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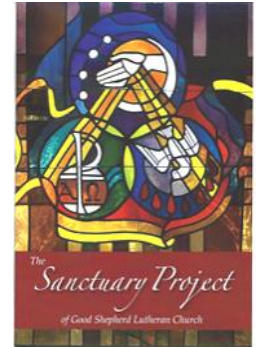
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FROM THE PASTOR

By Pastor David K. Groth



“SANCTUARY PROJECT UPDATE”

I shared this news last weekend, but many, I'm sure, were not able to hear it. At the beginning of the month, we owed only \$122 yet on Phase 1 of the Sanctuary Project. At the All Boards meeting, we “passed the hat,” and \$282 was contributed. This means Phase 1 is all paid for!

Phase 1 included the removal of the old lighting cove and the wood siding going up the walls, the construction of wooden platforms for the pendent lights, the installation of new lighting and all electrical work, the removal of the old dry wall, and the construction of a new sheer wall, with ten window openings. It includes the window frames, the outside thermal glass, and the window sills. It includes the restoration of all twelve windows received from Bethesda, where every single piece of glass is removed from its lead, cleaned, new lead and putty put in place, and then finally the whole window reassembled and installed. (We're told this glass should be good to go for a hundred years, though few of us will be around to hold them to their word! I guess I'll have to do it myself.) It includes all the new drywall work and painting, the architect fees, engineering fees, etc.

The grand total of Phase 1 cost \$262,607, and it's all paid for! Thank you for your generosity! We didn't need to hire anyone to help us raise this money. Together, we simply decided what we wanted to do as a congregation and started donating the funds.

To me, it still feels like a brand-new sanctuary, bright and airy and colorful. I was recently admiring the windows as I walked in from the lower parking lot at night. The light was shimmering through the stained glass. Especially with the Christmas tree, it looked so warm and inviting.

This morning (12/20) I received an email from Oakbrook Esser saying they'd like to install the next two windows on Monday, December 23. What a nice Christmas present that will be for us!

On to Phase 2! The Voters' will make the final decisions, of course, but this will likely include things like new flooring in the sanctuary and narthex, new and improved audio/visual equipment, installation of two remaining windows somewhere in the building, and giving the Fellowship Hall a much-needed makeover (flooring, walls, maybe the ceiling too). More will follow after the first of the year, and again, the voters' assembly will make the final decisions.

Thanks to the Sanctuary Project Committee for all their work on Phase 1, especially to Tim Raether who did a ton of work. Pastor Matt DeNoyer has agreed to chair Phase 2 of the

Sanctuary Project, and Lisa Martin has agreed to assist. Both Pastor DeNoyer and Lisa have significant experience with church building/remodeling projects. I'm grateful in advance for their work!

For some time, now, many of us have been dreaming and chatting about Phase 2, but we will get more serious about preparing and planning for Phase 2 after the first of the year. Meanwhile, I'm going to keep giving my regular contributions to the Sanctuary Project, confident they will be put to good use and will soon be needed. I hope you do the same!

So, again, thank you for your generosity that has made all this possible, and stay tuned for more information on Phase 2.

Pastor Groth

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By Amy Gromowski



“HAPPY NEW YEAR”

As I stand at the school door each morning and talk with students and parents, I wonder what life will present to our students before the end of this school year. I wonder what they will be like when I run into them at the Towne Cinema or at a Watertown High School football game in years to come. What will they remember about Good Shepherd Lutheran School? Our goals are for them while here are to:

- Know that Jesus loves them and is their Savior
- Know that we, the school/church staff, love them
- Be curious and motivated learners in all aspects of life
- Be confident to work independently and problem solve
- Have integrity and grit

Being in a position to help students reach these goals is one of the reasons I love being in education. We have a lot of learning and growing to do in the next six months spiritually, academically, and physically. We will continue to work hard to move our students forward in extraordinary ways as we develop their talents and skills with the help of God. It is through their learning we pray

our students develop and demonstrate good Christian citizenship in a world that needs Christian disciples. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (Jer. 29:11) Let’s see what He has planned for 2020.

In His Service,

Amy Gromowski

“BOWLING FOR THE BAND”

Save the Date! PTL Bowling for the Band/Silent Auction at Watertown Bowl 18 is scheduled for, Sunday, January 26, 2020. Come join us in the fun....Bowl with your family and friends! Wonderful auction items! Look for details in the bulletin and in the narthex!





“FALLS CAN BE DEADLY”

Wisconsin tops the nation in the highest rate of deadly falls among senior citizens. The good news is you can greatly lessen the potential for yourself. There are many ways to decrease your fall potential.

Start with how you can prevent falls in your home. Make sure pathways in your home are not cluttered. Remove excess furniture and decorative items you could trip on. Focus on floor coverings and throw rugs. They can be great tripping hazards. Wipe up spills quickly and completely. Include non-slip items near the shower or tub.



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- Stand facing the kitchen counter or bathroom vanity. Grip the counter with both hands while holding your leg straight. Lift it backward- it doesn't need to be very high. Try lifting 5 times with each leg and increase the number as you grow stronger.
- Stand sideways holding the counter with one hand. Then with your leg straight, lift it out from the side of your body five times. Then turn around and repeat on the other side. Increase the number and distance over time as you get stronger.
- Sit in a chair with arms (a heavy wooden chair like a dining chair with arms is preferred). Place both hands on the arms of the chair and raise your behind up off the chair. Repeat five—ten times. Initially it will be a small distance, but as you gain strength, it will increase. This will assist you in coming to a standing position and lowering yourself to a seated position. Don't just let yourself fall back into a chair.

Practice these movements daily or twice daily. You should see some improvements in your strength and balance within a month, but you don't stop then. It's a lifelong commitment to maintain your mobility and balance and avoid fractures.

Snow and ice can put you at great risk for falls. Always wear appropriate footwear. Walk with your heels together and your toes pointed out like a penguin. Take small sliding steps to maintain your balance.

Try these simple steps, but remember that a professional gym or Y membership for senior strength programs is even better. There are many physical and social benefits and your Medicare insurance supplement often covers the cost. **STAY SAFE!**



Bonnie Mihal, Parish Nurse

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high.” Luke 1:76-78 ESV



HAPPY BIRTHDAY – JANUARY 2020!

If you don't see your name listed for birthdays this month and you should be, please give the office a call to update our records. If you see a name that should not be listed, I would like to know that also. Thank you. Dee

Savannah Fraser	1-Jan	Shawn Budig	12-Jan	Richard Wagner	19-Jan
Keith Generotzke	1-Jan	Samantha Bunge	12-Jan	Nora Cotter	20-Jan
Curtis Grendahl	1-Jan	Corey Heller	12-Jan	Zachary Naatz	20-Jan
Heather Jones	1-Jan	Jerry Kikkert	12-Jan	Alice Stoltenburg	21-Jan
Sherry Jones	1-Jan	Bob Lippert	12-Jan	Heather Bradley	22-Jan
David Ewert	2-Jan	Patrick Needham	12-Jan	Autumn Ries	22-Jan
Kenneth Stock	2-Jan	Kurt Morris	13-Jan	Kaylee Roberts	22-Jan
Jacob Seavert	3-Jan	Wayne Schlieve	13-Jan	Haden-Lee Volpe	22-Jan
Mary Sippel	3-Jan	Rebecca Thielke	13-Jan	Guinevere Roberson	23-Jan
Avery Bothe	4-Jan	Tyler Timm	13-Jan	Carlie Parpart	24-Jan
Michael Daniels	4-Jan	Nicholas Coote	14-Jan	Mary Beisner	25-Jan
Arthur Klahold	4-Jan	Nan Moss	14-Jan	Gerald Berndt	25-Jan
Robert McCabe	4-Jan	Gabriel Sturm	14-Jan	Gretchen Grosnick	25-Jan
Dominick Rennhack	4-Jan	Michael Tegtmeier	14-Jan	Gretchen Martens	25-Jan
Bill Kopplin	5-Jan	Jesse Gromowski	15-Jan	Sharon Pederson	25-Jan
Meghan Percifield	5-Jan	Emily Meddaugh	15-Jan	Thomas Schultz	25-Jan
Abbey Roberts	5-Jan	Cayden Schlieve	15-Jan	Patsy Wight	25-Jan
Hailyn Spreitzer	5-Jan	Chloe Stockhus	15-Jan	Karen Kaddatz	27-Jan
Brock Riesen	6-Jan	Molly Timm	15-Jan	Patricia Hesse	28-Jan
Edward DeClue	7-Jan	Noelle Villegas	15-Jan	Allison Bilgrien	29-Jan
Lori Riesen	7-Jan	Stephen Zillmer	15-Jan	Richard Buchholz	29-Jan
Nicholas Schuster	7-Jan	Eleanor Bradley	16-Jan	Harper Schmidt	29-Jan
Marissa Haines	8-Jan	Jason Holmes	16-Jan	Andrea Tietz	29-Jan
Owen Martin	8-Jan	Anthony Sevenz	16-Jan	Bradley Baker	30-Jan
Davis Schumann	8-Jan	Blake Svatos	16-Jan	Ronnie Bartels	30-Jan
Diane Strege	9-Jan	Roland Zabel	16-Jan	Mark Hartwig	30-Jan
Justin Anderson	10-Jan	Justice Avitt	17-Jan	Jacob Kurtz	30-Jan
Jean Bohnert	10-Jan	Payton Foltz	17-Jan	Amanda Lippert Spreitzer	30-Jan
Mia Haines	10-Jan	David Bader	18-Jan	Thomas Weisser	30-Jan
Dallas Prockl	10-Jan	Bonnie Mihal	18-Jan	Isabella Wright	30-Jan
Tracey Williams	10-Jan	Benjamin Lippert	19-Jan	Jaylayh Jensen	31-Jan
Jeffrey Thielke	11-Jan	Aaron Oestreich	19-Jan		
Carter Bohrman-Fuhrmann	12-Jan	Hayley Smulders	19-Jan		

GREETERS JANUARY 2020

Welcome!

Greeters—please do not take your name tags home; leave them in the ushers' room. Thank you.

First	Last	Date/Time
Bart & Patricia	Hesse	SATURDAY 1/4 @ 6:00 PM
Marie	Hilgendorf	SUNDAY 1/5 @ 8:00 AM
Tayler	Hill	SUNDAY 1/5 @ 10:30 AM
John & Cheryl	Hoeth	SATURDAY 1/11 @ 6:00 PM
Jeff & Sherry	Hollenbeck	SUNDAY 1/12 @ 8:00 AM
Sharon	James	SUNDAY 1/12 @ 10:30 AM
Donna	Holman	SATURDAY 1/18 @ 6:00 PM
Jason & Erika	Holmes	SUNDAY 1/19 @ 8:00 AM
Adam & Stacy	Honadel	SUNDAY 1/19 @ 10:30 AM
Marty & Christine	Horn	SATURDAY 1/25 @ 6:00 PM
RoChelle	Horn	SUNDAY 1/26 @ 8:00 AM
Norma	Jeseritz	SUNDAY 1/26 @ 10:30 AM
James & Loralie	Isely	SATURDAY 2/1 @ 6:00 PM
Gary	Hinze	SUNDAY 2/2 @ 8:00 AM
		SUNDAY 2/2 @ 10:30 AM

*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel,"
which is translated, "God with us"(Matthew 1:23).*



“GOD CREATES A WORLD AND A KINGDOM”

Save the Date! Get ready to punch your ticket for the “Rocky Railway” as we discover how trusting in Jesus pulls us through life’s ups & downs. VBS will be June 8-12. We are looking for Leaders and Decorators!

During the month of January, your children’s Sunday School classes will be discussing the following Bible lessons:

Jan 5 – Wise Men Worship:

In the lesson for this week, “Wise Men Worship,” God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod’s insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, “How does God keep you and I safe today?”

Jan 12 - Claimed and Tested:

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss “Claimed and Tested.” At Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: “You are My beloved Son” (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God’s Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, “How can we use God’s Word as we defend our faith?”

Jan 19 - Fishers Follow:

In Christian education this week, we learn how “Fishers Follow.” Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter’s boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, “How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?”

Jan 26 – The Wine Sign

“The Wine Sign” is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus’ first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, “What wonders does God still work through His people?”

Please talk with your children each Sunday and listen to them as they tell you about the lessons they’ve learned in Sunday School.

Sincerely,

The Board of Parish Education
Barb Wegner, Naomi Neuberger, Laura Dobbratz, Becky Rather,
Jan Schadt, Heather Steinhart, Tanya Demetropoulos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of Phillip Singletary wishes to thank everyone for your many prayers and kindnesses shown at the time of Phil's illness and passing. They were appreciated very much. Church family means so much at a time like this. Thank you also for the many memorials in Phil's name given to the stained glass window fund. Jeanette and family.

Next BDSE Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 5:30 pm; **All Boards** meet at 7 pm followed by the **BOD Meeting**.

Men's Bible Study/Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 11, at 7:30 am. All are welcome! Please sign up in the narthex. Thank you.

Scrip Program: Makes great gifts too! If you need gas and food, it's easy to pick up a card and help your school and your budget all at the same time! Scrip gift cards are perfect for following a household budget. Families can shop both in-store or online with participating retailers. Scrip gift cards are just like using a credit/debit card, but without the fraud risk. Scrip program earnings are greater than credit card rewards (typically 3 – 15%). Please see/call Heather McGuire 920-744-7942 if you have any questions.

Blood Pressure checks will be January 11 and 12 between services. Bonnie Mihal, Parish Nurse

Stephen Ministers can help when life gets out of balance. If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider Stephen Ministry. Call Pastor Groth 253-6735 or Kathy Wagner 261-0221.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas! Thank you to Art and Karen Melcher for the donation of the tree and all the following who helped: John & Janet Fiess, Ron & Gail Bartels, Larry Gaugert, Jay Kaddatz, Seth Kaddatz, Dan Kaddatz, Dan Maynard, Aaron Jones, Jim & Loralie Isely, Sharon Pederson and Karen & Art Melcher. It looks beautiful!

Family Night, Tuesday, January 14, 6-7:15 pm in fellowship hall. Soup and Sandwiches for Dinner. All are welcome. Please remember to sign up in the narthex. Thank you. Dee

"BIBLE VERSES OF RENEWAL AND HOPE FOR THE COMING NEW YEAR"

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Rev. 21:5

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Is. 43:18-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor. 5:17

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." Phil. 3:13

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Is. 40:31



January Family Faith Fun Box

**Theme:
Snow Fun**

On sale for \$5 January 5

Get your box:

- **Between services in the fellowship hall**
 - **M-F 8-3 in school/Church office**
- **Email your request to mgerlach@goodshepherdwi.org**

*"You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths
drip with abundance." Ps. 65:11*

***GSLC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2020 CHANGES**

Address/Phone Change: Mary Zastrow, 520 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098-1219

Transferred Out: Fred & Chris Strodthoff to Divine Savior

Funerals: Shirley Draeger

**Note: New directories will not be printed until the end of the year. Please make these changes to your paper copy of the 2020 membership directory. Thank you.*

FINANCIAL

	<u>Month Ending</u> <u>11/30/19</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Giving	\$159,371.28	\$692,297.01
Total Expenses	\$102,360.62	\$616,037.05
Net Income (Loss)	\$57,010.66	\$76,259.96
		<u>Balance Due</u>
Long Term Debt		\$217,238.24
LOC		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Dedicated Accounts	\$197,450.39	\$607,177.35

If you have questions regarding the following information, please contact Steve Zillmer @ 920-261-1224, Ron Bartels @ 920-988-2993 or Phil Zastrow @ 414-313-5247.

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JANUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 NS Office Closed afternoon	1 NS Office Closed New Year's Day!	2 CLASSES RESUME	3	4 W/C 6 pm
5 8:00 am W/C B/SS 9:15 am 10:30 am W/C Y 6 – 7:30 pm	6 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	7	8 CC 3:30-5 pm Bethesda 4 pm SC 7-8 PM	9	10	11 7:30 am Men's Bible Study FH BP W 6 pm
12 8:00 am B/SS 9:15 am BP 10:30 am W/C K-8 Choir Y 6-7:30 pm	13 MOW BDSE 5:30 BOD Mtg FH	14 LWML 6:30 pm Spanish Room Family Night 6-7;15 pm FH	15 CC 3:30-5 pm Bethesda 4 pm SC 7-8 PM	16	17	18 9am-noon FH Rev. Thompson W/C 6 pm
19 Dr. Paavola 8:00 am W/C K3-K4 Choir B 9:15 am 10:30 am W/C Y 6 – 7:30 pm <i>Lutherans for Life</i> Sunday GP articles due	20 NS Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	21	22 CC 3:30-5 pm Bethesda 4 pm SC 7-8 PM	23 Stephen Ministry	24	25 W 6 pm
26 8:00 am B 9:15 am 10:30 am W/C Y 6 – 7:30 pm BOWLING FOR THE BAND	27 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	28	29 CC 3:30-5 pm Bethesda 4 pm SC 7-8 PM	30	31	
				W = Worship C = Communion CC = Confirmation Classes SS = Sunday School B = Bible Study WCCT—Cross Country Team	Y = Youth Group NS = No School RJ = Resounding Joy Bell Choir SC = Shepherd's Choir S = School ST = Sanctuary CR—Conf Rm	BP—Blood Pressure Checks BDSE—Board Day School Ed FH — Fellowship Hall GP = Green Pastures MOW=Meals On Wheels



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Return Service Requested

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

Bible Studies

- **Sun. Morning Bible Study** held at 9:15 am in the Seminar room.
- **Men's Thurs. Night Bible Study at 7 pm Wrolstad home.** Please call Jeremy Wrolstad for details. 920-248-6591.
- **Women's Bible Study** held Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Seminar room. No bible study on 2nd Monday of month due to Board Meeting. New members welcome. (Heather 920-285-7110)
- **2nd & 4th Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm** Please call Rich Moen (920-988-0588) if you would like to attend.
- **1st & 3rd Thursdays** at 1:30 pm. Led by Dorothy Degnitz. New members welcome! (Dorothy 261-9629)

If you have any prayer requests, please call the church office at 920-261-2570 during regular hours 9 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Friday. Prayer chain, please call Fern Tegtmeier at 920-262-9188. In the case of an emergency after church office hours, please call Pastor Groth's cell phone (920) 253-6735. Thank you.

Taxi Tokens Reminder— Board of Human Care has taxi tokens available for those who need a ride to church services or events. Call Julie Haversack.

Hospitalizations: *Please remember to notify us if you are hospitalized or have a family member do so before you are discharged. We desire to be of service to you. Thank you.*

Find us on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv4K_33sX4w5AwL3g1kR1OQ



DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION:

~Weekly Bulletin Announcements -Wednesday

~Monthly Green Pastures Newsletter- 3rd Sunday of the month



Worship Services
 Saturdays 6:00 pm
 Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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