



# News of the Flock



## From the Pastor ~ ~

The Woodstock festival and the rise of the counterculture in the 1970s had a significant impact on social and cultural transformation. Woodstock, which took place in 1969, was a defining moment for the counterculture movement. It brought together hundreds of thousands of young people who were seeking an alternative lifestyle and a break from mainstream society.

The festival was a symbol of peace, love, and music, and it showcased the values and ideals of the counterculture movement. It promoted ideas of individual freedom, anti-establishment sentiment, and a rejection of traditional norms and values.

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Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

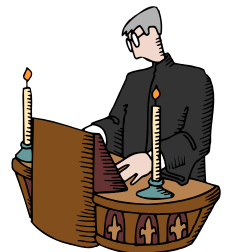
—Psalm 85:12

The great economic and material prosperity we are enjoying in the United States today is a gift of God’s hand. The Bible tells us that the very goodness of God should lead us to repentance. All of these material blessings are gifts from God, given in order that we might humble

ourselves, fall upon our knees before Him, and call upon His name. We should thank God, too, for the spiritual blessings that are beyond the power of the human tongue to describe.

Here in North America we still have freedom of worship. In many parts of the world believers cannot assemble together; they cannot speak of their religious convictions because of totalitarian power. Here in North America we have Bibles everywhere. We have the opportunity to preach. God has blessed us with a thousand and one spiritual blessings. In days of uncertainty and confusion, such as we are now passing through, these are gifts that go beyond our power to understand; and yet they are gifts of God that become ours when we receive His Son as our Savior and Lord.

Pastor Daene



### Lent Starts

February 14



### Ash Wednesday

Service

February 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

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#### Special points of interest:

- February 11— Church Council Meeting
- February 12—LWGS Meeting @ 11:00 am
- February 14—Ash Wednesday
- February 14—Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
- February 14—Happy Valentine’s Day

## Church Council Highlights ~ ~

Church Council met on Sunday, January 14, 2024 after our worship service. All officers of the church were installed during the service. Those present were: Brian Walker, Troy Johnson, Don Haddock, Kevin Weber, Gerda Martin, Johannah Pollert, Larry Hill, Rose Krimmel, Kent Krimmel, and Pastor Daene. Those absent were: Randy Powers, Heidi Baca, Amy Houck and Michelle Walker.

The officers for the year 2024 are:

President—Brian Walker

Vice President—Vacant

Council Secretary—Johannah Pollert

Treasurer—Larry Hill

Financial Secretary—Rose Krimmel

Board of Trustees—Troy Johnson

Board of Deacons—Kevin Weber

Board of Stewardship—Vacant

Board of Education—Heidi Baca

Board of Missions—Michelle Walker

Board of Fellowship—Gerda Martin & Amy Houck

Member-at-Large—Kent Krimmel  
Member-at-Large—Randy Powers

The meeting was called to order at 10:53 am by President, Brian Walker. He then asked Pastor to say a prayer.

Johannah, Council Secretary, presented the minutes for meeting which was November 12, 2023. After a review, a motion was made to accept. Motion carried.

Rose, Financial Secretary, presented the income for November & December 2023. The income for November was \$14,538.02 and December's was \$15,810.36 The year end total was \$170,909.49.

Larry, Treasurer, stated the expenses for the month of November were \$15,077.85 and for December they were \$10,257.41.

Pastor reported he had 15 Church services; 16 Bible studies; did 3 Vists; 4 Hospital visits; 10 Counseling session and

visited 2 Shut-ins. The average attendance for November was 53 and for December was 56.

Don, outgoing Trustee Chairman, gave his report for the Trustees. He has worked hard this Fall getting quotes on the roofs to be replaced or repaired. Council voted to repair as much as we could at this time. The repairs to the nursery and Narthex roofs have been made and new ceiling tiles have been installed.

Gerda Martin, Fellowship co-Chair stated things were going well with Fellowship after church. LWGS did the Pitch-Ins and we had a lot of food. It was suggested back in the summer to put a donation box out for those that did not bring food but would like to contribute. They used the monetary donations to purchased sweetened and unsweetened tea and lemonade.

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

## LWGS

Hello Ladies,

LWGS would like to thank everyone that purchased nuts and candy in October/November. Also, our Christmas Tea "Follow the Star" was on December 9th with 18 ladies in attendance. We had a variety of finger foods, readings, games, and a good time playing Left/Right with the gifts that everyone brought. Lots of good fellowship and a great time had by all. All ladies of the church are invited to attend, so plan for it in early December 2024. Our next meeting is February 12 at 11:00 a.m.

## February Bible Readings

Feb 1—Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130; Feb 2—2 Samuel 1-4; Feb 3—Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21; Feb 4—1 Chronicles 1-2; Feb 5—Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87; Feb 6—1 Chronicles 3-5; Feb 7—Psalm 73, 77-78; Feb 8—1 Chronicles 6; Feb 9—Psalm 81, 88, 92-93; Feb 10—1 Chronicles 7-10; Feb 11—Psalm 102-104; Feb 12—2 Samuel 5:1-10, 1 Chronicles 11-12; Feb 13—Psalm 133; Feb 14—Psalm 106-107; Feb 15—1 Chronicles 13-16, 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23; Feb 16—Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68; Feb 17—Psalm 132, 105, 101, 100, 96, 89; Feb 18—2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17; Feb 19—Psalm 39,

36, 33, 29, 25; Feb 20—2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18; Feb 21—Psalm 75, 60, 53, 50; Feb 22—2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19, Psalm 20; Feb 23—Psalm 65-67, 69-70; Feb 24—1 Chronicles 20, 2 Samuel 11-12; Feb 25—Psalm 32, 51, 86, 123; Feb 26—2 Samuel 13-15; Feb 27—Psalm 55, 28, 12-13, 3-4; Feb 28—2 Samuel 16-18; Feb 29—Psalm 64, 61-62, 58, 40, 26.



## Care & Concern



**Remember in your Prayers:** Prayers for peace in the world; Bob Bailey, cancer; Mark Waldron, severe stroke; Shelley Hill, healing & comfort; Steve Compton, healing and com-

fort; Isch Family, prayers in this time of need; Aleisha Bailey, blood clot dissolved; Jeff Hawkins, stroke; Raymond Kinnan, stroke; Gerda Martin, health

issues & patience; Elizabeth Samples, healing & comfort; Julie Ploss, strength, healing and comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing and comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength and comfort; Susan Fonts, health issues; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

\*\*\*\*\* If you placed any of these people on the Prayer List, please check on their status and let Rose in the office know

their update.. We want to keep the list as correct and up to date as possible. Thank you. Rose, Office Manager



## Caring for Your Neighbor

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If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously bows up this notion by pointing out that the command, “you shall not murder,” goes much deeper—down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire.

(Matthew 5:21-22).

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every “do not” in the commandments also includes a “do this”. “We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but *help and support him in every physical need*” (SC, Fifth Commandment, *emphasis added*).

We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid

harming us, but he came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial; our neighbors need us to support the church’s work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church’s alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

—Article is from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry; *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*; for newsletter publication.

## Just for your info

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Members are welcome to schedule Fellowship Hall for their functions. We do have a policy and procedures to follow (copy in the church office). The date must first be coordinated with the Office Manager, Rose Krimmel. We do not want two people to plan a function and both show up to use the hall at the same time. You will be responsible for clean up and returning everything back to the way it was beforehand. If decorations are used they must be in the Christian spirit and must be removed after the event. Outside groups can also use Fellowship Hall but

first have Church Council approval. This must also go through the church’s Office Manager and then to Church Council. This will need to be arranged a few months before the function. A church member has to be here the entire time of the function and make sure it is followed according to the policy and procedures. Check with Rose in the office.

## Thank you!

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Thank you to all that donated pasta and sauce, and canned vegetables to the InterChurch Food Pantry in January.

Thank  
You!!

## Thrivent Choice

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If you have insurance through Thrivent, this is a reminder that the deadline to change your Thrivent Choice dollars is March 31, 2024. Good Shepherd is the recipient of Choice Dollars from many of our members. Thank you to all that participate and give your Thrivent Choice donations to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Thank You!!

Happy  
Valentines Day



“For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21



### **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 Sharon Nolting, Emily Haugh;  
Reese Cole
- 2/23 Jeff Hawkins
- 2/24 Amber Kephart
- 2/25 Andrew Jones
- 2/28 Janet Riddle



### **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 2024**

- Brian Walker, President
- , Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Larry Hill, Treasurer
- Rose Krimmel, Financial Secretary
- Troy Johnson, Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
- , Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education
- Michelle Walker, Board of Missions
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
- Kent Krimmel, Member at Large
- Randy Powers, Member at Large

### **DEACONS**

- Kevin Weber, Chairman 910-3288
- Brad Coy 317-508-5770
- 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)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** 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 Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** We now have a Prayer Request button on the church website. Your Prayer request goes to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer. 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 hit the Prayer Request button.