



## News & Views

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
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### Lent Begins

Lent begins February 22 with Ash Wednesday Worship. With a smudge of Ash and solemn words spoken, we'll remind the transitory nature of humanity: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Worship on Ash Wednesday and all the Wednesdays of Lent, will be held at 1:00 and 6:30 February 22 through March 28. Come and experience the presence of the self-giving Christ. (LJ)

### Endowment Scholarships Offered

Scholarship applications are now available at the church. The completed applications are due at the church office by March 30th. Funds for the scholarships are provided through the Endowment Fund. As in the past, no specific criteria is used to select recipients of scholarship, but in general the committee considers academic achievement, anticipated field of study and secondary school to be attended. Again this year, more emphasis will be placed on church involvement as a criteria in the selection process. (Duffy H.)

### First Communion Scheduled

First communion training for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 – 2:30. More information will follow next month. (MH)



### Relay For Life Team Meeting Scheduled

The Relay for Life Team kickoff meeting is January 26. Please be thinking about signing up to support the Good Shepherd team this year. The date is set for June 8-9. Team Captain this year will be Judy Jass. Contact her at 629-5487 or 606-0038 if you are interested in being on the team. More details to follow. (Judy Jass)



## February Centering Word

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

*The Centering Word is provided for you to memorize and to reflect upon this month. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly!*

## Upcoming Scriptures

We provide this so you can be reading the texts in the days leading up to worship. Don't forget to bring your Bibles with you each Sunday.



**Feb. 5** **Fifth Sunday in Epiphany**  
Isaiah 40:21–31, Psalm 147:1–11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16–23  
Mark 1:29–39

**Feb. 12** **Sixth Sunday in Epiphany**  
2 Kings 5:1–14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24–27  
Mark 1:40–45

**Feb. 19** **Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
2 Kings 2:1–12, Psalm 50:1–6, 2 Corinthians 4:3–6  
Mark 9:2–9

**Feb. 22** **Ash Wednesday**  
Joel 2:1–2, 12–17, Psalm 51:1–17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10  
Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

**Feb. 26** **First Sunday in Lent**  
Genesis 9:8–17, Psalm 25:1–10, 1 Peter 3:18–22  
Mark 1:9–15

## Faith Beginnings Class Planned

Pregnant? Plan ahead and mark your calendar for the next Faith Beginnings (baptism) class –February 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 in the lounge. Good Shepherd offers Faith Beginnings classes as an opportunity to share about our own faith journeys and to explore the Lutheran understanding of baptism. Parents and guardians who wish to have their children baptism are invited to attend. Because we value baptism so greatly in the Lutheran faith, Faith Beginnings class is needed before each baptism in your family. If you are planning to be a part of the next Faith Beginnings class, please call the church office and let us know so that we can plan accordingly. (MH)



### **Youth Fundraiser Continues**

We are 1/4 the way to our goal! Please continue to support the youth going to the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Kwik Trip gift cards will continue to be sold and can be used for gas or in store. Cards are available after each service or at the church office. *After worship sales and office sales will benefit all the youth. If you would like to designate your monies to an individual youth, please purchase them directly from that individual.* (LJ)



### **Join Us on Facebook**

Did you know we have a new Facebook page? Have you "LIKE"d it yet? Facebook is a wonderful and free tool for us to use in the furthering of our ministry in the community. I would like to ask every Facebook user that reads this to "LIKE" our page. Then check it and post to it often. The more people that contribute, the more our message will be shared. For anyone that would like to use Facebook but does not know how, let me know. I will be happy to set up a time or two for a "How to Use Facebook Class". Our Facebook address is currently Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Viroqua. Once we get more than 25 fans, we are currently only at 21, we will get a "Username" that we can then put on literature. So, please, "LIKE" us and then "SHARE" us. I look forward to seeing you participate in this wonderful ministry tool! (Diana Gwilt)



### **Seminary Scholarship Offered**

In 1959 Good Shepherd started the Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (known as LEAF) to aid members who are seminary students. The Women of the ELCA of Good Shepherd now administer this fund and plan to award a \$500 scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year. This is a different scholarship from the one that the Endowment Committee awards. Qualifications to receive a LEAF scholarship include commendable character, good citizenship, willing service, and interest shown in church activities. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please call the church office at (608) 637-3978 to ask for an instruction sheet. Application letters are due by March 31, 2012. The W-ELCA LEAF Committee will make its award by April 30, 2012. (J Mapp)



### **Wall of Hope for Hunger to Begin**

Beginning Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing until Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Good Shepherd members will again be challenged to make a difference in people's lives by supporting the ministry of our Food Pantry. We are encouraging members to kick off the Super Bowl by bringing cans of Soup on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for our food pantry. Remember Soup for the Super Bowl. We will collect the cans during the offering and the Confirmation Students will be building a wall in the choir transit. The following Sundays members are invited to focus their donations on paper products. These products are in high demand are also more expensive. They also make better construction material. Paper products include: toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, Kleenex. Let's see how far we can reach together to do our share to reach out in Christian love to our neighbor and world. We have more weeks this year, so let's see if we can reach the ceiling! (MH)

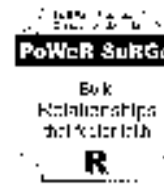
### **A Call for Volunteers**

In the Fall of 2011 Vernon County began its very own Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) mentoring program. BBBS is a nationwide program whose goal is to match children ages 6-14 with a mentor of the same gender. Research shows that the effect of positive support through mentoring can greatly impact a child and make a significant difference in self confidence, school performance and overall well being. Vernon County is certainly not exempt from the social and economic problems of our times and by volunteering to be a Big Brother or Big Sister you can help a local child facing adversity. To be eligible to mentor you must be 18 or above, be able to give 1-2 hours per week or an average of 4-8 hours per month with a one year commitment. We have over twenty children who have signed up and are waiting to be matched with a mentor. Make a difference in a child's life! For more information contact Steve Lawless (608) 632-1792 [slawless@7riversbbbs.org](mailto:slawless@7riversbbbs.org) If you have or know of a child that might benefit from mentoring we encourage you to contact us as well. (Steve Lawless)

Join the  
Big Brother  
Big Sister  
program  
here in  
Vernon  
County.

### **Join the Visitation Team**

Do you like to visit? Do you enjoy our older members? Consider becoming a monthly visitor team member. Good Shepherd has a long tradition of providing communion and visits to our members who are not able to join us on Sunday morning due to health and other issues. We are restructuring how this task is done and are taking this opportunity to invite members to consider joining the team that over-see this valuable ministry. Team informational meeting, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 in the lounge. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact the church office. Those currently receiving monthly communion from a Good Shepherd deacon: Visits will not be occurring in February, while we work out the details of re-organizing this ministry. If there is an emergency, please contact the church office to have a Pastor call. Thank you for your patience. (MH)



### **Fortney Meal Continues**

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank those who have provided food for the monthly meals:

June, July and August: Tessa O'Neal

September: Confirmation Class

October: Dan and Sue Heitman and Wes and Karen Mack

November: Worship Committee

December: Melissa Thompson, Kris Ficken and Karen Mack

Please contact Dan Heitman or Karen Mack if you would like to help with the Fortney Hotel Meals. They are much appreciated by the residents. Thank you. (Karen Mack)

### **Give a Memorial or Honorarium**

A gift to GSLC is a fitting way to make a lasting contribution to the welfare of others, and to honor an individual or their family.

Here are several ministries that you can contribute to:

Bathroom (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) Project, Breath, Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education, Library, Endowment Fund Scholarship, Endowment Fund Property, Endowment Fund Mission, General Fund for church expenses, Outdoor Worship, Special Mission Projects to extend beyond the congregation, Men at Work, AV System, Debt Reduction, Parish Nurse, WELCA, Food Pantry, Fortney Meals, Good Samaritan, Choir, Altar Guild, Baptism Rose Fund, Sugar Creek Camperships, Youth Trips. If you would like a list of ministries, contact the church office. (BW)



### **Volunteers Needed for Sunday Coffee Servers**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church wants to continue the tradition of serving coffee and treats after first service. The women of the church (W-ELCA), through their circles, generally will provide this service first and third Sundays of the month and are asking that volunteers and committees from the congregation help out on the other Sundays. Individuals and committees can either bake or buy what they choose to serve. The already made coffee and cups will be in the narthex. A pitcher of water or juice should be brought to the narthex by the serving group. The coffee pot and dirty cups can be left in the narthex after serving so that people who come to second service can help themselves to coffee, at which time a sign should be put out saying "No volunteers. Serve yourself". Volunteers: please sign up on the schedule posted on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Martha Hoffland, 637-8357. If people can not serve but would like to furnish treats, please call Martha. Serving coffee and treats is good way to honor a birthday, anniversary or some other special occasion. Let's keep the coffee fellowship tradition going! (Martha Hoffland)

### **World Day of Prayer at Good Shepherd**

Good Shepherd Church will host the 2012 World Day of Prayer Friday, March 2nd at 1:00p Since the first World Day of Prayer service in 1920 interdenominational communities of women have been coming together to pray for peace and justice around the world. The World Day of Prayer has now expanded to more than 170 countries and regions. This year's service theme, "Let Justice Prevail", has been written by Malaysian women and it asks worshipping communities to think about justice and how we may approach it in an interfaith world. Locally, women from 5 to 10 churches will be participating in the service. JoAnn Hornby, from the Viroqua United Methodist Church, will be a special guest and will tell the worshipers a bit about her experiences when she taught in Malaysia years ago. The proceeds from the World Day of Prayer will help meet the needs of women and children both in the United States and abroad who are victims of poverty, violence and other injustices. Please come to the service Friday, March 2nd, 1 p.m. to worship with the community and have coffee fellowship with the attendees after the service. Women from Good Shepherd Church, with Diana Gwilt and her committee, will be in charge of the service and the fellowship afterwards. (Martha Hoffland)



## **Sugar Creek Brochures Available**

It is never too early to think about sending a child you love to Sugar Creek Bible Camp. The brochures are in and are available on the Sunday School desk on the main floor in the education wing. More information in next month's newsletter. (MH)

## **Upcoming Events at Sugar Creek**

Check out some of the upcoming events at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. There is something for everyone. For more information call 608-734-3113 or check out their website at

**[www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)**

Feb. 10-12	Couple's Retreat
Feb. 12	Winter Fun Day
Feb. 26	Winter Fun Days
April 2	Yesterday's Youth
April 20-22	Women's Retreat
April 23-25	Rosemaling Retreat
April 25	Dinner Theater
April 27-29	Intergenerational Fly Fishing Retreat
May 3-6	Crafter's Retreat
June 28	Golf Outing Fund Raiser
July 29-Aug. 8	Trip to "Norway"
Sept. 8	Quilt & Antique Auction
Sept. 9	Boundary Waters Canoe Trip
Sept. 10-14	Nashville Area and Shows
Sept. 20-23	Crafter's Retreat
Oct. 8	Yesterday's Youth
Oct. 12-14	Fall Music Festival
Oct. 12-14	Women's Retreat
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Branson Mo. Shows
Nov. 28	Dinner Theater



## **Sugar Creek Needs**

There are several ways you can support the ministry of Sugar Creek this year. Your donation of a "gift of kind" can also be a tax deduction. Your gift can be a real blessing in helping stretch our budget and making lots of people happy. Here are a few items on their wish list: mini van, pickup truck, hay for horses, lumber/building materials, trees shrubs, stain/paint/brushes/workers, commercial lawn mover, John Deere Gator or similar. People needs are team driver, bus driver, cooks, lawn mowing, gardening volunteers, summer staff counselors/staff college age older. Thanks for your support. (BW)

## Memorials Received

It is with joy and thanksgiving that the congregation receives gifts in honor or memory of loved ones. Thank you to all who remember our ministry through these wonderful gifts!

Memorial gifts enhance our ministry. Thank you!	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Fund</u>
	Thea Fortney	Art Hendrickson	undesignated
	Joanne Swanson	Food Pantry	
	Elvin & Terri Hanson	undesignated	
	Bonnie & Jack Rath	Good Samaritan	
	William & Jan Hoffland	General Fund	
	AC & Sonja Fortney	undesignated	
	James & Joan Burkhardt	Food Pantry	
	Elaine Raaum	General Fund	
Vera Cox	Myrna Allness	General Fund	
	Charles & Harriet Hulsether	General Fund	
	Estelle Olson	General Fund	
	Friends & Family	Debt Reduction	
	Dave & Percy Jackson	Debt Reduction	
	Friends & Family	Food Pantry	
	Geoffery & Vicky Banta	Food Pantry	
	Gary & Marcia Davig	Food Pantry	
	Art Hendrickson	Food Pantry	
	Mallie Gald	Good Samaritan	
	Friends & Family	Good Samaritan	
	Friends & Family	General Fund	
	Betty Swenink	Food Pantry	
Elizabeth Moffitt	Wes & Karen Mack	Good Samaritan	
	Charlene Newman Family	Good Samaritan	
	Jerry & Hilda Matson	Good Samaritan	
	Brian & Lori McCulloh	Undesignated	
	Roger & Miriam Hatlem	Good Samaritan	
	Bev Fredrick	1st Floor Bathroom	
	David & Patti Jones	1st Floor Bathroom	
James Reynolds	Elvin & Terri Hanson	Food Pantry	
Jay Johnson	Charlene Newman Family	Good Samaritan	
	Blaine & Nancy Welch	Youth	
Jim Mason	Mary Tryggestad	Youth	

### **Thank You Council Members**

We give thanks for those serving on the Church Council. They offer their time and their talents to help this community thrive. After this month's annual meeting, we will see some new faces on council. Please thank these leaders for their past/present leadership and remember all of our leaders in prayer, that they may be strengthened in their ministries in the world and to this community. Watch next month's newsletter for the new council members to be elected Jan. 29 at the annual meeting.

President: Wes Mack

Vice President: Tom Titel

Treasurer: Brian McCulloh

Secretary: Gloria Fetty

Pastor Jordan, Pastor Hoversten, Bill Haun, Justin Running, Roger Lucey, Nancy Thompson, Jena Sherry, Becky Larson, Kent Bruckner, Jean Ellefson, and Eric Titel

### **Breath! Invites You**

Breath! Meal to raise funds to be used as seed money for Sembrando para el Futuro, a ministry of our Synod in relationship with Lutheran churches of Peru – “sowing seeds for the future” The SEMBRANDO program begun by ILEP was voted on as a mission support project of our synod at the 2011 Synod Assembly. Monies donated to SEMBRANDO go to support the children's ministry of ILEP (The Evangelical Lutheran church of Peru). The Peruvian church offers after school programs of children, providing safe, clean, healthy environments for children to study, play, eat and receive care. This month the kids of Breath! are planning and hosting a meal to support this local endeavor. Join them for the first Lenten meal on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support the children of Breath! in this effort. A free-will offering will be taken, with all the proceeds go to this cause. Look for additional information in the church bulletin. Program will be at 5:15, meal served from 5:30–6:15, with Lenten worship at 6:30. (MH)



### **Breath! Schedule for February**

<b>February 1</b>	Bethel Home
<b>February 8</b>	Melissa—make Valentines & plan Fundraising Meal
<b>February 15</b>	Work on program
<b>February 22</b>	<b>OFF – ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>February 29</b>	Fundraising Meal—5:15 for parents

### **Worship Volunteers**

<b>2/5/12</b>	<b>8:00 Service</b>	<b>10:15 Service</b>
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Ron Trampe	
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Jonah Walker	
<b>Acolyte</b>	E. Dehlin, S. Jordan	Harley L. S., M. Hoffland
<b>Comm. Asst</b>	Sloane Family	Don Long
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Dresen	Cathleen Reed
<b>Greeter</b>	Rob & Janelle Oldham	A. Hoffland, Lisa Iverson-Liermo
<b>Nursery</b>	Val Hodapp	Theresa Washburn
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Titel	P. Jordan, B. Haun, A. Lee, M. Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Allness, Sonja Fortney, Eunice Hillman	

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<b>2/12/12</b>	<b>8:00 Service</b>	<b>10:15 Service</b>
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Brian Mastin	
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Kenny Hoversten	
<b>Acolyte</b>	A. Holmes, C. Mastin	K. Hoversten, P. Jordan
<b>Comm. Asst</b>	Darlene Sisbach	Jena Sherry
<b>Lector</b>	Wes Mack	Brian Mastin
<b>Greeter</b>	Ione Lind, Sig Lind	Dan & Sue Jacobson
<b>Nursery</b>	Julienne Sloane	Alex Springborn
<b>Usher</b>	Doug Grimlsed	P. Jordan, B. Haun, A. Lee, M. Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Allness, Sonja Fortney, Eunice Hillman	

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<b>2/19/12</b>	<b>8:00 Service</b>	<b>10:15 Service</b>
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Robbie Stoppenbach	
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Tammy Sherry	
<b>Acolyte</b>	J.Kahn, J. McClelland	A. Lee, S. Mastin
<b>Comm. Asst</b>	Cindy Lindvig	Charlene Newman
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Titel	Ken Deaver
<b>Greeter</b>	Duane & Dana Hoff	Chuck & Brenda Noggle
<b>Nursery</b>	Lorna Olson	Diana Gwilt
<b>Usher</b>	Marion Clark/Bill Haun	P. Jordan, B. Haun, A. Lee, M. Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Allness, Sonja Fortney, Eunice Hillman	
<b>Flowers</b>	Given in memory of Jim Lindvig by Cindy Lindvig , DiDi, Ally, Harley Lindvig-Springborn.	

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<b>2/22/12</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30</b>
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## Worship Volunteers (Cont.)

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2/26/12	8:00 Service	10:15 Service
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Ron Trampe	
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Robbie Stoppenbach	
<b>Acolyte</b>	H. Sherry, K. Sloane	O. Tryggestad, P. Ward
<b>Lector</b>	Darlene Sisbach	Rob Hoversten
<b>Greeter</b>	Dan & Nancy Thompson	C. Adam, D. Hoveland
<b>Nursery</b>	Tara Lucey	Mary Thurin
<b>Usher</b>	Roger Lucey	P. Jordan, B. Haun, A. Lee, M. Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Allness, Sonja Fortney, Eunice Hillman	

2/29/12	1:00	Lenten Service	6:30
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### Confirmation Notes

Our confirmation youth are such a blessing to our community. It is a gift to get to know them and work with this year's class. I look forward to continue to study with them this winter and spring as well. Remember to pray for these young people as they explore and grow in faith. Check out their pictures that are posted in the Narthex.



Below is the confirmation schedule for the next month. Please note the field trip that is probable on February 15<sup>th</sup>. If our plans change, we will stay in and watch a movie instead. Also notice our time changes as we move into Lent.

February 1	Creed
February 8	Stewardship
February 15	Movie –one class 5:15 – 7:00 / Field trip to La Crosse Juvenile Detention Center 4:30 – 8:00

*Lenten worships are at 6:30 PM – Students need to be at church at 5:45 PM. Meet in the Fellowship Hall & we will eat together and visit about faith and do announcements*

February 22	OFF – Ash Wednesday
February 29	Mentors/guests–Immanuel Confirmation Youth visit
March 7	Mentors/guests

## On-going Reminders and Notes



- When entering the hospital, please tell the admitting personnel that you are a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Viroqua. Have a family member contact the church so you can receive pastoral care during a hospitalization.
- Listening Devices are available for use during worship services. Ask an usher for assistance. An instruction card is available to assist you each week.
- Desiring pastoral care? Call the church office and request a visit. 637-3978.
- To reach Pastor Jordan in an emergency: 637-8620 (home) or 606-3978 (cell)
- To reach Pastor Hoversten in an emergency : 638-0138 (home)
- Room and date reservations help assure that you have a room reserved and that your group makes it onto the calendar. You can download a form from our website, or stop by the resource board by the office to get a form.
- Council minutes approved for distribution are available in two locations: on the board by the church office and on the bulletin board in the narthex. Note that minutes are posted only after approved. For this reason they will be about a month behind.
- Remember to update the church office with changes of address and/or phone numbers. Call the church office at 637-3978 or email [office@gsviroqua.org](mailto:office@gsviroqua.org)
- Devotional material for all ages available in the Narthex by the main doors.
- When preparing announcements and articles, please note that the deadline for the bulletin is **Wednesday**. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of the month prior to publication.
- Prayer Request Cards are available in the front of the Sanctuary near the Prayer Box.

## **Income and Expenditures**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
January 1 through December 31, 2011

<b>General Fund</b>		12/31/2011
<u>Income</u>		
Regular Income	\$309,125.64	
Designated Funds	\$6,391.52	
Undesignated Funds	\$16.17	
Other Income	\$4,242.21	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$319,775.54</b>
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Benevolence	\$9,271.10	
Ministry	\$14,226.20	
Administration	\$20,735.16	
Property	\$57,889.73	
Personnel	\$ 211,740.76	
Designated Funds	\$5,431.03	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$319,293.98</b>
 <b>Over/Under</b>		 <b>\$481.56</b>

Thank you for  
your regular  
gifts to the  
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GSLC.  
Together we  
help God  
achieve many  
things in our  
community.

## **Pastoral Acts for January 2012**

### Funerals

Jay Johnson	1/12/12
Elizabeth Moffitt	1/13/12

### Circles Meeting in February

- Wednesday, Feb. 8**  
Mary/Miriam  
9:00a (L)
- Sunday, Feb. 12**  
Koinonia  
11:30a (L)
- Monday, Feb. 13**  
Anna  
1:30p (OS)
- Tuesday, Feb. 14**  
JEMS  
Dorcas  
9:00a (L)  
1:00p (OS)
- Wednesday, Feb. 15**  
Priscilla/Rebecca  
1:30p (Maplewood)



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