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The Parish Pulse

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Worship Services

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

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after
worship service.

Bible Study

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

Sunday School

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

Confirmation Classes

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

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Pastor's Peace

“So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things...” (2 Peter 1:12-15...you are strongly encouraged to bust out your bible and read the whole chapter!)

Greetings people of the Good Shepherd! Advent and Christmas are complete for another year. A new year is upon us! Together we've celebrated the first of a few celebrations for fifty years of mission and ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. As I write this, I'm looking outside at the beauty I can see in winter (currently snowing...a lot, and it's cold...but it is kind of pretty). Kids have a snow day, my house is a mess, but it's ok. I'm warm and well fed. And I have a chance now to reflect on the joys and concerns of the past two months.

The joys were many. Our Advent and Christmas services (including the children's program) were well done. The music was incredible, the singing was empowering, and the messages were Christ-Centered. The Wednesday night suppers were delectable and all were well attended. Christmas caroling was remarkable and our members (and others) who can't make it to church were blessed by our singing.

Our kick-off anniversary celebration exceeded expectations, charter members were here, stories were shared, the food was great, the ambiance was incredible...it seems like people really like this little church.

Attendance is up, new faces are all around us on Sunday mornings, the bills are being paid, we're continuing support for missions both locally and globally. Our shut-ins and elderly are being cared for, our children and youth are being taught the faith, God is being glorified.

All that said, I still have this overarching, nagging voice in the back of my mind (which sounds a lot like a concerned elderly man or woman). It says, "I just wish my kids (or grandkids, or nephew or niece, or...) would come to church." Or, "Pastor, why don't my ----- come to church? What can I do?"

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Pastor's Peace *(continued from page 1)*

I heard that more than I can count this year. And I hear it more every year. So, I've been pondering a good pastoral response for the last few weeks to that statement. I too have children and might have grandchildren someday as well...and I want them to receive the gifts at church as well, so here's a couple things we can all think about when it comes to this discussion...

- Church never saved anyone. Jesus did the saving with outstretched arms nailed to a cross when He said, "It is finished." And we go to church (or at least we should) in response to that saving act.
- "Baptism now saves you." (1 Peter 3:21)
- Most of your kids (etc.) were confirmed in the faith given them in baptism. Believe it or not, they feel a tug to go to church every week too.
- Pray, pray, and pray some more. Pray that your loved ones would find a community of believers that would help them to navigate this life, acknowledging the Source of this life. At least pray they that they would connect to something bigger than themselves that impacts their community (or world) in a positive way.
- Please try not to nag. Please try not to berate. Please try not to hit them over the head with a bible. Casually invite. Let them know that spending time with them is precious to you, and time in church with you would be even more precious.
- Tell them these things... "I'm so glad God made you." "I will always listen to you." "You are precious." "God loves you." "God has a plan for your life." "Loving God is the secret to loving others." "Be quick to forgive." "Be content." "I'm praying for you." "Be kind." "Smile more." "Tell others..." And more than saying those words, SHOW them those words in how **you** are!

When the dust all settles, dear family, we rely on God's grace. Always rely on God's grace...because God is very gracious!

Also, remember that story about that woman who was bleeding for years and was looking for a cure? She sought a cure in Jesus by just reaching out to touch the hem of his robe, *(Luke 8)* remember that story? Well, as I was consulting a few of my pastor colleagues about this issue, this story came up, and perhaps it's fitting. One of the pastors was asked specifically, "How am I to deal with family who no longer goes to church?" (Her deepest fears were for souls of her unbaptized children). The pastor responded, "We are the Body of Christ. Don't ever forget that. Do you love them? Do you pray for them?" The woman responded, "Of course." "Then," he said, "Through you they touch the hem of His garment. They are fine. They are bound to Christ through you."

Always remember, dear family, that even though the pattern of church attendance doesn't stay with some as they move to adulthood, the patterns of hope, gratitude, goodness and compassion will endure. Jesus never said, "Worship me." But He did say, "Follow Me." Your children (grandchildren, etc...) will follow the Way of Jesus, though they may not call it by name, and their children will learn from them – and from you.

Never forget: we are all the Body of Christ, and the hem of His garment. We're all in this together.

In His and your service,
Pastor Koepsell

P.S. THANK YOU! On behalf of the Koepsell family, I would like to give you thanks for many things this past year, and especially this past holiday season. Specifically your **patience & prayers**, your kindness shown through cards, gift cards, fruit baskets, meat and cheese, cash, church relics, knick-knack-paddywhacks, and whatever else I'm forgetting. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me, and you need to know, I love being your pastor. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Looking forward to a remarkable 2019 with you!

Church Council

Greetings members of Good Shepherd!

It's hard to believe we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Good Shepherd. On Epiphany Sunday (the 6th of January), we celebrated with a special sermon from Pastor Wille, the South Wisconsin District President and many of our charter members. All of their stories are truly amazing and a special thanks goes out to all of the members who made the celebration a special one. Continue to look for upcoming events, as we will celebrate this special moment in our congregational history the entire year.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has gotten involved and made us who we are. There is excitement in the air, programs are running, and people are very willing to help. I'm glad to say that things are going well financially and our mortgage continues to decrease! Although our budget for the year 2019 has increased, we have been able to meet our obligation so far. I ask that everyone consider what they are able to give not only financially, but in what service they are able to help with in the congregation. Our donations per week continue to average about \$5,800, although historically January, February, and March are slower giving months (please keep that in mind when giving). Our bills for 2019 have gone up and although we do a good job of taking care of them, we still rely on our members to support our Church.

I would like to thank Erlinda Nienass and Lori Purath for their great service as our co-leaders for Fellowship. Your tireless efforts to ensure the members of the congregation feel at home were second to none! Thanks for everything you did during your tenure leading fellowship. Please join in welcoming Becky Siegrist as she assumes the mantle for Fellowship. Also, please join me in welcoming our new Congregation Vice President, Chad Smith who assumed the position in January. I again look forward to Chad and Becky helping lead our congregation in 2019!

Finally, I would like to thank Jim Purath for his dedicated service for the past 13 years as our Congregation President. Jim has led this congregation thru the highs and the lows. Due to his vision and dedication to our congregation, Jim has truly guided us to the right path for success! I pray, with your support, we continue on the upswing that Jim has led us in. Thanks again, Jim from a grateful congregation.

Your servant in Christ!
Keith A. Casey
Congregation President



Hello, I hope this finds you all enjoying a fresh start to the New Year!

Coming off of Christmas and New Years is a good time to reflect on how generously God has treated us. As you dig in to 2019, I would hope that you find it in your hearts to include Good Shepherd in your plans for an allocation of your time, talents and treasures! I try to remember the quote "To whom much is given, much is expected." 2018 was a great year, let's carry that momentum to make this year even better. This year will provide plenty of opportunities to get involved; we are lucky to be involved in such an active and generous congregation!

Thrivent Members – now is as good a time as ever to check and see if you have any undirected Choice Dollars from 2018, if you need help finding this out, please reach out to me, they will expire in March..

Thank You!
Noah Hinrichs

Board of Elders



Greetings in the name of Christ who came into this world to set us free from our transgressions!

We begin the new year with renewed vigor. We get to reflect, spend special time with friends, challenge our hopes, dispose of bad habits and start making promises to ourselves. We can rest assured our Savior keeps His promises! He wants what is best for us. He is the assurance of Everlasting Life. Since we live in the joy of those promises, maybe we can take on a few challenges:

- Attend worship regularly
- Go to a Bible study
- Find or start a group study
- Greet a new member or introduce yourself
- Take a minute to visit with a friend after church
- Visit a home bound member, drop off a little treat
- If you're not in a group or with a board organization, join one and share your ideas
- Shovel snow at church or use the snow blower to clear sidewalks in winter
- Pray with your spouse or children
- Invite a member over for lunch after church some Sunday.
- Read a daily devotion or listen to one on the internet.

Let's make this 50th New Year of ministry at Good Shepherd one of celebration and challenges. Many of us were inspired by the shared memories of the founding members of this congregation. Let's make some new ones of our own. See if we can look at those shared 'hopes/dreams' that were shared at that luncheon. We can do it! "If God is for us...who can be against us!" Let's dream big.

Gary Bedroske, Chair of Board of Elders

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.

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

Scrip

Thank you to the many members who have helped support the church by buying Scrip. Last year, people purchased a total of \$54,448.91 Scrip cards which provided the church \$2,267.31 of rebate money. Let's see if we can increase that number this year!

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

Youth Group News



Flock of our Good Shepherd,

We all desire our children and the children of our congregation to grow up and exhibit a strong Christian character, to be rooted in Christ, to be fed spiritually on a regular basis, to exemplify the love of God found in Christ Jesus in all they do, to have a godly, healthy marriage and family. But how do we encourage our youth towards these values? How do we make these ideals highly sought virtues that they strive towards? How do we guide our children towards godly relationships? How do we raise our children to be Christians, armed and ready to wage war against the assaults of Satan knocking their door down? How do we prepare our youth to be the next generation of Christian families?

With the dark battles raging on, it can feel insurmountable in our attempts to protect and prepare our children for the great challenges they face in the years ahead of them. But we must not lose heart. Although our children will face many temptations along the way, and like you and me, will most likely stumble and fall on the path, we can stand confidently with our fears and concerns, mistakes and failures before the throne of God, knowing the battle is not too great for Him, knowing that when we face the darkest troubles and the deepest woes, God is our refuge and strength, ever present to help in our distresses.

At a recent community presentation entitled “Making Wisconsin Great One Family At A Time”, Julaine Appling of Wisconsin Family Council reminded citizens that second to fervent prayer, the best thing we can give to our children is a good, strong marriage. One in which husband and wife read the Bible, know and understand God’s Word together, and apply God’s truth in all areas of life and to all issues. Living Biblically by worshipping often together as a family, praying together, showing forgiveness and grace, modeling kindness, being hospitable, and sharing the Gospel we are giving the encouragement and guidance our children need. Living as examples and directing our children towards those manners is how we train our children in the way they should go.

The National Youth Gathering this summer will be a great opportunity for our youth to strengthen their faith and continue to develop the godly characteristics they will need to live out their faith within their own families someday and in this world, both today and tomorrow. Please continue to pray for our youth and us leaders as we prepare for this special occasion. A few individuals are still undecided about attending this summer. We hope to have final decisions and registration completed by the upcoming March 1 deadline. We will be having several additional fundraisers this spring to help cover the costs associated with attending the gathering. Please prayerfully consider participating in these opportunities to support our youth in their spiritual growth.

Lord’s blessings,

Matt Toll



Official Acts of the Church

Called to Heavenly Home

Robert Peterson	11/24/1937 –12/1/2018
Ruby Van Kueren	8/11/1924– 12/15/2018



Another Christmas program is in the books for Good Shepherd. Thank you to the children for the great job with their parts, Bridget Cullen for her direction, Matt Toll for running the visual aids and all the teachers for their hard work preparing the children for making this a great program! Thank you Fred Kirchenwitz for the kids goodie bags given out on Saturday at the pizza/birthday party. Shout out to Lori Purath and Jeff Everson for preparing the pizzas and set up on Saturday.

The children's offering for the first half was collected for Christmas gifts for the homebound. \$260 was collected and a cheese, sausage and cracker gift box was purchased. All the children signed a Christmas card and Jim & Lori Purath and Jeff and myself delivered this to our homebound on Saturday after the Christmas practice. Everyone was very appreciative for the visit and the gift.

Sunday School also donated \$50 to Samaritan Purse Project. The next offering collection will be for our current military families and for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Just a reminder, there is no Sunday school on April 21 to celebrate Easter Sunday. Sunday School will end on May 19.

Keep your eyes open for VBS date, it's just around the corner!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Everson, Director of Education.

Evangelism News: Our congregation has seen many visitors recently. We want to make all these people feel welcome. If you see unfamiliar faces, please greet them with a smile and welcome them to worship. You never know if they are visiting or a new member you may not know yet. How wonderful it is to see pews filled on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings.



Pizza Ranch Fundraiser: On Monday, March 25th we will again work at Pizza Ranch serving the community. We clear tables, visit with diners, and make Good Shepherd visible by wearing our Good Shepherd T-shirts. Watch for a sign-up sheet in mid February. This is a great way to serve the community and increase awareness of Good Shepherd. Workers meet by 4:00 at Pizza Ranch and work until 8:00. Any time you can give is great. We invite the congregation, friends and family to eat At Pizza Ranch that night. We will receive a percentage of the total sales for the night plus all tips.

Coffee Hour: Almost everyone loves a cup of coffee after service. A sign up sheet is on the table to assist with setting up the coffee and refreshments before service. Help is always appreciated with this. It's easy! Instructions are on the inside cabinet in the kitchen in the atrium. Please consider helping with this.

Evangelism Team: If you are interested in being a part of our team, please contact Vivian Mittelstaedt. Things we do include: welcome visitors, assist with New Member Sundays, serve a Advent/Lenten supper and other activities.

In Christ,
Vivian Mittelstaedt
Evangelism Chair



Musical Notes



“Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and delight. I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God. “ Ps. 43:4

It is joyful and delightful to worship as a family. Our body was created to worship our God.

- Our eyes look to the cross and see beauty of the windows and artwork.
- Our ears hear music and the spoken Word. We listen to each other!
- Our nose smells burning candles, flowers, wine and bread.
- Our mouth tastes the gifts of salvation, wine and bread. (Cookies and coffee later)
- Our hands are holding Bibles, hymnals, and serving each other in love!

Much more than that, His Spirit within us yearns to grow in grace and forgiveness. We are a faith family: busy working, planning, playing and worshipping.

In the musical realm:

Adult Choir: Wednesday 6:30-7:30p.m.

Children’s Choir: Wednesday 5:30-6:15p.m.

After Ash Wednesday (Lent) March 6th

Adult Choir: Wednesday 7:15-8:15 p.m.

NO Children’s Choir

Chime Choir: 6:00-6:20 p.m. (If enough interest) Wed. before the service.

The Annual “Lenten Meditation- Concert” will be Sunday, April 7th 3:00p.m.

***P.S.** *I have volunteered this year to “do” Sunday School music on Sundays BUT with so many new members looking for ways to become involved... please consider this opportunity. It is super easy: Sundays @ 10:30-10:45. Cd’s available for non keyboard leaders. Please talk to me or Linda Everson.*

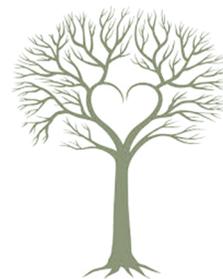
Thank you everyone who took special time to prepare and perform music at Christmas -Advent time. Keep volunteering. Instruments/ soloists etc are ALWAYS welcome. Just let me know how I can help!

--Cam Bedroske-Music Director 920-379-2037



Greetings!

Fellowship News



As the new Head of Fellowship I am excited (and a little daunted) by this chance to continue to help members of Good Shepherd to get to know each other better by organizing times of togetherness. One of our main times of fellowship is after worship service. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making that time special. If you would like to help bring treats, setup/clean up or make coffee, please sign up on the sheet near the snack table. Soon there will be Mid-week Lenten meals for us to enjoy together. Please consider making time before mid-week service to break bread with fellow members. It is a great way to learn more about your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are also starting to plan our Easter Breakfast. If you would like to help with any of the above mentioned events or simply find out more about the Fellowship Board, please contact me, Becky Siegrist, at wbsblsmts@att.net or 920-420-7851

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!

- 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 Stars" Xavier High School

"MY FAIR LADY" This Broadway classic won six Tony Awards. A Beautiful show, family friendly with great music!

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

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

"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!

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

"CHRISTMAS STARS" Xavier High School!

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

50th Anniversary Celebration

January 6th, Good Shepherd held a 50th Anniversary Worship Service and Celebration. It included beautiful choir music, a quartet, and special preacher, President of the South Wisconsin District, Rev. Wille. The service was followed by a catered brunch. Thank you to all who attended this special celebration and those who helped make it happen. If you would like to be involved in helping plan our next celebratory event please let Pastor Koepsell know.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes
November 20, 2018

Present: Deb Bochinski, Linda Everson, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, 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 7:02 p.m.

Pastor led us as we listened to the Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries from the book of Isaiah.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2018 Council Meeting.

Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski: We are looking for two new members to count money. Everything else is going well. Deb does have a couple of members interested. She will follow up with them.

Treasurer’s Report – Heather Klauer:

October 2018 Bank Deposits	\$26,191.13
October 2018 Bank Withdrawals	\$26,616.61
End of October 2018 Bank Account Balance	\$28,457.98
Mortgage Balance	\$530,179.96
Joyful Response for October: \$5,650.00	

We are close to budget.

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

Pastor Koepsell’s Report:

- Thank you for everything. It is pleasure to work with all of you.
- Lots of new people and faces. 18 new members last month. Ask them to be a member of your board.
- Good Shepherd is stable.
- 8 or 9 new members on the horizon.
- Welcome to Abby from UWO.
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for October: 225 (187 in 2017); Average Thursday: 40 (33 in 2017).
- 1 Baptism, 0 Weddings, 1 Funeral – Marlene Jaquet
- Bible Study: Wednesday averaging 10 - 15. Men’s group meets on Saturday morning: 3-5. We had about 20 Veterans stay for the program on Veterans Day.
- Confirmation has 17 – 18 students present. Parent help is appreciated. They are working through a book.
- Calls/Visits up to date. Always more people to see and things to do.
- Lots of people need our prayers and care. See our prayer list in our bulletin.
- Friendship Sunday on October 21st went well.
- Personally, doing well.
- Thanks for your prayers and support!

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Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2018 (Continued)

Elders – Gary Bedroske (absent – Keith Casey reported): Two members are interested in eldering – Fred Kirchenwitz and Tom Dunham. Our Christmas services will offer communion. Advent supper will be prepared and served by the following: December 5th – Confirmation, December 12th – Youth, December 19th - Choir

Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs (absent): No report.

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: Greet and get to know our new members. 100 Christmas boxes were sent to Operation Shoe Box. Christmas carolers for our shut-ins will meet at church at noon on December 16th.

Education – Linda Everson: Our Children's Christmas Program titled **Silent Night, Holy Night** will be presented on Sunday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m. Practice will start December 2nd. The scripts have been given to teachers. After practice on Saturday, December 15th we will have Jesus Birthday Party. Practice and party will be from 9:00 – 11:45 a.m. There will be Sunday School on December 23rd and 30th. \$50 was given to Operation Shoe Box. Shut in gift baskets/cards will be distributed on Saturday the 15th or while caroling on the 16th by Linda and Jim Purath. Next donations/Goodie Box will be to our military members. Next year Bianca and Eric Smith will be in charge of a Halloween Party here at church for our kids. Scrip sales as of November 11th - \$42,105 with a profit of \$1,297.21.

Trustee – Mike Kirchoff (absent): No report.

Fellowship – Lori Purath/Erlinda Nienass: Friendship Sunday, October 21st, went well. Thanks to Noah for the cake. Thanks to our Youth Group for serving. Fellowship will help with Jesus Birthday Party on December 15th. If anyone needs help with Advent supper, please ask Lori. Set-up: 5:15 and eat at 5:30 p.m.

Youth – Matt Toll: Three or 4 helped serve on Friendship Sunday. Four members baked for our church bake sale. Three members are coming consistently on Sunday morning. Three have committed to the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. More will probably be joining. A holiday event will be planned.

Old Business: Thursday service will remain on Thursday.

New Business: Voters' Meeting to approve our 2019 Budget on Sunday, December 2nd following church service. The budget proposal will be available before the meeting.

No December Council Meeting.

Thank you to Jim Purath for his 15 years of service!

Sunday, January 6, 2019 will be installation of officers.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Pastor closed with prayer. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Special Voter's Meeting to Approve 2019 Budget Minutes
December 2, 2018

President Jim Purath called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell thanked everyone for attending. Thanks to Jim and welcome Keith. Also, thanks to the Budget Committee. Pastor Koepsell then opened with prayers.

Members present: 40

Motion M/S/C to accept the following five (5) individuals as voting members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: Thomas J. Dunham, Janet Dunham, Delores Ziemer, Jennifer Charles, Faulkner Charles

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Profit & Loss Budget Overview – January through December 2019 was distributed. (see attached) Jim presented the proposed budget line by line answering questions when they arose. **Our 2019 proposed budget is an increase of 6% over 2018. The budget proposal totals \$366,020.** The only change to the overview is an increase of \$3,500 to the Board of Youth so instead of \$11,500 the proposed amount is \$15,000. Several of our youth and chaperones will be attending the national convention in Minneapolis in summer of 2019. The youth will also be fundraising.

Our interest rate on our mortgage is adjusted as the prime adjusts. Presently our rate is 4.125%. Our treasurer, Heather Klauer, stated in one year we have paid off \$113,000 on our mortgage principal.

Our synodical convention will be held this year. Did not see a line item for expenses. Built in to another category. There will be money to attend.

Motion M/S/C to approve the 2019 proposed budget of \$366,020 (+\$20,000 for Trinity Tours).

Pastor is looking for leadership to take the charge of our 50-year celebration. Also, some guidance on how our mission dollars will be spent. Also, a group (like a booster club) to raise money for our church.

Next Voters' Meeting will be held in February.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

Pastor Koepsell closed with prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

November

Deposits: \$40,223.65
Withdrawals: \$30,007.72
Ending Bank Balance: \$38,673.91
Mortgage Balance: \$527,013.56
Joyful Response: \$ 5,330.00

December

Deposits: \$58,844.55
Withdrawals: \$35,598.08
Ending Bank Balance: \$61,920.38
Mortgage Balance: \$523,836.28
Joyful Response: \$5680.00



**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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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.



February

Debra Cooley 2/1
 Jeff Phillips 2/1
 Ashley Rock 2/4
 Ruth Galow 2/6
 Samantha Kirchner 2/6
 Justine Nitzke 2/7
 Jeff Dunham 2/8
 Kim Reetz 2/8
 Lisa Feldner 2/9
 Gary Galow 2/9
 Ethan Klatt 2/9
 Kirsten Klatt 2/9
 Herbert Edwardsen 2/11
 Allen Gebel 2/11
 Amelia Mielke 2/11
 Liam Mielke 2/11
 Lynn Bridwell 2/12
 Mike Phillips 2/12
 Aaron McMillan 2/13
 Reagan Bandelow 2/15
 Jane Koplitz 2/15

Bud Hoepfner 2/17
 Maddox McMillan 2/17
 Alyssa Casey 2/19
 Shirley Radloff 2/21
 Bonnie Borgen 2/24
 Branden Mike 2/24
 Donna Tritt 2/24
 Noah Hinrichs 2/25
 Riley Kirchenwitz 2/25
 Colin Steinbeck 2/29

March

Nathan Kiffmeyer 3/1
 Nolan Kiffmeyer 3/1
 Akira Cooley 3/2
 Brett Kramer 3/2
 Christine Feutz 3/3
 Melissa Kirchoff 3/4
 Ella Smith 3/6
 Margo Hall 3/7

March

Aiden Spaeth 3/8
 Silvie Weiss 3/9
 Brian Haag 3/10
 Steve Ludwig 3/10
 Barbara Kolb 3/11
 Sophie Bridwell 3/12
 Steve Bridwell 3/13
 Amy Hoepfner 3/14
 Marie Koch 3/15
 George Suwalski 3/15
 Joel Nitzke 3/16
 Deb Radloff 3/17
 Ryan Makurat 3/20
 Katie Rodig 3/20
 Colton Smith 3/21
 Nathan Kirchenwitz 3/23
 Thomas Adamski 3/26
 Allie Heideman 3/26
 Cherie Stechly 3/26
 Mat Bandelow 3/28
 Jace Koepsell 3/29
 Craig Mittelstaedt 3/31



February

Apryl & Kieran Weed 2/6
 Matt & Julie Toll 2/15
 Mike & Michelle Tyriver 2/19

March

Alfred & Renate Piotter 3/15
 Gene & Donna Gohlke 3/30

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3 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM <i>Education Hour</i> 10:30 AM	4	5 <i>Women's Book/Bible</i> Study 5:45 PM	6 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM <i>Confirmation Class</i> 5:15-6:15 PM <i>Children's Choir</i> 5:30 PM <i>Adult Choir</i> 6:30 PM	7 <i>Worship Service</i> w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM	8	9 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 AM <i>Christmas Program</i> <i>Rehearsal/Jesus</i> <i>Birthday Party</i>
10 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM <i>Education Hour</i> 10:30 AM	11	12 <i>Women's Book/Bible</i> Study 5:45 PM <i>Elders' Meeting</i> 7:00 PM	13 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM <i>Confirmation Class</i> 5:15-6:15 PM <i>Children's Choir</i> 5:30 PM <i>Adult Choir</i> 6:30 PM	14  <i>Worship Service</i> w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM	15	16 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 AM
17 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM <i>Education Hour</i> 10:30 AM	18	19 <i>Council Meeting</i> 7:00 PM	20 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM <i>Confirmation Class</i> 5:15-6:15 PM <i>Children's Choir</i> 5:30 PM <i>Adult Choir</i> 6:30 PM	21 <i>Worship Service</i> w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM	22	23 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 AM
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