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**MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday February 20, 2022**

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

Absent: Janice Haigler, Leigh Ford

Call to Order and Devotion: President Caughman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Heather Gilbert gave the devotion and offered prayer.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to approve the February 20, 2022 Agenda by Mike Weaver, second by Debi Powell. **Motion Unanimously Approved.**

Adoption of Minutes:

Approval of the January 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Janet Lockhart, second by Mike Weaver. **Motion Unanimously Approved.**

Attendance and Membership for January 2022

<u>2022</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>9:30</u>	-	-	<u>Total</u>
1/2/2022	67	32	24	67	COVID	1/3/2021	NO DRIVE-IN SERVICE			
1/9/2022	89	39	37	89	COVID	1/10/2021	NO DRIVE-IN SERVICE			
1/16/2022	39	7	59	39	COVID	1/17/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			77
1/23/2022	58	18	28	58	COVID	1/24/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			86
1/30/2022	85	31	24	85	COVID	1/31/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			82
Average	68	25		68		Average				82

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 January 2022 Council Meeting: 311

Members Added since the January 2022 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the January 2022 Council Meeting: 1

Emily Wright: Death

Current active membership at the time of the February 2022 Council Meeting: 310

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report Submitted.
2. Pastor Andrew's Report: Pastor's Report Submitted.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Leigh Ford Council Liaison with Wade Wingard, Contact: No Written Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee: Peter Zornow: Written Report Submitted. Mr. Zornow shared with Council that he was very pleased with the attendance at the January meeting and was excited about the internal reorganization of the Evangelism Committee.
3. Finance Committee – Janet Lockhart: Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Lockhart briefed Council on the committee's progress since the last Council meeting.
4. Gifts Committee – Kappy Steck Chair, Don Caughman Liaison:
5. Learning Committee – Heather Gilbert: Written Reports Submitted. Mrs. Gilbert briefed Council on the upcoming plans for Vacation Bible School.
6. Parish Life Committee – Debi Powell: Written Reports Submitted. Mrs. Powell informed Council of the Committee's progress in planning future activities for the congregation.
7. Property Committee – Mike Weaver: Written Report Submitted. Mr. Weaver covered two items which were not in his report. He briefed Council on the status of obtaining a "Crash Bar" for the exterior door leading to the church's office. This bar would automatically lock when someone leaves the building from that particular door. He also stated that a Grounds Clean Up Day was being planned.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Suzanne Sanders: Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Sanders shared the excitement of the committee and Condor Elementary School in the Social Ministry Committee's decision to participate in the school's Backpack Ministry.
9. Worship Life Committee – Cathy Milejczak: Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Milejczak notified Council that at the February Worship Life Meeting Neal Inman told the committee that she was retiring from her leadership role of Altar Guild. Ms. Milejczak said that Becky Shealy volunteered to take over that role.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Amy Kemp: Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Kemp spoke to the Council about the need for volunteers to participate in various functions of the Youth & Children.
11. Other Committee Communication Time

Old Business:

1. Seminarian Intern
Pastor Andrew informed Council that the application for a Seminarian Intern has been completed and will be submitted this week.

New Business:

1. Motion from Worship Life Committee
The Worship Life Committee moves that the following congregational members be appointed to the Music Director Search Team Task Force: Pastor Andrew, Michael Sanchez, Charlene Fink, Mary Margaret Hoy, Katie Bostic and Cathy Milejczak.

President Caughman asked if there was any discussion, having none, he called for the vote. The motion was **Unanimously Approved.**

2. Motion from Finance Committee
Finance Committee moves to approve the movement of \$734.90 from FF-18 Grants to the Gifts Committee to be used for stewardship education.

Background Information:

At the January 16, 2022, the motion to defer the movement of the dormant \$734.90 in FF-18 Grants

until further research could be done regarding the intent of the grant. The motion to defer the movement was unanimously approved.

Research revealed that these funds are the unspent balance of a grant from the Stewardship of Life Institute for the Freed-Up stewardship program conducted in 2017. The Stewardship of Life has suspended its grant program for stewardship education. The Gifts Committee has no funds budgeted for stewardship education.

President Caughman asked if there was any discussion, having none, he called for the vote. The motion was **Unanimously Approved**.

3. **New Email Address**

Council was made aware that there was a new email address for Rod Kent, Co-Chair and Contact for Property Committee and were reminded that they were emailed an update for their Council Virtual Notebook.

4. **For Information.**

ELCA News dated February 1, 2022

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Chicago, IL has been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. The 2024 Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024. The location will be announced this summer.

Petitions and Communications

1. The Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be held on April 3, 2022.
2. During Lent, Don Caughman will conduct a Wednesday Bible Study at 5:30 before the evening worship service. He will teach on the people who were present during the passion of Christ.

Looking Forward

N/A

The Pulse

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. with Pastor Andrew offering prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

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**MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 27, 2022**

Call to Order :

President Don Caughman called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m., following the closing prayer and before the Benediction of the Sunday, February 27, 2022, worship service.

Business:

Mr. Caughman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2021 Annual Report. He informed the congregation that any business other than the 2021 Annual Report would be considered out of order. Mr. Caughman said that he hoped that the congregation had a chance to read the report. He remarked that the report contained a wealth of information about the activities and decisions that of our church during the previous year.

President Caughman asked for a motion to approve the Good Shepherd 2021 Annual Report. Lauren Chandler provided the motion to approve the report and David Lucas provided the second.

Mr. Caughman asked if there were any questions or comments. Having none, President Caughman called for a voice vote. The Good Shepherd 2021 Annual Report was **Unanimously Approved**.

Adjourn:

Having no further business, at 10:38 a.m., Mr. Caughman announced that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Pastor's Report
Rev. Andrew Isenhower
February 17—March 17, 2022

Pastoral Acts

- No funerals
- No baptisms
- No weddings

Worship and Music

- I preached, presided, and led worship for 3 Sunday worship services
- I preached, presided, and led worship for 2 Ash Wednesday services and 4 midweek Lenten services
- 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 continued teaching confirmation during Sunday school

Pastoral Care

- I made 3 in-home visits and 2 hospital/facility visit
- I have followed up with bereaved members and families
- I held a monthly Communion service at Wildewood Downs for our members and friends there
- I made 24 Pastoral Care phone calls

Social/Fellowship/Community Events

- I participated in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Church Business

- I have completed our congregation's internship application. We should have an intern assigned by the end of the month who will begin over the summer.
- I attended the following committee meetings:

- Shepherd's Visitors
- Gifts
- Memorials
- Finance
- Worship Life Subcommittee
- Learning
- Parish Life
- Parish Life Subcommittee
- Worship Life

Synodical Business

- None this month.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Isenhower

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

Evangelism Committee Minutes
February 15, 2022
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church parlor

Attendance: Peter Zornow, Elaine Zornow, Karen Lucas, Pat Quattlebaum, Jean Cockrell, Don Hyatt, Verna Sawyer, Barbara Nagy, Frances Pylar, and Pastor Andrew Isenhower.

Absent: Wade Wingard, Ed Woodward, Alice Buckner, Jim Johnson, and Diane Smith.

Meeting began with prayer and welcome. The goals of the Evangelism Committee were discussed as followed: 1. Strengthen the Evangelism Committee, 2. Reach out to the community, and 3. Reach inward to the congregation.

The Lenten Cross will be put up by Joey on March 2, and The WELCA group has donated money for flowers for the cross. The Lenten Cross will be decorated on April 16, and volunteers and additional flower donations will be needed.

The three subcommittees were introduced as follows: 1. Media and Technology, 2. Special Events and 3. Membership. Each group can meet on their own time and by their own means (church, home, zoom, email, etc.) Each group will help rewrite the Evangelism Plan and will submit 3-10 ideas for goals within their group, and each group will choose a leader to attend the main committee meetings. Each committee will submit a draft of their ideas for the Evangelism Plan for approval by the main committee meeting who will then send the final draft of the Evangelism Plan to the Council.

The three subcommittees met and discussed their plans.

The next main committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2022, from 5:30-6:30 in Classroom 2

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**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Finance Committee Minutes
March 3, 2022, 6:00 PM**

Members present: Deb Embrey, Janet Lockhart, Jamie Sanders, Becky Shealy, Jerry Vaughn, Pastor Andrew.

Devotion: Jerry Vaughn read a devotion from *Christ in Our Home* on "Thanking God for the Whole Shebang!".

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for February 10 meeting were distributed by e-mail. Deb Embrey moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Becky Shealy and approved.

Updates:

Treasurer: No report.

Financial Secretary: Deb Embrey reported January offerings were 60% of budgeted need and February offerings were 83% of need. The "Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed" has been published in bulletin as [REDACTED]. We discussed updating based on budgeted income: [REDACTED] divided by 52 weeks equals [REDACTED].

Tabulators: Becky Shealy has 10 volunteer tabulators. No issues to report.

Technology Subcommittee: Jamie Sanders continues to do required maintenance.

Old Business:

2021 Year End Financial Reports: Copies of 2021 Profit and Loss Statement and Finance Committee expenses were distributed. Only 11 monthly mission support payments to Synod were recorded. Janet will check with Deborah Mitchell to determine if we missed a payment. Members suggested the mission support payments be set up for automatic payment.

New Business

2022 Financial Reports: Profit and Loss Statement for 2022 as of March 3 was reviewed. Income exceeded expenses by [REDACTED]. The expense detail for Finance Committee showed \$300 sales tax payment for 2021. Janet will ask Deborah if payment is quarterly or annual.

Committee Schedule/Devotions Volunteer:

Apr 7 – Don Caughman

May 5 – Janice Haigler

June 2 – Becky Shealy

Closing: The meeting closed at 6:40 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

03-10-2022 Learning Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Katie Bostic, Don Caughman, Heather Gilbert, Anna-Marie Plyler

Members Absent: Stacy Gross, Lisa Sanchez, Bruce Shealy, Amanda Snodgrass

Staff Present: Pastor Andrew

Meeting Called to Order: 5:32 p.m.

Devotion

Classes

- There are four students scheduled to be confirmed this year on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. We will plan to have a courtyard reception following the service. Heather will contact Parish Life to discuss the planning of the reception. We will ask the Memorials Subcommittee about purchasing confirmand gifts.
- We will look into an end of season Sunday school celebration for the youth.
- Don's Lenten group is averaging about 10 participants a week and is going well.

VBS

- We have scheduled VBS for June 20-23 from 5:30-8:00.
- VBS planning committee met Sunday, February 27. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex and volunteer request information note will be printed in the Sunday bulletins and Friday emails. Planning committee will meet in April.

Summer Sunday School

- We will use the Mayberry series for an intergenerational class. We can reuse the materials we already have but will need to order the second DVD in the series.
- Anna-Marie and Don will work together to find a facilitator for the class.

Memorials Committee Wish List

- Our current wish list is for confirmand gifts and Sunday school Bibles.
- We are also looking into updating biblical maps for Sunday school classes and talking with the Youth Committee about refurbishing the youth room.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Andrew

Meeting Closed: 6:30 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, April 21 (moved from April 14 due to Maundy Thursday) at 5:30 in Conference Room

Parish Life
March 10, 2022

In attendance: Elaine and Peter Zornow, Mike Weaver, Marcia Woodward, Lavina Chandler, Susan Uehling, Pastor Andrew, Debi Powell

Welcome and devotion

Recent happenings:

February 11-13 Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge was attended by over 70 adults and children. Dr Amy Montanez, the keynote speaker, focused on the topic of "Renewal". As always, there were lots of fun activities and good food! Plans for 2023 retreat are underway.

Tuesday, March 1: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by the Youth led by Amy Kemp. Volunteers decorated the FAB, cooked, served, and cleaned. Pancakes, sausage, and fruit were enjoyed by 53 diners.

Updates:

Supper Club: Lavina Chandler reported that there are currently 54 people signed up to participate. She anticipates that a few more will sign up and raise that total to 60 or more. A "Low Country Boil" is planned for the first event—hopefully in late April/early May in the FAB.

Easter Breakfast: Mike Weaver reported that the Easter morning breakfast will be serve form 7:30 to 8:30, allowing participants to attend either the Sunrise or the 9:30 service. He stated that he has 9 volunteers to assist with the cooking, setting up and serving, but needs volunteers to assist with clean up. Eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, grits and French toast will be prepared for 100.

New endeavor:

Subcommittee to revitalize the "LiveWire" group: This "steering committee" will work to adapt and restart an active group for adults of GSLC

For Discussion:

There has been interest in creating an updated pictorial church directory (and "resource list"). It was suggested that this could be done "in house" enlisting the help of church members who would take photographs to keep costs down. Pastor Andrew offered to research/determine if this is under the purview of Parish Life.

What's next?

May---Recognition of High School and college graduates. Details of Parish Life role TBA

June 5---Pastor Andrew reported that there are 4 Confirmand Students who will be confirmed on this day. Marcia Woodward will communicate with Heather Gilbert to determine how Parish Life can assist. Details TBA

July/August---Committee members are in favor of an Ice Cream social, Pizza/Bingo Social---dates to be determined

The following will be revisited as plans develop:

September 10--- Fireflies baseball game (LMM)

Homecoming recognition---This year is the 30th anniversary of the construction of the new sanctuary---special emphasis for Homecoming

December---Congregational Gathering (to replace LMM "Ladies Night")

Pastor Andrew closed with prayer.

Next meeting: TBD, as needed*

*It was suggested that much of the needed communication with this committee could be conducted via email.

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Worship Life Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022

Welcome: Cathy Milejczak called the meeting to order at 5:05 and welcomed everyone.

Devotion: Cathy Milejczak forgot to bring a devotion.

Approval of minutes: for January 18, 2022, Rod moved and Becky seconded. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Music Director Search- a sub-committee was formed to include Pastor Andrew, Mary Margaret Hoy, Michael Sanchez, Katie Bosis, Charlene Fink and Cathy Milejczak. A motion to accept the committee will be sent to council.
- Training- was discussed and information is in the Worship Service reports.

New Business:

- Altar Guild Coordinator- Neal Inman has resigned her duties within the Worship Life Committee. Nancy Hyatt moved to accept Becky Shealy's generous offer to assume these duties. Marcia Woodward seconded. The motion was approved.
- Holy Week- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.
- Easter Sunday Services- Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. and regular service will be at 9:30. Both services will be in the sanctuary.

Staff Report:

- Susan Sturkie- no report

Worship Service Reports:

- Altar Guild- Becky will organize a training. She is on deck with Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter. As for ordering supplies, Deborah Mitchell will be ordering the flowers including the Easter Lilies and the Christmas Poinsettias.
- Crucifer- Becky and Pastor will organize.
- Acolytes- Becky and Pastor will organize.
- Ushers- Cathy will continue to search for a Head Usher (or co-heads). She will ask Bruce Shealy, Chris Herrmann, and Kevin Gross if necessary.
- Lectors- Don Caughman and Pastor will organize.
- Communion Assistants- Don Caughman and Pastor will organize.

Upcoming Events:

- Shrove Tuesday: March 1
- Ash Wednesday: March 2

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19 @ 5 p.m., CL 2

Prayer: Pastor Andrew closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:15

Hello Youth and Children Committee members,

I want to thank Terri who came to the meeting but we missed each other arriving and leaving by a minute. Also thank you to Chris and Lisa for letting me know they could not attend. I think I need to reevaluate our meeting day as it doesn't seem to be working out so well right now. I will look at the church schedule for April and May and see what we can do around other committee meeting times. Since we didn't meet on Monday I am emailing over some points of information, some topics that will be tabled for discussion until we meet again and some more immediate action items along with my drafts for the April newsletter that are due on Wednesday.

Points of Information:

A. Souper Bowl of Caring – February 13, 2022 - received \$178.00

B. Shrove Tuesday – March 1 at 5:30 p.m. 53 in attendance and \$158.88 in donations

Volunteers – I think this is everyone but if I forgot someone please let me know by Sunday so I can add it to the newsletter write up.

- Set-up Volunteers: Joey Allison, Anna-Marie Plyler, Terri Tokaz, Debi Powell, Amy Kemp, Jonathon Frew, Kelly Grace and Melanie Lalumondier
 - Cooking: Mike Weaver, Sandy Gundlach, Joey Allison
 - Servers: Blake, Savannah, Stacy and Kevin Gross, William and Madelyn Snodgrass
 - Clean up: Mary Stallings, Debi LeGrand, Amy Kemp
 - Amy will do a write up for April Newsletter
- C. Elementary Lutheran Friends- Events City wide – February 27, 2022 3-5pm St. David's Lutheran Church – Amy Volunteered, there were about 15 students. Was 3 hours long and served dinner. Nice time.
- D. I have already put the Egg hunts info in newsletter and will submit reminders for bulletin, update volunteer board and put out eggs, including the new glow in the dark ones. Send out reminder emails and Eric and I will hide Eggs for the little kids on Sunday, April 3 during Sunday School.
- E. March YOGS will now be lunch at 12:15pm with Cristus Victor on March 27 rather than game night that evening. Email needs to be sent to YOGS parents and RSVP to Leigh Ann
- F. Easter Sunrise Service Cooks - Mike Weaver has requested that any YOGS who can help cook food for Easter Sunrise Service to please reach out to him directly. mt23weaver@aol.com or 803-609-1746

Tabled Discussion Items:

- A. Memorials Subcommittee – Email from 3/7/2022 - Once again, the Memorial Subcommittee is taking requests from each committee of items needed for the upcoming year. Please provide a Wish List of items and cost of each item your committee is desiring.
- B. GYF May Programming
- C. YOGS May Programming
- D. Graduating Senior (High School and College) Gifts.

Action Items: Please read and respond if you can help

- A. GYF's Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt – April 1 7:00 – 8:30pm - FAB
 - a. Need someone(s) to create and lead a devotion or bible study for about 20-30 minutes
 - b. Help with hiding eggs in area outside of the FAB
 - c. Help with leading games – 30 minutes
 - i. Indoor games like minute to win it

- d. Help with Snacks and crafts – I'll purchase the items needed below. – 20- 30 minutes
 - i. Snack and story – Resurrection rolls -
<https://equippinggodlywomen.com/homemaking/resurrection-rolls-story-recipe/>
 - ii. Easter Story Snack mix – make some to keep and eat now and some for the young kids on Sunday for their egg hunt.
- B. Good Friday Dinner at Zesto's – Meet at church and walk to Zesto's – who can lead the meet up?
- C. April YOGS program – Sunday Evening – April 24
 - a. Meal Volunteers
 - b. Program Volunteers

Newsletter Items for April

GRADUATES – If you or someone in your family, who is a Good Shepherd member, is graduating from high school, college or other school, please let us know. We want to congratulate and acknowledge this accomplishment. Let us know the school, any degrees or honors, college or future plans (if applicable). Call the office at 803-787-4413 or email parishadmin@gslc.com. Please contact the office by April 13, for publication in the May newsletter.

Shrove Tuesday on March 1 had a great turnout for volunteers and those to come to eat some yummy pancakes. Thank you to Joey Allison, Anna-Marie Plyler, Terri Tokaz, Debi Legrand, Jonathon Frew, Kelly Grace and Jim Lalumondier, Mike Weaver, Sandy Gundlach, Blake, Savannah, Stacy and Kevin Gross, William and Madelyn Snodgrass, and Amy Kemp. We could not have done it without you! There were 53 members in attendance and we raised \$158.88 for the Youth Summer Mission fund.

God's Young Follower's – Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt – April 1

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 for this event, please contact Amy Kemp or sign up in the Narthex 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.

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.

YOGs – GOOD FRIDAY DINNER

All YOGS are gathering at 5pm in the Youth Room on Good Friday, April 15th to walk to Zesto's for dinner and ice cream. Then our youth will return for Good Friday service. Please make sure your child has money for dinner and contact Barbara Rowell for any questions. Thank you Barbara leading this activity.