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# The Parish Pulse

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## Worship Services

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

## Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after  
worship service.

## Bible Study

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

## Sunday School

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

## Confirmation Classes

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

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## OOPS...

*From Psalm 145... "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. **They will celebrate** your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

*From Psalm 76... "They forgot what He had done, the wonders He had shown them..."*



Um...yeah...we forgot. No, we didn't forget the name of the Lord our God. We didn't forget to extol His Name. We've still been speaking of God's glorious splendor and majesty. We've been meditating on God's wonderful works and proclaiming His great deeds. We've celebrated God's abundant goodness and we've joyfully sung of His righteousness...but we did forget something. Specifically, something very important to God's church that we call "Good Shepherd" here in Oshkosh.

It was never brought up at a meeting or a Bible study or in a conversation during fellowship time, because we all forgot. I forgot. You forgot. If I hadn't been rummaging through some old church directories looking for some other forgotten things (names & faces maybe?) we would've looked back next year and wondered why no one brought it up, why we didn't celebrate...

**Dear Good Shepherd family, your Church just turned 50 years old!**  
Fifty! A blink of an eye in God's time, but a long time for us mere mortals.

*In May of 1968 the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod extended a Divine Call to the Reverend T.J. Schneider to serve as Missionary-at-Large to the Southwest section of the City of Oshkosh. The call was accepted and Pastor Schneider arrived in June to begin his missionary responsibilities. On **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1968**, eighty-five (85) people participated in the initial service. At that time, 33 baptized souls and 20 communicant members were committed to the new mission. On **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1968**, Sunday School and bible classes for adults began on Sunday mornings.*

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**Pastor Koepsell** (continued from page 1)

...According to my church math that is 50 years, and we missed it.

...Thankfully our God is a God of grace and mercy...and patience.

**On January 26, 1969, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was officially** recognized and organized as a mission outpost here in Oshkosh and is still serving that call today\*! That is reason to celebrate! I'm fairly certain most of us have a January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 coming up. I'm also fairly certain that that weekend isn't even blocked out on your calendar yet (block it out for church celebration now!). Some of you reading this were here from the very beginning! *"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."* Do we need a better reason to celebrate?

Who's in?

Maybe we don't just celebrate that weekend, but make a whole year of it? A lifetime of it?

Let's shake it up a little, **Good Shepherd** style! Looking forward to your ideas.

Thank you for letting me have a little part in your service to God's people in this community. The first fifty was awesome, but the work is not done. Not yet. It's our time now.

Here's to another 50+ years of ministry! Praise the Lord that throughout the 50 years the Good Shepherd has never been forgotten here, and He certainly has not forgotten you. Happy Anniversary!

See you in Church!

Pastor Koepsell

*\*You can read the rest of the church history in the office archives or in the next newsletter*



## Scrip

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

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



# Church Council

Greetings,

Good news, things are looking solid for our congregation. Finances are okay but could always be better. We are covering our expenses with a little left over each month. We have been able to pay down the mortgage debt this year and going into 2019 we should be good. With that in mind, I respectfully charge all boards and board members to spend wisely, budget well, and most of all listen before taking action. Right now our programs are doing well and our congregation is growing. We do need to organize a debt reduction program and stick to it. It is very important that the church reduce its overhead expenses so funds can be used for other work in the future. I worry that if we eliminate or reduce our mortgage expense, frivolous spending may happen and that needs to be controlled. We are not here for entertainment but to spread God's word in truth and purity. Spending dollars to spread The Word will have lasting results and the benefits will be amazing.

On Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> after service will be our fall Voters Meeting for officer and board chair positions. Please make every attempt to be there and make your vote count.

This will be my last Voters Meeting as president of Good Shepherd. I have been in this position since 2005 and feel the need to step down and let some new blood take over. It has been a long road for me as I have seen many changes in our congregation, from good times to bad and back again. For those of you who have been here that long, you understand what I mean. I hope that whoever is the new president will pick up where I left off and guide the business end of the church to new highs, control spending, avoid frivolous purchases, and be smart in guiding the business affairs our church. We are in a position of positive growth, let's stay that way.

Jim Purath

Congregation President

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## Official Acts of the Church

### Baptism

Serena Feaval, daughter of John and Tracy Feaval

8/16/2018

### Death

Theodore "Ted" Trinoskey

1/8/1945 - 8/14/2018

# Board of Elders



## Try our Sundays..... They're Better than Baskin Robbins

Great news! The feast we partake in on Sunday is heavenly food for our souls! Who doesn't like ice cream? We sang it as a child, "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" My personal favorite is vanilla. It's the kind that can be used for everything and you can add tons of toppings to it. Alone; nothing special, but it has stood the test of time. It gets the job done.

It is something like our church. Sometimes it seems its flavor is good ole' vanilla. Seeming to not change, but yet holding firm to truths for eternity. But, then again, remember last year at this time? We were looking for lots of toppings...like...things for a party! We were busy planning a community event! We celebrated the 500th anniversary of our Lutheran Reformation. Many people were working with potluck food, special music, inviting sister congregations to worship with us, grilling brats and just loving the fellowship and celebrating.

October is a special month for us Lutherans. I think of my German heritage and the hard work my family went through to come to America. They sacrificed to set up churches and schools for God's glory. The church was often the glue that held things together. That sense of community is still here. I see it, even in these modern times, right here at Good Shepherd. We come together worshiping, volunteering, and sacrificing time and our talents for the community of believers. We are His Church!

Let's look outward and challenge ourselves to think about the next big community event! How can we reach children, parents, young mothers, elderly, and those looking for that 'something' that seems missing from their life? Keep praying, keep reading His Word, keep coming together and growing closer in fellowship. Ask...Seek...Knock!

Let's do this: Friendship Sunday, October 21st. Go out of your comfort zone and invite someone. It's my birthday and I'm gonna be there! No communion that day and I bet we will have food after the service. Maybe even birthday cake!

In Faith,

Gary Bedroske



## Joyful Response

(What is it and why does it matter?)

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

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



Greetings!

As we gear up for Fall, let's continue to keep church momentum going all the way to the year end! I am in the process of preparing an interactive piece that allows members of the church to "own" their own piece of our 2019 budget. We have had some interest in this, so we will give try it next year. More details will be available soon.

Also, you now have the ability to utilize the Joyful Response program to not only electronically give a general offering, but to specify if you would like funds to go straight to our mortgage or other designations. Feel free to ask me for the Joyful Response form to accomplish this. Think of the impact we can make if each of us gave an extra \$10/week towards our debt, our congregation would be debt free in less than 5 years! That would be a great feeling :)

Please enjoy the following Stewardship Article from the LCMS.

Cheers,  
Noah



It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

## Youth Group News



Flock of our Good Shepherd,

A big thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement as we begin preparations for the youth gathering next summer. Many of you have reached out to understand more details, shared information with us, and offered ways to help cover expenses related to the gathering. Your discussion, involvement, and encouragement are a great blessing to our next generation considering whether or not to be a part of this event next summer. This support helps remind them just how important nurturing our faith is as believers and how beneficial the youth gathering can be as they prepare for the world ahead of them.

Julie and I have never been to a youth gathering, but when I think about 20,000 people gathered together in one place, not only from around the U.S. but across the world, worshiping collectively in heart and voice, I can't wait to experience it myself, to receive that foretaste of heaven that John describes in Revelation chapter 7, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

As we all await and look forward to that day when we stand before the throne, what a gift it is to share in that foretaste that something like the youth gathering can provide. What a gift, as well, for our youth to receive that reminder that they are not alone in the struggle here on earth. Thousands of other believers their age across the country and globe are experiencing the same battles and temptations they face themselves. They will get a glimpse of that at the gathering. And each of those attending the gathering, youth and adult, will be reassured and comforted that the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress as we dig deep into Psalm 46 and our real, present God.

So if you haven't already, take a moment to talk to one of the youth in our congregation. Personally encourage them to not miss out on this opportunity to attend the national youth gathering. Keep that dialogue going; encourage them to make the gathering their number one priority for next summer. Remind them just how much we need to take time to feed and nurture our faith, lest the world consume that time and our faith wanes.

Lord's blessings,

Matt Toll

**REAL.PRESENT.GOD.**

**LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019**



Another year of Sunday School has kicked off here at Good Shepherd! We have 48 children registered. New this year is that the Children's Offering will be going to a specific cause. We are collecting money to buy each of our shut-in members a Christmas gift. The children are excited to participate in this. You can check our progress anytime, by looking at our goal chart in the basement near the classrooms. After

Christmas, we will decide as a group on another "cause for collection." Parents, if you have any old children's offering envelopes, please recycle them for this year's Sunday School donations.

The Christmas Program will be December 16 so please plan accordingly. As always, we have an awesome group of teachers and assistants. Please pray for them as they guide and teach our young members on their path to confirmation.

Some dates to remember:

- October 21 - children sing in church
- November 18 - children sing in church
- November 25 - no Sunday School-Happy Thanksgiving
- December 15 - Christmas Program rehearsal/Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- December 16 - Christmas Program-no Sunday School
- April 21 - no Sunday School-Happy Easter
- May 19 - Confirmation/last day of Sunday School/fun day

Blessings, and as always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to talk to me.  
Linda Everson, Director of Education

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Greetings Members of Good Shepherd.

August was a very busy month with several opportunities for Good Shepherd to be visible in the community.

- August 23<sup>rd</sup> was our night at Waterfest. What a crowd to serve food and beverages to! This was a great opportunity to serve the Oshkosh community and promote awareness of our church by wearing Good Shepherd t-shirts.
- August 25<sup>th</sup> we served brats at the Festival Brat Barn. Thank you to Thrivent for \$250 seed money used to buy supplies for this event. We were again able to wear our Good Shepherd t-shirts and let people in the area know about our church.
- Thank you to all the members who gave their time to work these events. Without your support these events would not have been possible. It was decided that the money from these events would go towards helping the youth of our congregation attend the 2019 National Youth Gathering.
- Mark your calendars, October 21<sup>st</sup> will be New Member/Friendship Sunday. This will be a great opportunity to bring friends to church! We will also be welcoming new members that Sunday. Refreshments will be served after the service. Thrivent will be donating \$250 towards this special Sunday event. A freewill offering will be collected to support attendance of the National Youth Gathering. With everyone working together to make our new members and visitors feel welcome, Good Shepherd is becoming a vibrant and spirit-filled congregation.
- We also want to thank all of our members who have continued to assist with bringing treat for Fellowship hour and helping setup the coffee and do clean up. The time spent gathering together after service is always a special one.



If you have any questions about Evangelism, please see Vivian Mittelstaedt, Evangelism Chair.



# Musical Notes



It is exciting to have new members in both the Adult and Children's Choir. I am so thankful to be able to spend Wednesday evening with energetic children, who are willing to grow in their musical skills, and adults who volunteer their time and energy to sing of God's grace and love.

Anyone is invited to participate at any time. But, if you are looking for the next great time to join, try Advent, which is right after Thanksgiving. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more information as it gets closer.

Once again, I would like to let any Middle School or High School student who is in band, orchestra or choir to share your talent with our church. I can find ways to use your instrument in worship. Just text or call Cam Bedroske 920-379-2037

P.S. Our little Donut Sale last May, netted a significant amount of money that was used to service our chimes. Thanks so much.

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." - 1Peter4:10*

Thank you to all of Good Shepherd's musicians!

--In Joy, Cam Bedroske (Music Director)



## TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>
Deposits:	\$23,326.25	Deposits:	\$28,712.91
Withdrawals:	\$22,163.01	Withdrawals:	\$29,082.51
Ending Bank Balance:	\$24,627.95	Ending Bank Balance:	\$24,258.35
Mortgage Balance:	\$539,947.36	Mortgage Balance:	\$536,702.05
Joyful Response:	\$5,470.00	Joyful Response:	\$5,295.00

# HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The annual Craft/Bake Sale will be held Saturday November 17th. For anyone unfamiliar or new to Good Shepherd, this sale has been an annual event for almost 20 years, held on the first Saturday of deer hunting. Although the numbers of attendees has decreased since we first started, we are still blessed with an attendance of nearly 600 people and profits of \$6,000.

Beginning after Easter, the Craft Group meets every Wednesday to make items to be sold. Some members choose to make things at home and donate them for the sale. In recent years some members have even recruited family and friends to make something for the sale. Everyone is welcome to join us in crafting because there is always something to do, even for people who don't think they are "crafty." Originally the focus of this sale was more towards Christmas items but now it has expanded to anything as long as it is homemade.

The bake sale portion makes up a large part of this event. Over the years we have had enough donated baked goods, candies, and snacks to fill an entire classroom. You may want to consider making homemade goodies if you don't enjoy crafting.

There are several ways you can become involved in the Craft/Bake Sale:

1. Make a craft
2. Bake something. (More information will be given closer to the Craft Fair with suggestions and packaging guidelines.)
3. Help on the day of the sale as a cashier, bagger, greeter, etc.
4. Come to the sale and buy. You will find our prices reasonable and often nice teacher gifts or in expensive items for those persons you don't typically buy for but would like to give them something.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pat Phillips at 920-233-4248 or Pat Dreger at 920-420-9665.



Some of 2017's  
wonderful  
crafts!



## A Thought from Daniel Weiss and The Brushfires Foundation

In his excellent book, *Sexual Morality in a Christless World*, LCMS pastor Matthew Rueger details the sexualized society of the Roman world in the Apostolic age. What he describes is a violent and predatory culture where male Roman citizens essentially had a green light to fornicate with anyone and everyone who wasn't also a Roman citizen. Given that the Roman government ran 300+ brothels in Rome alone and that 1/6 of the population were slaves, this was a culture addicted to exploiting others.

A quick look at our own culture suggests we are not quite in the same position, but rapidly heading in the same direction. The #MeToo movement is revealing decades of hidden predatory behavior, mostly by men of privilege and power – just like in Rome. Hundreds of thousands of women, children, and men are enslaved in sex trafficking – just like in Rome. Hundreds of thousands of babies are aborted each year – just like in Rome, although Roman babies were born and abandoned to die alone in gutters. We celebrate graphic violence in TV and movies – just as they did in the Coliseum.

Rueger argues that Christian sexual ethics were not just foreign to the culture of the age – they were threatening. Christianity taught people to control their sexual desires and confine them to the marriage bed alone. The status of women was elevated in Christian teaching. Wives even had ownership over their husbands' bodies – something virtually unthinkable to the Romans. All Christians were taught to honor God with their bodies and to live sexually pure lives as a witness to the eternal love of God for all people. It's no wonder the early Christians were slandered and persecuted. If their beliefs took hold, Roman society could not long survive.

We see a similar fear of the Christian message today. Christians are called bigots, homophobes, haters, and worse because we hold to the inspired Word of God, especially concerning sexual ethics. Christians are now publicly ridiculed, attacked, and penalized by the law for holding fast to orthodox Christian teachings on sexuality.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Just like today, many of the early Christians struggled to lead lives of sexual integrity. The Epistles are full of exhortations to chaste living. In community and against strong odds, these Christians managed to swim up the open sewer of Roman sexual decadence. Like today, it must not have been easy. Yet, they did so with the help of Christ, and the strength, support, and encouragement of the believers around them.

A look at the headlines today shows that God's holy gift of sex, which is meant to be a blessing for all people, has become degraded and even weaponized. As much as the Romans did, our culture needs strong witnesses to the truth about sex and the greater truth about the Kingdom of God. We must be these witnesses, as well as support those among us who have fallen short – in our families, in our churches, and in our larger community. If we are honest—and believe the Bible – we know that all of us have fallen short in some way. There is no “us” and “them.” There is only “us,” the fallen and forgiven people of God.

Brushfires is dedicated to helping pastors, churches, and ordinary Christians live toward God's design for sexuality, and provide support, healing, and love to all who struggle with sexual brokenness in some way. I foresee a coming transformation of the Church from a field hospital that does triage on the wounded, to a teaching hospital where the well and the wounded together learn how to care for others, to a mobile clinic that goes out into the community with spiritual assistance, emotional support, and sexual healing for those who do not yet know Christ. Yet, this will happen only if we respond to God's call to care for the least among us.

If you'd like to know more about Brushfires and the work we are doing, need guidance for a situation in your life, or would simply like to pray together, please catch me after church or reach me by phone or email.

Yours in Christ,  
Daniel Weiss  
920-642-3990 or [dweiss@brushfiresfoundation.org](mailto:dweiss@brushfiresfoundation.org)

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes

July 17, 2018

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

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

Lori Purath read Psalm 103:8-10. Pastor Koepsell read the Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries and opened with prayer.

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

#### **Pastor Koepsell's Report:**

- Thanks for everything.
- Good Shepherd is stable.
- Polka Fest was fantastic. Combined service with Trinity followed by picnic was a success.
- A lot needing prayers.
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for June: 186 (191 in 2017); 195 at Polka Service (201 in 2017). Average Thursday: 49 (35 in 2017).
- 2 Baptisms – William Murphy Allen and Brandon James Bray on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Another baptism on July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Baby Epprecht
- 1 Wedding: Jonathan and Kaytlyn Dummer – wedding on June 30<sup>th</sup>. All premarital counseling is complete.
- 0 Funerals
- Bible Study: Sunday morning: on hiatus for summer; Wednesday 8 – 10; Woman's group 5 – 7; Men's group meets on Saturday morning: 3-5.
- VBS will be held on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Visits up to date. We are very blessed to have Pastor Hayman. Always more people to see and things to do.
- Our new secretary is awesome.
- If you feel comfortable, evangelize/greet.
- Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class will begin again.
- Family is doing well – Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Sam!
- Thanks for your prayers and support!

**Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski:** Nothing to report. Counters are doing a great job.

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

<b>June 2018 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$24,946.78</b>
<b>June 2018 Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$22,617.58</b>
<b>End of June 2018 Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$23,464.71</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$543,182.22</b>
<b>(Reflects \$20,000 paid 6/5 on principle)</b>	
<b>Trinity (Missions)</b>	<b>\$3,033.86</b>

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018 (*continued*)

**Elders – Gary Bedroske:** Elders did not meet in July. Positive comments have been received on the joint service with Trinity in the park. The weather was great. Krista did a great job creating the bulletin. Nametags were used. Food was delicious and plentiful. Mary Lou Thur was our Trinity contact. A donation was given for another kiosk for recording attendance. It has been ordered. Elders have discussed sending members birthday postcards. We will have a UWO student whose father is a pastor in Hartford needing transportation to our church this fall. Choirs will resume again on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs:** Noah and Joe Stephenson have met and Joe will be a member of the Stewardship Committee. Noah attended a seminar on Charitable Giving and has information to share. A question arose if it is possible to divide your Joyful Response donation into several categories – example a % to debt, % to missions, etc. Yes it is and the information needs to be noted on your Joyful Response sheet.

**Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt:** Good Shepherd will be at Festival's Brat Barn on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Workers are still needed. She has received \$250 from Thrivent by applying for an action team grant. Thrivent t-shirts should be worn. Updated directories are here and ready to be picked up. Coffee hour is going well. New members are coming. Please welcome them.

**Education – Linda Everson:** Vacation Bible School has 26 students registered. Fellowship will serve a potluck on Saturday. Vacation Bible School will be Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> evening and Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please register your student by August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will not be music and we will not be using envelopes. The Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Our Sunday School teachers are set. They are: Ages 3 & 4: Marie Koch, Kristin Mike K/1: Katie Rodig 2/3: Judy Mehn, Bianca Smith 4/5: Paul Klatt 6/8: Keith Casey

Thanks to Linda for asking and Wichmann Laemmrich Chapel for donating a cart.

**Trustee – Mike Kirchoff (absent Jim Purath reported):** Air conditioner has been repaired. We should have it throughout the building.

**Fellowship – Lori Purath:** Will help with the potluck for VBS. After service some Sunday we will have French toast sticks and egg bake.

**Youth – Matt Toll:** Four individuals have agreed to serve on the Youth committee. On August 18<sup>th</sup> in County Park there will be a picnic to get together. He is working on a curriculum for Sundays. The Youth will meet at church tomorrow night to pull weeds in the circle. Julie and I have had face-to-face meetings with 10 of the youth. Pray for us!

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

**Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.**

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2018

Present: Gary Bedroske, Keith Casey, Linda Everson, Noah Hinrichs, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Jim Purath, Lori Purath, Julie Toll, Matt Toll, and Donna Tritt

Guest: Krista Weiss

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

Pastor Koepsell is on vacation but came to our meeting and led our devotion.

**Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2018 Council Meeting.**

**Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski:** Absent. Jim spoke with her Sunday and everything is okay.

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

<b>July 2018 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$23,326.25</b>
<b>July 2018 Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$22,163.01</b>
<b>End of July 2018 Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$24,627.95</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$539,947.36</b>
<b>Joyful Response for:</b>	<b>June: \$5,080.00</b>
	<b>July: \$5,470.00</b>

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

**Pastor Koepsell’s Report:**

- Thank you for all that you do.
- Krista is awesome.
- Good Shepherd is stable. Holding our own during summer.
- New members on the horizon.
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for July: 184 (149 in 2017); Average Thu. : 48 (45 in 2017).
- 2 Baptisms
- 0 Weddings:
- 1 Funeral – Theodore “Ted” Trinoskey
- Bible Study: Sunday morning: on hiatus for summer; Wednesday: on hiatus; Woman’s group: on hiatus; Men’s group meets on Saturday morning: 3-5.
- Whole new bible study scheduled for fall. Stay tuned for more information
- VBS was great. Less stressful having it Friday night and Saturday morning. Normal turnout of 42 – 45.
- Visits up to date. We are very blessed to have Pastor Hayman. Always more people to see and things to do.
- If you feel comfortable, evangelize/greet.
- Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class will begin again.
- Going to be starting a new curriculum (3-year cycle). Thinking of starting a mentorship program. Let’s take advantage of the time we have with our students.

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August 21, 2018 (*continued*)

## **Pastor Koepsell's Report (*continued*):**

- October 21st will be Friendship Sunday. No communion. Bring a friend to church.
- Suggesting our midweek service be held on Wednesday year-round. Confirmation will be held from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
- Family is doing well and personally doing well.
- Thanks for your prayers and support!
- Pastor Hayman will be covering while Pastor Koepsell is on vacation

**Elders – Gary Bedroske:** Elders met last Tuesday. Cam, our music director, is looking to set up an Adult Choir Retreat at Camp LuWiSoMo in October. It would entail lunch at camp, an afternoon of rehearsals, and free time to enjoy the camp. Details to follow. Cam is getting the chimes fixed. Adult and Children's Choir start on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed about changing our midweek service from Thursday to Wednesday. The change would not occur until after Advent. Gary will present the idea to the members who worship on Thursday. Installation of Sunday School Teachers will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. Special Service on October 21<sup>st</sup> – Friendship Sunday. No communion celebrated that day. Pastor has some ideas for our Sunday Bible Study. Men's Group meets on Saturday at 7 a.m. Women's Monday night group will be changed to Tuesday at Marge Boldings. Cam has volunteered to lead our weekly Sunday School Music. Pray for our Youth group as they prepare for the National Convention. Future ideas: Welcome bag idea to share. Included in the Pastor's welcome and an elder/usher walks down aisle with bags. Saw it in Michigan. UWO transportation for students and welcome. Only doing it for students who ask for it. Attendance comparisons of kiosk and headcount are not available yet. We will add another computer too.

**Stewardship – Noah Hinrichs:** A question arose if it is possible to divide your Joyful Response donation into several categories – example a % to debt, % to missions, etc. Noah, Jim, and Heather will check into this. Noah showed us a sheet with the cost of items in our budget entitled Buy Your Portion of the Good Shepherd 2019 Budget.

**Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt:** Good Shepherd will be at Festival's Brat Barn on August 25<sup>th</sup>. There are enough workers. The purpose is to get to know each other better, have fun, and community outreach. She has received \$250 from Thrivent by applying for an action team grant. Thrivent t-shirts or Good Shepherd t-shirts should be worn. New members are coming. Please welcome them. Chairs: Remember to check the time and talent sheets to fill your boards and get additional members involved.

**Education – Linda Everson:** Linda had a meeting with teachers on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes will not be used. 40 students have registered from age 3 – grade 8. We have 18 in confirmation class.

## **Trustee – Mike Kirchoff (absent)**

**Fellowship – Lori Purath:** Served snacks for VBS. Helped with the potluck at the conclusion of VBS. 80 to 100 people attended the potluck. Served for the Ted Trinoskey funeral on Friday. LaSure's catered. Thanks to Pat Dreger, Pat Phillips, Dorothy Roehlig, Sharon Leinweber, and Donna Tritt for helping me.

**Youth—Matt and Julie Toll:** Three families attended. The picnic gave me an opportunity to get to know the students better. May try the True You Project. Hope this will challenge and stretch their minds as they prepare for the future.

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**Youth** (*continued*): Excited about the National Gathering in Minneapolis July 11 – 15, 2019. Would like to share information about the National Convention with our congregation. His board will be meeting in the next month. Funds received at Waterfest will be designated for our Youth group. Pray for us!

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1) **Voters' Meeting for Election of Officers – Sunday, October 14, 2018**

2) **Meeting to Create our Budget for 2019 will be held soon. Members of the committee are: Pastor, President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chairman of Trustees, Chairman of Stewardship and the Chairman of the Board of Elders.**

**Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.**

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tritt, Recording Secretary



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MILITARY**

**JARED RIVERA  
CHAD BERRY  
BEN WILEY**

**US ARMY  
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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.



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Council & Board Members 2018**

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

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

# BIRTHDAYS



## October

Carl Stechly	10/1
Cheyenne Wagner	10/1
Logan Reetz	10/2
James Wojahn Jr.	10/2
Thomas Kramer	10/3
Jacob Bedroske	10/6
Donna Gohlke	10/9
Chuck Spiegelberg	10/9
Kristin Wiley	10/9
Carilee Klatt	10/10
Casey, Keith	10/11
Ethel Pollnow	10/12
Gabby Foley	10/13
Isabelle Foley	10/13
Lisa Spaeth,	10/13
Patricia Dreger	10/15
James Gishkowsky	10/15
Cole Heideman	10/15
Greg Koepsell	10/15

Susan Smith,	10/15
Casey Ludwig	10/16
David Ullrich	10/16
Sharon Hoepfner	10/17
Todd Klauer	10/19
Alyssa Dreger	10/20
Mitzi Papenfuss	10/20
Gary Bedroske	10/21
Rick Cullen	10/22
Nicole Webb	10/22
Lindsey Vowels	10/24
Ron Feutz	10/25
Ronald Groskruetz	10/25
Carol Bostwick	10/26
Amber Tritt	10/26
Michael Kirchoff,	10/30
Michael Kramer	10/30
Benjamin Collins	10/31
Desiree Flouro	10/31
Purath, Lori	10/31

Shirley Sprague	11/3
Carlton Collins	11/4
Ginny Palkovich	11/4
James Purath	11/4
Steven Collins	11/5
Aaron Bray	11/8
Kimberly Heideman	11/9
Jordan Steinbeck	11/9
Vicki Beck	11/12
Patricia Phillips	11/12
Diane Wojahn	11/15
Krista Weiss	11/16
Jean Ullrich	11/17
Stuart Suwalski	11/19
Mandi Hinrichs	11/22
Sharon Leinweber	11/22
Carlos Alvarenga	11/23
Jay Schultz	11/24
Doug Zuhlke	11/24
Geoffrey Cullen	11/25
Lori Bruss	11/26
Patti Stinski	11/26



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## October

Michael & Melissa Kirchoff	10/6
Joel & Tina Nitzke	10/6
Howard & Susan Danula	10/7
Ron & Christine Feutz	10/8
Bertrant & Joann Behm	10/9
Doug & Diane Flouro	10/9
Milton & JoAnn Haskins	10/10
Michael & Lynn Kramer	10/16
Craig & Patricia Dreger	10/17
Wes & Dede Wojahn	10/22
Brian & Lisa Haag	10/26
Taylor & Nicole Webb	10/27

## November

Rick & Doreen Dittberner	11/7
David & Jackie Wagner	11/8
Nathan & Morgan Kirchenwitz	11/12
Carlos & Heather Alvarenga	11/15
Rick & Bridget Cullen	11/17



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Women's Book/Bible Study 5:45 PM</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Women's Book/Bible Study 5:45 PM</i> <i>Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>
<b>14</b> <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Women's Book/Bible Study 5:45 PM</i> <i>Council Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>
<b>21</b> <i>Friendship Sunday</i> <i>Worship Service 9:00 AM</i>  <i>Education Hour For Children, Fellowship Time for Adults 10:30 AM</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Women's Book/Bible Study 5:45 PM</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>
<b>28</b> <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i> <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Women's Book/Bible Study 5:45 PM</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon -4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>			



# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <i>Life Line Screening</i>  <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>  <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>   <i>Change clocks before bed</i>
<b>4</b> <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i>  <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Craft Group Noon-4, 5-7:30 PM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>
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<b>18</b> <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i>  <i>Education Hour 10:30 AM</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i>  <i>Council Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i>  <i>Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 6:30 PM</i>  <i>Pie Social (after service)</i>	<b>22</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING Day</b>  <i>Office Closed</i> →	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:00 AM</i>
<b>25</b> <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 AM</i>  <i>No Education Hour Following Service</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Women's Bible/Book Study 5:45 PM</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM</i> <i>Confirmation Class 5:15-6:15 PM</i> <i>Children's Choir 5:30-6:15 PM</i> <i>Adult Choir 6:30-7:30 PM</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 PM</i>	<b>30</b>	



# *Friendship Sunday*

*Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>*

October 21<sup>st</sup> is Good Shepherd's Friendship Sunday. Please start thinking about which friends or family members you are going to invite and encourage to worship with us. There will be no communion that morning.

Invite people you know, such as your neighbors or coworkers, to come experience God's love and Good Shepherd style fellowship. Children are encouraged to invite their friends to come that morning and even attend Sunday School. We will also be welcoming our newest members during the morning service.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

*-Matthew 28*