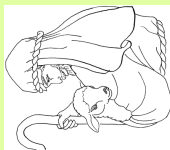




News of the Flock



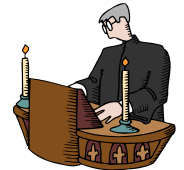
From the Pastor

I read an interesting article about children and sports and how this is connected to church attendance. I wish I could remember the name of the article, but I cannot. However, I can try to summarize and make some comments. The author pointed out that we have all seen or heard of children who must attend sporting events on Sunday if they hope to remain on the team. While sports are beneficial in many areas of life, one needs to keep in mind a couple of things. First, 16-year-olds should not be having Tommy Johns surgery because they have blown out their arm already. Second, we push them too hard to excel when in all probability they will not play professional sports. We also teach them that church is something we do when there is nothing else to do. This can easily become a lifelong habit. Yes, there are times we all miss church. I am included in that too. However, what are our priorities? Today, regular church attendance is seen as coming once a month.

These thoughts expressed are not just to tell people to come to church but to explain the why we attend church. Most importantly it is to hear and study the Word of God and to receive the sacraments. We also gather

because we are a family in a church. A family is one that comes together and encourages, supports, and is there for the good and the bad times. Don't we all have family memories of gathering around the kitchen table and eating together and talking about the news of the day whether that be about work, school or the world around us? It was a time of bonding and sharing. Church is also a place where we can step aside from the busy world around us and have God serve us thru Word and sacraments. It is a chance to take time to communicate with God and to receive His many blessings. In the Old Testament, Israel was so supposed to be so special in the way that they treated one another that other nations would want to know about the God they worshiped. The church is supposed to be that way. People from all different backgrounds, economic levels, and people with different stories can come together free of judgment, free to worship, and free to receive all that God has to offer. Now, the next time someone asks you why you go to church so often, maybe you will have some new answers.

Pastor Daene



Daylight Savings Time

*Time Change
Spring Forward*

March 8, 2020



Lent Services

*Soup & Sandwich Pitch-In
Suppers at 6:00 p.m.*

*Lenten Worship Services at
7:00 p.m.*

Wednesday evenings in March

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Special points of interest:

- *Mid-Week Lent Services—March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Soup & Sandwich Supper Pitch-Ins will be at 6:00 p.m. before Lent services on Wednesdays*
- *Women's Bible Study will continue thru Lent on Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 a.m.*
- *PITCH-IN LUNCH will be March 22 after our worship service*

Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Church Council met on February 16 after the worship service. Those in attendance were: Chris Johnson, Randy Powers, Gerda Martin, Brad Pierce, Michelle Pierce, Amy Houck, Mark Ploss, Don Haddock, Larry Hill, Heidi Baca, Johannah Pollert, Kevin Weber and Rose Krimmel. Absent were: Pastor Daene and Dan Bonham. Guests were Bill Bloomquist and Clayton Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Johnson and a prayer was given by Kevin Weber.

Bill Bloomquist, Chairman of the Steeple Committee, requested to give his report first. Progress is being made and they are waiting for an updated quote on repair and refinish.

The Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Brad Pierce, Financial Secretary, stated the offerings for January were \$14,892.12.

Larry Hill, Treasurer, reported expenses for

January were \$17,184.74.

Pastor no report.

Kevin Weber, Deacon chairman did not have anything new to report.

Heidi Baca, Education chairperson, reported the children designed and constructed a banner assisted by Carla Cole. They are now on New Testament lessons. Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner led the children for Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. The children also visited Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the 2nd Sunday in January and the 9th of February. Vacation Bible School planning will be starting soon.

Stewardship—Chris said he wants a committee to get together and do a report of the church's financial status.

Michelle Pierce, Mission Chairman, did not have a report. Only one person showed up for their meeting.

Gerda Martin, Chair of Fellowship-Special Events reported the expenses for the Mil-

ler & Carlisle funerals totaled \$253.99. She also reported that the LWGS would like to put a new floor down in the kitchen. LWGS is starting a fund with our excess monies earned by our fundraisers and other donations.

Don Haddock has volunteered to be our Trustee Chairman. Council accepted.

Next Council meeting is March 8.



LWGS

Hello Ladies,

February 3, 2020 the ladies met for LWGS with six in attendance. Officers were installed. After the usual reports we discussed upcoming events. Approved were combining the Valentine Dinner with our Pitch-in on February 23rd. Our Ladies Night Out will be in May since Easter is the second Sunday in April. A date will be set at our March meeting.

We are working on starting a Project this year to enhance and update our kitchen. We would like to replace the carpet in the kitchen with vinyl tile or planks with our

extra money we make from our fundraisers and donations. As of now we have a \$200 donation towards our new floor. We do not have an estimate yet, but it is in the works.

More on this as it develops. Our March meeting is the 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. We hope you can join us.

At the Valentine Dinner/Pitch-In a good group stayed and enjoyed lunch, played a few games and had great fellowship.



Spring

Care & Concern



Remember in your Prayers: Judy Coy, cancer; Shelley Hill, surgery; Eleanor Coner, pacemaker procedure; Dan Bonham, kidney stones; Elitsa Stoitsova, high risk pregnancy; Carhyl Yoder, peace and healing; Barb Miller, hip replacement; Joyce Thompson, back surgery & stroke; Karen Muth, health issues; Kim Fouts, life support; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Betty Mor-

gan, surgery; Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint & family, stage 3 cancer; Gary Haddock, healing & strength; Jerry Miller, health issues; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Ben Hall, cancer; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

***** If you placed any of these people on our prayer list, please check as to

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



Food Pantry

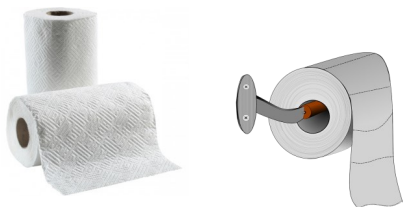
March is our month for donations to the InterChurch Food Pantry. We have been asked to donate:

Paper Towels and Toilet Paper

Please leave your donations in the marked box in the Narthex during the whole month of March.

Thank you for your generosity.

Missions Committee



Lent Services

We will have Soup & Sandwich Suppers at 6:00 pm before our Mid-Week services.

Mid-Week –Two Service
March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week—Three Service
March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week– Four Service
March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week—Five Service
March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

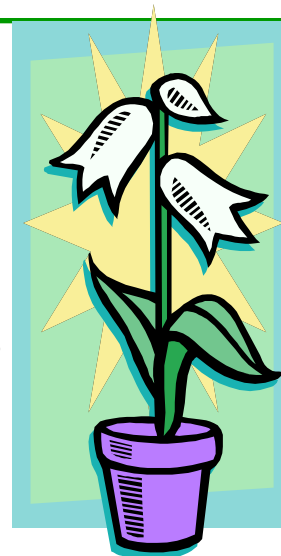
Mid-Week—Six Service
April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Service
April 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Lilies

A sign up sheet for lilies to adorn our Altar was placed on the bulletin board. The price is the same as last year, \$11.00. We appreciate those that help with the decoration of the Altar during our Easter season.

If you have any questions please see Michelle Walker or Rachel Runge. Thanks — Flowers Committee.



New Members



Brion, Ashley & Ruby Brigman

The Brigman's are living in Bargersville. Brion is in the US Army and is working at Camp Atterbury. He was born in Tampa, Florida. His hobbies are history and politics. Ashley was born in Tampa also. She is a stay-at-home Mom to Ruby. Ashley enjoys reading as a hobby. Ruby just turned two on March 3rd (Happy Birthday!). She is a typical two year old. Her hobby is playing.

We Welcome them to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Words Of Wisdom

1. That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
2. That the best classroom in The World is at the feet of an elderly person.
3. That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day" makes my day.
4. That being kind is more important than being right.
5. That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

Altar Banners

We are looking to spruce up our altar decorations for 2020 with a few new banners to hang. We would love to have one or two new sets of banners for summer and fall. If anyone is interested in making a banner or in helping to purchase new banners, please contact Michelle Walker or Rachel Runge, Flower and Banner Committee



Spring



March 19, 2020

Directory Correction

I have two corrections to the directory that I put out recently:

Brad Pierce's email should be:

BaPierce42@yahoo.com

Randy Powers' email should be:

randypowers@gmail.com

Thanks for letting me know. ADD-

Brion & Ashley Brigman

1050 Quarterhorse Run

Bargersville, IN 40106

Rose



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/3 Angel Fort
 3/4 Susan Sego
 3/5 Amanda Rakow, Nathan Black
 3/6 Callie Johnson
 3/13 Donovan Little
 3/15 Joyce Goforth
 3/20 Dennis Beasley
 3/28 Rusty Wells, Marianne White
 3/31 Daryl Pfaehler



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/8 Jerry & Barbara Miller
 3/9 Dan & Jan Ellis

[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

OFFICERS FOR 2020

Chris Johnson, President
 Dan Bonham, Vice President
 Johannah Pollert, Secretary
 Larry Hill, Treasurer
 Brad Pierce, Financial Secretary
 Don Haddock, Board of Trustees
 Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
 , Board of Stewardship
 Heidi Baca, Board of Education
 Michelle Pierce, Board of Missions
 Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
 Mark Ploss, 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 Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

You can also put a prayer request through our web-site, gslcfranklin.org just click on the Prayer Request and type in your request. It is automatically sent to Pastor and the office.