

THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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Dear Members and Friends of the Good Shepherd,

There is a lot going on at Good Shepherd these days. In this month's newsletter our various commissioners and I share our accomplishments of the previous year as well as the goals we have set for the year ahead. I have divided mine up by commission/topic, and I share them with you as follows:

General:

Assist Commissioners to carry out their roles in accomplishing their goals – on going
Train and work with officers and Church Board Members – on going
Help each commission develop their commission – on going/GOAL
Counsel pre-marrieds, couples and individuals as needs arise – on going

Mission:

Continue visiting of prospects and assimilating new members – on going
Develop and host a Feeding Children Everywhere event – accomplished
Offer follow-up training program in witnessing – GOAL

Discipleship:

Conduct the on-going aspects of the parish ministry – accomplished
Develop new Shepherd's Staff database – accomplished/on going
Develop a greater understanding of and participation in worship – GOAL

Stewardship:

Continue to develop understanding of Biblical stewardship principles – on going
Focus on Stewardship in newsletter and bulletin – accomplished
Implement Our Journey Together 2014 Stewardship Program – accomplished
Create Long Range Planning Committee – GOAL

Property:

Leveling out front lawn of parsonage – in process
Fill in cracks in the parking lot – GOAL
Begin focusing on church refurbishment in time for 50th anniversary – LONGTERM GOAL

Education:

Continue PM in AM – on going
Begin new program on Lutheran Spirituality – GOAL
Offer "Lutheranism 101 HOLY BAPTISM" program through the weeks of Lent – GOAL

Fellowship:

Find Commissioner – GOAL
Offer marriage/family/couples seminar – GOAL
Initiate progressive dinners or 4x4-type fellowship – GOAL

Youth:

Find Commissioner – GOAL
Offer opportunities for "faith in action" short term mission trips – GOAL

Media Commission:

Develop new website – accomplished
Initiate greater utility of social media for announcements and events – GOAL

Circuit:

Host another "Missions U" seminar – GOAL

District:

Serve the New England District as Archivist – on going
Apply knowledge gained in TCN Learning Community group to the parish – on going

Nation:

Serve as Chaplain in the United States Air Force

DISCIPLESHIP GOALS 2014

1. Continue the support of our Altar Guild, Ushers, and Choir on a weekly basis.
2. Jane McGowan will update the Altar Guild and Greeters quarterly.
3. Carol Woodside will update the Lay Readers, Acolytes, Crucifers, and Tellers quarterly.
4. Continue to support all regular and special services on a weekly basis.
5. Hold monthly meetings (4th Tuesday of each month) with Pastor and committee members to determine best way to serve the Good Shepherd Congregation.
6. Assist and support our Pastor in all of his efforts here at Good Shepherd on a weekly basis.
7. Continue to assist people willing to help members of the congregation in time of need. Continue to update list as needed.
8. Patty Tompkins will update and publish address/phone/e-mail list of members and friends of the congregation yearly or as needed.
9. Visit members of the congregation who are in the hospital if possible.
10. Call members of the congregation who live alone and help wherever possible.
11. Provide senior support wherever possible.
12. Update Shepherd's Staff database weekly and as needed.

DISCIPLESHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2013

1. Continued to support all regular and special services.
2. Held regular meetings with Pastor and committee members to determine best way to serve the Good Shepherd Congregation.
3. Assisted and supported our Pastor in all of his efforts here at Good Shepherd.
4. Continued to assist people willing to help members of the congregation in time of need. Continued to update list as needed. Provided long term visitation and devotionals as needed.
5. Continued the support of our Altar Guild, Ushers, and Choir.
6. Updated and published address/phone/e-mail list of members and friends of the congregation.
7. Visited members of the congregation who are in the hospital if possible.
8. Called members of the congregation who live alone and helped wherever possible.
9. Provided senior support wherever possible.
10. Updated Shepherd's Staff database. This is an ongoing project.
11. Continued becoming a purposefully friendly church.

EDUCATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS

To continue nurturing our congregation's children by providing the necessary opportunities to attend Sunday School.

To provide ongoing support for the movement activities program, an adjunct to the Sunday School classes.

Encourage recent confirmands, with the help of their parents, to serve as assistants to the Sunday School teachers or help during the worship service.

To work with Property Commission to make any necessary repairs to the classrooms.

To cooperate with the Sunday School Superintendent to realize our objectives of maximizing the participation of a greater number of our children in Sunday School activities.

To assist Pastor in exploring all available options in fulfilling the obligations of the Education Commission.

MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS & GOALS

OKTOBERFEST--approximately 70 attended--excellent turnout (hope to increase the attendance this fall) live band was great & helped make a fun evening. Proceeds to be used for future local or national missions.

CHILI COOK-OFF--excellent turnout, 3 young members of our congregation winning the first, second & third prizes - way to go - keep it up—all entries were delicious. Proceeds to be sent to LCMS, tornado victims in Illinois. (Trivent will be matching our donation \$275.)

GIFT PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS--the response from our congregation was great (thank you all) - the packages were mailed April 14th, 2 packages will be hand delivered on the weekend.

POT LUCK SUPPER--excellent turn out - a presentation by Pastor Greg Wismar (Pastor's Pilgrim Trip in April) Proceeds to go to the Eagle Scout project on our church grounds & Pastor Tony Booker's missionary work in Prague, Czech Republic. (Trivent will be matching our donation \$230)

FEEDING THE CHILDREN EVERYWHERE PROJECT - assist where needed.

FUTURE GOALS-- Oktoberfest, Chili Cook-Off, Gift packages for college students, Movie/ Game Night.

(Suggestions & ideas from anyone in the congregation will be most welcome, along with your assistance in implementing the idea.)

PROPERTY GOALS

Done 2013:

Usual grounds maintenance, tree trimming, hedge trimming, lawn mowing, spring and fall cleanup.

Cleared land near rock wall and behind parsonage

Fixed leak in Woman's bathroom sink

New window behind the cross

Lighting project

Replace door threshold

Tractor maintenance

Added more racks for holding hangings

Repaired various hymnal holders in sanctuary

Contract snow plowing (Mike Sturgis, Ace property mgmt., 203.746.9253. Has also done leaf removal in past)

Contract leaf removal (Paul Kovacs, Paul's Mulch, 203.948.5090. Can also plow)

Fix lighting along outside walkway in back (Brian McCourt. 203-943-4083)

Fix parsonage gutter

Clean mold on church siding

Clean up flower beds

To Do:

Parsonage front lawn

Fix cracks in parking lot (and seal)

Bird holes in church siding

Further insulate outside doors

Ceiling in stairwell

Tractor maintenance

Repair book holders (on going)

Renew Oil Contract

Spring/Fall clean up

Discuss with Alma when and what to fertilize/spray

Repair plumbing and water softener in parsonage (add outlet for softener)

Repair/replace bathroom sink

Add step for backdoor in garage of parsonage

Fix front walk of parsonage

Replace stone in parsonage Driveway and remove ruts

Trim back limbs and power wash side of parsonage facing Methodist parsonage



MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	2	3
4 9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am-Communion Worship Service LWML-Zone Rally- 2:30 pm	5	6	7 7:30 pm—Choir 8:00 pm - A.A.	8 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	9	10
11 9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Communion Worship Service	14	15 7:45 pm—Board Meeting	16 7:30pm—Choir 8:00 pm - A.A.	17 10:00 am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	18	19
18 9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am-Communion Worship Service	19	20	21 7:30pm—Choir 8:00 pm - A.A.	22 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	23	24
25-9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Communion Worship Service	26	27 7:30pm-Discipleship Meeting	28 7:30pm—Choir 8:00pm—AAA	29 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	30	31

SERVING PAGE FOR MAY

	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25	6/1
Ushers:	E. Davis E. Davis A. Golino C. Woodside	B. Dice C. Dice R. Cancel J. Kloos	T. Renz E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside	D. Kish C. Kish F. Bok J. Bok	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton B. Tompkins P. Tompkins
Tellers:	T. Durr P. Durr	B. Dice S. Kloos	G. Wismar P. Wismar	T. Renz R. Renz	C. Dice J. Bok
Lay Reader:	B. Woodside	L. Smith	R. Renz	N. Falsetti	C. Woodside
Greeters:	D. Breeger B. Breeger	C. Hamilton	S. Haber	B. Bodnar E. Bodnar	I. Cancel R. Cancel
Comm. Asst.:	L. Hamilton	T. Renz	R. Smith	L. Hamilton	T. Renz
Altar Guild:	A. Sohle	L. Smith B. Breeger	J. McGowan H. Scully	L. Thomson P. Tompkins	E. Leili L. White
Acolyte:	E. Bodnar	A. Renz	A. Miller	J. Hamilton	Cam Brillion
Crucifer:	A. Golino	Z. Booth	Chris Brillion	M. Miller	J. Berendsohn

ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

	Emily Bodnar	05	Ramon Cancel	17
James and Suzanne Kloos	Benjamin Tuffy	07	Todd Durr	17
<i>May 2</i>	Chris Tompkins	09	Joshua Hamilton	20
Tim and Renee Renz	Dylan White	10	Loraine Seder	22
<i>May 5</i>	Tim Renz	12	Carrie White	23
Charles and Trudy Gilleo	Sandra Lowry	14	Jocelyn Lehmacher	24
<i>May 12</i>	James Kloos	14	David Abrantes	30
	Mia Wismar	14		
	Trudy Gilleo	16		

