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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN NEWS FOR JAN. 5, 2020

**AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP TODAY.** Throughout the ages, the Gospel story of Christ has been shared in spoken, written, and sung words. Each season of the Church Year is blessed by those sacred words. The Epiphany season recalls a journey by Magi to visit and worship the infant Jesus and to bring Him gifts. This day we have made a journey to this place to do the same. With the Magi of old we share the wonder of the Epiphany, as God with us—Immanuel—is shown forth.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** Our nation and military, our President; Mr. Trump and our Governor; Tony Evers. Our staff and congregation.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** are given to the glory of God by Gene and Helen Mason in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary and God's blessings!

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES:** Each week we will be lifting up our family members in prayers. Please take your bulletin news home so you can pray for the families during the week. We will be listing every family in the congregation up in prayer during the year.

- ♥ Bruce & Sue Kirk
- ♥ Joe & Nicole Malchow, Andrew, Abilgail
- ♥ Iris Ottman
- ♥ Joshua Rohan
- ♥ Candy Stecker
- ♥ Betina Vandenbosch, James Nienhaus

For prayer requests call or email the church office to be listed in the prayers.—Thank you.



## PASTOR SEABAUGH'S MESSAGE

### Jesus our Shepherd

Happy New Year! Yes, we forget about the past and begin anew. No, that is not how it works, is it? The past that was difficult or hard, we do want to forget. However, we cannot or should not forget all the blessings, the times when things were good, and even the help that we received or are receiving in the difficult times. As the hymns reminds us, "O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come." We never venture in any time with someone with us, and that One is God.

Since God is with us, as His redeemed child, He is certainly and always with His Church. So, we approach every day by faith. Faith given and strengthened by the Holy Spirit through His Word and Baptism. Faith that knows with absolute confidence and certainty, God doesn't change! As the writer of Hebrews says in 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. God being the same is Him being as 1 John reminds us, "1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Praise the Lord for who He is and what that means for all people. A year comes and goes, a week comes and goes, and hour comes and goes, but we have nothing to fear because God is with us! He will bless us! He will heal us! He will comfort us! He will forgive us! We can count on God to do what is best for us that we are encouraged and endure through this life until our heavenly home. Our confidence, our faith is sure because of the empty cross which has made our redemption possible and given us life with God and life forever. Our hope is built on nothing less!

It is on the foundation of our faith that we will go forward with Jesus as Shepherd. This year, 2020, I thought it might be helpful for us to celebrate our Shepherd, Jesus, the name from which our Church comes, Good Shepherd. This year our leadership will unite around this theme as we explore how our Good Shepherd directs our Church in caring for others, being good stewards, in maintaining and taking care of God's house, in reaching in and out, in our tithing, and in our studying and teaching God's Word.

We will as the flock of the Shepherd, follow where He leads!

We will be faithful in Worship.

We will be faithful in our receiving God's Word at home and through the Church.

We will be those who live without fear or want.

We will be those who lives bear witness to our faith in Jesus that the flock may grow and flourish.

We will rejoice in our life together.

This will all be possible, as we remember these familiar words from David in Psalm 23 vs 1,

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Jesus our Shepherd! This year and always!

Pastor Seabaugh

## LEADING IN WORSHIP—JAN. 5 2020

		Officiant.....Rev. Timothy Seabaugh
		Organist.....DPM Jacob Erdman
<u>Elder/ Worship Assistants:</u>	8:00	Matt Halada / Dan Lenz
	10:30	Ron Blom / JoDelle Carroll
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00	Mike Bartel / Diane Simon
	10:30	Bill Strullmyer / Dan Hutter
<u>Acolyte:</u>	8:00	Aurora Sutton
	10:30	Hailey Uecker
<u>Readers:</u>	8:00	Renee Roble / Susan Reineking
	10:30	Sarah Long-Radloff / Krista Nigbor
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	8:00 / 9:15 / 10:30	Stephanie Blixt
<u>Greeters</u>	8:00	Don & Kathy Behnke
	10:30	Rhonda Blom
<u>Screen Operator:</u>	8:00	Melissa Hanson
	10:30	Dustin Schmidt

## LEADING IN WORSHIP—JAN. 9 AND 12, 2020

		Officiant.....Rev. Timothy Seabaugh
		Organist.....DPM Jacob Erdman
<u>Elder/ Worship Assistants:</u>	6:30	Hal Neitzel
	8:00	Mike Hintz / David Stuckwisch
	10:30	Ryan Neumeier / David Stuckwisch
<u>Ushers:</u>	6:30	Jim & Mary Wacker
	8:00	Adam & Carter Theis
	10:30	Dustin Schmidt / Rob Worth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	6:30	Vicki Sheets
	8:00	Abbey Hintz
	10:30	Owen Krause
<u>Readers:</u>	8:00	Judy Becker / Kathy Hill
	10:30	Sharon Peterson / Tracy Beggs
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	8:00 / 9:15 / 10:30	Jean Vander Heiden
<u>Greeters</u>	6:30	Carol Pete
	8:00 / 10:30	/ Don Voigt
<u>Screen Operator:</u>	6:30	Ray Koeller 8:00 Tommy Hintz 10:30 Elizabeth Hanna

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

JAN. 5, 2020—JAN. 12, 2020

<b>SUN</b>	Blood Pressure Check <b>8:00 A.M. Worship/Communion Service</b> 9:15 A.M. Board Ministry Fair / Education Hour <b>10:30 A.M. Worship/Communion Service</b> 11:45 A.M. 1st Communion class—CR 1:00 P.M. Hmong Worship 3:00 P.M. Zion French/African Congregation—CR
<b>MON</b>	Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off 9:00 A.M. Prayer Chain I 5:00 P.M. Men's Basketball
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 A.M. Staff/Called Mtg./Devotions 4:00 P.M. Prayer Chain II 4:15 P.M. Human Care Mtg. 5:00 P.M. TOPS—RM 5 6:00 P.M. Trustees / Stewardship—Rm. 3 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir
<b>WED</b>	9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study—Room 3; Kiwanis Mtg.—CR 5:00 P.M. 2nd Yr. Confirmation—Rm 3 / 3rd Tr. Confirmation—Rm 5 5:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study—CR 6:30 P.M. Choir
<b>THU</b>	<b>6:30 P.M. Worship/Communion Service</b> 7:30 P.M. LMF / take down Christmas Trees
<b>FRI</b>	DCE David Stuckwisch/DPM Jacob Erdman day off
<b>SAT</b>	7:30 A.M. Men's Bible B-fast @ Perkins 9:00 A.M. Zion French/African Bible Study—Sanctuary 3:00 P.M. Zion French-African Worship Team Practice—CR
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. Worship/Communion Service</b> 9:15 A.M. Christian Education hour / Baptism Recognition 9:30 P.M. 1st Yr. Confirmation Class <b>10:30 A.M. Worship/Communion Service</b> 1:00 P.M. Hmong Worship 3:00 P.M. Zion French/African Congregation—CR

## ELDERS



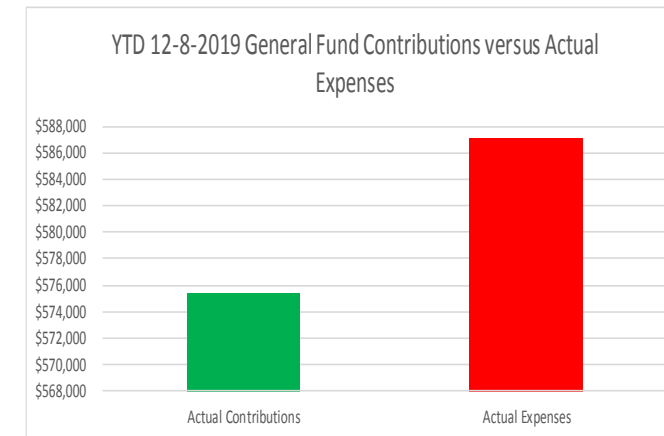
### What the Board of Elders is about/ What we do:

The Board of Elders' responsibilities are to assist the called staff where ever possible in relation to all Worship Services. We make sure that all services are properly staffed (Worship Assistants, Ushers, Acolytes, and Screen operators). We try to make sure all services are conducted with few disturbances and are in accordance with LCMS beliefs and protocols. The Elders assist the Pastors with all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation. We make an effort to contact those who have not attended church., and try to keep in touch with the church members in our Elder zones. The Board of Elders meets once a month to discuss an array of topics.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Memo from the Finance Board:

- ⇒ Year-to-date contributions as of 12-8-2019 are \$575,427.
- ⇒ Year-to-date actual expenses as of 12-8-2019 are \$587,108.
- ⇒ As such, we currently have an actual deficit of \$11,681.
- ⇒ This is shown in graph form below.



**Office Renovation Update:** As of November 30, 2019, a remaining balance of \$2,230 needs to be raised to fully repay the contingency fund. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project.

## SCRIP NEWS

**GOOD SHEPHERD SCRIP PROGRAM:** Scrip Status: (12/15/19) Sales: \$6,810; Gross Earnings: \$314; Thank you!!! Your participation is important! Keep the ball rolling...to continue to help! Stop in and ask us why businesses participate. (Hint: it is a good business move for them.) Or call Darwin at (920) 740-2440 with any questions. Scrip cards or Gift Certificates make a great gift for those on your Christmas or other gift list for whom it might be a challenge to buy the right thing. Please consider buying a scrip gift certificate to give to the Board of Human Care to purchase scrip gas and grocery cards to give to those in need. Scrip is sold in the office before and after services on Thursdays and in the community room between services on Sundays. Specials: Our current scrip specials include:

Retailer	Is	Was	Start	End
Baby Depot	10.00%	8.00%	12/14/2019	12/27/2019
Bath & Body Works (e-cards)	17.00%	12.00%	12/14/2019	12/27/2019
Burlington	10.00%	8.00%	12/14/2019	12/27/2019
Red Robin (e-Cards)	11.00%	8.00%	12/7/2019	12/27/2019
Shutterfly (e-cards)	11.75%	9.00%	12/21/2019	12/27/2019

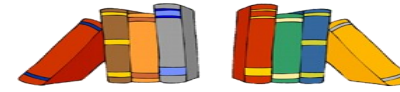
## FAQ

FAQ: What does this mean? The great Lutheran question!

Please feel free to ask any question via email to the called staff! We will endeavor to respond in a timely fashion in upcoming bulletin news.

Pastor Seabaugh: tseabaugh@gslchurch.net  
 David Stuckwisch: dstuckwisch@gslchurch.net  
 Jacob Erdman: jerdman@gslchurch.net

## LIBRARY / BOOK CLUB NEWS



For the past couple of Januarys in a row, we have put on display books that may help with resolutions you may have made. For dieters, we have “The Daniel Plan” and The Weigh Down Workshop books. For financial help, we have Larry Burkett’s books on personal finance. For spiritual growth, we have all sorts of bible studies and inspirational help. And if you just want to read more God-pleasing fiction, we have many selections. But what if you just don’t make any resolutions? That is OK! We still have books for kids, youth and adults to inspire, make you laugh or cry, or find contentment. This is your Good Shepherd Library. Here is a resolution and a challenge: I will read one book from the Good Shepherd Library this year. Once you read one book, we hope you keep coming back for more. Happy 2020 everyone. And with God’s help, keep those resolutions!

### BOOK CLUB

As winter weather often makes life unpredictable, our December meeting was cancelled due to a wintry mix. As a result we get to discuss two books at our January 13th meeting.

If you are a mystery lover, we are discussing the Molly Murphy book we mentioned last month - “Away in a Manger” by Rhys Bowen. The other book originally scheduled for January is “The Girl In The Letter” by Emily Gunnis. So you still have time to read both books for discussion!

“The Girl In the Letter” discusses the abuses practiced in some mother and baby homes in 1950s and 60s. It was said there were several more in Ireland but a few here and there in England where this story is set. It all starts with an up-and-coming reported finds her grandmother asleep reading a letter from a girl who had been at St. Margaret’s. Thinking Nana found this letter and others in a desk her grandfather once resold, she endeavors to find the outcomes of the people mentioned in it. A great read but also a sad reflection how greedy people ignore the fact that there are real people affected by their actions. Please join us if you can at 7pm in the Community Room for a different kind of wintry mix- two book discussions in one night!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 29:1-10;</li> <li>Ps. 5;</li> <li>John 3:16-36</li> </ul>	<b>EPIPHANY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 60:1-6;</li> <li>Ps. 72;</li> <li>Eph. 3:1-12;</li> <li>Matt. 2:1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 29:11-24;</li> <li>Ps. 6;</li> <li>John 4:1-15</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 30:1-7;</li> <li>Ps. 7;</li> <li>John 4:16-45</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 30:8-17;</li> <li>Ps. 8;</li> <li>John 4:46-5:17</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 30:18-33;</li> <li>Ps. 9;</li> <li>John 5:18-29</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is. 31:1-9;</li> <li>Ps. 10;</li> <li>John 6:1-21</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>

### DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN:

Read the Bible daily with the help of our 3 year Bible reading calendar! You can pick it up monthly in the coat room or the back of the church OR go online and see/print all of 2019 and 2020, (2021 coming at a later date)

## EDUCATION/BIBLE STUDY NEWS

### ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES:

- Pastor Seabaugh's is in the community room.
- "A Longer Look at the Lesson" is in room 5.

**WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** "Starting Jan. 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room there will be a new Bible Study; "Paul: A Man of Grace and Grit" by Charles Swindoll. We will learn more about Paul's call to spread the Gospel to the Gentiles, the adversity and the blessings he experienced along the way. All are welcome! Questions? Call Carolyn Berg 920-810-2422.

**MEMBER CLASSES:** Winter Classes begin on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This class lasts five weeks and will cover the basics of Lutheran doctrine and practice and a view of Good Shepherd. If you are already a member of the LCMS, we encourage your attendance to brush up on the catechism and meet those who will also be joining. We will hold our member welcome on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at our 10:30 a.m. service. Please sign up to attend via email at [tseabaugh@gschurch.net](mailto:tseabaugh@gschurch.net) or [goodsheph@gschurch.net](mailto:goodsheph@gschurch.net) **Please RSVP by January 12<sup>th</sup>!** Good Shepherd welcomes you!



We will be hosting an Open House January 21, 2020 between 5:30 – 6:30pm. We invite everyone to come check out our school especially if you have a little one in your life that will be 3 years old.

We are taking applications for a Lead Teacher position for the 2020-2021 school year. Please pass the word.

Did You Know: Our Preschool was one of the first 5 Preschools in the area. The first year (1979-1980) Mrs. Gretchen Ocock was the Teacher. Mrs. Ruth Grimm and Mrs. Jean Ormson where the two Teacher Assistants. There were 54 students enrolled. The Post Crescent Newspaper even did a few articles about our Preschool.

## HUMAN CARE NEWS

**CARE CORNER:** Presenting a variety of opportunities for you to live our motto, "Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"

- Food for Salvation Army

**THE FEBRUARY COTS** menu is posted in the sign up area. Please take a look and see if there is something you can sign up for. Thank you for helping!

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

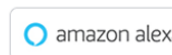
**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the coat room for the upcoming year. Willing groups, boards, and/or families are encouraged to sign up to host. Please contact the church office with any questions. Also, if you are hosting fellowship it is your responsibility to make coffee and to clean up afterwards, which includes emptying and cleaning out the coffee pots and putting them away. Thank you.

**NAMING CONTEST:** We are looking for a creative, fun, and appropriate title for our weekly bulletin news/newsletter. Please submit your entry at [goodshep@gschurch.net](mailto:goodshep@gschurch.net). We hope to finalize a name soon!

**\*Keep the submissions coming, thank you!**

**LIFE SUNDAY:** January 19, 2020, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Life Ministry is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and the culture at large. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Life Ministry upholds the sanctity of human life at all stages. Through numerous domestic and international programs, LCMS Life Ministry supports and encourages life "in the image of God," through life-affirming programming, advocacy and teaching. The ministry coordinates the Synod's presence at many pro-life events, including the National March for Life, held in Washington, D.C., and the Walk for Life West Coast, held in San Francisco, each January. LCMS Life Ministry carries the banner that life is sacred and that all people matter to God. If you would like more information please use this link: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry>

**NEW PODCAST FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** Speaking Jesus Real people having a real conversation about Jesus. That's it. We want to encourage you to invite Jesus into everyday conversations. The weekly dialogue is centered around Christ and his relevance. This program is a dialogue between a variety of Christians from different walks of life, different stages of life, and different family backgrounds. All of Lutheran Hour podcasts can be found on:



**LIFE LINE SCREENING**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on 1/17/2020. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979.



**CABIN FEVER NEWS:** During your holiday shopping, please consider purchasing an item for Cabin Fever in March 2020. Your item or bottle of wine for the wine pull helps support our fundraising efforts to help with the church expenses. Thank you for your consideration!

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** Cancer is a burden no one should bear alone. Whether you are a cancer fighter, survivor, caregiver, loved one or affected by cancer loss, there are others who want to stand by you! Please join us in fellowship and prayer as we share in cancer education, support and stories. No RSVP needed. Anyone may join: patients, family members, friends, survivors and caregivers. FREE of cost. Facilitator: Kylie Thews RN BSN with Green Bay Oncology  
When: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month Time: 7pm Where: Faith Ministry Center (601 E. Glendale Ave)

- ♥ Emotional Support
- ♥ Reduce Stress
- ♥ Find Joy
- ♥ Manage Emotions
- ♥ Improve Quality of Life
- ♥ Provide Coping Support
- ♥ Provide Sense of Control
- ♥ Create Relationships with Others



## STEWARDSHIP

**MINISTRY FAIR TODAY:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 please attend the Ministry Fair. This is your opportunity to learn more what each board and various groups of the church are doing and how you can lend your time and talents to help. Your interest may be peaked to explore these areas of interest for further involvement. It will be held in the community room after the first service, beginning at 09:15 am. Grab a card as you enter the Community Room to enter a drawing for \$100 in scrip of your choice. Your best chance to win is to visit all the tables of presenters and have your card stamped after talking with them about the opportunities available at Good Shepherd. A box will be provided for you to drop your card in on the Board of Stewardship table as you leave.

Stay ever close to God , and you will not deviate from the path God has prepared for you. This the most efficient way to stay on track, it is also the most enjoyable way. Men tend to multiply duties in their observance of religion. This practice enables them to give god money, time and work without yielding up to God what He desires the most----their hearts. Rules can be observed mechanically. Once they become habitual, they can be followed with minimal effort and almost no thought. These habit-forming rules provide a false sense of security, lulling the soul into a comatose condition.

What God searches for in His children is an awakened soul that thrills to the Joy of His Presence! God created mankind to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. God provides the Joy; your part is to glorify God by living close to Him.

Taken from "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young.

## MUSIC NOTES

**LOOKING FOR INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Do you play an instrument and would like to play in a service? There are opportunities for all ages to play before and after services and during the offering. Please contact Jacob Erdman—Director of Parish Music if you are interested.

## LWML NEWS

**Women Rejoice!** **LADIES ...** Join us for a weekend of renewing your faith, having fun, making new friends and reconnecting with "old" friends. The **2020 Women Rejoice! Retreat** will be held **Feb. 14-16**, at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. The retreat theme, Lavish Love, is based on 1 John 3:1, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." Our guest speaker, Wendysue Fluegge, is a traveling worship leader, a singer/songwriter, a retreat speaker and a BOLD, blessed Christ follower. Wendysue is energetic, sincere and fun! **Registration is due Monday, Jan. 6th**, and registration forms are available online at [womenrejoice.org](http://womenrejoice.org) or in the Coatroom. Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance, and all requests are confidential. If you have questions, just ask! Contact Bev Lenz at 788-5096 or Bonnie Sielaff at 687-5026.



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE ~ LAST WEEK**  
Church Attendance:  
Wed. Christmas 9:00—64; Sun. 8:00— 163; 10:30— 102; Tue. New Years eve—52= 381  
(Communed: 324)

**WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION**  
Will be in next weeks bulletin.



*THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:*

It takes real faith to begin to live the life of heaven while still upon the earth, for this requires that we rise above the low of moral gravitation and bring to our everyday living the high wisdom of God. And since this wisdom is contrary to that of the world, conflict is bound to result. This, however, is a small price to pay for the inestimable privilege of following Christ. *A. W. Tozer*

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. *Colossians 3:15 RSV*

