

The Parish Pulse

August/September 2015



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Worship Services

Thursday—6:30 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

Holy Communion

Celebrated at every Thursday evening and Sunday morning service.

Coffee Hour & Refreshments

Served every Sunday after the church service in the Atrium.

Bible Study (Sept. thru May)

Adult—Wednesday at 9:30 am

Adult—Sunday at 10:30 am (all year)

Teens—Sunday at 10:30 am

Sunday School

Sundays at 10:30 am during the public school year.

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm during the public school year.

Prayer Chain

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“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45 ESV)



President Harrison wrote in November 2010: “I thank God and Jesus Christ that someone has regarded us as human beings.” I’ve never heard anything so profound, and this from the lips of a young boy in Kenya. LCMS World Relief and Human Care had built an orphanage where he and fellow AIDS orphans were now cared for. Amidst the tears, his word *regarded* caught my attention. *Regarded* is at the heart of the faith, as confessed in the Augsburg Confession, Article IV on justification. *It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ’s sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness, as Paul says in Romans 3:21-26 and 4:5 (Augsburg Confession IV).* It is the door to eternity. And, it is also the most powerful, freeing, compelling force for a joyous life in God’s mercy, driving us to act mercifully to our neighbor in need. In Christ, God “regards us as human beings” (Harrison, Matthew. “Mercy: Regarded by God...and Others.” *The Lutheran Witness*, November 2010, 1.).

God has mercy for you and me in Jesus. God has also put you and me into community for sharing His mercy in Jesus. The time we have in this world centers on two simple and connected thoughts. Jesus says it this way: “And one of them, a lawyer, asked [Jesus] a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets’” (Matthew 22:35-40 ESV). Our Lord Jesus fulfilled the commandments perfectly in his life, death, and resurrection. He placed God above all things in his life. In his ministry his love for the neighbor was shown in teaching and miracles. The ultimate love for neighbor is in the death and resurrection.

As God’s people in the world today, we are to have regard for the neighbor. Others see this in acts of mercy. While Matthew 22 gives us an excellent summary of how this is carried out in the world, there is another way we can view Matthew 22 and stay focused on Christ.

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In Christ’s service,

Pastor Wilkens



FRDM THE CDUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings members of Good Shepherd,

Just want to fill everyone in on what is going on in our congregation.

Summer is a tough season for us and this year has been true to form. Financially we are down but remarkably we are keeping up on our debts. The mortgage is the hard one for us to swallow. It's a \$5,000 expense that is putting a cramp in things. I will say that we are in a better position than this time last year, but with that said, I don't want everyone thinking that we are doing well. I'll just say we are holding our own and things are working out. With vacations and summer activities going on attendance has dropped and, therefore, weekly giving has dropped as well. I want to thank Pete Mehn for all his time and talent in sorting through our finances. Please consider your giving and if you're not attending a week, please fill out that envelope and bring it with next time. Together we can make it. We all are what Good Shepherd is about.

As most of you also know, our congregation is looking for candidates for a Pastor. The call committee, which is the board of elders according to our constitution, has been working toward the goal of finding suitable candidates for that position. It is appearing that the work there has garnered four qualified men to present to the voters for a possible call. How the process works for us as voting members once the candidates are finalized will be the following:

- 1) There will be a notification of a voters' meeting posted in the church bulletin. This must be posted two consecutive Sundays prior to a called voters' meeting.
- 2) On the day of the meeting (most likely a few hours prior to the meeting) the candidates' information will be available to the voting members to view. There will be no copies available prior to this time. Once the names are finalized I will announce them. There is information available on the LCMS website as to where they serve and links to their congregation websites. The reason for this is the information we have is personal and the preference by district and pastors is not to put the information out to the public.
- 3) Only voting members have the right to cast a ballot. If you are not a voting member you may sign up to be one prior to the meeting. You must be 18 to become a voting member.
- 4) In the voters' meeting is the time and place to deliberate and ask questions in regards to the candidates presented. The call committee will be present to answer any questions. Representatives of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS will be in attendance.
- 5) In order to proceed with this meeting we need a QUORUM OF VOTING MEMBERS. That means that we count how many voting members are registered with us, and of the number in the records we need half of that number plus one to constitute a quorum. If that number is not in attendance the meeting is postponed. I will call another meeting in writing and we can hold that meeting five days after the announced meeting in writing. Those in attendance at that time will be the quorum. So I would suggest that every attempt be made to attend this first called meeting. **You have no right to complain about a choice of pastors if YOU don't come and vote.**
- 6) In order to call a candidate he must receive 2/3 of the vote of the quorum. If we don't have 2/3 vote for one person, we drop the candidate with the lowest votes received and vote again. If we don't come up with a 2/3 vote on any candidate at the end of the day, the process starts over again with the call committee and we are at square one.
- 7) I will fill out paperwork after the meeting comes to a solid vote for one person and contact that person to inform him that he is our decision and will receive paperwork in the mail stating he is being called.

It can take up to 8 week for the individual to return a call or accept the call. Once that happens we either start over or make arrangements to get our new pastor here. Again, once he accepts a call it may take months to get him here and settled depending on his personal and family issues he needs to settle before moving. **I just want everyone to be prepared that this can be a long process Although some people think we need to do this quickly, it's Gods process and we will work on His time, not ours.**

Jim Purath
Congregation President

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Well we're in the time of year most of us long for... SUMMER! The weather has been good, lots of sun & warmth, a little dry but overall it has been good.

We have a very momentous time in the life of Good Shepherd fast approaching, the issuing of a call to a new Pastor. The nominating committee has put together a list of three very strong men for us to choose from. These men all have the qualities we, as a congregation, expressed a desire for in our surveys earlier this year. All of these men are strong leaders and have their own strengths and unique abilities. It is up to us, as a congregation, to seek God's will in calling one of them.

The congregational meeting to issue a call is scheduled for **Sunday, August 23, at 3:00 p.m.** It is critical that a majority, 50% plus 1, of the voting eligible members be at this meeting. That is the number required by our constitution to constitute a valid call meeting. In the event that we don't have a quorum at this meeting a second meeting can be held after 5 days and then the eligible voting members present will constitute a quorum.

In the life of Good Shepherd issuing a call for a new pastor is one of the most profound decisions we have to make. The resulting call will affect each of us and our church for years to come; this is not to be regarded lightly or casually. So whatever your plans currently are, cancel or modify them to make sure that you're at the call meeting on August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. Your voice in the decision is extremely important.

In other events upcoming we have the annual church picnic and the start of the Sunday School year scheduled for Sunday, September 13th. The picnic will again be held at Menominee Park and is being sponsored by the Board of Elders. Food, refreshments and rides on the train are provided for all. We also will have games for the family available. The Packers will be playing the Bears that day so we will also have one or more televisions setup to watch the game. Come one, come all.

Please keep abreast of what your church is doing or is upcoming by reading your bulletin or visiting our website and other notices posted in the narthex.

As you go about your daily activities remember to keep the rest of your church family in your prayers, especially those who are sick, hospitalized, shut-in or have other special needs.

Yours in Christ,

Craig Dreger
Lead Elder

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A CHRISTIAN

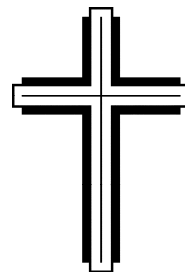
As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others.

Preferred qualifications:

- complete surrender to God
- a desire to follow his commandments
- a servant heart
- courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks

Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are life-changing — and eternal!

—*MaryAnn Sundby*





Busyness is the new black. It's stylish. We spend an inordinate amount of time comparing how busy we are with everyone else. We compare our schedules, our kid's schedules, how productive we are and how much we have because of it to everyone around us. And if we don't do or have what the next guy does or has, we just get busier and produce more so that we can.

This consumes our conversations and thoughts. And this should give us pause: Who is consuming whom, here? Are we the consumer or are we those consumed? It's no accident that our adversary the devil is described as a lion prowling around seeking to devour us, to consume us. He gives us the liturgy of this world, the liturgy of productivity and consumption. For if he can keep us busy in "muchness" and "manyness," he can be satisfied.

And this is why the Lord, after finishing all His work of creation, rested on the seventh day. This is why He established the Sabbath day—to give His people rest from all their work. As they rested, He continued to work for them, to satisfy them, to fill them with His gifts—food from heaven by His Word and Promise.

That day came when from our Lord's cross and in His death, He proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). And so His work of redemption was complete. And so His body rested in the tomb, the belly of the earth. Though He is the Lord God who always works, yet as the Lord rested on the original Sabbath, now Jesus kept the Sabbath by resting in the tomb and rising from the dead to live forever. For this is why He came. This is why He became man: to draw all to Himself so that He could give rest and refreshment to the weary and the heavy laden.

The Sabbath is a gift, not a burden. It is a gift of time free from the liturgy of this world, the liturgy of productivity and consumption. Sabbath is time for rest and refreshment, a time free from anxiety to enjoy the gifts God gives, all of them—His Word, His Promises, His Sacraments, His creation, everything. It is a foretaste of the rest we shall enjoy in heaven.

Sadly for many of us rest has become work. It's become drudgery. We long for it but we aren't able to do it because there's so much to be done and so little time to do it. But really what's the rush? Why are we so hurried and harried? Have we forgotten that Jesus is raised from the dead and lives forever?

Sabbath is God's gift of time free from all of the anxiety and hurry of this world so that we can rest, be refreshed by the gifts God gives. Society won't do it for us. They are addicted to the liturgy of productivity and consumption. Though we are in the world, we are not of it. We are the people of God, His own children by water and Word, joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus lives. And so shall we. So rest in the promise of our Savior that sin, death, and time have not hold on you because Jesus is raised from the dead. Jesus lives. And so shall we, forever.

FINANCIAL INCOME & EXPENSE YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY

(January 1—July 31, 2015)

Income:	
Worship Service Offerings	\$98,330.24
Memorials	\$0.00
Youth Group Income	\$668.00
Fellowship Donations	\$340.00
Debt Fund	\$5,532.00
Other Non-Offering Income	\$13,330.60
Altar Flower Donations	\$298.00
Candle Donations	\$40.00
Bulletin Donations	\$75.00
Seasonal Flower Donations	\$326.00
Books, Periodicals, Other Sales	\$67.88
Missions Fund	<u>\$2,527.09</u>
Total Income	\$121,534.81

Gross Profit **\$121,534.81**

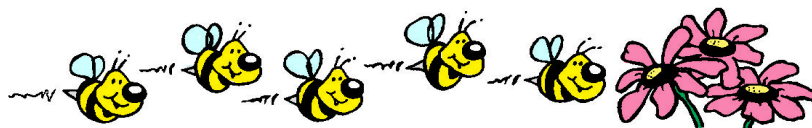
Expenses:	
Professional Services	\$49,521.28
Conferences and Conventions	\$857.40
Worship Expense	\$2,992.01
Insurance Expense	\$18,244.50
Utilities	\$10,327.47
Building and Grounds	\$2,856.80
Office Supplies	\$3,576.17
Technology	\$591.12
Advertising and Promotion	\$733.76
Uncategorized Expense	\$611.57
Education	\$1,201.79
Board of Elders	\$47.48
Board of Evangelism	\$0.00
Board of Fellowship	\$1,554.32
Scrip Payment	\$6,360.06
Board of Stewardship	\$0.00
Board of Youth	\$574.00
Mortgage Principal	\$0.00
Mortgage Interest	\$20,455.78
Missions Contributions	\$2,090.00
Pastor Discretionary Account	\$0.00
Bank Service Charge	<u>\$95.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$122,690.51</u>

Other Expenses:	
Memorial Expense	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>

Net Income **(\$1,155.70)**

As of July 31, 2015:

Mortgage Balance: **\$779,323.44**



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Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

Present: Vivian Mittelstaedt, Donna Gohlke, Pastor Wilkens, Fred Kirchenwitz, Jim Purath, Mike Phillips, and Marge Bolding.

President Jim Purath called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Pastor Wilkens opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion M/S/C to accept the minutes of the 4/20/15 council meeting and Dan Weiss' report on the Congregational Planning Meeting of April 19, 2015.

Financial Secretary – Fred Kirchenwitz: Heather and Todd Klauer helped train Bonnie Borgen on her first day of counting and retrained Deb Bochinski. Money is being deposited.

Treasurer's Report: We went over Pete's printed financial report.

April Income: \$16,210.25; April Expenses: \$17,330.39; Leaving a **negative \$1,120.14**.

LCEF Mortgage -- \$781,706 as of April 30. Motion M/S/C to accept the treasurer's report.

Elders – Craig Dreger: The congregational meeting with Dan Weiss will be May 31. There will be a wedding on May 30. We have a Call List Packet and Elders/Call Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 27. VBS will be July 13-17. Mowing is being taken care of.

Stewardship – Gene Gohlke: Gene presented a chart of monthly attendance comparing attendance in 2015 with the years of 2014, 2013, and 2012.

Evangelism – Vivian Mittelstaedt: She will be meeting soon with her committee, Sue and Heather.

Fellowship – Donna Gohlke: The picnic will be the second Sunday in September (Sept. 13) in the same spot as last year, the big shelter by the train, at Menomonee Park. The picnic will be hosted by the elders. The coffee hour has had enough donations to take care of expenses. We are considering having an outdoor service on Picnic Sunday.

Youth – Fred Kirchenwitz: The youth group went bowling and to a movie on May 17. They decided to meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the summer. The group has been invited to the Klauers' cabin in August. We will be planning several fun activities, possibly a Brewers game, which could be a family event. Fred will be attending a Waterfest meeting this week to get more information and to find out a date.

Pastor's Report:

- Confirmation went fine. Review of the confirmands was at the Wednesday evening service before Confirmation Day.
- At the last congregational planning meeting each attendee drafted a list of several core values and shared them with the group. The lists were collected by Pastor. Pastor, together with a drafting/review team consisting of Dexter Schaub, Fred Kirchenwitz, Judy Mehn, and Sara Suwalski, met to shape and categorize the core values. The group will bring the results to the next congregational planning meeting on May 31. Also, at the next congregational planning meeting we will review the congregation's organizational chart and the responsibilities of each position and talk about our system of governance as described in our constitution.
- There will be a wedding on May 30. VBS dates will be July 13-17, 9-11:30 am.
- On June 7 Rev. Stephen Wiesenauer, a missionary working in Asia, will be preaching and leading Bible Class.
- At the Voters' meeting on June 14 board goals will be shared. Pastor will give an overview of the call process and we will be looking at our constitution.

Adjourn: Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 8:05 pm. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Bolding

Recording Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2015

Call to Order: President Jim Purath called the meeting to order at 10:30 am Pastor Wilkens opened with prayer.

Minutes of the February voters' meeting were not available. Minutes of the May council meeting were handed out. This voters' meeting will also stand as the June 15, 2015, council meeting. Motion M/S/C to approve the May Council minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Pete gave the group a detailed summary of our financial situation. "We are holding our own."

YTD: Total income: **\$90,976.68**; Total Expenses: **\$93,030.40 (-2,053.68)**. Total current assets in bank: **\$4,105.31**; Mortgage: **\$781,706.64**. Payment of **\$2,500.00** was made for May, which brings the balance to **\$776,206.64**. Mission totals have been used appropriately and sent to our missionaries. However, debt reduction money has been used to pay bills. This is not where the money is designated to. Motion M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.

Financial Secretary - Fred Kirchenwitz: We have a full set of counters. Bonnie Borgen recently joined. Thank you! All money has been counted and deposited. Fred wanted to remind counters to make sure all monies are counted. Look around if you think you're short or don't have it all.

Board Reports:

Elders - Craig Dreger: Worship times continue as is for the summer. Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Bible study after service. **Call Process/meetings:** Besides their regular monthly meetings, the elders have been meeting on Wednesday evenings to begin the call process. They have received a list of 19 names. They will decide on six of these to have phone interviews with. First they will tabulate a list of question to ask. After discussion on this, and if members will have input on these questions, it was decided to print the questions in the bulletin and if members have additional questions they can submit them to the elders. Discussion also took place about personal contact with these men. It is frowned upon by synod to do this. **"Clear communication is very important" was mentioned by all.**

Stewardship - Gene Gohlke: It was mentioned that we need to remember that all we have are God's blessings to us. Look what you have and return a portion back to Him. Meetings will resume before fall. Oct-Nov. (4-6 week) stewardship program. If anyone is interested, we need a stewardship chairman. Gene mentioned that LOVE should be our drive. Money isn't the main drive. Be thankful for what you have. God has blessed us all richly.

Evangelism - Vivian Mittelstaedt: Viv met with her committee a few weeks ago. They discussed assisting with the different outing/events coming up. Helping organize the Waterfest/Brat fry. If calls need to be made to encourage people to sign up we will do this. Good articles in a few magazines. Thrivent and LCEF. Take time to read these articles.

Education - No Report: Viv just reminded group that VBS staff will meet on Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00. Cathy has all the materials. Props will again be received from Peace Lutheran.

Trustees: Need lawn mowers. The light bulbs in the church will be revamped. LED bulbs will be used. These type have a 35,000 hr. life. Also energy saving. Cleaning crew is doing a great job. With everyone pulling together the church is looking great.

Fellowship - Donna Gohlke: Picnic is planned for September 13th. Same place as last year. Cookies have been supplied, as well as toilet paper/paper towels.

Youth - Fred Kirchenwitz: Youth hopes to meet on the 2nd/4th Sundays for bible study. Events that are in the planning, Timber Rattlers game, a service project. Fred would like to incorporate the parents more, organize a fundraiser. Dan Weiss has a pumpkin patch that the youth can help cultivate and then sell the product. With all the rummage sale items being brought in a sale could be organized during the regular craft sale date. Re-invite the past confirmands.

Pete's goals: Since Dec. a financial planning group has been organized. Things that they are working on include, cookbook, scrip program (raises \$ for debt reduction), brat fry. This group is called FAST (Financial and Stewardship Thinking). The next meeting is July 15th at 7:00 here at church. In regards to missions, put Linda Jordan update up on screen. Council has also given Dan Weiss' Brushfires Foundation an amount to support him.

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Voters' Meeting Minutes Continued:

June 14, 2015

Pastors Report - Pastor Wilkens: Pastor will be working with contact person from UWO to incorporate UWO and Good Shepherd congregation. We are listed as the home church/campus church. Good that we are taking advantage of scrip as a way to support the congregation. Bible class for the summer will be *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Participants can purchase the book.

Congregational Planning - Core Values: Pastor explained the tagline that was discussed at the last group meeting, "Proclaiming Christ's word through Truth, Innovation and Fellowship". In order to understand what Innovation is, it would be good to explain in sermons and other events. Motion M/S/C to adopt this tagline and share the meaning before adding it to any publications.

New Organization Chart - this chart will be displayed in the hall (bathrooms). Members can be directed to the appropriate board members with questions.

Nominating committee: Jim announced the following to be on the committee: Donna Tritt, Paul Klatt, Judy Mehn, Pat Phillips, and Bonnie Borgen. Offices to be filled are: VP, Treasurer, Elders, Trustee and Youth.

Adjourn: Motion M/S/C to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Voters group stood and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Mittelstaedt

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13 @ 11:45 a.m.

Menominee Park, Kiwanis Shelter #1 by the lake (same as last year)



- ⇒ Lunch will be served 12:00-12:15 p.m.
- ⇒ Free rides on the train and merry-go-round.
- ⇒ Menu will include: brats, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit, chips, beer, water, and lemonade.

****Please sign up! Food supplies will be purchased accordingly.**



The Packers will play the Chicago Bears that day, and yes, we will be able to watch the game!

Craft Group currently meets on Wednesdays.

10:00—lunch break

1:30—3:30 p.m.

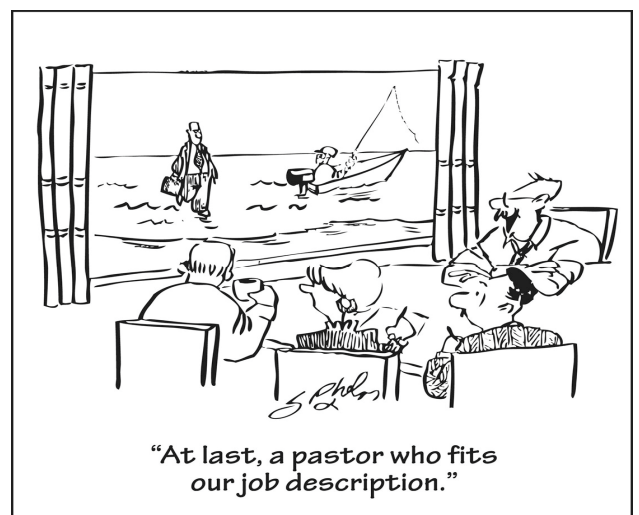
(hours will change as the season progresses)

Items needed:

- Pint-size canning jars
- White/ivory dominoes
- Helpers
- Craft ideas
- Monetary donations



All projects are being funded by the crafters.



GIVE IT A TRY :)

COME TO JUST ONE REHEARSAL AND GET HOOKED!

That is my challenge to you. Please help our choir grow and continue to be a strong partner in ministry! We had such a great time last year and kept busy with not only singing for worship services, but also taking on a Hymn Festival in the fall and the Lenten Meditation during Holy Week.

Here is how it works:

1. Come on Wednesday nights at 6:30-7:30 p.m.
2. First Date is Sept. 9th. (During Advent and Lent we rehearse at 5:30.)
3. No experience needed. Many people learn by ear. No note reading needed. (EX: Cam's mom's quote about her choir experience, "I just sing and if the notes go up...I try to get my voice there. It's where I see my friends!")
4. Commitment can fluctuate. Not everyone can make it each week. THAT'S O.K.
5. GROW in God's Word as you sing it :)
6. Fellowship is a natural result of having fun and serving others!

Cam Bedroske (920-379-2037)



It's almost Sunday School time again!

On SEPTEMBER 6th we will have a registration opportunity for all children to sign up for Sunday School. There will be a table in the atrium before and after church where parents will be able to fill out a registration form, pick up offering envelopes and a memory work folder. There will also be the lesson booklets to look at so parents and kids alike will know what we will be studying the first quarter. Be sure and look for the table.

As always, all kids are welcome at any time. If registration is missed, just come the next Sunday. The door is always open!

Our classes will begin on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th @ 10:30 a.m.** Everyone will meet in the atrium after church and will go to our classrooms from there.

This year our music class will be held the last 20 minutes of Sunday School and all classes will meet together.

I know we will have an exciting Sunday School year and I look forward to seeing everyone!

Cathy Steinke



Sunday School

Welcome to Childrens' Choir

Fall 2015

Dear Parent and Choir Member,

I have been waiting for this since last May! We get to sing together, learn new songs and make music with interesting instruments. Not to mention seeing our friends!

Here is some information which will be very important for all of us:

- The choir is open to all of the children of the congregation (generally age 6 & up) AND friends who like to sing and learn about Jesus.
- We meet for 45 minutes and the time really flies.
- Generally, we will sing one time per month and also join with the other singing groups in our church family. These are the Adult Choir and Sunday School.
- If you cannot make a singing date, just call Cam so she can plan, especially if we are using special instruments that Sunday.
- Our rehearsal schedule DOES NOT INCLUDE every week.
- During Advent and Lent, we will not meet due to Wed. Mid-Week services.

First Rehearsal: Wed. September 9

No rehearsals in December.

Back to rehearsals: Wed. January 6

No rehearsals in Lent: Ash Wed. Feb 10- Easter March 27

Back to rehearsals: Wed April 6

Last rehearsal and family sing along: Wed. May 4

When rehearsals are scheduled, we meet from 5:30-6:15p.m.

P.S. There is also a Bible study and Confirmation class happening at the same time. Please feel free to join that study group whenever you like. You can be in and out of that group as our schedule fluctuates! (I already inquired)

Call/text/email me with any questions. I teach and get to any phone or email after classes. Evenings are best to make contact. 920-379-2037 or cbedroske@sbcglobal.net.

Pray for God to bless our time together as we sing His Word of Salvation!



CAMP DISCOVERY "JESUS WORKING THROUGH US"



How big was Goliath? Who was the “wise” woman in the Old Testament? How can three men stand in a fiery furnace and not burn up? What’s it like to be blind but still have faith to see? Will we “go” when commanded to share the love of Jesus?

WOW!! Those might be some tough questions but there are a bunch of kids who know the answers after coming to VBS this year! And what a fun time every one had “discovering” the answers that were there all along.

CAMP DISCOVERY opened on July 13th with 21 eager campers. All were greeted by a LIFE SIZE poster of Goliath. Yes, he was really that big! Throughout the week not only did we discover how young David found the courage to fight such a giant, we had a visit from Deborah who sat under the tree and shared God’s wisdom. We discovered that by not bowing down but by standing up for what they believed, the three men who were thrown in the fiery furnace were saved by God. A poor, blind beggar on the side of the road believed and saw Jesus through his faith alone and he received the gift of sight. And we heard how a man was told to GO and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus with a man who killed believers.

Each day there was new craft project and oh, what FUN that was! Sling shots to hurl marshmallow rocks, owls of wisdom, fiery furnaces, self-designed and hand stamped bags and decorated picture frames all made lasting memories of our week together!

And let’s not forget about the snacks! If there is a VBS SNACK HALL OF FAME our ladies are the front runners to win! Every day our lesson was brought home with a tasty snack. This is what makes our VBS a step above the rest!

Then there is the MUSIC! VBS is about learning but it’s always about fun and praising God. From the theme song “Camp Discovery” (which will now be stuck in my head!), to “What a Mighty God We Serve” the children’s voices raise to praise and glorify God. Each family received a CD with all of the VBS music. We hope each family will enjoy the music and use as part of their family worship time.

This year two offerings were collected during the week. The first offering of almost \$68 was our Mission offering. This money was given to support the ongoing Mission projects of Good Shepherd. The second offering of \$104 went to the General Fund to be used to offset the expense of materials. VBS and any educational opportunity for the children offered by Good Shepherd is always free and open to all who would like to attend. This collection goes to help pay for materials needed so we may continue to bring the Word of God to our children and community.

Saying thank you never seems enough but THANK YOU to all who helped make this year a success. A special thanks to:

JUDY MEHN: FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB WITH MUSIC

DONNA GOLHKE, MITZI PAPENFUSS: FOR THE EXCELLENT HELP IN THE KITCHEN

JAN PETERSON: FOR THE PLANNING AND FOR PRODUCING THE BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL SNACKS EACH DAY

PAT PHILLIPS: FOR THE CREATIVITY TO COME UP WITH CRAFT IDEAS AND FOR BEING OUR “CRAFT LADY”! (it all worked!!) AND FOR PIECING TOGETHER AND HANGING UP GOLIATH

MARALYSE BEDROSKE: FOR BRINGING DEBORAH TO LIFE AND FOR SHARING YOUR TEACHING SKILLS

VIVIAN MITTELSTAEDT: FOR SHARING YOUR TEACHING SKILLS

RENE GILLHOUSE (Cathy’s daughter): FOR BEING AN EXTRA SET OF HANDS WITH THE LITTLE ONES

BEN WILSON: FOR BEING THE BEST “CAMP” HELPER WE COULD HAVE ASKED FOR! YOU WERE ALWAYS WHERE WE NEEDED YOU TO BE!

A very special thanks PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH in Neenah for sharing with us their decorations again this year. Everyone might not be aware but most of what you see around the church and downstairs comes from Peace. They generously allow us to borrow whatever we would like since we both do the same VBS program.

All children who attended VBS received a certificate. Those who attended were:

CHLOE TRITT, HEATHER GALLAMNN, LIAM SELL, EVERETT PHILLIPS, ALEX BECK, PORTIA WEISS, WILLIAM BECK EVELYN WUEST, KIRSTEN KLATT, MADDY WEISS, JENNIFER MEHN, ETHAN KLATT, DAMIEN BANDELOW, SILVIE WEISS, ELLY SELL, MAKAYLA CHRISTOPHERSON, TAYLOR RODIG, AVARIE TRITT, MADDIE DEVENS, AVERY RODIG, REAGAN BANDELOW, JOSIE WEISS, ETHAN SELL.

In Christ,
Cathy Steinke



OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Marriage

May 30, 2015

Jessica Will and Kyle Zimmer

Members Leaving

None

New Members

None

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US NAVY — WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

Please let the church office know if you have family serving in the military. We can add their names and our members can be praying for them. Check out their photos on our Veteran's Board. We are grateful for those who serve our country.

EVANGELISM NEWS

All congregational members are encouraged to participate in the Waterfest evening. There is still time to sign up in the atrium. We need 60 people to make this a successful evening. Those that need a Good Shepherd t-shirt, see Fred Kirchenwitz.

Continue to invite members to church when you see people you haven't seen in a while. We are all part of the Evangelism team. With summer half over, let's all worship regularly. God doesn't take a vacation from His people, let's not take a vacation from Him.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming activities and events to become involved in.

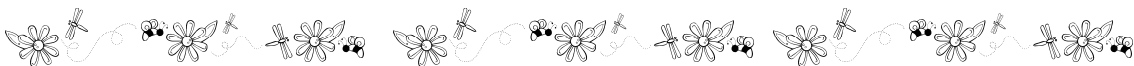
- Waterfest - Thursday evening, **August 20th**
- Church Picnic - Sunday, **September 13th**
- Festival Foods Brat Fry - Saturday, **September 26th**

If anyone has any questions about the events, please ask.

In Christ,
Vivian Mittelstaedt

Hospitalized?? Or you desire a call?? If you are going into the hospital, please call to let the Church Office know. We do not always receive the information in a timely manner so that the appropriate visitation can be made. Also, hospitals can no longer release information to us about your admittance and room number if you have not signed a waiver. If you want a home visit from Pastor Wilkens, a call or other service, please contact the church office with your request.

Thank you!



Before you donate an item to the church, please check with the Church Council.
They can assist in placement or find the best use for your donated item.

Thank you!



August

Ralph Potratz	8/2
Dawn Makurat	8/3
Teri Schneider	8/3
Howard Hoppe	8/4
Catherine Steinke	8/4
Joann Behm	8/6
Elyssa Berry	8/7
Valorie Liebl	8/7
Emma Kuble	8/8
Dorothy Nottelson	8/8
Tracy Pattion	8/8
Kristen Mike	8/9
Genie Kuble	8/11
Ruby Van Keuren	8/11
Judy Mehn	8/12
Pete Mehn	8/12
Brian Will	8/12
Ron Will	8/12
Megan Bruss	8/14
Shelley Collins	8/14
Adam Tuchscherer	8/14
Patricia Anderson	8/15
Tammy Erdman	8/15
Howard Danula	8/16
Ryan Henry	8/16
Jason Schneider	8/17
Matthew Stinski	8/19
Erin Kules	8/20

Damien Bandelow	8/21
Ty Yaeger	8/23
Gwen Cooley	8/24
Josephine Henriksen	8/24
Jackie Kiffmeyer	8/24
Erin Mrozinski	8/24
Gloria Stenson	8/24
Betty Jane Gudmanson	8/25
Terri Ludwig	8/25
Daniel Mason	8/25
Brayden Klauer	8/27
Christopher Purath	8/27
Steven Pflanzner	8/28
Jacob Stinski	8/31
CJ Wagner	8/31

September

Matthew Adamski	9/2
Vivian Mittelstaedt	9/2
Michael Kolb	9/3
Jerry Weber	9/3
Carissa Ullrich	9/4
Zachary Kiffmeyer	9/5
Adam Bose	9/6
Michael Luethe	9/6
Kaitlyn Rock	9/7
Todd Moon	9/9
Alexander Smith	9/9
Carson Steinbeck	9/9

Jessica Cook	9/10
Paul Klatt	9/10
Damian Pattion	9/10
Marie Ristow	9/10
Lauren Potratz	9/11
Jamie Schneider	9/11
Nicholas Coshenet	9/13
Paul Nickolai	9/13
Avarie Tritt	9/14
Eric Kiffmeyer	9/15
Dian Sheldon	9/15
Dede Wojahn	9/16
Pat Edwardsen	9/18
Taylor Rodig	9/18
Mark Langkau	9/19
Rick Dittberner	9/23
Portia Weiss	9/23
Lisa Langkau	9/24
Dylan Wilson	9/26
Wes Wojahn	9/27
Gerald Rivera	9/29



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

Anniversaries

August

Ted & Diana Trinoskey	8/6
Doug & Georgia Zuhlke	8/6
Ralph & Ericka Potratz	8/8
Tom & Ruth Nevers	8/10
Benjamin & Kimberly Heideman	8/14
Paul & Julie Nickolai	8/15
Michael & Barbara Kolb	8/17
Mark & Jennifer Seering	8/18
Steve & Terri Ludwig	8/21
Thomas & Patricia Adamski	8/22
Fred & Jenny Kirchenwitz	8/22

September

Steven & Shelley Collins	9/6
Gary & Debbie Vowels	9/8
Pete & Beth Ehlert	9/9
Howard & Joyce Hoppe	9/11
Mark & Patti Stinski	9/17
Rev. James & Laurita Daugherty	9/19
Todd & Linda Moon	9/23
Chris & Ron Schmude	9/23
Don & Joan Hedtke	9/24
John & Jean Ullrich	9/24
Scott & Laura Schneider	9/27
Paul & Carilee Klatt	9/28















STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

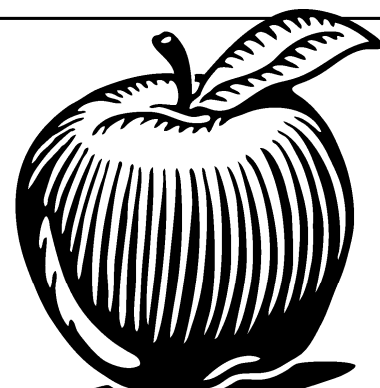
Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own ;
 the  and shun .
 This will bring  to your 
 and nourishment to  bones.
 the LORD  your wealth,
 with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.



After-School Snack

Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips


What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	7	1 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am</i> <hr/> 8 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am</i>
9 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	10 <i>Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	14	15 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am</i>
16 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	17 <i>Council Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	18	19	20 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	21	22 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am</i>
23 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 am</i> <i>Special Voters' Meeting 3:00 pm</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm</i>	28	29 <i>Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am</i>
30 <i>Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am</i> <i>Adult Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	31					

SEPTEMBER

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		1	2	3 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm	4	5 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am
6 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am	7 Church Office Closed 	8	9	10 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm	11 	12 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am
13 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:00 am Family Education Hour 10:30 am First Day of Sunday School Church Picnic 11:45	14 Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 6:30 pm	18	19 Men's Ministry 7:00-8:30 am
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