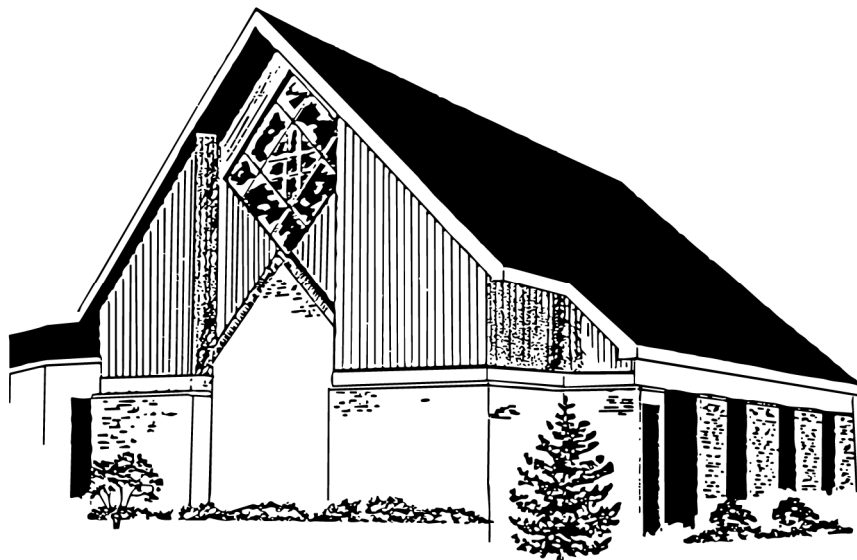


Annual Report

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MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD



MISSION

As men, women, and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod exists to make disciples, using the Gospel to win the lost for Christ and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.

OBJECTIVES

1. To testify to the truth of God as fully revealed in the inspired, inerrant, infallible Holy Scriptures and articulated in the Lutheran Confessions;
2. To seize every opportunity the Lord provides to evangelize lost souls and establish ministering churches throughout the world;
3. To help each other grow and mature in the faith through public worship and life-long study of the Word of God;
4. To encourage and equip each other for the application of our faith in lives of Christian service, for the Lord, His Church, and His world;
5. To recruit and train candidates qualified for full-time ministry and provide for their continuing education so that the Word of God is proclaimed faithfully and effectively in accord with the Lutheran Confessions.



MISSION STATEMENT OF GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- + + + The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to serve all people in God's world with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of Holy Scriptures (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)
- + + + The primary objectives of this congregation shall be
 - >>> to proclaim the law and the gospel in our congregation, community and the world (2 Timothy 4:2), so that through the means of grace the Holy Spirit might lead sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ for life and salvation (Luke 24:46-48)
 - >>> to strengthen believers in faith and sanctification (Romans 10:17)
 - >>> to equip believers as disciples, stewards, witnesses and servants to share the gospel and live their faith (Ephesians 4:11,12; Matthew 5:16)

President's Message

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men – I Corinthians 12:4-6

Last year in this space, I wrote about Good Shepherd's financial health. In my first year as council president, that has surely been an area when I have had to put my focus. And while that is important, one of the lessons that I have learned in the time I have spent on the church council is that it takes a lot of people to make Good Shepherd work. Pastor is the most visible person at Good Shepherd (and believe me, he does a lot), but there are many other people whose service not always as apparent. The Sunday School teachers teach children about God's love. There is the organist and other musicians who add music to the service; ushers help out during the service; the altar guild sets up the altar and items for communion; the bulletin must be assembled and printed; we take turns cleaning God's house so that it always looks its best; and I am sure I am missing others.

And that is all just for Sunday morning. There is much to be done the rest of the week. We reach out to the community and to our visitors to witness for God and work to bring more souls to him. Like any house, God's house requires maintenance and repairs. There are bills to pay and chores to be done. Fellowship events are planned to provide an opportunity for fun and to give members a chance to get to know each other outside of church. Etcetera, etcetera, etcetera . . .

So, first of all, to those who have done and continue to do those things, I want to say "Thank You". I'm sure it is not said enough.

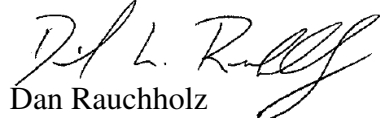
Having said that, we are always looking for people to help. The old saying goes that many hands make for light work, and that is true in the church as well. There are many opportunities to serve God, both here at Good Shepherd and elsewhere. As Paul mentions in the passage above, there are many different kinds of work that can be done in the service of the Lord, and all are pleasing to Him.

ASK!! So how can you help? The next few pages will list several areas where you can help out. Still not sure – Ask! Ask me, or ask one of the other members of council. I'm sure that we can find something that fits your interests and how much time you have available.

ASK!! Don't just ask what you can do, but ask someone else to join you. You would be surprised how readily and happily many people will join you in service if they are just asked!

I will be working with the Stewardship Chairs to make opportunities to serve a focus for 2010! We will be highlighting opportunities throughout the year. And keep an eye out for the Stewardship Seminars coming up in March.

Yours in Christ



Dan Rauchholz

Good Shepherd Church Council President

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND TO BE SERVED

COMMITTEES

The following paragraphs are thumbnail sketches of the activities of our various committees and groups. While one person may already be credited for performing a certain task, we encourage interested parties to inform of their desire to serve – as people may welcome assistance to or relief from their service.

Evangelism – vacant, Chairman

The Evangelism Committee strives to make the most of opportunities to seek the lost and to proclaim the gospel in and around the Novi community. We usually focus on these events:

- > Easter Services & Breakfast
- > Church Picnic, the 4th Sunday of June
- > Restart of Sunday School / Adult Bible Class Church
- > Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services

Our committee reaches out to the community through advertising in the newspaper and cable, by blanketing postcards for Easter and Christmas, and by sending welcome cards to new movers. We also strive to follow-up on all visitors to our services, inviting guests to return and to continue to grow in the grace of Christ. If you have an interest in these or other evangelism opportunities, please contact the Evangelism Committee Chairman.

Web Page – www.GoodShepherdNovi.org, Good Shepherd's web page, contains newsletters issued from and sermons preached at Good Shepherd. Our intention is to make our web page a resource both for our members and for "surfers" seeking the comfort which comes alone through Jesus. Members who are able to add pictures, links, and information, and keep the web site up to date would be welcome by the current web master, Jennifer Reisig.

What About Jesus? – If you have an opportunity to witness and would like to refer someone to a web site to help them find answers, you can refer them to www.whataboutjesus.com, a website operated by the WELS. Feel free to check it out yourself!

Properties – Russ McClelland, Chairman (248) 924-1142
The Properties Committee seeks to keep the church, grounds, and parsonage in good order so that our community may see that we have great honor for the God whose house this is. The Properties Chairmen welcome any assistance in the maintenance of and repairs to the church property.

Lawn Cutting Crew – Each summer, the lawn needs to be mowed, roughly once a week. A sign-up sheet is posted in April/May for volunteers to take a turn in cutting the lawn.

Church Cleaning – Each communicant member/family takes a turn cleaning a portion of the church – the Chapel, the Fellowship Hall, or the Bathrooms, Hallway, and Office. Each member is usually called on about two times a year. Instructions for cleaning are posted on the bulletin board. Please call the church office before coming to be sure that the church will be unlocked when you come in to clean.

Stewardship – Joel Trim, Chairman (616) 828-9373
The Stewardship Committee encourages all members of Good Shepherd to use their time, talents, and treasures to the glory of God in all things. In order to keep our congregation close knit, we also schedule various outings throughout the year where we can get to know one another on a more informal basis (cf calendar for a schedule of events). With our Mentor Program we strive to make new members feel more at home and to get them active in the congregation more quickly.

Elders – Kjell Johnson, Chariman (248) 477-4927
– Dan Schneider (734) 420-1575
– Rob Skrycki (248) 348-1711

The Elders are responsible for the oversight of the teaching and practice of the Word and Sacraments at Good Shepherd, as well as the members' faithfulness to it. We encourage all members to be "our brother's keeper," expressing our concern for the souls of one another – particularly if we notice a member's absence from God's house. A phone call, made out of love and concern, is encouraged.

Altar Guild – Each month, two ladies take care of the paraments on the altar, tend the candles, and set up and remove the sacred vessels for Holy Communion. Carolyn Hoener (734) 495-1012 oversees the Altar Guild. All ladies are welcome to volunteer for a month of service.

Usher Teams – All confirmed men are welcome to serve as ushers. Usher teams serve for a month at a time, three times a year. The duties of the ushers can be explained by the elders or usher captains.

Music – Whether instrumental or choral, we strive to give God our best in our worship services. If you have a talent in music, please speak with Pastor Schroeder or Jeanette Schneider, our organist and choir director, about using your gifts to glorify God and to assist the proclamation of his gospel message through music.

LWMS – The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, consisting of women from southeast Michigan, meets twice a year to hear about the mission work we support as well as the work with various projects. Laura Schroeder is the contact person for Good Shepherd.

Church Librarian – Our library works with a self-serve sign-out sheet. It does, however, still require a little bit of maintenance and straightening. Occasionally, members who have checked out books need to be contacted about their return. If you are interested in being the church librarian, please speak with the pastor.

Ladies Society – Our Ladies Society meets the first Thursday of every month and is open to all women of Good Shepherd. Friends are always welcome. The Ladies Society strives to give women opportunities to serve in various capacities. They also plan several social outings for the women each year. For more information, contact Nicole Taylor (248) 372-1328.

AGENCIES / SERVICES

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

2929 N. Mayfair Road (414) 256-3888
Milwaukee, WI 53222 web site www.wels.net

WELS Church Extension Fund (CEF) (800) 827-9357

The WELS Church Extension Fund serves as a benefit to both individuals and congregations. Individuals may invest in CEF and receive a competitive interest rate. The money which is invested is loaned to congregations so that they may purchase land, build a church, or expand existing facilities. For more information, call the number above.

Christian Life Resources (800) 729-9535

2949 N. Mayfair Road e-mail clr@wels.net
Milwaukee, WI 53222 web site www.clr.org
24-hr hot line (800) 422-7341

Christian Life Resources (previously known as WELS Lutherans for Life) educates people regarding God's will on life issues. Information regarding beginning of life, end of life, and medical technology (e.g., stem-cell research) are available on their web site. They also provide the *Clearly Caring* periodical which is issued bi-monthly and is supported by free-will offerings.

Northwestern Publishing House (800) 662-6022

1250 N. 113th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222 web site www.nph.net

Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) is the official publishing house of the WELS. It seeks to publish and sell doctrinally sound materials for confessional Lutherans. A sample of books from NPH is made available at our Annual Book Fair, usually conducted in November.

Forward in Christ & Meditations

c/o Northwestern Publishing House (800) 662-6093, ext. 8

Forward in Christ is the official magazine of the WELS. Orders for this magazine can be made through the 800 number above, or through Good Shepherd. Our congregational subscription (which comes at a discounted rate and is delivered directly to your home) comes due in March. Contact the church secretary, Carolyn Hoener, if you are interested.

Meditations is a quarterly devotional booklet. One-page, daily devotions written by WELS pastors focus on one of the readings from the Sunday of the week.

WELS RADIO HOUR

WELS Radio Hour broadcasts every Sunday at 10:30 AM on WLQV (AM 1500) from Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redford, MI. Donations to support this radio broadcast may be sent to:

WELS Radio Hour (734) 525-0160

c/o Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church
14750 Kinloch Road
Redford, MI 48239-3118

Pregnancy Counseling Center (734) 522-8484

ADDRESS CHECK ON PHONE #
Redford, MI 48239

Killarney Lutheran Camp

(517) 467-4511

1200 Chisholm Road
Onsted, MI 49265

Killarney Lutheran Camp is owned and operated by an association of WELS congregations. Located in the Irish Hills, they host a youth camp every summer. Details for summer camp are posted on the bulletin board every Spring. Family camping is also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

WELS Kingdom Workers

(800) 466-9357

2401 N. Mayfair Road e-mail kingwork@kwk.wels.net
Milwaukee, WI 53226 web site www.wels.net/wkw

WELS Kingdom Workers coordinates lay people who desire to assist congregations with various ministries, usually with outreach and evangelism.

Calvary Academy

(800) 510-5242

2200 9th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53217

Calvary Academy is a special Lutheran school for youth with troubles related to drug or alcohol abuse, addiction, violence, or crime. Calvary Academy has two campuses, one in Milwaukee and one in Florida.

LOCAL WELS SCHOOLS

Huron Valley Lutheran High School

(734) 525-0160

33740 Cowan Road
Westland, MI 48185

Mr. Dan Schultz, Principal web site www.hvlhs.org

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

(989) 793-1041

2777 Hardin Street
Saginaw, MI 48602

web site www.mlsem.org

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School

(734) 421-9022

17810 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Mr. Chuck Buege, Principal

web site www.stpaulslivonia.org

St. Peter Lutheran Elementary School

(734) 452-0460

1309 Penniman Avenue
Plymouth, MI 48170

Mr. Ryan Roth, Principal

e-mail stpetersschool@comcast.net
web site www.stpeterslutheranplymouth.org

Tuition Assistance Fund – Good Shepherd has established a Tuition Assistance Fund to make utilizing these schools more appealing for our members. We are striving to make this fund a larger part of our budget each year. We feel it is a better use of our resources at this time to make use of schools that already exist than to build and operate our own. Requests for tuition assistance are to be made to the Board of Elders in August and December of each year.

STEWARDSHIP

A FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO A FAITHFUL GOD

This page is a personal Bible study about the giving of offerings to church. While it does not cover every aspect of Stewardship, its purpose is to get each of us to give careful and prayerful consideration to the offerings we give to church.

What must we remember about all our possessions?

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. *Psalm 24:1*

Every good and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.
James 1:17

>>> All our possessions
are _____

How does God want us to make use of those possessions?

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your crops. *Proverbs 3:9*

>>> First of all, God wants us to use our wealth to

If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. *1 Timothy 5:8*

>>> God wants us to use our wealth to

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need *Ephesians 4:28*

>>> God want us to use our wealth to

This is why we you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him. If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. *Romans 13:6,7*

>>>God wants us to use our wealth to

Then, because so many people were coming and going they did not even have a chance to eat, he (Jesus) said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." *Mark 6:31*

>>>God even want us to use our wealth to

Think about all the ways that the Lord has blessed you—not just financially, but in every way. (Write them out if you want to.) Say a special prayer to thank God for all of his abundant blessings.

Why do we give offerings to the Lord?

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. *2 Corinthians 5:14,15*

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

>>>The reason we bring any offering to the Lord is because_____

How are our offerings for church used?

To support the ministry of the gospel.....

- A) ...around the world
 - 1) Mission Offerings
 - a) World-missions: WELS is active in preaching the gospel in about 20-some nations.
 - b) Home-missions: WELS is eager to establish more churches throughout the US.
 - c) Our Mission offerings also support the schools at which our future pastors and teachers are trained.
 - d) \$8,500.00 is our commitment to Congregational Mission Offerings in 2010.
 - 2) Gifts of Charity (Pregnancy Counseling Center, WELS Committee on Relief, etc.)
- B) ...at home.
 - 1) Divine Services (Sunday mornings, special services, music, etc.)
 - 2) Education
 - a) a) For adults (Adult Bible Class, Bible Information Class, Lutheran Confessions Study, Luther Lecture at Octoberfest, etc.)
 - b) For teens and children (Youth Group, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, etc.)
 - 3) Evangelism (Reaching out to the lost with mailings, newsletters, advertising, etc.)
 - 4) Acts of Charity (Food Drive for seminary students, help for the needy, etc.)
 - 5) Maintenance and beautification of church property.
 - 6) Others (e.g., Huron Valley Lutheran High School -- \$5,000 to HVL's mortgage and \$1,650 to HVL General Budget for 2010, WELS Radio Hour -- \$550 in 2010, etc.)

What does God expect of me/my family concerning my/our offerings?

On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. *1 Corinthians 16:2*

>>>Our offerings to God are to be

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

>>>Our offerings to God are to be given

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of your crops. *Proverbs 3:9*

>>>Our offerings to God are to be

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

This Bible study is intended to guide each member to decide in his/her heart what he/she wants to give to the Lord for a regular (weekly, in this study) offering. The Lord encourages us to be generous and

with offerings—promising that he will always care for our daily needs (Matthew 6:25-34), and promising that he will bless us generously for taking him at his word. (Malachi 3:6-12)

Following the Lord's encouragement, we will give our firstfruits to the Lord. We will support the ministry of the gospel with regular offerings. We will give offerings in keeping with our income, or, proportionally.

- I. What amount have I/my family been giving on a weekly basis? _____
- II. This reflects _____% of my/my family's income.
- III. For the year 2007, my/my family's desire is to give _____% of my/my family's income.
- IV. My/my family's annual income is \$_____.
- V. If I divide that by 52, my/my family's weekly income is \$_____.
- VI. If I want to give the percentage listed above, multiply the amount in #5 by the percentage listed in #3 (10%=1; 7% =.07; 5% = .05; etc.) The chart following this study may help you in determining your amount.
- VII. Therefore, my/my family will strive to give \$_____ as my/our weekly offering. This is not a contract. It merely serves as a guideline.



NOTE #1 There will be other opportunities presented throughout the year to further glorify God with our offerings. We do not desire to pressure people into giving when these opportunities presented. While some people might have their hearts set on one particular type of ministry (e.g., Hispanic mission work in Detroit) others may be more inclined to support other ministries (e.g. Committee on Relief, HVL, etc.) Our desire is to present a variety of ministries to support, letting members choose for themselves how they might support a specific ministry with a special offering.

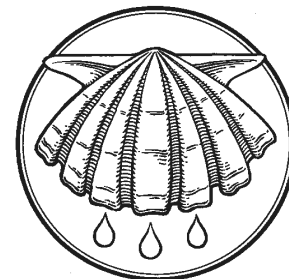
NOTE #2 Any offering that is given toward a specific line item in Good Shepherd's budget will be applied to our budget. Once we exceed our budgeted goal for that year, then any offerings given toward that item will be over and above our budgeted amount. For example, Good Shepherd has budgeted \$5,000 for the HVL mortgage. Any offerings given to the HVL mortgage will be applied to that \$5,000 amount. If more than \$5,000 is given specifically to the HVL mortgage, then we will send the \$5,000 plus the additional gifts. If, however, an offering is designated for WELS Committee on Relief (CoR), all of that offering will go to WELS CoR since we have not included WELS CoR in our budget. If you have any questions about the way we designate our offerings, please speak to Church Council president, Dan Rauchholz, or with Pastor Schroeder.

SPECIAL NEEDS AT SPECIAL TIMES

Times arise in the lives of God's people which have special meaning in relationship to the church. Whether these are times of joy or sorrow, celebration or stress, you are encouraged to make use of the services of your congregation and of your synod.

BIRTH & BAPTISM

Please notify the pastor at the time of a child's birth so that he and the congregation may rejoice with you on this special occasion and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God. Our Lord delights to include little children in his covenant of grace. Since he has given us the sacrament of Holy Baptism as the means by which he applies this covenant to little children, please arrange to have your child baptized shortly after the birth of your child. Just as the Holy Spirit gives new birth through the gospel, the Holy Spirit sustains that life through baptism.. Therefore, you will want to faithfully nourish your child's faith through the gospel – both at home and at church. The pastor will consult with the parents regarding baptism and sponsors (i.e., godparents) when he visits with the new parents, either in the hospital or at home.



PLANNING A WEDDING, PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor well in advance of your intended wedding date. He will want to meet with the engaged couple several times prior to the wedding in order to discuss God's plans and intentions for marriage. He will also offer guidance in the planning of the wedding ceremony. Couples are reminded that the marriage ceremony is not a wedding in which there happens to be elements of worship, but rather a divine service in which there happens to be marriage vows. Therefore, the wedding ceremony is a divine service in which God comes to bless us all, particularly the couple who will be vowing life-long faithfulness to each other. Everything in conjunction with weddings at Good Shepherd (e.g., dress, music, decorum, worship leaders, musicians and/or soloists, photography, etc...) will keep its emphasis on Christ and his gospel rather than highlighting the wedding couple.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS / MOVING

When moving within our area, please notify the church office to insure that we will maintain proper contact with you. Please also e-mail the church office (welsnovi@aol.com) when you change your e-mail, as this is the easiest way to pass along news to the congregation.

If you are moving to a distant area, please contact the church office to receive information on WELS or ELS churches in the area to which you are moving. You are encouraged to transfer your membership as soon as possible after you have moved so that your soul may continue to be comforted and your faith strengthened by word and sacrament. You may also locate the nearest WELS congregation through the church locator feature at www.wels.net.

COLLEGE BOUND

When it is time to go off to college, please contact the church office with information about your school address, phone number, e-mail, etc... We want to be sure that you do not feel forgotten while you are away at school. We also want to offer encouragement to attend the local WELS or ELS church that is closest to you. The information you send us will also be passed on to WELS Campus Ministry which will send you various mailings to encourage you to cling to your Savior in a potentially turbulent time in your life.



ILLNESS & HOSPITALIZATION

Please notify the pastor at times of extended illness or when hospitalized. Even if you think you are only going to be in the hospital for a few days for tests, he would appreciate knowing that. Hospitals do not notify the pastor if his members are admitted there. You are also invited to request the prayers of the congregation for yourself and other loved ones who are ill, hospitalized, or in special need.

SHUT-IN

If you are confined to your home or live in a nursing home, the pastor is eager and willing to call on you to proclaim the gospel and administer Lord's Supper. Normally, monthly calls are made. Other visits are made as people indicate the desire or need. If you are shut-in, you can hear a **confessional Lutheran service at AM 1500, WLQV, on Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:00 AM**. Shut-ins may receive a video tape of Good Shepherd's Sunday service upon request.

DEATH & BURIAL

The church is a most appropriate place for the celebration of the resurrection which is ours through Jesus Christ. This celebration also takes place when a Christian dies. Although we grieve, we do not grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. By a Christian burial, we confess our faith and express our hope in the resurrection to life everlasting for those who die in Christ. A Christian funeral rightly keeps our focus on Christ crucified and risen rather than on the individual who died. While many people may want to offer kind words of comfort, encouragement, and sympathy, we have no real comfort apart from the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our desire is that all who grieve might be comforted by the promises which sustained our departed saint throughout his / her life and even unto death. Various testimonies, poems, or speeches are best reserved for gatherings outside of the church. The church is the place for the promises of Christ to be heard; and only these promises guarantee eternal life.



The same practice is true for the grave side service, where we commit the body to the ground in the confidence of its resurrection from the grave to eternal life. The focus rightly remains on Christ and his promises. In the event that a military honor guard is present, they may function following the benediction.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

At all important events in your life, whether times of joy and celebration or times of sorrow and crisis, you are invited to request the prayers of the congregation. Your brothers and sisters in Christ, then, have the opportunity to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn. They can also carry your praises or your needs before the throne of God, heeding the words of St. Paul, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

PRIVATE ABSOLUTION



"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8,9) With these words, our Lord encourages us not to conceal, but to confess our sins. With confession, there is the promise of forgiveness. While we have a general confession in each Divine Service, God's people may also receive Private Absolution from their pastor. We follow a printed rite, in which the penitent confesses his / her sinfulness with an opportunity to confess a sin or sins which are particularly troubling. The penitent come seeking forgiveness. The pastor, speaking for Christ, proclaims, "I forgive you" – a proclamation which is as valid and certain as if Christ himself said it (John 20:23). As the rite suggests, all that is confessed remains private. The pastor has no right to divulge anything; for the confession was not made to the pastor, but to Christ. Likewise, the absolution is not the pastor's, but Christ's.

Private Absolution is available to all by appointment.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Temptation, sin, marital problems, depression, guilt, or personal problems do not leave us alone simply because we belong to Christ. At such times, we rely on the Lord's promise that in all things God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28). Although the pastor does not hold a degree in counseling, you will want to make the pastor the first stop for help in times of personal need. The pastor's role is to apply God's Word to the lives of people – exposing sin and proclaiming forgiveness to the penitent. If the pastor feels unqualified to assist in a particular case, he can assist you in finding a qualified professional counselor. All matters in pastoral counseling are kept confidential.

WELS CARELINE

"WELS Careline" is a joint effort of Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Services and Christian Life Resources. Trained volunteers staff this 24-hour help line which is available through an 800 number to WELS members across the United States. You may call the Careline at: **1-800-422-7341 (1-800- I CARE for one)**.

Pastor's Report for 2009

Ministration Record

Divine Service	Total Attendance:	4,313	Average Attendance:	83 (Notes #1 & #2)
Communion	In the Divine Service:	3,008	Private Communion:	67
Private Absolution	Total Absolved:	0 (Note #3)		

Adult Bible Class	Total Attendance:	666	Average Attendance:	19 (Note #4)
Sunday School	Total Attendance:	439	Average Attendance:	13 (Note #4)

Catechism Class	Number Enrolled:	4	(1 st Year: 1	2 nd Year: 3)	(Note #5)
6 th Grade Bible History Class	Number Enrolled:	1			(Note #5)
Bible Information Class	Number Enrolled:	7	(Members: 4	Prospects: 3)	(Note #6)

Child Baptisms	Isabel Jane Petrosky	08 / 20 / 2009	09 / 13 / 2009
	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Baptism
	Eric & Stephanie (nee: Weber) Petrosky		
	Parents		

Sophia Sutherland	06 / 21 / 2006	12 / 27 / 2009
Name	Date of Birth	Date of Baptism
David & Julie (nee: Shenk) Sutherland		
Parents		

Cecelia Sutherland	10 / 27 / 2007	12 / 27 / 2009
Name	Date of Birth	Date of Baptism
David & Julie (nee: Shenk) Sutherland		
Parents		

Adult Baptisms	Duane Murray Kells	12 / 28 / 1972	02 / 01 / 2009
	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Baptism

Funerals	Aino Katajamaki	06 / 25 / 2009	06 / 28 / 2009
	Name	Date of Death	Date of Funeral

Gil McClelland, Sr.	06 / 23 / 2009	09 / 23 / 2009
Name	Date of Death	Date of Funeral

Norman Hildreth	12 / 19 / 2009	12 / 23 / 2009
Name	Date of Death	Date of Funeral

Marriages	Thomas Karl Rothermel	Kimberly Diane Lorentz	10 / 24 / 2009
	Name of Groom	Maiden Name of Bride	Date of Wedding

Personal Pastoral Care	Number of persons:	79	Number of meetings:	33
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(Includes such things as member home visits, pre-marital instruction, "counseling," etc.... These statistics are for appointments only, not for impromptu meetings.)

Visitation Record

Shut-In Visits	52
Hospital Visits	11
Prison Visits	0
Acts of Charity	4 (Note #7)

Delinquent Visits	Personal Attempt:	10	Personal Contact:	6
	Phone Attempt:	34	Phone Contact:	15
	Letter or E-mail Sent:	21		

Evangelism Visits	Personal Attempt:	13	Personal Contact:	13
	Phone Attempt:	48	Phone Contact:	24
	Canvass Attempts:	0	Canvass Contact:	0

NOTES: 1) There were 52 Sundays in the year 2009.

2) Mid-Week Lenten Vespers attendance was 170 (28 per week average).

Holy Week attendance was as follows:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communion</u>
Maundy Thursday	47	30
Good Friday	61	
Easter Dawn (included in Sunday attendance)	55	36

Mid-Week Advent Vespers attendance was 79 (26 per week average).

Christmas season attendance was as follows:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communion</u>
Christmas Eve	97	n/a
Christmas Day	37	27
New Year's Eve	18	12

3) Private Absolution is available upon request. Scheduled times for Private Absolution may be offered in the future.

4) There were 34 weeks of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class in the year 2009. Adult Bible Class numbers include all opportunities each week where adults gathered for Bible Study at church. These numbers, however, do not include Bible Information Class. An additional 2 weeks are added to Adult Bible Class (total, 36) to factor in the Church Council meetings that took place in summer.

5) Numbers for Catechism Class and 6th Grade Bible History reflect who was enrolled as of Fall 2009.

6) BIC enrollment records all who were enrolled in the year 2009. There was no overlap from the year 2008, nor will there be for the year 2010.

7) Many requests for assistance were denied. Most of those requests were for assistance with rent, utilities, etc....

Our Stewardship of God's Word and Sacraments for the Year 2009

DIVINE SERVICE ATTENDANCE

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun	Total	Average
January	72	74	72	77		295	74
February	93	81	67	90		331	83
March	92	71	71	86	88	408	82
April	88	126	71	89		374	94
May	88	79	107	58	94	423	85
June	88	54	66	79		287	72
July	68	94	69	73		304	76
August	89	68	77	73	92	399	80
September	69	92	79	91		331	83
October	89	115	83	80		367	92
November	89	85	81	87	74	416	83
December	92	92	121	73		378	95
YEAR TOTALS						4,313	83

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun	Total
January	47	44	51	49		191
February	62	52	49	61		253
Ash Wednesday						29
March	58	51	43	56	57	265
Maundy Thursday						30
April	61	76	51	62		250
May	53	56	70	37	60	276
June	60	45	49	52		206
July	47	61	45	59		212
August	55	50	58	55	63	281
September	49	56	50	57		212
October	64	66	57	55		242
November	58	61	56	60	50	285
December	65	61	70	41		237
Christmas Day						27
New Year's Eve						12
Private Communion						67
YEAR TOTALS						3,075

MID-WEEK SERVICE ATTENDANCE

	Total	Average
Mid-Week Lent	170	/ 28
Maundy Thursday	47	
Good Friday	61	
Thanksgiving	39	
Mid-Week Advent	79	/ 26
Christmas Eve	97	
Christmas Day	37	
New Year's Eve	18	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Number of Children at Good Shepherd (age 4-13)	28
Number of weeks with Sunday School	34
Total Attendance	439
Average Attendance	13

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Number of Communicants at Good Shepherd	140
Number of weeks with Adult Bible Class	36
Total Attendance	666
Average Attendance	19

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS – 2009

January 1, 2009, Good Shepherd had: 138 Communicants and 176 Souls

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

By Transfer

Mike & Colene Paselk; Christian, *Nicholas, Stephen*

By Profession of Faith

April Munafo
Mary West
Lance Mousseau
Larry & Irene Luedeman
Julie Sutherland

By Baptism

Duane Kells
Isabel Petrosky
Sophia Sutherland
Cecelia Sutherland

By Youth Confirmation

Jaime Gibson
Julie Hamlin
Faith Schroeder
Joshua Taylor

By Adult Confirmation

Duane Kells
Karina Jeffries; *Kimberly Jeffries*
Rachel Mousseau

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

By Transfer

Ed Oerther; *Scott*
Kelly Irwin
Mike & Brooke Scharrer, *Caleb*

By Release

Kevin Hegg; *Gunnar, Hadley, Niklas*
Rade & Manuela Sijan; Patrick, Hieko
Mary Finnegan
Ben & Kathy Sulisz

By Removal

Robert Oerther
Thomas Oerther
Ruth Debot
Gil McClelland, Jr.
Elena Larson

By Excommunication

None

Taken By The Lord To Eternal Life

Norman Hildreth

December 31, 2009, Good Shepherd had: 138 Communicants and 171 Souls

NOTE: Those names in *italics* are not Confirmed Members.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009
Dated: January 3, 2010

The following is a high-level breakdown of the offerings for 2009 and 2008.

OFFERINGS	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
General Fund	\$159,566.95	\$156,449.91
Missions/Evangelism	\$ 2,630.00	\$ 3,179.00
Building Fund	\$ 9,926.00	\$ 2,694.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 6,725.00	\$ 5,110.00
HVLHS	\$ 90.00	\$ 170.00
Debt Reduction (GS and WELS)	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 225.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$184,797.95	\$167,827.91

Robert J. DuBois
Financial Secretary
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2009

	<u>Dec 31, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Account	13,247.32
Pastor's Expense Account	521.12
WELS CEF - Bldg Fund	209.81
Total Checking/Savings	<u>13,978.25</u>
Total Current Assets	13,978.25
Fixed Assets	
Church Building	554,000.00
Church Land	250,000.00
Church Parsonage	150,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>954,000.00</u>
Other Assets	
Equipment	75,000.00
Total Other Assets	<u>75,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,042,978.25</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Building Loan	476,392.92
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>476,392.92</u>
Total Liabilities	476,392.92
Equity	
Misc. Adj.	1,300.00
Opening Bal Equity	399,781.42
Retained Earnings	142,070.92
Net Income	23,432.99
Total Equity	<u>566,585.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,042,978.25</u>

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Accrual Basis

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Gen Fund				
Offerings	150,774.18	169,165.00	-18,390.82	89.1%
Total Gen Fund	150,774.18	169,165.00	-18,390.82	89.1%
Interest Income	1.84			
Restricted Fund Offerings				
Bell Tower	435.00			
Book Fair	30.00			
Building Fund	2,379.00			
Choir Robes/Music	25.00			
CMO	1,907.00			
Evangelism/Outreach	1,272.00			
Flowers	12.30			
Forward in Christ	10.50			
HVLHS - General	1,338.50			
Livonia Pregnancy Ctr.	150.00			
Memorial	1,000.00			
Octoberfest	155.71			
Sunday School	262.72			
Tuition Support Called Worker	5,005.00			
WELS Debt Principal Payment	225.00			
Wisconsin Lutheran Radio Hour	500.00			
Wish List Door Offering	1,675.00			
Total Restricted Fund Offerings	16,382.73			
Total Income	167,158.75	169,165.00	-2,006.25	98.8%
Expense				
Congregation Mission Offerings	8,500.00			
Education				
Adult Bible St	173.26	100.00	73.26	173.3%
BIC	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Conferences	129.21	600.00	-470.79	21.5%
HVLHS-HVL Mortgage	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
HVLHS-Operations	1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00	100.0%
Library	20.00			
Sunday School	773.63	400.00	373.63	193.4%
VBS	187.64	600.00	-412.36	31.3%
WELS School Tuition Support	5,199.98	5,200.00	-0.02	100.0%
Total Education	13,133.72	13,650.00	-516.28	96.2%
Evangelism				
Follow-up on Visitors	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Newspaper Ad Easter/Christmas	1,752.00	1,550.00	202.00	113.0%
Newspaper Ads	1,667.00			
Newspaper Ads Weekly Novi News	64.00	800.00	-736.00	8.0%
Other	143.89			
Outreach for New Movers	297.60	600.00	-302.40	49.6%
Total Evangelism	3,924.49	3,100.00	824.49	126.6%
Insurance				
Multi-Peril	3,090.00	3,350.00	-260.00	92.2%
Workers Comp	213.00			
Total Insurance	3,303.00	3,350.00	-47.00	98.6%
Loan Payments				
Interest	27,761.15			
Loan Payments - Other	0.00	54,576.00	-54,576.00	0.0%
Total Loan Payments	27,761.15	54,576.00	-26,814.85	50.9%
Non-Budgeted	-1.10			

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Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Office Supplies				
All In One Cartridges	363.69	200.00	163.69	181.8%
Copier Supplies	151.56	100.00	51.56	151.6%
Miscellaneous	865.41			
Paper	688.82	500.00	188.82	137.8%
Postage	466.34	1,600.00	-1,133.66	29.1%
R-Graph Maint	275.77	800.00	-524.23	34.5%
R-Graph Toner	316.22			
Total Office Supplies	3,127.81	3,200.00	-72.19	97.7%
Other Admin				
Bank Serv Chg	266.03			
Checks	145.38			
Internet Serv	246.40	250.00	-3.60	98.6%
Mich Incorp Fee	20.00	20.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Other Admin	677.81	270.00	407.81	251.0%
Pastoral				
Empl Dental	933.12	1,000.00	-66.88	93.3%
Health Insur	8,858.00	8,916.00	-58.00	99.3%
Health Savings Account	500.00	2,000.00	-1,500.00	25.0%
Mileage	1,906.92	2,500.00	-593.08	76.3%
Payroll Expenses	40,926.50	40,848.00	78.50	100.2%
Pension	1,752.00	1,800.00	-48.00	97.3%
TSA	2,380.00	2,040.00	340.00	116.7%
Workers Comp	69.00			
Total Pastoral	57,325.54	59,104.00	-1,778.46	97.0%
Prop - Church				
Bathrm Supplys	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Cleaning Suppls	15.26	100.00	-84.74	15.3%
Electric	1,407.45	1,400.00	7.45	100.5%
Fire Ext Rechg	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Fire Monitoring	804.46	500.00	304.46	160.9%
Furnace Maintenance	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Garbage Pickup	402.66	650.00	-247.34	61.9%
Gas	1,854.03	2,500.00	-645.97	74.2%
Maintenance Reserve	917.18	1,000.00	-82.82	91.7%
Organ Maint	250.80	250.00	0.80	100.3%
Water - Sewer	396.96	400.00	-3.04	99.2%
Total Prop - Church	6,048.80	7,150.00	-1,101.20	84.6%
Prop - Grounds				
Concrete Repais	400.00			
Lawn Care	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
Snow Removal	1,500.00	1,125.00	375.00	133.3%
Work Bee	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
Total Prop - Grounds	1,900.00	1,675.00	225.00	113.4%
Prop - Parsonage				
Electric	750.52	1,000.00	-249.48	75.1%
Gas	1,092.66	1,400.00	-307.34	78.0%
Maintenance	998.91	2,200.00	-1,201.09	45.4%
Water - Sewer	603.14	500.00	103.14	120.6%
Total Prop - Parsonage	3,445.23	5,100.00	-1,654.77	67.6%
Restricted Fund Expense				
Livonia Pregnancy Center	150.00			
Octoberfest	68.72			
Tuition Support Called Worker	5,060.00			
WELS Debt Prinicpal payment	225.00			
Wisconsin Lutheran Radio Hour	550.00			
Total Restricted Fund Expense	6,053.72			

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Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2009

	Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Stewardship				
Church Picnic	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
Off'g Envelopes	375.53	600.00	-224.47	62.6%
Total Stewardship	375.53	1,050.00	-674.47	35.8%
Telephone				
Church	1,636.97	1,440.00	196.97	113.7%
Parsonage	315.47	300.00	15.47	105.2%
Total Telephone	1,952.44	1,740.00	212.44	112.2%
Worship-Gen'l				
Altar Supplies	218.74	200.00	18.74	109.4%
Guest Pastors	612.50	700.00	-87.50	87.5%
Worship-Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total Worship-Gen'l	831.24	1,000.00	-168.76	83.1%
Worship - Music				
Choir Music	294.66	450.00	-155.34	65.5%
Organ Music	181.72			
Orgst Gratuity	4,890.00	5,250.00	-360.00	93.1%
Total Worship - Music	5,366.38	5,700.00	-333.62	94.1%
Total Expense	143,725.76	160,665.00	-16,939.24	89.5%
Net Income	23,432.99	8,500.00	14,932.99	275.7%

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Proposed Schedule for 2010

January 23	Euchre Tournament & Game Night (6:00 PM)
Feb TBD	Laser Tag
Wed, Feb 17,24	Lenten Dinner (6:00 PM)
Wed, Mar 3,10,17,24	Lenten Dinner (6:00 PM)
Mar TBD	Glow-in-the-Dark Putt-Putt
April 4	Easter Breakfast (8:45 – 9:45 AM)
May TBD	Progressive Dinner (late April or early May)
May 30	Killarney Chicken Picnic at Camp Killarney, Irish Hills
June 27	Church Picnic (11:30 AM - ?????)
July 29	Barbeque Thursdays
August 5,12,19	Barbeque Thursdays <i>Four families to host it. Host families are encouraged to recruit helpers.</i>
September TBD	Hay Ride & Bon Fire (<i>date determined according to host's schedule</i>)
October 9 (tentative)	Octoberfest 5:00 PM - Vespers 5:30 PM - Bratwurst Dinner 6:30 PM - Luther Lecture
October 31	Reformation Rally at St. John, Westland (4:00 PM)
November TBD	Bowling
Wed., Dec 1,8,15	Advent Dinners (6:00 PM)
December 5	Church Decoration for Christmas
December 12	Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins (w/ Youth Group)
December 19	Children's Christmas Service

2011 Activities

January 22	Euchre Tournament & Game Night
Feb TBD	Plymouth Whalers Game
Wed, Mar 9,16,23,30	Lenten Dinner (6:00 PM)