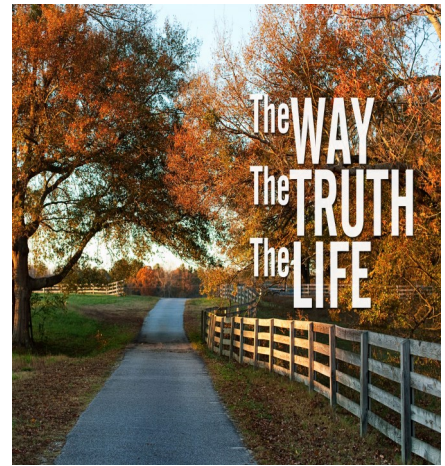


Good Shepherd News & Notes

Quinquagesima Sunday: February 11, 2024

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THE CHRISTENLEHRE *(continued)*

by Rev. Ryan Loeslie

Parents who have children in the school and confirmed sons and daughters should for their own children's sake take regular part in the Sunday Catechism exercise and not miss it. If they themselves stay home, while the youth are forced to go to the Christenlehre, the children learn from the start to see the Christenlehre as a coercion. They regard it as a burden and look forward in advance to the time when they also, like their parents, will outgrow the children's instruction. Whoever Sunday to Sunday gives such an offense to his children must only indict himself when his children turn their backs on the church after Confirmation, fall prey to the world, and distress their parents with much humiliation and grief. But if the parents show in the act that the examination is dear and valuable and important to them, this establishes a good model for the youth, as well as a powerful encouragement. What an advantage, what salutary stimulus for a child, to be in the Christenlehre with a keen, attentive, and orderly attitude. If the parents also participate with zeal, son and daughter must say to themselves, "Father and mother are here, and they pay special attention to you. They gladden themselves or are disappointed over your answers and your behavior." In the Christenlehre parents have then the best opportunity to observe whether their children are reverent and behave like Christians, whether they have a desire for God's Word, whether they can give answers and make progress, or if they are still lacking in some ways. Then they must help them at home and spur them on to keep working at it. Parents will find so much opportunity for glad praise and thanks towards God, that the work in the home, in the school, and in the church will not be in vain. They will also find opportunity for fervent supplication and prayer, that the Lord bridle the flesh of their children and lead them in the good work already begun and bring it to completion. Through regular attentive participation in the Catechism exercises parents will also become more skilled to discharge their special duties as house-fathers and housemothers, to use God's Word for teaching, reproof, correction, instruction, and comfort of their loved ones. In this way they will exercise their spiritual priesthood in the home.

Would that all our dear Christians recognize here what is so right and necessary before God for the blessing and edification of our Lutheran Zion. And where the word "Christenlehre" touches a sore spot in congregation or family life, let one consider that this does not have to do with a false estimation of the value and importance of a merely Lutheran and churchly institution, but it has to do with the clear symptoms of a penetrating laziness, indifference, and satiation with regard to God's Word itself. "Therefore I entreat you all for God's sake, my dear sirs and brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to devote yourselves heartily to your office, to have pity on the people who are entrusted to you, and to help us inculcate
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The Catechism upon the people, and especially upon the young." [Small Catechism, Preface]. May everyone let these penetrating words of Luther be earnestly said among them, and preachers, teachers, congregation members, parents and children accept the Christenlehre with ever-renewed seriousness and zeal, to the praise of God. May this be a blessing for the church, and temporal and eternal usefulness and godliness for our neighbor and for us all.

From Christian Culture: A Magazine for Lutherans, published quarterly by Luther Classical College, 2300 Hickory St., Casper, WY 82604, Fall 2023 issue, pg. 18-22.

MISSION PROJECT FOR FEBRUARY

Luther Classical College will be Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of February 2024. With an opening date planned for the fall of 2025, the college will be built on the 11-acre campus of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School in Casper, WY. It will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. LCC now has 134 prospective student sign-ups. It will offer its students a high quality education, preparing them for a variety of career paths. Some will go on to become pastors, teachers, and lawyers. Others will take advantage of the trade options that will be offered in cooperation with Casper Community College and go on to become electricians, plumbers, etc. All will receive an education that prepares them to confess Christ in this world, using all the gifts God has given them to glorify Him and to serve their neighbors.

If you are moved to invest in the coming generations of Lutheran students, this could be the opportunity you are looking for. Envelopes and more information can be found on the bulletin table in the narthex.

SEEKING MOWING VOLUNTEERS

Fed up with cold weather? Missing that healthy glow? Imagine yourself riding around on the church's riding lawn mower, working on your bronze tan, and soaking in the vitamin D, all for FREE!

Good Shepherd is seeking Mowing Volunteers for the summer of 2024. If interested, please contact **Aron Wiest** at **aronw2418@yahoo.com** or **(402) 432-0074**.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

Register online to be a donor on **Friday, February 23rd**. The blood draw will be at Good Shepherd in the fellowship hall **from 8 am—2 pm**. To schedule your appointment go to **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **Good Shepherd Lutheran**.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

All women are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the LWIM at Good Shepherd. The meetings are held on the **third Thursdays of the month (February 19th this month) at 9:30 am in room 109**. It is affiliated with the national group which is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Many opportunities are available for service, Bible study, etc.

THANK YOU

Barb and I would like to offer our deepest thanks and gratitude for the many cards, calls, and other expressions of Christian love at the recent passing of her mother and nephew. Special thanks to those who braved the icy roads and frigid temperatures in making the trip to West Point. We thank God for you!

Pastor Clint & Barb Poppe



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 (3)
- **Sharon Burke**, dealing with Parkinson's disease (6)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (5)
- **Kyle Lundberg**, cousin of Karen Kammann, for an accurate diagnosis and successful treatment (6)
- **Gary Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, in hospice care with pancreatic cancer (5)
- **Elaine Egner**, having chemo and radiation treatments (5)
- **Elaine Van Valkenburg**, for continued strength and healing (5)
- **Steve Waldron**, father-in-law of Melissa (Sidlo) Waldron, recovering from a second brain surgery (6)
- **Don Wiese**, in hospice care (5)
- **Peggy Cather**, hospitalized with a broken pelvis following a fall (4)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, having medical issues (3)
- **Jeremy Janssen**, friend of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (3)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, for continued recovery (3)
- **Judy**, mother of Wendy Stepp, for quick recovery from surgery (2)
- **Brent Travis**, diagnosed with a lung disease. Pray for comfort and guidance (2)
- **Ken Marshall and family**, father of Grace Marshall, with ongoing health problems (3)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, who is near death (2)
- **Barbara Kumm**, hospitalized following a fall on the ice (1)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery (2)

- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, for successful recovery following knee surgery (2)
- **Larry Baack**, brother of Pam Jensen, recovering from sepsis (2)
- **Melinda**, friend of Wendy Stepp, for successful medical treatment (2)
- **The family of the mother-in-law of Heidi Bokelman**, who was taken to her eternal home (2)
- **The family of Barrett Cole Berger**, infant son of Eleanor & Eric Berger, niece of Brent & Jan Stehlik, who was taken to his eternal home at the age of 2 weeks. (1)

NEW KNNA SCHEDULES

New schedules for Good Shepherd's radio station (KNNA-LP 95.7FM) are available on the table where you can pick up your bulletins in the narthex. Some discontinued programming has been deleted and new offerings have been added. On the back of the new schedules is a summary of the changes. The KNNA board is planning to apply for Recognized Service Organization status from the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Questions can be addressed to Curt Christiansen, Joe Ehrich, Pastor Poppe, or Pastor Goodroad.

BRINGING BACK BACH

One of the many original programs produced by KNNA-LP 95.7 The Cross is Bringing Back Bach. Pastor Moline brings his vast knowledge of Lutheran church music and Lutheran theology together in this program as he highlights a portion of the musical genius that is Johann Sebastian Bach. Programs are arranged according to the liturgical church year and give us a glimpse of how majestic Lutheran church music has been and can be today. Thanks for listening!

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Luke 18: 34 – “This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.” Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift — the disciples can’t understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand Him. By nature, they are deaf to the Word. So, everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity and kindness.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Feb. 11 thru Feb. 17)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Cedric Gerdes	Lillian Kaldahl
Del Meints	Ryan Prenosil
Casper Turek	Megan Meyer
Marj Victor	Pastor Daniel Golden
John Walker	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Chad & Dawn Renter
David & Lois Kirchhoff

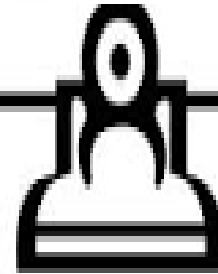
LIFE MOMENT

Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture.

LENTEN MEALS

Lenten services begin on Wednesday, February 14th with Ash Wednesday. The following dates are available for groups interested in serving a meal from 5-6 pm. Free-will donations will go towards a project of the group’s choice. Please contact Sarah Kaldahl at 660.238.7327 to schedule. Lenten services will be at 4pm and 6:30 pm.

Feb. 14 — Pastor Poppe & crew (Pulled Pork)
Funds to the Women’s Care Center
Feb. 21 — Homeschool Moms (Nacho Bar)
Funds to Parish Education
Feb. 28 — Church Council (Sloppy Joes) Funds
to interior painting & upkeep
March 6 — Elders (Soup) Funds to the Vicarage
Fund
March 13 — OPEN
March 20 — Indgjers (Baked Pasta) Funds to
Narthex improvements



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
JANUARY 28, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., JAN 31: 75
MATINS, FEB 1: 41
SUN., FEB 4: 215

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 7,010.32

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-
GAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

Our goal is to pay off the mort-
gage by 2030. We need \$2,300
per week donated in principal
only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan 1 and Feb. 4, 2024
We have received
\$ 9,483.00
in principal only gifts.

Principle Only Gifts from
Oct. 2022– Dec. 31, 2023
\$ 207,886.19

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — Feb. 4,
2024:
\$ 18,988.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Feb. 11): 8 am: Harnett
10:30 am: Olson
(Wed., Feb. 14): Olson

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Feb. 11): Chad Renter
(Wed., Feb. 14): Ken Knaus, Chad Renter

USHERS: (Sun., Feb. 11) 8 am: Von Busch (A & A), Indgjers
10:30 am: Perrin, Fitzgerald, Princes
(Wed., Feb. 14): 4 pm: Pfeister, Novaks
6:30 pm: Von Busch (A & A), Kaldahl, Schmidt

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Feb. 11) 8 am: Job Ehrich
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., Feb. 14): R J Huff

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Feb. 11): Claire Moline
(Wed., Feb. 14): Chloe Lichtenfeld

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Feb. 11): Paula Erickson
(Wed., Feb. 14): Marilyn Meyer, Dennis & Reva

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Feb. 11): Deb Grimmette
(Wed., Feb. 14): Dennis & Reva

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Feb. 11): Mark & Lori Reinke

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL TOUR

Join Pastor Michael Awe in this wonderful opportunity to have St. Paul's letters come alive as we travel to some of the places where Christ led him to share the Gospel. Here we will see the Bible come alive with the beautiful locations of the early Christian Church. We will enjoy sights including Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Thessaloniki, and many others. Also part of this tour is a 3-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. The dates for this wonderful tour are **October 29 – November 8, 2024**. We will be departing from and arriving back at the Omaha airport. The price for this trip which includes transportation, tours, hotels, and most meals is **\$4,379 per person based on double occupancy**. If you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Pastor Awe at the 1revma@gmail.com or call him at 531-218-5793.

BUNCO PARTY

You are invited to an afternoon of fellowship and fun on Saturday, February 24th at 3 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be playing an easy, fun dice game called Bunco, no experience required. Anyone age 10-99 is welcome to play! The game requires an even number of people, so please sign up in pairs, but don't worry — you won't be stuck with your partner for the entire game. (If you want to play and can't find a partner, let Elizabeth Moline know or check out the sign-up sheet.) Limited babysitting will be provided for a freewill offering. Feel free to bring snacks — water and lemonade will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Elizabeth Moline at 701-640-7989 with any questions.

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)
Arllyss 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 birthday cards to sign for Verneda Gerdes and Elaine Egner and an anniversary card for Marvin & Joyce Thompson. These cards will be available until March 6th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



2024 Summer Camp Opportunities

Camp Luther is so excited to announce that our Summer 2024 registration is officially open! Our Christ-centered Bible camps are for youth entering first grade through high school. This summer campers will explore our theme 'Called to Serve' which will dive into what it means and what it looks like to serve the Lord.

While at camp, campers will spend time growing in their faith, playing outside, building lifelong friendships, and learning new skills. Our trained staff will be with campers every step of the way as they experience God in a different place, one that allows the youth to step away from the realities of our world. Don't delay, register today!

Activities

Campfire, Chapel, Archery, Boats, Swimming, Hiking, Hatchets, Sports, Arts/Crafts, Night Games, Fort Building, and more!



2024 CAMPS:

EXPLORER: ENTERING GRADES 1ST - 4TH (2-NIGHT, 3-DAY CAMPS)

DISCOVERY: ENTERING GRADES 4TH - 6TH (5-NIGHT, 6-DAY CAMPS)

ADVENTURE: ENTERING GRADES 7TH - 9TH (5-NIGHT, 6-DAY CAMPS)

SPECIALTY CAMPS: ENTERING GRADES 6TH - 9TH

VOYAGER: HIGH SCHOOL AGE JULY 10-12



Learn More
or Register
Today!

VOTERS' MEETING

Good Shepherd's semi-annual voters' meeting was held in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, January 30th at 7 pm.** Members in attendance voted to request a vicar for the August 2024 — July 2025 year listing our preference for one from the Ft. Wayne seminary.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

For a list of the camps available this summer, check the clipboard at the information center. Lutheran Women in Mission is offering scholarships to these camps. For the basic camps the scholarship will pay 50%. For the specialty camps the scholarship will pay 75%. Register for the camp of your choice and bring in your receipt for reimbursement. Please contact Maureen Marshall at 402.902.9125 with any questions or to give her your receipt for reimbursement.