

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1-24-2021

Please pick up your 2020 Giving Statements. You should find them in the two wooden boxes on the table in the entryway. Since 2020 was a unique year, you may find that the envelope you pick up will contain some unique items. First, Pastor Groth wrote a note that we included. Second, some of you may find the normal statement. Third, if you started giving by credit card, online giving, or auto withdrawal, you should find a third sheet. If you have two statements, please add the two amounts together to determine your giving to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the Lord's work. Thank you for taking your envelope home and thank you for supporting the Lord's work.

REMINDER: If you donated to the Thrivent program after the Covid-19 shutdown where Thrivent matched 50% of what you gave, please include that when you do your taxes. Your Good shepherd statement does not include it because Thrivent did not break it out when they sent the deposit to Good Shepherd. This happened late March-early April. Thanks for your contribution to Good Shepherd during this "shut down."

2021 Giving Envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex. Thank you.

Stephen Ministry~Feeling depressed or anxious during these difficult times? Our Stephen Ministers can help! If you would like to set up a phone call or facetime appointment with a Stephen Minister, please call Kathy Wagner at (920) 261-0221.

Human Care Board Weekend Food to Go and Grow GSLC Team would like to thank our members who contributed cash or Thrivent gift cards. The Shared Community Mission Group which includes 12 different churches in Watertown decided for the month of January that we will be sending our 18 families a \$30 Aldi gift card so we can be safe following the holidays. We were able to buy 16 cards toward the first week's cards from a Thrivent Card and the rest of the money left from a donation after extras in the bags given this fall. If any other member would like to contribute a Thrivent Card, it would buy 8 gift cards to help families. Thank you! Mary Rollert, Board of Human Care.

The Board of Parish Ed is looking for a VBS Leader or VBS Co-Leaders for June of 2021. Tentatively, VBS is scheduled for the Week of June 7 – 11, 2021. The VBS program has already been decided. We will be using the program purchased for 2020 that we didn't get to use last summer. If you are interested in this position or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Tanya Demetropoulos at 920-262-9435 for further information.

Memory Verse: This week's memory verse is from Colossians 2:13–14 "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

Please pray for: We pray for Dorothy Wegner, Burl Bely, Del Oestreich, Knox Gerlach, Allison Knoll, Patricia Fox, Lefty Demetropoulos, mother of John, in hospice care and Ellie Block. We also pray for Malachi Kurtz.

Prayer for our President: Bless we implore You, merciful Lord, our country and all our people. Give Your special aid and grace to Joseph, the President of the United States. Be his Counsellor and his Defense. Give him faith, wisdom, courage, health, and patience to bear the burden of his office.

Keep him in safety and grant that, relying upon You and seeking to do Your will, he and his associates in government may enact wise laws and administer them justly, so that the welfare of our people may be assured, and peace maintained at home and among the nations of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Ron Wille's Bible study class takes place on Monday, at 4:30 pm. Written by Lutheran Hour Ministries, this study is entitled, "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." Ever wondered if there was just a bit more to some of those lessons you learned in Sunday School. Others have as well. Join us as we look behind the scenes and uncover "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." This study takes place in the sanctuary. No sign up is required, and each class stands alone by itself. That is, it's perfectly okay if you're not able to make the entire series. Classes will be kept to 45 minutes or less.

The 2021 Altar Flower chart is now available on the wall next to the usher's room in the narthex. If you would like to give flowers for the altar, please sign your name on the chart for the date you prefer or call the church office. Thank you. Dee

***Our Sunday service is televised Tuesday mornings at 8 am and afternoons at 3:00 pm as well as on Sundays at 2 pm on cable channel 98 and the high-definition cable channel 985 or <http://bit.ly/gslcvideo> online.*

COVID Joy: *"I am thankful for rays of sunshine that warm my heart when it is cold outside."*
Anonymous

Family Life Corner- Michelle Gerlach

Are you struggling with your marriage or relationship? Chances are, you discovered similar differences during the early years of your own marriage. One of the most important lessons we can learn in marriage is this truth: Your spouse is not like you. Even if the two of you are extremely similar, you are also extremely different. Discover how to become aware of the nature of love and learn how to express love in a language your mate can understand. Learn how your spouse receives and gives love with the five love languages.

- 1) Words of affirmation
- 2) Receiving gifts
- 3) Acts of service
- 4) Quality time
- 5) Physical touch

For more information go to: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/mastering-your-spouses-love-language/>