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The Parish Pulse

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Worship Services

Wednesday -6:30 pm until Christmas
Thursday - 6:30 pm after Christmas
Sunday-9:00 am

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after
worship service.

Bible Study

Adult—Wednesday at 10:30 am
— Starting in January
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

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Trust and Share

*Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
(Psalm 146:3)*

Here we are in the month of November. The election is over. I have yet to miss the barrage of television ads, the fliers in my mailbox, the telephone calls and surveys. I'm glad that's over...at least for a few months!

The hopes and dreams of many were riding on that election. Financial issues, moral and ethical issues and many of our religious freedoms hung in the balance with that election and are now teetering to a position that many of us are concerned about. Personally, my biggest concern is that our state and country are so equally divided.

The LORD has something to say about all this. He reminds us that our hopes and dreams, that is our trust, are not to rest in earthly rulers but in Him. The LORD, through the psalmist, compares and contrasts His trustworthy and eternal protection and provision with that of earthly rulers, who are short-lived and undependable. The influential and powerful of the world, even the best of them, cannot be our ultimate source of confidence. Like Adam, they too, are dust and will return to the ground from which they came (vs. 4).

It must be known by you that ultimately...ULTIMATELY, we as Christians are truly "blessed" just as the psalmist reminds us. *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God* (vs. 5).

We have the protecting power of the LORD, which can do infinitely more than any earthly ruler can do. He, as the psalmist preaches, raises the lowly, frees the prisoners and gives sight to the blind (vss. 7-9). Let some earthly ruler try to accomplish that!

You and I have come to know the dramatic way in which our LORD accomplished all of this through the earthly ministry of Jesus. His ministry reminds us that the greatest gifts are not natural food, physical healing, or political freedom (as candidates are quick to promise), but spiritual food that gives eternal life, healing that frees us from sin and death, and freedom which will endure forever.

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Pastor Koepsell *(continued from page 1)*

The LORD provides all of these blessings for His people through His Son. For these blessings we praise the LORD now and forever. It's the reason we're here. The reason we do what we do. The reason we can rest in the fact that we do have some control over what WE can control and we'll let God do the rest.

The Lord provides. He is merciful and gracious, patient, loving and relentless in His pursuit of us and an infinity of other things. We can give thanks (Thanksgiving), we can celebrate the birth of our Savior (Christmas), we can celebrate another trip around the sun (or Son) this New Year, and we can celebrate His grace among us right here personally, at Good Shepherd, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary all of 2019! In fact, every day is a blessing. Every day we can see God at work in some way in our lives.

Share your trust in the Lord. He is still in control. Share your joy in the Lord, you have much to be joyful for. Rest in the Lord, He has promised you rest and has never broken a promise. In Him there is salvation.

God's Eternal Blessings in Christ this Holiday Season!

Pastor Koepsell

Scrip

Thank you to the many members who have helped support the church by buying Scrip. Now that fall has arrived, please consider using Scrip to help you do your holiday shopping. If you are going to give someone a gift card for Christmas, please buy it through the Scrip program and the church will receive a percentage of the amount. If you know what stores you will be doing your Christmas shopping at, plan ahead, buy a gift card to that store and use it to buy your gifts. Again, this allows the church to receive money back from the sale.

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



Official Acts of the Church



Baptism

Aiden Heise, son of Steven Heise and Ashley Schubert

10/21/2018

Death

Marlene Jaquet

2/19/1936 – 11/1/2018

New Members

Please see pages 9-10



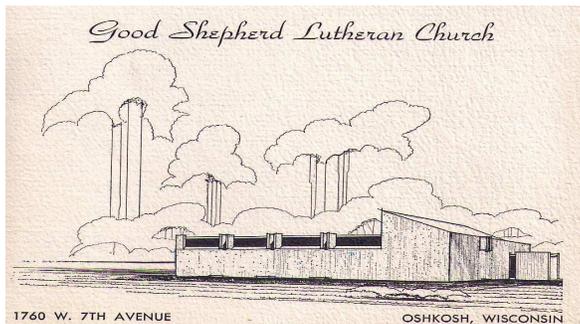
GOOD SHEPHERD, THEN & NOW



Pastor T.J. Schneider 1969



Pastor Greg Koepsell 2018



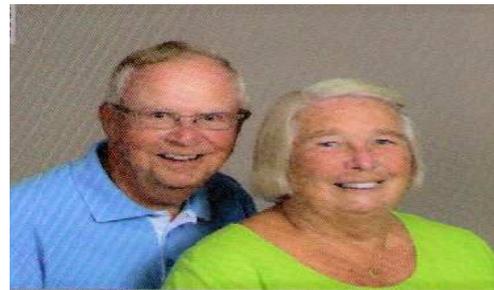
Drawing of Good Shepherd Church 1970



Good Shepherd 2018



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2018

Charter Members Joyce and Howard Hoppe

Congregation size: 1969 - 69 baptized, 47 confirmed members

2018 - 406 baptized, 320 confirmed members

Bake Sale: November 1, 1969 (inaugural sale) held at Penney's Department Store - \$76.50

November 17, 2018 (most recent) craft/bake sale - \$7,352.30

Although Good Shepherd will be celebrating 50 years of mission and ministry together throughout the year 2019, please mark your calendar and plan on joining us as we kick off this celebration on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, 2019 at our 9 am worship service! The president of the South Wisconsin District, the Rev. Dr. John Wille, will be preaching and it will be a special time of worship and celebration. After church, we will fellowship with brunch, and then embark in another special service together (details to follow...still seeking permission from the elders, church counsel and the Oshkosh fire department! ;-)).

Worship...brunch...fellowship...celebrate! January 6th, 9 am. Be here, because it's always better with you here.

Board of Elders



Dear Family of the Good Shepherd,

Do you know how often we either say or hear this question, “So, what do you want for Christmas?” As a child, it can be exciting to think about it. But as the adult asking that question, it can become a frustrating searching for that gift; time runs out, finances are tight, that item is out of stock!

Let’s think about it a little differently. Can you imagine that question coming from your Heavenly Father? “What do you want for Christmas?” “I have what you need.”

It is ours already. The gift of Faith. It is a miracle of God. Faith produces fruit. It’s not a lifeless faith. We see it all around us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness. How about the gift of gentleness, faithfulness, or self control? (The fact that you are even reading this means you are great at self-control.)

We have everything we need for Christmas. Now look for a way to share your gift with others.

- An extra hour to visit a home bound member.
- Time to make a meal for a family who is in need.
- Opportunity to pray at length for our family members.
- Time to listen to a joyful or hurting friend.
- Pray with your spouse before bed.
- Find a Bible at home and read Luke 1-2.

Jesus has come as our Emmanuel. He is with us! Now we have a challenge to shine that truth to others. We do it each Sunday, now let’s try it on Wednesdays too! Let’s eat supper together and then worship. Merry Christmas a little bit early!

Gary Bedroske



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 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!

Youth Group News



Fellow Believers of our Good Shepherd,

We have great news! We have five youth group members who are planning on attending the National Youth Gathering next July! We would like to thank you all for your continued prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance of these young members of our congregation. We also want to thank all of the Good Shepherd family who have spent hours of their time volunteering for the Festival Brat Barn and Waterfest this past summer. The funds gathered from those events will be used to help fund our Youth Gathering trip. We will be starting our next phase of fundraising shortly. Stay tuned for more opportunities to support and encourage this endeavor!

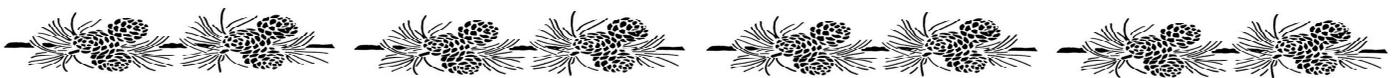
Lord's blessings,

Matt and Julie Toll



(Youth Group helping bake goods to donate to Craft/Bake Sale)

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019



Special Request

Our member, Pat Warning, a long-time resident of Paradise, California is asking anyone who can and wants to help rebuild Our Savior Lutheran Church, LCMS in Paradise to please donate through Thrivent. Thrivent financial will match all donations up to \$250,000, dollar-for-dollar. Please go to: www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/disaster-response and click on "California Wildfires" and then "LCMS Disaster Response." Thank you! ... and please continue to keep all those who lost everything in your prayers!



A very blessed Advent to you! Sunday School has continued to be a wonderful time for the children of Good Shepherd to learn more about the faith we have in our Lord and Savior, whose birth we celebrate in just a few weeks. The children have been bringing in weekly offerings that will be used to give Christmas gifts to our shut-ins. The kids will also help send out 3 Operation Christmas Child boxes to

help spread the love and joy of Christ to other children around the world. After Christmas, the children's offerings will be gathered towards making gift boxes to support our military.

Please remember to save the date: Saturday, December 15th from 9-11:45 AM will be rehearsal for the Christmas Program and a Happy Birthday Jesus Party. Sunday the 16th will be the Christmas Program during regular church service time. There will be no Sunday School on the 16th.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to talk to me.

Blessings this joyful season and always.
Linda Everson, Director of Education



Greetings Members of Good Shepherd.

We have recently been blessed with more new members. Please continue to introduce yourselves and get to know each other during coffee hour after service. Feel free to sign up to bring treats or help with the setup/cleanup. Thank you to those who have brought in goodies.

Thank you to everyone who helped fill the 100 Operation Christmas child boxes that we were able to send out this year! What an amazing way to reach out to children worldwide. Let us remember to pray for those children who will be receiving the boxes in the near future.

Good Shepherd has a great congregation full of volunteers. Please continue to stay involved in church activities and invite new members to join our various boards. If you would like to join the Evangelism team, please contact Vivian. We'd love to have you on our committee!

Please save the afternoon of Sunday December 16th as we plan on going Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. We will meet in the Good Shepherd parking lot at noon. More details to come!

May you all have a very blessed Christmas celebrating the Babe of Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas,
Vivian Mittelstaedt, Evangelism Chair.



A Special Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who has helped keep the church looking great. Many of you spent time cutting lawn cleaning the church, pulling weeds, trimming bushes and many more things that are unseen. Thank you for your hard work.

- Mike Kirchoff
Board of Trustees



Musical Notes



Our music ministry is growing and we are thankful for all the singers, and instrumentalists who support the singing of the congregation and provide special music selections in worship.

The Advent and Christmas season offers opportunity for special music!

There are also changes in the rehearsal schedules due to the Wednesday Advent Services.

Children's Choir is postponed until Jan. 9th

Adult Choir rehearses at 7:15 or immediately following each Advent Service. (Now is another great time to join the choir as we begin learning new music)

The congregation has traditionally enjoyed special music offered on Christmas Eve.

Pre-service music starts at 6:00 pm, 30 minutes before the service.

Let Cam know if you would like to sing a solo, play an instrument, or participate in any ensemble piece during this time.

Keep your eyes open for a possible special Epiphany Music Event!

- Cam Bedroske-Music Director



September

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Deposits: | \$27,632.27 |
| Withdrawals: | \$23,007.16 |
| Ending Bank Balance: | \$28,883.46 |
| Mortgage Balance: | \$533,446.26 |
| Joyful Response: | \$5,130.00 |

October

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Deposits: | \$26,191.13 |
| Withdrawals: | \$26,616.61 |
| Ending Bank Balance: | \$28,457.98 |
| Mortgage Balance: | \$530,179.96 |
| Joyful Response: | \$5,650.00 |



Thank you

The members of Good Shepherd would like to express their deep and profound thanks to Jim (and Lori) Purath for his 15 years as Congregational President. You prayerfully lead us through both difficult and joyous times. Good Shepherd thanks you for all the time you have dedicated and the resources you have volunteered over the years. We appreciate your service and hope you enjoy your respite from it.



Craft Fair News



God has once again blessed us with a successful craft fair and with many people who generously contributed their time and talent. It takes much effort to pull this off and it would not be possible without a dedicated group of crafters and bakers. Behind the scenes are those who cut wood, helped set up and take down tables, took yard signs, worked the day of the sale and came to the sale to buy items. We even have friends and relatives of Good Shepherd members who have donated candy and crafts. Last but not least the youth group made candy for the sale. We hope they will continue to be involved.

This year we were able to add two additional rooms of items for sale and probably could have used a third room if it had been available. We are grateful to the teachers who used alternate rooms for Sunday School so we could leave everything set up for Sunday. Bakery items were less than previous years and hopefully we can increase it next year. It appeared that the bakery was the first room visited by many.

As for numbers, the attendance on Saturday was 800, which was 200 more than 2017. Sales totaled \$6305.25 on Saturday with an additional \$1100 on Sunday. Many favorable comments were heard from the public such as not charging an admission fee, all items are hand-crafted and all proceeds go to the church.

The craft group will not meet until after the holidays although I am sure many hands will not be idle during that time. It seems as if our brains work overtime looking for new ideas. Consider joining us on Wednesdays for a chance to help your church and solve world problems as well. It is a great time for fellowship. Information will be in the bulletin once we start meeting on Wednesdays.



Fellowship News

What is the definition of Fellowship? Fellowship is a group of people that join together for a common purpose or interest. It is not just being together, it is doing together. It is not just doing anything together, but it is working together to accomplish God's will. We at Good Shepherd have many ways we fellowship together. It may be the joining together for worship, the coffee hour after church, the meals we have throughout the year, the different groups at church such as choir, men's and women's group, crafts, altar guild of any other reason we join together. It can be as few as 2 or as many are able to gather together. This is all fellowship. As the Fellowship committee, Erlinda and I would like to thank everyone who has ever helped in any way with our fellowship ventures. It has been a great time of togetherness. We would also like to welcome Becky Siegrist (wbsblsmts@att.net or 920-420-7851) as the new head of Fellowship and encourage everyone to work together for God's will.

Respectfully,

Erlida Nienass and Lori Purath

WELCOME

New Members



Kurt and Emily Brunner



Tami and Braydon Klauer



Janet and Tom Dunham



Dolores Ziemer



Matthew and Catherine Lute
Baby Wilhelm



Ashely Schubert and Aiden Heise



Gary Bunke



Rick and Jane Koplitz



JoAnn and Bill Zorr



Todd Nagler

Not Pictured:
Faulker and Jennifer Charles

A Life OF Stewardship

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities. God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the

Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else.

We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial." Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe? First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that. Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.



TRINITY TOURS

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. There is sure to be something to fit your fancy.
We'd love to have you join us!

January 19, 2019 – “Legends of Country” at The Fireside
March 16, 2019 – Lerner & Loewe’s “My Fair Lady” at The Fireside
April 27, 2019 – “Menopause The Musical” at The Fireside
May 1, 2019 – “Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” at The Palace
May 8, 2019 – “The Collingsworth Family” at The Fireside
June 7, 2019 – “Daniel O’Donnell” at The Performing Arts Center
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
September 17, 2019 – “The Booth Brothers” at The Fireside
November 23, 2019 – “A Christmas Story” at The Fireside
December 7, 2019 – “Christmas At The Palace” at The Palace

- “LEGENDS OF COUNTRY” The legends of Dolly Parton, Tim McGraw, Reba McEntire, Brooks and Dunn, Shania Twain and Johnny Cash are recreated on the Fireside Stage by Legends in Concert direct from Las Vegas.
- “MY FAIR LADY” Often called the World’s Greatest Musical is a Broadway classic which won six Tony Awards including Best Musical.
- “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!
- “JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT” Wisconsin Dells!
- “THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY” Back by popular demand, this amazing Christian family will certainly set your heart aglow!
- “DANIEL O’DONNELL” The popular Irish singer!
- “ 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 Broadway 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!
- “THE BOOTH BROTHERS”
- “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 AT THE PALACE” Wisconsin Dells!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes
September 18, 2018

Present: Gary Bedroske, Linda Everson, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Mike Kirchoff, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Jim Purath, Lori Purath, Julie Toll, Matt Toll, and Donna Tritt

Guest: Krista Weiss

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

Matt Toll read from Jer. Pr. Koepsell read a devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries and opened with prayer.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Council Meeting with the update that 16 students are enrolled in our Wednesday confirmation class.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: Absent. Everything is okay.

Treasurer’s Report – Heather Klauer:

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| August 2018 Bank Deposits | \$28,712.91 |
| August 2018 Bank Withdrawals | \$29,082.51 |
| End of August 2018 Bank Account Balance | \$24,258.35 |
| Mortgage Balance | \$536,702.05 |
| Joyful Response for August: | \$5,295.00 |
| Waterfest Tips: | \$1,311.52 |
| Waterfest Food %: | \$2,049.93 for a total of \$3,361.45 |

Joyful Response contributions can be divided into various categories. On the form you can now designate what ministry programs your funds go to. We are stable.

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

Pastor Koepsell’s Report:

- Thank you for everything.
- Thank you for vacation.
- Everyone is working together. Blessing to work here.
- Good Shepherd is alive! A couple new members on the horizon. Some are treated as new members already as they went through the “class” others we’re just waiting on transfers...you’ll see a current list next month.
- UWO students here...Spencer and Abby (Thanks be to God and thanks be to those who pick them up on Sundays!)
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for August: 173 (174 in 2017); Average Thursday: 35 (37 in 2017).
- 1 Baptism – Serena Feaval on 8/16/18 (David and Jackie Wagner’s granddaughter) ... Lute and Leinweber coming up
- 0 Weddings – Sept. 29 Leah Dittburner and Dean:
- 1 Funeral – Theodore “Ted” Trinoskey
- Bible Study: Still met on Wednesday in July averaged 6. Men’s group meets on Saturday morning: 3-5.
- Calls/Visits up to date. We are very blessed to have Pastor Hayman. Always more people to see and things to do.

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Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018 (*continued*)

- Pastor Conference coming up...pastors meeting at Good Shepherd on October 7th at 4 p.m. for delegate vote.
- October 8 – 10 Convention. Pastor involved with opening worship on the 8th.
- October 21st will be Friendship Sunday. No communion. Bring a friend to church!
- Family is doing well and personally doing well. 4 crazy months...full steam ahead. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Elders – Gary Bedroske: Gary presented the idea of changing our Thursday evening service to Wednesday to attendees at the Thursday service. Is receiving feedback from them. Musicians would be able to cover. A decision will be made by the end of the year. October 21st is Friendship Sunday. Bible studies have resumed. Looking at displaying different devotional books. People do take Portals of Prayer. Both kiosks will be up and running. Discussed a second service on Sunday.

Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs (absent): Working on a presentation to decrease our debt.

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: Great job at the Festival Brat Barn. Earned \$108.15 in tips and \$863.31 profit for a total of \$971.46. All proceeds will go to the Youth Gathering. October 21st is Friendship Sunday. Received \$250 from Thrivent. The free will offering funds will go toward our Youth Gathering next summer. Thanks to everyone helping out during coffee hour.

Education – Linda Everson: All is good. 48 students are registered for Sunday School. There are 2 teachers in each classroom. 4 individuals have volunteered to substitute. Our Christmas play will be December 16th. Excellent job Linda!

Trustee – Mike Kirchoff: Air conditioning inspected. There are dead bushes out front and 2 trees that need to be removed. The drain in the kitchen needs fixing. Mice are here again. Start Pest Control. Let's be proactive. We will have the same snowplow guy as last year. Thanks to everyone who is mowing our lawn!

Fellowship – Lori Purath: Served breakfast for Pastors Circuit Meeting held at Good Shepherd on September 11th. Will have a brunch on October 21st. Everything is going well. Serving supper during Advent: Wednesday, December 5th will be our Confirmation Class.

Youth – Matt Toll – Good start on Sunday. 8 attended the first week + 1 guest. An informational session was held last Sunday. Trying to get the students excited and committed.

The cost for the National Gathering next year will be approximately \$1,000 per student (\$370 registration fee + motel + travel). Students must be 13 – 18 years of age. Garrett Cullen has attended. Perhaps he should be contacted. Matt and Julie will be setting up a board. Our youth will NOT be having a rummage sale.

Old Business: None

New Business: 1) Voters' Meeting for Election of Officers – Sunday, October 14, 2018 after the morning service. Candidates for the open offices are as follows:

President – Keith Casey Financial Secretary – Debbie Bochinski Recording Secretary – Donna Tritt
Chair of Board of Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt Chair of Board of Fellowship – Becky Siegrist

2) Craft Fair is Saturday, November 17th.

Newsletter articles due Monday, September 24th.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Voter's Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2018

President Jim Purath called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell led us by having us turn to page 307 in our **Lutheran Service Book**. We read together the prayer **To open a congregational meeting**.

Members present: 59

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2018 Combined Council and Voters' Meeting.

2019/2020 Elections: Our nominating committee has submitted the following slate of candidates.

Chair of Board of Fellowship: Becky Siegrist Chair of Board of Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt Recording Secretary – Donna Tritt Financial Secretary – Debbie Bochinski President – Keith Casey

There was a call by President Purath for any other nominations from the floor for each office. Seeing none. Motion M/S/C that nominations be closed for each office.

**Becky Siegrist for Chair of Board of Fellowship by unanimous consent
Vivian Mittelstaedt for Chair of Board of Evangelism by unanimous consent
Donna Tritt for Recording Secretary by unanimous consent
Debbie Bochinski for Financial Secretary by unanimous consent
Keith Casey for President by unanimous consent**

Pastor Koepsell thanked Jim Purath for all his years of service. Also, thanked Lori Purath for her service.

New members will be welcomed next week.

Jim thanks everyone for his 15 years of service.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018

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

Guest: Krista Weiss

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

Pastor read from Ecclesiastes. We listened to the Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2018 Council Meeting.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: Everything is going well.

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Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer:

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| September 2018 Bank Deposits | \$27,632.27 |
| September 2018 Bank Withdrawals | \$23,007.16 |
| End of September 2018 Bank Account Balance | \$28,883.46 |
| Mortgage Balance | \$533,446.26 |

Interest rate will go up to 4.125% effective 11/3/18. Previous rate was 3.875%.

Joyful Response for September: \$5,130.00

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

Pastor Koepsell's Report:

- Thank you for everything.
- Thank you for serving on Church Council. Thanks to Jim Purath for his many years serving our congregation as president. Thanks to Lori Purath and Erlinda Nienass for serving as Co-chairs of Fellowship. Thanks to Vivian, Donna, and Debbie for continuing to serve in their respective positions.
- Thank you for allowing me to attend my home church's 160-year anniversary.
- Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation Gifts.
- Good Shepherd is stable.
- We have new members on the horizon. We will be welcoming 11 family units (20-23 new people) on Sunday. The new members are: Kurt & Emily Brunner,; Matthew & Catherine Lute (and baby Wilhelm); William & Joann Zorr; Ashley Schubert (and son Aiden); Tami Klauer (and son Quincy); Tom & Janet Dunham; Gary Bunke; Dolores Ziemer; Rick & Jane Koplitz; Todd Nagler; Charles & Jennifer Faulkner (& children) We have 400 souls of which 200 are worshipping.
- UWO students here...Spencer and Abby (Thanks be to God and thanks be to those who pick them up on Sundays!)
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for September: 198 (172 in 2017); Average Thursday: 40 (33 in 2017).
- 0 Baptisms – (2 soon)
- 1 Wedding – Sept. 29 Leah Dittburner and Dean
- 1 courtesy Funeral (Audrey Wallin, Susan Danula's neice)
- Bible Study: Wednesday averaging 6 - 8. Men's group meets on Saturday morning: 3-5. Sunday: 15.
- Calls/Visits up to date. We are very blessed to have Pastor Hayman. Always more people to see and things to do.
- Lots of people need our prayers. See our prayer list in our bulletin.
- If you need a ride to bible study or worship, contact Pastor Koepsell. Fred Kirchenwitz has volunteered to provide transportation.
- Attended Pastors' Convention.
- Family is doing well and personally doing well.
- Thanks for your prayers and support!

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Elders – Gary Bedroske: Please keep our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. Make visitors feel welcome. Gene Gohlke will no longer be serving Good Shepherd as an elder effective December 2nd. Thank you, Gene, for your years of service as an elder at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you see that someone needs assistance entering information into the kiosk, please help. At some point we need to separate the two kiosks.

Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs: Will meet with Joe Stephenson after the October 23rd budget meeting. Noah is willing to address the congregation about reducing our debt.

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: Vivian had presented Lori Purath with a Thrivent card to be used for Friendship Sunday. A free will offering will be collected to go to the Youth trip. We have 100 Christmas Child boxes. Will make the boxes available on October 28th.

Education – Linda Everson: All is good.

Trustee – Mike Kirchoff: Pastor will get a quote from our snow removal person for the removal of snow on our sidewalks. Let's be proactive when dealing with the mouse problem.

Fellowship – Lori Purath/Erlinda Nienass: This Sunday is Friendship Sunday. Come and see what will be served. Deb Bochinski is making a cake to honor our new members. Lori will help Becky with the transition.

Youth – Matt Toll: Built the Christmas Child boxes. Three to five have been attending. They will help serve this weekend. They will have some kind of Halloween event. Still waiting for commitment for Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. They are brainstorming.

Old Business: None

New Business: Budget Meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Krista has had questions from others about creating a Classified Listings section for our congregation on our secured website or have hardcopies in the atrium. As long as the website is private, it is okay.

Pastor went through the directory and is mailing a postcard to families we have not seen in three months.

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary



Membership Update

Do you have older children that are now at college or have moved away from the Oshkosh area? If so, please let the church office know so that we can update our membership role. You can email us at church@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org or call 920-231-0530.

- Thank you



**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.



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council & Board Members 2018**

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|---------------------|----------------------|---|----------------|
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| YOUTH | MATTHEW & JULIE TOLL | 1821 CROWN DRIVE, OSHKOSH 54904 | (920) 379-9938 |



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.

October

Benjamin Heideman 12/3
Tami Klauer 12/5
Dana Rasmussen 12/5
Doris Wojahn 12/5
Brittany Bandelow 12/6
Linda Nienass 12/6
Andrew Makurat 12/7
Kyle Makurat 12/7
Sandra Casey 12/8
Diane Flouro 12/8
Patricia Warning 12/10
Ella Beck 12/11
Renate Piotter 12/11
Gary Vowels 12/13
Benjamin Wiley 12/13
Doreen Dittberner 12/14
Richard Tritt 12/14
Rebecca Dittberner 12/15
Deidra Flouro 12/16
Catherine Lute 12/19
Brian Spaeth 12/19
Justin Mielke 12/20

Ken Szweda 12/20
Sherri Groskruetz 12/21
Ryan Bandelow 12/22
Dylan McDonald 12/24
Ryan Beck 12/26
Robert Peterson 12/27
Bette Lienhard 12/30
Heather Beck 12/31

January

Kari Steinbeck 1/1
Susan Schaefers 1/3
Danielle Flouro 1/4
Diana Trinoskey 1/4
Kurt Brunner 1/6
Zoe Brunner 1/6
Lynn Kramer 1/7
Pamela Laatsch 1/8
Gavin McMillan 1/8
Bryan Koch 1/9
Alfred Piotter 1/10

January

Brad Wiley 1/10
Valorie Gebel 1/11
Rori Hinrichs 1/11
Ashlyn Casey 1/12
Jenny Mehn 1/14
Jimmy Smith 1/14
Darci Doan 1/15
Shawn Kirchoff 1/15
Keith Reetz 1/15
Marsha Clarkson 1/19
Tom Dunham 1/19
Lea Potratz 1/19
Bill Fenlon 1/20
Rick Rasmussen 1/22
Paul Mittelstaedt 1/23
Kathy Groskruetz 1/24
Camala Bedroske 1/26
Marlee Potratz 1/29
Chad Berry 1/31
Sandra Dordel 1/31



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

December

Matthew & Catherine Lute 12/1
Seth & Jessica McDonald 12/13
Peter & Judith Mehn 12/24
Mark & Edna Hayman 12/26
Chad & Elyssa Berry 12/29

January

Michael & Genie Kuble 1/3
Eric & Erlinda Nienass 1/14

DECEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM | 6 | 7 | 1 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM <hr/> 8 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM |
| 9 Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM | 10 Church Christmas Decorating 9:00 A.M. | 11 Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM | 12 Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM | 13 | 14 | 15 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal/Jesus Birthday Party |
| 16 Children's Christmas Program 9:00 AM Christmas Caroling Noon-? | 17 | 18 Council Meeting 7:00 PM | 19 Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM |
| 23 Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM | 24  Christmas Eve SERVICE 6:30 P.M. | 25  CHRISTMAS MORNING service 9:00 A.M. | 26 | 27 Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM | 28 | 29 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM |
| 30 Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM | 31  | | | | | |

JANUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1  New Year's Day | 2 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i> | 3 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i> | 4 | 5 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i> |
| 6 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i> | 7 | 8 <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i> | 9 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i> | 10 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i> | 11 | 12 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i> |
| 13 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i> | 14 | 15 <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i> <i>Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM</i> | 16 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i> | 17 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i> | 18 | 19 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 A.M.</i> |
| 20 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i> | 21 | 22 <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i> <i>Council Meeting 7:00 PM</i> | 23 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 6:30 PM</i> <i>Pie Social (after service)</i> | 24 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i> | 25 | 26 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i> |
| 27 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>No Education Hour Following Service</i> | 28 | 29 <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i> | 30 <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i> | 31 <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i> | | |