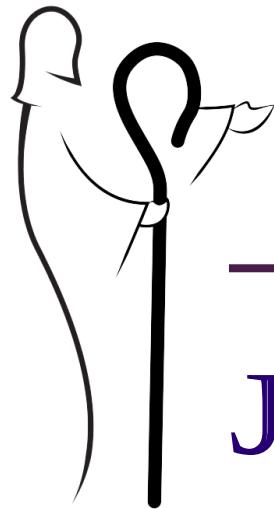


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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

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What's happening at Good Shepherd



Please pray for the family and friends of our long-time member, Elsie Johnson. Elsie passed away on November 18th.

Our annual meeting will be Sunday, January 16th, after the worship service. There will be no breakfast before the meeting this year. Annual reports are due no later than January 3rd.



As the 2021 Stewardship program, "5 Loaves and 2 Fish" concludes, we give thanks to God for blessing the "loaves and fish" (time and finances) that our membership offers to Him. Like Jesus did when He fed 5,000 men plus women and children, with a meager amount, so Jesus has blessed our small number of members with plentiful responses.

December 12 totals are 28 "Opportunities to Serve" and 21 "Opportunities to Share" responses. Thank you to all who committed to share their time, talents and finances with Good Shepherd.

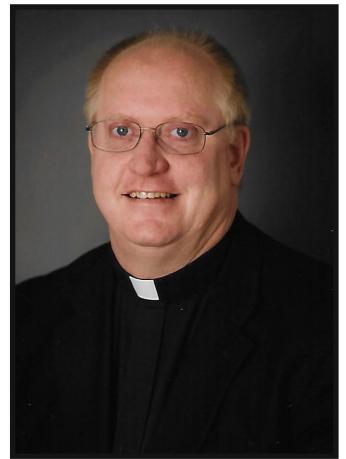
Many members/households have not returned their forms. We are still welcoming them with open arms. Please continue to pray how God will lead you to assisting Good Shepherd.



Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

At the time all of you are receiving this newsletter, we will be celebrating the season of Epiphany. That is a word that literally means “a moment of sudden revelation or insight.” Or as I like to call it, “aha” moments. It’s when that light-bulb goes off in our heads.

And boy do we have a bunch of those moments available to each and every one of you. Opportunities just waiting for you to uncover. Right off the bat, our table talk Bible study and Christian education is starting back up again on January 13th at 6:00pm. And I have to tell you, after speaking with those that have already participated in it, there have been quite a few “aha” moments.



Actually, if you haven’t checked it out yet, I recommend speaking with those that have. Because not only has it been educational, but it’s been a blast! And everyone is welcome and invited to come and learn.

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday the 16th after church. Again, mark your calendars. This is a time to learn about where the church has been, where it is, and where it needs to be going forward. We will vote on new leadership, look at the budget, and most of all, give you an opportunity to ask questions, offer comments, and share insights for the betterment of God’s church here, at Good Shepherd. It should be a moment of insight.

But most of all, let’s work together to begin returning to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. This month is focused on God revealing Godself to us. Jesus showing us who He is. And the people (including you) being blessed with faith in the One who came, lived, and will come again to issue in the Kingdom of God in all its fullness.

The Holy Word of God is simply the best way for us to participate in the season of Epiphany. And even when we are experiencing the cold of winter, God can continue to warm our hearts and bring comfort to our souls.

With my remaining space, I want to say thank you. It has been a challenging year. But the overwhelming love of God that this congregation shares with each other and our neighbors humbles me. I thank you for all the help throughout the Advent and Christmas season. I thank you for all the volunteers and your hard work. And I thank you personally for the prayers and support as my wife dealt with covid.

For those of you that didn’t know, I was quarantined for about two weeks in a local hotel so that I could remain away from the virus, keeping all of you as safe as I could, and making sure that I could serve you thru Christmas and beyond. And I can’t wait to serve you in the year ahead. Because all of you are incredible people that I feel very blessed to be your pastor.

But that’s not an epiphany. I have known that from the beginning. God bless you Good Shepherd. And may God be with you, until we meet again.

Pastor Mike



Thank you to everyone who donated gifts or money for our Adopt-a-Family this year. The gifts were delivered to ECHO on December 12th. Your generosity is helping to make this family's Christmas very special. Thank you for your ongoing support of ECHO and our community.

Rita Milbrandt
Good Shepherd's ECHO Rep

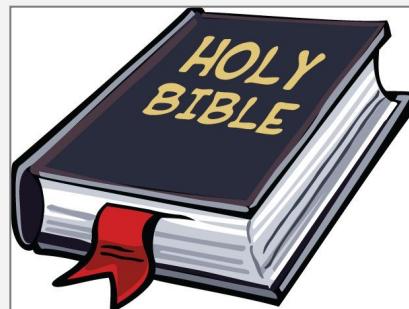


Thank you to Kris Arneson, Rita Milbrandt, and Tami Schoeller for spreading some cheer and Christmas caroling at the homes of some of our members.



Gospel lessons for Advent and January

- ◆ January 2 John 1(1-9) 10-18
- ◆ January 9 Luke 3:15-17,21-11
- ◆ January 16 John 2:1-11
- ◆ January 23 Luke 4:14-21
- ◆ January 30 Luke 4:21-30



A New Year

A New Beginning

O Lord, may I keep you in my heart and thoughts and actions this year.

Amen



Lexy Anderson	1/2	Dianne Punzel	1/17
Chad Nelson	1/4	Charlotte Hawley	1/19
Bob Stroud	1/4	Lori Schneider	1/19
Jayna Kendell	1/7	Dave Habeck	1/20
Nathan Schneider	1/8	Jerry Schneider	1/21
Juanita Habeck	1/9	Michelle Webb	1/23
Gloria Oleston	1/10	Linda Kamla	1/25
Joey Amundson	1/12	Dalia Preiksa	1/27
Rachel Schumacher	1/13	Kai Villanueva	1/27
Elliot Loveland	1/15	Darcy Dee	1/30
Madisyn Garcia	1/16	Richard McWilliams	1/31

Chuck & Gail Kinyon
1/16
Dwane & Linda Kamla
1/25

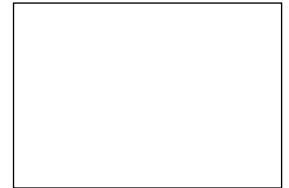


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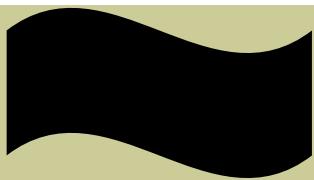
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