

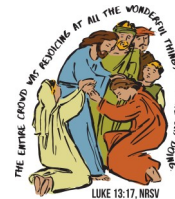
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

7800 W. McCarthy Rd., Palos Heights, IL 60463

February, 2020

THE JOURNEY OF JESUS CONTINUES . . .

We begin the month continuing to reflect on the call of Christ to follow his example and we conclude this month remembering where the earthly journey of Christ ends. Read the rest of the newsletter to find out how specifically you can experience that journey at Good Shepherd.



THANK YOU to everyone for your participation in our Annual Meeting. A special thanks for the faithful service of our outgoing Church Council members: Kristie Traverso, Keith Gansel, Larry Mish and Kelly Hennessy and for all who have answered the call to step into leadership roles at Good Shepherd. We look forward to installing our officers at the services on February 23.

HOME BAKED GOODIES FOR SALE!

The Sunday school children will be hosting a bake sale on February 2 in the Narthex between services. The funds raised will support the Palos Food Pantry. Please be sure to stop by the bake sale and indulge your sweet tooth as well as the Sunday School's mission to help feed those that are hungry.



YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION



One of the many reasons Pr. Joe loves Good Shepherd is that it is active in God's mission. And speaking of missions, February 9 is a day to help support our youth mission trip to St. Louis in June. It's the annual spaghetti dinner and dessert auction. This takes place right after the second service. Come and enjoy good food, great community and an opportunity to support our youth in growing in their faith and service to the greater community.

MENS' MINISTRY TOPGOLF EVENT!

All men from the congregation are invited to an outing at TopGolf in Naperville on February 17. We will golf from 7:00-10:00 PM while enjoying some food and fellowship. Cost is \$50 per person. Please RSVP by emailing pastorchris@good-shepherd-church.com or by calling the church office. This is a great time to get your swing ready for golf season while also getting to know some of the other guys of Good Shepherd.



LENT – A SEASON OF REFLECTION



The season of Lent is meant for us to pause and contemplate the role of God in our lives. This time begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 26**. We gather for service that day at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM to recall from where we have come and to what we shall return. The Congregational Activities Committee has planned a Greek themed luncheon to celebrate our members who are over 65 which will be held following the morning service.

The fun and lively Congregational Activities Committee is always in need of volunteers at this event to help it be a great success. Please contact the church office to RSVP for the event or if you would be interested in volunteering.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES AND LENTEN SUPPERS . . .

will begin on March 4. Mark your calendars for services at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM and for suppers beginning at 6:15 PM. The evening services will include our eighth graders sharing their "Witness to the Faith."



PASTORAL ACTS 2019

HOLY BAPTISMS

Charles N. Guel
David N. Guel (Adult)
Matthew A. Carlson
Eleanor G. Telander
Evan B. Johnson
Liam D. Kosinski
Aubrey L. Blamble
Allison K. Johanson
Ty D. Nissen
Nathan J. Rokowski
Melanie C. Multon
Parker E. Gansel
Jack T. Kukulski
Eleanor I. Kukulski
Kiera J. DeWolf
Ryleigh J. Kruizenga



CONFIRMANDS

Jorge Angel Cano
Aidan Joseph Collins
Miriam Cecilia Erickson
Abigale Laine Garr
Christian Anthony Gulzinski
Jack Ryan Lorenz
Jameson David Meneou
Troy Anton Ogarek
Isabella Michelle Podewell
Jacob Ambrose Scholes
Nicholas Roland Slager
Gordon Thomas Strooboscher
Daniel John Sweeney
Isabella Sylvia Walsh



DEATHS

David D. Kraiss
Merle J. Burkema
Gertrude E. Dres
Harold G. Harrington
Eleanore G. Reback
Florence F. Stoll
Raymond W. Erickson
MaryEllen H. Newell
Gerald A. Ruschill
Sue Goril
Ruth M. Koeller
Norman E. Zibell
Robert V. Multon
Marian J. Rudolph
Roger L. Wilson
Gladys K. Marquardt
David D. Kraiss, Jr.
Lucille E. Knirsch
Anne Jurkovic
Gary S. Hempel
Keith R. Fuchs, Jr.
Russell E. Anderson
Roger L. Bergquist
Billie J. Multon
Eileen D. Rizzo
Jean N. Buerger
May N. Henning
Kathryn M. Meyer
Christopher A. Marasovich
Maxine M. Piha
Nancy J. Thiele
Dorothy E. Tibbits
Ann K. Burklund



Deaths in Our
Church Family

MARRIAGES

Penny A. Mattes and Ronald D. Rumore
Sara E. Harms and Daniel K. DeWolf
Alexa C. Kruszynski and Marc R. Calvey



2020 Church Officers

Serving in 2020 . . . This is a listing of those who are elected to offices as designated by our Congregational Constitution. Space does not permit a listing of the wonderful volunteers and diversity of gifts that make our church a wonderful place, including Sunday School Teachers, Ushers, Chancel Guild, Church landscapers, Choir participants, etc., etc., etc.
 *Denotes Chairperson

Church Council:

Chairperson,

Ron Jurkovic

Vice-Chairperson,

Sue Buerger

Secretary,

Diane M. Sweeney

Treasurer,

William Markel

Financial Secretary,

Linda Sensmeier

Deacons,

Paul Petersen

Education and Youth,

Edith Schmitt

Missions and Charities,

Judy Lang

Congregational Activities,

Lauren Kirkner

Church and Community,

Shawn Erickson

Trustees,

Matthew Behrman

Stewardship,

Joseph Perry



Education & Youth:

Edith Schmitt *

Todd Bergmann

Dawn Bronson

Liz Gutierrez

Sara Hupe

Jenn Kriehner

Julie Maty

Steve Maty

Paula Pries

Katie Walsh

Missions:

Judy Lang *

Marilyn Aspan

Susan Boughan

Debbie Fricke

Tracy Heilman

Robert Held

Sue Hennessy

Mary Mannix

Joan Meyers

Joe Miller

Henry Paulsen

Ruth Sava

Congregational Activities:

Lauren Kirkner *

Diane Adduci

John Carlson

Lynette Carlson

Sharon Courtney

Shawn Erickson

Susan Joritz

Jim Johanson

Karl Krout

Susan Mish

Melinda Moore

Tim Moore

CJ Muller

Elaine Ogorzalek

Cathy Pellegrini

Caryl Zirbes



Trustees:

Matthew Behrman *

Corey Bergamo, Jr.

Jack Cody

William DeLeo

James Ditchman

Keith Gansel

Tim Hoffman

Dave Holce

Carl Kupka, Jr.

Larry Mish

Tim Pearson

Joe Perry

Stewards:

Joseph Perry *

Jamie Ekhardt

Joyce Grochowski

Robert Held

James Johanson

Nancy Metro

CJ Muller

Priscilla Overgaard

Joe Schmitt

Gwen Sheehan

Doris Stachyra

Rudy Stachyra

Deacons:

Paul Petersen *

Michael Aspan

Mark Baldwin

Jennifer Castor

Susan Colella

Roger Collins

Nancy Cross

David Fewkes

Jim Fricke

Jeff Good

Lynn Huttner

Kathy Kupka

Sue Markel

Peter Pappas

Tim Pearson

Laura Petritsch

Finance:

Paul Behrman *

Jim Fricke

Henry Lang

Bill Markel

Marie Perry

Laura Petritsch

Roger Rosenquist

Personnel Committee:

Sue Buerger *

Dann Lobsinger

Todd Bergmann

Wayne Rabold

People of Good Shepherd – January 2020 Report

New Parents:

William and Melinda Rekar, a daughter, Brooke Ann
Joe and Sara Massett, a daughter, Gwendolen Joelle



Known to have been ill or hospitalized:

Marilyn Breen, Myrna Bronson, Cynthia Grzych, Jim Johanson, Herb Karner, Sandra Keller, John King, Monika Korallus, Lowell Ladewig, Arlene Marley, Char Mathis, Penny Mattes-Rumore, Sue McCoy, Georgene Podewell, Margaret Postweiler, BJ Quigley, Brooke Rekar, Melinda Rekar, Ruth Sava, Bob Schaaf, Charles Snow and Char Wolfe.

Known to have Experienced Bereavement:

The Pries and Sensmeier families upon the death of Ray Phillips
Judy Siwak upon the death of her aunt, Ann Schroeder
The Hennessy family upon the death of Sue's father, Richard Campbell
Pam Stewart upon the death of her mother, Eileen Ruolo
Cheryl Davidovitch upon the death of her brother, Robert Dres
The Puttkammer and Kureger families upon the death of Lori's brother, Ed Mueller
Sandra Reback and family upon the death of her cousin, Mike Kuciver and friend, Marion Lorenz
The Kunes family upon the death of Terry's daughter, Jennifer Sheridan
Kurt and Liz Spooner upon the death of their friend, Bob McHugh
Kirk Becker upon the death of his father-in-law, Henry Hank Deiters

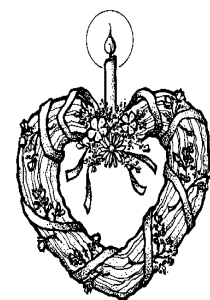


Funerals

† Richard H. Henry — January 10, 2020

† Richard E. Campbell — January 11, 2020

† Eleanore L. Snow — January 18, 2020 — A textbook editor by trade, Eleanore was much more intrigued by people than words on a page. A person grounded in faith, calling Good Shepherd her church home, she walked each leg of her journey in life inspired by the message of the gospel. Our love and prayers goes to her family and friends, especially her husband Charles.



With Sympathy



JOURNEY THROUGH MISSIONS . . .



Help for the Homeless

The next *cooking date for the homeless* is Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 AM.

We continue to take food to the Palos Food Pantry. February request

includes: Spaghetti O's, canned ravioli, canned meats, canned fruit, crackers and baby food. The need continues and donations of any other items are always appreciated.



Let's not forget our veterans!

They are always in need of toiletries in trial or full size and diabetic socks. Snacks for the Manteno snack shop are appreciated too. There are two

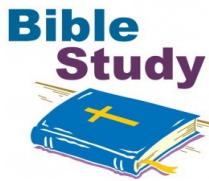
BLUE bins in the narthex to collect these items. Thank you for your donation!



THANKS FOR GIVING

The Missions Committee encourages you to read the numerous thank you letters we've received from the ministries we were able to support this past year. The letters are posted on the bulletin board down the hallway. We continue to focus our mission efforts in support of the many worthwhile efforts of Christian care and service with which we have come in contact. The Committee reminds you that great care is used to insure that our gifts are used for the purposes we intend. We encourage everyone to continue to use their white monthly mission's envelope in care of others. Please help us in aiding the relief efforts of our church in support of these needy causes. *Thank You!*

JOURNEY THROUGH ADULT ED . . .



As we journey towards and through Lent, we would invite you to explore the faith we share alongside some great people. Consider one of the following groups or gatherings which are

always open to anyone coming as they are able.

-Tuesday Prayer Group is continuing to reflect on the video series *Relat(able)* by Louie Giglio. Meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.

-Tuesday Bible Study continues looking at I Samuel. We're getting into the memorable and fun stories of king David. It's a great time to come. It meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.

-Tuesday Book Discussion is currently working through the book *Joshua*. Come and join the discussion. It meets Tuesdays at 4:00 PM.

-Thursday Prayer Partners is a brief service where we gather in the sanctuary for directed prayer. Come to God and share with others in the power of prayer. This time is open to all and takes place Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

-Thursday Discovering the Bible is looking at the book of Isaiah and finding the message of hope in difficult times. This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 PM.

Men's Bags, Basketball and Soul

Want to get to know some other guys at the church? On Monday nights at 8:00 PM we have bags set up in the Narthex (upstairs) while some others play basketball in the Life Center. At 9:15 we gather in Bethany Hall for some guided discussion about life. Any and all are welcome to come for as much of the night as they are able.



On February 17, we will not have the regular bags, basketball and soul as we have an outing planned for TopGolf in Naperville. See the front page for more information on that outing.

JOURNEY WITH OFF CLUB . . .



For the *February 19 monthly meeting/lunch at 11:00 AM*, we will be having Italian sausage

sandwiches. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Dvorak, a folk singer, singing songs our grandmothers sang.

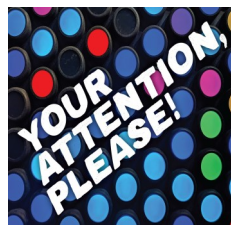
JOURNEY WITH OUR YOUTH . . .

During the winter months, many people stay in their homes and out of the cold. But at Good Shepherd, we're active in God's mission.

THIS IS A BUSY MONTH FOR THE YOUTH

February 9 is our youth service.

This gives the congregation an opportunity to see our youth in service during worship. The youth are looking forward to leading worship and hope you can join them on this Sunday.



Attention all youth: there are still openings for you to take part in this service. Please see the bulletin board for further information or contact Pastor Joe.

JOURNEY WITH OUR YOUTH . . .

Do you enjoy baking? Desserts are needed for the dessert auction on February 9. If you would be willing to provide a homemade dessert to be auctioned off, please sign up on the bulletin board or see Pr. Joe. Desserts should be brought to church on the that day and dropped off in the kitchen or Family Life Center between 8:30 and 11:15 AM.



The *High School Basketball League* is in full swing. We have four teams playing every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9:00 PM.



A *Mission Trip meeting* is scheduled for Sunday, February 16 at 6:00 PM. For this first Sunday evening meeting, youth and parents are invited to attend. Contact Pr. Joe with any questions.

As mentioned on the front page, *Lenten suppers* begin on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:15 PM. That's approaching quickly!



If you would like to take part in preparing food or helping out, please contact Pastor Joe for more information. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

JOURNEY WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ALL FAMILIES . . .



Calling all Fifth Graders . . . let's get together to enjoy a **Night of Fun!** On February 21 our evening will begin at 6:30 PM with our mission task of grocery shopping with the money raised from the Sunday school bake sale. We will need parent volunteers to help provide transportation to the local Jewel Food Store, supervise a group while shopping, then on to the pantry to deliver the food items and finally back to church. The night will continue with many activities, including flashlight tag, until 11:00 PM.



Hockey Anyone? Let's go cheer on the Chicago Wolves at the Allstate Arena on February 23 at 3 PM. The Wolves are playing the Rockford Ice Hogs. ALL ages are welcome to join us for a Sunday afternoon of great fun! Tickets will be \$13 per person and ticket reservations must be made by February 9. All participants will meet at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Reserve your tickets on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or email/call Lori Puttkammer today!



Feed My Starving Children Fellowship Event. . . is planned for Sat., March 7 from 2-4 PM at the Schaumburg location.

We have 40 spots available. This is open to anyone from age 5 (minimum age) & up. Our group will be filling bags with food and packing them for shipping. Afterwards, a dinner reservation has been made at nearby Lou Malnati's for those wishing to get a bite to eat. Please sign-up on the bulletin board, email, or call church to let Lori know you are attending. The deadline to respond is Feb. 20.

All aboard for fun at VBS! Mark your calendars for July 6-10. In order for our VBS to be as successful as it has been, we will need **YOU** to join in and volunteer. We have many ways for you to get involved and enjoy a week of sharing God's love with our children. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, as we have many spots to fill, please see Lori.



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES . . .



It's that time of year again — to **update our annual church directory**. Please notify the office of any change in address or telephone number as soon as possible.

Especially let us know if you have disconnected your land line and replaced that number with your cell. Thank you!!

The 2020 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside pastor's office. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00 and checks should be made payable to Chancel Guild.

