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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
LENTEN SEASON 2020
KICKS OFF
ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
*Join us for supper
at 5:30 and
worship at 6:30 pm.*

GATHER in Blessings * **GROW** in Purpose * **GO** with Passion

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Good Shepherd Gathers for:

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS
8:00 & 10:30 am

EDUCATION / FELLOWSHIP HOUR
9:15 am
Sunday School * Adult Faith Forum
Fellowship

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS
5:30 pm
A Shared meal
6:00 pm

“BLESSINGS OF A CONGREGATIONAL LIFE”

Community Dinner 1-12-2020



Shepherding Growth in Faith Fall Appeal results:

As you know, we did a fall Stewardship drive at Good Shepherd for the first time in several years. We had mailings, bulletin inserts, temple talks, and a phone campaign, all led by many dedicated volunteers. The results are in and encouraging.

We had 109 letters of intent returned, a great response rate especially for the first appeal in many years. The number of responses allowed us to earn a \$5,000 challenge grant.

65% of those who returned intent cards increased their giving. THANK YOU! This shows the energy and excitement that is building here at Good Shepherd. While we may still have challenging decisions in 2020, we know that we will come together as a community of faith with the confidence and passion to charge forward in ministry.

Thank you to all, you make Good Shepherd a very special place.

Your Shepherding Faith committee and Good Shepherd Council

Sooooo much to give thanks for!!!



Happy New Year!

In last month's item (also found in the 2020 Annual Report), I encouraged us to take a closer look at what it means to "make spiritual meaning" in our lives. While stressing the importance of remaining "centered in Christ," I challenged Good Shepherd toward a five-year discovery process together around three core challenges:

Building and cultivating awareness of God in our everyday lives.

Reconnecting to God's story ... and who we are as God's people.

Creating environments that help people make spiritual meaning out of their lives.

I suspect it's obvious to everyone that Good Shepherd has grown leaps and bounds in the last decade in terms of building strong community ... and we can be thankful for this great blessing! So thankful, in fact, that I believe the only possible response is to lean into all of that good work and find the deeper connection between it and our depth of spirituality as a people called together to serve the Lord almost 55 years ago. After all, what is a congregation united around the mission to **Gather, Grow** and **Go** if we are not gathering, growing, and going from a deeply discerned spiritual core? And we learn more fully how we are called from our center in Christ as we rediscover the powerful connections between God's story and our story.

So, what's your story? How does building and cultivating awareness of God in our everyday lives awaken that story and become a tool for developing deeper and more meaningful relationships with each other?

I want to encourage all of us once again this month to wrap our thoughts around ONE THING: What is something that you have experienced in your life as a follower of Jesus Christ that, given the opportunity, you would want to share with someone who is not yet a follower of Jesus Christ?

That's it.

Just one thing.

You don't have to do anything but think of a faith story you would share with someone else.

I'm not suggesting that it's easy at all. But what I hope it will do is open us up in new ways to how God has been at work in our lives! Perhaps it will even startle you a bit! That's exactly the desired outcome.

Each of us has a story ... perhaps many, many stories that we could share. Let's give some attention this month to just one. Think about what your story is, and how you would share it with someone else.

I'll check in along the way!

Peace ... Pastor Kemp



ENDOWMENT FUND

Fund Objective:

The mission of this Fund is to provide a tool that allows people to give a gift or legacy as a means of extending the mission of Christ's church. The application of the funds received and disbursed will be consistent with the mission and purpose of the church in its Mission Statement. (Include additional sheets if more space is required.)

GRANT APPLICATION

NAME: _____

COMMITTEE / GROUP (if applicable): _____

DATE ESTABLISHED: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION (include brief description of services provided):

PURPOSE FOR FUNDS REQUESTED:

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR PROJECT: \$ _____

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ _____

HAS THE ENDOWMENT FUND SUPPORTED THIS ORGANIZATION IN THE PAST? Y / N

IF YES, HOW MUCH: \$ _____ DATE: _____

NOTES:

All requests will be acted upon following review by the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund Committee. Specific dates may be obtained by contacting the church office at 715-675-1997. All Requests must be submitted to the church office by March 31 to be considered that year.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

930 EDGEWOOD RD * WAUSAU, WI * 54403 * 715-675-1997 * INFO@GSWAUSAU.ORG





SOCIAL CONCERNS & CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Thank You

ELCA Benevolence: DECEMBER: **\$2,421.88**

Community Supper

Thank you to Ruth Henkelman and everyone who helped during the day. Our community is grateful for the outreach of compassion and a warm meal! We had a fabulous turn out of helpers!

See page 2 for some awesome pictures!

Winter Food Collection:

While we are not going to participate in a community wide food collecting competition, we will still gratefully receive items to be shared with the various food banks as well as our own little pantry. The area pantries accept all dry goods and if you check with them, potentially milk, bread, etc.

Our pantry is in need of:

- Peanut butter/ jelly
- Tuna Fish
- Spaghetti Sauce/ pasta
- Single serving snacks (fruit/ crackers/ etc)
- One dish microwave meals
- Oatmeal / box cereals
- Protein bars/ meat sticks
- Spam
- Individual pasta microwave meals
- Individual treats (cookies / chips)



2019

Pastor's Fund Update \$1,537.19 Dispersed!



There were 58 documented requests for gas, bus passes, new hire needs, emergency shelter, etc. Many more asked for help with food and countless bags were shared. Also, several of these individuals in need have responded to the invitation and have joined us for worship and a mid week meal. They have expressed gratitude at the generosity and kindness bestowed on them here at Good Shepherd.

If you would like to support the Pastor's Fund, donations are gratefully accepted individually or with your weekly offerings.

FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERING: East Side Food Pantry

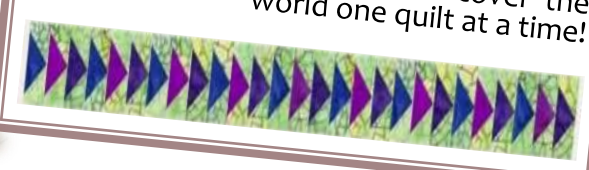
FOOD BANK

As the largest food pantry in Marathon County, we work closely with the [Marathon County Hunger Coalition](#) to increase food security in our community. We have the capacity to act as a food bank, storing and distributing food to more than 20 food pantries, as well as other nonprofits, faith-based groups and schools. A large walk-in refrigerator and freezer allow us to accept donations of, and store, perishable food in addition to nonperishable food.



TUESDAY MORNING: Lutheran World Relief QUILTERS

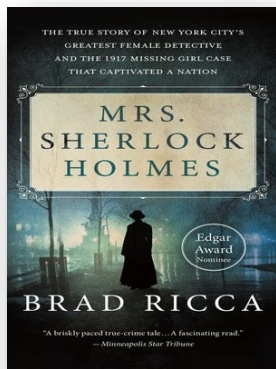
could use your help!
come to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 8:30 am. We are on a mission to cover the world one quilt at a time!



BAPTISMS:

Paisley Raine Thoma

January 5, 2020



Corks n covers

Mon, February 20
1:30 pm

Here At
G S L C

930 Edgewood Rd
Wausau, WI 54403

Book:

Mrs.
Sherlock Holmes

by

Brad Ricca

RSVP PLEASE

To: Bonnie Anderson
715-551-6975

bring a friend



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

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REMINDER:

We will have 2 midweek
Lenten services at 12:00 pm
and 6:30 pm. Starts March 4.

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
20th Annual
WILD GAME FEED
FRIDAY, February 21, 2020

STARTS at 5:30PM

A buffet will be set up in the narthex.
Please bring foods that can be
served and eaten while mingling.

Free Will Offering will support February's Hunger Efforts,
Eastside Food Pantry or food collections.

Volunteers are needed for :

- Set up
- Clean up
- Appetizers
- Drinks
- Dishes to pass

(See sign up in the narthex
outside office window)

Faith Formation cont...

LUNCH N LESSONS:

Tuesdays at noon * Bring your lunch
Christ the King Sunday heralds in the new
year. Texts come from Year A. This group
reviews the week's scripture and shares
perspectives. Bring your lunch and voice.
We have Lectionary Calendars for Cycle A.
They are available upon request.
**All are welcome. Please RSVP so that we
can have ample handouts.**

ADULT FORUM:

"THE WIRED WORD"

"The Wired Word" provides Adult Sunday
School Lessons perfect for group
discussions that link current events to
appropriate Scripture. Join the
conversation!

Sometimes Sensitive. Always Pertinent.

Meets in the Café

between services at 9:25 am

These sessions stand alone, so every
Sunday offers interesting dialogue.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

NEW STUDY STARTING 2-5-2020

Join Bonnie Krubsack as she inspires and leads
with resources from Suzie Larson,
The next study will kick off Feb. 5, 2020.

Meets in the library

Wednesdays at 9:00 am



**Riverview Neighborhood
Association**

2020 Monthly Meetings
3rd Thursday of the Month
February 20 * 6:30-7:30 pm
**Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church**



DARTBALL

Mondays: 7:00 PM

Games are played here at
GSLC and Wausau area churches.

Check out the game schedule on the
February calendar (page 11).

This is a time of the year when most of us are less active and find it difficult to maintain a healthy weight. One way to achieve healthy successful weight loss is to make small behavioral changes. The “200 plan” is a simple plan in which you make small changes in diet and exercise to decrease daily calories. You eat 100 less calories a day and add 20 to 30 minutes of exercise to your regular routine. 100 calories is equivalent to a slice of bread or a small cookie. It is a simple change in diet that is easy to do. The second 100 calories comes from exercise and can be as easy as walking. You can even break it up into 10 minute segments to fit into your daily schedule. The 200 plan can help you lose up to 20 pounds in a year. This plan is evidence based so your effort should yield results. Even a small weight lost can make you feel better. A 1 pound loss of weight from your mid-section removes 7 pounds of weight stress from your knees. A small loss of weight can have significant health benefits.



*Your Parish Nurses,
Barb & Mary*

“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul,”

3 John 1:2. ESV

PARISH NURSE HOURS

Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm

Take advantage of scheduled Parish Nurse hours. Barb Denfeld is set up in the front office. She is welcoming walk-ins as well as receiving phone calls or responses to email requests.

715-675-1997 or nurse@gswausau.org

930 EDGEWOOD RD
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angie@gswausau.org
www.gswausau.org

WORSHIP HOURS

Sundays
8:00 am & 10:30 am
Education Hour: 9:15 am

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

PARISH NURSE HRS

Wednesdays: 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, M-F

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council meeting minutes
Dec 10, 2019

Call to Order – 6:33 pm

Present: Pastor Kemp, Dorie, Tim, Mike, Heidi, M. J., Cory, Brad, Paul

Gathering Litany – Pastor Kemp

God's Word

Devotional time – Tim (Spiritual practice prepares us for Christian action, even on mountaintops. God provides the rest, sometimes in surprising ways. God is sometimes our hunting guide.)

Sharing how you have seen God at work lately – ALL

Review

Agenda review - Cory / M.J. PASSED

Minutes review – Mike / Heidi amended PASSED

Treasurer / Financial Report (October contributions and November contributions are both significantly below expectations. Despite holding expenses ~\$20k below budget ytd, our shortfall is >\$35k. Reserves are dwindling.) – Mike / Cory PASSED

Our Response to the Word (old business / open items)

Budget Update - 108 households provided pledges of giving for 2020. The budget will be revisited in Jan. prior to our Annual Meeting. Cory / Mike PASSED

Kartika's Permanent Residency process – continuing in process

Council Positions 2020 – Two members are in discussion as candidates. Two to be asked this week. One considering candidacy in one year.

Stewardship for All Seasons Update – 108 households have proffered pledges. Net increase stands at \$12,000, well below \$49,000 goal.

'Thank You' letters in process. Second year outreach will begin in January. We must effectively communicate the value and urgency.

Church Management Software/E-giving Update – Our current systems do not mesh well with our accounting system, and are not 'user friendly' for either contributors or staff. Our current system sometimes necessitates forensic bookkeeping at a cost exceeding the dollar amounts of error. The cost of automated counting systems compares favorably versus the cost of error correction and could replace PowerChurch software which is a current expense.

New Business

Alternative to Financial Secretary / Faith Formation position? – Short term; out information systems consultant will do revenue bookkeeping, but a lower cost solution is sought. Automated income software systems can reduce staff time and expenses.

Tabled

Constitution (in process)

Financial Secretary / Faith Formation position(s) (awaiting pledge results)

Action Items:

Brainstorm radical cost cutting ideas. Brainstorm stewardship ideas.

Council members will independently research church management systems (Breeze, Pushpay, Tith.ly...)

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending

(motion to adjourn) Tim / Cory PASSED Adjournment 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Grewe, GSLC Secretary





* FEBRUARY 2020 * WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *

	2-Feb		9-Feb		16-Feb		23-Feb		1-Mar	
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ACOLYTE	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer	volunteer
ALTAR GUILD	MONTH OF FEBRUARY: 8:00 MINDY SCHUETTE / 10:30 VOLUNTEERS									
BREAD BAKER	K TOTH									
ASSISTING MINISTER	TIM HOLCOMB		JANET HERRING		PAUL GREWE		TIM LOGEMANN		GERI LUER	
HOSPITALITY HOUR	TBD		CORY TOTH		JACKIE MAJEWSKI		MJ HORVAT			
COUNTING TEAM	MONTH OF FEBRUARY: TEAM 1									
GREETER (1)	BOBBIE SALZMANN	KAREN MAIER	K TOTH	PLEUSS FAMILY	JOANNE BAEMANN	JOYCE NICK	ELAINE KLOCKZIEM/ KEN LEMONS	KAMRATH FAMILY	JENN TRYBA	HELEN VANCE
GREETER (2)	JENN TRYBA	JOYCE NICK	STUMPNER FAMILY	BONNIE ANDERSON	MATTICE FAMILY	HELEN VANCE	JEAN KORPELA	KAREN MAIER	BOBBIE SALZMANN	BONNIE ANDERSON
READER	RUTH HENKELMAN	DIA ARPON	JUDIE URBANEK	JOANNE GREWE	ROBIN MUELLER	THERESA BOOTZ	KRIS KAMRATH	MICHELLE ELLENBECKER	DIANE PETERSON	STU KRAUSE
USHERS	TEAM 1	TEAM 7	TEAM 2	TEAM 8	TEAM 3	TEAM 9	TEAM 4	TEAM 10	TEAM 1	TEAM 7

FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM 2020 Annual Mtg of 2019 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:25 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM AGO Concert @ St. Peter (frmr Salem)	27 Dartball: Home 6:00 PM Uke Practice: BEG 7:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Uke Practice: ADV	28 8:30 AM LWR Quilters 10:30 AM Bell Practice 12:00 PM Lunch n Lessons	29 9:00 AM Women's AA 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Parish Nurse Hours 5:00 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Midweek Worship 6:00 PM Midweek Meal 6:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	30	31	1
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MUSIC AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY MUSIC SCHEDULE

beginning January 8

MONDAY

6:00—Beginning Ukulele Class

7:00—Advanced Ukulele Choir

TUESDAY

10:30—Handbell Choir

5:30—Shepherd Staff (Feb 11 & 18)

WEDNESDAY

6:30—Children's choir

7:30—Adult Choir

RIVERVIEW TERRACE

SING-ALONG

Next visit:

MONDAY, FEB 17 AT 2 PM

PASSION SUNDAY CANTATA

Last year, we experienced a moving and meaningful musical reflection on Palm Sunday as musicians and as a congregation. Through our time together during our read through session, rehearsals, and musical offerings, we also experience *community* as we unite and present our gifts together as instrumentalists, singers, and readers. We'd like to invite the greater congregation to experience this again so...

We are doing another Cantata this year!

If you are curious, interested, have questions, would like to try it out at least once, you are cordially invited to attend our **read-through session** on **Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30pm.**

You do not have to commit at this time, simply come and give it a chance!

LOVE IS AROUND THE CORNER

This year, our strummers are going to spread some love around town with Valentine's month singalongs. Stay tuned for where we will be and let Kartika know if you would like to participate in this (singers are welcome, too!)

SAVE THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S ECUMENICAL LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS

At First United Methodist Church (903 3rd St., Wausau, WI 54403)

March 6 - Kartika Putri

March 13 - Mark Schroeder

March 20 - Irene Beethe

March 27 - Susan Schaefer

April 3 - Patrick Burkhart and Dr. James Holt