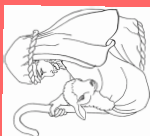


News of the Flock



From the Pastor

Inauguration Day is over and now we wait to see what will happen in these next four years. If we put all our hopes in any person who holds the office as President of the United States we will be disappointed because no person can fulfill all things. January 20th was filled with parades, dinners and speeches.

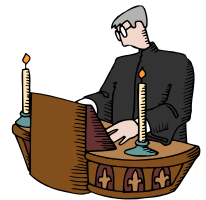
Soon, we will begin the season of Lent. We will focus on the reasons Christ came in the first place and the promises and expectations that was made about Him. Jesus fulfilled all the expectations and exceeded the hopes of all people. His inauguration speech was given on the cross but those seven brief sentences announced salvation to the entire world.

In the dinner after His triumphant entry and parade into Jerusalem, Jesus took the simple bread and wine and gave it to His disciples and told them they were receiving the for-

giveness of their sins. He was soon to be rejected by the leaders of His day and His crown was a crown of thorns and the public announcement that He was a king was hastily written on a board nailed above Him.

While everything that happened in Holy Week might not be as we might have envisioned it to be when the King of the Universe was crowned Lord of Lords and King of Kings, the result was far more than anyone can imagine. Christ's great love for us was shown in that He willingly suffered death and Hell itself in order to pay for our sins. The salvation and eternal life that He gives us is beyond anything we ever could have imagined or thought of.

Pastor Daene



******Don't forget to sign up for the Valentine Dinner******



Happy



Valentine's



Day

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Special points of interest:

- Financial Reviews for 2015 and 2016 are being conducted.
- Valentine Dinner on February 11 @ 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall; catered by Johnny Carino's.
- Mission Committee Meeting on February 12 after worship service
- Lent starts March 1, 2017 with Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30 pm
- The Franklin Community Band will be here at GSLC in March—Date yet to be determined

Church Council Highlights ~~

The Church Council met on January 11 at 7 pm. Those in attendance were: Amy Houck, Gerda Martin, Kent Krimmel, Paul Cox, Mike Peters, Anne Hartman, Kathy Hawkins, Jeff Hawkins, Joyce Bauman, Pastor Daene, Johannah Pollert and guest Rose Krimmel. Those absent were Kevin Weber, Heidi Baca and Mike Hartman.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Peters and he also gave a prayer. The attendance sheet was passed around and signed.

Financial Secretary, Joyce Bauman stated the total offerings for December was \$15,601.33.

The Treasurer, Anne Hartman stated the expenses for December were \$10,589.94.

Pastor Daene reported he had the following for November and December: 14 Church services; 2 Church meetings; 4

Confirmation classes; 10 Adult/Other Bibles studies; 3 Member visits; 1 Adult confirmation; 2 Shut-in visits; 4 Adult confirmation classes; 4 Non-member visits; 4 Hospital visits.

The Youth Group is going bowling with Chaplain Ebb's Youth group on January 29th and will have two Bible studies in February. The Annual Winter Jam is on February 10, 2017.

The Deacon Report stated new assignment lists were given to the deacons so they could reach out to their assignments prior to Christmas. Chris Johnson gave notice that he is stepping down as a deacon. The deacons, working with Pastor, will be selecting his replacement.

Paul Cox, Trustee Chairman, sent in the 4th Quarter water sample in November. He continues to check and fill the water softener and chorination system. He

cleaned the gutters and checked the furnace filters changing the ones needed.

Board of Christian Education, Heidi Baca's report stated the study of the Old Testament was ended in November. The new study starting in January will be the New Testament.

We had 14 children participate in the Christmas program. The children will continue to go to Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the second Sunday of the month.

Board of Fellowship-Special Events co-chairs Gerda Martin & Amy Houck reported the Stewardship Dinner was a pitch-in and our December Pitch-in Lunch incurred no expenses. Total expenses for 2016 was \$453.62.

The meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~~ LWGS

LWGS will be sending Valentines again this year to our students in college.

LWGS of Good Shepherd is hosting the Spring Rally this year on Saturday, April 22. All ladies are invited to attend. We would like to have a good attendance from our church. Mark it on your calendar.

The LWML Retreat is March 31-April 1, 2017 in Shipshewana. Reservations can be made now.

Officers for 2017 were installed at our January meeting. They are:

Amy Houck—President
Ginny Hill—Vice President
Rose Krimmel—Secretary
Gerda Martin—Treasurer
Shelley Hill—Christian Growth
Barb Miller—Missions

All ladies of Good Shepherd are members of LWGS and we encourage you to attend our meetings. Our next meeting is Mon-

day, February 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. here at the church.

The Valentine Dinner will be February 11 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. It is being catered by Johnny Carino's restaurant. Make sure you turn your attendance sheet with your entree' choice and \$22.00 (ea.) to reserve a spot. If you have any questions, ask Amy or Gerda. Extra information is in the basket on the card table in the hallway.

Care & Concern



Remember in Our Prayers: Jeanie Silvers, fractured hip; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Jim Jones' father, strength & comfort;

Thana Carlisle, healing & comfort; Becky Webb, brain tumor; Pastor Kolb's mother, congestive heart failure; Bill Cum-

mings, fractured hip; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Lisa Carter, breast cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Madison Brooke Vanlue, comfort for the family; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Josh Trueblood, cancerous brain tumor; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of the Powers family, strength & healing; Shannon Stovall, cancer; Darin Ratliff, seizures; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine

Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

If you placed any of these people on the prayer list, would you please check with them or a family member and call the office with an update. We like to keep this information and the status as current as we possibly can. Thank you.



Mission Committee

The first meeting for the Missions Committee 2017 was held on January 15. There were seven people who attended. Many things were talked about and put into motion. First on the list to get into motion is setting up volunteers to go help at the Orphan Grain Train and the Inter-Church Food Pantry. Sign-up sheets and dates will be up next month.

Visitor packets are being designed and follow-up calls with families that have visited our church is being done.

We are going to visit and see how other churches run their Free Meal Evening and see if that is something we could do here at Good Shepherd.

Kent Krimmel is checking with Corn Country radio station about broadcasting the 4th of July event on our premises along with the hot dogs and drinks we provide.

Thank you to Randy and Elaine Powers for heading up the Angel Tree again this

year, which was very successful and the families were very grateful for our gifts. Also, thanks to the Powers for taking charge of the lists and delivering food for the InterChurch Food Pantry. Our help is very appreciated by the families of Johnson County.

Next Missions meeting is scheduled for **February 12 after church**. Please join us and bring YOUR ideas.

Susan Segó & Sharon Peters have agreed to be co-chairs for the Board of Missions. GREAT!!



Board of Education

In November we ended our study on the Old Testament and began rehearsing for the Children's Christmas Program. We had 14 children participate in the program.

Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner continue leading Children's Church on non-communion Sundays following Pastor's children's message.

The children visit the Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the 2nd Sunday of the month and Linda Haddock leads this program.

Elaine Bloomquist teaches the preschool class, Johannah Pollert is teaching the intermediate class and Carla Cole will be teaching the middle/high school class.

The theme for Vacation Bible School will be "Rome, Paul and the Underground Church". Date and planning meetings are upcoming.
Heidi Baca

Deacon's Notes ~ ~ Mike Hartman, Chairman

What does the Epiphany season mean to us?

As we enter February we are in the last half of Epiphany, the season between Christmas and Lent. The message of the season teaches an important topic: the mission of the church. It progresses from the bright star guiding the Magi, to the shining dove at the Baptism of Jesus, to the glory of the Transfiguration. The structure of the season proclaims the mission of God's people.

The story of the Magi is that of distant people coming to Christ. The light draws

the wise men from far off to worship Him. The Church calls people who are isolated from God to come. The first Sunday after Epiphany takes to the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus. The dove, the Holy Spirit, points out Christ in the water. Outreach to the world and into the Church points to the same water. Our mission is to call others to join Christ and His church through the waters of Baptism. The remaining Sundays of Epiphany focus on the ministry of Jesus. He is the light of the world, He preaches, He prays, He heals those afflicted by Satan. In other words He does mission work. We too are called to do mission work.

We are to be Christ's hands here on earth.

The finale of the Epiphany season is the Transfiguration. God in flesh is at the center but now not Magi but the glorified saints of old surround Christ. The light that pointed to Jesus at His Baptism now shines through Him. This is the goal of the Church's work: to bring people into God's presence for eternity. The light of transfiguration shows us how important the Church's work really is. May the mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church always be to show that light beyond our walls to show the love of Christ to the unchurched.

Treasurer's Year End Report

For the Year Ended 2016:

Budget	vs. Actual	Income
\$189,105	\$ 181,090	\$ 188,912

I would like to thank Rose for her patience, help and guidance during this transition year for the treasurer position. She is such a valuable resource, not only for me, but for all of us. We are so thankful for her willing service wherever needed and for all of her knowledge. Thank you, Rose!

I wanted to point out a few accomplishments—1) I transitioned to QuickBooks Online so that all of the accounts can be under one roof, will be able to do year to year comparisons, and for ease of transfer to next treasurer, to name a few reasons, 2) we moved our bank account from Horizon to MainSource Bank to end two signature fees, among other reasons, 3) instituted program to track in-kind donations to get a better picture of how much money it does take to run our church (if you donated items last year and have not turned in your

receipts for tracking purposes, please do so immediately, thank you!); and 4) obtained a refund of sales tax paid in error in the amount of \$541.

God has blessed us richly and will continue to do so, if we follow Him and do His will. Thank you for this opportunity to serve Him!



Anne Hartman,
Treasurer



Valentine Dinner

Saturday, February 11, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church—Fellowship Hall

Be sure and fill out your 'entre' by February 5, 2017

As the meal is being catered by Johnny Carino's

*(Child care will be provided, but let us know so we can
provide food for the children)*

'Entre' Choice sheet is included with this newsletter.

Questions, see Amy Houck or Gerda Martin



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Virginia Pollert, Brayden Hicks
2/2 Hunter Poe, Cora Cole
- 2/3 Kayla Fechtman, Linda Cynova
- 2/5 Jonathan Stahl, Brian Powers,
Philip Beasley
2/8 Elliana Cole
2/15 Karen Muth
- 2/16 Doug Hacker, Carla Cole
2/17 Jim Jones
- 2/18 Lori Black, Christian Curry,
T.J. Vculek
- 2/19 Sharon Peters, Clint Morris
2/20 Elaine Powers
- 2/22 Thana Carlisle, Sharon Nolting,
Rev. Greg Cynova
2/23 Jeff Hawkins
2/24 Amber Chance
2/25 Andrew Jones
- 2/28 Janet Riddle, Reese Cole



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/2 Brian & Michelle Walker
2/4 Jeff & Kathy Hawkins
2/5 Jeff & Carla Cole
- 2/9 Bill & Cecelia Campbell
- 2/14 Richard & Connie DeWitt

[Please contact the church office (736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]

Try using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will truly be blessed.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
OFFICERS FOR 2017

- Mike Peters, President
- Kent Krimmel, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Anne Hartman, Treasurer
- Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary
- Paul Cox, Board of Trustees
- Mike Hartman, Board of Deacons
- Kevin Weber, Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Christian Education
- Sharon Peters & Susan Sego, Board of Missions
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
- Jeff Hawkins, Member at Large
- Kathy Hawkins, Member at Large

DEACONS

- Mike Hartman, Chairman 738-2290
- Mike Peters 605-8822
- Kent Krimmel 346-6199
- Jim Jones 878-4712
- Kevin Weber 910-3283

PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
(James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”
(Colossians 4:2)

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Barb Miller at 317-412-5912 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

PRAYER REQUEST: We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. You may choose if your prayer request goes to the pastor only, or to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to www.gslcfranklin.org and hit the **Prayer Request** button.