

Benevolent Fund: Did you know that we have a fund to help those in need? Our only criteria for assistance is that the person requesting help must live in the Cass City school district. If you or anyone you know may need a little help with paying a bill, purchase of fuel, food, etc., contact the office.

Trustee Meeting: The trustees will hold their monthly meeting this Thursday evening at 6:00 pm. If you know of anything that needs to be addressed by the trustees leave a note in their box in the educational hallway.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet this Tuesday (Jan.24th) 10:00 am—2:00 pm, to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for local charities and shelters. If you would like to help in any way speak to Sharon Rockwell or Joanne Guinther.

Electronic Giving: If you would like to start giving your offering through our online giving portal go to our website (goodshepherdccasscity.com) and select the "Our Way of Worship" tab. The drop down box will have the option named Continue Giving; when you click on that page you will see the Give Offering button. If you need assistance contact Amy in the church office and she will talk you through the giving process.

Flower Chart: The 2023 flower chart still has several opportunities left for you to place flowers on the altar for a special remembrance or celebration. There are also opportunities to place a small bouquet on a stand by the lectern.

Door Offering: On Sunday, February 5th we will gather a offering for Lutherans for Life. Executive director of the group; Rev. Michael Salemink will be with us for our worship service.

Good Shepherd Choir: Our choir has started rehearsing for the upcoming Lenten/Easter season. If you enjoy singing, consider joining. Speak with Sue Pawloski if you have any questions. The history bulletin board in the narthex has a display of our choir down thru the years. Check out the photos and see if you recognize anyone.

Beginner Sewing Class: There is still time to sign up to attend the beginner sewing class led by Sharon Rockwell on Saturday, 9:00 am. You will learn how to use a sewing machine to make a simple quilt block. Supplies you'll need to bring will include a spool of white thread, pins, scissors, a seam ripper, and a hem gauge or ruler with 1/4" markings. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. If not one will be provided. If you have any questions contact Sharon at 872-3123.

Your Mites At Work: Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) teams impact the world for Jesus by providing opportunities for individuals to be part of a hands-on mission team. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses, build churches/schools, provide medical/dental care and health education, teach women marketable skills like sewing, or provide youth outreach through VBS, sports, music, and English language camps. An LWML grant of \$50,000 will be directed to provide scholarships to team members going to "Ends of the Earth" on such mission trips. Financial aid to meet rising travel costs will increase the number of volunteers able to serve alongside LCMS missionaries and national church leaders.

Amazon Smile Program Discontinued: Amazon has decided to halt the program that donates a small percentage of a sale to the customer's charity of choice. This will take effect by the middle of February. If you have given to Good Shepherd through the Smile Program, thank you.

Pamphlets: Find the answers to your questions about our Lutheran confession, baptism, prayer and many other topics in our tract and pamphlet racks. One display is on the narthex table and the other is on the glass display in the educational wing hallway. The racks have different topics and rotate quarterly, so check both out to see what is new.

Turkey Dinner Meeting: There will be an organizational meeting for Turkey Dinner 2023 after worship next Sunday, January 29th. If you have a role in organizing the event meet with Gin Lounsbury at the back of the church.

Treats available: Think ahead to Valentine's Day and pick up some treats for your valentine today. There are chocolate covered peanuts and chocolate covered raisins still available for purchase. Talk to Gin Lounsbury and pick up a bag this morning.



Every enterprise needs balance between many factors. Numbers of volunteers, funds, and components naturally vary more or less at any given time. We are thankful for a wonderful core of intrepid volunteers. Funding has remained steady. Components like boxes are currently in good supply.

What we currently need are raw goods.

One reason for this is that our crack volunteers have become so efficient that they process donated items almost as quickly as they come in. One of our themes is: We Want to Keep an Empty Warehouse. In other words, we want to distribute humanitarian goods to hurting people as quickly as we can. But storing goods is not our business model.

At the same time, we need a constant supply of serviceable used clothing, infant supplies, medical equipment and hygiene and school supplies (raw goods). A list can be found at ogt.org/branches/Michigan under "Wish List" or there is a list available on the Orphan Grain Train barrel in the educational wing hallway. Every time someone arrives at our center with a few items or delivers a truck or trailer load, it's a happy time for us because these goods have made their first step on the way into hands and lands of people in need.

Radio Ministry - The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour, the world's longest running Christian outreach radio program, is just waiting for you to tune in. When you cannot join the Good Shepherd family in worship, listen to the radio program which proclaims the message of Jesus to more than 800,000 people each week.

Tune in at:

WLEW, 1340 AM, Bad Axe, - Sunday, 11:08 a.m.

KAWZ, 89.3 FM, Caro - Sunday, 10 a.m.

WMIC, 660 AM, Sandusky - Sunday, 10:05 a.m.

WNEM, 1250 AM, Saginaw - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

February 4th: Christian Compassion: Helping our children faithfully navigate a broken-



world. 9 am - 1 pm here at Good Shepherd

Sign up to attend through our Good Shepherd website: goodshepherdccasscity.com or through the church office.

February 5th: Rev. Michael Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life, will join us for our worship service.

Stay after worship for a presentation in the fellowship hall followed by a potluck meal. Please bring a main dish to pass and a salad or dessert.

We will gather a special door offering after the service on February 5th to assist Lutherans for Life in their work.