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**Bulletin News for January 3rd through January 6th, 2019**

*“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”*

**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.** Happy New Year! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season! We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago. Welcome.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** are given to the glory of God by Gene and Helen Mason in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary and God’s blessings!

**PRAYERS:** Loved ones in need of God’s healing: Don Riemer and Sue Kirk.

**SPECIAL VOTER’S MEETING: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>** instead of January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Special Voters’ Meeting after second service on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss and decide how to proceed with the Office Remodeling Project. The Board of Trustees has been working on the Office Remodeling re-configurations with Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction, Inc. At this meeting we will present project cost estimates and options on how to pay for this project to determine how we move forward with this important re-modeling effort. Please plan to attend this important upcoming meeting on January 20th.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for all the help and volunteered time from everyone for the Advent and holiday services!

**LADIES WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Ladies, the books for our next class “Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands” are here and available for you to pick up in the office. The cost is \$6.00 and can be paid in class when it begins on Wednesday, Jan. 9th. Any questions call Nancy Smith at 574-3007.

**THANK YOU,** to all who fulfilled the requests of our Giving Tree. COTS (Men and Women’s shelter) and Pillars (Homeless shelters in our area) and you also helped two families experience the blessing of Christmas. It wasn’t just the material gift, but the love of the giver and the joy of our receivers. Thanks to Thrivent grants, we were able to make a Christmas meal for COTS and also the Laurent family. Gift bags were made up for our shut ins. It was truly an amazing Christmas for all. We wish you a Happy Blessed New Year!

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, we would love to invite you to our next New Membership Class which will take place on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room at 6:00 pm. Please let the church office know before hand if possible, 734-9643.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will not meet for the month of January. The next meeting will be held in March. Keep those needles knitting/crocheting during the months of January and February. Thanks for all you do.

**ATTENTION SENIORS/ADULT CLUB:** Remember our upcoming noon lunch at THE PIZZA RANCH on the second Tuesday, January 8. If you have questions, call Ed Kettner at 733-7079.

**HMONG MINISTRY:** We were blessed to have the Hmong Lutheran Church as part of our ministry here at Good Shepherd the last 14 years. Unfortunately we are running out of funds to support them. If you have an interest or passion for them and can help us secure grants, or help us write for grants, or help us find ways to raise funds for their continuing, please call the church office. We would love to hear from you.

**PASTOR KOELLER’S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

Leave the past to the mercy of God, the present to the love of God, the future to the providence of God. *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”* (Psalms 23:6 KJV)

**THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING SCHEDULE:**

January 6	Acts 6	Ezra 6	January 10	Acts 10	Ezra 10
January 7	Acts 7	Ezra 7	January 11	Acts 11	Nehemiah 1
January 8	Acts 8	Ezra 8	January 12	Acts 12	Nehemiah 2
January 9	Acts 9	Ezra 9	January 13	Acts 13	Nehemiah 3

**RECORD YOUR BIBLE CHAPTERS!!!!**

Since we began in 2005, we have recorded over **650,000** chapters (50,000 per year). In 2018 we have recorded **51,545** chapters. **WONDERFUL!** Record how many chapters you read and mark them on the slips provided in the Coat Room and place them in the Bible Box. You may do this weekly, monthly, or whenever. “He said to His disciples, *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.”*” (Luke 12:22 ESV)

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 6, 2019—JANUARY 13, 2019

Day	Time	Event
SUN	8:00 AM	Blood Pressure Check
	8:00 AM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Education Hour/Baptism Fellowship/7th Grd. Confirmation
	10:30 AM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service
	11:30 AM	Youth Board Meeting
MON	1:00 PM	Hmong Lutheran Church
	2:00 PM	Zion French-African Congregation—CR
		Pastor Seabaugh's Day Off
TUE	9:30 AM	Prayer Chain I
	5:00 PM	Men's Basketball
	10:00 AM	Staff Mtg./Devotions
	11:45 AM	Adult Club @ Pizza Ranch
	4:00 PM	Human Care Mtg.
	5:00 PM	TOPS—Rm 5
	5:30 PM	Bd. of Family Education Mtg.
WED	6:00 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	Council
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
	9:00 AM	Kiwanis Mtg - CR/Women's Bible Study—RM 3
	9:30 AM	Prayer Chain II
THU	5:00 PM	6th/8th Gr. Confirmation/Bible Study—CR
	6:30 PM	Choir
		Atrium Service
FRI	6:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
		Pastor Koeller/ David Stuckwisch/Jacob Erdman's Day Off
SAT	5:00 PM	Men's Basketball
		Men's Bible B-fast @ Perkins
SUN	7:30 AM	Zion French-African Congregation—CR
	2:00 PM	Worship/Communion Service
	2:00 PM	Education Hour/Baptism Fellowship/7th Grd. Confirmation
SUN	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	1:00 PM	Hmong Lutheran Church
	2:00 PM	Zion French-African Congregation—CR
		Men's Bible B-fast @ Perkins
		Zion French-African Congregation—CR



## GOOD SHEPHERD SCRIP PROGRAM:

**Scrip Status:** (12/16/18) Sales: \$3,000; Gross Earnings: \$122; (Full year 2018) Sales \$213,945; Gross Earnings: \$8,586. **Thank you for your support!** Your financial help for our church through using scrip is appreciated and adds nothing to your cost. **Please remember** those in need. You can purchase a scrip gift certificate to give to the Board of Human Care that they can use to purchase scrip gas and grocery cards to give to those in need.) **Scrip Use Opportunities** continue even now. Besides, grocery, gas, and other daily needs, scrip can be bought for vacations and projects – whether they be winter projects or buying ahead to use in spring. **Scrip is sold** in the office before and after services on Thursdays and between services on Sundays. Scrip is available for most major retailers - stop by and see us!

## INTERESTED IN SERVING IN GUATEMALA?

The Ebbesen's are leading a Thriventbuilds Habitat for Humanity trip to Antigua, Guatemala Jan 20- 27, 2019. There are 3 more openings. The only requirement is to have a heart for showing God's love for others. If you are interested please contact the Ebbesen's this week. 836-2153

## Women Rejoice!



## Annual Retreat

**WOMEN'S REJOICE RETREAT:** Ladies ... treat yourself to a weekend of rediscovering your faith and renewing friendships. "He Makes the Broken ... Beautiful" is the theme for the 2019 Women Rejoice! Retreat. Join us **February 22-24** at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake with guest speaker Heather Ruesch. Sometimes, life can get us down, and we find ourselves with a broken spirit! But God has a plan for each of us, and we need to remind ourselves that HE is in control. Registration forms are available online at [womenrejoice.org](http://womenrejoice.org) or on the counter near the front entrance. **Registration deadline is Sunday, Jan. 13th.** We hope to see you there!

## Stewardship Thought:

Can you make someone's day a little brighter or your community a little nicer? "In a world where you can be anything, be kind"



## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

### Church Attendance:

Thurs. 12/20 6:30p-78; Sun. 12/23 8a-157; 10:30a-91;  
 Mon. 12/24 1p-176; 3p-402; 5p-218; 11p-113; Tue. 12/25 9a-68  
 Thurs. 12/27 6:30p-57; Sun. 12/30 8a-173; 10:30a-93;  
 Mon. 12/31 6:30p- 43  
 (Communed 12/20 -12/31: 1351)

### BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund 12/20-12/31: \$33,435.76  
 Designated Funds 12/20-12/31: \$593

We are under budget by \$27,654.51 YTD



## PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR NEW 2019 CALENDAR

◆ **Monday, January 21** -- (not the

date listed on page 11 of the LWML Booklet) – 1:00 p.m. in Room 3 and 6:15 in the Community Room. We will discuss the distribution of mission funds raised at the Cookie & Candy Sale and the upcoming Mission Fest on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also work on community mission projects.

### And if it snows....?

◆ **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** -- (not the date listed on page 11 of the LWML Booklet) – SNOW DATE – same times and places and topics.

### And if it snows...? See you in February!

◆ **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SUPER MISSION SATURDAY – February 2, 2019 PLAN NOW!** Get your free passport and travel to Africa and beyond this February. Come and be a part of our Mission Celebration on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30, right here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our congregation is hosting the Congolese congregation, Zion International Lutheran Church, and together we will share stories of mission to and from Africa. Stories from Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Stories from Belize. Stories from Germany and Luxembourg. Stories from Laos. Stories from Good Shepherd. Come and hear the stories, worship together share food and fellowship with one another. Be inspired to support our brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever they may be. We share one Gospel, and we are made one in Christ who came, died and rose again for all. Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – don't miss it!

## January Care Corner

"Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"

We are part of God's redistribution team.

Please consider at least one of these opportunities to share your blessings!

- Food for the Salvation Army