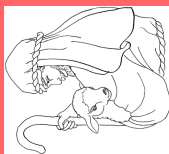




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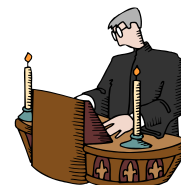
From the Pastor

I read an interesting story and thought I would share it here because I see a connection between it and the upcoming Lenten season. Several years ago, the St. Charles Avenue Christian Church in New Orleans, which is affiliated with the Disciples of Christ denomination, had a serious fire in the sanctuary. In the pre-dawn darkness after the fire was extinguished the assistant fire chief, a Roman Catholic, wandered into the church to inspect the damage to the ceiling. Looking upward with his flashlight he failed to notice where he was stepping. Suddenly he tripped over something on the floor and fell into the church's baptistry. Ironically it was filled with water from the fire hoses. Pulling himself out, the assistant fire chief stumbled and sputtered into the street. He noticed the fire department chaplain coming by and he asked, "Father, who are those people in there?" The chaplain replied, "They're the Disciples of Christ." The chief, still soaked from his plunge into the baptistry, responded, "Well Father, I don't know anything about them but it looks like I'm one of them

now."

On Ash Wednesday, we will have a similar thing that will make us look alike. We will have the sign of the cross on our foreheads. For those of us who were baptized as infants, the sign of the cross was made on our foreheads and hearts. Ash Wednesday is a reminder of our baptismal cross on our foreheads. Ash Wednesday also reminds us that we came from ashes and we will return to be ashes. That might seem morbid at first, but the ashes are in the sign of the cross. That reminds us that because Jesus died on the cross, the grave is not the end. Ash Wednesday begins the time of year when we begin that final journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and His victorious resurrection on Easter morning.

Pastor Daene



Lent begins February 14, 2018
Ash Wednesday Service—7:30 p.m.



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RUNGE

Commonwealth Engineers Inc. Indianapolis promoted a staff member to its associate program.

Rachel Runge, joined Commonwealth Engineers in 2010 after earning a degree in civil engineering from Purdue University.

She is a project engineer who spearheads the planning, design and construction engineering of potable water and wastewater projects.

Church Council Highlights ~~

GSLC Church Council met on January 10 at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were Chris Johnson, Mike Peters, Susan Sego, Anne Hartman, Angela Coy, Johannah Pollert, Pastor Daene, Gerda Martin, Paul Cox, Kent Krimmel, Kevin Weber, Randy Powers. Absent were Heidi Baca, Jeff Hawkins, Amy Houck and Joyce Bauman.

Chris Johnson, President asked Pastor to open the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes were reviewed from the November meeting and approved.

Financial Report was reviewed, as Joyce was absent with the flu, offerings for December were \$33,034.28.

Anne Hartman, gave the Treasurer's report for December. Expenses were \$14,819.31. Mortgage balance is \$190,102.72.

Pastor reported the average attendance for December was 78. He had 12 church services; 2 Church meetings; 2 Confirmation

classes; 8 Bible studies; 1 Shut-in visit; 3 non-member visits; 5 Hospital visits; and 3 member visits from Christmas Around the World. The Youth will be going to the Winter Jam concert on February 10.

Paul Cox reported he keeps a check on the water softener and chlorination system. He has changed furnace filters that were due and cleaned out the gutters. Orkin, pest control, came and did a complete pest treatment of the church. Tom Pfaehler will continue to do the snow removal.

Fellowship—Special Events reported that the total expenses for the year 2017 were \$477.91.

No other reports.

Old Business: Things we will continue with in 2018—(1) Get the steeple painted; and (2) Soundproofing Fellowship Hall.

New Business: Still need a Council Secretary and a Stewardship Chairman.

A discussion ensued regarding "What Stewardship Is?" An article will be written for the newsletter.

We would like to get a Church Directory completed this year. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help, let Rose know. Then we will have a meeting and get started.

Angela Coy, Treasurer, asked the Council for check signers besides herself. By-laws say we have to have two signers for each check. Three names were added to the list.

February and March Council Meetings will be on the second Sunday of the month after worship service as we will be having Lent services on Wednesday evenings those months. That will be February 11 and March 11 at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was closed with the saying of The Lord's Prayer.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~ LWGS

FFD

Hello Ladies,

LWGS did not meet on January 8 due to the weather and illness. Our next meeting will be February 12 at 11:00 a.m. We will have installation of officers and plan for 2018.

All ladies are invited to attend our meetings.

If you have some ideas of things we could get involved in, please bring them to the meeting. If you cannot attend, give your ideas to Amy, Gerda, Rose, Ginny, Shelley, or Barb. We need more ladies to get involved with our ladies society.

Lent begins on February 14 this year. We are going to have our Soup and Sandwich Suppers at 6:30 p.m. before our worship service. These suppers are "bring whatever you would like to share with others". We do try to make sure we have at least two soups per week. They have worked out very well with 15—30 people attending. If you haven't been; give it a try. Everyone is welcome.



Family Fun Day—Pitch In

Entre' from Johnny Carino's and drinks provided by the church. Just bring a vegetable or dessert to share.

We want everyone to stay after eating to participate in the festivities. Plan now to be here for a while longer and enjoy



Care & Concern



Remember in your

prayers: Gene Coy, strength & healing; Jack Delaney, strength & comfort; Stefka Haddock, strength & healing; Joyce Bauman, strength & healing; Jim Jones, healing, strength, and comfort; Rev. Cynova, healing & strength; Joseph Wurster, strength & healing; Sandra Weddle, strength & healing; Mildred Melvin, healing, strength & comfort; Zachary Long, strength, healing & com-

fort; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Jim Alexander, cancer; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlise, healing and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength & comfort; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of the Powers family, strength & healing;

Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gerig disease.

***** If you placed any of these people on the prayer list, please check as to their status and let the office know their update. We would like to keep the information as current as possible. Thank you.



February Family Fun Party



Hello to February,

Last year we gave you a survey asking how you felt about last year's Valentine Party. Thank you for responding and your kind words about the party.

Using your thoughts from the survey, we decided to try to meet some of your suggestions.

This February Party will be a little different. We're calling it February Family Fun, not a Valentine Party.

It will be Sunday, February 25—Pitch-In Sunday—immediately after the church service, in Fellowship Hall. The whole family is included just like all Pitch-Ins. The meat will be catered by Johnny Carino's. There is No Fee for the meal. We only ask the families to bring a dish of vegetables, salad or dessert, just like our regular Pitch-Ins.

We will have activities for Adults and Children. We really need for everyone to stay after the meal to make the February

Family Fun Party—fun.

Please plan ahead and save Sunday, February 25 for February Family Fun at Good Shepherd

Fellowship Special Events,
Amy Houck & Gerda Martin

Entree' provided by ~



Lent Schedule

Soup & Sandwich Suppers will be at 6:30 p.m. and Lenten Services will be at 7:30 p.m. during Lent.

February 14

February 21

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21

Palm Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 1, 7:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast, April 1, 8:00 a.m.



Missions

The Missions Committee held their first meeting of the year on January 21, 2018 after worship service. There were three (3) people in attendance.

Elaine Powers reported on the Christmas Angel Tree program held in December. A Thank-you note from United Way was sent on behalf of the two families assigned to Good Shepherd, thanking the congregation for their generous donations of gifts for the six children in need.

We continue to support the Interchurch Food Pantry with donations every other month. Currently, for the month of January, we are

asking for donations of breakfast cereal and crackers.

A discussion ensued regarding the Orphan Grain Train in Jonesville, IN. A different approach to assisting this worthy cause was the topic. Thoughts of organizing a clothing drive twice a year in the spring and fall was the focus. It was agreed upon to hold the first clothing drive in the month of April. More information will be announced in upcoming bulletins and the Church Newsletters.

Missions is also looking to schedule another Band Concert in the month of April. Stay

tuned for more information!

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 18, after worship. Please join us! We welcome all members to join our committee and bring ideas to help serve the church and our community.

Sharon Peters/Susan Sego, Co-Chairmen

Missions



What is Stewardship?

It is managing God's blessings. We're His *stewards*—His managers. God commands us to be *stewards* over everything He blesses us with. Everything. That means our time, talents, treasure, relationships, jobs and, yes, stuff.

For some reason, we have a hard time at Good Shepherd to be able to have anyone who is willing to be a Stewardship Chairman. The only reason I can think of; is, we associate Stewardship with only asking for money and we don't

want to be that person telling you, you need to give more money to the church. We don't want to be the person that people avoid because they think you are going to ask for money.

Stewardship is so much more. As I said at the beginning, it is over everything God blesses us with. Time—you have time to do what you want, when you want; so, can't you spend a little time on doing something for your church. Everyone has a talent for something, what

are you good at that you could adapt to be doing something for your church? The list goes on and on with treasures, relationships, jobs and etc. Spend some time thinking about what you could contribute in some way to your church. It doesn't have to be hours and hours. It can be something simple like dusting a couple of rooms, polishing the furniture in a room, cleaning the coffee area in the adult classroom, run the sweeper in an area. Organize things. Think about what you can do.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Virginia Pollert, Brayden Hicks
2/2 Hunter Poe, Cora Cole
2/3 Kayla Fechtman, Linda Cynova
2/5 Jonathan Stahl, Brian Powers,
Philip Beasley
2/8 Elliana Cole
2/15 Karen Muth
2/16 Doug Hacker, Carla Cole
2/17 Jim Jones
2/18 Lori Black, Christian Curry,
T.J. Vculek
2/19 Sharon Peters, Clint Morris
2/20 Elaine Powers
2/22 Thana Carlisle, Sharon Nolting,
Rev. Greg Cynova
2/23 Jeff Hawkins
2/24 Amber Chance
2/25 Andrew Jones
2/28 Janet Riddle, Reese Cole



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/2 Brian & Michelle Walker
2/4 Jeff & Kathy Hawkins
2/5 Jeff & Carla Cole
2/9 Bill & Cecelia Campbell
2/14 Richard & Connie DeWitt

[Please contact the church office (736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]

Try using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will truly be blessed.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Chris Johnson, President
Kent Krimmel, Vice President
, Secretary
Angela Coy, Treasurer
Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary
Mike Peters, Board of Trustees
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, Board of Stewardship
Heidi Baca, Board of Christian Education
Sharon Peters & Susan Sego, Board of Missions
Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
Jeff Hawkins, Member at Large
Randy Powers, Member at Large

DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
Brad Coy 317-346-0930
Derek Runge 309-258-0603

PRAYER CHAIN

**“The prayer of a righteous person
is powerful and effective.”
(James 5:13-16)**

**“Devote yourselves to prayer.”
(Colossians 4:2)**

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Barb Miller at 317-412-5912 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

PRAYER REQUEST: We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. You may choose if your prayer request goes to the pastor only, or to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to www.gslefranklin.org and hit the **Prayer Request** button.