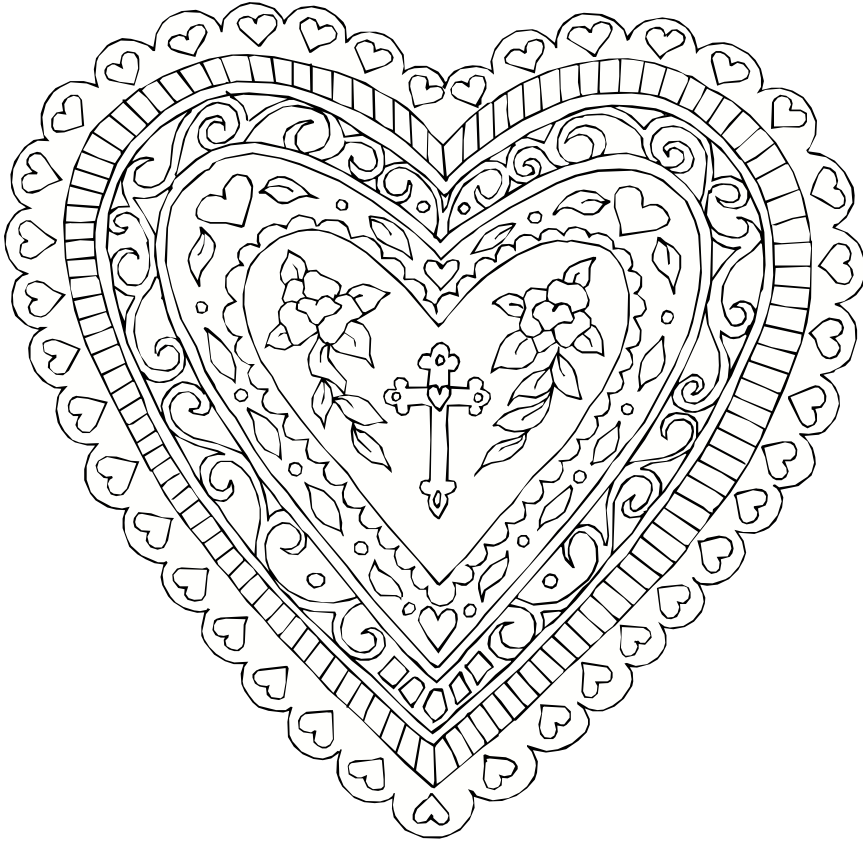


FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2012



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Dearly Beloved,

Recently, a number of our members accepted the open invitation to come to an evening of brainstorming and goal setting in regard to our congregation's mission and ministry. The discussions were lively and edifying! Those gathered there talked about ways in which we can reach *out* with the Gospel and reach *in* to our family here at Good Shepherd in a spirit of encouragement.

This month again, we will be asking our members to please join us for a follow-up meeting as we continue to move forward with several of the suggestions that we have received. All are welcome. It is *not* a prerequisite to have attended the first meeting in order to be able to participate in this next one which will be held on Thursday, February 16th here in our fellowship hall. A catered dinner (at a nominal cost of \$6.00 per person) will begin the evening's events starting at 5:30 pm.

This month also brings with it the start of the Lenten season. As in years past, we will be marking the time with additional mid-week Lenten worship services held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

We are reminded that it is precisely *because* of what our Lord Jesus has done for us in His suffering and death that we are *enabled* to share the Gospel message with the world and be nurtured in our Christian faith. The message of Lent fits in perfectly with the mission and ministry goals that are before us. The following is a brief portion taken from the devotion which was shared at last month's congregational meeting:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

God possesses you. He bought you with a price, the price of Christ's own lifeblood. You belong to Him and it is

your great privilege and responsibility to tell others about what He has done for you.

As a royal priesthood, you have been called to intercede on behalf of others; that's what a priest does. They pray for others, particularly for their salvation. In the Old Testament, the priest also sacrifices on behalf of others. While Jesus has offered up the once and for all sacrifice for sin, it still behooves us, the Scriptures say, to present ourselves as *living* sacrifices.

What does that mean for our sharing of the Gospel? Certainly, we pray that God sends His Holy Spirit upon those who do not yet know Christ! But, it also means that we give of ourselves—our time, our talents, and our treasures—in order to proclaim His excellencies. The various riches that God has bestowed to His Church—both spiritually and materially—these excellencies He has entrusted to us so that we can use them to His glory!

So, please join us in the many opportunities that we have as we give thanks to God for what He has done and, also, for what He has enabled us to do!

May Christ Abide,

Pastor Kilps

Written Sunday sermons are available upon request. Please speak with Diane in the church office for a copy. Also, you may access the sermons online at www.goodshepherdlcms.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm

*Lenten Services (February 29th – March 28th) are held on
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm*

CHRIST'S HANDS OF MERCY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Church and Community Outreach - Follow up Meeting

Good Shepherd invites all its members to join us on Thursday, February 16th at 5:30 pm to narrow down and target some of the goal setting ideas for the future of Good Shepherd and the community around us. A catered dinner (at a nominal cost of \$6.00 per person) will begin the evening's events starting at 5:30 pm. Please sign up by using the insert found in Sunday's bulletin.

NEEDED- VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS LAY DELEGATES

In anticipation of next summer's triennial South Wisconsin District Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is necessary that our congregation elect a lay delegate and alternate delegate (in case the primary delegate is unable to serve) to represent Good Shepherd at the convention. This election requires that the delegate be a communicant member of our congregation (male or female) and be present at the 2012 District Convention, which will be held on the campus of Concordia University in Mequon, June 10 -12th. If you are interested and willing to serve in this capacity, please notify Pastor Kilps as soon as possible.

COOKIE DOUGH SALE

The Ladies of Good Shepherd are sponsoring a "Cookie Dough Sale". We will have samples of the cookies for you to taste over the next two Sundays, after the church service, with order forms available. Payment will be at the time of pick up. These tubs of cookies will be frozen dough, so you must pick them up on the specified date, or...have someone pick them up for you. The tubs hold 3 pounds of dough, enough to make 96- ½ oz cookies. Just think of the convenience of having the cookies already made, ready to go in your freezer! No need to bake them all at one time. Unexpected company or getting home late from work? You can bake a few while preparing your meal. How about that craving for something sweet to eat? Pop in 2 or 3 cookies and your all set. It always makes a nice gift anyone would appreciate. This is a great deal for anyone living alone; you can bake as many or as little as you'd like. The dough keeps well in the freezer for several months. The tubs are \$6.50 for 3 pounds of dough. Dates to remember are: Place orders on Sunday February 5th. Pick up date: Monday, February 13th. Pick up times: 4-7 pm. Please pay at time of pick up. Tell your friends and neighbors and share the great deal. Profits will benefit the "Dishwasher Fund" for the church.

MEALS ON WHEELS 2012

I would like to ask that our members once again plan to deliver meals to the homebound. Your help is so very important to the Meals on Wheels program. Without all of our dedicated volunteers, it would be impossible for this program to exist. Our church is in need of **more volunteers** whether it is to be put on the regular schedule to deliver or to be a substitute; so if you would like to help, contact Diane in the church office. Please consider giving just an hour of your time, which is approximately 7 hours over the course of a year.

We very much need your help!

Let's make 2012 another successful year!

God Bless.

2012 Schedule

February 27 - March 2

April 9 - 13

July 30 - August 3

August 20 - 24

September 24 - 28

November 26 - 30

Volunteers should be at the Two Rivers Senior Center by 11:15 am

SNOW BLOWING

We are looking for volunteers to help with keeping our sidewalks clear from snow during the upcoming winter season. If you can help with this need, please contact Todd Eiden at 553-4336.

2012 Flower Chart

The new flower chart is posted on the corkboard in the hallway near the offices, and if you'd like to sign up for flowers to be placed on the altar the cost is \$25 per arrangement. Please make your check payable to "Good Shepherd" and place in the offering plate or leave with Diane in the church office. Thank you.



SCRIP NEWS

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers cards which we call "**Essential, Shopping, and/or Gift**" cards that can be purchased through Good Shepherd. Each vendor will **GIVE** the church a percentage of each gift card sold. This is **FREE MONEY** and the proceeds could be anywhere from 1.5 – 20% of the face value of the card. An example would be, if you purchased a Roundys (Copps/Pick n Save) card for \$25, the church is given 4% of that value or \$1.00. Now think of the income that could be generated if every member participated in this program! You use these "**Essential, Shopping, and/or Gift**" cards the same as cash, and who doesn't buy gas and need to eat? So when you buy *your* groceries, gasoline, medications, etc. you *can* use a card from our program as payment, rather than cash, check, or a credit card. Even if that's all the cards you purchase, the amount of money generated by the use of this program would quickly add up. The church does keep on hand these "**Essential Shopping, and/or Gift**" cards of most local vendors for you to purchase. A list of those vendors is posted on the board in the Narthex as well as the church office door. If you have something "special" you'd like to order, please take the time and fill out an order blank that can be found in the church office or on the SCRIP table in the Narthex. With Christmas just around the corner, it would be a perfect time to think about using the SCRIP program for your all gift needs. ***We will order on Sunday, February 5th and Sunday, February 19th. Your orders will be available for pick up after the Sunday services on the 12^h & 26th.*** Payment does need to be included with your order, and checks should be made payable to "**Good Shepherd Scrip**". If you have any questions regarding this program, please speak with Diane Wachsmuth or Krista Wilcox. This is an ongoing fundraiser for Good Shepherd, which is just one of the many ways you can support the financial growth of *your* church. Remember, in order for this program to be successful, we need you to participate. We have an ongoing monthly drawing for those that purchase Scrip throughout the month.

Consider being a good steward by using SCRIP!

It is a win, win program for everyone.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Garcia, Heather	2/1
Kamien, Tessa	2/1
Laurent, Claude	2/1
Hansen, Cathy	2/2
Taylor, Tanesha	2/3
Kamien, Amy	2/5
Wachsmuth, Diane	2/5
Hintz, Virginia	2/6
Luckow, James	2/6
Van Lanen, James	2/6
Pflieger, David	2/10
Meitz, Charlene	2/18
Schug, Michael	2/18
Wilsmann, James	2/18
Van Lanen, Andrew	2/20
Rieck, Linda	2/21
Schug, Steven	2/21
Mikeal, Alan	2/23
Warner, Eugene	2/23
Wachsmuth, John	2/27

Happy Birthday



FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

USHERS:

5th- Team #1
 12th- Team #2
 19th- Team #3
 22nd- Team #4
 26th- Team #1
 29th- Team #2

ALTAR GUILD:

Deb Shimulunas
 Lois Williams

GREETERS:

5th- Mielke
 12th- O'Neill
 19th- Schwantes
 22nd- Staff
 26th- Wachsmuth
 29th- Whitehouse

FLOWERS:

5th- V. Hintz
 12th- R. Gottschalk
 19th- Wachsmuth
 26th-



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Monday, February 27th

Happy Valentines Day

