



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Preschool
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Bulletin News October 4 —October 11, 2020

ALTAR FLOWERS: are given by the glory of God by Dan and Bev Lenz in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Prayers for our nation and military, our President; Mr. Donald Trump and our Governor; Tony Evers. Prayers for the upcoming elections. **Healing Prayers:** Pastor Adam Bridgman from Faith Lutheran, Edward Flynn and Tim Czap. Members, friends and family who are ill and recovering from the Corona Virus. Prayers for our church members and staff as we continue to navigate services and life during the Corona virus pandemic.

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.

- ♥ Rachel & John DiSalvo
- ♥ Joey & Nicole Hanneman, Samantha, Alexander
- ♥ David & Jan Klemp, Grace, John Altenhofen, Julie Altenhofen

The names we list are from what we have in our church records; if it is not listed correctly, please notify the church office so we can update our records. For prayer requests, please call or email the church office to be listed in the prayers.—Thank you.



FINANCE

WHO IS ON THE BOARD AND WHY.

- Chair – Jan Ashbrenner
- Treasurer – vacant
- Ken Schoenike – member at large
- Carol Radey – Financial Secretary
- Krista Nigbor – Financial Secretary
- Jim Wacker- Financial Secretary
- Debbie Koeller – Business Manager
- Ray Koeller – Trustee representative

We desire to be good stewards to serve the church by responsibly managing the financial contributions/donations given to the church.

******* YEAR TO DATE AUG 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE *******

YEAR TO DATE AUG 2020 General Fund Contribution Recap

- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were \$420,604
- ◇ YTD 2020 actual expenses were \$364,516
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$402,047
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 actual expenses were \$431,831
- ◇ YTD 2020 budget expenses were \$484,309
- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were **\$63,704 LESS** than the approved budget.

FINANCE UPDATE ON THE GOVERNMENT LOAN (PPP)

We received the PPP loan back on May 12, 2020, for \$69,100 from the United States Small Business Administration, loan services provided by Fox Communities Credit Union. The government (SBA) said that those funds in order to be forgiven could only be used for salaries and utilities, that is what those funds were used to pay.

The PPP is a **loan** from the government until such time the United States government tells us it is a grant. That time is not now. Fox Communities Credit Union advises that we wait for a clear path for loan forgiveness; this is expected to be forthcoming when the US Senate/House agrees to a deal; the timeline for this is not known.

The PPP loan is not considered contributions because it would be misleading to claim a one-time government aid package as contributions, making year-over-year comparison meaningless. This loan is not reported in our monthly update to the congregation because they are not considered contributions.

As of September 15, 2020, the total amount of the loan has been used as designated.

What do we do:

The Board of Finance is fiscally responsible for our church. The Board of Finance is committed to budgeting, monitoring, and controlling how church funds are handled. Good Shepherd has the necessary resources to fulfill its mission, vision, and strategy. The Finance Board is tasked with handling all aspects of Good Shepherd's finances. A couple of the primary responsibilities are highlighted here:

Financial Reporting: Systematic reporting helps the church see how it is performing financially. Weekly reports are generated to track financial contributions that are made, with a recap being provided in the following week's bulletin (both for the previous week and on a year-to-date basis). Monthly reports are generated and reviewed to track contributions in relation to both budgeted expenses and actual expenses. Systematic reporting helps the church see how it is performing financially.

Budget Preparation: The Finance Board supervises the preparation and control of the budget. Considerable time and effort is expended, preparing, and presenting the annual budget.

WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: \$9,232
 Designated Funds: \$10,193
 Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,970

We are under our budget this past week by: **\$4,738**

This budget information is accurate at the time of printing but may vary do to electronic deposits that come in during the week.



Please submit offerings ONLINE

Or in the basket provided

Stewardship Thought:

May I never forget on my best day that I need God as desperately as I did on my worst day.




MISCELLANEOUS

INTERESTED IN HELPING BUILD A HOME WITH

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY through Thrivent's Faith build in Appleton? The Xiong family is building a home on W Packard St and there is opportunity to help with sheet rock on October 6, 7 and 8th. Lunches are also needed for those days. Contact the Ebbesen's at 920-836-2153 or bonnie.ebbesen@gmail.com so we can be sure to get you on the schedule. Thursday, October 8th is the day reserved for Good Shepherd at the Faith build house for the Xiong family on W Packard St in Appleton (near the College Ave ALDI store). The task will be installing sheetrock (It is neither difficult or strenuous). There will be "seasoned" mentors to provide instruction and work with you. Members of the Board of Human Care will be providing lunch.. Anyone over 16 can help. Please let me know if you are interested so that I can reserve a space for you. Contact me with any questions. 836-2153 or respond to this email.

THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

is the supplier of blood for our community.  Pandemic restrictions have curtailed the number of bloodmobile outings, but the need is still there. Please consider donating directly at a CBC collection site. Call 800-280-4102 to schedule an appointment.

BUY SCRIP ONLINE – Did you know you can purchase scrip on line? Since we will not be selling at church the next few week, now is an opportunity to support your church by enrolling at Great Lakes Scrip Center on their website (<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com>). Please send an email to DarwinHanson@Centurytel.net or call him at (920) 740-2440 to get the code or assistance to enroll. Enrollment is required for Good Shepherd to get credit for your purchases. We look forward to helping you. You can reload existing cards or order new e-cards. You can pay using PrestoPay (\$0.15 charge per order) or a charge card (2.6% fee will be added to your order).

YOUR HANDS - GOD'S WORK: Good Shepherd has been providing two meals a month for the women in COTS transitional housing program, even throughout the Safer at Home mandate. It's a way to live our faith by assisting those in need. Now it's time for you to help. It's a great opportunity for families to intentionally serve together. We provide a main dish, a fruit or vegetable side or salad and a dessert for 20 people. You can make your own favorite recipe or we can give you a suggestion. You can contribute the whole meal or just part of it. Please contact Yvonne Miller at 739-2935 or archylake@sbcglobal.net to indicate your intentions, or check the menu posted in the sign up area and indicate the item you would be willing to provide. We are now looking for helpers for Oct., Nov. and Dec., just let Yvonne know which month you'd like to provide.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION: Want to know more about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Call the Church office 920-734-9643, or email Pastor Timothy Seabaugh tsabaugh@gslchurch.net with any questions. New member classes will be held: September 30th, October 7th, 14th, and 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. New member welcome is October 25th at 10:30 a.m. service. Let us know if you need childcare. If you are Chair of a Board or head of a group that meets either at church or via Zoom, please review the Church Calendar and let the office know of any cancellations or changes to your events for the year so that the calendar can reflect that accordingly. Thank you!

LISTENING/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Lutheran Hour: SiriusXM: Family Talk channel 131
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
WRVM: FM 101.7 Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions:
<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>



TELEMATCH INCREASES SOCIAL CONNECTIONS FOR

OLDER ADULTS: Many adults age 60 and older who live alone in their home are particularly vulnerable to social isolation during this pandemic. Feeling lonely and isolated can lead to chronic health conditions. St. Paul Elder Services and Volunteer Fox Cities are partners in TeleMatch, a program that pairs screened volunteers with older adults who live in their own home in Outagamie County and desire greater social connections. The goal is to assist older adults to remain healthy, safe and independent in their own home. When our vetted volunteers are matched with an older adult, they place a friendly phone call to them. Both can decide the frequency of the calls. Do you have a neighbor or family member who lives alone in their own home or apartment who may benefit from a friendly phone call? Contact Jan Sommerfeld at 920-832-9360.

GRAB N GO MEAL DELIVERY DRIVER: Some homebound seniors cannot get to the Kaukauna, Hortonville or Seymour nutrition sites to pick up their meal in conjunction with Outagamie County Nutrition Program, so we are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in those communities on Wednesdays from roughly 10:15 -11:45 a.m. Contact Jan at 920-832-9360 or rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org for details.

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR START-UP: Choir rehearsals will start on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are in the sanctuary. We are able to socially distance as we have many pews available. On Sundays, we will sing from the balcony for the time being.

HANDBELLS START-UP: Bell rehearsals are postponed at this time. Sharon Peterson (director) is still looking for a few more ringers for her group! If you are interested, please consider joining! They will meet on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Jacob or Sharon if you are interested in joining choir or bells:

Jacob Erdman

Email: jerdman@gslchurch.net
Office Phone: 920-734-9643 Ext. 112

Sharon Peterson

Email: speterson10@new.rr.com

YOUTH / EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON THIS WEEK: In today's lesson, "A Laughable Promise," we are studying the birth of Isaac. The Lord and two angels appear to Abraham in human form, promising the birth of a son to Abraham and Sarah within the year. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, as the Lord fulfills His promise of generations to come and the promised future Offspring—the Savior, Jesus.



CALENDAR OF THE WEEK
OCTOBER 4—OCTOBER 11, 2020

CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD INSIDE SUN. 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS, THE CHURCH WEBSITE & CHURCH CALENDAR FOR UPDATES. OUR 8 AM SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE AT NOON ON SUNDAY. THANK YOU.

- Oct. 4**
8:00 AM Worship/Communion Service
9:10 AM 1 yr Confirmation—RM 3
9:15 AM Education Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Communion Service
12:00 PM Streaming Worship Service - YouTube and FB
1:00 PM Hmong Lutheran Church
- Oct. 5**
9:00 AM Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off
Prayer Chain I
5:00 PM Men's Basketball
- Oct. 6**
9:30 AM Staff Mtg./Devotions
4:15 PM Human Care Mtg.
4:30 PM Prayer Chain II
5:00 PM TOPS - RM 5
6:00 PM Stewardship Mtg.
6:30 PM Council
- Oct. 7**
9:00 AM Kiwanis Mtg. - CR / Women's Bibe Study—Rm 3
5:00 PM 2nd Yr. Confirmation Rm 3 / 3rd Yr. Confirmation / Bible Study Rm 5
6:00 PM New Member Class
- Oct. 8**
8:30 AM Shut Ind Visitation
- Oct. 9**
David Stuckwisch's /Jacob Erdman day off
- Oct. 10**
1:00 PM Zion French-African Wedding
2:00 PM Zion French-African Worship Team Practice - CR
- Oct. 11**
CROP WOLK
8:00 AM Worship/Communion Service
9:10 AM 1 yr Confirmation—RM 3
9:15 AM Education Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Communion Service
12:00 PM Streaming Worship Service - YouTube and FB
1:00 PM Hmong Lutheran Church
3:00 PM Zion French-African Congregation- in CR

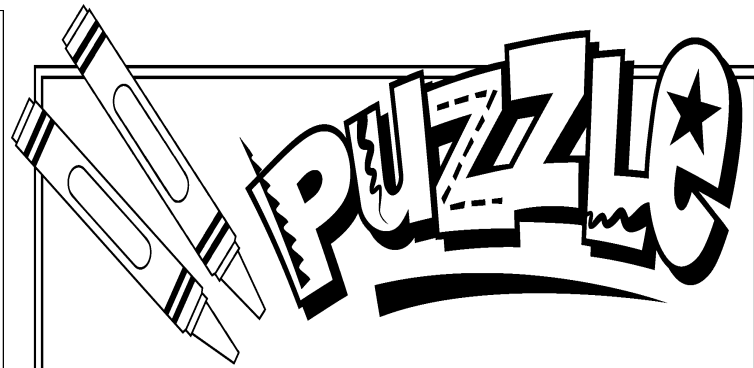


TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT:

The Board of Family Education has discussed our Trunk or Treat event for this year on Saturday, October 24 from 12 noon-2 pm. Because of Covid 19 and the increase in positive cases, we have decided that we will follow the CDC guidelines for this event. Every one coming to the event will need

to pre-register by October 17. All candy must be wrapped or bagged if it contains a mixture of different candies. We will have the parking lot marked for proper social distancing and we ask that only an adult hand out the candy. There will be no food or games inside the church this year. If you wish to come to this year's event, please pre-register with Allan Sidwell at 920-609-9602 or email him at a.sidwell@hotmail.com. We will contact you if this event is cancelled due to low pre-registrations.

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A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

"But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, soil, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, soil