being especially interesting.

Abby is a little nervous about the fact that people will be watching, she looks forward to Confirmation Day when she will first receive the Body and Blood of Christ, because it "brings you closer to God.

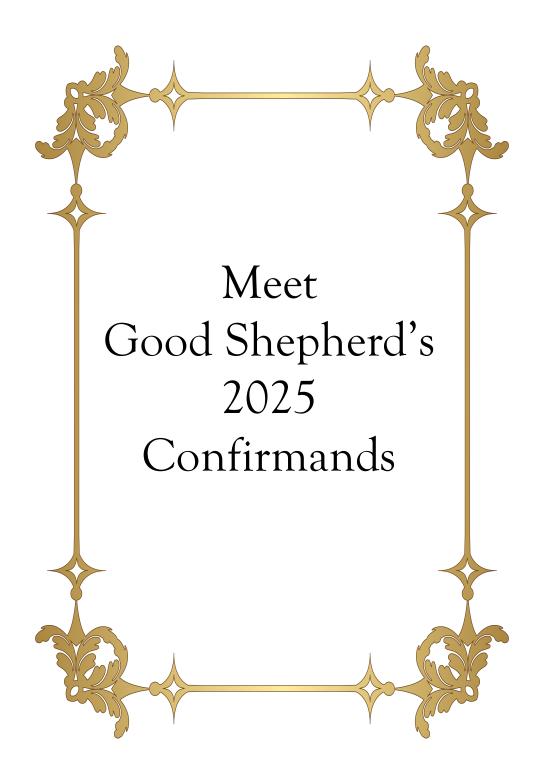
When asked why Jesus is important to her, Abby responded, "He's important to me because He helps me get good scores on tests I don't study for." Hmmm. Maybe Pastor will have to have a talk with her! Ha!

Abby points to her sister Emily as the one who has most influenced her faith, Emily's encouragement to pay attention in church helps keep her focused.

Abby's confirmation verse is Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your son and daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



## **Bradley Franklin Horning**

Brad was born on December 27, 2010 and has been a member of Good Shepherd since his Baptism. He is the son of Frank and Shannon Horning.

Brad has lived his entire life in Cass City and he likes it here. He appreciates that in a small town you know almost everyone.

His love of the small town is reflected in his favorite pastimes, hunting and fishing, as well as his choice of



music – older country, like Hank Williams Jr. If you stop for a bite at Applebee's you may find Brad there, enjoying a burger and fries.

The biggest challenge for Brad as he lives his Christian life is the people around him who are not believers. They often want to assert their beliefs, even arguing that God isn't real. But he weathers this and all troubles because Jesus "helps me get through tough times.

Although he didn't like the memory assignments, Brad has enjoyed Confirmation classes because he is able to talk about God and learn more about him. He isn't nervous about Confirmation Day. He looks forward to the opportunity to say what he believes and become a member of the Church.

Brad cites his mother as having had the greatest impact on his faith, he encouragement for him to attend church each Sunday has been a blessing and support.

## Brad's confirmation verse is 1 Corinthians 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

## **Abigail Renee Melton**

Abby was born on October 20, 2010 and was joined to the church in her Baptism shortly afterward. She is the daughter of Mike and Stephanie Melton. Although she lived for a time in Louisiana and North Carolina, in recent years she has been settled in Caro. She likes living in Caro because she has so many friends.

Abby enjoys spending time with her friends and scrapbooking. She also likes her fat orange cat, Mr. Piggles. She even claims to enjoy "sitting and staring at the wall."



For special occasions Abby chooses to eat at Bob Evans. She likes the chicken strips and macaroni and cheese. She enjoys listening to pop music, but finds that can be a challenge. Often the lyrics are unchristian or immoral and so she can't listen to them.

While Abby has not appreciated missing time with her friends to come to Cass City for Confirmation classes, getting her supper from McDonalds has eased her suffering. She cites the film we watched about persecution of Christians (*Tortured for Christ*) as