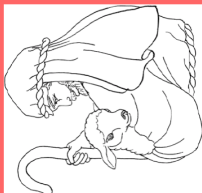




News of the Flock



From the Pastor ~ ~

Jeremiah 32:17 tells us: "Oh Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You".

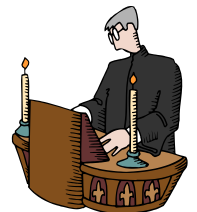
Most people do not know the name, Amasifuen Gamarra. He is a pilot in Peru's air force. In 2014 during a routine training mission, he jumped from a plane at 5,000 feet. His parachute malfunctioned and failed to deploy. The backups failed and he fell nearly a mile to the earth. In most cases he would have met an end that would have been traumatic for his family and the rescuers. He survived and did not even have a broken bone. No one can explain what happened because nothing broke his fall and only suffered a sprained ankle. The emergency room doctor said it was a miracle and the will of God.

Jeremiah might have agreed with that emergency room. It was certainly a miracle of God that Gamarra survived. I cannot find what Gamarra does today, but I wonder if he asked himself this question, "I've been saved but what have I been

saved for?" God certainly intervened and saved him but that means God has something He wants Gamarra to do.

The verse from Jeremiah tells us that nothing is too difficult for God to do. Granted, not many of us jump out of planes with bad parachutes. However, we face trials every day. Some are minor but some are catastrophic. Nearly all of us have been in a vehicle and had we been a minute or even a second later or reacted slower, something terrible would likely have happened. We know that God works all things for good to those who love Him but do we ask the same question that I hope Gamarra asked, "What have I been saved for?" I think all too often we just go back to our daily activities without asking God to use us daily in the work of His kingdom. We shouldn't only ask that after a nail biting experience but every day we should ask God to use us in His kingdom because he has saved us from eternal death.

Pastor Daene



*Lent Starts
March 5*



*Ash Wednesday
Service
March 5, 2025
7:00 p.m.*

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Voter's Meeting Highlights ~~

We had our Annual Voter's Meeting on January 12, 2025 after our Worship Service. There were 23 members in attendance.

Our President, Brian Walker brought the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. Pastor Daene said a prayer.

Starting with Brian giving his report for 2024 and what we plan to do for the year 2025. He then proceeded asking each member of the Council to give a report on what they did for the year 2024 in their particular area. Also, the LWGS President Amy Houck gave a report on LWGS and Sharon Clark had her report for the Altar Guild.

New Business —

Affirmation vote of Deacons—Kevin Weber, Chairman, Brad Coy, and Derek Runge are our deacons at the present time. Any male in our congregation that would be interested in being a deacon needs to see Kevin.

Budget —

Larry went over the proposed Budget for 2025, totaling \$192,324.00 which is an increase of \$11,956.00 over 2024. A motion was made to start a Capital Improvement Fund with \$11,000 in it for repairs and maintenance. The motion was approved.

The following officers were elected to the open positions:

Vice President—Pat Haugh

Financial Secretary—Rose Krimmel

Christian Education—Heidi Baca

Board of Missions -

Board of Fellowship—Special Events -

One Member-at-Large—Doug Stahl

As you can see we still need volunteers to fill the two open positions.

We also need another volunteer to be on the Financial Review Committee. Troy Johnson and Brian Walker have already volunteered but we are to have at least three people on this committee.

Larry Hill volunteered to go as a delegate for Good Shepherd for the District Convention in June 2025.

There was a discussion about: Should we have the Mid-Week Lent and Advent services anymore? We have had very low attendance at these services the last couple of years. It was left as a discussion. No decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned by the saying of the Lord's Prayer at 12:07 pm.

The next Voter's Meeting will be held in January 2026.

Our next Church Council Meeting will be

LWGS

Hello Ladies,

LWGS did not meet in January. In December we had the Ladies Tea on the 7th with 18 ladies attending. The ladies had some good fellowship and great games thanks to Sue Segó.

We will meet on February 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We have some planning to do for the coming months.

All ladies are invited to attend.

Monday, February 10 @ 11:00 a.m.

February Bible Readings

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

17; Feb 17—Psalm 39, 36, 33, 29, 25; Feb 18—2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18; Feb 19—Psalm 75, 60, 53, 50; Feb 20—2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19, Psalm 20; Feb 21—Psalm 65-67, 69-70; Feb 22—1 Chronicles 20, 2 Samuel 11-12; Feb 23—Psalm 32, 51, 86, 123; Feb 24—2 Samuel 13-15; Feb 25—Psalm 55, 28, 12-13, 3-4; Feb 26—2 Samuel 16-18; Feb 27—Psalm 64, 61-62, 58, 40, 26; Feb 28—2 Samuel 19-



Care & Concern



Sympathy and Prayers: To Brian & Michelle Walker on the passing of Brian's mother Peggy Walker Vaught..

Remember in Your Prayers: Linda,

friend of Doug Stahl, strength & healing; Charles Stahl, comfort & healing; Linda Nentrup, healing & comfort; Pastor Daene, strength & healing; Henry Barteck, Linda's brother, strength &

healing; Ellie, daughter of Doug's co-worker, cancer; Barbara Lembke, healing, & strength; Jennifer Fugate, co-worker of Doug's, cancer; Greg Rushton, Donna Jones brother, strength & comfort in dialysis; Mike Driver, heart problems; Jon Clark, healing and comfort; Craig Fouts, Kathy's brother, lung cancer; Steve Compton, strength & healing; Brandon Rice, friend of Julie's, brain tumor; Bob Bailey, brother-in-law of Peggy's, cancer; Isch family, prayers in their time of need; Jeff Hawkins, strength & comfort; Ray-

mond Kinnan, Rose's brother, strength & comfort; Gerda Martin, health issues; Julie Ploss, strength and comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength & comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength & comfort; Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Debbie Houck, Amy's sister-in-law, form of Lou Gehrig disease; and prayers for peace in the world.

**** If you place any of these people on the list, please check on them and give me an update. Thank you. Rose, Office

Caring for Your Neighbor ~ ~

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

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 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.

Fellowship Hall

Happy Valentines Day



Congratulations!!!

Abby (Haugh) Powers graduated from the Indiana State Police Eighty-Sixth Recruit Academy on January 9, 2025. She is now an Indiana State Trooper.

Congratulations

Franklin Comm, Band

Franklin Community Band Concerts at Good Shepherd are available on our website (gslcfranklin.org). They are listed under Media by date.

The next Community Band Concert at Good Shepherd is on April 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



*“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
- 2/4 Barbara Lembke
- 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
- 2/26 Elaine Powers
- 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.]

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 2025

- Brian Walker, President
- Pat Haugh, 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
- Linda Boxdorfer, Board of Missions
, Board of Fellowship
- Randy Powers, Member at Large
- Doug Stahl, 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 and hit the Prayer Request button.