lenten service meals will be handled by the following groups: 3/6/19 – Confirmation; 3/13/19 – Evangelism; 3/20/19 – Elders; 3/27/19 – Choir; 4/3/19 – Youth. Discussion followed about two services. Pastor will create and distribute a survey to members of our congregation about the idea of expanding our Sunday morning worship to two services. Surveys will be available electronically and hardcopy. Due back on March 10th. There will be a special Voter's Meeting on March 17th. The Board of Elders work with the congregation.

New Business:

Krista presented information on two websites -360Unite (currently have) and Weebly (proposing). By switching to Weebly we would save \$600 per year. Motion M/S/C to accept Weebly as our new website. See attached proposals.

Missions – A discussion followed on how to spend our \$18,000 allocated for missions. We have only spent \$7,400. Discussion followed. President Casey has requested that we come back next month with specific ideas to allocate funds – local, synod, district, international, etc.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>January</u>

Deposits: \$23,010.39

Withdrawals: \$34,414.24

Ending Bank Balance: \$50,516.53 Mortgage Balance: \$520,648.08 Joyful Response: \$4970.00

February

Deposits: \$49,406.84

Withdrawals: \$49,301.79

Ending Bank Balance: \$50,621.58 Mortgage balance: \$497,448.92 (this reflects a \$20,000 payment on

principle on 2/13)

Joyful Response: \$5,290.00



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WI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD — MISSOURI
US NAVY — WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Please let the church office know if you have family serving in the military. We can add their names and our members can be praying for them. We are grateful for those who serve our country.



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Hospitalized?? Or you desire a call?? If you are going into the hospital, please call to let the Church Office know. We do not always receive the information in a timely manner so that the appropriate visitation can be made. Also, hospitals can no longer release information to us about your 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.



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.



<u>April</u> <u>May</u>

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David Doan	4/1			Landon Leinweber	5/13
Samuel Mehn	4/1	Theresa Bray	4/23	Ruth Nevers	5/13
Kinsey Koepsell	4/2	Natalie Haag	4/23	Barb Bandelow	5/16
Darlene Paulsen	4/5	Dennis Bostwick	4/24	DuWayne Besaw	5/16
Gerald Sprague	4/5	Phillip Steinbeck	4/24	Anne Fogtman	5/17
Don Borgen	4/6	Andrew Klatt	4/25	Kristy McMillan	5/17
Ruth Wagner	4/7	David Wagner	4/28	Hannah Bruss	5/18
Apryl Weed	4/7			Chad Smith	5/21
Amber Leinweber	4/12	$\underline{\mathbf{May}}$		Sara Suwalski	5/21
Delores Ziemer	4/12			Benjamin Mehn	5/22
Gene Gohlke	4/13	Jackson McMillan	5/1	Maxwell Mittelstaedt	5/22
Irvin Henriksen	4/13	Jackie Wagner	5/3	Faulkner Charles	5/24
David Leinweber	4/14	Samantha Brunner	5/6	Mike Radloff	5/25
Kiley Klauer	4/16	JoAnn Haskins	5/7	Nolan Tokarski	5/25
Eric Nienass	4/16	Jenny Kirchenwitz	5/7	Barb Wiley	5/25
Avery Rodig	4/17	Craig Skadahl	5/7	Rev. James Daugherty	5/26
Bertrant Behm	4/18	Becky Tuchscherer	5/7	Ted Radke	5/26
Joshua Dreger	4/18	Abby Zink	5/7	Steven Tritt	5/26
Shelley Goding-Rivera	4/18	Terri Kramer	5/8	William Beck	5/28
Ken Ruehl	4/18	Laurita Daugherty	5/9	Susan Danula	5/28
Patricia Adamski	4/19	Chad Goding	5/9	Heather Klauer	5/28
Scott Kramer	4/19	Mike Kuble	5/11	Finn Hinrichs	5/29
Harper Tritt	4/20	Preston Henke	5/13	Lucille Pflanzer	5/29
Ericka Potratz	4/22	Frank Jarvenpaa	5/13	Leah Clappes	5/30



<u>April</u>		May			
Jeff & Linda Everson	4/8	Bud & Sharon Hoeppner	5/13		
Jim & Sharon Ziemer	4/11	James & Lori Purath	5/14		
Jim & Joan Warwick	4/24	Todd & Heather Klauer	5/17		
John & Brenda Hawig	4/25	Aaron & Lori Bruss	5/18		
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		Katie & Rob Rodig	5/21		
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Gary & Ruth Galow	5/7	Don & Bonnie Borgen	5/23		
Tim & Samantha Brunner	5/9	Kurt & Emily Brunner	5/23		
Mike & Patricia Phillips	5/9	David & Darci Doan	5/23		
Mike & Deb Radloff	5/9	Phillip & Kari Steinbeck	5/25		
Branden & Kristin Mike	5/10	Bill & Marian Fenlon	5/27		



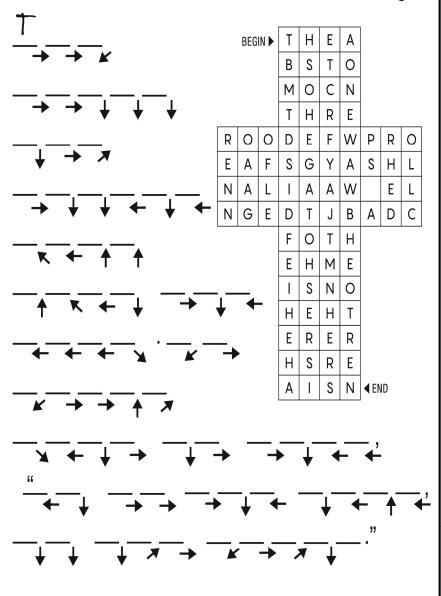
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Puzzle!

Follow the arrows and fill in the blanks to discover what the women found at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.



(See Luke 24:1-8.)

Answer: The stone was rolled away from the door. An angel said to them, "He is not here; he has risen!"

God so oved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible

What you do:

- 1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
- 2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
- 3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
- 4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
- 5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.

