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# The Parish Pulse

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Thursday-6:30 pm  
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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

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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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*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,  
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging  
one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

*—Hebrews 10:24-25*

Greetings People of the Good Shepherd!

As I write this, I am currently on a “stay-cation,” relaxing a little, but mostly checking off items on my “to-do” list around the house. The kids are still in school, so I get days to myself to putz. Thank you for the week off to recharge.

Completing some of the tasks on my list that have accumulated over the year may involve a few trips to places like Kitz & Pfeil, Menards, Lowe’s and Fleet Farm. I’ve made my fair share of trips to these places this past week, and after a few failed trips to get exactly what I needed (one for a refrigerator filter, one for a new gasket thing for leaking faucet outside of house, one a basketball hoop!) I realized something. You see, none of the stores carried exactly what I needed. When I finally tracked someone down to help find the thing I needed I received the same response: “We don’t carry that, (or we don’t have that in stock) but we can order it for you online.”

Then I thought, “Well, I can do that. I could’ve stayed at home and done that. It’s no wonder people just buy stuff online and have it shipped to their homes, no one has what I need anyway. I just wasted an hour of my stay-cation...”

That got me thinking, “I wonder just how long I could stay at home and not leave at all.” You can order anything you need online, from groceries to gas-kets...to basketball hoops...and have them shipped directly to your front door. You can get news on the internet or the TV, you can get Jesus online, you can pay your bills, talk to a million friends, learn jiu-jitsu...the list goes on and on. If wasn’t for the small problem of having to leave home in order to work to put money in the bank account, I think I could stay at home for a very long time.

But, I’m not at home alone. Besides the dog, the cats and my birds, I have the anticipation of my kids coming home from school, my wife coming home from work, the family I get to see over the weekend, and the joy of worshipping somewhere on Sunday with a bunch of people who gather together to receive the gifts of God, some of which you can’t get over the internet.

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**Alone.** Some people relish it, some people have a very hard time with it. The question always comes up in my premarital course under the “leisure” section, “Are you comfortable being alone?” Some are, some aren’t. I like being alone. I get my fair share of alone time. My wife probably desperately craves some alone time (at least this week, with four kids and a husband who never leaves!).

So, where are you going with this, Pastor? Well, here...there is still something to be said about gathering together for church. Yes, you can do your daily devotions (alone.) You can listen to your Christian music (alone.) You can certainly pray (alone)...Jesus often went off by Himself to pray and contemplate, etc. But, Jesus also went to Church (the Synagogue), to teach, to preach, to be with believers. There is something to be said about gathering together with likeminded believers, pondering the mighty works of God, receiving His gifts of forgiveness and grace, trying to sing a difficult hymn, praying...with people just like me, a sinner who is redeemed, a beggar who has found bread.

I think that the desire to gather together for worship is a gift from God. It’s fairly obvious not everyone has this desire. Do you? If not, maybe take a look again at the words of Martin Luther regarding the need for the Holy Supper... “If you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament...”

1: Touch your body to see if you still have flesh and blood. Then believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 & Romans 7.

2: Look around to see whether you are still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

3: Remember that you will certainly have the devil also around you, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let you have no peace within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

These are some compelling reasons to “*not giving up meeting together.*”

Hey, it’s summer. I get it. The calendar is filling up fast with trips to the cabin or the campground, vacations out of state, family gatherings, weddings, baseball, beach, alone time, the temptation to sit on the deck Sunday mornings, soaking up the morning rays instead of sitting in a stuffy church. I get it. Some are in the habit of putting all those events ahead of gathering for worship. But, those same people are missing out. And the church is missing them. Because it’s your church and it’s better with you in it!

I pray you seriously enjoy this summer and that you don’t give up the habit of meeting together. And when you’re out of town for the weekend, remember we have church on Thursday nights for that very reason, or, take some time to seek out one of our sister churches near where you may be on a given Sunday ([www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)). Bring me back a bulletin!

Okay, I’m done rambling...back to the to-do list (the UPS guy just dropped off that gasket thing).

God’s richest blessings to you this summer and always! You are in my prayers. See you at church.

Pastor



## Scrip

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

Please refer to the chart below.:

Order on June 17 for pickup on June 24.

Order on July 15 for pickup on July 22.

Order August 12 for pickup on August 19.

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



# Church Council

Greetings Members of Good Shepherd.

The following is an update about what's going on at Good Shepherd. Summer is here and naturally people turn to vacations and activities with kids and families. With that being said, I want to remind everyone that summer usually means our financial situation changes, offerings are reduced and things get a little tight. Just because its summer doesn't mean our monthly budgets change. It is important that we maintain our financial giving at a level that can support our community. We still have bills, just like at home. I would encourage everyone to remain vigilant about giving and pray about what each one of us can give throughout this season, as well as the remainder of the year. Do you realize that if each one of our giving units gave \$10 more per week we could overcome our mortgage debt in half the time? \$10 is the equivalent of 2 Starbucks coffees or one McDonalds meal. We don't bat a eye at buying those things but seem to forget that we all need to support our church. Please consider what I just said.

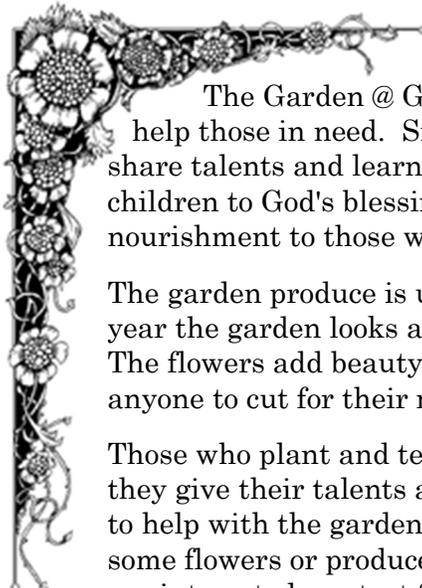
On a lighter note, our church secretary Cathy has retired and Krista Weiss has the sole responsibility of operating our church office. I want to thank her for accepting this position and ask her to help keep things flowing and our pastor on schedule.

We will be doing away with the attendance books in the pews over the summer months. If you haven't noticed already, there is an attendance kiosk check in in the atrium. It is very simple to use. It should be up and running in July. There will be someone at the kiosk to help with questions. Don't be afraid of it, it will just be an easier way to keep track of attendance.

During the summer our nominating committee will be finding candidates to fill church board and officer positions. I ask that if you are considered, and approached by the committee, please view it as an honor and contemplate accepting the nomination. Positions up for elections are president, secretary, financial secretary, evangelism chairperson, fellowship chairperson and stewardship chairperson. I will not be accepting the position of president for another term.

The future is very bright. Things are getting much better financially and with God's help we will succeed. I hope that everyone is enthused to be a part of our community and takes part in and responsibility for what happens in our future

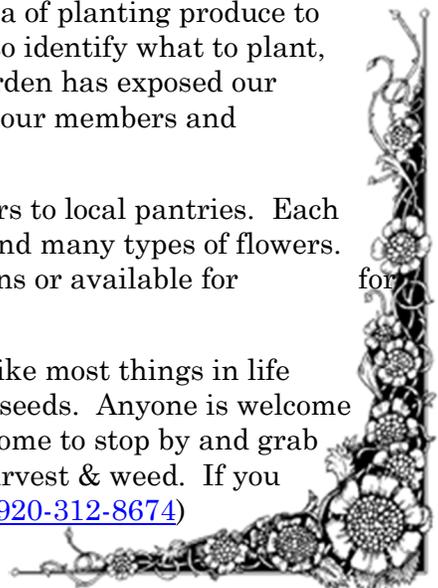
Jim Purath, Congregation President



The Garden @ Good Shepherd started in 2013 with the idea of planting produce to help those in need. Since then, volunteers have come together to identify what to plant, share talents and learn more about gardening each year. The garden has exposed our children to God's blessings from the earth, provided fellowship to our members and nourishment to those who enjoyed what grew.

The garden produce is used by members or taken by the volunteers to local pantries. Each year the garden looks a little different, recently including herbs and many types of flowers. The flowers add beauty to our grounds and can be taken to shut ins or available for anyone to cut for their needs.

Those who plant and tend the garden are not expert gardeners...like most things in life they give their talents and find joy in what comes of planting the seeds. Anyone is welcome to help with the garden in formal or informal ways. You are welcome to stop by and grab some flowers or produce or sign up to help for a week to water, harvest & weed. If you are interested, contact Sara Suwalski ([saraann\\_21@hotmail.com](mailto:saraann_21@hotmail.com)/920-312-8674)





St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice. But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested. Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

Blessings,

Noah Hinrichs

(LCMS Stewardship Ministry—May 2018)

# Youth Group News



The Good Shepherd High School Youth Group has some very exciting news! I would like to welcome the new youth group co-chairs, Matthew and Julie Toll. Now, while our constitution needs only one of them listed as "chairman", I truly believe this will be a joint effort with Matt and Julie working equally hard! Seeing as this is my last official newsletter article, I would like to focus on the future and the new direction the youth group is headed, instead of dwelling on the past.

As some of you may know, Matt and Julie are recent transfers from Trinity. When they attended our last voter's meeting and heard my plea for someone to prayerfully consider leading the group, they not only took notice, but also took action. It is truly a blessing when our members hear there is a need to fill, and realize that "someone else" is not always going to step up. Every position I've held at Good Shepherd I have NOT been overly qualified for. As a matter of fact, most of them took me out of my comfort zone and that turned out to be a good thing since it made me realize that it wasn't any of my doing, but God working through me. I think you're going to find the same thing with Matt and Julie. They don't have degrees in theology and they aren't college professors. They're both engineers ( which easily makes them smarter than me ) who are willing to share the Word of God with our young people and help them find their niche in the congregation. I think everything else will take care of itself from there! I don't want to speak for them, but I believe with Pastor's help, the 2019 National Youth gathering, which is being held relatively close in Minneapolis, will be something they will get the youth involved in. I look forward to hearing more of their ideas and seeing the group grow with the larger confirmation classes on the way.

I'd like to close this letter by simply saying THANK YOU!!! Back when I took this position, ( I forget how long it's been since I began ) I knew most of these young adults because I had the privilege of teaching them in 5th and 6th grade catechism. It was my "in", and a way of relating to them. You see, once again I didn't pick the time to step down, but God sent a gift in the form of Matt and Julie. Along the way I never really had an official board, and that probably wasn't a good thing, but there was ALWAYS help when I asked. So, to the Klauer's, the Klatt's, the Mehn's, the Danula's, the Casey's, the Steinbeck's and whoever else I'm forgetting, you've been more of a blessing than you will ever know! And finally to the kids, I hope you learned as much from me as I did from you. My final bit of advice comes from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 3, verses 5-6:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Kirchenwitz



The members of Good Shepherd would like to acknowledge and thank Fred Kirchenwitz for his outstanding service as Youth Chair since Fall of 2013. Throughout the years, you dedicated time and energy to the youth of our congregation. Through your efforts, the next generation of members at Good Shepherd have benefited greatly by your witness of faith and mentorship. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do here at Good Shepherd.



Another choir season comes to an end and I am so thankful for everyone's commitment and willingness to try new things. Thanks to both the children and those faithful adults who make Wednesday nights fun and interesting! Welcome and thanks to the many new members who joined us. We look forward to other new faces in the fall.

It is an honor and pleasure to make music in God's house. We lift united voices to celebrate our Savior! God rescues us and gives us so many reasons to rejoice and be glad.

We began the choir year thinking about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We welcomed many choirs into our midst, added brass to hymns, and it was glorious! Our sister congregations celebrated unity in a gracious God and also had fun eating and playing together.

Time flew and we were thinking of Christmas Pre-Service music; then onto the Lenten Meditation and finally the Joint Ascension Service.

My hope is to organize a Hymn Festival in the Fall, so keep that opportunity in mind.

Be sure to sing in the park with all of us at the Polka Service. It is a PERFECT opportunity to invite a friend to something that is unique and fun. Last year we had a full church, so let's try it outside!

*Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my hearts trusts in Him and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks  
to Him in song.*

Camala Bedroske -Music Director

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>
Deposits:	\$28,966.74	Deposits:	\$28,518.47
Withdrawals:	\$26,189.64	Withdrawals:	\$23,461.93
End of month bank Balance:	\$18,001.38	End of month bank Balance:	\$23,057.92
Mortgage Balance:	\$572,631.97	Mortgage Balance:	\$569,492.20
Joyful Response:	\$4,905.00	Joyful Response:	\$5,270.00

# Board of Elders



Hello Everyone,

So what has been on your mind lately? The spring weather is upon us and just as your family at home is getting ready for changes in schedules, so is the church family at Good Shepherd.

- Sunday School takes a break, but please look forward to ways to help with VBS.
- Choirs are not rehearsing, but think about joining them in the fall.
- Bible Study groups may have different schedules, but check in as often as you are able.
- Confirmation instruction is reorganizing for the fall, but keep our newest confirmand in prayer.
- Many people are vacationing, but know that Thursday evening worship is available.
- There will be visitors each weekend for us to welcome, so keep up the friendly conversations.

Challenge yourself to keep spiritually fit this summer and take advantage of visiting other churches on your vacations. Remember Pastor likes to hear about new and different ideas from other congregations!

Since our last newsletter, we traveled through Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. We are alive by the Holy Spirit, gifted to serve each other and praise our Gracious God. Lets grow strong in love and let our roots sink deep into His Word.

Please, please come to the June 24<sup>th</sup> Polka Service at the park and bring a friend. This is an awesome opportunity to invite someone who may feel more comfortable worshipping in an informal setting. It will be fun!

In Christ,

Gary Bedroske

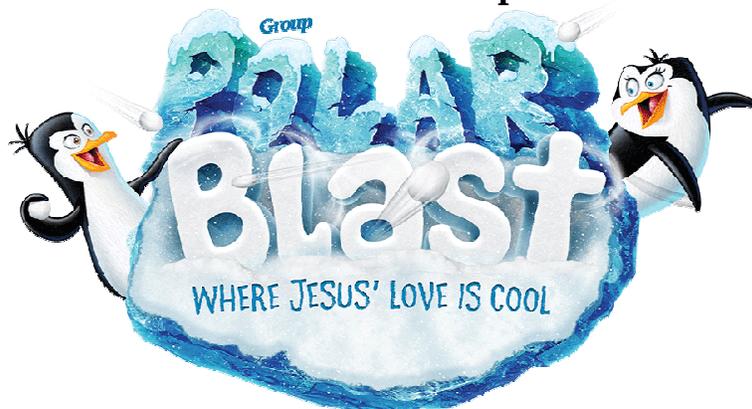
***“Remember those who led you and spoke Gods word to you” Heb.13:7***

In Christ,

Gary Bedroske



**Mark Your Calendars ... Evening of Friday August 3rd  
and Morning of Saturday the 4th  
VBS at Good Shepherd!**





Hello,

I would like to ask our church family read the following volunteer opportunity and to join me at the Back 2 School Fair. It would be way to reach out and serve those in need in our community. We can wear our yellow Good Shepherd shirts as we serve others and witness Christ's love to those around us. There will be a sign up sheet as the dates get closer. Please contact Judy Mehn at [mehns@charter.net](mailto:mehns@charter.net) if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,  
Judy Mehn

We would like to invite you to participate in our annual Community Back 2 School Fair. This event helps approximately 1,000 area youth in need who live in Oshkosh, Winneconne and the surrounding areas to prepare for the upcoming school year. Children attending will receive school supplies, along with personal hygiene items, clothing and haircuts. This is such a fun event to volunteer at and the students love seeing staff from their schools at the fair!

The fair will take place on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m at North High School, [1100 W Smith Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901](#) (an air conditioned facility).

In order to make this event a success volunteers are needed for the following:

- Set up: help organize the rooms the 2 days before the fair (8/14/18 & 8/15/18)
- Guides: escort families through the resource fair and help them pick up their items
- Oversee the tables: stocking clothing, school supplies, shoes & hygiene items

If you are available to volunteer for this great event please follow this link to sign up: [Sign up form](#) or call Liz Last at [920-233-6630 \(ext 106\)](tel:920-233-6630) to sign up with her over the phone.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Sincerely,  
Mindy Collado, Lisa Plonsky & Liz Last  
Volunteer Committee  
Community Back to School Fair



## Joyful Response

(What is it and why does it matter?)

Joyful Response is a way to electronically give your church offering. No more forgetting your offering envelope on a busy Sunday morning or worrying about missing offerings when you are sick or on vacation. Joyful Response allows you to set the amount of your donation and when it is to be given (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) Money is automatically transferred from your checking account.

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



# MeefourMembers



Aaron and Kristy McMillan  
Gavin, Maddox, and Jackson



Aiden Spaeth, son of  
Brian and Lisa



Jeff Dunham



Tom Kramer



Joe Stephenson



Sam Kirchner



Karyl Stephenson



Julie Bray



Cindy Meier, Ken Szweda,  
Michelle Miller (left to right)



Matthew and Julie Toll



Gary Schmude

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

March 20, 2018

Present: Gary Bedroske, Deb Bochinski, Keith Casey, Linda Everson, Noah Hinrichs, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Erlinda Nienass, Jim Purath, Lori Purath, and Donna Tritt

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

Deb Bochinski read John 19:23 & 24. Pastor Koepsell read the Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries on Shame and opened with prayer.

**Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Council meeting.**

**Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski:** Everything is going well. The counters' documentation sheet will be updated. Heather will work with our secretaries on revising the sheet.

**Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer:**

<b>January 2018 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$37,236.05</b>
<b>January Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$36,583.67</b>
<b>End of January Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$22,007.57</b>
<b>\$10,000. Paid to Mortgage Principal (closed out 2017)</b>	
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$578,881.22</b>
<b>Joyful Response Electronic Giving: January 2018</b>	<b>\$4,630.00</b>
<b>February 2018 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$20,752.36</b>
<b>February Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$27,535.65</b>
<b>End of February Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$15,224.28</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$575,761.63</b>
<b>Joyful Response Electronic Giving: February 2018</b>	<b>\$4,770.00</b>

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

**Pastor Koepsell's Report:**

- Thank you to all of you for all you do.
- Good Shepherd is stable. More new members on horizon. Looking at welcoming a new crew on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Will present list to Elders at next meeting.
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for February:
  - Average Thursdays: 32 (2016: 40)
  - Sunday Services: 216 (2016: 182)
  - Lent Wednesdays: Averaging 105 (2016: 88)
- 0 Baptisms (3 on horizon. Wil Bray, Riley Marlys Kirchenwitz, Aiden Joseph Spaeth)

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### Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018 (*continued*)

- 0 Weddings (Premarital counseling done for Jonathan and Kaytlyn Dummer. Leah Dittberner and Dean also underway and will complete by June)
- 1 Funeral: Pat Edwardson. All went well at Lakeview Memorial
- Bible Study: Sunday morning – Truth Project: 10 – 15; Wednesday: 5 – 8; Woman’s group: 5 – 7; Men’s group: 3 – 6.
- Confirmation: Going well. Feel free to come and sit in. Confirmation is May 20<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday)
- VBS: Weekend -- August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Visits up to date thanks to Pastor Hayman– always more people to see and things to do.
- Lots of ways to get involved and serve at Good Shepherd. (Feed My Starving Children, Pizza Ranch, Lenten Meditation, etc.)
- Herd singing was fun!
- Fill up your boards
- Mentioned Vision casting group
- Evangelize/greet if you feel comfortable doing so.
- Next big things: Palm Sunday/Lenten Meditation/Holy Week & Easter
- Went to Valley Christian School for Pastor Appreciation Day – good things going on there!
- Invited to do the blessing of bikes again first Sunday in May in Franklin, WI. Will be held after church
- Ascension Trinity Menasha – May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation questioning May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Pentecost (confirmation) May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Polkafest/Picnic June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Personally, doing well. Family is doing well

### **Motion M/S/C to accept pastor’s report.**

**Elders – Gary Bedroske:** Herd Game – The choir in cooperation with Trinity did have a successful experience at the Herd Game on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. It was Faith and Family Night. Perhaps we could look at that opportunity again. Polka Service is scheduled for Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Pastor made reservations at a park in Oshkosh. Confirmation Preparation: May 13<sup>th</sup> is the questioning and the 20<sup>th</sup> is the celebration. We will be ordering gifts through Cathy in the office. We welcome Todd Klauer to the Elders as he will replace Jay Schultz. The elders were invited to volunteer to serve as readers for the Lenten Meditation. Cam is preparing that list. Proposed having planning meetings to possibly evaluate how we are doing as a church and our mission/direction. Holy Week services are set and Elders are assigned. Keep in mind that the Good Friday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday during the day is 12:30 p.m. Ascension is set as a joint-circuit at Trinity Menasha May 10<sup>th</sup> evening. June 24<sup>th</sup> we will have the Polka Service in a park followed by a congregation picnic. VBS is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Made a mention to create an actual Board of Youth. Further discussion of the mention of a Kiosk to help with membership registration. Mention has been made of Fellowship area including circular standing tables.

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Council Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2018 (*continued*)

Retirement/Thank You Celebration for Cathy will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Cam needs help this Sunday. Please look at the chart and find a slot to fill especially the reception set-up/ushers and clean up. Bible study sharing shelf will be organized in Narthex for small groups or home Bible Studies.

**Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs:** Nate Olson presented an educational piece for our congregation in February. Noah was pleased with the attendance. Time and talent sheets will be compiled by Noah and distributed. Discussed our church debt. Noah will give a presentation to our congregation on April 8<sup>th</sup> and then once a quarter.

**Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt:** Vivian attended a thank you breakfast on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Father Carr's for the canned goods and money they received from our Reformation service. Thrivent was also present. It over exceeded their expectation. Gene Gohlke signed up for Brat Barn at Festival – date not known. Pizza Ranch will be April 9<sup>th</sup>. Life Touch will be at Good Shepherd on April 17<sup>th</sup> to photograph our new members. Two photographers will be here from 2 – 9 p.m. Everyone will receive a new directory. New members will also be receiving our recipe book as part of their welcome packet.

**Education – Linda Everson:** Our Sunday School students will sing in church on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be their last performance in church this school year. Vacation Bible School will be held August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> -- Polar Blast. Details will be worked out after Lent. Scrip will be offered once a month during summer.

**Trustee – Mike Kirchoff (absent) – Jim Purath reported:** There are mice in the kitchen again. Traps have been placed there. Our building will be sealed up.

**Fellowship – Lori Purath/Erlinda Nienass:** Easter Breakfast will be held from 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Prepared to serve 130. No sign-up sheet – no need to bring anything but yourself. Also, everyone is more than welcome to come to help.

**Youth – Fred Kirchenwitz (absent):** Waterfest – are we interested? Yes we are.

## New Business:

Jim Purath stated we have purchased new software from Concordia Technology. One of the features is it will trace our attendance (eliminating the need for the red attendance books located in the pews). Jim is waiting for a touch screen kiosk to arrive which will work directly with the software and information will go directly into the system.

**Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

Present: Gary Bedroske, Deb Bochinski, Keith Casey, Linda Everson, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Fred Kirchenwitz, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Erlinda Nienass, Jim Purath, Lori Purath, and Donna Tritt

Guests: Julie and Matt Toll and Joe Stephenson

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

Matt Toll read Isaiah 56:2. Pastor Koepsell read the Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries and opened with prayer.

**Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Council meeting.**

**Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski:** Everything is going well. Krista made changes to the counters' documentation sheet. More deposit slips have been ordered and received.

**Treasurer's Report – Heather Klauer:**

<b>March 2018 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$28,966.74</b>
<b>March Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$26,189.64</b>
<b>End of March Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$18,001.38</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$572,631.97</b>
<b>Joyful Response Electronic Giving: March 2018</b>	<b>\$4,905.00</b>

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

**Pastor Koepsell's Report:**

- Thank you to all of you for all you do.
- Good Shepherd is stable and growing. More new members on horizon. Lots to do. Pastor presented the names of new members to us. They were going to be welcomed on April 15<sup>th</sup> but service was cancelled due to weather conditions (blizzard). They will be welcomed soon.
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for March:
  - Sunday Services: 266 (2017: 242)
  - Lent Wednesdays: Averaging 99 (2017: 88)
- 1 Baptism - Riley Marlys Kirchenwitz. More on the horizon.
- 0 Weddings – Two couples undergoing premarital counseling: Leah Dittberner and Dean and Ken Szweda and Michele (June 2<sup>nd</sup>). Premarital counseling done for Jonathan and Kaytlyn Dummer – June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 1 Funeral: Jim Wojahn
- Bible Study: Sunday morning – Truth Project: 10 – 15; Wednesday: 3 - 5; Woman's group: 5 – 7; Men's group: 3 – 5.

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- Confirmation: Going well. Feel free to come and visit. Confirmation is May 20<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday). Questioning of the confirmand will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> during bible study hour. Peers will be questioning.
- VBS: Weekend -- August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Visits up to date thanks to Pastor Hayman (he made 7 visits last month)– always more people to see and things to do. All shut-ins have been called upon.
- Fill up your boards
- Evangelize/greet if you feel comfortable doing so.
- Invited to do the blessing of bikes again May 7th in Franklin, WI.
- Ascension Trinity Menasha – May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation questioning May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Pentecost (Confirmation) May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Polkafest/Picnic June 24th at Menominee Park

### **Motion M/S/C to accept pastor's report.**

**Elders – Gary Bedroske:** Cam Bedroske was asking permission to make posters for the June 24<sup>th</sup> Polka Service. Last year with the assistance of Marian Fenlon posters were made. She was looking for specifics on location and time. Pastor shared that the Park Shelter is rented in Menominee Park and the time is 9:00 a.m. worship. The elders were thanked for Holy Week and volunteering to read and help with Lenten Meditation. She shared that the combination choir of Trinity and Good Shepherd at the Herd game in February was a success. It would be worth looking into again. Pastor reported on new members joining and a wedding set for June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor has an invitation to be a part of a special service on September 18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) in Horicon. Pastor thanks the elders for their help. The Joint Ascension Service is at Trinity Menasha on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our choir will be participating. Our regular Thursday service is cancelled here and everyone is invited to attend in Menasha. Discussion and decisions were made to have a special recognition for Cathy's retirement. It is set for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be attending church and will be honored there and at the Potluck following the service. Discussion held about ordering wine. Men's Bible Study Group is doing "Who is Jesus"; Women's Group is doing "Gideon", and Sunday morning is doing The Truth Project.

**Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs (absent):** Joe Stephenson has expressed interest in joining our Stewardship group.

**Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt:** Life Touch is here today photographing. Twelve individuals participated in having their pictures taken. Some people would like to submit photos for our directory. Vivian will check with Life Touch. Twelve people helped at Pizza Ranch. Thanks to everyone who helped. There was a huge crowd that showed up to eat. We received 10% of the proceeds which equals \$261.33 + \$370 in tips for a total of \$631.33. We will be working the Brat Barn at Festival on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Education – Linda Everson:** Everything is going well. The Sunday School year is winding down. Discussion followed about our Sunday School curriculum. Student Recognition Day will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Linda received information that we could order a Lent folder

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where students put a quarter in each day of Lent (would total \$10). Folders are on sale for 30 cents. She was given permission to order them. Vacation Bible School will be held August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-- Polar Blast. Scrip will be offered once a month during summer.

**Trustee – Mike Kirchoff (absent):** No report.

**Fellowship – Lori Purath/Erlinda Nienass:** Easter Breakfast went well. Fed between 90 and 95 people. She thanked everyone for their help. Pot Luck luncheon for Cathy’s Retirement will be held on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Krista posted a sign-up sheet (thanks Krista). June 24<sup>th</sup> is our Polka Fest.

**Youth – Fred Kirchenwitz:** The High School Youth is watching the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of “Who is Jesus?” Waterfest forms have been turned in. We will receive a date soon. We will need sixty workers.

### Old Business:

Krista Weiss will be in the office 28 – 30 hours per week starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim Purath has not received the touch screen kiosk yet (expects it any day) that we purchased from Concordia Technology. One of the features is it will trace our attendance (eliminating the need for the red attendance books located in the pews).

**New Business:** Gary Bedroske asked if we should invite our Oshkosh sister congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, to our Polka Fest service on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed. Pastor Koepsell will contact Pastor Leary. Offerings would be given to Trinity Lutheran School. More details to follow.

**Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Closed with The Lord’s Prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>			
<b>Council &amp; Board Members 2018</b>			
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# Official Acts of the Church

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## Baptism:

March 25, 2018	Riley Marlys Kirchenwitz	Daughter of Nathan and Morgan Kirchenwitz
April 19, 2018	Triston Kenneth Goard	Son of Kevin Goard and Mallari Szweda
April 22, 2018	Aiden Joseph Spaeth	Son of Brian and Lisa Spaeth

## New Members:

April 22, 2018	Jeff Dunham	Transfer from Trinity Oshkosh
April 22, 2018	Tom Kramer	Reaffirmation of Faith
April 22, 2018	Aaron & Kristy McMillan, Gavin, Maddox, & Jackson	Profession of Faith
April 22, 2018	Gary Schmude	Reaffirmation of Faith
April 22, 2018	Matthew & Julie Toll	Transfer from Trinity
April 26, 2018	Cindy Meier	Transfer from Trinity Oshkosh
April 26, 2018	Michelle Miller	Profession of Faith
April 26, 2018	Ken Szweda	Reaffirmation of Faith
April 29, 2018	Julie Bray	Reaffirmation of Faith
April 29, 2018	Samantha Kirchner	Transfer from Trinity of Beloit
April 29, 2018	Joe Stephenson	Reaffirmation of Faith
April 29, 2018	Karyl Stephenson	Reaffirmation of Faith

## Deaths:

April 10, 2018	James H. Wojahn Sr.	Born January 22, 1933
April 14, 2018	Kay Wolff	Born December 13, 1930



**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.



**June**

Becky Siegrist	6/1
Natalie Tyriver	6/1
Jeff Everson	6/3
Linda Everson	6/3
Josie Weiss	6/4
Marian Fenlon	6/7
Mark Stinski	6/7
Lily Berry	6/8
Jared Rivera	6/8
Mark Hayman	6/9
Joe Stephenson	6/10
Matt Toll	6/10
Alexander Beck	6/12
Marge Bolding	6/12
Aaron Bruss	6/12
Greyson Mike	6/13
Kaydence Mike	6/13
Amanda Purath	6/13
Wade Foley	6/15
Taylor Webb	6/15
Bridget Cullen	6/16
Judy Gishkowsky	6/18
Kim Koepsell	6/20

Debbie Vowels	6/20
Chloe Tritt	6/22
Craig Dreger	6/23
Ginny Lawson	6/23
Thomas Smith	6/23
Charles Berry	6/26
Judy Blackmore	6/29
Henry Smith	6/30
<b><u>July</u></b>	
Debbie Bochinski	7/1
Fred Kirchenwitz	7/1
Gail Handrich	7/2
Tim Brunner	7/5
Heather Alvarenga	7/7
Adele Burke-Kaney	7/7
Daniel Clarkson	7/7
Lisa Haag	7/8
Bianca Smith	7/9
Dorothy Roehlig	7/10
Ashley Tuchscherer	7/10
Edna Hayman	7/11
Wesley Radloff	7/12
Noah Ludwig	7/13
Dan Weiss	7/13
Donald Gudmanson	7/14

**July**

Leslie Mason	7/14
Georgia Zuhlke	7/14
Cormac Weiss	7/16
Sam Koepsell	7/17
Emily Danula	7/18
Tom Nevers	7/18
Matthew Bray	7/19
Katie Tyriver	7/21
Garrett Cullen	7/22
Donna Daniels	7/22
Jan Peterson	7/23
Delaney Smith	7/23
Janet Weier	7/23
Steve Handrich	7/24
Joyce Hoppe	7/24
Nathan Haag	7/25
Eric Olsen	7/25
Jim Warwick	7/25
Madaline Weiss	7/25
Jerry Cooley	7/26
Tom Radke	7/26
Ryan Klatt	7/31
Sarah Koch	7/31



**June**

Dan & Krista Weiss	6/2
Dennis & Carol Bostwick	6/3
Jerry & Debra Cooley	6/4
Chad & Susan Smith	6/5
Daniel & Marsha Clarkson	6/7
Donald & Betty Jane Gudmanson	6/10
Gary & Camala Bedroske	6/13
James & Judy Gishkowsky	6/17

**June**

Craig & Vivian Mittelstaedt	6/20
David & Carissa Ullrich	6/21
Richard & Donna Tritt	6/26
Steve & Lynn Bridwell	6/27
Rick & Dana Rasmussen	6/28
Eric & Jackie Kiffmeyer	6/29

**July**

Bryan & Marie Koch	7/6
Gerald & Shirley Sprague	7/8
David & Sharon Leinweber	7/14
Keith & Sandra Casey	7/18
Carl & Cherie Stechly	7/18
Ryan & Heather Beck	7/22
Steve & Gail Handrich	7/22
Greg & Kim Koepsell	7/22
James & Doris Wojahn Jr.	7/23
Ronald & Kathy Groskruetz	7/24
Steven & Amber Tritt	7/24

Hospitalized?? Or you desire a call?? If you are going into the hospital, please call to let the Church Office know. We do not always receive the information in a timely manner so that the appropriate visitation can be made. Also, hospitals can no longer release information to us about your admittance and room number if you have not signed a waiver. If you want a home visit from Pastor Koepsell, a call or other service, please contact the church office with your request.

Before you donate an item to the church, please check with the Church Council.  
They can assist in placement or find the best use for your donated item.  
Thank you!

# june

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 am
3 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 am	4 <i>Women's</i> <i>Bible/Book</i> <i>Study</i> 5:45 PM	5	6 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM  <i>Craft Group</i> Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM	7 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 6:30 pm	8	9 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 am
10 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 am	11 <i>Women's</i> <i>Bible/Book</i> <i>Study</i> 5:45 PM	12 <i>Elders' Meeting</i> 7:00 pm	13 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM  <i>Craft Group</i> Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM	14 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 6:30 pm	15	16 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 am
17 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 am  <i>Father's Day</i> 	18 <i>Women's</i> <i>Bible/Book</i> <i>Study</i> 5:45 PM	19 <i>Council Meeting</i> 7:00 pm	20 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM  <i>Craft Group</i> Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM	21 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 6:30 pm	22	23 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 am
24 <i>PolkaFest</i> <i>Worship in the Park</i> 	25 <i>Women's</i> <i>Bible/Book</i> <i>Study</i> 5:45 PM	26	27 <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:30 AM  <i>Craft Group</i> Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM	28 <i>Worship Service</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 6:30 pm	29	30 <i>Men's Ministry</i> 7:00-8:00 am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm	6	7 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am
8 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am	9 Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM	10 Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM  Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM	12 Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm	13	14 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 am
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29 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am	30 Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM	31				

Please join Good Shepherd Lutheran  
& Trinity Lutheran Churches for our

# Polka in the Park

## Worship Service

### Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

Shelter 1 in Menominee Park, Oshkosh  
Pastor Greg Koepsell Preaching



Gene and Terry Lettau & the II Edition Band  
providing music

## Picnic & Fellowship after the service

*For your comfort you may wish to bring a lawn chair and sun glasses*

\*All offerings from this service will benefit Trinity Lutheran School\*