

The Parish Pulse

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH OSHKOSH

Celebrate, Live, Love & Share

By Pastor Koepsell

*"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. **They will celebrate** your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

- From Psalm 145

Greetings People of the Good Shepherd...and, again, Happy Anniversary!

(If you skipped the Bible verse above, go back and read it!)

We still have much to celebrate! Together now for over 50 years, we've been about this business of doing God's work and His will here in Oshkosh, **telling of His mighty acts, speaking of His glorious splendor and majesty, meditating on His wonderful works.**

Since Good Shepherd's inception, over 50 years ago, people have come, people have gone. We've laughed, cried, consoled, prayed, sang, worshipped, fellow-shipped, built and grown together. Ups and downs like our own little roller coaster with our Good Shepherd piloting the lead cart...or at least running the control switches and brakes.

Our little church has been a part of several servant events, we've touched the lives of many in our community with our food and scrip card donations, off the street counseling and special offerings. We've been faithful in our mission giving right here and at large. There's been numerous baptisms (from infant to adults), many who were confirmed in their faith (see the pictures in the sanctuary), and numerous professions of faith. By God's grace, many couples have gone through pre-marital counseling and taken their wedding vows in front of God and family through Good Shepherd. And finally, many of our members have gone ahead of us to the Kingdom at Large, reaching the ultimate goal, the Crown of Glory.

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Celebrate, Live, Love & Share (Continued from pg 1)

This is all reason to celebrate! From humble beginnings with a few souls and padded chairs that made strange noises, to over 600 souls at one point...to now with just over 400 souls in our spiritual care. From just a few kids, to a ton of kids, to almost none and back again to now well over 60...We are stable, we are growing, and we've only just begun our next phase. Praise the Lord!

But as cool as it is to look back and see what God has done through us, I find it even more exciting to look ahead, imagine, and seek what He has planned for our future. Together we've always been making a difference and by God's grace, we will mightily continue to do so.

You belong to a really neat, little, faithful church! Don't be afraid or ashamed to tell your friends and neighbors about it! (Especially the ones that don't know Jesus or are not connected to a church!) **For we are the current generation that will tell the next of God's awesome works!**

Yes, YOU are a part of this. God has given YOU this **time**, your very life, for His purpose right here and now, and I am truly blessed to be able to share this exciting time with you as together we **celebrate God's abundant goodness and joyfully sing His praises!**

Speaking of time...remember that, because of our current growth, we are going to three services this fall. Thursdays at 6:30 PM, and Sundays at 8 & 10:30 AM with Fellowship and Bible Study from 9:15-10:15. Please make an effort to go to different services at different times and come for Fellowship/Bible Study so we remain connected as a family should.

Let's allow God's Word have its way with us this next year and celebrate it, live it, love it & share it!

See you at Church!

Pastor

Time Well Spent

By Keith Casey, Congregation President

I hope that everyone had a great summer and got to spend some quality time with family and friends. Our 50th Anniversary Corn Roast was a huge success and I would like to personally thank everyone for your support to this event. Fall is just around the corner and our schedules will return to familiar routines to include some familiar church events. Sunday School, Waterfest, and Festival Brat Barn, just to name a few, all need volunteers. Please consider giving some of your time and talents to these great events.

This Fall, we will begin having two worship services on Sunday and we need more ushers. If you are interested in serving your Church in this way, please reach out to myself or Gary Bedroske. Additionally, elections for officers and board chair leads will be coming up this fall. If asked to serve, please consider giving your gift of time to our Church.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting our church community, we are doing well financially despite some unforeseen expenses. 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.

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



The Joy of Growing

By Gary Bedroske, Head Elder

Summer Memories...Back to School...Vacation is Ending...Fall is Just Around the Corner

All of those phrases mean different things to each of us. The ending of one thing is just another way of seeing the beginning of another. This summer, my family experienced the joys of grandparenting, caring for our aging parents, and watching our adult children experience life on the wild side! All of them were blessings.

My church family experienced baptisms, picnics, weddings, gardening, funerals, VBS, potlucks, collecting food for others, and vacationing in various places. All of them were blessings.

Well, now it is time to get back to work! We rally the troops and start dreaming again, looking for new challenges, and offering ourselves as Servants. Vacationing is great, but working together as a family is how we grow and change! Let's do it. Here is some motivation:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Jesus Christ you are serving.”

-Colossians 3:23-24

Try something new this Fall. Volunteer in a new way at church, challenge yourself to say hello to a different person each week, join the choir, or just enjoy being back with your church family again.

Next month, on September 8th we begin worshipping at 2 different service times, both 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. The family is growing and with it comes 'growth pains'. That is not a bad thing. We just need to adjust with patience and rejoice that God provides all the answers. I thank God for the joy of growing!

P.S. As we grow, please let me or the office know if you are not assigned an Elder to connect with for concerns or ideas.

Joyful Response

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 (heatherklauern@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!



Scrip

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 approximately \$1,100 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



Note-ables

By Cam Bedroske, Music Director

As summer wraps up and fall approaches, the musical opportunities at Good Shepherd start to increase. If you love music, there are many ways to get involved at church including Choir, both Adult Choir and now Youth Choir! Where do you fit in?

Adult Choir: This choir is open to everyone! We are a group of musicians who love to sing, visit, and work together to learn new things. We sing approx. 2 Sundays per month and will alternate between the early and late services.

Here are a few answers to common questions:

- **What ages?** All adults and High School Students are welcome.
- **Do I need to have experience?** No, we learn with each other and have fun.
- **What if I can't attend every rehearsal?** No problem! We give whatever time we can and then show up on Sunday mornings to rehearse ½ hr. prior to the service.
- **How long are rehearsals and what if I need to leave early or arrive a bit late?** Just give Cam a heads up through our group text...no worries!
- **Can I try it out just to see if it fits for me?** Yes, do it! I understand.

Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-7:30p.m. Please join this ministry and make friends while growing in God's Word. The first rehearsal is **Wednesday September 4th**.

NEW FOR KIDS!

Children's Choir has morphed into Youth Choir! WHY?

This is a music ministry which used to meet during the week BUT we are changing the time to involve more people. When we met during the week, our older students graduated and went on to Confirmation Class. Meeting on Sunday evenings allows more young people to participate and have a lot of fun!

Youth Choir: This group is for 2nd- 8th grade children. Youth will sing, play Orff instruments and also serve as a Chime Choir. We will meet **Sunday nights at 6:30-7:15** and perform music one time per month.

With these changes, I am hoping to welcome back a few of our graduates from previous years. This will also allow us to learn Christmas and Lenten music, since we typically stopped rehearsing during Advent and Lent. However, don't worry...we will take a substantial break after Christmas and take January off!! Youth choir starts on **Sunday September 8th**.

The Learning Curve

By Judy Mehn, Superintendent of Sunday School

As Linda Everson has stepped down from her Director of Education position, Jennifer Charles and I, Judy Mehn, will be joining forces to fill Linda's shoes. Jennifer is now the Director of Education and I am the Superintendent for the Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Registration for Sunday School is just around the corner. Please share any ideas or comments you have about the Sunday School program with us. We are looking forward to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and God's Word with your children. If anyone is interested in being a Sunday School teacher please contact me at 920.379.5095



Refuge and Strength

By Matthew and Julie Toll , Youth Leaders



Thank You! Thank you! Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your encouragement, and thank you for your investment in our youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Having never before experienced the gathering ourselves, this was an unforgettable time for all 6 of us. For me, it was the best 5 days of spiritual feeding that I've ever had, truly an experience that strengthened faith and provided a firmer foundation for when we are shaken!

At the gathering we dug deep into Psalm 46, deeper than I thought we could go! A simple summary doesn't do justice to all that we experienced while learning about our real, present God and how we can then be real and present with God and with each other. But here are a couple key take-aways:

We all have questions. "Why, God?" Sometimes we get lost in the why. And even if we knew why, we still wouldn't understand. Instead of the why, our focus shifts to the what. "What has God done for me?" We cling in trust to the promises of our God even when we don't know or understand. The troubles we face are real, but so is the refuge. God promises that His presence is our refuge and strength, no matter what. And no matter what, we know for certain where God is present for us, in His Word and sacraments.

And as we look ahead, 3 years may seem a long way off, but I want to already start encouraging families with youth currently entering 6th – 9th grade to start praying about the next youth gathering. Whatever the sacrifice, whatever the

cost, whatever the missed opportunities, and whatever the missed activities is nothing in comparison to what your teens will gain by attending the gathering. It's worth it! We want to see them there!

Lord's blessings,

Matt & Julie Toll



Picture Perfect

By Vivian Mittelstaedt, Head of Evangelism

Summer has definitely arrived and we hope that you have been able take advantage of the opportunities that brings. The Evangelism Board has continued to stay busy. Here are a few of things that have happened since the last newsletter.

Work on updating the church directory has progressed smoothly. The second proof book has been received and sent back. The final books should be here soon. When they arrive, all members whose pictures are in the directory will receive a copy. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to participate and make this a great resource. The directory makes it a lot easier to get to know and stay in touch with fellow members.

Coffee time, following worship service, remains a wonderful time to socialize. Consider using this time to visit and introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Come September we will be offering two Sunday services and as a result, our fellowship time will be different than it is now. We continue to appreciate the treats that people bring in on Sunday. Thanks to all who have done so. A sign up sheet is always on the table in the atrium.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Evangelism Team, please talk to Vivian. We always welcome anyone interested in helping out.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer. Enjoy the beauty of God's creation wherever you go.



Keepin' Busy

By Noah Hinrichs, Head of Stewardship

I'm excited by the level of activity that I see going on at the Church recently! It's good to see our members out and about in the community, as well as doing work in and around the Church on a weekly basis. It is also good to see that we have members taking advantage of the Thrivent Action Team program to help get a little extra funding for their events. Small seed money donations start to add up!

I continually work to keep the Time & Talent spreadsheet up to date, so if there is something that you would like to be involved in that you didn't originally mark on the sheet please let me know and I'll update as needed. If you haven't filled out your time and talent survey, please do! It's great to have so many of our members involved in all facets that make our Church such a special place.

I am also currently working on a couple of things:

1. I'm trying to create a PayPal/Venmo account so that if you would like to pay for something or make donations online we have the power to do that. This is separate from the automatic giving program. I'm still working out the bugs with Krista and Heather. The thought was that if you wanted to purchase something such as SCRIP, but didn't have cash or a check available, you may be able to make the payment online or via your smartphone. This is definitely becoming more popular for businesses and non-profits as the world advances with technology. When we have the process mastered we will let the congregation know.
2. I saw the success of the giving program on the bulletin board for Sunday School and have created the same program for pieces of our Church budget. If there is something that holds a special place for you; or you would like to fund it or be involved in it, this will be a way you can do that. Look for this in August or September...
3. I'm looking for a date in late Fall to host an education hour on how we can easily include our church in our estate plans. We did this a year ago with the help of a local attorney and it was well received by those who attended. We will brush up on some of the topics we covered last year and also introduce new ideas that have come up due to recent tax law changes. I will have a sign-up sheet hung soon so I can prepare for donuts and beverages...

Please continue to get involved! We are all part of a very special congregation!

Treasurer's Report

Compiled by Treasurer
Heather Klauer

May

Bank Deposits:	\$34,388.16
Bank Withdrawals:	\$28,823.68
End of month balance:	\$74,206.56
Mortgage Balance:	\$487,578.34
Joyful Response:	\$6,120.00

June

Bank Deposits:	\$28,499.22
Bank Withdrawals:	\$28,014.05
End of Month Balance:	\$74,691.73
Mortgage Balance:	\$484,265.50
Joyful Response:	\$6,040.00



Council Minutes (May 21, 2019)

Transcribed by Donna Tritt

Present: Gary Bedroske, Keith Casey, Heather Klauer, Mike Kirchoff, Pastor Koepsell, Sharon Leinweber, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Lori Purath, Chad Smith, Julie Toll, Matt Toll, and Donna Tritt

President Casey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Heather Klauer led us with the daily devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries for May 21st.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the April 16 Council Meeting with these changes Elder’s reported that Ascension is Thursday, May 23rd – correction is Thursday, May 30th and the time should be changed from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski (absent – reported by President Casey: Everything is good. Will report next month.

Treasurer’s Report – Heather Klauer:

April 2019 Bank Deposits	\$46,276.84
April 2019 Bank Withdrawals	\$49,485.37
End of April 2019 Bank Account Balance	\$68,642.08
Mortgage Balance	\$490,879.83
Joyful Response for April 2019:	\$6,430.00

Six (6) students (2 for weekend camp and 4 for week long) are interested in attending camp at LuWiSoMo. \$2500 has been budgeted for Camp Fund. Discussion followed. Heather will write a check for the \$900 deposit needed. If there is enough money in the Camp Fund to fund all six going to camp, we will pay the fee for the six campers. If not, the money will be divided by the campers and the remaining balance will be paid by the campers.

Pastor Koepsell’s Report:

- Thanks for everything.
- Stable
- Have been here 3 years and exceeding expectations but lots more to do
- Really blessed for all of our musical talent – Cam, Bridget, Stuart, Amy, Lynn, our choir, instrumentalists, etc.
- A few new members on horizon – will welcome them in June or July
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance: Lent Wednesdays: 129 (99 in 2018); Maundy Thursday 122 (121 in 2018); Good Friday 1st service 94 and 2nd service 106 = 200 (2018: 1st service 86 and 2nd service 75 = 161)
- Easter Sunday: 385 (310 in 2018)
- 1 Baptism, 0 Weddings – multiple marriage counseling in the works , 0 Funerals (1 committal – Ed and Marlene Jaquet)
- Attended 34th Annual Bike Blessing in Franklin
- Bible Study: Wednesday averaging 15-20 (numbers up!) Overview of Bible; Sunday: (14 – 16 average) moving into next study on Commitment (My Heart-Christ’s Home) Bible study will meet as announced during summer months
- Confirmation going well – working with 5 eighth graders until after confirmation. Confirmation is June 9th. Examination is June 2nd. 6th and 7th graders done until fall
- THANK YOU LINDA EVERSON!!!!
- Confirmation Examination: June 2nd after church. Please formulate a question or 2.
- Calls/Visits up-to-date. Everyone on the list was seen in April.
- Next celebration thing: Ascension Day, Confirmation – June 9th, Summer Corn Roast in July.
- Greet people if you feel comfortable doing that!
- Personally and family are doing well

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Council Minutes (Continued)

New Business:

President Casey welcomed Jennifer Charles as our new chair of *Board of Education*. *Judy Mehn will co-chair.*

Board of Elders – Gary Bedroske: Music Directors report: Cam has the hymns and liturgies set up until June 16th. Lenten meditation service to be held on Palm Sunday in 2020. Pastor had made a suggestion to have it on Good Friday but it would be difficult to have other musicians and the feeling is that many of the individuals that have attended would go to their own for their Good Friday service. We will be hosting the circuit Ascension service on Thursday, 5/30 with an estimate 200 people to attend. Clergy will handle communion. Pastors report: Next group of new members will be acknowledged in June or July depending on schedules. Lenten worship 2019 weekly average attendance was 129 vs 2018 of 99. Maundy Thursday 2019 attendance was 122 vs 2018 of 121. Good Friday 2019 attendance was 104 and 106 for a total of 210 vs 2018 of 86 and 75 for a total of 161. Easter 2019 attendance was 385 vs 2018 of 310. 1 baptism. No funerals or weddings in March. Pastor participated in the blessings of the bikes in Milwaukee. Confirmation instructions are going well. 6th and 7th graders will end on 5/18/19. 8th grade exam on 6/2/19. Suggested by Pastor that each Elder prepare a question for the exam. Pastor Koepsell and Pastor Hayman are making shut in calls. Gary Bedroske went on several calls with Pastor Koepsell and he encouraged other Elders to make themselves available to do the same as it is very worthwhile. Pastor asked for prayers for the youth going to the national convention. Also, prayers for Mike Radloff, Pat Koltz and others that have various needs. Pastor thanked the Elders for all their work and assistance and emphasized the great value our congregation has with the number of organist and our senior choir. Fred Kirchenwitz will substitute for Rick Dittberner as Elder on Thursday 5/23/19. The communion rotation would be 1st and 3rd Sundays early service, 2nd and 4th Sundays late service. Notice of services for communion will be in the church bulletin. Linda Everson's last day as being Sunday School Superintendent will be 5/18/19. Flowers will be given in appreciation for her service. Jennifer Charles has agreed to take over being the Sunday School Superintendent with co-chair Judy Mehn. Pastor discussed Sunday School and that he needed to help with inspiration. A suggestion was made that he handles the opening part of Sunday School and Pastor agreed that is a good suggestion. Men's group have decided on studying "Wall of Separations".

Board of Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs (absent Chad Smith reporting): PenPal is pending.

Board of Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: Lifetouch took photos of new members. The updated directory should be available in mid-June and everyone will receive a new photo directory. Pizza Ranch was a huge success. Vivian will check with Festival for available dates for the Brat Barn. This past Lenten season, Good Shepherd decided to support the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in North Dakota by donating free will offerings given during Lenten meals. A total of \$500 was sent. Thank you to those who generously gave to this wonderful Christian ministry and also to Thrivent Financial for providing the seed money to purchase food for the meals. May 4th members volunteered to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. The whole group at the fairgrounds packed 67,384 meals, feeding 185 children for a year.

Board of Education – Linda Everson: A celebration was held on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate our Sunday School year. We celebrated with cake, bible trivia, and certificates were handed out. VBS supplies have been ordered. Thanks for the flowers and gifts.

Board of Trustee – Mike Kirchoff: There was a discussion about the quotes for our parking lot. Mike will investigate and speak with Craig Dreger. Motion M/S/C to replace the office air conditioner. Discussion followed about replacing church light bulbs.

Board of Fellowship – Sharon Leinweber and Lori Purath – Will be serving a luncheon to the choirs on May 23rd as we will be hosting the Ascension service. Also, will be serving refreshments and desserts after Ascension service. Will be preparing snacks for VBS and assist with the VBS potluck.



Council Minutes (Continued)

Board of Youth – Matt/Julie Toll: Sold \$650 worth of flowers. We get to keep 50% to help cover some of the expenses for our Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Took in \$330 from the Mother’s Day Brunch. Plans are moving along for the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this summer. Registration forms are filed, hotels are booked, and detailed schedules of events are being unveiled. Four (4) youth and 2 adults will be attending. (2 boys and 2 girls)

New Business:

We will have another 50th Anniversary celebration on July 21st. More information to follow.

Our June Voters’ Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23rd following church service.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Council Minutes (June 18, 2019)

Present: Gary Bedroske, Keith Casey, Jennifer Charles, Linda Everson, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Judy Mehn, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Lori Purath, Chad Smith, Julie Toll, Matt Toll, and Donna Tritt

Guest: Krista Weiss

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

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the May 21st Council Meeting with this change under Board of Stewardship should be PayPal instead of PenPal.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski (absent) – No report.

Treasurer’s Report – Heather Klauer:

May 2019 Bank Deposits	\$34,388.16
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End of May 2019 Bank Account Balance	\$74,206.56
Mortgage Balance	\$487,578.34
Joyful Response for May 2019:	\$6,120.00

Pastor Koepsell’s Report:

- Thank you for everything...seriously, thank you.
- Good Shepherd is holding its own
- Musical blessings...Ascension Day Choir fantastic. So blessed with music at Good Shepherd. Next challenge is to incorporate all our kids with musical talent into worship.
- A few new members on horizon
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for May: 215 (189 in 2018); Thursdays: 34 (39 in 2018) Ascension Day: 180 (held at another church in 2018). Attendance up an average of 26 souls/week. Plenty of room for more.
- 0 Baptisms, 0 Weddings – working on 1 premarital counseling , 1 Funeral (Kathleen Wojohowski)
- Bible Study: Wednesday averaging 15-20 (numbers up!) Overview of Bible; Sunday: (14 – 16 average) Sunday morning Bible study will meet as announced during summer months

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Council Minutes (Continued)

- Confirmation done. All went well. Thank you for attending and questioning and your prayers – everything.
- Calls/Visits up-to-date. Between Pastor Hayman and I everyone on the list was seen in May plus many more hospital and home visits. You are encouraged to see people too!
- Next big thing: Summer Corn Roast July 21st.
- Greet people if you feel comfortable doing that! Positive...Positive...Positive!
- Personally: Pastor and family are doing well

Board of Elders – Gary Bedroske: Gary will get quotes for a new sound system. The elders fall schedule (2 services) is set. The 5th Sunday is Matins. A suggestion was made to have a larger fellowship event on the 5th Sunday to mesh the members of both services. Judy Mehn will be our Sunday School Superintendent and Jennifer Charles our Chair of our Board of Education. The usher fall schedule is also set.

Board of Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs (absent): No report

Board of Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: Photo directory proof book has been reviewed. **M/S/C to purchase 15 books for \$50 so that new members may receive an updated photo directory.**

Board of Education – Linda Everson: Vacation Bible School will be held on August 2nd and 3rd. The next VBS planning meeting will be held on June 25th. VBS is in need of the items that are posted on the bulletin board. VBS decorating will be held on July 31st. Fall Scrip will be available at the end of first service and beginning of 2nd service.

Board of Trustee – Mike Kirchoff (absent). No report.

Board of Fellowship – Lori Purath – Served a luncheon to 48 members of the choirs on May 23rd as we hosted the Ascension service. Will be preparing snacks for VBS and assist with the VBS potluck.

Board of Youth – Matt/Julie Toll: Our youth will be having a movie night Saturday night at church. Youth are excited about the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Matt and Julie are receiving breakout session information for the Youth Gathering.

New Business:

Voters' Meeting – Sunday, June 23rd

Discuss Corn Roast – Pastor Koepsell

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 50 Years – Pastor Koepsell will submit an article to the Oshkosh Herald

Camp LuWiSoMo – Pastor Koepsell

Vacation Bible School – Linda Everson

Youth Gathering in Minneapolis – Julie/Matt Toll

Community Outreach – August 15th – Vivian Mittelstaedt

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Thursday July 4th Service – Gary Bedroske

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Pastor led us in closing prayer and The Lord's Prayer.



Congregational Meeting Minutes (June 23, 2019)

Transcribed by Donna Tritt

President Keith Casey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell opened with prayer.

Members present: 48

Motion M/S/C to accept the following one (1) individual as a voting member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: David Wojciechowski

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2019 Voters' Meeting.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2019 Special Voters' Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer: Our Debt Fund balance as of May 2018 was \$566,342.30. Our balance as of May 2019 was \$487,578.34 for a reduction of \$79,000 in 12 months.

Board of Elders – Tom Dunham: The Board of Elders voted to have our Thursday night service on the 4th of July.

Youth – Matt Toll: Eighteen days before we go to the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. The Gathering is from July 11 – 15. Four (4) youth and Julie and Matt will be attending. Thank you for the donations. August 17th we will have a summer picnic for our youth and their families.

Corn Roast – Pastor Koepsell: To continue our 50th Anniversary celebration we will have a corn roast on July 21. We will worship and then celebrate. We will be collecting school supplies at this event. Pastor will apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars. To date Krista and Pastor are the planning committee. Additional help is appreciated. Howard and Pastor will submit an article to the Oshkosh Herald sharing our 50 years. Six (6) of our youth will be attending Camp LuWiSoMo. Donations are appreciated.

Vacation Bible School – Linda Everson: Our VBS will be held on August 2nd and 3rd. Judy Mehn will be our Sunday School Superintendent and Jennifer Charles will be our Chair of our Board of Education. Jennifer suggested that in order for members to stay connected that we have a special event during the fellowship time between services on the 5th Sunday.

Evangelism – Fred Kirchenwitz and Vivian Mittelstaedt: We will be volunteering at Waterfest on August 15th. We need 60 volunteers. There is sign up poster in the narthex. The date for the Festival Brat Barn has not been set. Vivian will see what dates are available. Our photo directory proof book was sent back. There were many corrections so Vivian has requested another proof book. Our new photo directory should be received by the end of July. Everyone gets another new book.

Nominating Committee – Keith Casey: We need 5 members to form a Nominating Committee. If interested, please contact Keith, Chad Smith, or Donna Tritt. The officers elected shall be vice-president; treasurer, education, elders, trustees and youth.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell closed with prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer.



Wedding Anniversaries for August & September

Doug & Georgia Zuhlke	8/6
Ralph & Ericka Potratz	8/8
Griffin & Jennifer Wiley	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



Steven & Shelley Collins	9/6
Christopher & Amanda Purath	9/6
Faulkner & Jennifer Charles	9/8
Gary & Debbie Vowels	9/8
Aaron & Kristy McMillan	9/10
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

Those in the Military

God of compassion,
we pray for military personnel,
offered for the sake of others,
and separated from family and loved
ones. Care for them;
meet their needs.

Grant them courage, compassion,
strength, and all they need for the
living of these days. Sustain them
through their every trial. Remind
them of the humanity they share
even with those who are called

"the enemy;"

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we
pray. Amen.

JARED RIVERA
(US ARMY)

CHAD BERRY
(WI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
— MISSOURI)

ALYCIA MUELLER
(ARMY NATIONAL GUARD)

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



Upcoming Events



Fri/Sat August 2nd & 3rd

Yee Haw! VBS this year will be a weekend full of trailblazing fun. You can sign your kids up in advance at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/0d6e3d> or at the door on Friday evening.

Thursday, August 15th

Thursday, August 15th Good Shepherd will be volunteering to help serve food and beverages at Waterfest. This a wonderful way for Good Shepherd to increase its visibility in the community and share our incredible faith. More information and the signup sheet is on the atrium bulletin board.

Birthdays for August and September

Ralph Potratz	8/2	Kristie Zellner	8/30
Glen Lienhard	8/3	Jacob Stinski	8/31
Dawn Makurat	8/3	Michelle Szweda	8/31
Howard Hoppe	8/4		
Joann Behm	8/6		
Doug Flouro	8/6		
Elyssa Berry	8/7	Todd Nagler	9/1
Josiah Charles	8/8	Vivian Mittelstaedt	9/2
Dorothy Nottelson	8/8	Gary Schmude	9/2
Sharron Ziemer	8/8	Michael Kolb	9/3
Kristin Mike	8/9	Jerry Weber	9/3
Lee Paris	8/9	Jim Ziemer	9/3
Josiah Brunner	8/11	Milton Haskins	9/4
Genie Kuble	8/11	Carissa Ullrich	9/4
Iris Lienhard	8/11	Zachary Kiffmeyer	9/5
Jessie McDonald	8/12	Kaitlyn Rock	9/7
Judy Mehn	8/12	Julie Toll	9/7
Pete Mehn	8/12	Alexander Smith	9/9
Lynn Jarvenpaa	8/13	Carson Steinbeck	9/9
Megan Bruss	8/14	Paul Klatt	9/10
Shelley Collins	8/14	Jodie Skadahl	9/10
Adam Leinweber	8/14	Kaley Koch	9/11
Adam Tuchscherer	8/14	Lauren Potratz	9/11
Marilyn Kleinhans	8/15	Brody Koepsell	9/13
Ryan Nitzke	8/15	Avarie Tritt	9/14
Howard Danula	8/16	Eric Kiffmeyer	9/15
Joan Warwick	8/18	Dian Sheldon	9/15
Matthew Stinski	8/19	Janet Dunham	9/18
Damien Bandelow	8/21	Taylor Rodig	9/18
Nathan McDonald	8/22	Colin McDonald	9/19
Gwen Cooley	8/24	Tina Nitzke	9/21
Josephine Henriksen	8/24	Rick Dittberner	9/23
Jackie Kiffmeyer	8/24	Kevin Dordel	9/23
Betty Jane Gudmanson	8/25	Portia Weiss	9/23
Terri Ludwig	8/25	Eric Smith	9/26
Brayden Klauer	8/27	Seth McDonald	9/27
Wilhelm Lute	8/27	Wes Wojahn	9/27
Christopher Purath	8/27	Gerald Rivera	9/29
Steven Pflanze	8/28	Joyce Ludwig	9/30



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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!

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Worship Services

Thursday - 6:30 pm

Sunday-8:00 am & 10:30 am (Starting September 8th)

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after 8 am worship service.

Bible Study

Adult—Wednesday at 10:30 am

Adult—Sunday at 9:15 am (Starting September 8th)

Sunday School

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

Prayer Chain

Kathy Reehl—(920) 688-2312



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7-8 AM Men's Group
4 9:00 AM Worship Service	5	6	7 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	8 6:30 PM Worship Service	9	10 7-8 AM Men's Group
11 9:00 AM Worship Service	12	13 7:00 PM Elder's Meeting	14 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	15 6:30 PM Worship Service	16	17 7-8 AM Men's Group
18 9:00 AM Worship Service	19	20 7:00 PM Council Meeting	21 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	22 6:30 PM Worship Service	23	24 7-8 AM Men's Group
25 9:00 AM Worship Service	26	27	28 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	29 6:30 PM Worship Service	30	31 7-8 AM Men's Group



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Worship Service	2	3	4 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study 5:15 PM Confirmation Open House 6:30 PM Adult Choir	5	6	7 7-8 AM Men's Group
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