



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Preschool
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November 22 —November 29, 2020

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Prayers for our Pastor here at Good Shepherd and all the Boards and leadership here at the church. **Healing Prayers:** Linda Rinne, and Kathy Mason, Liz and Lyle Parins and family; Lyle Wieck passed away Nov. 18th, and for 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.

- ♥ Gregg & Kelly Dietrich, Ethan, Jady, Malayna, Tyler
- ♥ Mark Klevesahl
- ♥ Steven & Barbara Mantei

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.



HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...

The sign-up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B49AFA629A4FF2-poinsettia> ordering your **poinsettia plants** for the Christmas services. **You can call the church office also if you want to order a plant.** The price of each 6 1/2 inch pot is \$14.25. We need two hanging baskets for the front of the church the price is \$40.00 per basket. **Prices did not change from last year.** Please take the time to **sign up by Sunday, Nov. 29th.** Make checks payable to *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.* You may put your check in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. On the memo line of your check, please write *festival flowers.* You may take your plants home after the 9 a.m. service on Christmas Day. Plants that are not picked up by Jan. 1st will be taken to our shut-ins if possible. Thank you.



FINANCE

******* YEAR TO DATE OCT 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE *******

YEAR TO DATE OCT 2020 General Fund Contribution Recap

- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were \$512,656
- ◇ YTD 2020 actual expenses were \$446,444
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$498,487
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 actual expenses were \$515,204
- ◇ YTD 2020 budget expenses were \$605,386
- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were **\$92,730 LESS** than the approved budget.

WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: \$9,896

Designated Funds: \$402

Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,970

We are under our budget this past week by: \$4,074

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

The Finance Board is looking for a Treasurer and people to serve on the Board if you are interested please contact Debbie Koeller at dkoeller@gschurch.net

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are in the sanctuary. On Sundays, we are singing from the balcony for the time being. The choir will be singing on Christmas Eve for the 3:00 and 5:00 services. Rehearsals for Christmas Eve will be:

-December 9 after midweek service

-December 16 after midweek service

They will start around 7:30 after the Advent services. Please come and join us in singing!



HANDBELLS: Bell rehearsals are postponed at this time. Sharon Peterson (director) is still looking for 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:

TAPS WORSHIP TEAM: We are looking for more singers and instrumentalists to help lead music. We lead music on every 3rd and 5th Sunday (and Thursday) of the month. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact Jacob Erdman.

Jacob Erdman

Email: jerdman@gschurch.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 "Waterworks" lesson, we learn about how God provided water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge—no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God's ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

We have ordered a Christmas program to go along with our Advent program series. I am so thankful and so excited to look forward to celebrating the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer!

YOUTH: We are still planning to have our famous annual spaghetti dinner and we look forward to having all of you with us to support our youth and all our programs. We have our next National Youth Gathering in 2 years and must continue to figure out ways to raise funds for our students. Each student and volunteer cost about \$1000.00 to go to the Gathering. Last time we took 19 and right now it looks like we have around 25 people ready to go, so hopefully we can still raise enough money so that anyone who wants to go can go. Just when you thought voting was over, there is still opportunity!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: This is a time we will provide the opportunity to get to know one another, and to acquaint or reacquaint yourself with the teaching of the LCMS. Orientation will take place on January 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 6:00 p.m. with the celebration of membership on January 31st. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Seabaugh at tseabaugh@gschurch.net or 734-9643.

FIRST COMMUNION: Classes are being offered for those currently enrolled in 1st and 2nd year confirmation who would like to take the Lord's Supper while in confirmation. The classes will be offered on 4 Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. service with parents and students attending together. The classes will begin on March 4th. The students' will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 1st. If you would like attend, please let me know at tseabaugh@gschurch.net or 734-9643



Stewardship Thought:

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.



HUMAN CARE

Thank you to all who shared their faith by serving others through contributions to the **CROP Walk** and/or the **Pajamarama!**

You can add joy to someone's life by providing a gift at Christmas time. Our **Giving Tree** is in the hallway and each ornament has a suggestion of a gift to fill a need. Please take an ornament and place that gift under the tree by Dec 13th. Perhaps you'd like to add a card or personal note also. The presents will go to residents of various community agencies. If you know of a family that could use some extra assistance this holiday season, please contact the church office. We'd be glad to add those needs to the tree also.

If you are missing the opportunity to cook for a larger group this holiday season, we have a solution for you! Good Shepherd provides two meals a month for the women's residential program at **COTS**. Let Yvonne Miller (739-2935) know if you would like to prepare a meal - or part of it - for their 14 residents in December or January. What a great way for a family to come together to serve others during this Christmas season.

MISCELLANEOUS

Zion Lutheran Church began its mission in 2017 at Good Shepherd under the leadership of Pastor Gui. Today, this new mission is already worshipping an average of 65 people each Sunday. We have celebrated several weddings, hold Sunday School and Bible Classes, and the mission has a great choir. Two leaders have identified to attend the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to become the pastors. Good Shepherd, the North and South Wisconsin Districts, and Benediction in Milwaukee are excited about this mission and are seeking partners to help in training these men for the ministry- We are asking for your prayers and as you are led by the Spirit, to support. The financial costs of the seminary education for these two men., will be more than **\$13,000 a year** for a grand total of \$52,000 for four years. Our goal is to have the funding in place by March 2021 to ensure that they can begin their training in the fall of 2021. Would you please consider becoming a partner in this mission and ministry? All monies should be sent to Good Shepherd and designated to the "French African Ministry." If you would like to learn more about this exciting ministry, please let us know! In Christ, Rev. Tim Seabaugh and Rev. Rex Rinne (seminary mentor)

A free will offering is being collected
for our brothers and sisters
of the Zion French African congregation.
Make checks to **Good Shepherd Lutheran church**
—Thank you!

THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER is the supplier of blood for our area. The number of bloodmobile outings have decreased during the covid restrictions but the need is still there. Please consider donating a pint directly at the CBC site. Call 880-280-4102 to schedule an appointment.

BUY SCRIP ONLINE – Did you know you can purchase scrip online? Since we will not be selling at church the next few weeks, 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).

TELEMATCH PROVIDES SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Do you have a parent or sibling living at home or in an apartment who may be isolated due to the pandemic? TeleMatch Fox Cities can provide them with a phone companion to help them stay engaged.

This free, confidential telephone outreach provides social opportunities for folks age 60+ who are staying safe at home. At least twice a week, the older adult will receive a friendly phone call from a trained, vetted TeleMatch volunteer, just to chat about hobbies, kids and happy memories. This program is a collaborative effort between St. Paul Elder Services and Volunteer Fox Cities. If you or an older adult in your life could benefit from another social outlet, contact Jan at 920-832-9360 or rsvp@volunteerfoxcities.org.

CAMP LUTHER NEEDS YOUR HELP! You are needed more than ever. God is still at work through you even in the midst of this pandemic. In the world we live in now the connection and community that camp is able to provide has become increasingly important, needed, and sought after. This Giving Tuesday, you can support Camp Luther through your financial gifts and acts of kindness.

- *When you give to Camp Luther, you help families disconnect from the world and connect with each other.
- *When you give to Camp Luther, you help kids make new friends and learn what they're capable of.
- *When you give to Camp Luther, you help college students gain invaluable skills and relationships.
- *When you give to Camp Luther, you help youth groups and classes grow together.
- *When you give to Camp Luther, you help God's Word and love be proclaimed.

And when you give to Camp Luther November 22 - December 4, your gift will be doubled! Generous Friends of Camp have pledged a \$5,000 match for gifts that come in November 22 - December 4. You can give online https://pushpay.com/g/campilutherthreelakes?utm_medium=email&utm_source=getresponse&utm_content=You+are+needed.&utm_campaign= (choose Giving Tuesday in the "Fund" dropdown) or mail a check into camp between November 22 - December 4.

LWML

IT'S BLESSING BAG TIME! "Blessing bags are back. Please pick up a bag as you leave and put it in your car to give to a person in need. There are 2 changes this year: Each bag contains a mask—Thanks to Carol Hahn for sewing them. And 2nd this year's bags are larger—thanks Joy Block for getting them. This means you can add a snack or other items as you wish, just nothing that will FREEZE.



LWML UPDATE:

- There will be no Cookie/Candy sale in December because of COVID
- We will NOT have a meeting in December.
- LWML Sunday will be Sunday, January 24th.
- Our Secret Sister reveal will take place at our May 2021 Meeting (Keep sending things to your Secret Sister until our reveal in May.)

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 22– NOVEMBER 28, 2020

(EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CANCELLATIONS)

CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD INSIDE THUR. 6:30; SUN. 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS, THE CHURCH WEBSITE & CHURCH CALENDAR FOR UPDATES. OUR SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE AT NOON ON SUNDAY. THANK YOU.

<p>22 Giving Tree 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 1:00 PM Hmong Lutheran Church 3:00 PM Zion French-African Congregation- in CR</p>	<p>23 Giving Tree Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off 6:30 PM Ray and Debbie Sm. Grp. Bible Study</p>	<p>24 Giving Tree 9:30 AM Staff Mtg. / Devotions 5:00 PM TOPS - RM 5 6:00 PM Trustees</p>	<p>25 Giving Tree 9:00 AM Kiwanis Meeting - CR 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Worship/Communion Service</p>	<p>26 Giving Tree No Thanksgiving Worship Service today</p>	<p>27 Giving Tree Church Office Closed David Stuckwisch's / Jacob Erdman day off 3:00 PM Zion Lutheran Congregation</p>	<p>28 Giving Tree 3:00 PM Zion French-African Bible Study and Worship Team Practice - CR</p>
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