

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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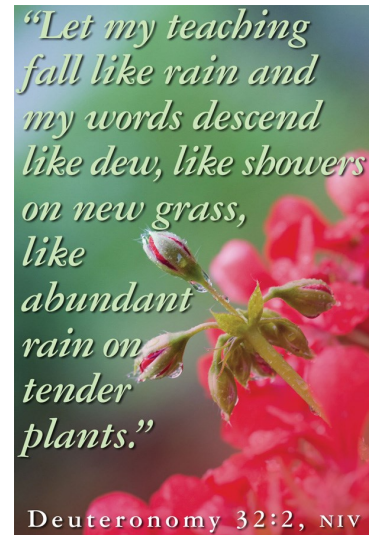
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THE CHRISTENLEHRE *(continued)*

by Rev. Ryan Loeslie

If the Christenlehre is especially suitable for the needs of the youth, and if the preaching worship is especially suited for the needs of the adults, note that it does not in any way follow that the Christenlehre is only for the youth and the preaching only for the adults. Unfortunately it is too often handled according to the principles of the Old Adam. But for Christians who fear God, it is enough if they know that it is the same Word of God which is in both the Christenlehre and in the sermon. The milk which nourishes the children is also salutary and healthy for the adults. They operate according to the word: "Come, that you may hear," where, when, and in whatever way the Word of God is publicly proclaimed. Even for experienced Christians, nothing gets lost easier than the simplest Catechism truths. Christian knowledge is no such thing, that a man can avail himself of it once for all and then never lose it.

The devil himself has ambitions upon the Catechism truths, to darken them for Christians, to mix them with errors, or to rob them from us outright. Satan himself tells someone that he knows it all and no longer needs the children's teaching. Therefore it is worthwhile that even experienced Christians repeat the Catechism over and over and refresh it in their spirit. The gold of salutary knowledge must be maintained through regular exercise. And where can that better happen than in the Catechism examination, where you consider every question to be directed at yourself, and you seek to answer it! To go through the six chief parts attentively once a year with the congregation — this is not too much to do. And when you regularly and attentively attend the Catechism examination, soon you will find that you still have much to do. Yes, that even the children can answer some questions which you can't. There will always be parts which are unfamiliar to you, others which you have forgotten. You will find points of doctrine which you do not thoroughly understand, phrases which you still have not impressed securely enough in your memory. You will learn about false doctrines, which you have not yet recognized sharply enough, and there will be applications which are new to you. And even if you could know everything, you will still have to learn until the end of your life how you can best share it with others — how to give a defense of your faith to the children of this world or false believers, or how to give comfort to a Christian brother on his deathbed. No scholar or theologian rises above the Lutheran Catechism and its simple doctrines, his whole life long! Luther himself and with him all the blessed theologians of our church have recognized it in their old age, even as learned and experienced doctors of holy theology, that they must remain children and students of the Catechism, and remain so gladly. Even as no one can become too learned by listening to a simple sermon, no one can become too learned through a simple Catechism examination. Experience also teaches us this. Exactly those people who think they no longer need the children's teaching still go about in *(see page 2)*

their children's shoes. In the hour of temptation they become easy prey for the sects, or they even fall into manifest unbelief. But the very members who tend with care to the Christenlehre and are zealous to grow in salutary knowledge — these prove themselves as the keenest, most capable, and most reliable members of the congregation. These are those who, when it comes to difficult questions of doctrine and life, examine everything well and are able to make judgments according to God's Word. Therefore they also may be safely entrusted with congregational leadership.

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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**.

OLDER, WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS

The next fellowship opportunity will be on Friday, February 2nd from 2-4 pm. It's a chance to get to know one another better while playing some fun games or ? (bring your own ideas). For more information or answers to questions contact Marilyn Meyer at (402) 484-8599.

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**.

. . . the abortion laws that have allowed for the destruction of millions of lives in the womb are also destroying the soul of our nation."

Alan Sears, President & CEO of Alliance Defending Freedom

"We could never learn to be brave or patient if there were only joy in the world."

Helen Keller



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

- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, for successful recovery following knee surgery (1)
- **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)
- **Thanksgiving** for Barb Poppe's aunt, Elvera Thietje, as she celebrates her 103rd birthday this weekend. (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.

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!

"Beware of the barrenness of a busy life."

Socrates

"The real democratic American idea is not that every man shall be on a level with every other, but that every man shall have liberty, without hindrance, to be what God made him."

Henry Ward Beecher

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Luke 8: 5 –
“**And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot...**” Know any farmers like this? Who just throw their crop seed wherever? That’s crazy! But God’s ways are not our ways — He is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to His image, may we also learn the joy of generosity and giving!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Feb. 4 thru Feb. 10)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Loraine Harnett	Thomas Pflanz
Adam Stehlik	Carlie Christiansen
Sarah Bliss	Peter Kaldahl

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
None

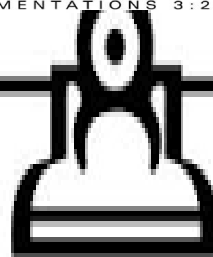
LIFE MOMENT

When God tells us He knew us before we were born — while we were in our mother’s womb, we can hardly say life doesn’t begin at fertilization. When God tells us that our days are numbered and He will decide when our life on this earth is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. Ponder God’s Word and stand up for life.

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.

- 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 24: 70
MATINS, JAN 25: 42
SUN., JAN 28: 265

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 5,763.11

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 Jan.28, 2024
We have received
\$ 9,258.00
in principal only gifts.

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

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — Jan 28,
2024:
\$ 8,983.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Feb. 4): 8 am: Higgins
10:30 am: Fitzgerald
(Wed., Feb. 7): Cheek

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Feb. 4): Rich Lichtenfeld
(Wed., Feb. 7): Curt Christiansen

USHERS: (Sun., Feb. 4) 8 am: Stepps, Sidlo, Brodbeck
10:30 am: Novaks, Klutzes
(Wed., Feb. 7): Kaldahl, Schmidt, Indgjers

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Feb. 4) 8 am: Rhett Bauer
10:30 am: Sawyer Shubkagel
(Wed., Feb. 7): Kyler Cover

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Feb. 4): YuNa Kort
(Wed., Feb. 7): YunMi Kort

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Feb. 4): Corie Christiansen
(Wed., Feb. 7): Marilyn Meyer

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Feb. 4): Suzie Zamenacek
(Wed., Feb. 7): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Feb. 4): Loraine Harnett, Sandy Langemeier

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.

THE AMAZING SOUP COOK-OFF CONTEST

Thank you to all who attended, tasted, and voted at the 2024 Annual Soup Cook-off! Extra thank you to all the soup contestants who delivered delicious soups: Pastor Poppe with Hamburger Soup, Ella and Claire Moline with Baked Potato Soup, Adam Mankin with Shrimp and Corn Chowder, Chad Renter with Crack Chicken Soup, Nick Hyde with Gumbo, Terry Princ with Chicken and Rice Soup, Deb Grimmette with Potato, Ham and Cheese Soup, and Ben & Michael Civic with Chicken Soup.

Congratulations to our winners!

1st Place: Chad Renter with Crack Chicken Soup

2nd Place: Pastor Poppe with Hamburger Soup

3rd Place: Adam Mankin with Shrimp and Corn Chowder

4th Place: Terry Princ with Chicken and Rice Soup

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 shut-in members with birthdays or anniversaries in February.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



KNNA & ISSUES, ETC

One of the primary programs on KNNA-LP 95.7FM The Cross is Issues Etc. Broadcast live Monday through Friday from 3-5 pm, Issues Etc. offers a wide variety of topics, features, and guests. Many current events in the world of theology are covered here as well as timeless theology drawn from Holy Scripture and Lutheran Confessions. You might even hear our very own Matt Phillips, as he is an occasional guest in the area of medieval church history. Thanks for listening!

PANCAKES FOR PCAN

The congregation is invited to volunteer or attend the **Pancakes for PCAN** benefit **on Tuesday, February 6 from 4:00—7:00 pm** here at Good Shepherd. The **free -will offering will benefit Lincoln area families experiencing pediatric cancer.** This will be the 10th year Good Shepherd will partner with PCAN (Pediatric Cancer Action Network) in this community outreach fundraiser to reduce the financial burden on families with diagnoses of pediatric cancer and to advocate for a cure through awareness, action, and education. Last year we were able to raise over \$5,000 to help local families with essential needs!

Many volunteers are needed to help with 1 hour shifts. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Help is needed on Sunday the 4th, and various times on Monday the 5th. Call or text if you have any questions: Tiffany Walker 402-432-0003. THANK YOU! In case of inclement weather, February 13 is scheduled as a "snow date".

MARCH MISSION PROJECT

Good Shepherd's mission project coming up in March will be the **Women's Care Center.** Located right across the street from Planned Parenthood, it provides a compassionate resource for mothers who need a listening ear, support, guidance, and resources to help during a difficult time in their lives.