

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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CHURCH CONDUCT: RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: PART TWO

by Pastor Thomas Goodroad

This is the second installment, as well as a continuation of the last article, in a series of articles I have titled "Church Conduct." I encourage you to read the previous article for a better picture of what I will be talking about in this series! As I said in my first article, these are some things that answer questions that Pastor Moline and I have received over the past few months, as well as some helpful advice on how to reverently receive communion at the Altar of our Lord. If these are helpful to you, I encourage you to implement them. If they are not helpful, or, worse, are a hindrance to you, I encourage you to ignore them and continue to worship God in the way that is most conducive to your hearing the Word and receiving the Sacrament in a reverent way.

Receiving the Body: Some choose to receive the Body of Christ directly on the tongue from the Pastor's hand to confess the blessings they receive are not by their own doing, but are a gift received from God; others choose to hold out the hand for the Body and place it in their mouth themselves for the practical reason that it is easier to do and leaves less room for error. These are both fine practices. When receiving on the tongue, it is a good practice to hold the head erect or slightly tilted backward, open the mouth moderately, and place the tip of the tongue against the lower lip. When receiving in the hand, it is good to hold the left hand over the right hand, slightly cupped, then use the right hand to place the Body in your mouth, to confess that the blessings of God come from His right hand. It's also a good practice to respond with a firm "Amen!" When the Pastor says, "The Body of Christ" during the distribution.

Receiving the Blood: Here at Good Shepherd, both the individual cups and the common cup are offered. Both contain the same Blood of Christ which delivers the same forgiveness of sins. Some choose to partake from the individual cups for convenience, or to assuage the conscience from sharing a cup with others, along with what that could entail. Others choose to partake from the common cup to more closely follow the practice at Jesus' time during the Last Supper and confess solidarity with the church throughout history up until the last century. When partaking with an individual cup, it is good to tilt your head back far enough to leave as little Blood in the cup as possible; after all, Jesus commanded us to drink it. When partaking from the common cup, it is common practice to help guide the cup with one or both hands by gently placing them on a part of the cup not covered by the hand of the Pastor. Generally speaking, use the right hand on the body of the cup, the left hand on the base of the cup, or both. It is easiest to leave your head erect and move the cup to your mouth, as opposed to tilting your head forward to meet the cup. As with receiving the Body, it is a good confession of faith to reply "Amen!" after the Pastor says "The Blood of Christ," or whatever form he may use at the time. (see page 2)

The Amen will generally happen after the partaking of Christ's Blood has occurred.

Departing the rail: During the dismissal from the rail, it is a good practice to cross yourself before standing, bowing, and returning reverently to your seat. If you have an individual cup in your hand, place it gently into the basket resting on the stand in front of the Baptismal font so that it rests right side up, in order not to spill any remnants of Christ's Blood into the basket lining. Once in your seat, you may want to silently pray the prayer in the front cover of your hymnal entitled *Thanksgiving After Receiving the Sacrament*.

General Rules of Thumb: If there is a mistake and something is spilled, it is best to bring it to the attention of the Pastor during the distribution. If a wafer, or part of a wafer, fell, point it out to the Pastor so it can be properly dealt with. If there is some wine spilled on the rail or the floor, point it out to the pastor so that it can be wiped up with a purificator (A white linen cloth commonly used to wipe the rim of the cup or to deal with small spills at the altar, laundered in a different manner than other linens). It is also best that any kind of lip application be used at a minimum before communing. This includes Chapstick or lip balms, but colored makeup like lipstick is a point of particular attention. It is best to ensure that lipstick is not in danger of leaving residue on the cup, so as not to be transferred to the purificator after wiping the cup to prevent undue messes or hard to get-out stains. The Altar Guild ladies will thank you! That concludes this article on Church Conduct! If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to talk to the pastors! If there is a particular area that you would like to see covered in this series of articles, please reach out to either Pastor Moline or myself and we will be glad to take it under consideration.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Goodroad

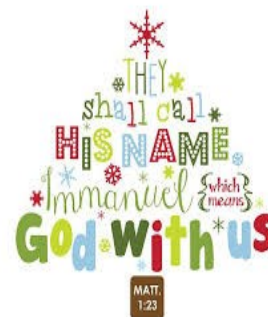
CHRISTMAS VESPERS

It's already time to start thinking about the Children's Christmas Program at Good Shepherd! All children (ages 3—14) are invited to participate. As in the past, we will be learning several verses of 6 Advent and Christmas hymns and leading the congregation in singing those hymns on Wednesday, December 20th at the Advent vespers service that night. We will practice during the Sunday School hour on Sundays from 9:30 until 10:20 am beginning November 26th. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Elizabeth Moline, Jerika Perrin, or Marlyse Goodroad so we can make sure we have enough copies of music, etc. Children who would like to participate need to attend at least 3 practices (so we can make sure everyone knows the music). Please contact Elizabeth, Jerika, or Marlyse with any questions as well.

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How we view our fellow human beings, whether as persons or as property, determines what we are okay with doing to them. Embryo research, elective abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and slavery all have two very important things in common:

1. They all have been or currently are legal in the USA and,

2. They all assume that there are human beings who should be excluded from society's circle of protection and treated as property.

—from Life Date, "Who Is My Neighbor?" summer 2023, pg. 4



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (1)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful adjustment of his medication (5)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for continued healing and good news from her next endoscopy on Dec. 21(6)
- **Sister of Darla Posner**, having pain issues (5)
- **James Vavak**, brother of Darla Posner, recovering from knee surgery (6)
- **Sharon Burke**, dealing with Parkinson's disease (4)
- **Jeremy Janssen**, friend of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (4)
- **Joannie Michel**, recovering at home (4)
- **Georgeson family**, dealing with the stress of family issues (4)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (3)
- **Linda Clark**, undergoing medical tests (3)
- **Tom Vontz**, brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer, recovering from a kidney transplant on Nov. 15th (4)
- **Hudson Dewey**, 1 yr. old great grandson of Sandie Tvrz, diagnosed with COVID (6)
- **Glenn**, friend of Karen Kammann, diagnosed with untreatable cancer, Pray for peace and comfort (2)
- **Norma Pagels**, mother of Barb Poppe, having health issues (3)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, for continued healing (1)
- **John Reigle**, having back surgery on Dec. 20th (1)
- **Robert Zook**, moved to The Waterford (4)
- **Lynn Oshner**, friend of Marilyn Meyer, recovering from heart surgery (1)
- **Don Wiese**, moved to hospice care (3)

- **Jerry Sidlo**, having medical testing (6)
- **Terry Meier**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, undergoing medical testing (3)
- **Shari**, sister of Tish Loomis, having a medical procedure (3)
- **Gail Stachura**, for successful neck surgery on December 12th (2)
- **Ellie Anderson**, friend of Grace Marshall, dealing with worsening pain that is incapacitating her (3)
- **Gary Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, in hospice care with pancreatic cancer. (3)
- **Kelli Stott**, daughter of Bob & Elaine Van Valkenburg, recovering from a knee replacement (1)
- **Elaine Egner**, having medical issues (3)
- **Chris**, son of Elaine Egner, in rehab at Brookside (3)
- **Tish Loomis**, having a medical procedure on Dec. 19th (3)
- **Bennett & Corbin**, friends of Karen Kammann, dealing with severe health issues (2)
- **The Goodrich family**, neighbors of the Knauses, on the disappearance of their son, Tyler (2)
- **The family of Nick Novacek**, cousin of Dee Indgjer, who was taken to his eternal home recently (2)

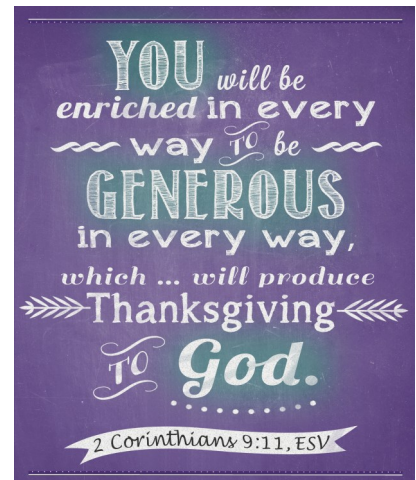
CAROLS AND COOKIES

All are invited to come on **Saturday, December 16th**. We will gather in the fellowship hall **at 3 pm and begin singing at 3:15 pm**. Carols will be broadcast live on YouTube and KNNA 95.7 FM to share with our members unable to join us in person. Come with a plate of cookies or munchies and merriment to share. ("Good voices" are not required!) Coffee and hot cocoa will be provided. Please contact Sarah Kaldahl at (660.238.7327) with questions.



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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— I Corinthians 4: 2
– **“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”** A steward manages the property of the owner for the owner’s purposes. We are stewards of all that God has given us. So, we are called to use all that we are and all that we have for God’s purposes. How do we know what His purposes are? Consider your vocations, your callings from God, in the home, in the church and in society: What are the roles God has called you to play? And how should you be using the gifts He has given you to fulfill these roles?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Dec. 17 thru Dec. 23)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Evette Bliss Trent Roth
Elly Mae Meyer Bob Rathjen
Angela Von Busch

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Allen & Sharon Wilkens
Michael & Michelle Schnell

LIFE MOMENT

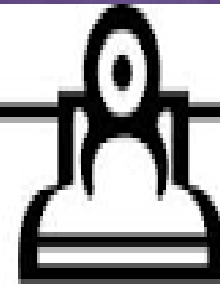
In view of God’s display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.”

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

Register online to be a donor on **Friday, December 22nd**. The blood draw will be at Good Shepherd in the fellowship hall **from 8 am—2 pm**. Schedule your appointment to donate at **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **Good Shepherd Lutheran**.

“Properly speaking, it is Christ on the cross who saves. Faith is simply a dependence on that sacrifice. The pattern of conversion is repeated every Sunday, in the confession and absolution, in the pastor’s sermon which is always a proclamation of Law and Gospel. Luther went even further. He said that we should be broken by the Law and animated by the Gospel every day.”

The Spirituality of the Cross (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 1999, pg. 27 by Gene Edward Veith



FINANCIAL INFORMATION DECEMBER 10, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., DEC 6 : 95
MATINS: DEC 7: 35
SUN., DEC. 10: 263

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 8,894.92

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,665,667.46

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030

We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 10, 2023
We have received
\$ 9,673.50
in principal only gifts.

Principle Only Gifts from
October 2022– Oct. 1, 2023
\$ 197,307.69

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Dec. 17): 8 am: Tim Higgins
10:30 am: Lauren Georgeson
(Wed., Dec. 20): Scott & Dee Indgjer

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Dec. 17): Wayne Gudgel
(Wed., Dec. 20): Wayne Gudgel

USHERS: (Sun., Dec. 17): 8 am: Stepps, Schnell, Wilkens
10:30 am: Eckhoff, Keller, Princ
(Wed., Dec. 20): Kaldahl, Pfeister, Von Busch (A & A)

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Dec. 17): 8 am: Nolan Keller
10:30 am: Cole Walker
(Wed., Dec. 20): Brantley Reinke

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Dec. 17): YuNa Kort
(Wed., Dec. 20): No Communion

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Dec. 17): Wendy Stepp
(Wed., Dec. 20): Arlene Nelson (No Communion)

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Dec. 17): Suzie Znamenacek
(Wed., Dec. 20): Arlene Nelson (No Communion)

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Dec. 17): Dennis & Reva Von Busch

MISSION PROJECT FOR DECEMBER

Luther Classical College in Casper, WY will be Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of December. Luther Classical College will open in the fall of 2025. It will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. Students will learn Latin, history, theology, literature, logic, rhetoric, music, geometry, biology and mathematics within a purposefully Christian and Lutheran framework.

GOOD SHEPHERD PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photos will be taken for the pictorial directory on the following dates in room 106:

Please contact Megan Lichtenfeld for make-up dates and times at (402) 416-1924.

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the "INFORMATION" desk. **PLEASE NOTE: You may not have the same envelope number as last year.**

Those who contribute "online" have not been given a physical envelope. Instead, a number has been assigned to your name for your tax reporting purposes.

If there is not a box of envelopes at the information desk with your name and you would like to have envelopes, please let the office know.

If you have questions or would like to make a request for envelopes, please call the church office at **(402) 423-7639 and talk to Corie Christiansen.**

GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them.

Ron Amack (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)

Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. **There are currently no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate among our shut-in members.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



KIESER FAMILY

Check at the Information Center on the hanging clipboard for photos of Nathan & Cosette Kieser and their twin boys, Arthur and William. Nathan was a Concordia University student who attended services at Good Shepherd. He is now a student at Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN.

KNNA-LP 95.7 FM

The Cross is always looking for volunteers to help, but currently we have a very specific need. We would like to update our radio station website or perhaps completely rebuild it. We have hundreds of hours of programming that needs to be properly archived for easier access. If you have computer/website experience and can help with this project, please contact Curt Christiansen or Pastor Moline. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

Do you have a special nativity you display in your home? Maybe it's unique, or a family heirloom, or extra kid-friendly, or just overall meaningful to you. Nativities can tell two stories: 1) the birth of Jesus, and 2) its meaningfulness to you. If you would like the opportunity to share your nativity, bring it to the Christmas caroling event on Saturday, December 16. Tables will be set out for the nativity display in the fellowship hall. You can take it home after caroling or after church on Sunday the 17th. If you plan to bring a nativity, let Sarah Kaldahl (660.238.7327) know to have ample table spaces available.

ADVENT MEALS

Advent services began **Wednesday, December 6**. The following Advent meals will be served 5-6 pm in the fellowship hall. **Please note the meals will end at 6 pm** to allow the volunteers to get cleaned up in time for the Advent service. Of course, you are still welcome to stay in the fellowship hall between 6-6:30 pm for socializing.

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| Dec. 13 | Church Council serving sloppy joes & mac & cheese; free-will offering to the vicar fund. |
| Dec. 20 | Higgins family serving BBQ pulled pork; free-will offering to Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center. |