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**MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday January 16, 2022**

Present: Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Don Caughman, Anna-Marie Plyler, Cathy Milejczak, Debi Powell, Heather Gilbert, Janet Lockhart, Mike Weaver, Suzanne Sanders, Peter Zornow

Absent: Amy Kemp, Janice Haigler, Leigh Ford

Call to Order and Devotion: President Caughman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Anna-Marie Plyler gave the devotion and offered prayer.

Adoption of Agenda:

Secretary Plyler called the Council's attention to a typographical error on the first line on page two where the number "612" should be "614". Motion to approve the amended agenda by Cathy Milejczak, second by Janet Lockhart. **Motion Unanimously Approved.**

Adoption of Minutes:

Approval of the December 16, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Janet Lockhart, second by Suzanne Sanders. **Motion Unanimously Approved.**

Approval of the December 22 & 23 Called Email Vote Minutes. Motion to approve by Cathy Milejczak, second by Debi Powell. **Motion Unanimously Approved.**

Attendance and Membership for December 2021

SUNDAYS

<u>2021</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
12/5/2021	88	47	N/A	88	COVID 19	12/6/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			94
12/12/2021	101	48	27	101	COVID 19	12/13/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			79
12/19/2021	103	102*	21	103	COVID 19	12/20/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			71
12/26/2021	63	N/A	17	63	COVID 19	12/27/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			55
Average	89	32		89		Average				75

*Children's Advent/Christmas Program in FAB

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

2021		2020	
12/1/2021	21	No Services	
12/8/2021	22	COVID 19	
12/15/2021	21		

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

2021		<u>YouTube</u>	2020	
5:00 PM	169	87	No Services	
			COVID 19	
			Streaming only	

Note: YouTube numbers reflect number of views, not number of people viewing.

Total Membership 12/31/2021: 614

Total Active Members 12/31/2021: 311

Current active membership at the time of the December 2021 Council Meeting: 311

Members Added since the December 2021 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the December 2021 Council Meeting: 0

Current active membership at the time of the January 2022 Council Meeting: 311

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report Submitted.
2. Pastor Andrew's Report: Pastor's Report Submitted. Pastor conveyed that he would not be preaching on February 20, 2022, as he would be out of town participating in his Godson's baptism. He said that he has already arranged a supply preacher.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Leigh Ford Council Liaison with Wade Wingard, Contact: No Written Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee: Peter Zornow: No Written Report Submitted. Mr. Zornow reported that Evangelism Committee is in the process of rebuilding and recruiting.
3. Finance Committee – Janet Lockhart: Written Report Submitted. Secretary Plyler asked for clarification on information contained in the Finance Committee Minutes which stated that Mike Weaver had asked Rod Kent to be the Chair of Property. After discussion it was clarified that Mike Weaver and Rod Kent would serve as Co-Chairs as Rod was in close proximity to Good Shepherd and could better monitor property repair vendors and could authorize payments more timely.
4. Gifts Committee – President Caughman notified Council that he had contacted Kappy Steck with regard to serving as Chair of Gifts. Mr. Caughman was pleased to inform Council that Mrs. Steck has agreed to serve as Chair of the Gifts Committee.
5. Learning Committee – Heather Gilbert: Written Reports Submitted. Mrs. Gilbert notified Council that Anna Lawson was unable to continue teaching her rotation of Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School.
6. Parish Life Committee – Debi Powell: Written Reports Submitted. Mrs. Powell said she was so delighted to see how everyone pitched in to help with the Epiphany Chili and Corn Bread Cook Off.
7. Property Committee – Mike Weaver: No Written Report. Mr. Weaver gave verbal update on the status of the maintenance for the GSLC campus. He briefed Council that a new leak presented itself in the Narthex this Sunday morning.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Suzanne Sanders: No Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Sanders said that Social Ministry will meet in February
9. Worship Life Committee – Cathy Milejczak: No Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Milejczak said that Worship Life would meet Thursday, January 18.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Amy Kemp: No Written Report Submitted.
11. Other Committee Communication Time

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

1. Motion from Executive Committee

Executive Committee moves to take the following action on the Inactive Savings Sub-Account Items for Fiscal Year 2021 as referenced in the January 2022 Treasurer's Report:

<i>FF-07 Handbell Choir: \$650.03</i>	<i>Transfer the funds to FF-05 Capital Funds</i>
<i>FF-11 Church Bus Fund:\$1,598.46</i>	<i>Transfer the funds to FF-05 Capital Funds</i>
<i>FF-18 Grants: \$734.90</i>	<i>Transfer the funds to FF-05 Capital Funds</i>
<i>FF-20 Mayer Scholarship Fund: \$700.00</i>	<i>Transfer the funds to FF-06 Youth Summer Missions Fund</i>
 <i>FF-22 Home Coming 2020: \$2,000</i>	 <i>Rename sub-fund to FF-22 Home Coming and retain the funds in that account</i>
 <i>FF-24 Payroll Protection Plan \$0.00</i>	 <i>Delete the sub-fund, no funds present</i>
<i>FF-26 Children and Youth Good Gifts \$342.71</i>	<i>Retain the funds in that account.</i>

Background Information:

Per previous Council's decision, any saving sub-fund that has had no activity in the fiscal year is eligible to be closed.

For FF -11 Church Bus Fund, Mike Weaver made the following motion:

*I move that the \$1,598.46 currently in F-11 Church Bus Fund be transferred to J-10 Church Bus Maintenance & Taxes. The second was by Cathy Milejczak. A vote was taken and the motion was **Unanimously Approved.***

For FF-18 Grants, Janet Lockhart said that she and Amanda Snodgrass had discussed this and the transfer of the funds needs further investigation. It is possible that some of these funds were acquired by Kris Litman-Koon for a special project or that some of those funds were from the Foundation. Mrs. Lockhart felt that if these funds were designated for a special purpose and were not spent, that those funds should be returned to the grantor. As a result, Mrs. Lockhart made the following motion:

*I move to defer movement of the \$734.90 in FF-18 Grants sub-fund until research can be completed. Second was made by Suzanne Sanders. A vote was taken and the motion was **Unanimously Approved.***

After the motions to amend the Executive Committee Motion, the amended Executive Motion is as follows:

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A vote was taken on the amended Executive Committee Motion and the motion was **Unanimously Approved.**

2. Motion from Mutual Ministry Committee

Mutual Ministry Committee moves to receive Council's approval for the following members to be appointed to the Mutual Ministry Committee for the three-year term of 2022-2024:

Barbara Nagy

Michael Sanchez

Background Information

The following members are currently serving on Mutual Ministry Committee:

Amanda Snodgrass, Chair: 2020-2022

Phil Tollison: 2020-2022

Kevin Gross: 2021-2023

Mary Stallings: 2021-2023

3. Schedule a Congregational Meeting

Congregational Approval is needed for the expenditure of approximately \$45,000 for two HVAC units for the Sanctuary Building. Two of the four units that service the Sanctuary Building need replacing. The Congregational Meeting will be held on February 6, 2022.

4. Distribution of Council Notebooks

Thumb drives containing the Council Notebook were handed out along with some hard copies of some documents to assist the newly elected Council members.

5. Approval of Pastor's Housing Allowance Resolution.

Pastor stated that the amount for his Housing Allowance would be the same as last Year. The resolution was approved and the paperwork will be completed and given to Pastor for his IRS records.

Petitions and Communications

N/A

Looking Forward

N/A

The Pulse

1. Don Caughman spoke about how refreshing it was to have the Children's Christmas Program this year. He said it was nice to see the parents step up and pull things together to put on such a wonderful program.
2. Pastor Andrew said that he was pleased to see a positive trend of lay folks being willing and stepping up to serve.

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. with Pastor Andrew offering prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Pastor's Report
Rev. Andrew Isenhower
January 14—February 16, 2022

Pastoral Acts

- Funeral for Emily Wright
- No baptisms
- No weddings

Worship and Music

- I preached, presided, and led worship for 2 Sunday worship services
- I preached, presided, and led worship for our Congregational Retreat
- I participated in worship planning

Education

- I have continued leading the mid-week bible study via Zoom
- I have provided Faith 5 resources each week for members and families
- I have continued teaching in-person Bible study in the FAB
- I have been teaching confirmation during Sunday school

Pastoral Care

- I made 2 in-home visits and 1 hospital/facility visit
- I have followed up with bereaved members and families
- I made 17 Pastoral Care phone calls

Social/Fellowship/Community Events

- I participated in the Congregational Retreat

Church Business

- I have completed our congregation's internship application
- I attended the following committee meetings:

- Parish Life
- Social Ministry
- Learning
- Finance
- Worship Life
- Evangelism

Synodical Business

- I am working on my annual report to the bishop

Continuing Education

- I met with my clergy group. We meet with a counsellor once a month to discuss life and ministry and support one another.

Self-Care

- I took time each day for devotional reading and prayer.
- I spent much of the last month flat on my back with Covid-19. My gratitude to those of you who called, sent notes and cards of encouragement, and stepped up to "hold down the fort" in my absence. I am especially grateful to Pastor Emily Edenfield for being available on short notice to cover my absence on Sunday, January 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Isenhower

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

Evangelism Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
5:30-6:30 Classroom 2
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Attendance: Peter Zornow, Chairman, Don Hyatt, Karen Lucas, Pat Quattlebaum, and Jean Cockrell.
Excused: Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Elaine Zornow

Meeting began with an introduction of current and new members. The committee reviewed the Evangelism Committee goals: 1.) Grow and strengthen the Evangelism Committee 2.) Reach out to the community 3.) Reach inward to the Congregation. The purpose of these goals is to market the church, to draw people in, to send the Good News and to inform about events at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The goal is to rewrite and update the 2009 Evangelism Plan.

First, a discussion of the main and subcommittees took place. Everyone is invited to the main committee meetings. Subcommittees can meet on their own time and by their own means (church, home, zoom, chat, email, phone). Each committee is responsible for planning and implementing activities for the above Evangelism goals. Each member was given a collection of ideas and suggestions to be used as a starting point for their group discussions. Each subcommittee must turn in minutes to zornowpd@juno.com, can turn in budget and purchase requests, and can recruit additional members to their committee.

Next, the subcommittees were presented. The first committee will deal with all the aspects of media/technology/publicity/and advertising. This includes TV, radio, cell phones, computer/internet, YouTube, print, newsletters article, bulletins, banners, press releases etc. and working with the Communications in planning outreach to the community and in reach to the congregation in spreading the news about, the Good News, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church news and events.

The second committee will be dealing with membership. This committee will deal with membership growth and retention and will assist the pastor with the New member training, Buddy/Mentor recruitment and training, new member snacks and recognition dinner. The committee can conduct satisfaction surveys and can look at ways to handle new members visiting the church: visitor center with a literature rack, free gifts in church or gift delivery-free bread.

The final subcommittee will deal with special events. This group will plan and provide special events to reach out to the community which could include: the Lenten Cross, booths at Forest Acres/Columbia special events, recognition dinners for first respondents, Volunteer, Military groups, church volunteer recognition dinner, fundraising dinners, outside group classes like Yoga, Music events and performances, and guest speakers. This group can work with the Parish Life Committee.

Once the groups have been formed, each group can elect a representative to attend the main committee meetings. Members then chose the committees they wanted to serve. The Evangelism Committee asked Peter to call the absent members to see which committees they would like to serve on.

Each committee is to meet and to discuss and review ideas from the Evangelism Rough Draft Plan and to develop five to ten activities or steps

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**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Finance Committee Minutes
February 10, 2022, 6:00 PM**

Members present: Deb Embrey, Janice Haigler, Rod Kent, Janet Lockhart, David Lucas, Jamie Sanders, Becky Shealy, Jerry Vaughn, Don Caughman, Pastor Andrew.

Devotion: Jamie Sanders shared a writing by Werhner von Braun on his belief in the existence of God.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for January 6 meeting were distributed by e-mail. David Lucas moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Vaughn and approved.

Updates:

Treasurer: Janice Haigler provided report on Savings and Checking Account Balances as of January 31. Corrected report balances:

Money Market Accounts

Checking Account Balance

Total Cash in the Bank (1/31/22)



Food Pantry donations are deposited in checking account instead of savings fund. Deborah Mitchell will track credits and debits and report the availability of funds in Line Item A37 to Social Ministry.

The Office Windows Replacement Fund has a \$425 balance after payment for project. The funds will remain there until all work is completed on project and will then be returned to the Memorial Fund.

Janice now has signatory authority for the accounts.

Financial Secretary: Deb Embrey mailed 161 year-end contribution statements for 2021 in January. Contributions in January 2022 were low, consistent with low church attendance. Contributions for first Sunday in February exceeded the weekly budgeted need.

Tabulators: Becky Shealy is continuing to work with tabulators to eliminate procedural errors. She prepares tabulator schedule two months in advance. Most of the teams are choosing to tabulate during Sunday School.

Technology Subcommittee: Jamie Sanders installed a new wireless access point for the Youth Room.

Old Business:

Council action on inactive savings funds: Janet shared report on savings account balances for 2021. Several accounts had no activity in 2021 and Congregational Council voted to move the funds to other accounts. Action on FF-18 Grants Fund was deferred for research. The \$734.90 is the balance of a grant from the Stewardship of Life Institute for the Freed Up financial stewardship program conducted in 2017. Becky Shealy moved to approve use of the FF-18 funds for new stewardship projects proposed by the Gifts Committee. Deb Embrey seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

FF-15 Playground Equipment Fund remains open although there are no projects planned. If the Day School Board requests new equipment, the funds will be available.

New Business

Insurance Proposals: Becky Shealy prepared a comparison of proposed coverages and costs by Brotherhood Mutual and Church Mutual for property/liability insurance with umbrella coverage, workers compensation, and auto. Coverages are comparable. The Church Mutual total cost exceeded Brotherhood Mutual cost by about \$2,000. Most of the difference is due to worker's compensation premium which will be adjusted based on actual payroll figures. Becky recommended staying with our existing carrier Church Mutual since they have provided good service and the cost difference is small. Don Caughman moved to keep insurance coverage with Church Mutual. Motion was seconded by Rod Kent and approved unanimously. Janet will notify representatives for both companies.

Monthly Financial Reports: Janice Haigler will provide the Savings and Checking Accounts Balances report each month. Deborah Mitchell is developing a report of checking account credits and debits by line item compared with the approved budget by line item. This will be given to Committees monthly.

Committee Schedule/Devotions Volunteer:

Mar 3 – Jerry Vaughn
Apr 7 – Don Caughman
May 5 – Janice Haigler
June 2 – Becky Shealy

Closing: The meeting closed at 6:55 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

02-10-22 Learning Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Don Caughman, Heather Gilbert, Anna-Marie Plyler, Amanda Snodgrass,

Members Absent: Katie Bostic, Stacy Gross, Lisa Sanchez, Bruce Shealy

Staff Present: Pastor Andrew

Meeting Called to Order: 5:34pm

Devotion: Heather Gilbert

Sunday School

- Spring materials for Don's class have arrived.
- Spring materials for children's classes have been ordered.
- We talked about ways to make for a smoother transition from the children's classes to the music class.
- No Sunday School classes to be held on Easter Sunday.
- There are four students scheduled to be confirmed this year. Pastor Andrew is tentatively planning for this on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. We discussed ways to celebrate this special occasion such as a reception following the service. Amanda is looking into gifts for the confirmands.

VBS

- We have scheduled VBS for June 20-23 from 5:30-8:00.
- We discussed affordable ways to bring in prepared dinners for the children attending VBS rather than having volunteers prepare them ourselves for entire families.
- Heather will work on organizing a VBS planning committee to meet early March.

Learning Opportunities Currently Offered:

- Sunday School classes for children and adults are offered every Sunday.
- Confirmation class is held every Sunday.
- Pastor Andrew is holding in-person Bible study on Tuesdays in the FAB and a Zoom Bible study on Wednesdays.
- The Faith 5 program is being used with confirmation students and sent out in weekly emails for families to utilize.

Future Learning Opportunities

- Don Caughman is offering a small group Lenten class to be held prior to Lenten services.
- Pastor Andrew is planning to offer a First Communion class that will meet several times during Lent.
- We brainstormed some summer Sunday School ideas such as an intergenerational class in the FAB. Several people talked about how well received the Andy Griffith based program was a number of years ago. Anna-Marie is going to look back at her records and see what information she can find about the program.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Andrew

Meeting Closed: 6:22pm

Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, March 10th at 5:30 in Conference Room

Parish Life
February 1, 2022
Summary

In attendance: Lavina Chandler, Karen Lucas, Debi Powell, Suzanne Sanders, Mary Stallings, Elaine Zornow, Peter Zornow, Pastor Andrew, Don Caughman

January and February activities:

- Jan 9—Chili/cornbread Cook-Off. There were 28 in attendance sampling 6 chilis and 3 cornbreads. Chili winner was Nancy Hyatt, Cornbread winner was Susan Uehling
- Feb 11-13—Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge. There are 71 registered to participate.

March and April activities:

- March 1—Youth is planning congregational meal/activity (??) for Shrove Tuesday.
- April 17—Easter Breakfast—Mike Weaver will spearhead the breakfast again and he welcomes volunteers to assist. Lavina will take care of the decorations for that morning. Plans will be discussed in more detail at next meeting after determination of Easter services time/s.

Possible 2022 activities suggested (further discussion and planning in future meetings):

- May---Recognition of High School and college graduates
- June/July/August---Fireflies game (LMM), Ice Cream social, Pizza/Bingo Social
- September---Homecoming recognition (cake/reception)
- October/November---Fish Fry (LMM)
- December---Congregational Gathering (to replace LMM “Ladies Night”)

ALSO:

- Lavina will head the “restart” of Supper Club, to include identifying interest.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

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Property Committee Meeting January 12, 2022

The Property Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 12, 2022, in the Conference Room.

In attendance were Pastor Andrew, Joey Allison, Kappy Steck, Rod Kent, Cathy Milejczak, and Mike Weaver.

Call to Order- Mike Called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Mike announced that he will be the Council Representative and that Rod Kent will be the logistic person for the committee. Mike will attend the council meetings, write the reports and manage the administrative duties while Rod will be the hands on person for the property needs.

The committee reviewed the previous report to council submitted by Lauren Chandler on December 7, 2021. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. Office windows replacement.

The office windows replacement is in progress. Four bays (12 window panels) of the insulated raindrop pattern glass have been installed. Plans are to complete the remaining three bays before Christmas. The two sidelight glass panels at the office entrance door unit have also been replaced with insulated raindrop pattern glass. Additional insulated raindrop patterned glass has been ordered to replace the windows by the old narthex stairwell and the stairwell to Joey's Office.

Rod and Joey will monitor the work in progress.

2. Stained glass gable wall.

The finalized shrubbery and landscaping plan is needed. A decision on the exterior cross and backlighting is pending the discussion of feasibility and costs.

The shrubbery and landscaping plan will remain on the project list as a future project after some of the necessary repairs at the church have been completed.

3. Campus signage.

The campus schematics have been updated. All room numbers were ordered and have been delivered with placement in process. Directional signage for the Education Building has also been ordered and delivered. Exterior doors of the Education Building have been completed, while a few interior doors need to be done. Agreement on the placement and assignment of responsibility are needed. Note that the emergency exit schematics are still needed.

Rod and Cathy and Joey will get together to work on finishing this project.

4. Riding lawnmower.

Thanks to a gift from the Memorials Committee, our old worn out riding lawnmower has been replaced with a new commercial grade John Deere riding lawnmower. The new mower and other facilities equipment have been moved to the old furnace room (next to the Youth Room). The mower is now in use and the bagger system has finally been received.

The riding lawnmower needs a blade sharpener. Mike instructed to order the blade sharpener.

5. Sunday School Classroom upgrades.

Classrooms E-106 (K-2), E-114 (3-5) and E-115 (Music) have been painted. This included the walls, windows, window trim, window base panels, baseboards and doors. The old chalk boards and cork boards were removed and will be replaced with new boards. The old blinds were replaced with cordless blinds, the carpets in all three rooms were professionally cleaned and all damaged ceiling tiles were replaced.

This has been completed.

6. Lower level Sanctuary suspended ceiling.

The suspended ceiling removed during the water pipe replacement is being repaired by the Sexton.

Rod will purchase the ceiling tiles and Joey will install them.

7. Sexton's Position.

The Sexton's contact person on the Staff Support committee, Jeff Inabinet, has met with the Sexton, Pastor and the Property Chair to establish goals and objectives. The committee was informed that the performance evaluation scheduled for the fall of 2021 was recently completed by Mr. Inabinet.

No action required at this time from the committee.

8. Sanctuary rail.

The removal of the short rail and replacement with the long rail is on hold until the restart of the Contemporary service

This will be reevaluated when there is a need to do so.

9. Basketball Goal.

Half court markings are still needed. A member of the committee knows of a company that can take care of this.

This has been completed.

10. Courtyard and exterior stairwell.

Estimates are being obtained to pressure wash the courtyard, walkways around the Office, the Sanctuary, and the exterior stairway leading to the lower level Sanctuary handicapped entrance.

The committee agreed that this could be accomplished with a Property Work day. Will try to organize one in the spring.

11. FAB.

Estimates are being obtained to pressure wash the brick veneer and the breezeway slab floors.

The committee agreed that this could be accomplished with a Property Work day. Will try to organize one in the spring.

12. Buckled sidewalk by Madison Street.

A local contractor had offered to take care of this issue sometime before fall. He was working in the area and planned to remove and replace the damaged sidewalk at no cost to the church. A member of the committee will contact him to determine a possible work date.

This has been completed.

13. Communications cables.

The cables run between the Education Building and the FAB are sagging and need to be reinforced with a guide wire to elevate them back to their original height.

Rod will check Gregory Electric about installing a cable brace.

14. Office gutters.

The gutters on the Office building are leaking in several joints and need to be repaired. The gutters are soldered joint formed zinc made by CE Bourne, the Sanctuary roof contractor.

Joey will check with the gutter people to see if they will take them down so that they can be repaired.

15. Water well.

The Foundation has given the committee a \$2,000 grant to be used towards drilling a water well for the Sanctuary irrigation system. The cost this year of operating our irrigation system with city water was approximately \$500 each month. An estimate needs to be obtained early next year to establish a project cost and to determine the source of additional funding to begin this project. The committee voted to make a motion to council on this matter.

The water well project will be on hole until some of the other more urgent repairs are completed.

16. Sanctuary HVAC units.

There are four condensing units providing air conditioning and heating to the Sanctuary. In 2013, the congregation voted to replace the original system. As two of the old R22 refrigerant units were still in good condition, we only replaced two of the four original units. The two replacement units use the newer R410 refrigerant. Keeping two older units helped reduce the cost of the project, knowing that down the road we'd need to replace them.

One of the old units has developed a refrigerant leak and is no longer working. The estimate to replace this one unit is approximately \$20,000. The air handler is still in good condition and will be converted back to operate on R410 refrigerant. The committee voted to make a motion to council on this matter. An expenditure of this amount from Capital Funds requires approval from council and also congregational vote. Replacement of at least the non-functioning unit will be required before the heat of summer, 2022.

Rod will get with Northpoint Heating and Air to get a quote for the work that need to be done so that we have a good estimate for the congregation to approve.

17. Education Building breezeway floor.

The Education Building breezeway floor becomes very slick whenever there is rain or a rapid change in air temperature from cold to hot. The committee has looked at a number of possibilities. Because of the age of the concrete, diamond grinding was discarded as it might chip off the finished layer of concrete, exposing an uneven aggregate. The practical solution appears to be coating the walk area with one of the newer anti-slip products now available.

Rod will investigate this problem.

Additional items discussed.

1. Flower beds in front of the day school. The committee agreed to let Gaye and Jim Tucker to landscape this area.
2. Leak in the ladies' room in the FAB. Joey will investigate.
3. Awning/ Canvas for the crossing area from the FAB to the Sunday School building. Kappy submitted some contact information. Rod to investigate.
4. Water leak on Madison near sanctuary. This has been reported. The Columbia Water Department work order is #811371.
5. Wallpaper in downstairs sanctuary bathrooms. The committee noted that there are some congregational members who are interested in working on this project. Rod will check it out.
6. Lamp post near the downstairs back entrance- need to be removed.

Mike and Rod will work on a current more concise list of repairs for the committee.

Mike mention that the majority of the property committee will be done by e-mail with in person meeting as necessary.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting notes respectfully recorded by Cathy Milejczak

Social Ministry Committee

February 3, 2022

Attendees: Don Caughman; Pastor Andrew Isenhower; Karen Lucas; Cathy Quinton; Suzanne Sanders; Steve Steck; Susan Sturkie; Mike Weaver

Chair Suzanne Sanders welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered a brief devotion.

Committee members provided updates on the various committee projects.

Food Pantry- Ann Rush emailed her update. The food pantry is continuing to provide "immediate need" food requests to the community. We accept food requests on Monday & Tuesday of each week and distribute these requests on Wednesday. We also maintain in the pantry, two bags of food available for emergency requests. In January, the food pantry packed and distributed 21 bags of food serving 82 participants. For the year of 2021, the Good Shepherd Food Pantry distributed a total of 244 bags of food serving 926 participants. The food pantry volunteers are Carolyn Adams, Libby Slice, Don Caughman, Verna Sawyer, Marion Eargle, and Anne Rush.

Fun Fridays- Susan Sturkie reported that due to COVID there will not be a February event. She hopes to be able to have an event in April. Chris Hermann has agreed to provide a Temple Talk before the next event in order to share the mission of Fun Fridays and encourage other church members to serve as volunteers.

Meals on Wheels- Don Caughman reported that Meals on Wheels is going well. They have 9 volunteers and approximately 9 recipients on the daily route.

Ramp Ministry- There is currently one pending request for a ramp in Winnsboro that had to be rescheduled due to snow. Steve Steck & Mike Weaver have reviewed the ramp request form and there are some changes that need to be made, including questions regarding the permission of the landlord to install a ramp.

Transitions Meal Project- Susan Weaver recently stepped down from leading this project. Lisa Lehman has agreed to take leadership of the effort. Mike Weaver has agreed to assist Lisa to ensure a smooth transition of the project. Mike and a group of volunteers prepared and served a meal for Transitions' residents in January.

New Business:

Special Request- Lisa Sanchez contacted Suzanne & Don to ask for the committee to consider supporting the Backpack Program at Condor Elementary School. Condor Elementary is a Title One school in a disadvantaged geographical area. Over 90% of the students qualify for free lunch. Bags of food are sent home to assure students are able to eat on the weekends. Lately, this school has been short on bags, and not all students in need get to take one home. Lisa asked if the Social Ministry Committee would consider sponsoring some backpacks for the rest of the school year. She said that 20 would be ideal, but 10 would also make a big difference. Backpacks go home weekly. Bags cost about \$5 to \$7 each.

Committee members discussed this request. A motion was made & seconded to make a one-time donation of \$1,000 to Condor Elementary School to support the Backpack program. The motion passed. Committee members also discussed educating church members about the program and see if there is an interest in some members volunteering to collect food items and pack the backpacks for the school in the future.

Lenten Self Denial Offering- During the months of March and April, the committee voted to collect funds for the Backpack Program to support child feeding programs at Condor Elementary School, Forest Lake Elementary School, and Bradley Elementary Schools. Suzanne will provide a brief summary of the project to be included in the March newsletter and share with Deborah Mitchell for the Lenten Self Denial offering envelopes.

May Special Emphasis- The committee decided to support The Women's Shelter for the May Special Emphasis.

Noisy Offering- The next noisy offering collection will be Sunday, May 29th. The committee decided to support Happy Wheels with the funds collected.

Pastor Andrew closed the meeting with a prayer and then led everyone in The Lord's Prayer.

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace
for worship, learning, loving and service to all.*

**Worship Life Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022**

Welcome: Cathy Milejczak called the meeting to order at p.m.

Devotion: Cathy Milejczak- gave the devotions from Galatians 5:23

Approval of minutes: for November 16, 2021. Nancy moved that the minutes be approved, Marcia seconded, the motion was approved.

Attendance: Steve Fink, Don Caughman, Marcia Woodward, Susan Sturkie, Rod Kent, and Cathy Milejczak

Old Business:

- Music Director Search- The committee suggested names for a taskforce to be formed for the search. The names were: Michael Sanchez, Charlene Fink, Mary Margaret Hoy, Katie Bostic, Jason Ortiz, Mark Lovern, and Jeff Inabinet. AS Worship Life Chair the taskforce will include Cathy Milejczak. Cathy will call these people to see if they are interested in servicing. Once she has five members including herself she will send a motion to Don Caughman, Council President, and the council for approval. Susan Sturkie will send out the job vacancy announcements.
- Training- training sessions will be organize as noted in the Worship Service Reports.

New Business:

- Season of Lent- The committee agreed to have two midweek Lenten services. They will be on Wednesdays at 12 and 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Cathy will check with Pastor.

Staff Report:

- Susan Sturkie- Susan made comments on the service and the need for training. She agreed to place the Music Director Job Vacancy notices.

Worship Service Reports:

- Altar Guild- Neal was not present. Cathy will get with her about training.
- Crucifer- Cathy will talk to Pastor Andrew about training.
- Acolytes- Cathy will tale to Pastor Andrew about training.
- Ushers- The committee agreed that we need a "head Usher" to oversee the Usher captains and provide training. The committee suggested Wade Wingard and Jeff Inabinet. Cathy will contact.
- Lectors- Don will train with pastor's assistance.
- Communion Assistants- will be trained with the lectors with Pastor's lead.

Upcoming Events:

- Shrove Tuesday: March 1st
- Ash Wednesday: March 2nd - There will be two services with distribution of ashes. The times are 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Cathy will check with Pastor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 15 @ 5 p.m., CL 2

Prayer: The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Youth & Children Committee Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2021

Opening Prayer: Amy Kemp

Attendance: Amy Kemp, Pastor Isenhower, Chris Herrmann, Lisa Sanchez, Barbara Rowell, Heather Gilbert.

Old Business: No previous minutes – review Year End Report written by Leigh Ann Tollison (see pages 4 and

5) THANK YOU Leigh Ann for writing this. –

1) Nursery:

- a) Day school employees are doing Sundays and are paid from Support staff budget. Someone please correct me if I'm wrong on that point.
- b) Marcia W. provided me with schedule through March 27, 2022.
- c) No staff for February 13 which is also the Congregational Retreat. *Will put in newsletter.*
- d) Need one volunteer for March 13, 2022

2) YFM's Update: Kindergarten to Second Grade

- a) Next event is Easter Egg hunt – set date at February meeting

3) GYFs Update: Third through Fifth Grade

- a) Volunteers to help lead activities
 - i) Lisa happy to help but has a lot going on
 - ii) Activities that are Free or low cost
 - iii) Devotion at events
 - (1) Visit shut ins or create and send cards
 - (2) Adopt a grandparent
 - (3) Decorate pumpkins
 - (4) Corn maze
 - (5) Elementary Lutheran Friends- Events City wide – Joel Antley – Lisa to send Amy contact info –
 - iv) Chris Herrmann's Sunday School Class – Callen Gilbert, William Snodgrass, Jackson and Chandler Ford.

4) YOGS – Middle and High School

a) Souper Bowl of Caring – February 13, 2022 Same Sunday as Congregational retreat **5 minutes**

- i) Pass on Luncheon this year
- ii) Gather donations at beginning of worship – GSLC and Retreat
 - (1) Matt Herrmann – volunteered
 - (2) Eden Rowell
- iii) Donations to go to: Transitions Homeless Center...or perhaps Oliver Gospel Mission for food needs or maybe Homeless No More (which includes St. Lawrence Place and Family Shelter).

iv)

b) Shrove Tuesday – March 1 at TIME

- i) Made the decision to have this event in person. May do something sweet other than pancakes that we can do outside so that we can be a little more safe. Discussion and decision at February Meeting
 - (1) Donuts
 - (2) Potluck – sweets
 - (3) Funnel King Cakes

ii) Anything else – Thrivent Card?

iii) Do we need a motion for Council for donations?

- c) YOGS Sunday programming?
 - i) Amy to create a survey to send to parents to see what kids may want to do
 - ii) Plan out 6 months at a time
 - iii) Look at spreading out the help for leading and programming for Yogs events
 - (1) Meals
 - (2) Programming
 - (3) Devotion

5) Youth Gathering Update from Leigh Ann Tollison

- a) *This Gathering info can be included in February newsletter also.*
- b) We're having Sunday School lessons a couple of Sundays and all YOGS are invited.
Jan 23rd and February 27th Sunday School and YOGS meeting with lunch @ 12:15 pm in Youth Room.
- c) We're still working with Cristus Victor and Living Springs on travel details, but look forward to traveling with them and spending time together during the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

6) SC Synod Events: Anyone like to be liaison for church to Synod? 2 minutes

2021-2022 SCLCY CALENDAR

Event structure may change as the guidelines for gathering during the pandemic evolve. Please watch for email updates or contact slutheranyouth@gmail.com for more information.

9TH/10TH GRADE WINTER RETREAT @ CAMP KINARD

January 21-23, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/9th10thwr>

11TH/12TH GRADE WINTER RETREAT @ COASTAL RETREAT CENTER

February 18-20, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/11th12thwr>

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT @ CAMP KINARD

March 18-20, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/mswr>

SPRING INTO ACTION SERVICE EVENT (9TH-12TH GRADES) @ COSTAL RETREAT CENTER

May 6-8, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/sia>

LCY CONVENTION @ TBD

June (TBD), 2022

Registration Link <https://sclcy.link/lcyconvention>

CAMP HUGG @ CAMP KINARD

June 26 – July 1, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/lcycamphugg>

7) Newsletter items

No Nursery Sunday, February 13, 2022

Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 13. Monetary donations will be collected prior to the in Sanctuary service and the Retreat Sunday Service. Monies will go to Columbia area food pantries in need.

Shrove Tuesday will be March 1, 2022 at 6pm. Please save the date and plan to join us before the start of Lent. More details will be coming out in February.

Youth of Good Shepherd please consider joining other SC synod youth at one of these events. Details can be found at the Synod page. If you need financial help please contact Youth and Children committee Chair, Amy Kemp 803-727-5899 or aekautz@gmail.com

11TH/12TH GRADE WINTER RETREAT @ COASTAL RETREAT CENTER

February 18-20, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/11th12thwr>

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT @ CAMP KINARD

March 18-20, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/mswr>

Attention Parents of youth and children of grades 3 and up. Please look for an email from Amy Kemp (aekautz@gmail.com) with a short survey about activities and times for your child. If you do not receive an email by February 1, please reach out to Amy as she may not have the correct contact information for you. A response is requested by February 6 so that the committee can use this information to thoughtfully plan activities for our Youth and Children.

Volunteers Needed: Do you have **two hours** on a Sunday to help with Youth and Children? We are looking for helpers for our God's Young Followers GYF which are Grades 3-5 and Youth of Good Shepherd (YOGSSs) which are Middle and High School Youth. We haven't met in person in over a year and are looking forward to doing so in the future with your help.

You can help by:

- Providing meals that can be either homemade or store/restaurant bought. Let us know and we can also group you up with others if you want. Group sizes may be 6 or 15-20 people, we will work to get you a headcount when possible.
- We are looking for adults to lead programs. Think about an impactful activity you did when you were in youth group and let's see if we can recreate that experience for our Youth at Good Shepherd. Do you have a skill or talent that you could make into a fun program for our Middle and High School youth? In the past, members have showed the youth how to change a tire, made self-care packages for homeless, crafted items, lead them in games, host a service event. Have another idea you want to share? Please let us know. We are looking for members of Good Shepherd to come in and join the Youth for an activity. You tell us what you want to do and we will help you make it happen and be there with you to do it too. This does not have to be a lengthy commitment but a one-time hosting of a Sunday with the Youth.
- Have space to host a bonfire or cookout?
- Want to help chaperone the youth on a camping trip?
- We need volunteers as well for GYF, want to help chaperone them to a local playground, make cards for shut-ins, carve pumpkins, visit a corn maze?
- Want to be part of Adopt a Grandparent?

Please contact Youth and Children Committee Chair, Amy Kemp at 803-727-5899 or aekautz@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from so many of you because I know you have some wonderful talents and love to share with this group.

- 8) Space to reserve in coming months from Deborah
- a) Committee Meetings – First Monday at 6:30pm
 - i) February 7
 - ii) March 8
 - iii) April 4
 - iv) May 2
 - v) Summer meeting?
 - vi) August 2
 - vii) September 12
 - viii) October 3

- ix) November 7
 - x) December 5
 - b) Shrove Tuesday, March 1 – FAB
- 9) Closing – Lord’s Prayer

Please make all changes by 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 18th.

2021 Youth and Children Committee Annual Report

The Youth and Children Committee in keeping with our vision of F.L.O.W. (Fellowship, Learning, Outreach and Worship), incorporated these principles into our 2021 activities in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. We gathered safely in the Spring and in December. The pandemic did not allow the usual activities throughout most of the year.

The youth committee met virtually and in person with social distancing. Since most of the usual activities had to be cancelled in 2020, the committee decided to host activities for all ages and not break them into age groups. Two of these activities occurred in February and March 2021. In February the youth met in the FAB and put together Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party bags. The pandemic did not allow the congregation to gather for the annual Pancake Supper and Talent Show, so the youth provided an at-home pancake supper and Shrove Tuesday experience. In white craft bags the youth assembled pancake mix, syrup, Mardi Gras beads, chocolates and Bible verse coins. They were then colorfully decorated with yellow, purple and green tissue paper. These bags were delivered to shut ins and those who came to the FAB parking lot worship on the Sunday prior to Shrove Tuesday, February 14, 2021. The bag recipients were grateful for the Youth's thoughtfulness. The shut-ins were especially grateful for the festive surprise.

Youth of all ages gathered again in March. Emily Whitlow led the youth in making lily and stained-glass cross crafts. These crafts reflected Easter and Spring. The youth also colored seed pots. Amy Kemp helped the youth plant seeds. The youth were excited to gather and to take home crafts and seed that would sprout and grow.

In December the youth gathered and decorated the Christmon Tree in the sanctuary. By December the congregation had returned to the sanctuary for worship. It was meaningful to have the Christmon Tree decorated for the Advent and Christmas season since we were unable to worship in the sanctuary in 2020.

The youth of ages from pre-school to college participated in the Christmas play. The congregation gathered after worship in the FAB to witness the telling of Jesus' birth. Being together felt as if we were returning to 'normal.' The Children and Youth Committee want to thank all who brought their talents together and created this event.

Jennifer Ross continues to be a strong supporter of GraceWorks. We appreciate her passion and devotion to the week of service to local charities along with other Lutheran Churches.

In December the youth and their adult chaperones who will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota formally partnered with Living Springs Lutheran Church and Christus Victor Lutheran Church. These churches will travel together to the Gathering in July 2022. In the meantime, they will share meals and fellowship time as they explore the Gathering's Bible study. Good Shepherd's youth attending the Gathering are Eden Rowell, Evelyn Ortiz and

Tommy Vail. Their adult chaperones are Barbara Rowell and Michelle Ortiz. They are being mentored by Deborah Whitlow and Leigh Ann Tollison.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to plague the country, the Committee will continue to adapt. Hopefully in the future we will be able to return to some of our regular events. Young Family Ministries (YFM) and God's Young Followers (GYF) will look forward to the return of the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Splash and Fall Festival. The Jr and Sr YOGS look forward to the return of Synod events, Youth Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring, their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show, attending GraceWorks and Wow Urban Ministry.

The committee is thankful for the events that were held and for those that provided assistance and prayed for us. During 2021 the following committee members worked together to provide meaning events for our youth: Emily Whitlow, Amy Kemp, Barbara Rowell, Jennifer Ross, Leigh Ann Tollison, Susan Uehling, and Deborah Whitlow. We appreciate the guidance and grace that Pastor Andrew provided us. Thank you to Youth Deacon, Eden Rowell for her service and contributions on church council in 2021.

The committee is especially thankful for Emily Whitlow. Her guidance, hope and patience helped to propel us forward as the world seemed to be shutting down due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Ann Tollison
Youth and Children Committee Member

GYF Survey

What is the best time to meet? or 1-2 hours?

Sunday after church 11:30-1

Sunday 1-3

Sunday 3-5pm

Tuesday 5-7

Youth & Children Committee Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2021

Opening Prayer: Amy Kemp

Attendance: Amy Kemp, Terri Tokaz and Chris Herrman

Old Business: Adopted previous minutes

Obtained list of Children 0-19 from Deborah – let's review and figure out grade level grouping

1) Nursery:

a) Need one volunteer for March 13, 2022 – Amy will be back up

2) YFM's Update: Kindergarten to Second Grade

a) Next event is Easter Egg hunt – April 3 after Sunday School -

i) Volunteers

(1) Easter Story Reader

(2) Emcee

(3) Egg Hiders

ii) Eggs in the narthex or donations and fill?

3) GYFs Update: Third through Fifth Grade

a) Elementary Lutheran Friends- Events City wide – February 27, 2022 3-5pm St. David's Lutheran Church –

b) Monthly Events

i) March – Amy sent email to parents – maybe after a Lenten service

Ideas – April 1 evening at FAB

(1) Glow in the Dark Easter Egg hunt

(a) Oriental Trading 72 eggs for \$12

(2)

c) Volunteers to help lead activities

i) Activities that are Free or low cost

ii) Devotion at events

(1) Visit shut ins or create and send cards

(2) Adopt a grandparent -

4) YOGS – Middle and High School

a) Souper Bowl of Caring – February 13, 2022 Same Sunday as Congregational retreat

i) Pass on Luncheon this year

ii) Gather donations at beginning of worship –

GSLC

(1) Matt Herrmann

(2) Eden Rowell

Retreat

iii) Donations to go to: Transitions Homeless Center...or perhaps Oliver Gospel Mission for food needs or maybe Homeless No More (which includes St. Lawrence Place and Family Shelter).

b) Shrove Tuesday – March 1 at 5:30pm

- i) What meal to serve – trying to be safer so may hold event in parking lot
 - (1) Donuts
 - (2) Potluck – sweets
 - (3) Funnel King Cakes
 - (4) Pancakes
- ii) Sent email on February 14 and have barely enough volunteers for Pancake supper. Will make it work and put in newsletter.
- iii) Volunteers
- iv) Anything else – Thrivent Card?

c) YOGS Sunday programming?

- i) Amy to create a survey to send to parents to see what kids may want to do
 - (1) Savannah would prefer: Scavenger Hunt/Escape Room ; Board Games; Baseball or basketball game (Carolina/Fireflies?)
 - (2) Blake would be up for anything, especially bonfire/sports/waterpark day.
- ii) Amy to Lead March 27th event with YOGs.
- iii) Look at spreading out the help for leading and programming for YOGS events
 - (1) Meals – ideas on who might want to provide a meal
 - (2) Programming
 - (3) Devotion
 - (4)

d) Youth Gathering Update from Leigh Ann Tollison – cancelled for 2022. Still meeting with Christus Victor and Living Springs. February 27

ELCA National Youth Gathering Update:

We have been notified that the 2022 Gathering has been cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 surge and public health considerations. The next Gathering is planned for 2024. This was a difficult decision for the Gathering's leadership to make as many preparations and expectations will not be realized.

Good Shepherd will continue to partner with Living Springs and Christus Victor as we gather for Bible study, lunch and fellowship. Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 27, 2022. All YOGS are invited.

5) SC Synod Events: Anyone like to be liaison for church to Synod?

Newsletter items For March

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT @ CAMP KINARD

March 18-20, 2022

Registration Link: <https://sclcy.link/mswr>

March 1, 2022 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper

Please join us for a Pancake dinner in the FAB to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Love offering collected and all proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Fund. Volunteers still needed so please contact Amy Kemp as soon as possible.

Young Family Ministry – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 3 after Sunday school

Young Family Ministries will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones up to second graders. Kids and Families please meet at the Church Fountain after Sunday school at 11:45am. A donation basket will be in the Narthex for those who would be willing to donate candy or small toys to fill the eggs. Please return the filled eggs or bags of treats to be filled no later than March 27.

God's Young Follower's – Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

Children in grades 3rd through 5th are invited to meet in the FAB for this new fun event. It will be on Friday, April 1 from 7:00pm to approximately 8:30pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Volunteers are needed, please contact Amy Kemp if you are interested in helping. Parents, please let Amy Kemp know if your child (and friends) will be in attendance so we can plan accordingly.

YOGs – All Middle and High School students will meet in the FAB at 6pm for dinner and Game Night.

6) Committee Meetings – First Monday at 6:30pm – Anyone like to lead devotions?

- i) February 7
- ii) March 7
- iii) April 4
- iv) May 2
- v) Summer meeting?
- vi) August 2
- vii) September 12
- viii) October 3
- ix) November 7
- x) December 5

7) Closing – Lord's Prayer

Gods Young Followers Email to parents

Hello Parents, (for privacy reasons you have been blind copied)

I'm reaching out because we have an opportunity for fellowship and fun for your 3-5 grader. If your child is not in this grade range please let me know, I did my best to calculate grade level based on ages so I may be incorrect. Additionally, if after reading this email you no longer want to receive communication from me this year on behalf of the Youth and Children Committee at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church please let me know.

There is a group of Columbia Area churches who get this age group together occasionally. They have not met since the pandemic started but are having an event this month. I've not attended before but plan to go. I believe that Lisa Sanchez has been and she has spoken very HIGHLY about this gathering.

Elementary Lutheran Friends

St. David Lutheran on Feb 27th from 3-5pm. From what I know now there will be different stations set up for your child to go through. I am waiting on more details.

Please let me know if your child would like to attend. Would you (the parent/guardian or another parent/guardian) be interested in attending as well? We do need some adult presence with us but we *may* not need every parent/guardian to attend. I think it would be nice to meet at our church and carpool. If you would be willing to carpool please let me know I am checking on the church bus availability and if that is available and we have more than 6 wanting to ride together we will go from there.

I think it would be nice to meet at the church and travel together over there if possible so that our kids can at least go in together before perhaps splitting off to meet other kids.

Youth and Children committee is meeting next Monday at 6:30pm in the Youth Room and you are welcome to attend but not required. We will be looking ahead to schedule events for your kids through August. To help us better plan we would like to know what days and times are better for your kids to meet.

Please reply and let me know the following:

Monthly activity for 1-2 hours
 Sunday after Sunday School 11-1
 Sunday from 3-5pm
 Second or third Monday from 6-7
 Other time that works better you want to suggest

Thank you for continuing to read this far. I know it is a lot but I appreciate your patience.

Action Items for this email - Parents were BCC'd so just hit reply and it will come back to just me.

1. Can you child attend the E.L.F event on February 27 from 3-5?
2. Will you be joining your child?
3. Would you like to go to E.L.F and volunteer?
4. Can you drive the Church Bus?
5. Going forward what time works best for your child's involvement? Please Rank Sunday after Sunday School 11-1

Sunday from 3-5pm
 Second or third Monday from 6-7
 Other time that works better you want to suggest

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.
 Amy Kemp

Youth and Children Committee Chair

YOGS email to parents

Hello Parents, (for privacy reasons you have been blind copied)

I'm reaching out because the Youth and Children Committee is meeting on Monday and we are trying to set dates and plan out the next six months for our Junior and Senior High school students. Junior Youth of Good Shepherd are 6-8 graders and Senior Youth are 9-12 graders. If your child is not in this grade range please let me know, I did my best to calculate grade level based on ages so I may be incorrect. Additionally, if after reading this email you no longer want to receive communication from me this year on behalf of the Youth and Children Committee at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church please let me know.

All YOGS are invited to lunch and time with Living Springs and Christus Victor on Sunday February 27.

Typically this group meets on the second and fourth Sunday evenings from 5-7pm with dinner provided. In previous years, the group met as a whole once and as a two groups on the other Sunday. Jr YOGS from 5-6:30pm and Sr YOGS from 6-7:30pm, with the 30 minute overlap for dinner.

A few years ago we adopted the FLOW model for programming

F - Fellowship (Bowling)

L - Learning (tire changing, Money management)

O - Outreach (In as Much, Christmas caroling, Souper Bowl)

W - Worship (Youth Sunday)

The Youth and Children committee is meeting next Monday at 6:30pm in the Youth Room and you are welcome to attend but not required. We will be looking ahead to schedule events for your youth through August. Our goal is to get them together for a few months and hopefully when school starts in August they can select a Youth Council to select and plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

To help us better plan we would like to know what activities your youth would be interested in. Please take some time with your youth over the coming days to talk about and rank the activities below.

Please reply and rank the following:

- Outdoor Game Night
- Board Game night
- Self – Care Packages for homeless
- Craft night
- How to change a tire / general car maintenance
- Lock-in
- Spring Cleaning for shut-ins
- Bonfire
- Cookout
- Camping
- Waterpark or water day
- Scavenger Hunt/Escape room
- Money Management
- Other Suggestion _____
- Other Suggestion _____
- Other Suggestion _____
- Other Suggestion _____
- Other Suggestion _____

In addition to trying to get some of the above activities we will also be scheduling some of our traditional programs as well. We will schedule time to decorate the blocks, Zesto's before the Good Friday Service.

We are also looking for volunteers to provide dinner for the YOGS evenings. We have asked the congregation for help but have not had much of a response yet. We will continue to ask others outside of parents for this help but in the event we can't find other volunteers are you willing to help provide dinner?

Does your child have any food allergies? We will accommodate allergies and do what we can to accommodate food preferences. As a parent, I understand kids can be picky. When possible we will announce meal offerings.

We are trying to find some non-parents to also help with YOGS Sunday evenings to lead programs or also consistently be there. If you have any suggestions I would LOVE to hear them. We would like to have at least two parents present at every evening event for safety purposes. I will be reaching out for help there as well.

Thank you for continuing to read this far. I know it is a lot but I appreciate your patience.

Action Items for this email - Parents were BCC'd so just hit reply and it will come back to just me.

Ranking of Activities from your Youth
Provide meal?
Suggestions for non-Youth Parent help.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.
Amy Kemp
Youth and Children Committee Chair