



# News of the Flock



## From the Pastor

How is your prayer life? That is not a question that we ask often but it is an important question. I am sure, myself included, that we wish we spent more time in prayer or that our prayer time could improve. The problem is that life never seems to slow down enough to spend that important time. We can get bombarded with a host of pressures and activities but we keep waiting for that time when things will slow down a bit.

Too often, we are like Martha in the Gospel who gets so worked up about serving the Lord that she forgets what is truly important. Her sister Mary understands that conversation and learning from Jesus is more important than if the bread is baked just right or if the plate of food is arranged just so. Finally Jesus says, "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

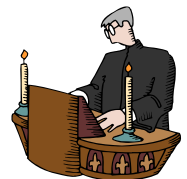
It is not that we do not have enough time, it is a matter of priorities. When I taught school, the student's assignments were done on Monday. During March Madness or the NFL playoffs, students would ask for more time because "something came up" or they ran out of time. They had the

whole week to complete the assignment but yet they "ran out of time". It was a matter of priorities and the assignment was a lesser one.

What greater use of time can there be than to spend some time reading His Word, pondering the meaning of it, and spending some time in prayer with him. Paul says to the Colossians, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful, as you pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." When we don't pray, we also are not praying for the needs of other people. Throughout His Word, we see where the prayers of people have influenced how things transpired.

Prayer is for our benefit as it is time to enrich our relationship with Christ and to lift the requests of others. Great things happen when a person prays, not only for themselves but for those with whom they join their voices in asking God for what we need.

Pastor Daene



## February 26, 2020

Pitch-In Soup & Sandwich Supper  
6:00 p.m.

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

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### Special points of interest:

- LWGS Meeting, February 3 at 11:00 a.m.
- PEP, February 6, at 11:00 a.m.
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- Valentine Dinner/Pitch-In and New Member recognition, Sunday, February 23
- Soup & Sandwich Dinner at 6:00 p.m. February 26
- Ash Wednesday Service after Soup & Sandwich at 7:00 p.m. on February 26.

## Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Church Council met on January 12, 2020 at 11:10 a.m. Those present were Chris Johnson, Michelle Pierce, Brad Pierce, Pastor Daene, Mark Ploss, Larry Hill, Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert, Randy Powers, Gerda Martin and Heidi Baca. Those absent were Angela Coy and Dan Bonham.

Chris Johnson called the meeting to order and asked Pastor to say a prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Brad Pierce, Financial Secretary presented the income for December as \$17,092.00.

Treasurer's Report stated the expenses for December as \$12,417.48.

Pastor reported the average attendance for the five regular services as 72. We had 12 services in December. Pastor attended one church meeting; had 12 Bible Studies/other classes; visited 3 members; visited 2 visitors; had 1 Shut-in visit; 5 hospital visits; 3 Coun-

seling sessions; and one Funeral. Confirmation Class is back from Christmas break. The three in the class now all meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

Deacon Chairman had no report.

Trustee Chairman (vacant) had no report. But Larry stated the hot water tank is leaking and will need to be replaced soon.

Board of Christian Education report stated in December the children rehearsed for the Children's Christmas Program. Twelve children participated this year on December 15. Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner lead the Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. The children visit the nursing home on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Board of Missions reported that we collected Thanksgiving food for the Food Pantry in November. In December we had two families for our Angel Tree. The gifts were wrapped on the 16th and the

families came and picked them up on the 17th. The families were very appreciative for the gifts we provided.

Board of Fellowships Report stated there was no expense for December. With all the donations for events they only spent \$96.97 for 2019.

The Council welcomed Brad Pierce as our new Financial Secretary for the one year term left in that rotation of officers.

Larry Hill has stepped up to be our new Treasurer. Open positions on the Church Council are now; Trustee Chairman and Stewardship Chairman. Anyone interested in these positions see Chris Johnson.

A Security Committee is being formed to evaluate the security we have and what we may need for the safety of our congregation.

Due to a conflict, our February Council Meeting will be on Sunday, February 16th after our worship service.

## LWGS—Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd

Hello Ladies,

LWGS did not meet in January. Our next meeting is February 3, 2020. We hope most of the ladies can attend as planning for 2020 activities will be discussed. New ideas are always welcome. We meet at 11:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. We will install officers for 2020. Of course, we always go out to lunch after the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you on the 3rd.



February 3, 2020 the ladies met for LWGS with six in attendance. Officers were installed. After the usual reports we discussed upcoming events. Approved were combining the Valentine Dinner with our Pitch-in on February 23rd. Also, our Ladies Night Out will be in May since Easter is the second Sunday in April. We are starting a Project with any extra money we receive but more on that as we work things out. Please join us at our next meeting March 11 at 11:00 a.m.

## Care & Concern



### Sympathy and Prayers:

To Jerry & Barb Miller on the passing of their son, Bob Miller. Also, to the Carlisle family on the passing of Thana Carlisle.

**Remember in your Prayers:** Elitsa Stoitsova, high risk pregnancy; Carhyl Yoder, peace & healing; Barb Miller, healing, strength & comfort; Joyce Thompson, surgery & stroke; Karen Muth, health issues; Kim Fouts, life support; Susan Fouts,

health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Betty Morgan, healing, strength, and comfort; Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint & family, stage 3 cancer; Gary Haddock, lung cancer; Jerry Miller, health issues; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Ben Hall, cancer; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

\*\*\*\* Please check on the status of the person you requested to be on the Prayer List and let the office (Rose) know the changes. We want to keep the list as accurate as possible. Thank you.



## Board of Education

The Sunday School classes spent November and December rehearsing the Christmas Program that was presented on December 15th during the worship service. We had 12 children participate this Christmas season. The teachers the past year were Carla Cole, Rachel Runge and Johannah Pollert. Children's Church continues on the non-communion Sundays after the Pastor's Children message, with Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner in charge. The children visit Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the 2nd Sunday of the month. They put on a little skit and sing songs for the residents. Linda Haddock leads the group.

Heidi Baca  
Christian Education



## Food Pantry

Thanks to the generosity of its flock, Good Shepherd was able to donate 65 pounds of food to the Interchurch Food Pantry in January. In the month of January we collected canned meals such as, soups, pasta, stews, and etc. for the pantry.

In March we will again collect for the Pantry.

Many thanks from the Missions Committee



## Missions

The Christmas Angel program got a late start but Good Shepherd congregation came through with a bang. We had two families this year and all the gifts were purchased in one week. The wrapping was held on a Monday afternoon the week before Christmas. The families came on Tuesday and picked them up.

A Missions meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 26, but only two showed up. Another meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Michelle Pierce  
Missions chairperson



## Thank You

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, kind words, texts, cards and monetary donations in memory of my Mother during the difficult time of her passing. It's comforting to know that she is now resting in the arms of our Loving Lord.

Sincerely,  
Amy Houck



## Our Church Council for 2020

President—Chris Johnson  
Vice President—Dan Bonham  
Secretary—Johannah Pollert  
Treasurer—Larry Hill  
Financial Secretary—Brad Pierce  
Board of Trustees -  
Board of Deacons—Kevin Weber  
Board of Stewardship—  
Board of Education—Heidi Baca  
Board of Fellowship—Gerda Martin

Member at Large—Randy Powers  
Member at Large—Mark Ploss

Deacons -  
Kevin Weber, Chairman  
Brad Coy  
Derek Runge

Anyone interested in filling the Trustee or Stewardship positions, please let someone on Council or the office know.

Thank you.

## Prayers ~



Our church has a telephone Daily Prayer Chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709. She will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, call Elaine also.

We, also have a Prayer Request button on the church website. 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](http://www.gslcfranklin.org) and click on the Prayer Request button and enter your request.



## Soup & Sandwich

We will be having our Soup & Sandwich pitch-in suppers during Lent. They will start with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Soup and Sandwich suppers start at 6:00 p.m. The service will start at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us.





# **ATTENTION YA'LL**

## ***Valentine Dinner/Pitch-In***

**LWGS is planning to celebrate, with you,  
Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
after church, with a dinner.**

**We will provide the  
MEAT, Rolls, Desserts, and Drinks!!!!**

**Would you please pitch-in the side dishes?  
Such as: Hot vegetables or vegetable salads;  
Fruit or fruit salads; Relishes; or Pasta sides.**

**We're hoping you'll join us for a relaxed fun few  
hours that Sunday.**

**P.S. We will include "New Member" recognition also  
during the celebration.**





### 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, Kim Roth  
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 Sharon Nolting,  
2/23 Jeff Hawkins  
2/24 Amber Kephart  
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

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

**T**ry 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 2020

Chris Johnson, President  
Dan Bonham, Vice President  
Johannah Pollert, Secretary  
Larry Hill, Treasurer  
, Board of Trustees  
Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons  
, Board of Stewardship  
Heidi Baca, Board of Education  
Micheel Pierce, Board of Missions  
Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship  
Mark Ploss, Member at Large  
Randy Powers, Member at Large

### DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 910-3288  
Brad Coy 317-346-0930  
Derek Runge 309-258-0603

### PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

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