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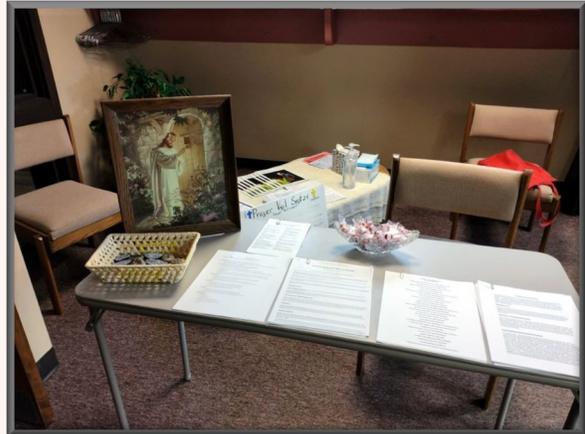


THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

What's happening at Good Shepherd

We had another successful prayer vigil on September 24th.
Thank you to everyone that worked to make our sanctuary
beautiful!



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

What a fun and busy month October was. We worked thru the topic of violence in the Bible in our Table Talk Christian education class, we celebrated reformation day, and we gathered together for our yearly fall clean-up/ declutter day. Not to mention, I had the blessing of my niece's wedding.

We have witnessed the church grow with new members and visitors, been blessed at the return of some of you that we missed, and have begun new ways to rejoice in worship like the song "born reborn." And we came together to recognize the sovereignty of our Lord on Christ the King Sunday.

And now, in November, we begin to embrace the winter weather that is slowly making its way toward us. Some of us, (including me), are still adjusting to the new daylight savings time. I am affected by it no matter if we lose an hour or gain an hour. It throws my internal time clock out of whack.

By this time, we have given thanks for those that have gone before us on All Saints Day, and we are preparing for Thanksgiving Eve service. And believe it or not, we are but a few short days from entering the season of Advent. The time to celebrate the coming of our Lord, and to look forward to the time when Christ will come again.

Advent, is a time for preparation. And soon, we will be buying poinsettias, and decorating the sanctuary. It is a wonderful time to be Christian. (Even if it is a tad bit cold outside.)

Here at Good Shepherd, there has been a large increase in personal counseling, the need for home visits, and bringing communion to those unable to join with us. Actually, from speaking with my colleagues in ministry, this is a new trend for the church as a whole.

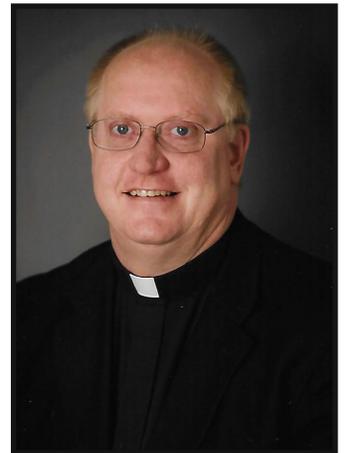
As always, ministry and mission continue to change in the context of our times. Which means new challenges, and new opportunities. How exciting! As we move thru the month of November, I ask that you join with me in prayer.

But focus more on listening, than on speaking. As we begin to wait for the arrival of our Savior, listen to where God is calling us next. Listen for opportunities to spread His Holy and joyous Good News! Listen for God's guidance in the midst of a world desperately longing to hear God's saving Word.

Because God is still speaking. And God has a purpose for us. Take time, to rest your hearts, mind, and souls, and listen. So as we move ever forward toward His coming, we might be prepared. Prepared to follow Him, wherever He might lead.

And may God be with you, until we meet again,

Pastor Mike





*"We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust of Lord from thee."
EWL #686*

When I was a young girl and for many years afterwards, that hymn was sung as the offering was brought forward to the altar. If we stop and really think of the words, they are a very personal way to say to God that we are acknowledging all we have really comes from Him.

November is the time that we ask our members to fill out the "Opportunity to Share" financial forms for the coming year. The church council will be receiving their forms at the November council meeting. A letter and "Opportunity to Share" form will be mailed to the membership the second week in November. We are asking that each household prayerfully consider how they can share their blessings with Good Shepherd in 2023, then return the completed form to the church by November 20.

God brought us through the storm of financial concerns this summer to our focus on ministry now. Please join all of us as together we move forward because we are "United in Christ."

Cordy Madorin, Stewardship chair

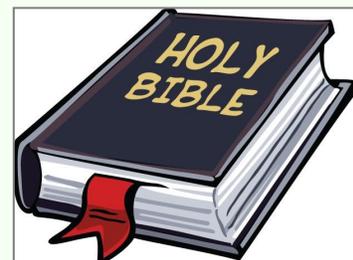


We are collecting new pairs of socks for men, women, and children till December 31st, 2022 and will be donating them to various agencies in Janesville. Please drop them off in the fellowship room at church or I would be happy to pick them up. Thank you and God bless.

Kris Arneson
608-754-8739

Gospel Lessons for November

- ◆ November 6 – Luke 6:20-31
- ◆ November 13 – Luke 21:15-19
- ◆ November 20 Christ the King Sunday – Luke 23:33-43
- ◆ November 27 First Sunday in Advent – Matthew 24:36-44





PROPOSED COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2022

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

Absent: Michelle Webb

Russ called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

Devotions: Cordy Madorin

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Notion to accept the minutes by Cordy Madorin, seconded by Tami Schoeller. and it carried.

Treasurer's Report: Our income is stabilizing and there was a significant increase in our bank balance. Beginning of September balance was \$22'289.74. End of the month balance was \$69,463.22, reflecting generous donations following a letter that was sent out by mail.

Pastor's Report:

Table talks will continue through November 3, then there will be a hiatus until January 2023.

Pastor will be gone the weekend of October 15 & 16. Dan Milbrandt will do the service. Pastor plans to take a "deep dive" into the Social Statements to complete continuing education.

October 30 is Reformation Sunday and Pastor plans to talk about the Diet of Worms.

Newsletter articles are due October 15.

The new member date will be rescheduled when all can be present.

Fall cleanup day is October 22 at 10:30 am

All Saints Sunday is November 6 and the names of those remembered need to be in the office prior to that day. Tami will make an announcement next Sunday and provide a basket for names

President's report: None

President Elect's report: None

Parish Ed: Absent

Property & Grounds: Terry checked with 4 or 5 snowplowing businesses and found their rated to be competitive and nearly the same as what we are currently paying. We will stay with our current provider. October 22 is Fall cleanup day.

Worship & Music: Tami report positive input regarding our new prayer response "Born, Reborn", although there have also been a few who don't care for it. It was decided to continue with the response for now. She is working on Advent music.



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Care & Concern: Kris reports 14 people attended the LAFF dinner at Hacienda Real on September 23. Discussion about ECHO Adopt a Family program at Christmas time. Dianne made a motion to adopt two families this year. Seconded by Reggie Hare and it carried. Discussion about Christmas Shoe Boxes and Dianne Punzel volunteered to spearhead this project. A Socks collection will begin in December with delivery to be in January. It was reported that Fellowship time is enjoyed by all who attend.

Stewardship: The Prayer Vigil was a great success with 15 members participating. Cordy suggested that we obtain a sturdy stand or table on which to place the offering plate. It is currently placed on one of chairs in the rear. Pledge cards will be distributed to council members at the November meeting. Cards will go out to all members mid November.

A motion to accept all reports was made by Reggie Hare, seconded by Diann Punzel and it carried.

New Business: We have 144 cookbooks left. Dianne Punzel will check into possible venues for their sale. Motion made by Cordy Madorin to have a children's table in our fellowship room, seconded by Tami Schoeller and it carried. Cordy made an announcement that there is a free program at Sidelines Bar on how to deal with a mass shooter situation. This takes place October 12 at 6:30 pm.

The next meeting is November 6.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm with the Lord's Prayer

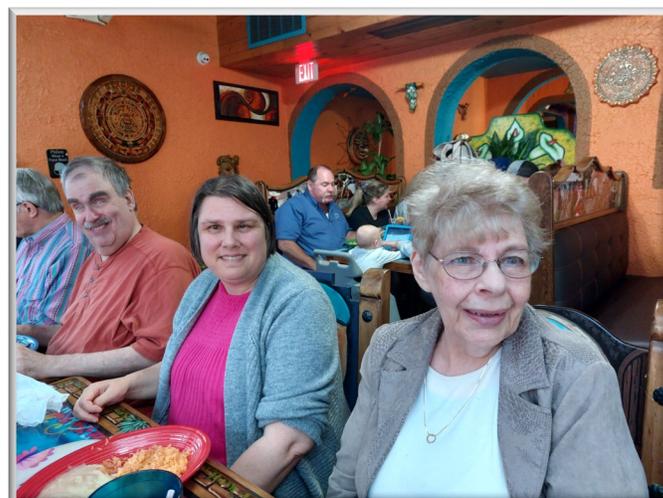
Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Oleston, Secretary



Jeff Balog	11/3	Peggy Heeren	11/15
Jean Kutz	11/3	Rod Wilberg	11/17
Donna Reay	11/4	Ericka Nelson	11/18
Kathy Hartenberger	11/5	Kent Hilker	11/19
Brielle Heeren	11/5	Maury Martin	11/20
Kaylee Oja	11/7	Greg Lange	11/24
Parker Itnyre	11/8	Candy Kraus	11/29
Sandra Hurtt	11/12	Pat Wilberg	11/29
David Litin	11/12	Jan Hendricks	11/30

Dale & Kris Arneson
11/3

Fun was had by all at our LAFF dinner at Hacienda Real on September 21st! Thanks to Kris and Dale Arneson for making all the arrangements and taking reservations.





NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	4	5
6—Luke 6:20-31 All Saints Sunday <u>10 am</u> Worship Svc <u>11 am</u> Council Meeting	7 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	8	9	10 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	11	12
13—Luke 21:15-19 <u>10 am</u> Worship Svc	14 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	15 <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for newsletter articles (December Newsletter)	16	17 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	18	19
20—Luke 23:33-43 <u>10 am</u> Worship Svc	21 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	22	23 <u>7:00 pm</u> Thanks-giving Eve Service	24 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	25 Church Office Closed	26
27—Matthew 24:36-44 <u>10 am</u> Worship Svc	28 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	29	30			

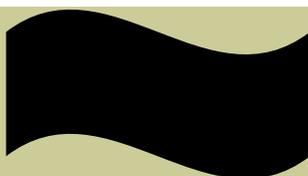
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Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
9:30 am—3:30 pm

“Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7



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.