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SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE

Saturdays	5:00 pm Evening Worship
Sundays	9:00 am Worship, 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School
Tuesdays	7:30 am Tuesday Guys 9:00 am Tuesday Quilters
Wednesdays	9:00 am Coffee Klatch Parish Hall Rummage Sale Work
Thursdays	9:00 am Crafters 7:00 pm Choir
Jan. 14	5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm All Boards Meeting
Jan. 27	Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 28	Voter's Assembly Meeting
Feb. 1	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon
Feb 7 & 8	8 am to 2pm Rummage Sale
Feb. 9	Undies Sunday

Make plans to stay for Bible study on Sundays with Pastor Vince beginning at 10:30 a.m. right after coffee hour in the Parish Hall.



1/5 OPEN
 1/12 OPEN
 1/19 OPEN
 1/26 Ralph & Ginie Mains, 65th wedd. anniv.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or to thank God for blessings, please **print** your name and occasion on the chart in the narthex.

Please also remember to have the flowers delivered **before 12:00 noon on the Saturday before** so that Miguel can be there to unlock the sanctuary. Also, if you don't want to take the flowers home, please let Patty know in the office and she will find a place for them.



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or did you realize that Pastor's sermons are recorded and online on our Facebook page? A nice way to receive the Sunday message if you're unable to attend in person.

Confirmation Class

If you know of a child ages 10 to 14 and is interested in taking Pastor Vince's confirmation class, please have the parent call Pastor at 541-999-4237 or the church office 562-803-4459. Classes are Sunday's at 11:30 am.



Dick Klein, a former long time member of Good Shepherd, passed away December 31st after suffering a fall. Dick was born in 1925 in China where his parents were missionaries. Dick & his wife Irene transferred here from Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Cleveland, Ohio in 1959. They moved to Washington in 2010 to be near son Matt. Dick leaves his two sons, Matt & Mark, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cards can be sent to Irene & family at 707 39th South East Apt. A-506, Puyallup, WA 98374. Note: Irene fell on Jan. 5 and broke her leg in two places. Surgery was scheduled for Jan. 7.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

For the February 2020 issue is Monday, January 27, at 5:00 pm.

If you are submitting an article, be sure to check with the church office so we don't duplicate information. Thanks for your help.

LOOKING FOR THE LUTHERAN HOUR?

You will find it on radio station 740AM
on Sundays at 8:00 am
or anytime on the internet at
www.lutheranhour.org.



and



February 7 & 8, 2020 * 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
FREE coffee will be served during the rummage sale for all customers.

It is fast approaching and we are kept busy with sorting and pricing. We will again begin working on Wednesdays, January 8, 2020, from 10:00 am until approximately noon. I do have some great workers and I really appreciate the accomplishments we have had to date. **The cut-off date for donations will be January 25, 2020, and please do not bring any large items.** As I have said before we are getting a little older and not able to handle furniture, beds, etc.

Also, please bring items Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm so that we can assist you in unloading your treasures. Be sure to call first to make sure someone is there to unlock the door for you. If you come on a week day, please avoid the times of 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 4:00 pm as that is when the parking lot is crowded with parents' cars and preschool children.

We will be setting up for the sale beginning February 3, 2020 - February 6, 2020, from 9:00 am until we get too tired to work anymore. Needless to say this is a very big undertaking to bring the items from the classrooms up to the parish hall, music room, and patio areas. If you can assist us any of these days, please feel free to show up and you will be guided along. If you cannot make it on Wednesday's, help is also **needed during the rummage sale & afterwards** to pack everything away & deliver the leftover items to various locations.

If you are donating **baked goods** to sell at the rummage sale, please bring them to the church no later than **Thursday Feb. 6th** packaged, labeled & priced.

Monetary donations are needed to help cover expenses for publicity, renting clothes racks, etc. Your help is appreciated! Make checks out to LWML.

I hope that we had enough rain in the past so it doesn't rain the days of our sale, but if it does I know we will have a very good time even if we get soaked. If you have any questions regarding the sale, please give me a call at 562-304-6250.

Marilyn A. Olof, Chairperson
Dianna DeShazer, Chairperson
Shirley Schaus, Supervisor

††† January Servants †††

Greeters

- 1/5 Joyce Corwin & Shirley Schaus
1/12 Mark & Patty Heaton
1/19 Carolyn Martin & Mary Pabst
1/26 Shirley Waldecker & Donna Engles

*If you would like to be a greeter please contact Linda Mitchell.
All it takes is a smile and maybe a welcoming handshake.*

Head Ushers

- 1/5 R. Weinrich
1/12 R. Shields
1/19 R. Weinrich
1/26 R. Shields

Ushers are always needed. If you would be interested in helping, please call the church office or speak to an usher before or after services.

Lay Readers

- 1/5 Mitch Haack
1/12 Mary Pabst
1/19 Fred Thies
1/26 Shirley Greenbecker

Please call the church office if you would be interested in helping as a lay reader.

***God's Word is daily bread – not cake
for special occasions.***

- Duty Elder: Scott Engles
Altar Care: Donna Engles
Coffee Server: William Waldecker



Thanks for taking the time to fill out an 'attendance/Communion card' (found in the slot next to the pew hymnals) when you come for worship. Please pass them to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them after the offering. These cards help with important statistics needed for church and synodical records and reports.

JANUARY Birthdays

- 1/5 Carol Morris Lowe
1/6 Whitney Pemberton
1/7 Gail McQuade
1/7 Sawyer Bonack
1/12 Bill Greenbecker
1/17 Judy Schmidt
1/21 Ruth Bartholomay
1/25 Jim Bish
1/30 Mark Heaton

JANUARY Anniversaries

- 1/8 Bill & Shirley Greenbecker
1/28 Ralph & Ginie Mains

We apologize for the error if we've omitted your anniversary or birthday. In that event, please contact the church office so we can update our records.



Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Judy Schmidt has a new phone # 562-282-2462. Please update your phone directory.



January 20, 2020

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

*Special Prayers
For Those in Need*




*Please remember
these friends in your
prayers.*

Ruth Bartholomay	Dorothy Thies
Judy Bowser	Darlene Bulian
Vern Eberhard	Edythe Heuer
Robert Mendoza	Al & Martie Ludtke
Jo Miller	Harriette Moomey
Harry Riegert	David Rennegarbe
Patricia Rennegarbe	Judy Schmidt
Marilyn Shroyer	Joshua Lockwood
Joyce Corwin	Irene Klein
Harlan Uecker	Elaine Lockwood
Leslie Giglio	Merry Jennings
Mary Pabst	Jeanne Hoy

Pray for those away at college:
Elizabeth Barna

Military: Kirsten (Corwin) Bonack, Air Force
Dallas Hodges, Marines
Anah Kotila, Navy
Blake Bostick Air Force
David Ottens, Marines
Noah Olof, Marines
Mike Sheehan, Marines
Dom Giocobbe, Marines
Hector Ruiz, Army



**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League**
*Contributed by Mary Pabst and
Dorothy Thies*

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 1, as at 11:30 am we will have our Ladies Luncheon hosted by Linda Mitchell and Mary Pabst with a devotion by Nancy Gallie. It is time for **Book Bingo**, so plan to bring a good used book or two which will be used as prizes. Also, please bring an entree or salad to share as well as a friend or two to join in the fun.

The following weekend, Feb. 7 & 8, will be our annual Rummage Sale & Bake Sale, so start filling your freezer with some home baked goodies.



We are starting the new year and I know it can only get better if we all stick together and get those cards and telephone calls to the people in our groups. I know that I have received cards and calls from some of the people in my group and they really appreciate that someone is thinking of them when they are not able to get out themselves. If there is anyone who wants to volunteer to take on a group of people, please let Marilyn Olof know at 562-3034-6250. Thanks for all your work during the past year.



GOT SCRIP?

Yes, the holidays are over but the Scrip program is still going strong. Stop by on Saturday evenings after service with Darryl or Sundays with Gail and see what there is to offer. Grocery stores, gas, movies, coffee, department stores or anywhere you like to shop.

These are so handy to have in your wallet or may to tuck inside a greeting card for someone special. Be sure to let the ladies know if there's a business that isn't listed. They will do their best to see if it can be added.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN JANUARY....

Tue. Jan. 14 th	5:00 pm	Elders Meeting
	6:00 pm	All Boards Meeting
Tue. Jan. 28 th	7:00 pm	Voters Meeting

{All voting members are encouraged to attend or ask to be excused so that we can have a quorum when voting, per our constitution.}



Sunday February 9th, 2020

Please bring **NEW** undies and/or socks for boys, girls, men and women for needy people within our Pacific Southwest District and Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry. Cash donations are welcome to help distribute & deliver your donations. Checks payable to Orphan Grain Train and mailed to Steve Rice 42217 55th St W, Lancaster, CA 93536. This is sponsored by PSD LWML working with Orphan Grain Train.



More pictures are needed of church events to post on the website and on the patio bulletin boards. Talk to Robert Martin about how to send them along to him for the website or to Bella Thies for the bulletin boards. (Note: Any pictures of children must have parents' written approval before posting).

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AND, don't forget Facebook. You can check in each Sunday morning under your profile. Tap "What's on your mind?" and the option for 'Check In' will come up.

The church should automatically be listed so you can just click it and there you go. Facebook also includes 'live streaming' of Pastor's sermons so you can stay connected even if you can't be there. Make sure you 'like' us as well: [facebook.com/GSLCDowney](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCDowney). Never hurts to have our name ready for anyone looking for a spiritual home.



If, at one time, you chose to have a memorial established for a loved one, you might want to consider checking on the amount and clearing up the account by donating the funds toward a worthwhile project. Sometimes it just slips our minds so this is a friendly reminder.



Need A Ride?

If you would like to attend any of the upcoming services or events but are unable to drive, please call the church office 562-803-4459. There are members that would be happy to give you a ride.



It's a new year and what better time to get going on those crafty ideas in our heads. So, come on down each Thursday and join the group. There are goodies to munch on, excellent fellowship and maybe even a new idea or so to get working on for the next Boutique.

These sales have provided much needed funds for our church and special programs. Plus it's a perfect way for the neighborhood to get acquainted. If you have anything in mind you'd like to share, you are most welcome to contribute. Or bring something you are already working on. Or, you can even just drop by for a cup of something hot and a goodie to snack on. Remember, every Thursday at 9 am in the Music Room. Hope to see you there.



by Robert Martin

We thank all who were able to attend the concerts held at Good Shepherd before Christmas. We received such a good response from those in attendance as well as compliments from the participants. Choir continues to practice each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We will be starting to learn music for worship services as well as begin presentations for Lent and Easter.



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for my recovery after a minor stroke in December. Your prayers and mine have been answered and my son, Mark, says that I am getting ornery so I must be better. Also, thank you for all your get well cards, Christmas cards, and birthday cards - they are very much appreciated.

Marilyn Olof





We recently received a call from C&M Publications, the company that has been printing and delivering our newsletter free of charge for many years. As mentioned previously, the “no fee” policy works when we have advertisers who help defray the cost. As you may have noticed, the folks placing an ad have cut back making C&M unable to still furnish the newsletter free of charge.

We were told that if we don’t get 4 more advertisers, then we will have to pay \$50 a month to cover costs. The cost for a single space ad is \$312.00 a year and for a double space ad it is \$588.00 per year.

Anything can be advertised it doesn't have to be a company advertisement (as you already know) and the ad can be worded so folks will read it and understand. It can be thankful for God's blessings or family or whatever. Another option would be for a member or friend or family to commit to paying the \$50 a month over their regular offering.

Please prayerfully consider the information. You can let the church office know if you can help by finding advertisers or by donating the monthly cost.

◆◆ CRUISE OPPORTUNITY ◆◆

Have you ever dreamed of walking in the footsteps of St. Paul? Would you like to see places that many only dream of? Now is your opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime, with a knowledgeable pastor (Pastor Vince and others) to provide interesting biblical and historical facts along the way. Hear about what life was like 2000 years ago as you walk in the same places that the Apostle Paul did. The date is May 2020. For more information, see Pastor Vince or Lisa.



Doing anything special on Wednesdays? Then it’s time to come on down at 9 am for some great fellowship. Coffee is always ready, hot water for tea or cocoa is on tap and the conversation can be pretty interesting. This is a good way to get acquainted and let others get to know you as well. Plus, you can always bring a friend to join in.



from Gary Quamme

During December “Our Guys” cleaned out floor drains in two of the school bathrooms; trimmed the school olive trees; lit the school furnaces; retrieved Christmas ornaments for the Parish Hall and hung the wreaths; repaired a switch in the parking lot; installed two new valves in one school toilet; traced a disconnected wire and repaired it for the neon light in the parking lot planter; and repaired the dead bolt lock in the sacristy door.

January’s work has already begun. So far we have removed the poinsettias from the church and set them out in the open air; repaired two box fans for the counting room; replaced one of the three lights on the east side of the church; unplugged a drain in the church office sink; and installed new thermostats in room 3 of the school. “Our Guys” are here Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays if you’d like to drop by to lend a hand or just say hello.



It’s important that we keep our prayer list current. If you have previously requested to add someone to the list, please update us if that person can be removed. You can either call the church office at 562-803-4459, make a note on your attendance card or send an email to: goodshepherddowney@yahoo.com



Want to be part of the email prayer chain?

Just drop a note to Donna Engles at d.engles@sbcglobal.net and she will add you to the list. It’s not hard at all. She will send prayer requests to you so you can include these friends in your daily prayers. No problem either if you want to forward the news along to other friends or relatives. Our Father tells us to ask Him in prayer & we are reminded that ALL prayers are answered.



Thank you for your donations that have been made toward the Sound System. We hope you are enjoying the new and much improved sounds during the worship services. As of December 29, we have donations totaling **\$18,690.00**. Our goal is **\$30,540.73**.

Please consider giving a little extra to help with this important cause. If you would like to make a donation, please write in the memo part of your check "Sound System Fund" or write on your envelope how much you wish to be donated. Please also be sure to include your offering envelope number.



➔ **INK CARTRIDGES**

Staples takes them and gives us credit for office purchases. Just use the box in the Narthex for your discards. Thanks to Marilyn Olof.

➔ **PULL TABS**

The tabs from cans (soda, fruit, vegetables, etc.) are saved and donated to Ronald McDonald House in Orange County. We send a box about every 3 months. Check the narthex for a box. Thanks to the Heaton's.

➔ **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

These are printed on various products including cereal, etc. They are collected and given to Trinity Christian School in Norwalk. Thanks to Mary Pabst.

➔ **FRONTS OF GREETING CARDS**

These are sent to a school in Nevada where they are recycled and made into new cards and placemats. If you have cards and don't have time to tear the fronts off, don't worry. We will take care of that for you. Thanks to Shirley Schaus.

➔ **POSTAGE STAMPS**

Shirley Schaus is collecting used stamps to benefit Lutheran Bible Translators.

You can also drop off any or all of the above items in the church office and they will be distributed accordingly.



Church Officers for 2020 were elected on Dec. 11, 2019.

- Chairman – Fred Thies
 - Board of Elders – Mitch Haack*
Scott Engles
OPEN _____
 - Board of Evangelism – OPEN _____
 - Board of Stewardship – Noreen Haack*

 - Board of Trustees – OPEN _____*
_____ Tom Olson
 - Board of Finance – Joyce Corwin*
Linda Mitchell
Gary Quamme
 - Treasurer – Robert Kennedy
 - Bookkeeper – Gail Weinrich
 - Financial Secretary – Ron Quamme
 - Recording Secretary – Mary Pabst
- * indicates chairperson of board*

These officers will be installed in the Sunday service on January 12, 2020. We thank those who served last year, all of whom are continuing to serve again. We need one more person to serve on the Board of Trustees as well as a chairperson for the Trustees Board, two more on Stewardship, three people on Evangelism, and 1 person needed for Elders, so if you are able and willing to serve please see Fred Thies or call the church office.



Sunday School for our children meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Some classes are held in the music room (the room off the kitchen & the patio) while others meet in the 2 rooms of the church office. We thank our teachers:

- ❖ Mark Heaton & Donna Engles who have the 4-7 age group (church office)
- ❖ Arlene Conley & Patty Heaton who have ages 8-12.
- ❖ Belen Rediet who has 13+

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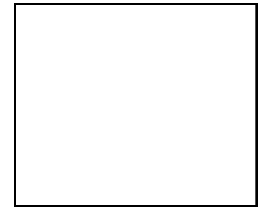
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