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Dear Friends and Members of the Good Shepherd,

First I would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts given to me and to my family during the Christmas season. The ongoing love, care and consideration we receive from our Good Shepherd church family is greatly appreciated. Second, I would like to say that I am really looking forward to the year that lies ahead. I have mentioned throughout the last couple of months that the theme of our Stewardship campaign for this year—OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER 2014—is actually an appropriate theme for our entire year ahead. In last month's newsletter I listed a number of reasons why the coming year would be such a banner year for our church family. One of the items on that list—a huge one, as a matter of fact—is an event that we have planned to take place here at GSLC this April called FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE. FCE is a social charity that empowers and mobilizes people to assemble healthy meals for hungry children. Our goal here at Good Shepherd is to make 30,000 meals! This is an ambitious goal for us and in order to reach it, we are going to need the help of **everyone** in some way shape or form—please be prepared to help! The next couple of years are going to be extremely important for our church family, as I believe they will set the tone and trajectory for who we are as a congregation and how we see ourselves in the future. I look forward to working together with you in the months ahead. **See you in worship!**

In Christ,

Pastor Wismar

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER 2014

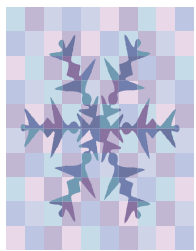
Sunday School & Confirmation children did great job on the Christmas pageant last month! The pageant was called "Promise Remembered, Covenant Kept" which involved the colors of the rainbow and the nativity scene. We are so thankful for the supportive and talented parents and teachers who helped to make background items for the scenery. As you know, without you, this couldn't have been as successful as it was and I hope the kids enjoyed and will remember the words we spoke in the pageant...God's promise!

2014 Sunday School has begun from Jan 5th and the fitness time led by Mr. Crosby has restarted as scheduled. Just a reminder that the school schedule is as follows..
No Sunday school date: Jan 19th, Feb 16th and Apr 20th.

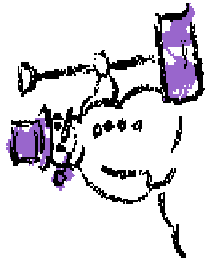
Last day of Sunday school: Jun15th. Looking forward to seeing all your faces!

Love in Christ,

Miharu Wismar



JANUARY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 12:00pm- Weight Watchers	3	4
5- 9:00am Sunday School & Conf. classes 9:15am-Adult Bible class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	6	7 7:30pm-Choir 8:00pm-AA	8 7:30pm-Choir 8:00pm-AA	9 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	10	11
12- 9:00am Sunday School Conf. classes 9:15am -Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	13	14 7:45 pm Board meeting	15 7:30pm-Choir 8:00pm - AA	16 10:00am— WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	17	18
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Serving Page for JANUARY

	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
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Anniversaries & Birthdays

Donald and Beverly Breeger

January 13

Stephanie Zustovich January 01 Cameron Tompkins January 18

Alyssa Renz January 09 Laura Berendsohn January 19

Richard and Suzanne Haber

January 14

Matthew Miller January 10 Paula Durr January 19

Don Breeger January 12 Richard Alves January 20

Alexander Miller January 15 Nancy Crosby January 25

Daniel Abrantes January 15 Victoria Alves January 31

Cole Scully January 15

Judy Bachman January 17

Edward Davis January 18





MISSIONS

This coming February we will again have a **CHILI COOK OFF** -- date and donation to be announced---find your best chili recipes and get ready to enter the contest .

Since a few congregations in Illinois were hit by tornadoes with a great deal of destruction, we will use the proceeds to send to the Tornado Relief Fund. So join in tasting all the chili entrees and just have an enjoyable evening with delicious food, as well as helping a great cause.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild would like to thank the ladies of the Women Service League for decorating the Altar Christmas Tree, it was greatly appreciated. If there are any ladies or teenagers of the congregation that would like to serve on the Altar Guild please let me or Alma know. If any members have any paraments and linens, please return them to church as soon as possible. I want to thank all the members of the Altar Guild for your service. I will be setting up the new schedule and will be having a meeting soon.

In Service to Christ, Jane McGowan



In memory of Carol Cunningham and Doris Stangl altar communion linen was donated by Alma Sohle and Liz Thomson.

Remember the Food Pantry this month. A delivery was made in December, let's make another one this month.



We all have been enjoying the nativity display underneath the Christmas tree in the sanctuary; the ceramic Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the manger; and this Christmas season we have a new addition. Have you noticed the lamb in the front window which you can see from Route 37 and when you drive up to our church? All of these figures were made by Alma Sohle. We thank her very much for her beautiful gift.

IN MEMORY

We lost two of our faithful, longtime members last month; Carol Cunningham on December 11 and Doris Stangl on December 28.

Carol, who was 93, was a charter member of Good Shepherd. Over the years she held many positions including recording secretary and Sunday School teacher. She probably was a Sunday School teacher most of her life, coming out of retirement to fill in for a year when she was 89. Carol did many jobs behind the scenes such as sending out the birthday cards, writing out baptism cards and mailing the cradle roll packets to these babies for the next four years and writing the memorial thank you cards. Carol and her husband Fred celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last year. She was buried in Mountainview Cemetery in New Fairfield.



Fred & Carol Cunningham

Doris, who was 83, was a member for 15 years. She was a faithful attender of services and always willing to bake delicious items for functions. She was a steady filler of the food pantry box. Doris was buried in Valhalla, N.Y. after a service at Good Shepherd.

A memorial service was held at church for Kendall Schmidt on December 21, who died at a young age. He was confirmed here in 2007 with his twin sister Loren.

The congregation provided a luncheon after Carol's funeral and light refreshments after Kendall's service. Thank you to Carol Woodside and Alma Sohle for heading those events.