# THE PARISH PULSE



## $Learning to \ Live \ and \ Love...$

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship...Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

#### -Romans 12:1 & 2

Greetings people of the Good Shepherd! I pray this day and this reading of your newest Parish Pulse, Good Shepherd's Newsletter, finds you well. You will find good information in the following pages. The things we do as a church, the things still left undone, and the plans we have to do God's will for God's people here. Please peruse and enjoy the contents!

So, as usual, I have a few weddings on the schedule for this summer, and those weddings again give me the opportunity to speak to young couples about what exactly they're getting into regarding marriage, sacrifice and a plethora of other things.

We cover the whole gamut during our pre-marital counseling sessions. First the "Four C's" (Character, Communication, Conflict Resolution & Compatibility) which leads to a bunch of other things from intimacy, religion, finances, marital roles, expectations, etc.

The topic of living a new life with someone—actually sharing the same living space—brings about a lot of discussion. Inevitably, in getting to know the couples, you find out which one is a "clean freak" and which one, well, isn't.

Some time ago (22 years) I was one of those individuals, newly married, learning how to live with someone, learning how to sacrifice, as was my wife.

With my military background, and having lived as a bachelor for a few years before God brought Kim and I together, I was probably deemed as the "clean-freak." That is, until one day I came home from work and school after a long day. At this time, I had a little house and two little boys and a wonderful wife, and I walked into a kitchen in disarray. In other words, I walked in to a messy house. I certainly bit my tongue when, after walking through the kitchen, I saw my wife playing with my two boys on the living room floor. I had to admit that some things are just more important than perfection. I had to ask myself, "What's more important, dishes that can wait, or capturing this moment with my children." To sacrifice a little cleanliness for precious time with the kids...looking back, the decision seems pretty easy.

I always tell my couples getting married to remember this one thing...A man marrying a woman expects her not to change, and a woman marrying a man expects him to change...and they're both wrong! I'm sure that's not totally accurate, but it's pretty close to true, as you may know from your experience.

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The change that is brought about from both parties in a marriage typically involves sacrifice. And it's been observed that the more both parties sacrifice, the more satisfying the marriage. Imagine that.

It's just another picture of us, the Church, the "Bride of Christ" working together for our "Groom", our Good Shepherd, Jesus.

There's a lot of new faces coming in and going out of our little church, along with many who have been here a long time...all of us, making sacrifices to strive to work together do God's will--His good, pleasing and perfect will, here in Oshkosh and beyond. Sometimes things are in a little disarray. So be it. The important, Godpleasing work is getting done.

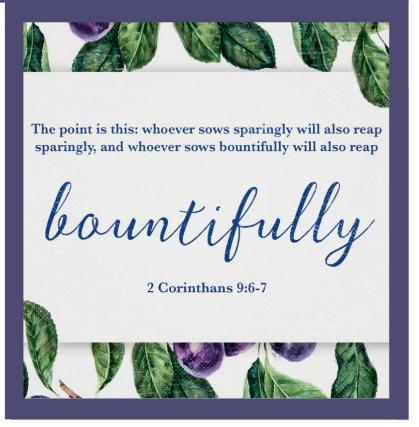
I'm glad I get to do it with you! I pray your summer is fantastic. See you in church!

Pastor G.

## Summer at Good Shepherd

by Keith Casey, Church President

Summer is finally here; it is vacation time, and time for activities with our children and families! I want to remind everyone that summer usually means our financial situation gets a little tight with the reduction of offerings and our monthly budget amounts not changing. It is important that we maintain our financial giving at a level that can support our community. I would encourage everyone to remain vigilant about giving. Did you realize that if each one of us gave \$10 more per week, we could pay off our mortgage in half the time? \$10 is the equivalent of 2 Starbucks coffees or one McDonalds meal. WOW, sacrificing two Starbucks each and we could pay off our mortgage in half the time! I'm in, are you?



Our church Sunday School Superintendent, Cam Bedroske, has finished her term and we are looking for someone willing to take over the Education of school children at the beginning of the next school year. Please join me in thanking Cam for everything that she has done over the past two years! Cam, your dedication and passion will be missed.

The future is very bright here at Good Shepherd! We are getting much stronger as a congregation and with God's help we will continue to succeed in and support of the greater Oshkosh Community! I hope that everyone is as enthused to be a part of our community as I am and finds a way to help out where it is needed. Please reach out to our board leaders to find way you too can support our great congregation! It is our future, let's all share in the success!

Watch for upcoming details about our June Voter's Meeting.

Your servant in Christ, Keith A. Casey Congregation President

## Waiting

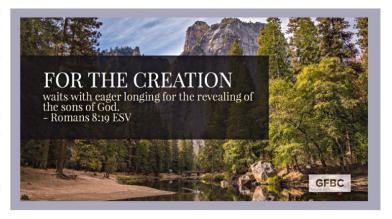
by Fred Kirchenwitz, Head of Elders

Expectations! We try to live up to them. Sometimes we exceed them. Sometimes we fall short of them. Alexander Pope, an 18th century poet, is quoted as saying, "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed." But is that really how we live our lives? We expect the sun to rise in the east and set the west. We expect our employer to pay us for a fair day's work. As parents, we are expected to care for and love our children and in return they are expected to listen and show us respect. All this talk of expectations leads me to these questions. What do you expect from your Board of Elders and specifically your personal elder; and what do we as elders expect of the congregation members assigned to us?

Let's start with the former. As a member of Good Shepherd, I would expect to know first and foremost who my Elder is. Not only by name, but by sight as well. I would like to have their phone number handy so if the need arises, I can contact them at anytime. I would also like them to show a genuine interest in me, what I do, my interests, family, likes and dislikes. I would want to be able to come to my Elder with questions or concerns either inside or outside the church. In short, I guess I would want my elder to be someone I can carry on a conversation with, spiritual or otherwise.

Now as an Elder, I would expect to be able to recognize my members when I see them, whether that's at church or the grocery store. I would expect them to attend worship regularly and partake in the sacrament like we all promised to do when we were confirmed, transferred in, or were converted in the faith. I would like us to be able to greet each other, and genuinely care about each others welfare.

You'll notice that quite a few of the expectations are the same and that both sides sometimes fall short of them.



Author Donald Miller says, "when you stop expecting people to be perfect, you can like them for who they are." So I guess what I'm getting at here is that the relationships we are trying to build and the communication we are encouraging is a two way street. We, as Elders, have a responsibility to seek out our members, but the members should also want to get to know their Elder. If you have any questions regarding anything about what I've written here, my phone number is (920) 420-5684. Please call me and I'd love to talk a while, whether it's about the 6 chief parts of the catechism or even the Brewers.

So I wait in the hope and eager expectation of hearing from you. Not with the defeatist attitude of Alexander Pope, but with the way the apostle Paul in Romans 8:19 speaks of "waiting in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed!"

#### LWML

by Mary Becker, LWML

Our Spring Rally was held at Hope Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac on Monday, April 25th and included an interesting Bible Study "Road Signs on the Christian Journey" presented by Rev. Allen Bramstadt. In our business meeting, it was announced that all 13 SWD Mission Grants for 2022 have been paid in full from our mite collections. Thank you for contributing to the mite boxes and helping make this possible.

Our next big event is our SWD Convention on Saturday, June 18, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, starting at 9am. Our guest speaker will be David Fiala. A Bible study, exhibits and delegate voting will also take place. We will be voting on new grants for 2022-2024. I will post all 28 grant proposals on our bulletin board, so please take a look and mark the ones that we should vote for in June.

Our next meeting will be June 14th at 6:30pm; we will not have meetings in July or August. We will start back up the second Tuesday in September. All women are welcome; for more information call Mary at 920-229-9561. Have a great Summer!

## Sunday School Changes by Gam Bedroske

I have come to the end of my 2 years of volunteering as Sunday School Superintendent and thankful for many things. I am so very thankful for the opportunity to work with the teachers and to get to know the children of our congregation. I laughed, sang, prayed, smiled and was amazed at their faith as we discussed and planned many things. God truly blessed our year with new friendships and faith growing opportunities. The parents of these children were supportive and diligent as they attended every opportunity they had!

Our staff met this past Sunday and have come up with the following needs and my goal is to have these roles filled by June 17th.

- We need a person who would serve as organizer/superintendent of Sunday School. I will certainly help with that transition and be available for questions and lend support.
- We need one teacher for a combined 2nd&3rd Grade classroom.
- Substitutes who can provide a break to our weekly teachers.

The other teachers are coming back and I can tell you that they are super committed and great to work with. Please, please give this need to God in prayer. If it touches your heart and you hear His Calling, please email Cam at cbedroske@newhopeconnect.org or 920-379-2037 with any questions. You may also leave a message in the church office with Krista.

## Fellowship Updates by Sharon Leinweber, Fellowship Chair

What's new with Fellowship?

Lots of things are happening at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! There are so many opportunities for everyone to get involved. Let's take a look:

- Fellowship Hour: With the summer schedule going to one service at 9:00 am on Sunday means one Fellowship Hour. I can't wait to see people I haven't seen in a while because we go to opposite services. This is also a great time to share your favorite treat with your fellow members. Please consider signing up to bring treats for any of the Fellowship Hours in the coming months. Not sure about the coffee, don't worry. One of the Fellowship Board members will be happy to help you out. The sign-up sheet is by the kitchenette in the atrium.
- Landscaping: Yes, we are moving into phase 2 of the Landscaping project started last year. This year's focus is the outer circle along the drive up to the front doors of the church. I have started to gather information and will be presenting it to Church Council in June. If you have ideas, please contact me. If you are willing to get your hands dirty, make sure to sign up when it's time to get planting.
- Garden: The garden is a go again this year. Krista Weiss is heading up the project. Please reach out to Krista at krista@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org to let her know how you can help. Watch for news in the upcoming month.
- Sermon on the Green/Church Picnic: Mark the date Sunday, July 24th we will be having an outdoor church service at Good Shepherd. Watch for upcoming announcements with details.

Prayer Partner Update - Prayer Partners and the 8th Grade Confirmands finally got to meet each other! A reception was held on May 18th and May 25th for the Confirmands to meet their Prayer Partner after they took their exams. I was fortunate to be at both receptions, not only to meet my Prayer Partner but see all of the Prayer Partners meet the Confirmands for the very first time. Both nights were amazing and inspiring. This is a great group of young people so let's keep them active here at Good Shepherd.

If you are interested in learning more about Fellowship, please consider joining us the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We are always looking for new people and new ideas to keep Fellowship going. All are welcome!

I would like to leave you with the following:

Rejoice and be Glad! This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:224

## Treasurer's Report

by Diane Flouro, Treasurer

We continue to be in really good shape financially and as you can see, I have paid another \$10,000 toward our mortgage. As I continue to say, we will have some major expenses coming up that need to be taken care of such as coating of the parking lot, possible painting in the sanctuary, and other major items. Paying off our mortgage will just make it a bit easier to cover these expenses than in the past.

I have noticed the last couple of weeks the given has decreased. I know summer is coming around (if we ever get a bit warmer weather (2)) and I know people are on vacation, kids are out of school, and many times you may not make it to church. Remember, it is easy to keep your giving consistent through automatic giving using Joyful Response. If you are interested in doing so, just let me know and I will get you started. This is something I enter and can be changed at any time for any reason. It becomes an auto withdrawal from whatever account you choose on whatever date you choose.

As always, if you would like any details behind the numbers, please feel free and reach out to me. My cell phone is (920) 420-5841 or email at flourodi@yahoo.com.

Yours in Christ, Diane Flouro, Treasurer

2022 TREASURER'S SUMMARY	Mar 2022	Apr 2022
Regular Giving	37,102.00	35,874.27
Debt Giving	965.00	1,025.00
Mission	156.10	379.00
Thrivent Dep	894.00	1,369.00
Sign Donations	180.00	150.00
Other	4,393.27	636.00
Interest	4.42	7.90
Scrip Income	781.14	122.71
Total Income	44,475.93	39,563.88
Total Monthly Expenses (not incl Mtg)	23,309.07	21,416.37
Mortgage Payment	4,794.30	14,842.07
Total Monthly Expenses incl Mtg)	28,103.37	36,258.44
Monthly 2022 Budget	31,335.00	31,335.00
Monthly Expenses over (Under) Budget	(3,231.63)	4,923.44
Mortgage Balance as of End of Month	55,465.72	40,623.65
Additional Pay Down of Debt	4,794.30	14,842.07
West Point Bank Checking	33,779.71	40,044.40
West Point Bank Savings	4,200.08	4,200.08
LCEF Savings	44,547.98	41,849.96



Join us on July 24th as our church family worships outside at Good Shepherd. This special Sunday will include a full worship service, food, games, and a fundraiser to benefit children of low-income families in Oshkosh as they prepare to go back to school. We need your help spreading the word about this fun and exciting event. Please consider inviting your friends, neighbors, co-workers or even the people you meet at the grocery store.

In late June there will be signup sheets in the church atrium for members interested in bringing food or helping out with games, monitoring the bounce house/dunk tank, and taking some photographs. If you have other ideas to make this event incredible, please contact Sharon Leinweber of the Fellowship Board at 920-479-5515

## In All Things...

July 8th through the 14th, youth from Good Shepherd will be joining with others from around the country to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston. Please pray for all who are taking part in this incredible event. The Gathering provides young people an opportunity to learn more about God, Christianity, and their Lutheran identity. We are excited for hundreds (if not more) of young Lutherans to come together to spend time in worship, God's Word, prayer, song, and service.



Our Bible verse for the Gathering is Galatians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Summer Involvement

For some people, warmer weather and summer schedules make it a little easier to volunteer more often at church. If you are looking for ways to get more involved at Good Shepherd over the next few months, here are several opportunities:

- Volunteer to help cut the lawn and do trimming.
   Please contact Craig Dreger for more information 920-420-8751
- Continue to help beautify the church grounds by helping with landscaping. Please contact Sharon Leinweber for more information 920-216-4842
- Help maintain, harvest, and drop off produce from our Community Garden. We are always looking for more helpers to provide free fresh vegetables to people in need. Please contact Krista at 920-203-2601 to find out more.
- Volunteer to help with our Sermon on the Green in July. Sign up sheets will be in the atrium in late June.

## <u>Church Register</u>

#### **Baptism**

April 10, 2022 - Grace Marie Werner, daughter of Josh & Kayla Werner

#### <u>Called Home</u>

Pastor Tom Hoversten December 21, 1933- April 9, 2022

Betty Jane Gudmanson August 25, 1937- April 27, 2022

Joyce Ludwig September 30, 1935- April 29, 2022

## **Birthdays**

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Jul 1	Debbie Bochinski	Jul 17	Sam Koepsell
Jul 1	Fred Kirchenwitz	Jul 18	Emily Danula
Jul 2	Gail Handrich	Jul 18	Shawn Mueller
Jul 5	Abigail Breitenbach-Casey	Jul 18	Tom Nevers
Jul 5	Tim Brunner	Jul 19	Matthew Bray
Jul 7	Heather Alvarenga	Jul 21	Jerry Ratchman
Jul 7	Adele Burke-Kaney	Jul 21	Katie Tyriver
Jul 8	Lisa Haag	Jul 22	John Hawig
Jul 9	Bianca Smith	Jul 22	Rick Koplitz
Jul 10	Dorothy Roehlig	Jul 23	Jan Peterson
Jul 10	Ashley Tuchscherer	Jul 23	<b>Delaney Smith</b>
Jul 10	Rowan Weed	Jul 23	Janet Weier
Jul 11	Edna Hayman	Jul 24	Steve Handrich
Jul 12	Malcolm Kirchenwitz	Jul 24	Joyce Hoppe
Jul 12	Wesley Radloff	Jul 25	Eric Olsen
Jul 13	Noah Ludwig	Jul 25	<b>Madaline Weiss</b>
Jul 13	Dan Weiss	Jul 26	Jerry Cooley
Jul 14	Mary Becker	Jul 26	Larry Last
Jul 14	Donald Gudmanson	Jul 26	Tom Radke
Jul 14	Ellen Konrad	Jul 27	Kevin Jooss
Jul 14	Leslie Mason	Jul 27	Tabitha Toll
Jul 14	Georgia Zuhlke	Jul 29	<b>Quincy Klauer</b>
Jul 15	Mila Crowe	Jul 31	Ryan Klatt
Jul 16	Jan Ratchman	Jul 31	Sarah Koch

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### Wedding Anniversaries

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Cormac Weiss

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Jun 12 Aaron Bruss

Jun 12 Lvle Rockhoff

Jun 13 Greyson Mike

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Jun 13 Kaydence Mike

Thomas Mitchell

Amanda Purath

Nikole Vergin

Bridget Cullen Judy Gishkowsky

Kim Koepsell

**Brandon Bray** 

Bill Gabert

**Craig Dreger** 

Hadley Vergin

**Charles Berry** 

Jun 22 Chloe Tritt

Jun 23 Derek Pope

Jun 23 Thomas Smith

Jun 30 Henry Smith

Christopher Hibben

Jan Peterson-Bunke

Wade Foley

**Becky Siegrist** 

Natalie Tyriver

Jeff Everson

Linda Everson

**Dorinne Christl** 

Steffanie Nagler

Adam Schmidt

Marian Fenlon

Mark Stinski

Kyle Vergin

**Kevin Konrad** 

Jared Rivera

Michael Martin

**Bobbie Nagler** 

Jun 10 Shirley Schnyder

Jun 10 Joe Stephenson

Jun 12 Alexander Beck

Jun 12 Marge Bolding

Jun 10 Matt Toll

Rev. Mark Hayman

Lily Berry

**Josie Weiss** 

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Jun 2 Ken and Michelle Szweda (4)

Jun 2 Dan and Krista Weiss (21)

Jun 3 Dennis and Carol Bostwick (61)

Jun 4 Jerry and Debra Cooley (17)

Jun 5 Chad and Susan Smith (12)

Jun 8 Karen Schuster and Thomas (31)

Jun 11 Don and Phyllis Sasse (61)

Jun 13 Gary and Camala Bedroske (35)

Jun 16 Jon and Judy Mielke (43)

Jun 17 James and Judy Gishkowsky (50)

Jun 17 Larry and Debbie Last (44)

Jun 20 Christopher Hibben and Amanda (2)

Jun 20 Craig and Vivian Mittelstaedt (35)

Jun 21 David and Carissa Ullrich (25)

Jun 22 Richard and Kathleen Keas (54)

Jun 23 Bill and Ruth Wagner (49)

Jun 25 Chuck Spiegelberg and Donna (45)

Jun 26 Rick and Jane Koplitz (40)

Jun 26 Richard and Donna Tritt (51)

Jun 27 Steve and Lynn Bridwell (35)

Jun 28 Rick and Dana Rasmussen (19)

Jun 29 Shawn and Alycia Mueller (4)

#### <u>July</u>

Jul 6 Bryan and Marie Koch (15) Jul 7 Gary Schmude and Diane (60) Jul 10 Adele Burke-Kaney and Thomas (46) Jul 13 Edward and Phyllis Huebner (26) Jul 14 David and Sharon Leinweber (38) Jul 18 Keith and Sandra Casey (30) Jul 18 Carl and Cherie Stechly (35) Jul 20 Terri and Thomas Kramer (9) Jul 22 Ryan and Heather Beck (17) Jul 22 Steve and Gail Handrich (17) Jul 22 Greg and Kim Koepsell (22) Jul 24 Ronald and Kathy Groskreutz (51)

Be devoted to one another in

Steven and Amber Tritt (18)

ove. Honor one another above

yourselves.

-Romans 12:10

### Council & Board Members

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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.

## Contact Information

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Summer Worship Services After
Pentecost:
Thursday, 6:20 pm

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

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after 9 am worship service.

Bible Study

Adult - Sunday - 8:00 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.

### **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!

