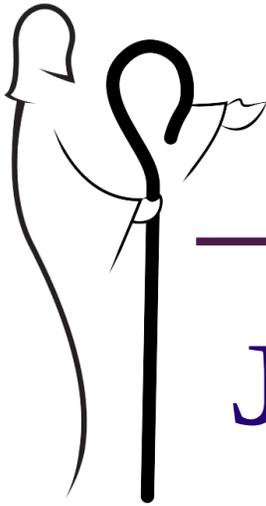


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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST

What's happening at Good Shepherd



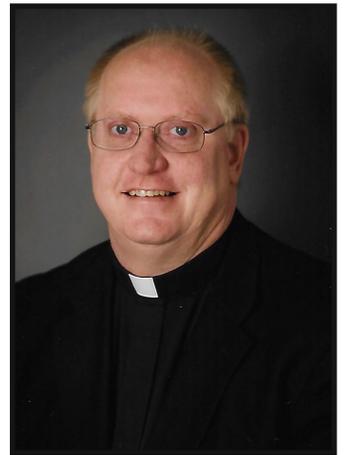
We had a new member worship service on June 12th to officially welcome Ericka & Chad Nelson and Elaine Rizleris to the Good Shepherd Family.



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

Just a reminder; this is a two-month newsletter. It is a combined July and August. This is in case you were not aware. So keep your calendars handy! But more importantly, if things, events, services, and the like change, you can still be in the loop. Just come to worship. Every Sunday, the announcements are offered. And, they are also captured in our bulletins.

Now, I want to begin, by again, congratulating our new members. Even in the era of the pandemic, we have grown in baptized membership. This is an incredible thing! Yes, attendance is still down a bit, but this also is very encouraging.



Most everyone has returned. We just aren't in the habit of coming every week yet. Actually, every Sunday, we have a majority of faces that were not here the previous week. So, it's wonderful to see all of you! But, it would be awesome if we could all attend on a more regular basis.

We have estimated that the sanctuary would be full. Now, wouldn't that be fun? The 30-40 a week, could easily be 50-60. Or even more. This would bring our attendance back to pre-covid levels.

Combine that with the new members, and the noted increase in visitors we have witnessed, and it is obvious that our future is bright, and hope is alive and well at Good Shepherd. Praise God from who all blessings flow!

I also want to remind everyone of our table talk adult Christian education classes. They are Thursday evenings at 6:00. Again, I am thrilled with the ongoing participation in these classes. Our smallest class was still 10 people. There is nothing to purchase, and you will not feel lost if you miss a few. We change topics frequently.

Now, you might wonder where we get the topics from. Well, they come from you. We are focused on working thru the questions that each of you have. I prefer to teach the things that you want to learn.

So come with your questions, come with your confusions, come with your ponderings, come with your issues. That is what table talk is all about. Just come. And if you are curious, just ask the people that have been attending. It's been a blast and educational. The only thing missing, is you.

And as we move thru the summer months, filled with picnics, barbeques, family gatherings, and vacations...Don't forget to give back and give thanks. God's work is never done, and here at Good Shepherd, you are always welcome.

God be with you, until we meet again.

Pastor Mike



PROPOSED COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 5, 2022

Present: Pastor Michael Rahlf, President Russ Frye, Treasurer Reggie Hare, Secretary Gloria Oleston, Property & Grounds Terry Seltz,, Worship & Music Tami Schoeller, Care & Concern Kris Arneson, Stewardship Cordy Madorin.

Absent: Education Michelle Webb, President Elect Dianne Punzel

President Russ Frye called the meeting to order at 10:51 am.

Devotions by Terry Seltz

The secretary's minutes from the May 1, 2022 meeting were read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Cordy Madorin, seconded by Kris Arneson and it carried.

Treasurer's report: April giving was good, but May giving was down. We have a bank balance of \$36,892.

Stewardship report: Cordy brought up the "opportunity of other options for giving beyond the offering plat" as evidenced by First Lutheran's bulletin. She would like to explore these options with her committee when they meet in August. Tami made a motion to approve this exploration, Reggie seconded and it carried.

Clipboards sign ups are in process for greeters, ushers, readers, fellowship hosts, etc through the summer. This method of finding volunteers will be assessed after this initial three month period. The possibility of publishing attendance and the financials in the weekly bulletin was discussed. Reggie and Pastor will meet and discuss further.

Pastor's report:

No July council meeting. Articles for the July/August newsletter must be in by June 15.

Reminder that Pastor needs the assigned helper between 8:30 and 9 am Sunday mornings.

Confirmation classes will be set up soon for several interested people.

New member welcome reception is June 12, 2022

Synod Assembly: shared information gathered from the Youth Forum which is the 25 to 35 year old demographic. Reasons that this group gave for not visiting a church a second time were: no instruction on how to receive Communion, did not like the use of name tags or sign in books, did not like white boards in Sunday School rooms, and did not like nurseries separated from the worship area. Much discussion on these findings followed, along with the need to make our church more inviting to visitors. No action taken at present.

President's report: Russ has nothing new to report, but asked for prayers for an easy delivery for Pam and a healthy baby, as Pam is due any day.



PROPOSED COUNCIL MINUTES—Page 2 JUNE 5, 2022

President Elect report: Absent

Property & Grounds report: Terry reports that the aluminum can collection brought in \$30. He will make the can collection an ongoing project and will place an article in the newsletter. Work day went well. The light in the Men's room has not been replaced yet and Terry will check with the contractor.

Education report: Absent

Worship & Music: Tami reports the loose offering for HealthNet was \$406.58. The sign up clipboards are in action.

Care & Concern: New member welcome reception in June 12. A cake has been ordered. There will be cheese, sausage, crackers and drinks in the fellowship room following the service. Several people are still interested in updating the directory and RUOK.

A motion to accept all reports was made by Tami Schoeller and seconded by Kris Arneson. It carried.

There was no other or new business.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tami Schoeller and seconded by Terry Seltz.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Oleston, Secretary



Tithes and offerings

You now have two new options for sending your offerings. You can send them electronically through both our website (goodshepherdjanesville.org) via PayPal, and our Facebook page (facebook.com/GoodShepherdJanesville) by using the "Donate" button.



Last fall our members were asked to sign-up on “Opportunities to Serve” sheets for the tasks that come with being a member of Good Shepherd, including several on Sunday mornings assisting in our worship of God. However, no one wanted to commit to leadership, so the Church Council

made the decision to try “Clip Boards” again giving members the chance to serve when they are available.

So far, the “Clip Boards” have been very well received and June and July are filling up quickly. Here are the “Opportunities” available now: Scripture readers, prayer leaders, greeter/usher/offering presenter (one person each week), communion assistants (3 each week).

Great News! The fellowship time after services has been restarted! We will have it on the Sundays when someone signs up for it. That Clip Board is also there.

The Clip Boards are in the fellowship area on a table. So, bring your calendar and help us out. More opportunities will be added in the near future. Thank you to all who are serving.

~Cordy Madorin, Stewardship Chair



Thank you to everyone who participated in our “Eat Out for Hunger” event on June 6th. ECHO’s next event will be our **Calendar Raffle** which will run from **September 1-December 31, 2022**. I will begin selling the raffle tickets soon. :)

Please mark your calendars for **ECHO’s Empty Bowls To Go event on October 22, 2022**. We are currently planning this year’s Empty Bowls To Go at Parker High School. More information will be coming soon.

Our food pantry is in great need of powdered milk, peanut butter, crackers, and canned pasta. If you can bring a couple of food items in to church, I will make sure they get to ECHO. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Lastly, we will be hosting the **ECHO Community Meal at St. John’s Lutheran Church downtown on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm**. (Please note the new date in August, not in September.) Very soon I will be putting out sign-up sheets for cookie bakers, cooks, Nescos and servers. Again, thank you for any help you can give.

Rita Milbrandt,
Good Shepherd ECHO Rep
608-931-1372

“No one is useless to God.

NO ONE!”

~Max Lucado



As many of you might know, Ericka and I are moving down to W. State St. soon. We hired a moving company for July 16th, but we would much appreciate any help packing and moving some of the little things over to the house before that date. We close on the house June 30th so can't move anything before that date. Packing help would be a great blessing before the June 30th.

I am very happy to provide soda and pizza as a thank you for any help. Our phone number is 608-754-8671. I am planning on renting a U-Haul trailer to bring things over to the house in advance of the moving company. If anyone has a truck with a trailer hitch that we could borrow, that would also be a great blessing.

Any amount of help is always very much appreciated, even if you can help with an hour or so of your time. Ericka and I both appreciate it.

Thanks for the assistance, and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

~Chad and Ericka Nelson.

NEEDED: Reusable containers for the church kitchen

Now that our fellowship times have started up again, there is a need for containers to "share" leftovers. Containers such as lunchmeat boxes, pick-up restaurant boxes, i.e, salads, Chinese; Cool Whip. Please include the lids as well. Our stash has been depleted over the years. Please leave them in the kitchen.

Thanks!





Logan Fellows	7/4	Carl Anderson	7/30
Rita Milbrandt	7/5	James Miller	7/30
Allan Branham	7/6	Sydney Schoeberle	7/30
Sarah Jacob	7/6	Mason Wallenkamp	7/30
Sherry Ferguson	7/7	Abbey Olson	7/31
Wally Trudeau	7/7	Corey Boll	8/3
Gail Kinyon	7/8	Pat Waege	8/7
Lori Knoble	7/9	Felicia Hornby	8/11
Olivia Anderson	7/13	Ava Heeren	8/13
Syd Rauworth	7/17	Bill Hendrickson	8/14
Claudene Murray	7/20	Ruth Demmon	8/18
James Smith	7/21	Diane TeBeau	8/20
Sarah Butcher	7/23	Logan Cook	8/21
LeRoy Wildes	7/23	Katie Schumacher	8/21
Brittany Itnyre	7/24	Kris Arneson	8/29
Mike Schuenke	7/26	Dale Arneson	8/30
Nicholas Graffin	7/29		

Rod & Pat Wilberg
7/25

Bob & Mike Hornby
8/2

Tom & Ginny Carpenter
8/3

Dan & Rita Milbrandt
8/3

Gene & Sherry Kasten
8/10

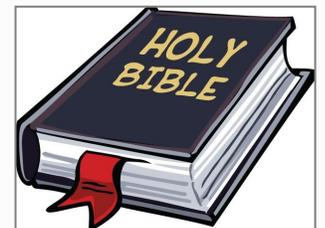
John & Lu Anne Schumacher
8/11

Mary & Nortley Isaacs
8/13

Dave & Pat Waege
8/20

Gospel lessons for July-August

- ♦ July 3 – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- ♦ July 10 – Luke 10:25-37
- ♦ July 17 – Luke 10:38-42
- ♦ July 24 – Luke 11:1-13
- ♦ July 31 – Luke 12:13-21
- ♦ August 7 – Luke 12:32-40
- ♦ August 14 – Luke 12:49-56
- ♦ August 21 – Luke 13:10-17
- ♦ August 28 – Luke 14:1, 7-14





Thank you to everyone that showed up for our church de-clutter day! We had an awesome group of people and got so much accomplished!





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3—Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc	4 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	5	6 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	7 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	8	9
10—Luke 10:25-37 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc	11 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	12	13 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	14 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	15	16
17—Luke 10:38-42 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc	18 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	19	20 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	21 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	22	23
24—Luke 11:1-13 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc	25 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	26	27 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	28 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	29	30
31—Luke 12:13-21 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc						



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14—Luke 12:49-56 9:30 am Worship Svc	15 Church Office Closed 10:00 am Deadline for newsletter arti- cles (September Newsletter) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	16	17 8:00 am Men's Group	18 6:00 pm Table Talk	19	20
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NEEDS LIST

MILK- GALLONS, POWDERED, BOXED
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED PASTA
SHAMPOO + CONDITIONER
DEODORANT
TOOTH BRUSHES
TOOTH PASTE
SHAVING CREAM
RAZORS
TAMPONS
PADS
CLEANING PRODUCTS
LAUNDRY SOAP
DISH SOAP

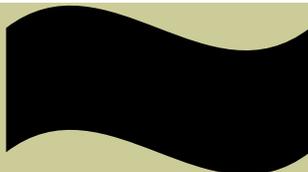
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