

October/November 2019

# The Parish Pulse

**BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OSHKOSH**

## Training a Child

By Pastor Koepsell

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

- Proverbs 22:6

September is already gone and now it's on to the months of October/November, with numerous topics that we could address. Obviously, the BIG one is Reformation Day! We could also look at those special observances such as St. Luke, the Evangelist, St. James of Jerusalem, brother of Jesus and martyr, or Simon and Jude, Apostles. We could talk about mid-term reports from our kids. I could talk about October Fest or the kids who will be coming to your door to "Trick or Treat." We have NFL & college football in full swing, MLB playoffs, fall colors, etc. Columbus Day is on the horizon as well as Canada's Day of Thanksgiving...This is only in October! A lot going on! And most of that stuff isn't even on your radar with all the special things you have planned for the month, and November looming in the short distance.

Yet, as our confirmation and Bible Classes are in full swing, it's so important for us to not only remember Proverbs 22:6 (above), but to actively live it: Yes, training our children in God's Word, but also for us adults to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest God's Word!

This topic reminded me of a husband and wife who had to hire a babysitter. Any parent would know that sitters and daycare cost a bundle. We can readily understand why some parents, if they can, bring their little ones to work with them. After all, nobody can replace mother or father for a child.

Of course, there are times when mother and father ought to be replaced. For example, in the Buckhead area of Atlanta, there was a man and woman who actually brought their little one along as they committed armed robberies.

This leads me to wonder, can we reverse the thought from the book of Proverbs? I'm curious. If you train up a child in the way he *shouldn't* go, when he is old, will he still cling to that way? When the Bible says, "the Lord visits the sins of the iniquities of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation" (see Numbers 14:17-19), it indicates that such might be the case. This is why Good Shepherd continues to strongly encourage parents to be God's influence for spiritual good in the lives of their children.

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## **Training a Child** (Continued from pg 1)

That's far better than being negative or fashionably neutral authority figures. Think about it. Parents don't strive for neutrality when it comes to encouraging their children to eat a balanced meal or getting proper rest. They don't say, "I'm going to wait until my children are old enough to decide for themselves if they wish to be potty-trained." We don't strive for neutrality when it comes to teaching our children how to cross the street, or avoiding eating things poisonous, or jumping off a house roof.

In their children's relationship with the Savior, parents need to be a positive, powerful force that God has indicated they ought to be.

Therefore, by way of our Lord's death and resurrection, given to us through His Word and Sacraments, we are enabled to train our children in a God-pleasing way, as well as by patience and comfort through these things, may we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life...and we're blessed to show them what that hope looks like!

I have received a wonderful blessing this fall. Pastor Hayman is leading a great Bible Study on the book of Revelation. I have the opportunity, on Sunday mornings, to pop into all the Sunday school classrooms, answer questions, see who's there, encourage the teachers, equip our children...and sometimes just sit and listen. I am so thankful for this opportunity to engage, encourage and re-fresh, but I also understand that it doesn't end there on Sunday morning. We are not blessed (yet) with a parochial school where our kids get Jesus every day. We do what we can to support our sister church, Trinity, and the school there, but we can do more.

Please pray together at home. Do some sort of family devotions (Portals of Prayer?). Ask your kids, ask my kids, and any kid you see at Good Shepherd what they're learning about at church. Look at the birthday list at the end of this Parish Pulse and call one of our kids on their birthday. We're all responsible for their formation and growth in God's Love. Ask questions. And please, make an effort to attend one of our Bible Studies yourself! Live it! (And you will not depart from it).

-Pastor Koepsell

PS...Please make an effort to come to fellowship/Bible study on Sunday mornings regardless of which service you attend (even you Thursday nighters!). And try to go to different services as well...Parking and attendance for church has been as expected (better) but we don't want three different church families! We are one!

## **Voices Uplifted**

By Cam Bedroske, Music Director

It is so exciting to see our Adult Choir grow. We have a great ensemble of dedicated friends who look forward to being with each other; learning music, praying, and growing in faith. The lyrics and texts point us to Jesus and His salvation. Consider joining us Wednesday nights at 6:30p.m.

Just a few weeks ago we just began our new time for Youth Choir, Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Please know that you can join at any time. I realize schedules change often. We will try to sing one time a month.

Mark your calendars, Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day. At 3:00 PM, the Chant Claire Chamber Choir will perform "Voices Uplifted." They are a Milwaukee chamber choir with a goal of performing quality choral music at a professional level. Although we are not able to have the entire 60 person choir here, a smaller choir will come and perform a concert of sacred music followed by a Hymn Festival in which our choir will perform 4 hymns with organ and special instruments. After being inspired by the guest choir, we can sing hymns! The event will last one hour. If you know of anyone who loves choral music and also likes singing hymns, invite them. The guest choir is amazing. Go ahead and Google them!

We will be organizing a reception after the concert, please look for ways to help. God is blessing our music ministry to His Glory.



## Playing Favorites

By Gary Bedroske, Head Elder

Greetings to you in the name of Him who is, who was, and is to come!

The Packers won! The Brewers won! The Badgers won! What a fantastic feeling! The euphoria that goes with winning can be amazing. When you hear that all the plans came together for each team and all the hours of practice paid off, the wins are so satisfying. There is usually harmony and togetherness. Everyone pulling for the same goal.

I have observed that winning teams know how to make adjustments. They adapt to needs, and keep looking for ways to stay strong and united. I feel that this Good Shepherd team has that challenge too. We get to adapt to a new worship schedule. Maybe it feels different to you, or you find that you are not seeing the same people at the service you attend. Maybe there are things you miss. Yet, we need to look for the blessings in everything. Staying strong and united takes energy and practice. We can do it.

I want to thank all of those people who are adjusting and providing for these changes: Elders, Altar Guild, Ushers, Office Staff, Choir, Sunday School Teachers, Bible Study participants and many other volunteers.

There is one place where we can for sure see and visit with each other, and that is Bible Study between the services. That group grew to almost 20 this Sunday. We are studying Revelations under the leadership of Pastor Hayman. I enjoy my coffee and little snack as I page through my Bible and listen to the discussion. That is a blessing!

I also get excited when I see new faces in worship. Keep that good fellowship going. Ask for names, I do! A smile helps too. We live as forgiven, humble servants. Let's spread the joy!

Psalm 122: 1 "I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord."

You are my church family and my favorite team!



## Unimaginable impact

You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

## Joyful Response

Joyful Response is a way to electronically give your church offering. No more forgetting your offering envelope on a busy Sunday morning or worrying about missing offerings when you are sick or on vacation.

If you are interested in setting up a Joyful Response account please talk to Heather Klauer or email her ([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!



## Scrip

Exciting news! Scrip can now be ordered online! Look for a flyer in the bulletin explaining how to do this. Speak to Linda if you have any questions.

Continued thanks to the many members who have helped support the church by buying Scrip. So far, the amount of Scrip purchased this year has netted approximately \$1,550.00 back to the church!

Remember, it is never too early to start your Christmas shopping with a Scrip card. These cards also make great birthday gifts. Cards can be purchased Sunday between services.



## Spirit of Sharing

By Keith Casey, Congregational President

Great news! Our congregation is full of the gift of the Holy Spirit! I have talked with several of you over the past couple of months and everyone is looking for ways to share the good news of our Lord and Savior! I encourage you to share your faith in our Good Shepherd with not only those in our congregation, but with those in our community. Continue to look for ways to expand God's Kingdom through your faith!

*(19)"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) and teaching them  
to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:19-20:*

Remember; "A thriving church is one that goes beyond its walls and expands the love of Christ into the community."

From the business side of our congregation, finances are well, but as always, we could be doing better. We continue to pay down our mortgage debt, cover all unforeseen expenses and reach out to the local, national and international communities through our missionary work. All the while being able to put money aside each month. I do ask everyone to prayerfully consider what you can give, both financially and of time. We can use help in lots of areas and your gift of time and treasures are very appreciated.

Switching gears, one last bit of business news; on Sunday October 27th after second 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.

I would like to thank everyone for all their help in making our church grow and prosper. Again, it truly amazing to see the Holy Spirit works in each and every one of you in your own special way.

## Mysterious Ways

By Sharon Leinweber and Lori Purath, Co-Chairs of Fellowship

Summer has come and gone and we are now back to more of a weekly routine. With the new routine of 2 services on Sunday, we can still fellowship between them with our coffee hour. Fellowship doesn't have to end there. Anytime we are around others, we can continue to fellowship.

Fellowship can be as simple as asking someone how they're doing. Think of all the people you come in contact with on a daily bases: your co-workers, the cashier at the grocery store, the clerk at the department store, the waitress in the restaurant, the gas station attendant and any number of others you come in contact with. Sometimes just a simple conversation with someone you don't know can change their life knowing that someone cares.

Fellowship doesn't have to be hard. We can fellowship and not even know we're doing so. They always say that God works in mysterious ways. We may never know what His plan is until after it has happened and even then we may not fully understand it.



## Transformed

By Matthew and Julie Toll , Youth Leaders

It's hard to believe that summer is over and we've already established the familiar, or maybe not so familiar, routines of life surrounding the school year. Before we get too far down that road, if you didn't get to attend the presentation from our time at the National Youth Gathering this summer, we wanted to make sure you have access to the video we put together to share some of the moments and take-aways with you. Please use the following link to view the video:

[https://drive.google.com/open?  
id=19eLbhxkhZBhmYjmVD2OcM7ehUiwACbIF](https://drive.google.com/open?id=19eLbhxkhZBhmYjmVD2OcM7ehUiwACbIF)

We recently invited the youth group to attend a showing of the newest film by the Kendrick brothers, *Overcomer*. This is a very powerful, emotional, family movie that focuses on identity, specifically on overcoming any earthly identity, either positive or negative, and living transformed in light of our identity in Christ. As our congregation seeks to understand who we are, what our distinctiveness is, and how we can best serve God and our community I encourage you to go see this film if you haven't. You might be left questioning your typical answer to the question, "Who are you?".

As we continue to reflect on some of these things I am often drawn to Romans chapter 12, particularly verse 2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." This offers us some tough, deep questions to ponder and pray about in our own lives as well as our life together as a congregation. Maybe simply, am I living conformed or transformed? Sadly, as I look around I hear so many voices and feel so many pulls to conformity. Our flesh, this world, and Satan himself want nothing to do with our transformation, but are happy to keep us conformed. May we continue to spur one another to seek the Lord and to live a transformed life.

So...Who am I? Who are you? We are not defined by our grades, our career, our athletic ability, our favorite team, our favorite pastime, our wealth, our most prized possession, our biggest accomplishment, our health, our family, our deepest regret, nor our most sorrowful loss.

Who am I? Who are you? We are loved, we are forgiven, we are redeemed, we are chosen, and we are restored.

Who am I? Who are you? We are a child of God! That's our identity. Let's live like it! Transformed!



## Chat and Chew

By Vivian Mittelstaedt, Head of Evangelism

We are now back to routine schedules at school, work and family time. Vacations are for the most part over. Fall is here and Good Shepherd has started offering two Sunday services.

With having two services I am asking every member to consider stepping up and help with the coffee setup and clean up. If you know you will be at the 8:00 AM, please think about arriving a bit earlier to start the coffee or set out snacks. If you come to worship at 10:30, sometimes consider coming a few minutes earlier to clean up from Fellowship time. Please reflect on if you can help our Fellowship time to continue to run smoothly.

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> we were excited to welcome another group of new members. Please take time to introduce yourself to these new members over a cup of coffee or while waiting for service to begin. We are working on a way to add pictures of these members to the directories that were just updated. If you haven't picked up your copy of the directory from the atrium please do so. The directories help us recognize each other and stay in contact. A quiz on membership will be coming soon!

Continue to enjoy God's great weather! Happy Fall!



## Keepin' Busy

### LCMS Stewardship Ministry - September 2019

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him: "For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7) Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him. We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility! "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said, "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.

## Treasurer's Report

Compiled by Treasurer  
Heather Klauer

### July

Bank Deposits:	\$39,505.67
Bank Withdrawals:	\$48,221.45
End of month Bank Balance:	\$65,975.95
Mortgage Balance:	\$480,941.27
Joyful Response:	\$6,210.00

### August

Bank Deposits:	\$26,050.61
Bank Withdrawals:	\$24,808.12
End of month Bank Balance:	\$67,218.44
Mortgage Balance	\$477,605.62

Joyful Response: \$5,820.00



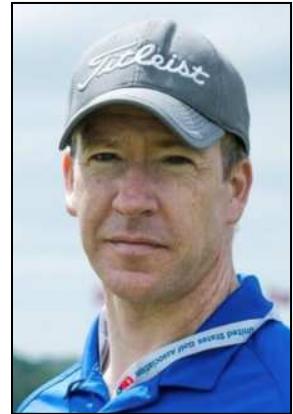
## Nice to Meet You (Member Introduction Section)

### Past, Present and Future

By Mat Bandelow

The proud son of two pillars in the faith, Don and Barb Bandelow, and a prodigal son in my own journey in the faith, thankfully called back by the Holy Spirit.

A product of Trinity Lutheran School then Oshkosh West before leaving town for a couple decades that saw me attend the University of Minnesota to study Microbiology, and then leaving Minneapolis to pursue a career opportunity in a passion of mine, extreme sports (rollerblading) in Los Angeles. I ended up back in Minneapolis, working in kitchens again, as I did through school, and looking for a career when the suggestion of flying came out of left field and at the perfect time from a girl I was dating. On what I thought was a gamble I dropped everything and at the age of 30 took out a loan and learned to fly. As it turns out, it was never a gamble, as I discovered early in my training that this was the career the Lord wanted for me as almost all my paths were made straight and success came quickly and often.

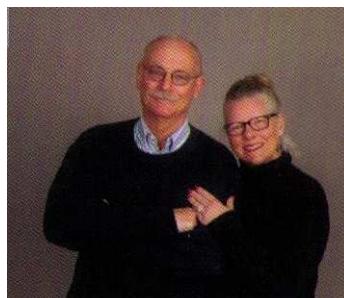


After flight instructing for almost two years I entered the world of airline flying and now 16 years later and with over 11 thousand hours (almost a year and a half) of my life spent off the face of the earth and over 250 thousand passengers flown, I am a captain based in NYC with Republic Airways. We are the second largest regional carrier (a misnomer) with destinations all over the US, Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas for Delta, American and United Airlines.

Lord willing I will finish my career at Republic and because I have delusions of grandeur about being a pit master/chef I hope to stay busy with my own BBQ joint here in the city and dealing with my love/hate relationship with the game of golf, although that's about 18 years away. Yes, I'm already counting.

### Don't Keep Your Mouth Shut

By Gary Bunke



I was born in Oshkosh on September 9, 1955 at Mercy Hospital at 10:14 pm. I was baptized by Pastor Stry at Redemeer Lutheran Church in Oshkosh and also confirmed by him as well.

I attended Emmeline Cook Elementary school from K-6 and then Webster Stanley Jr High from 7- 9. Sophomore and Junior years were at Oshkosh High School ( Go Indians) and my Senior year was the first class to graduate from Oshkosh North, class of 73.( Go Spartans).

I went to college in Appleton and received my degree in Graphic Communications. I worked in the printing industry while in college and continued in that field for 35 years at various companies in the Fox Valley. I started as a production employee and retired as Vice President of Operations for an Appleton company. I have always said I ended up in management because I could never keep my mouth shut! It was a rewarding career that taught me many life lessons and afforded me the opportunity to work and meet many interesting people over the years. The last several years in sales were probably the most interesting, dealing with a wide variety of personalities, schedules and deadlines.

After I retired from the printing industry I started a Home Inspection business. I had a wonderful time getting that up and running with the marketing and sales strategies and ended up selling it after a year to a person from Green Bay that had the same type of business and wanted to expand into the Appleton/Oshkosh area.

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After that I started flipping houses and did that for several years, totally enjoying myself with the freedom to work when and how I wanted. Those who knew me from the Graphic Arts days couldn't believe that the suit and tie guy was now in jeans and a t-shirt doing demolition and building. It was quite a departure from my previous work experiences.

I have two children, twins, boy and girl, Brannon and Brielle. Brannon was killed in an industrial accident in 2006 at age 25, leaving behind his twins, boy and girl also. Brielle is now 38 and lives in Oshkosh. She is engaged and they are looking at a Fall 2020 wedding.

I married my high school sweetheart on May 15, 2013, Jan Peterson. We now have a blended family of my daughter and her two sons and two daughters along with two grandchildren on her side.

I have participated in sports all my life, being a state champion in track during my high school years. I continue with golf, biking, kayaking, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. The knees have been replaced, but I keep going strong, alas, a bit slower than before.

I was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for 35 years, serving on numerous boards, was the Director of Youth Ministry and coached basketball and softball at the school for several years.

We did live in Florida for a couple years, but find our place for now is back in Oshkosh!

We are glad to be back!

## **Let the Little Ones Come to Me**

By Jennifer Charles, Board of Education

We have had a great start to our new Sunday School season . To start out our education hour, young and old meet in the sanctuary to gather for prayer and a song of praise. The children's offering for this first quarter will be going towards Christmas presents for our homebound members .

The children will be introduced to the Christmas program in the next couple of weeks. More information will be coming.

Another huge thank you to all the teachers, assistants and substitute teachers for serving and sharing Jesus with the little children.

## **Official Acts of the Church**

### **New Members:**

Please see page 9

### **Transfers:**

Ginny Lawson - moved out of town

### **Called to Heavenly Home:**

Dorothy Nottelson - 8/8/1924 - 7/1//2019

Irv Henriksen - 4/13/1932 - 7/28/2019



## Welcome, New Members!



Carlea Liermann



Kyle & Nikole Vergin  
Beckett and Hadley



David Wojciechowski



Armand & Angela Lewis  
Willie and Paige



Nicole Reifsneider  
&  
Jacob Schroeder

## Members Received By....

### Transfer

Lewis Family - Grace Lutheran, Omro  
Carlea Liermann - Trinity, Howards Grove, WI  
Jacob Schroeder - Christ Lutheran, Lake Mills, WI  
Vergin Family - Trinity Luthearn, Oshkosh  
David Wojciechoski - Grace Lutheran, Omro

Profession of Faith:  
Nicole Reifsneider



## TRINITY SENIORS

Trinity Seniors invites you to come along  
and enjoy some great entertainment, wonderful food and plenty of fellowship!  
We'd love to have you join us!

- October 8, 2019 – “Door County 2019”
- November 23, 2019 – “A Christmas Story” at The Fireside
- December 7, 2019 – “Clauson Family Christmas” at Coloma on the farm
- January 11, 2020 – “Saturday Night Fever” at The Fireside
- March 21, 2020 – “Guys and Dolls” at The Fireside
- April 25, 2020 – “A Mighty Fortress” at The Fireside
- June 27, 2020 – “What Happens in Vegas” at The Fireside
- August 15, 2020 – “Cinderella” at The Fireside
- September 19, 2020 – “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat” at The Fireside
- December 5, 2020 – “Holiday Inn” at The Fireside”

“DOOR COUNTY 2019” This is a fun day in Door County to enjoy the fall foliage with various stops including cheese, wine tasting, a farm market and a Door County fish boil with Cherry Pie.

“A CHRISTMAS STORY” This musical is the hilarious account of Ralphie’s desperate quest to ensure that this most pert of gifts ends up under his tree this Christmas.

“CLAUSON FAMILY CHRISTMAS” This performance will be filled with Holiday music that’s sure to put you in the Christmas spirit.  
“SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER” This performance explores relationships on and off the dance floor with humor, conflict and unforgettable swagger powered by the chart-breaking hits of the BEE GEES.

“GUYS AND DOLLS” This is one of Broadway’s hottest shows with fabulous music such as “LUCK BE A LADY”, “IF I WERE A LADY”, “A BUSHEL AND A PECK” and “SIT DOWN, YOUR ROCKIN’ THE BOAT”.

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS” This is another installment of The Church Basement Ladies series with the year being 1960 and a reformation is underway. These ladies stand strong in their faith and in their friendships with more crazy attics, more great songs and more lessons reluctantly learned.

“WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS” The Fireside will pay tribute to many legendary performers in an all new live band show featuring Steve Watts and the celebrated Fireside Band!

“CINDERELLA” This is a show designed to delight the child in all of us. Whether you’re eight or eighty you’ll be captivated by its humor, its romance, its beauty and its great, great music. (Special pricing for children ages 14 and under)

“JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT” This is one of the most popular musicals of the last 50 years telling of the biblical story of Joseph and his brothers filled with great music, costumes, laughter, joy and heart.

“HOLIDAY INN” This Irving Berlin hit tells the story of Jim, who leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down on his farmhouse in Connecticut, but life just isn’t the same without a bit of song and dance. This all changes when he meets Linda a spirited schoolteacher with a talent to spare.

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## Council Minutes (July 16, 2019)

Transcribed by Donna Tritt

Present: Gary Bedroske, Deb Bochinski, Keith Casey, Jennifer Charles, Mike Kirchoff, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Sharon Leinweber, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Lori Purath, Chad Smith, and Donna Tritt

Guest: Krista Weiss

President Casey called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. Pastor Koepsell opened with the daily devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting.**

**Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski** – Nothing to report. Everything is going well.

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

<b>June 2019 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$28,499.22</b>
<b>June 2019 Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$28,014.05</b>
<b>End of June 2019 Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$74,691.73</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$484,265.50</b>
<b>Joyful Response for June 2019:</b>	<b>\$6,040.00</b>

Good Shepherd received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$750 for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Corn Roast Celebration.

Our PayPal account is being established.

**Pastor Koepsell's Report:**

- Thank you for everything...seriously, thank you. Pastor appreciates all we do.
- Enjoyed his vacation
- Good Shepherd is holding its own
- Few new members on horizon
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for June: 200 (171 in 2018); Thursdays: 38 (49 in 2018)
- 1 Baptism, 0 Weddings , 0 Funerals
- Bible Study: Wednesday averaging 15 – great group. If you work second shift or are retired or available, please come join us. Ladies' group and Men's group still meeting.
- Calls/Visits up-to-date.
- Next big thing: Summer Corn Roast July 21st. Help is still needed. If you can help, please contact Pastor.
- Keep Trinity in your prayers.
- Greet people if you feel comfortable doing that! Positive...Positive...Positive!
- Vacation Bible School will be held on Friday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning.
- Personally: Pastor and family are doing well

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## Council Minutes (Continued)

**Board of Elders** – Gary Bedroske: Elders did not meet in July.

**Board of Stewardship** – Noah Hinrichs (absent): Pastor reported that our PayPal account is being established.

**Board of Evangelism** – Vivian Mittelstaedt: The second proof book has been reviewed. A few changes were made and the proof has been returned for publication. Hopefully will be here in a few weeks. Brat Barn date is pending.

**Board of Education** – Jennifer Charles: Jennifer shared her vision, passion, and ideas for education. Example: small group bible studies and sermon studies. Additional work with the youth. Let's build relationships. Fifth Sunday between services come together for a meal.

**Board of Trustee** – Mike Kirchoff: Thanks to everyone who is mowing our lawn. Could always use more volunteers. Mike will check the leak in the roof above Pastor's office. Krista showed us a new towel dispenser, foam soap container, and toilet paper dispenser. If we purchase the product that goes into these three items from our office supplier, they will provide the dispensers free of charge. Discussion followed. **Motion M/S/C to accept the dispensers and purchase product from our office supplier.**

**Board of Fellowship** – Lori Purath/Sharon Leinweber: Sharon and Krista are working on preparations for our corn roast meal to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sharon has a committee who will be assisting her with preparation and serving. Lori stated they will be preparing snacks for VBS and assist with the VBS potluck.

**Board of Youth** – Matt/Julie Toll (absent): Keith read this email from Team Toll. The Youth Gathering was great! All of us (youth included) enjoyed the time in Minneapolis; we grew closer as a group, learned some new songs, and listened to some deep spiritual sessions.

We would like to take some time on Sunday, August 11 to tell the congregation about our trip and thank them for all the support and prayers. We can work through the details over the next several weeks.

We will be holding our Youth Group Family Picnic on Saturday, August 17, more details to come.

Encourage the congregation to ask Brody, Sam, Alyssa, and Jennifer about what they learned about the realness and presence of our God and how they can be Real and Present in how they live.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Pastor led us in closing prayer.

## Council Minutes (August 20, 2019)

Present: Gary Bedroske, Keith Casey, Jennifer Charles, Mike Kirchoff, Heather Klauer, Pastor Koepsell, Sharon Leinweber, Vivian Mittelstaedt, Lori Purath, Chad Smith, Julie Toll, Matt Toll and Donna Tritt

Guests: Tom Dunham, Rick Dittberner, Camela Bedroske, Daniel Weiss, Chuck Spiegelberg, Craig Dreger, Diane Flouro, Mike Phillips, Judy Mehn, William Koltz, Ken Szweda, Fred Kirchenwitz, Mark C. Hayman, Gary Janetzke

President Casey called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. Pastor Koepsell opened with the daily devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries for August 20, 2019.

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## Council Minutes (Continued)

**Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting.**

**Financial Secretary – Deb Bochinski (absent)**– No report.

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

<b>July 2019 Bank Deposits</b>	<b>\$39,505.67</b>
<b>July 2019 Bank Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$48,221.45</b>
<b>End of July 2019 Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$65,975.95</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$480,941.27</b>
<b>Joyful Response for July 2019:</b>	<b>\$6,210.00</b>
<b>Paid \$5,000 to South Wisconsin District (Annual commitment)</b>	
<b>Parking lot</b>	<b>\$8,295 (7/12/19)</b>
<b>New A/C</b>	<b>\$5,175 (7/21/19)</b>

**Pastor Koepsell's Report:**

- Thanks for everything
- We are stable. Holding our own.
- Will have an adult Baptism
- Average Weekly Worship Attendance for July: 201 (171 in 2018); Thursdays: 38 (49 in 2018)
- 1 Baptism
- 0 Weddings – 2 coming up
- 2 Funerals – Dorothy Nottelson and Irvin Henriksen
- Bible Study: Wednesday averaging 15 – 20. If you work second shift or are retired or available, please come join us.
- Calls/Visits up-to-date. Thank you Pastor Hayman for assisting.
- All went well for our Youth group at the National Convention
- Perfect weather for our Corn Roast/50 Year Celebration
- Vacation Bible School – had about 30 students – 10 to 12 not from our church. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.
- Pastor Hayman will lead Sunday bible study on the book of Revelation for the first quarter.
- Reminder – we will have 2 services on Sunday morning starting September 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Personally doing well, family doing well

Pastor showed a desk plaque with a picture of our church on front and all the pastors who served Good Shepherd listed on the back. Howard Hoppe shared this with pastor. The sale price would be \$25.00 with 100% going to the sign out front our building. **Motion M/S/C to ask Howard to proceed.**



## Council Minutes (Continued)

Pastor turned our meeting over to Gary Janetzke from Natural Church Development.

**Board of Elders** – Gary Bedroske gave me the following written report: Notes of the Elders meeting 8/13/19 – Elders present: Gary Bedroske, Aaron Bruss, Rick Dittberner, Fred Kirchenwitz, Craig Dreger, Tom Dunham, Todd Klauer, Craig Mittelstaedt, Jim Purath, and Pastor Koepsell. Guest: Cam Bedroske, music director, during the time of her report. The meeting opened with an opening Lutheran Hour devotion and Prayer by Pastor Koepsell at 7:00 pm. Gary passed out an agenda. Music Directors report: Cam is organizing a “Hymn Festival” for 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 17, 2019, Trinity Menasha choir will be joining us. Children’s choir and Hand Chimes practice will be on Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM. Adult Choir practice will begin in September Music for 2 to 3 months ahead of time will be planned jointly with Cam and Pastor. Cam has agreed to help Sunday school with music. Pastors report: Pastor thanked Elders for their service and assistance. July 2019 attendance was 201 vs 2018 of 171. Thursday 2019 attendance was 38 vs 2018 of 49. Ascension Day 2019 attendance was 180. 1 baptism. 2 funerals – Dorothy Nottelson and Irv Henriksen. Doing some pre-marriage counseling. 1 wedding expected in September. Wednesday morning bible studies having 15 – 20 in attendance. Pastor Mark Hayman will lead a Sunday morning bible study on Revelations. Pastor will be more involved with Sunday School All shut-in calls for the June and July were up to date. Pastor Koepsell and Pastor Hayman are making shut-in calls. The youth gathering in the Twin Cities went well and a nice presentation to the congregation was made. A suggestion for the future would be for the chaperones to have separate rooms from the students. The corn roast at the church went well. Vacation Bible School had 30+ in attendance with 12 or 13 children from outside the congregation. This was Kim Koepsell’s last time of leading it. Pastor is working on the Fall confirmation forecast for students. Two services beginning in September. Discussion was held regarding who ever is assigned to call another Elder ahead of time for coverage. Other discussion items: It was agreed to have the offering brought back from the altar, after it is blessed and turned over to the assigned counters, so it doesn’t get so late on Sunday for the counter to finish their work Pastor presented information on The Missional Pathway associated with helping for future growth and readiness. The cost could be shared with a congregation from Oneida with our share being approximately \$1,500. An anticipated start date would be in January 2020. A presentation will be made at the next council meeting. The Elders took a 12 question quiz that also would be completed by the congregation if we went forward. The meeting closed at approximately at 8:05 pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Board of Evangelism** – Written report given to me by Vivian Mittelstaedt: New update Pictorial directories have arrived. Please pick up your copy. Only if you participated in getting your photo taken do you get a directory. New member Sunday – September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will welcome new members. Thank you to all who helped at Waterfest. Tips total \$754.

Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Pastor led us in closing prayer followed by The Lord’s Prayer.



## **Wedding Anniversaries for October & November**

Michael & Melissa Kirchoff	10/6
Joel & Tina Nitzke	10/6
Howard & Susan Danula	10/7
Tom & Janet Dunham	10/7
Abby & Eric Zink	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
Jerry & Jan Ratchman	10/22
Mike & Kristie Zellner	10/24
Brian & Lisa Haag	10/26
Craig & Jodie Skadahl	10/26



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

## **Pray For Those in the Military**

God of compassion,  
we pray for military personnel,  
offered for the sake of others,  
and separated from family and loved  
ones. Care for them;  
meet their needs.

Grant them courage, compassion,  
strength, and all they need for the  
living of these days. Sustain them  
through their every trial. Remind  
them of the humanity they share  
even with those who are called

"the enemy;"  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we  
pray. Amen.

**JARED RIVERA  
(US ARMY)**

**CHAD BERRY  
(WI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
— MISSOURI)**

**ALYCIA MUELLER  
(ARMY NATIONAL GUARD)**

Please let the church office know if you  
have family serving in the military. We  
will add their names and our members  
can be praying for them. We are grate-  
ful for those who serve our country.



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, October 27th after late service, Good Shepherd will be holding a Voter's Meeting. On the agenda will be officer and board chair positions. Please make every attempt to be there and make your vote count.

### Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Join us at 3:00 PM, as the Chant Claire Chamber Choir will perform "Voices Uplifted." They will be part of our Hymn Festival that afternoon. Invite all the music lovers in your life! There will be a reception afterwards.

### Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Consider attending our special Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 6:30 PM. Following the service, we will enjoy a pie social (pecan is still Pastor's favorite!)

## Birthdays for October and November

Carl Stechly	10/1	Michael Kirchoff	10/30
Cheyanne Wagner	10/1	Michael Kramer	10/30
Logan Reetz	10/2	Benjamin Collins	10/31
James Wojahn Jr.	10/2	Desiree Flouro	10/31
Thomas Kramer	10/3	Lori Purath	10/31
Jacob Bedroske	10/6		
Jennifer Charles	10/8		
Donna Gohlke	10/9		
Chuck Spiegelberg	10/9		
Kristin Wiley	10/9	Lillian Leinweber	11/2
Carilee Klatt	10/10	Shirley Sprague	11/3
Keith Casey	10/11	Carlton Collins	11/4
Ethel Pollnow	10/12	Ginny Palkovich	11/4
Gabby Foley	10/13	James Purath	11/4
Isabelle Foley	10/13	Steven Collins	11/5
Lisa Spaeth	10/13	Aaron Bray	11/8
Patricia Dreger	10/15	Kimberly Heideman	11/9
James Gishkowsky	10/15	Jordan Steinbeck	11/9
Cole Heideman	10/15	Vicki Beck	11/12
Greg Koepsell	10/15	Patricia Phillips	11/12
Susan Smith	10/15	Emily Brunner	11/13
Casey Ludwig	10/16	Diane Wojahn	11/15
David Ullrich	10/16	Robyn Boche	11/16
Sharon Hoeppner	10/17	Krista Weiss	11/16
Todd Klauer	10/19	Jean Ullrich	11/17
Alyssa Dreger	10/20	Jo Zorr	11/18
Mitzi Papenfuss	10/20	Stuart Suwalski	11/19
Gary Bedroske	10/21	Mandi Hinrichs	11/22
Nicole Clarkson	10/22	Sharon Leinweber	11/22
Rick Cullen	10/22	Carlos Alvarenga	11/23
Lindsey Vowels	10/24	Jay Schultz	11/24
Ron Feutz	10/25	Doug Zuhlke	11/24
Ronald Groskreutz	10/25	Geoffrey Cullen	11/25
Carol Bostwick	10/26	Lori Bruss	11/26
Amber Tritt	10/26	Patti Stinski	11/26
Matthias Charles	10/27	Joyce Ludwig	
William Zorr	10/28		9/30



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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!

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### Worship Services

Thursday - 6:30 pm  
Sunday-8:00 am & 10:30 am

### Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday in Atrium after 8 am worship service.

### Bible Study

Adult—Wednesday at 10:30 am  
Adult—Sunday at 9:15 am

### Sunday School

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

### Prayer Chain

Kathy Reehl—(920) 688-2312



# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Women's Group	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study Noon Craft Group 5:15 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Adult Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7-8 AM Men's Group
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GOOD SHEPHERD 'S

# ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 23RD, 8-3 PM



The annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held this year on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. It's hard to believe it is only seven weeks away! Hopefully some are working on crafts at home to help us out with this fundraiser.

Many have expressed that they aren't crafty but the bake sale is also a very big part of the fair. We observed last year that people often went to the baked goods first. Donated bakery last year was less than previous years and we ran out early. We hope that everyone will consider contributing something. It doesn't have to be a large amount—a batch of cookies, snack mix, and quick breads are just a few items that are popular. The baked goods don't have to be fancy. One year a gentleman was looking for just plain peanut butter cookies. Even loaves of bread baked from frozen dough have sold.

Most importantly, we hope you will attend and help support your church. We have many unique crafts this year. Be sure to set the date aside and start thinking about contributing to the bake sale or crafts you have created. More information with suggestions for bake sale items and packaging will be listed in future bulletins. Please talk to Pat Dreger or Pat Phillips with any questions.