



From the Pastor

Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Martin Luther once said that the Bible is the manger where the Christ child is laid. As we head into the Christmas season in December, we see the coming together of the Old Testament events and promises of the Savior. In the Garden of Eden, God had told Adam and Eve that a Savior would be born who would crush Satan. In that very first promise, we see what Jesus was to accomplish. By crushing Satan, we would be free of his grasp and free from sin’s power. Later with Noah, we would see God save just eight people from the sins which grieved God’s heart that He had made man. Saving them from the cleansing flood would not save them for their sins. The promise of that Savior was given to Abraham and Sarah that

they would be a blessing to the world. That blessing would be the greatest blessing of all---the Savior. As the prophets came and preached the Word of God to the people, the prophesies of the coming Savior would become more refined. The prophet Micah would tell the people the name of the village the Savior would be born in. It seemed as all of history was rushing to this one event.

Maybe it is because I still have two children in school, but when the slower days of summer give way to the early Fall, it seems as if everything begins to pick up and move quickly. In the church, various groups begin to meet again, and the church is abuzz with Fall events. We come roaring into December with everything coming to halt at that manger scene. While we see the Christ child, we are mostly seeing the salvation of the world, including us, in that manger.

Pastor Daene



Busy December

Voter’s Meeting
December 9, 2018
after the worship service

Children’s Christmas Program
December 16, 2018
during church service

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Special points of interest:

- *Advent Services 5, 12, 19 at 7 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Suppers at 6:00 p.m.*
- *Voter’s Assembly Meeting, December 9th*
- *Advent by Candlelight, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.*
- *Children’s Christmas Program, December 16th*
- *Christmas Eve Services, December 24 at 7 & 11 p.m.*

Church Council Highlights ~~

GSLC Church Council met on November 11, 2018 after the worship service. Those present were: Chris Johnson, Angela Coy, Kevin Weber, Larry Hill, Johannah Pollert, Heidi Baca, Pastor Daene, Amy Houck, Jeff Hawkins, Gerda Martin, Joyce Bauman, Randy Powers and Kent Krimmel. Those absent were Mike Peters, Sharon Peters, and Susan Sego.

Chris opened the meeting and asked Pastor to say a prayer. Chris then did Roll Call.

The minutes were presented and accepted with one correction (changing the Stewardship budget to \$200).

Angela Coy, Treasurer stated we were running short on available cash to pay bills. She requested that Council approve a transfer from our Stewardship account to the checking account in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover them. Council approved.

Randy Powers reported that the 50th Anni-

versary Committee asked about the model of the church from long ago. They would like to display it at the 50th Anniversary in February. He said he knew where it was and would take care of getting it.

Unfinished business: The 50th Anniversary committee had a meeting coming up to decide on a Caterer, Invitations, and table decorations.

Chris is in charge of clearing space for the swing set and getting it set up. Council thanked Angela for letting us know it was available and Heidi for getting us involved getting it.

The guys have been working on the clean up outside under the pine trees and the landscaping. They will continue to work, weather permitting.

Kent reported he had someone lined up for all the open Council positions except one. We still need someone for Financial

Secretary. Anyone interested, please contact Kent.

Council went over the budgets for 2019 and did some adjusting. The 2019 Budget will be presented at the Voter's Meeting on December 9, 2018 after our worship service.

Next Council Meeting will be January 13, 2019.



Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~ LWGS

A sincere Thank You for helping to make our fundraiser of Terri Lynn nuts and candies a success.

We will be able to continue our mission projects and helping Good Shepherd's needs.

We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and upcoming Christmas celebrations using Terri Lynn items.

LWGS is having Advent by Candlelight for the ladies of the church and their guests on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. with desserts and

entertainment. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a guest if you like.

We will have our first meeting in 2019 on January 14 with officers being installed so please attend. The meeting is at 11:00 in the church kitchen. If you have any suggestions or would like to be an officer, please let Amy or Gerda know.

LWGS wishes everyone of Good Shepherd a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Care & Concern



Remember in your Prayers:

Gerda Martin, light stroke; Jerry & Barb Miller, health issues; Curt Maddox, surgery; Julie Maddox, hip surgery; Bobbie Jo Epperson, cancer; Rev. Gregory Cynova, cancer; Cindy Tinker, cancer; Ruth Julian, health issues; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle,

strength; Bill Cummings, strength & healing; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Lodema 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 Gehrig disease.

**** If you have placed any of these people on the prayer list, please check on their

status and let the office know their update. We would like to keep the information as current as possible. Thank you.



50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary Committee meets again on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. at church. We are seeking cake contacts or even a willing church member to provide a beautiful cake for our celebration on February 24, 2019. If no names or volunteers known, we understand that Walmart, Costco, or Sam's Club could be sourced. Furthermore, we have penciled June 23rd in the church calendar for our Summer Anniversary Celebration. This will be a less formal picnic style event that caters to unveiling a memorial brick project the committee has been working on very diligently. More details forthcoming soon.



Advent By Candlelight

Advent is the time of thoughtful preparation of our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It should be a time of calm and great joyful anticipation: Our Savior is coming!

This year LWGS has made changes in our Advent by Candlelight. We've planned a more calm, stress free, and thoughtful evening. Hopefully more ladies will enjoy the simplicity.

LWGS will provide decorations for all tables. Please invite your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends, neighbors, and etc. and reserve a table. We ask that the hostesses bring a dessert to share. All desserts will be plated and be on the dessert table for all ladies to choose a dessert. If you come alone and not a guest, please bring a dessert to share.

LWGS will provide coffee, tea, punch nuts, plates, cups, silverware and can-

dles.

As you can see, we've eliminated the stress of the evening. We can be relaxed and really be mindful of what Advent is.

It will be on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



Christmas Angels

We are blessed to have two (2) Christmas Angel families to assist this year with Christmas gifts. Please take "gift suggestion ornaments" from the tree in the Narthex. Then purchase the gifts appropriate for the child and place the unwrapped gift with the ornament attached in the Christmas box by the tree by December 14th.

Gifts will be wrapped on December 14th.



*Have a Blessed Christmas and
New Year.*

*Pastor Daene, Rose and the
Church Council*

Thank You

Thank you for remembering me in your prayers, cards, phone calls and at church. My goal is to return home and drive. My right eye is improving and hopefully I'll be driving again soon.

Gratefully, Gerda



Extra Services Scheduled

Advent Mid-Week—One Service
December 5, 2018—7:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Supper—6:00 p.m.

Advent Mid-Week—Two Service
December 12, 2018—7:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Supper—6:00 p.m.

Advent Mid-Week—Three Service
December 20, 2018—7:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Supper—6:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2018—7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2018—11:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service
December 31, 2018—7:00 p.m.



VICE PRESIDENT—The Vice President shall: (1) Represent the President when the latter is unable to perform his duties and, furthermore, should the office of the President be vacated for any reason, the Vice President will assume the office of the President, until the next Voter's Assembly meeting; (2) Serve as parliamentarian at all meetings of the Church Council and Voter's Assembly; (3) Make an annual report to the Voter's Assembly of his activities.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—The Financial Secretary shall: (1) Record the contributions of the giving units of the congregation; (2) Supervise the counting of the contributions and cause them to be deposited in a designated bank; (3) Issue an annual statement of contributions to the giving units of the congregations; (4) Order, prepare, and distribute the offering envelopes; (5) Serve as a member of the Board of Stewardship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIRMAN—The Board shall consist of the Chairman and four (or more) members. They shall: (a) Foster spiritual growth in and through the congregation; (b) Set up adequate objectives for every age level, agency and organization, embracing training in Christian knowledge, attitudes, and skills, such as use of the Bible, witnessing, prayer, giving, and Christian family living; (c) Provide an adequate amount of learning opportunities for such objectives to be utilized at all age levels; (d) Select curricula so that the objectives for each agency and age level can be carried out in a Christian and God-pleasing manner; (e) Establish and maintain a church library; (f) Organize and conduct a summer education program; (g) Encourage individuals of all ages to utilize the church's education programs; (h) Select responsible personnel and provide them with the proper training necessary in order to equip them for their assigned duties; (i) Give attention to enrollment and attendance of pupils as well as to their personal development and growth; (j) Constantly be seeking new ways to involve more people in these programs and keep those already involved interested; (k) Subdivide and assign responsibilities to individuals or committees in order to facilitate proper consideration; (l) Delegate the administration of all educational agencies and work to board members or qualified persons (subject to the approval of the Church Council); (m) Deposit all contributions and funds through the Financial Secretary and; (n) Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by that Board.

MISSIONS CHAIRMAN—The Board shall consist of the Chairman and four (or more) members. They shall: (a) Assist the Pastor in the entire program of proclaiming the Gospel to all people; (b) Plan, promote, and carry out an evangelism program in the congregation and in the community, i.e., planning and supervising surveys, maintaining evangelism files, and enlisting assistance in visiting prospective members of the church; (c) Assist the Pastor in training the laity to bring the unchurched to the Pastor's instruction class; (d) Be concerned with the reception, orientation, and integration of new members into the congregational programs and review their progress (e) Recommend ways to incorporate evangelism into all aspects of the church's programs; (f) Endeavor to publicize the Gospel and the activities of the congregation by the various modern methods available; (g) Call to the attention of the congregation the welfare agencies and efforts being conducted by the church and hereby solicit support for them; (h) Report on the social needs of the community and solicit the congregation's cooperation with other agencies in the community endeavoring to help meet their needs; and (i) Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by that Board.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP—SPECIAL EVENTS: Shall consist of a chairman and the members of the Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd. The events consist of, but are not limited to: (a) Farewell Dinners;; (b) Installation Receptions; (c) Welcome Dinners; (d) Anniversary Reception/Dinner; (e) Valentine Sweetheart Dinner (f) Easter Breakfast; (g) Confirmation Reception; (h) Graduation Reception (i) Stewardship Dinner; (j) Community Band Performance Reception; (k) Soup & Sandwich Suppers before Lent, Advent and Christmas Decorating.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Shall assist the Church Council as directed.

Carefully consider filling one of these positions. Term is for two years. See Kent Krimmel with any questions or if you want to be put on the ballot.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2018
11:00 a.m.
(after the worship service)
Please plan on attending.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Helen Rinehart
 12/4 Kevin Stahl
 12/5 Kent Krimmel
 12/8 Deanna Lawyer, Norah Poe
 12/11 Tom Pahl, Kyra Riddle, James Meredith
 12/13 Patrick Hacker
 12/15 Lynette Cooper
 12/17 Debbie Bechman
 12/18 Wendell Maze, Cody Watson
 12/20 Bill Wells
 12/22 Debbie Nichols, Danielle Dale
 12/23 Linda Unsworth
 12/24 Jason Martin
 12/25 Elizabeth Little
 12/28 Deanna Poe
 12/30 Paul Cox



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Tim & Dr. Debra Holmes

[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 be truly blessed.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH **OFFICERS FOR 2018**

Chris Johnson , President
 Kent Krimmel, Vice President
 Johannah Pollert, Secretary
 Angela Coy, Treasurer
 Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary
 Mike Peters, Board of Trustees
 Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
 Larry Hill, Board of Stewardship
 Heidi Baca, Board of 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 now have a Prayer Request button on the church website. Your Prayer request goes to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer. Let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to www.gslcfrankln.org and hit the Prayer Request button.