

# THE PARISH PULSE



*"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!..." –Romans 7:15-25a*

## *The Good, the Bad, the Ugly & the Beautiful* BY PASTOR KOEPSSELL

Greetings people of the Good Shepherd!

Remember when it was super windy a couple weeks ago? It was a Monday, and sometimes on Mondays I get to take my daughter to school. Monday also used to be garbage day on the West Side... Anyway, Kinsey and I like to take the back road to school and we were going down Clairville road in the country. I saw a recycling can that blew over on the road and spilled its contents all over. I asked my daughter if we should stop and pick up stuff... she said she'd be late for school so we drove on.

I went home the same way and stopped in the wind, picked up the can, chased all the cans and garbage down the road and stuffed it all back in its proper place and went on my way. Yeah me! Good deed done for the day.

That same week I probably put something in the garbage that could've been recycled or threw something out that could've been re-purposed. I probably also walked by many items of garbage that I could've picked up and thrown away. Oops.

Sometimes I will go out of my way to pick up some toilet paper or milk or chips or whatever (if we need it). Yeah me! Sometimes I will also leave just a tiny sliver of toilet paper on the roll so I don't have to change it. I'll do the same thing with chips. I'll even puff up the bag with air, put the chip-clip on it with crumbs alone. I am a bad person.

Milk too. Just leave a sip in it, put back in the fridge. Ketchup too. There's still some in there... Naughty, naughty.

I will pay for people behind me in line at McDonalds, etc. and I will also be secretly hoping (and maybe even praying) that they don't have a family order as big as mine.

Every year I have good intentions of visiting every single member of Good Shepherd, your place or mine... but the task seems too daunting, and so, even after six years of being your pastor, I still don't know where some of you live.

Am I a bad person with good intentions, or a good person with bad intentions? Answer: Yes.

It's the sinner/saint thing that we wrestle with every day. I have a long list of good intentions—some things on the list have to do with bettering myself, my organizational skills, my health, my family life. Some things on the list have to do with my calling as your pastor, and the litany of things I could do to better myself in that aspect of my life...for you.

*"When I want to do good, evil is right there with me."* –Romans 7:21

I think that anyone reading this little article right now has good intentions. You want to know what's going on at your church, you want to make sure we're on the right track, you might even be checking to see where you can step in and help out. That's great!

Then there's the other side of us that reads a newsletter like this and looks for how this or that could've been done better, or you may think an idea will never work, or how we should be doing this instead of that, or giving more to this and less to that...OR, how you'd like to help with this or that, but you have this and that going on...That's all great too!

It's like a great wrestling match between the old sinner in us and the "New Us", the saint in Christ. Always in conflict, never perfect. What then shall we do? Who will rescue us from this body of death?

Well, say it with the Apostle Paul---*"Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!..."*

That's the only way to do it. Confess. Take your freely given forgiveness and rejoice in it. And then go at it again.

Here's one thing we could all do...Lose the skepticism and focus on the excitement of the positive! Everyone has things in their own lives they are working to improve. Even in our church we have so much more we could be doing, should be doing, could do better...but also so much that we already do, have done and have planned to do.

You can hear about all of that stuff above in our "State of Good Shepherd Address" at the February Congregational meeting on the 27th-11:45 am, where we share what went on in 2021 and share plans for 2022. Let your voice be heard! (Hope to see you there).

In the meantime, I'll just list a few of the good things your church did in 2021 (even though many things fell through the cracks given all the challenges)...again that sinner/saint---joys/concerns---good job/bad job thing:

- God was glorified, by having your church distribute almost \$18,000 to local and international missions.
- God was glorified, by working through your church, to baptize 14 children of God.
- God was glorified, by welcoming over 40 new members to your church...all fired up and ready to go for Jesus!
- God was glorified, by calling 5 of our members to their final, eternal home.

Here's where my sinner comes in...Why can't we give more to local and international missions? Only 14 people baptized, where are the rest? 40 new members? What about the 70% of Oshkosh and surrounding area that still isn't affiliated or active in a church? Are the rest of God's people ready for their eternal home?

*"Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!..."*

The wrestling match. The Sinner/Saint. The "Try." It's all we can do...and get to do! Let's continue to wrestle with all these things. I'm glad I get to do it with you.

...And I will try to do better with changing the toilet paper roll and stuff.

Pastor G

PS: Thanks for everything. Stay awesome.



# *Serving the Church*

by Fred Kirchenwitz, *Head of Elders*

Members of Good Shepherd,

It's been a while since I've written a letter for the Parish Pulse, so forgive me if I ramble on, or end a sentence with a preposition. I'm a bit out of practice. I'd like to begin by thanking the men who I am privileged to serve with on the board of elders. They are charged with the tasks of assisting pastor during the worship services, seeing to the needs of an assigned group of members, and the general welfare of the congregation. It's this last point that I would like to explain more depth.

As members of the congregation, you see us every Sunday ( and Thursday evenings ) during the worship services, and that's a good thing. We should be visible, ready to not only assist pastor, but all members with any situation that might arise. I guess I want you to know that we do more than just light the candles and ring the bell. Of the eight men I serve with on the board, I don't think any of them is JUST an Elder. These men also sing in the choir and play in the chime choir. They cut the grass and remove the snow. They help maintain the building, as well as putting up and taking down of Christmas decorations. They volunteer at Waterfest and serving Advent or Lenten meals.

Right about now you're probably thinking, "Fred, don't break your arm patting the Board of Elders on the back!" That's not my intent at all, so I apologize if it sounds like I'm bragging. I'm sure many have thought after reading this, "I do a lot of these things as well!"

My purpose behind listing what Elders do is twofold. First, I wanted you all to know how much we ENJOY doing these tasks with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Working together we develop relationships with each other, not just with a group of assigned members, but with ALL members. That's the fellowship within a congregation that is so important to foster. Secondly, the purpose of the Board of Elders is to SERVE! Colossians 3: 23-24 says: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."* My hope is that all of you feel as blessed as we do as elders, being able to serve side by side with one another in Christian love and unity.

Finally, I'd like to wrap this letter up by thanking Tom Dunham specifically for his past two years of service as Head Elder. Tom is a shining example of what it means to be selfless, dedicated and caring. He set the bar quite high to follow with some rather large shoes to fill. I look forward to serving Good Shepherd and it's members in this position and following the example Tom set.

# *New Year, New Goals*

by Daniel Weiss, *Stewardship Board*

For many years, I tried to make a New Year's resolution, and most of them predictably petered out. Since that time I have come to learn that change isn't going to happen (or sustain) if it is merely circumstantial. In the case of New year's, people are making new goals only because there is a tradition of doing so at this time. Real change comes with intentionality, vision, patience, perseverance, and faith.

I am so thrilled to be able to report that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is close to one of its most significant goals: paying off our mortgage debt. Last year we were able to reduce the total amount by \$125,000. Thank you to each member that helped to make this a reality.

Yet, we have much bigger goals as a church than to be debt-free. Our main goal is (or should be) to make the love of Jesus Christ known to our community through Word, Sacrament, and service to others. This isn't as easy as it sounds. Two years ago, we recognized all the volunteers that help keep this ministry running—well over 100 people! There is a lot of management, planning, scheduling, and even a bit of cajoling to keep Good Shepherd running. Much of this planning is done by the Church Council, but most of the work is done by the congregation.

As we enter 2022, our church is facing a situation not seen here for many years. With the elimination of the debt, we will have an opportunity to dream big about our service and outreach to the local community. God has blessed us financially, but for what specifically?

We don't yet know if He is calling us to stay on course with what we are doing or to embark on a new venture. However, we did start a process of strategic planning last year that is helping the Council to "sync up" our various plans and ideas. Through prayer and planning, we will be seeking the Lord for the coming year and beyond.

If you are not already plugged into the church in a volunteer capacity, consider joining a board or service activity. You can contact me or the church office to see what the needs are.

I can't wait to see what the Lord will do in and through Good Shepherd this year.

# *Our Vocations at Work*

by Keith Casey, Church President

Greetings and the Lord be with you!

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” –Colossians 3:23-24*

What is a vocation?

- A calling from God to any role, relationship, or position in life (e.g. student, musician, son, daughter, athlete, coffee barista, etc...)
- Every one of these God has entrusted to us
- There is no such thing as an insignificant vocation; every place in life is a chance to honor and glorify God
- Who, then, can be called by God? All people!



"When I go into a restaurant, the waitress who brings me my meal, the cook in the back who prepared it, the delivery men, the wholesalers, the workers in the food-processing factories, the butchers, the farmers, the ranchers, and everyone else in the economic food chain are all being used by God to 'give me this day my daily bread.'

This is the doctrine of vocation. God works through people, in their ordinary stations of life to which He has called them, to care for His creation. In this way, He cares for everyone—Christian and non-Christian—whom He has given life. Luther puts it even more strongly: Vocations are “masks of God.” On the surface, we see an ordinary human face—our mother, the doctor, the teacher, the waitress, our pastor—but, beneath the appearances, God is ministering to us through them. God is hidden in human vocations.

In whatever we do, we are serving God, along with serving the needs of others." (Courtesy Masks of God by Gene Veith, Lutheran Witness, 2001)

What did Martin Luther share about Vocation?

“Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work no matter how important or mundane we serve God by serving the neighbor and we also participate in God's on-going providence for the human race.”

I want to reach out and thank everyone in our community for working together to make our church a home for all of us! It is inspiring to see so many members contributing to the success of spreading God's Word to the masses by serving God, thus serving our neighbor. You keep Good Shepherd strong and growing! As it is said in John 14:6 *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

On the business side, we are a growing energized congregation and I am excited about the direction we are going! Finances are doing well and our mortgage debt is under \$100,000! But again, I do ask everyone to prayerfully consider what you can give in the coming year, both financially and of time. How can you utilize your vocation at Good Shepherd through volunteering of your time and treasures? Our efforts together can only strengthen us as a community of believers. Please seek out areas where you can lend a helping hand. Your volunteering helps us in many various ways and your gift of time and treasures are very much appreciated.

Lent is quickly coming upon us (March 2nd). Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. This 40-day period is a time to reflect, fast, and prepare for the resurrection of Christ Easter Sunday.

In closing, as the Apostle Paul said in Colossians 3:17 *“And, whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*



# Treasurer's Report

by Diane Flouro, Treasurer

We have entered 2022 on a very good note. We were able to pay down a very large portion of our debt over this last year even though we incurred a few unexpected expenses such as a couple of new furnaces, new air conditioner, and new roof. The balance of our mortgage as of 12/31/2021 was \$69,802! We should have no problems paying off this debt during 2022—Thanks be to God! We were also able to support 5 missions and match the Sunday School Offerings for St. Jude Hospital in December. The mission amounts given in December were:

- St. Jude Children's Hospital \$1,000  
(plus the Sunday School Offering of \$291.72)
- Bethel Foundation of Oshkosh \$1,000
- Trinity Lutheran School \$1,000
- Brush Fires \$1,000
- Day by Day Warming Shelter \$1,000
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace \$1,000 (provides beds to kids in Oshkosh who do not have one)
- Jericho Road Ministries \$1,000

^Note: 2 furnaces paid for \$10,000

National Youth Gathering Down payment \$3,950

Missions \$7,000

As always, if you would like any details behind the numbers, please feel free and reach out to me.

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2021 TREASURER'S SUMMARY	Nov 2021**	Dec 2021^
Regular Giving	36,156.00	39,707.00
Debt Giving	905.00	6,245.00
Mission	327.00	287.00
Memorials	0.00	1,800.00
Craft Fair	6,871.82	
Other	2,667.00	476.00
Total Monthly Expenses	21,146.41	51,893.00
Monthly Budget Needed	22,538.00	22,538.00
Monthly Expenses over (Under) Budget	(1,391.59)	29,355.00
Mortgage Balance as of End of Month	95,482.94	69,802.38
Additional Pay Down of Debt	4,665.49	25,680.56
West Point Bank Checking	51,879.63	40,417.06
West Point Bank Savings	3,375.87	5,196.95
LCEF Savings	33,741.63	20,675.62

As we start a new year, Good Shepherd is starting a new group, called the Blessing Brigade. This group organizes volunteers with those in need. The focus of the Brigade is four areas: Connection Care, Meal Support, Home/Errand Assistance, and Unexpected Circumstances. Already many of you in the congregation support each other by doing much of what is listed above. The Brigade's goal is not to replace you and your wonderful acts of service but organize them so when the church becomes aware of a need, we know where to turn.



Starting in February, we are looking for volunteers to be part of the Meal Support and Connection Care. If you would be interested in helping make meals for families with new babies or members who just need a couple of pre-made meals to help them during a difficult time, please contact Krista in the office, [krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org](mailto:krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org). We are also looking for a person to be the point of contact for the meals. Krista would help setup a streamlined way to reach out to your volunteers and organize the meals, when there is a need.

Connection Care is another component of the Brigade that we would like to start as soon as possible. This group of volunteers would communicate with members throughout the year. It might be visiting our homebound members, giving them a call or sending a card; letting them know that they are still an important part of the Good Shepherd family. Cards and calls would be extended to those struggling with health issues or dealing with the loss of a loved one. We also want to celebrate milestones in our members' lives such as a birth of a child or a new marriage. The office will help get whatever dates and contact information you need. Greeting cards can be provided, if desired, and postage can also be prepaid. If you are interested in being a part of this group (or heading it up) please contact Krista, [krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org](mailto:krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org).

It is not too soon to reach out to the Brigade for assistance. If you need help, please contact Krista, 920-203-2601. Thank you for continuing to strengthen the bonds of family at Good Shepherd.

# *Music and Sunday School*

by Cam Bedroske, Sunday School Director

## *Sunday School*

It is an honor and joy to see our congregation's children scamper down into the basement after church for a little game, puzzle or just time to play a card game before classes begin.

We are becoming friends who share the best of Jesus with each other. Thank you, thank you to our dedicated, skilled teachers.

The Children's Sunday School Christmas Service was just so wonderful to see and hear. Wow! Those kids worked hard and it showed! It was easy to see the the kids were happy and honored to share the story of Jesus! Thank you to our parents who made sure the kids were there for rehearsal, too. One new bit of information... the Council decided to match the children's mission offering to St. Jude. Our \$290 turned into \$580. Thank you, congregation!

This semester is coming along slowly due to the higher amounts of illness, but we hold classes each week and still want to keep our goal of singing once a month. We can do it! God is good!

We will soon decide what mission we designate for this semester's offering. Continue to pray for the spiritual growth of our children. Pray for servant hearts and joyful days.

## *Music Ministry*

This congregation is amazing. We love music and witness the beauty and power of God's Word within it. Lutherans have a very rich history and tradition in using music as a tool to teach. Just think of all the Bible verses we sing in our Liturgy each week. The hymns are full of Christian truths and lead us to see our salvation through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Most hymns remind of us our heavenly goal and joyful place not only in heaven but in our vocations here.

Thank you to all of our musicians. The Christmas Eve Pre-Service was a beautiful collection of music from singers and instrumentalists. Thank you for giving of your time during that busy season! God takes our offerings and blesses them for His Glory. We love Him.

Please feel free to join us at any time:

- Adult Choir on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm
- Chime Choir on Wednesday 5:30-6:15 pm
- Children's Choir Sunday 6:30-7:15 pm

During Lent there will be a time change for the Adult Choir, due to Mid-week Wednesday Evening services. Adult Choir will meet right after Lenten services, around 7:20 pm.

## *LWML*

by Mary Becker, LWML

Good Shepherd's LWML closed out 2021 by having our December meeting/Christmas party at the Roxy. The food was very delicious

and because we were there on a Tuesday, it was German food night. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship after dinner, exchanged gifts and discussed the question, "How or when did you become an active LWML member?"




One of our upcoming events will be our Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 12th at 9:00 am. hosted by Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 1081 Prospect Ave, North Fond du Lac. It will be focusing on Luke 11:1 "Lord Teach us to Pray" and will be led by Pastor Allen Bramstadt, the LWML SWD Zone 11 Counselor. If you are interested in attending, please meet us in Good Shepherd's parking lot by 8:15 am to carpool there.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8th at 6.30pm, all women are welcome. Also, continue to check out the bulletin board by the restrooms for information on what's happening in the LWML. Again any questions call or text Mary Becker at 920.229.9561. Thank you for your time.



*Thanks be to God! We are HIS!*

We are:

-  Held by God's Word
-  Inspired to share HIS Gospel
-  Surrounded by HIS Grace





# *What is the Brushfires Foundation and what does it do?*

by Daniel Weiss,  
Founder and President of Brushfires



Dear friends in Christ,

For the past few years, I have been amazed at the steady stream of new members joining the Good Shepherd community. Young and old alike have been received into fellowship here and it has been a true delight to see. Someone recently hinted that with so many new members, it might be a good idea to explain a bit more about this ministry that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church supports with its mission dollars.

In 2011 my wife Krista and I packed up our four small daughters and moved back to the Oshkosh area where I had grown up (Omro). I felt the Lord calling me to continue the work I had been doing for almost nine years at Focus on the Family in Colorado. That work was helping people to understand a biblical vision of sexuality and supporting those that have been wounded by sexual abuse, exploitation, and addictions.

In 2012 we started The Brushfires Foundation to promote a Christian vision of sexuality, relationships, and the human person. Our name came from a Sam Adams quote that “it does not take a majority to prevail but a... tireless minority keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.”

In our early years, I met with pastors and shared resources. We also started an online prayer ministry and hosted a community film series in Oshkosh, Wautoma, and Neenah that explored topics such as family breakdown, pornography addiction, surrogacy, and sex trafficking among others. Each film was followed by a panel of experts that responded to the film and answered audience questions.

Shortly after our film series concluded, I was invited to join a small community of ministry leaders that were trying to find ways to engage churches on sexuality issues. In 2018 we hosted our first Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit. More than 130 ministry leaders from around the country came together to brainstorm ways to serve and support pastors and other church leaders on issues of sexuality.

Since that time, I have helped to plan three more national summits. Each summit has welcomed more attendees than the last and a vibrant community of pastors, ministry leaders, youth workers, counselors and therapists has developed. Our mission has since adapted to serving the needs of this community. We now work to “equip, support, and collaborate with Christian leaders to promote Gospel-centered sexuality in the Church.”

Planning this annual Summit is now the biggest part of our ministry. We provide a forum where Christian leaders can be trained in new ideas, supported in their work, and offered opportunities to network and collaborate with others. These leaders both bring their expertise to share with others and receive the wisdom of the community in return. They then return home to put into practice what they have learned at the Summit. These same leaders are now returning to the Summit with others, including pastors, to receive the same blessings that they did.

Although the summit is just finding its legs, we have already seen much success in the past three years: churches are changing the way they do ministry, nonprofits are collaborating more than competing, caregivers are receiving advanced training, and much more. In many ways large and small, this community is fulfilling Sam Adams’ vision of change—a small group of tireless people bringing freedom to people.

Right now I am planning our 4th Summit to be held in St. Louis April 28-30. We have made contacts with Concordia Seminary and are welcoming Lutherans for Life to join us. You are most welcome to attend, as did one of our members last year.

I want to thank you for your years of faithful support. Your gifts have truly made a difference in the lives of church leaders. It is a blessing to partner with you in this important work. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our ministry, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

The Lord bless and keep you as you enjoy His love.

Yours in Christ, Daniel Weiss

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# *The New Norm*

*by Sharon Leinweber, Fellowship Board*

Well, we made it through the first month of 2022. Many of us have taken down the Christmas tree and packed away the decorations. I find myself reflecting back on the past year, time spent with family and friends, and those I haven't been able to see in a while. No doubt 2021 was another challenging year, but some ways we were able to get back to a type of "normal" that we experienced before COVID.

So, what will 2022 bring us? Only God truly knows what the future holds and what His plan for each of us is. But how does Fellowship fit into God's plan for us here at Good Shepherd? I believe that God wants us to "serve the Lord with gladness". He wants us to join together in Fellowship, to be active, to form friendships, and create a warm and welcoming church.

New events and activities are coming in 2022. We will have opportunities for member involvement, to share our faith with one another, and serve the Lord with gladness. May God make 2022 an amazing year for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

## *Winter Blast Retreat*

There were eight adventurous, spirit-filled teenagers who ventured in the snowy woods of Northern Wisconsin for a weekend of amazing spiritual growth and just plain fun! This weekend was designed for Middle/ High School students. The dedicated staff filled their time with activities like broomball, cross country skiing, tubing, group games, devotions and singing. Once again, the fellowship time and sharing of faith by both the staff and other like minded teens was an honor to witness. Thanks so very much to the congregation for funding this through our CampFund. Thanks to Sam and Joe for giving their time to chaperone and our other drivers. We give God the glory for this opportunity!



Tubing Adventures at  
Camp Luther 2022



## *Looking to Get More Involved at Good Shepherd?*

Getting involved at Good Shepherd is important to help further the Kingdom of God and to help put you in touch with other Christians. Whether you are singing in the choir or involved with youth ministry, getting involved will only enhance your life. You'll be serving God, fellowshiping with others, and helping those in need. Since our church largely operate on a volunteer basis, there are always plenty of ways available for you to get involved. We are all a part of Christ's body and that body doesn't function properly when one or two or six parts decide they're not going to contribute (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

There are many ways to become more active at Good Shepherd. On this page (and in the worship bulletin) we have listed many but not all of the ways you could use your skills and interests at church. If you have an idea that is not listed, please reach out to the Board Chair that you think your idea would fall under. Contact names and numbers are listed in parentheses and contact information can be found on the the last page of the newsletter or in the church directory.

### *Social Opportunities*

- Become a worship greeter (Vivian Mittelstaedt)
- Help prepare and drop off meals to members in need
- Join the Evangelism Board as they plan outreach ideas and help revamp Missions at Good Shepherd (Nicole Schroeder)
- Contact/or visit our homebound members (Krista Weiss)

### *Youth & Education*

- Assist with Sunday School (Cam Bedroske)
- Volunteer to lead a Bible Study (Jennifer Charles)
- Assist with Youth Group activities (Matt & Julie Toll)
- Help plan and co-ordinate fundraisers for Youth Group (Matt & Julie Toll)
- Assist in organizing service projects for Youth Group (Matt & Julie Toll)
- Head up Cradle Roll (a ministry for the families of infants and toddlers following their baptism. During the first three year's of a child's life, resources and encouragement are sent to the parents on a regular schedule. (Krista Weiss)

### *Church Groups*

- Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Mary Becker)
- Women's Bible Study on Saturday mornings (Pat Koltz)
- Men's Bible Study on Saturday mornings (Mike Phillips)
- Adult, Children's or Chime Choir (Cam Bedroske)
- Blessing Brigade (Krista Weiss)
- Youth Group (Matt & Julie Toll)
- Altar Guild (Pat Dreger)
- Fellowship Board (Sharon Leinweber)
- Board of Trustees (assist with maintenance of church property both inside and outside) (Craig Dreger)
- Craft Group (Pat Phillips)

### *Prayer Chain*

- Take time to lift up our members and leadership in prayer
- Volunteer to lead the Prayer Chain. This requires a computer, good communication/organizational skills and a desire to prayer regularly for those in need. (Pastor Koepsell)

## Council & Board Members

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Trustee	Craig Dreger	(920)-420-8751
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## Pastoral Visits

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

## Donations

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. Don't forget to utilize the Classifieds Section on our website. Thank you!

## Contact Information

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### Worship Services:

Before Lent Thursday - 6:30 pm  
Lent- Wednesdays 10:30 am & 6:30 pm  
Sunday-8:00 am & 10:30 am (Communion  
offered on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:00 am and  
2nd & 4th service)

### Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after 8 am  
worship service.

### Bible Study

Adult - Sunday - 9:15 am  
- Wednesday mornings 10:30 am  
Women's - Saturday mornings 8:30 am  
Men's - Saturday mornings 7:00 am

### Sunday School

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





## *Birthdays*

### February

Feb 1	Jeff Phillips	Feb 12	Mike Phillips
Feb 4	Grace Leiden	Feb 13	Aaron McMillan
Feb 4	Ashley Rock	Feb 15	Reagan Bandelow
Feb 4	Phyllis Sasse	Feb 15	Jane Koplitz
Feb 5	Larry Paulus	Feb 16	Joshua Martin
Feb 5	Lynn Paulus	Feb 17	Bud Hoeppner
Feb 6	Ruth Galow	Feb 17	Maddox McMillan
Feb 6	Debbi Last	Feb 18	Liz Hoversten
Feb 6	Samantha Stephenson	Feb 19	Alyssa Casey
Feb 7	Justine Nitzke	Feb 19	Ted Strobel
Feb 8	Jeff Dunham	Feb 21	Shirley Radloff
Feb 8	Kim Reetz	Feb 24	Bonnie Borgen
Feb 9	Lisa Feldner	Feb 24	Branden Mike
Feb 9	Gary Galow	Feb 24	Donna Tritt
Feb 9	Ethan Klatt	Feb 24	Griffin Wiley
Feb 9	Kirsten Klatt	Feb 25	Noah Hinrichs
Feb 10	Amanda Hibben	Feb 25	Riley Kirchenwitz
Feb 11	Allen Gebel	Feb 26	Lee Kantin
Feb 11	Amelia Mielke	Feb 26	Lauren Purath
Feb 11	Liam Mielke	Feb 29	Colin Steinbeck
Feb 12	Lynn Bridwell		

### March

Mar 1	Nathan Kiffmeyer	Mar 16	Joel Nitzke
Mar 1	Nolan Kiffmeyer	Mar 17	Deb Radloff
Mar 2	Akira Cooley	Mar 17	Lois Schroeder
Mar 2	Brett Kramer	Mar 18	Cooper Wiley
Mar 3	Christine Feutz	Mar 20	Ryan Makurat
Mar 4	Melissa Kirchoff	Mar 20	Katie Rodig
Mar 6	Ella Smith	Mar 20	Bronson Weed
Mar 8	Aiden Spaeth	Mar 21	Colton Smith
Mar 9	Silvie Weiss	Mar 23	Nathan Kirchenwitz
Mar 10	Brian Haag	Mar 26	Thomas Adamski
Mar 10	Steve Ludwig	Mar 26	Allie Heideman
Mar 11	Barbara Kolb	Mar 26	Cherie Stechly
Mar 12	Sophie Bridwell	Mar 28	Mat Bandelow
Mar 13	Steve Bridwell	Mar 28	Robert Loewe
Mar 14	Amy Hoeppner	Mar 29	Jace Koepsell
Mar 15	Marie Koch	Mar 29	Jon Mielke
Mar 15	George Suwalski	Mar 31	Craig Mittelstaedt

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

### February

Feb 3	Bill and Louise Gabert (26)
Feb 4	John and Dian Sheldon (33)
Feb 15	Matt and Julie Toll (8)
Feb 19	Mike and Michelle Tyriver (11)

### March

Mar 15	Alfred and Renate Piotter (64)
Mar 17	Karyl Stephenson and Patrick (32)
Mar 28	Jacob and Nicole Schroeder (2)
Mar 30	Gene and Donna Gohlke (54)

## *Church Register*

### Baptism

Scout Eloise Wiley, daughter of Griffin & Jennifer Wiley  
December 5 , 2021

Ryan Jane Eichhorn , daughter of Riley & Samantha Eichhorn  
December 12 , 2021

Cole James Meier, son of Krei & Sarah Meier  
December 19 , 2021

Dyani Edith Chamberlin  
January 9 , 2022

### Confirmation

Dyani Edith Chamberlin  
January 9 , 2022

### Marriage

Derek Pope & Reagan Nagler  
December 18 , 2021

### Called to Heavenly Home

Judy Blackmore, June 29, 1953 - December 26, 2021

Seth Szweda, December 1, 1997 - December 21, 2021

Dolores Ziemer, April 12, 1930 - January 11, 2022