

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.

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The Lord make His face shine upon you...

In seminary, one of the first words that I learned in Greek class was “prosopon.” I suppose it will always be a word in my repertoire for that reason. By the way, it means face. I came across that word once again when I was reading Paul’s second letter to the church in Corinth.

In the 4th chapter Paul writes: *“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”* (2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV.)

So what’s the big deal about “face?” Like many words, it has many connotations. There is the obvious meaning, “the front part of the head from forehead to chin.” Then there is this meaning, “the expression/countenance shown by its features.” The word also could be used as a verb. As a verb, face means, “to have or turn the face toward (a certain direction).”

So, when the Lord makes His face shine on you it’s a good thing. *“The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace”* (Numbers 6:25 NIV.)

It is to bless you that the LORD causes you to be in the direction of His gaze.

To behold the face of Christ is the ultimate of blessings. John, the apostle/evangelist writes: *“They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever”* (Revelation 22:4-5 ESV.)

To behold the face of Jesus Christ is heaven. It’s the goal of our faith!

You may be tempted to think, “Do I really want our LORD to gaze upon me, a sinner? Do I want Him to see my every action, hear my every thought or the words that roll so easily off my tongue?”

God gives us these frightful words which Moses penned: *“Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, ‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods”* (Deuteronomy 31:17-18 ESV.)

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Pastor Koepsell (*continued from page 1*)

How often have we given our LORD reason to turn His face from us! How often, in full view of His face, have we willfully and shamefully done things as if in secret, as if no one was looking!

One more Biblical reference to the word face makes all the difference for you and me. Luke writes: “*When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem*” (Luke 9:51 ESV). The King James Version says it like this: “*And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.*”

In other words, Jesus willfully went to the city of His execution. There He openly suffered at the hands of sinful men, suffered the tortures of the damned in hell and died the sinners’ death...all in full view of His Father’s face! Because of what Jesus allowed to happen to Himself and for what He willingly did (kept the Law of God perfectly in our place) our LORD’s face is always set toward us in blessing. For His face always gazes upon us through the cross of Jesus Christ.

What a difference it makes that our LORD’s face is resolutely and steadfastly set upon us! In Jesus, our Father in heaven has answered our plea for mercy. He orders all things for our eternal good. Not one thing escapes His protective gaze upon the objects of His affection, namely you and me.

If you should ever have doubts that His face is really upon you for your eternal salvation, just gaze upon the face of Jesus Christ and you don’t have to wonder anymore.

The Lord bless you and keep you!

See you in Church!

Pastor Koepsell



Scrip

Thank you to the many members who have helped support the church by buying Scrip.
During summer the schedule for ordering Scrip changes.

Starting August 5th we will be back to weekly orders.

If you have any questions, please talk to Linda or Jeff Everson



Church Council

Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a great summer and got to spend some time with family and friends. With fall just around the corner, soon our schedules will be returning into familiar routines. Our church home will be in full swing with lots of activities for everyone, please don't be afraid to take part in what you are able to. We have Waterfest coming up in August and need volunteers for that night. We are also in need of volunteers for the afternoon shifts at the Festival brat barn. Sign up sheets are in the atrium.

Our summer months have been kind to us financially. Thank you to everyone for supporting our church community. Once again I do ask everyone to prayerfully consider what you can give, both financially and of time. We can use help in lots of areas and your gift of time is very appreciated.

Elections for officers and board chairmen will be coming up this fall. Please consider your gift of time to our church, if asked.

Starting in the fall we will be using the attendance kiosks for tracking attendance. We recently purchased a second kiosk for this purpose. I know that we have had some wireless connection issues with the current kiosk but I think we will have this rectified soon. The second station should be up and running before September. The summer was a trial time for this and that is why the red books were still in the pews. I would say that in September we should see the books go away and the kiosks working as intended. Thank you for being patient during this trial period.

I would like to thank everyone for all their help in making our church grow and prosper.

Jim Purath

Our Bright Beacon

We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our own private questions. ... But better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively ... without regard, first of all, to our own subjective needs.

Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory. Let them stay there permanently, like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life's problems — our own and everyone's. Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does "speak to our condition" and meet our needs, not just occasionally or when some emergency arises, but continually.

—Frederick C. Grant

Board of Elders



Dear Members of Good Shepherd,

Here it is, the middle of the summer and I get to refresh you with good news! We were driving on vacation and saw this quote, "Go out on a limb, that's where the fruit is!" I really like that thought and feel it is our challenge as a flock of the Shepherd. Pastor reminds us weekly that we belong to the Good Shepherd. So, since we know who we are, let's challenge each other and reach for the fruit.

Some people may easily scamper out on the limb alone; good for you. Others will stretch out strong arms after being anchored on the limb; good for you. Others will ask friends to help hold and support them on the limb and make it a group effort; good for you. Others are just happy to see that the fruit is in someone's hands and share the joy! So what do you think? Wanna go out on a limb with me? Let's do it together and share the great taste of some ripe juicy fruit. It will be fun and rewarding.

Our congregation went out on a limb and sponsored a Polka Service and Picnic in the Park last month. Guess what? 186 people attended. We were able to see members of our sister congregation to worship, sing and just plain visit. The food was great, of course. There were even visitors (college students) who followed up on Sunday worship. That 'limb climbing' was super worth it! You know me, I love meeting new people and visiting. The singing was fun too. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help make it a success!

How about this limb? UWO will soon be starting up and it is a chance for us to reach out to students. If you know anyone who is a new or returning student, get some information from them that may help us offer rides, etc. I personally know of one Freshman student who will need a ride each week.

I saved the best limb for my ending thought. Start reaching for the fruit of Bible Study. I am sure that Pastor will continue to offer new and interesting materials for the group to study. Just try it. Stretch a little and grow! I will be there with coffee and treat in hand...oh yes, and a Bible too.

Thanks everybody for working as a loving flock, stretching for fruit and sharing the joy!

Sincerely,

Gary Bedroske

P.S. Please be patient with the Kiosk/computer way of attendance. It is a work in progress and not meant to frustrate you.

P.S.S. Grab your new picture directory if you haven't already. Memorize one new face/name a week.

God is up to something good!



When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them” (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on” (Luke 21:4).

“She ... put in all she had to live on.” She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, “Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart” (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

Youth Group News



Flock of our Good Shepherd,

Julie and I would first off like to thank you for the opportunity and privilege to join together with you in serving the needs of Good Shepherd as we begin to focus on how to best lead, teach, develop, and serve the youth of our congregation. We believe these are some of the most crucial years in the development of our youth as they transition toward adulthood, and we are excited to be given this responsibility of coming alongside parents to help challenge and inspire the minds and lives of these young adults towards a Christian worldview. I'm reminded of the opening verses of Romans chapter 12 in which Paul appeals to believers to lead a life contrary to the nature of this sinful world. The world today pulls and pulls at all of us with what seems to be an ever increasing tug. This is especially true in the lives of younger generations. I pray that in the time we spend together with them, the Lord will allow us to be a great encouragement to them as we all try to live our life in this world, but not of it. Through prayer, spurring one another on, and leaning on our Father in heaven I am confident that all of us can have deepened roots of faith as we work together to turn our attention away from the lures of the world and focus on Jesus.

I wish I could tell you all the qualifications we have that would suggest how fit and trained we are to lead in this area. However, that would just be boasting in ourselves; not to mention the fact that we simply don't have any such education or experience to lean on. And so as Paul exemplified to the Corinthian church, we boast in the Lord and in our weaknesses that the power of Christ may rest on us and glory be brought to the name of Jesus. I pray this undertaking will be another beautiful example of how God can take the ordinary, with all of its vulnerabilities and weaknesses, and by His real, present power use it to bring glory to His name and to serve the lives of His creation.

And wouldn't you know it...that real, present God is what the focus will be at the upcoming national youth gathering next summer. We look ahead with great anticipation to this time when all who attend will be reminded of and rooted in the great joy and peace of knowing that our God is right there alongside us through every twist and turn life brings, not just along for the ride, but alive and active in our lives, working all things for our good, even in the darkest of moments. I hope all you youth out there are as excited as we are about this event, and if you're not, we'll be trying to make you be that excited! This will be a great time of spiritual growth, deepening our trust in the Almighty for each and every circumstance we face. So mark your calendars and invite your friends, we're taking a road trip next summer!

Lord's blessings,

Matt Toll





Welcome to Childrens' Choir

Fall 2018



Dear Parents and Choir Members,

I have been waiting for this moment since last May! The return of Childrens' Choir is quickly approaching. We will get to sing together, learn new songs and make music with interesting instruments. Not to mention seeing our friends again!

Here is some information which will be very important for all of us:

- The choir is open to all of the children of the congregation (generally age 6 & up) AND friends who like to sing and learn about Jesus.
- We meet for 45 minutes and the time really flies.
- Generally, we will sing one time per month and also join with the other singing groups in our church family. These are the Adult Choir and Sunday School.
- If you can not make a singing date, just call Cam so she can plan, especially if we are using special instruments that Sunday.
- Our rehearsal schedule DOES NOT INCLUDE every week:
- During Advent and Lent, we will not meet due to Wed. Mid-Week services.

First Rehearsal: Wed. September 5

No rehearsals in Advent:

Back to rehearsals: in January

No rehearsals in Lent:

Back to rehearsals: After Easter

Last rehearsal and family sing along: May

When rehearsals are scheduled, we meet from 5:30-6:15p.m.

Call/text/email me with any questions. Evenings are best to make contact.

920-379-2037 cbedroske@sbcglobal.net

Pray for God to bless our time together as we sing His Word of Salvation!

Cam Bedroske

Music Director



GIVE IT A TRY :)
COME TO JUST ONE REHEARSAL
AND GET HOOKED!

That is my challenge to you. Please help our choir grow and continue to be a strong partner in ministry! We had such a great time last year and kept busy with not only singing for worship services, but also taking on a Reformation Festival in the fall and the Lenten Meditation during Holy Week. - Cam Bedroske 920-379-2037

Here is how it works:

- Come on Wednesday nights at 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- First date is Sept. 5th (During Advent and Lent we rehearse at 5:30.)
- No experience needed. Many people learn by ear. No note reading needed. Cam's mom's reflection about her choir experiences, "I just sing and if the note goes up...I try to get my voice there." and "I like to see my friends."
- Commitment can fluctuate. Not everyone can make it each week. That's okay!
- Grow in God's Word as you sing it :)

****Fellowship is a natural result of having fun and serving others!****



TREASURER'S REPORT

May

Deposits:	\$26,212.66
Withdrawals:	\$28,135.07
Ending Bank Balance:	\$21,135.51
Mortgage Balance:	\$566,342.30
Joyful Response:	\$4,945.00

June

Deposits:	\$24,946.78
Withdrawals:	\$22,617.58
Ending Bank Balance:	\$23,464.71
Mortgage Balance:	\$543,182.22
	(reflects \$20,000 paid on 6/5 to principle)
Missions check to Trinity for the school:	\$3,033.86
	(from Polka service)



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Before you know it, Sunday school will be back in session. Sunday school will start on September 9th. Please register your child/children by Sunday, August 19th, so materials can be ordered. Good Shepherd welcomes children who are Pre-K (at least 3 years old and toilet independent) through 8th grade. Registration forms will be at the Scrip table and can be returned there or at the office. There will be new things happening this year and important dates to keep in mind, so watch for updates before September 9th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Linda Everson
Education Director

Official Acts of the Church

Baptism

Brandon James Bray	July 15, 2018
William Murphy Allen	July 15, 2018
Jordyn Rae Apprech	July 22, 2018

Transfer

Dustin, Erin, & Carson Mrozinski Returning to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Joyful Response

(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. Joyful Response allows you to set the amount of your donation and when it is to be given (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly). Money is automatically transferred from your checking account.

If you are interested in setting up a Joyful Response account please talk to Heather or pick up a form in the atrium with other "Good Shepherd" paperwork in the hanging organizer.



Greetings Members of Good Shepherd.

Summer has been a busy time for all of us and I am sure that the next few months will be busy with the wrapping up of summer and the start of fall. The following are a few events and updates to be aware of:

Festival Brat Barn: Saturday, August 25th, Good Shepherd will be at the Festival Brat Barn. Help is needed! Please give of your time. In order for this event to run smoothly, we need you to help. Consider bringing a friend. Check the sign-up board in the atrium to see when we need volunteers. Please remember to have closed toe shoes on, and wear either a Thrivent or Good Shepherd T-shirt. This is a great way to get to know others in the congregation.

Updated Directories: Please pick up your directory if you participated in getting your picture taken either last Fall or this Spring. Names are on the directories, please only take yours. Take time to look through the book and get to know your congregation. There have been many new members in the last few months, please get to know them.

Coffee Hour Fellowship: We are also looking for volunteers to setup coffee on Sunday mornings. Thank you to those who have helped. Also, to those who bring treats to share, thank you for your contributions. A sign up sheets for coffee setup and treats is always available in the coffee area.

If you have any questions about Evangelism, please check with Vivian Mittelstaedt.
Evangelism Chair,
Vivian Mittelstaedt



Harvest time!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus' words to the disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God's love can't be done "mechanically." Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of "You might be God's answer to your own prayer!" — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guilting people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus' authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God's love.

Meet Our Members

Hello to Everyone at Good Shepherd,

Vivian said you all have been itching to learn a little bit more about the Toll family, so here's a bowlful about us Toll's:

Julie and I (Matt) are in our late 30s. We've been married for about 5 years and reside out by Fisk. I grew up over by Green Lake and Julie is originally from the Hartford area. We both attended college at MSOE in Milwaukee for Mechanical Engineering degrees but did not know each other then. Years later, our paths came together again at a lighting company in Germantown that we were both employed at. It seemed like a bright idea, so here we are, together! Sadly, Satan had got the best of both of our pasts, having each been divorced. We thank God for His forgiveness, love, and blessings that know no bounds. I have three children from that previous marriage: Micaela (11), Micah (9), and Marisa (8). They attend school at Grace Lutheran here in Oshkosh. Julie works at Plexus in Neenah as a Design Engineer. I'm in the process of stepping away from engineering for now and getting back to some good old physical labor helping to bring back to life the farm my grandparents used to operate over by Green Lake.

I enjoy being outside, whether it be fishing, hiking, or just pulling weeds, taking care of our chickens, or doing some other work with my hands. Julie will tell you I like to make spreadsheets and create more work for myself too. Julie enjoys taking our dog, Lucy, for walks, working on craft projects, and serving others. Micaela is a big reader, Micah enjoys playing sports and legos, and Marisa is an animal lover. All three of them also have a new found enjoyment in helping with altar care and can't wait until it's our turn again, so don't be surprised if you see one of them running around the front of church looking to help carry something.

We are all excited to be a part of the family at Good Shepherd and look forward to growing together and serving one another and the world around us with all of you.

Lord's blessings,
Matt Toll



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

May 15, 2018

Present: Gary Bedroske, Deb Bochinski, Keith Casey, Linda Everson, Noah Hinrichs, Mike Kirchoff, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Fred Kirchenwitz, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Jim Purath, Lori Purath, Julie Toll, Matt Toll and Donna Tritt

President Jim Purath called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deb Bochinski read John 15:18 & 19. Pastor Koepsell read the Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries and opened with prayer.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Council meeting.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer:

April 2018 Bank Deposits	\$28,518.47
April Bank Withdrawals	\$23,461.93
End of April Bank Account Balance	\$23,057.92
Mortgage Balance	\$569,492.20
Joyful Response Electronic Giving: April 2018	\$5,270.00

Motion M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

Pastor Koepsell's Report:

- Thank you to all of you for all you do.
- Good Shepherd is on the upswing. 18 new members welcomed last month. More new members on horizon.
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for April:

Sunday Services: 224; (1 Sunday cancelled due to snow) (2017: 276)

- Holy Week: Maundy Thursday: 121 (99 in 2017); Good Friday 161 (86/75) (146 in 2017 78/68). Easter: 310 (124 & 186) – 259 in 2017 (87 & 172). Lent Meditation: 124 in 2017 couldn't find number for 2018 but I think a few more.
- 2 Baptisms – Triston Szweda on April 19th and Aiden Spaeth on April 22nd. More on the horizon.
- 0 Weddings – A couple undergoing premarital counseling: Ken & Michele Szweda for wedding June 2nd. Jonathan and Kaytlyn Dummer wedding on June 30th. Leah Dittberner and Dean , premarital counseling underway and will be completed by June.
- 1 Funeral: Jim Wojahn
- Bible Study: Sunday morning – Truth Project: 10 – 15; Wednesday: 7 – 9 Picking up again. Actually, good group been kind of doing a question forum/ask the pastor session, very interesting; Woman's group: 5 – 7; Men's group: 3 – 5.

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- Confirmation is done. Sam passed his examination. Peers did a good job with questioning. Good crowd present for support. Official confirmation is this weekend May 20th (Pentecost Sunday).
- VBS: Weekend -- August 3rd and 4th.
- Matt and Julie Toll have agreed to lead our Youth Group.
- Visits up to date. Very blessed to have Pastor Hayman. Always more people to see and things to do.
- Krista is doing awesome in our office.
- Evangelize/greet if you feel comfortable doing so.
- Blessing of Bikes was a neat experience. 3 pastors blessed the bikes/bikers.
- Ascension Trinity Menasha – May 10. Went well. The blended choirs were amazing. Next year we will host the Ascension service.
- Nice crowd for Mother's Day
- Pentecost (Confirmation) May 20th
- Polkafest/Picnic June 24th at Menominee Park. Joint service with Trinity. Offerings will be donated to Trinity Lutheran School.
- We are in need of Sunday School teachers.
- We need volunteers to clean church.
- Spring cleaning will be held Saturday, May 19th.

Motion M/S/C to accept Pastor's report.

Elders – Gary Bedroske: The need for an additional Sunday service was discussed. Also, discussed the need for another hymn during communion. We are looking for a higher average per Sunday before steps are taken. We are cozy now but when we are feeling crowded then we will look at two services per Sunday. We are slowly gaining momentum. We are stable. June 24th is the next big service we need to plan for. Pastor Koepsell is preaching. The offering monies will benefit Trinity School. The elders will provide meat – brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs – for the picnic. Side dishes will be added. Bible studies are moving along. This Sunday is Confirmation, last Sunday School for 2017-18 school year and possibly no Adult Bible Study. We are overseeing the transition in the Youth Ministry and will lend support as needed. Krista Weiss is our office administrator. She will be averaging approximately 30 hours per week. The kiosk has arrived.

Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs: Noah will meet with Joe Stephenson. A question arose and was answered regarding Joyful Response.

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: We are welcoming many new members. We will be using scrip at Festival for the Brat Barn on August 25th. All new members participated in having their pictures taken for the directory. We will all be receiving an updated directory.

Education – Linda Everson: The last day of Sunday School for the 2017-18 school year is May 20th. It will be a fun day filled with games, decorating cupcakes and other stations. Linda will have a workshop with teachers this summer to set up next year's schedule. There is a VBS meeting on May 29th.

Trustee – Mike Kirchoff: Saturday, May 19th will be our spring cleaning – inside and outside. Craig is having our air conditioning system looked at.

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Council Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018 (*continued*)

Fellowship – Lori Purath: We had a potluck for Cathy Armstrong's retirement on May 6th after church. 75 – 80 people attended.

Youth – Fred Kirchenwitz: Matt and Julie Toll will be the new co-chairs. Fred thanks all the families for their support and assistance. **A huge Thank You to Fred for his years of service.** Our date for Waterfest will be August 23rd. We will need 60 workers. Fred will post a sign-up sheet.

Old Business:

Krista Weiss is our Administrative Assistant. She will be work approximately 30 hours a week (Monday – Friday). The kiosk has arrived.

New Business: There will be a joint Voters'/Council Meeting on Sunday, June 10th at 10:30 a.m. Matt Toll is officially welcomed as our Chairman for the Board of Youth effective immediately.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Combined Council and Voter's Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2018

President Jim Purath called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell opened with prayer.

Members present: 37

Motion M/S/C to accept the following two (2) individuals as voting members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: Julie Toll and Matthew Toll

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2018 Voters' Meeting and the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Council Meeting.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: Everything is going well. The recording form has been revised and seems to be working very nicely.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer:

May Bank Deposits	\$26,212.66
May Bank Withdrawals	\$28,135.07
End of May Bank Account Balance	\$21,135.51
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We are on budget. We are a steady but growing place.

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Combined Council and Voter's Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2018 (*continued*)

Pastor Koepsell's Report:

Thank you for everything. It's because of you that we are growing and doing as well as we are.

Good Shepherd is still on the upswing even during "summer".

Average Weekly Worship Attendance for May (total weekly): 189 (with no church on the Thursday of Ascension) (183 in 2017).

0 Baptisms

1 Wedding: Ken & Michele Szweda on June 2nd. Leah and Dean premarital counseling complete. Premarital counseling done for Jonathan and Kaytlyn Dummer – wedding on June 30th – will be using our building.

0 Funerals

Bible Study: Sunday morning Truth Project: 10 – 15; Wednesday 8 – 10; Woman's group 5 – 7; Men's group 3-5.

Confirmation class is done. Sam Koepsell was confirmed on May 20th (Pentecost Sunday).

Julie and Matt Toll will be our new youth leaders. Thanks to them for volunteering.

VBS will be held on Friday, August 3rd and Saturday, August 4th.

Visits up to date. We are very blessed to have Pastor Hayman. Always more people to see and things to do.

Our new secretary is awesome.

If you feel comfortable, evangelize/greet.

Polka Fest – joint with our sister congregation, Trinity, on June 24th at Menominee Park. Offerings will be donated to Trinity School.

We need Sunday School teachers and subs, people to clean church and mow lawn

Personally, doing well

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Elders – Gary Bedroske: Many things are happening here at Good Shepherd. Thanks to Fred Kirchenwitz for his many years of leading our Youth Group! The elders are hoping to assist our new youth leaders in establishing a board. Our elders are supporting our pastor. June 24th will be our Polka Fest following by a picnic. Elders will be cooking brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Encourage everyone to get involved in bible study.

Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs: Absent (no report)

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: Absent (no report)

Education – Linda Everson: Absent but Linda sent a report that all is good with Sunday School.

Trustee – Mike Kirchoff: Don't forget to sign up to mow the grass.

Fellowship – Lori Purath: Everything is going well.

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Youth – Matt Toll: There are a couple of events this summer. One is a conference in July in Mequon. Would like to see the youth assist with VBS. Also, there is a Back to School Fair in mid-August. Thinking about having a picnic early August to get to know the students. Would really like to get to know the students better. Pray for us!

Old Business: There was a question about Thrivent Choice Dollars. Anne Fogtman was able to address the question.

New Business: A Nominating Committee has been selected. The Nominating Committee will consist of the following members: Craig Mittelstaedt, Pat Phillips, Mike Phillips, Sara Suwalski, and Sandra Casey. Motion M/S/C to accept the above stated individuals as our Nominating Committee. The offices to be filled are President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Evangelism Chair, Fellowship Chair, and Stewardship Chair.

Budget: Line item – Move \$5,000 out of Pastor's salary and move it to Pastor's housing. Motion M/S/C to make this move.

Attendance Kiosk: Many of you were asked to use the attendance kiosk today. This will replace the red attendance record located in our pews. We do need to keep a record of attendance. The target for switching to the kiosk is September. Discussion and questions followed.

Announcements: Fred Kirchenwitz reminded everyone to sign up for Waterfest on August 23rd. He will be ordering more t-shirts (50).

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 11:26 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary



At Camp LuWiSoMo I learned that Satan came in the form of a serpent the deceived Eve. I learned it at Bible Story. We also did fun games and crafts! We sang prayers before and after every meal. We had chapel in the morning after breakfast and raised the flags and said the pledge.

I had a great time and hope I can go again next year. Thank you!

— Delaney Smith



**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

JARED RIVERA
CHAD BERRY
BEN WILEY

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

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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Council & Board Members 2018**

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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.
Thank you!



August

Ralph Potratz	8/2
Glen Lienhard	8/3
Dawn Makurat	8/3
Howard Hoppe	8/4
Joann Behm	8/6
Doug Flouro	8/6
Elyssa Berry	8/7
Emma Kuble	8/8
Dorothy Nottelson	8/8
Sharron Ziemer	8/8
Kristin Mike	8/9
Genie Kuble	8/11
Iris Lienhard	8/11
Ruby Van Keuren	8/11
Jessie McDonald	8/12
Judy Mehn	8/12
Pete Mehn	8/12
Lynn Jarvenpaa	8/13
Megan Bruss	8/14
Shelley Collins	8/14
Adam Leinweber	8/14
Adam Tuchscherer	8/14
Patricia Anderson	8/15
Marilyn Kleinhans	8/15
Ryan Nitzke	8/15

September

Joan Warwick	8/18	Kaitlyn Rock	9/7
Matthew Stinski	8/19	Julie Toll	9/7
Damien Bandelow	8/21	Alexander Smith	9/9
Nathan McDonald	8/22	Carson Steinbeck	9/9
Gwen Cooley	8/24	Paul Klatt	9/10
Josephine Henriksen	8/24	Kaley Koch	9/11
Jackie Kiffmeyer	8/24	Lauren Potratz	9/11
Betty Jane Gudmanson	8/25	Brody Koepsell	9/13
Terri Ludwig	8/25	Avarie Tritt	9/14
Daniel Mason	8/25	Eric Kiffmeyer	9/15
Brayden Klauer	8/27	Dian Sheldon	9/15
Christopher Purath	8/27	Taylor Rodig	9/18
Steven Pflanzer	8/28	Colin McDonald	9/19
Jacob Stinski	8/31	Tina Nitzke	9/21
Michelle Szweda	8/31	Rick Dittberner	9/23
Vivian Mittelstaedt	9/2	Kevin Dordel	9/23
Gary Schmude	9/2	Portia Weiss	9/23
Michael Kolb	9/3	Eric Smith	9/26
Jerry Weber	9/3	Seth McDonald	9/27
Jim Ziemer	9/3	Wes Wojahn	9/29
Milton Haskins	9/4	Joyce Ludwig	9/30
Carissa Ullrich	9/4		
Zachary Kiffmeyer	9/5		
Michael Luethe	9/6		



August

Ted & Diana Trinoskey	8/6
Doug & Georgia Zuhlke	8/6
Ralph & Ericka Potratz	8/8
Tom & Ruth Nevers	8/10
Benjamin & Kimberly Heideman	8/14
Michael & Barbara Kolb	8/17
Steve & Terri Ludwig	8/21
Thomas & Patricia Adamski	8/22
Fred & Jenny Kirchenwitz	8/22
Glen & Iris Lienhard	8/26

September

Steven & Shelley Collins	9/6
Christopher & Amanda Purath	9/6
Gary & Debbie Vowels	9/8
Howard & Joyce Hoppe	9/11
Mark & Patti Stinski	9/17
Rev. James & Laurita Daugherty	9/19
Matthew & Theresa Bray	9/20
Eric & Bianca Smith	9/21
Paul & Carilee Klatt	9/28



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
5 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	6	7	8 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i>	9 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	10	11 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
12 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	13	14 <i>Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	15 <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i>	16 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	17	18 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
19 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	20	21 <i>Council Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	22 <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i>	23 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	24	25 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
26 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	27	28	29 <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i>	30 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	31	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	3 <i>Office Closed</i> LABOR Day	4	5 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Open House 5:30-6:30 PM</i>	6 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	7	1 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
9 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	10 <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i>	11 <i>Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	12 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:30-6:30 PM</i>	13 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	14	15 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
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23 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i>	24 <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i>	25	26 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:30-6:30 PM</i>	27 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	28	29 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am</i>
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