



News of the Flock



From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What would you like revealed to you in the New Year? We may have a desire to know what is going to happen in the future but the usual pattern of receiving a revelation is the reverse. We identify what we heard or learned minute or longer ago and say we had an "Epiphany." That is the name for the current church season which comes from a Greek verb that means "to reveal". So it is "Epiphany" the season of revelation.

You probably know that during the church year the Scriptures that are appointed to be read reveal significant facts about Jesus Christ. For this year the Gospel Readings that follow the Feast of Epiphany on January 6 are taken from the first chapter of Mark. In that chapter, the prophet sent to prepare the way of the Lord, announces, "After me comes he who is mightier than I." John baptizes with a washing of repentance those who realize all including themselves are too sinful to meet the mighty one without being cleansed of sin. Jesus came to John and was baptized. On that occasion a voice from heaven speaking about Jesus said, "You are my beloved Son". Shortly afterwards Jesus began His ministry, "proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying,

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" Revelations continue about Jesus as the chapter unfolds, in each weekly reading.

During the closing days of the "Epiphany" season a day that is known as Valentine's Day occurs. That day is an opportunity to show someone you love how you feel. When someone is special, you may want to know as much as you can about him or her. The Son of God loves us. We are special to Him and He has shown that in His giving of His life to save us. The days leading up to His sacrifice are the focus during Lent, the season of the church year that follows the Epiphany season.

Let me ask again, what would you like revealed to you in the New Year? Could it be that you would like to know more about Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Pastor John Kolb
Intentional
Interim Pastor



*Happy
Valentine's
Day
February 14*

*Ash Wednesday
Service
February 22,
2012
7:30 p.m.*



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Special points of interest:

- PEP Group, Thursday, February 2, 11:00 am
- Valentine's Day is Monday, February 14
- Valentine Dinner, Saturday, February 18
- Ash Wednesday, February 22, Worship Service at 7:30 p.m.



Church Council Highlights

(The minutes of the Church Council are posted on the bulletin boards.)

The Church Council met on January 11, 2012 with 9 Council members, outgoing officers and Pastor Kolb were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Hill and Pastor Kolb presented a scripture reading and a prayer.

Chris Johnson made a motion to install Kevin Weber as Stewardship Chairman. Randy Powers seconded. Motion carried.

The Financial Secretary report states receipts of \$20,135.52 for December. The individual offering statements will be available by the end of January.

The Treasurer's report had expenses for December of \$12,137.52 with expenses for the year of \$153,536.28 and income of \$155,978.56.

Stewardship report stated that the YTD

offerings for 2011 were down 4.0% compared to 2010.

Pastor reported the average attendance for December was 74. Pastor Kolb is officially our Intentional Interim Pastor until we call a new pastor.

Paul Cox gave his last report as Trustee Chairman. Water sample Report came back fine for the last quarter of 2011. Trash pick up increased to \$25.00 a month. Orkin is taking care of pest control now. We still need someone to fill the position of Trustee Chairman.

Board of Deacons Chairman, Randy Powers, reported the Deacons are going to try a different attendance record each Sunday. They hope this will better help them as to what members are ill or have other concerns. A committee is being formed to determine the direction of GSLC during this time of transition.

Doug Stahl, Vice President, stated he will have a copy of the Revised By-Laws for the next Council meeting.

Linda Haddock was absent but sent a report. Sunday School has returned to their studies from the Fall. Board of Education meeting on January 29. March Council meeting will be on March 21 due to the Mid-Lenten Service on the 14th. Larry to check with the Blood Center for dates for a Blood Drive in March. Motion made and accepted for non-members of GSLC but members of LCMS to use our church for weddings after speaking with Deacons & Pastor. If they approve a set scale of fees will apply. Pastor Kolb is thankful and appreciative to work with a team to guide our congregation on our way to move forward. Doing and reaching out so God can bless our efforts and move forward.

Congratulations

Thank You

Valentine's Dinner

February 18, 2012

LaTrattoria's

Greenwood

5:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Kent and Rose Krimmel on the birth of a great granddaughter, Isabela Marie, born January 18th, 6 lbs. 14 ozs. 19 1/2 inches.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards through my surgery and recovery. All is going well and your care has been comforting.

Thank you,
Barb Miller



From the Deacons

Banners & Flowers

The New Year has just started and already February is here. This year the Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Easter Sunday is April 8.

At this time of the Church Year we have the opportunity to reflect more on our spiritual lives.

This year, all of us should attempt to improve our prayer lives, as we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We should use this opportunity to become better Christians, better members of our Church, and better family members, and better friends and neighbors.

As we seek God's guidance for ourselves, let us also lend our help to each other to make Good Shepherd a spiritually growing Christian community.

In Christ, The Board of Deacons

Anyone with an idea for new banners or would like to work on making banners for GSLC, please contact Donna Jones or Marie Stahl at the church or call. Donna Jones 878-4712—Marie Stahl 736-7057. We are always looking for new ideas or workers for God's house.

The flower chart is posted on the south bulletin board for the 1st quarter of 2012. Our lily chart will be out by Ash Wednesday February 22. Thanks, Donna Jones and Marie Stahl—Flowers & Banners

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd (LWGS)

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd (LWGS) met in January to set up the calendar of events for 2012. The following are a few events you may want to mark on your calendar—our **Ladies Night Out** is going to Shelbyville to Panzarotti's Café on Thursday, April 19th and will include the big reveal of our secret prayer partners; a **salad supper with a mission speaker & mite dedication** on Tuesday June 12th; **Craft night** in August on Tuesday, the 21st; and another event to be determined in October. Please watch bulletins & newsletters for more info on each of these events.

We will once again host preparation of the care packages to the college students & military personnel; and help organize the soup supper & church decorating in November. Our third annual **Advent by Candlelight** will be held Monday, De-

ember 3rd.

For fundraising we will once again provide meals to precincts in May & November, host a booth at Franklin Fest the first weekend in October and sell nuts & snacks from Uncle Al's Pecans late October. We will hold the annual fund collection for Concordia Theological Seminary this summer which provides perishable food items for the students and their families. We will also hold the annual diaper drive for Care-Net in November. We voted to send Care-Net \$200 now for their work with unwed mothers and are looking for other missions we can support this year. Please share any ideas you have with any board member of LWGS. You are encouraged to join us at these events and the planning meetings— together we can serve our Savior by sharing His love and fulfilling His mission for us in our community and beyond.

Lastly, thank you to those faithful women who are serving on the board this year:

- Anne Hartman — President
- Shirley Marten — Vice President
- Rose Krimmel — Secretary
- Gerda Martin — Treasurer,
Cards & Napkins
- Barb Miller — Mission Service
- Sharon Peters — Christian Outreach
including Care & Share
- Amy Houck — Christian Growth
- Donna Jones — Member Development
- Ginny Hill — Kitchen

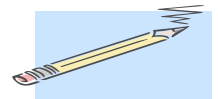


Larry's notes ~~

First of all, I would like to thank Kevin Weber for stepping up and volunteering to fill the position of Stewardship Chairman. As you know this position and the Trustee did not have a person standing for election at the annual voters' meeting. The year ended financially this way: Checkbook balance January 1, 2011 \$962.39. during the year I had Rose transfer \$5,000 from one of our savings to the checking for a cushion (we have automatic withdrawals for some of our bills) the checkbook balance on December 31, 2011 was \$8,422.69. This blessing is best summed up in a mes-

sage Anne Hartman, Financial Secretary, sent out to Council members: "God is so good in giving us what we need and I thank & Praise Him for his Faithfulness. May He continue to bless all that we do for Him in 2012!" Thanks Anne. We have several opportunities to serve this year. An example, Randy Powers is assembling a group that will address those items we need to complete for the Intentional Interim Ministry phase we are in now. Your input is needed and welcome on new programs or activities you would like started or changes to our ongoing programs. I get

outside requests for various activities (some on too short of notice) that we as a congregation could support. I will try to get these out to you and see if we want to pursue any of them. On the constitution and by-laws revisions that were passed the by-law changes are in effect and will be posted for your review soon, along with the constitution changes that require another voter's assembly. Look on the bulletin boards for those.



Camp Lakeview

Camp Lakeview (near Seymour, IN) is currently registering campers, grades K-12, for its 2012 summer season. What a great place to have fun and learn about God at the same time! To get more information and a registration form, pick up a summer brochure on the table by the kitchen. Call the camp's office at 812-342-4815 or visit the website at www.camplakeview.com. Registration forms must be postmarked on or after February 1st. Last year, many programs were filled quickly.

Care & Concern

In Sympathy: Good Shepherd extends its sympathy and prayers to Deb Pahl on the death of her sister and Shirley Marten on the death of her mother.



Remember in Our Prayers: Shirley Marten with chemo treatments, Betty Cox on recovering from surgery and chemo treatments.

PEP

The PEP group will meet Thursday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the church for a topic and discussion. After our discussion we will go out to lunch at Chili's..



All 50+ men and women are invited to join the group.

Come join us for fellowship, good food and fun with others from GSLC.

See you there.



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Officers for 2012

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Rose Krimmel, Treasurer
Anne Hartman, Financial Secretary
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Randy Powers, Board of Deacons
Kevin Weber, Board of Stewardship
Linda Haddock, Board of Education
Carla Cole, Board of Missions
Chris Johnson, Member at Large
Rebekah, Member at Large

Deacons

Randy Powers, Chairman; Don Haddock;
Brent Nolting; Mike Peters
Patrick Haugh, Chris Johnson

Good Shepherd thanks all officers for their dedication and welcomes all the members. We pray God's blessings on all Council members as they serve GSLC.

Board of Education

Sunday School Classes:

Thanks to the teachers, parents, choir and everyone who helped and came to the Children's Christmas Program.

The **Sunday School** classes will return to their studies of Genesis and Acts they were studying in the Fall. The **Adult Class** is studying Revelation. The **Women's Bible study** group is starting a study on Hebrews.

Beginnings: Michelle Coner sends periodic information and Biblical stories, pictures and songs to our youngest members from birth thru age 3.



Children's Church: Lessons and activities based on

the Gospel lesson are provided on non-Communion Sundays during the church service. Angela Coy or Linda Haddock teach children's church. Michelle Coner helps them by assisting.

Men's Bible Study: The men's group will begin meeting soon. Contact Don Haddock (738-2432) if interested.

The next **Board of Education meeting** is scheduled for January 29 following the worship service. All board members please try and attend.

Vacation Bible School: The first VBS meeting will be after the worship service on February 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Coy at 317-346-0930 or by email acoy@s-a-cpa.com.

Linda Haddock,
Board of Christian Education

Sunday School classes offer learning opportunities. opportunities.