

The Shepherd's Staff

Monthly Newsletter of

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear People of God at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Last week was our annual meeting. I think we had about 20 in attendance. Not the best of turnouts. I know folks had things to do and places to be and would have been there otherwise. At least I would like to think that. I would like to think that folks have more than just a passing interest in the workings of their congregation. I would like to think that folks have more than just a one day a week interest in what goes on in their congregation. I would like to think that.

We obligated your offerings, we elected officers, we reviewed our finances. We have a new website coming, a generous gift from someone who does not even attend the church, and we were benevolent to the tune of about \$24,000. We heard a devotion about belonging, allocated money for special projects and gave bonuses to the pastor and Bonnie. We could do all of that because of the faithful and generous contributions to the congregation, your faithful and generous contributions.

As I sat in the meeting I was saddened by the fact that only about 20 folks heard about the wonderful things we do as the body of Christ at Swan's Trail. We do an amazing amount of ministry, most of it unseen or unheard, behind the scenes, about which no one will ever know. There is such a good sense of community, sense of ministry, sense of belonging, sense of doing the work that we can and have the time to do, I wished more folks could have heard about it. There is much that goes on between Sundays that never gets noticed but our community notices, folks in our community notice, those helped by the benevolent committee notice, those who show up for worship notice, those who appreciate the grounds notice, those who read a monthly newsletter notice, and on goes the list. Though our numbers may be small and we might be considered a congregation "in crisis" because of our numbers, there is no crisis among us. Only faithful, generous, hard working, committed, thoughtful, insightful, compassionate people who make Swan's Trail not just a community that celebrates the gift of grace, but lives it in obvious and hidden ways.

I hope you take a moment to find an annual report and read about your congregation and give thanks for the ministry that is being done in your name.

Prayer Requests

**Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs:**

***Terry, Sharon and Tim Danner on the loss of a wife and mother, Judy
A former member, Marvel Graham, on the loss of her husband, Ian.***

For health concerns:

Patrick Vaughn as he recovers from a bicycle accident

Cathy Karlsen's mother

Paul Evans, Dana Schrader's father

Jennifer Lachapelle

Terry Vaughn's brother-in-law, Tom Compton, as he battles cancer

Richard McCutchan's sister

Joy Vaughn's cousin, Emily Rose

Heidi Ferria, Pat Heifort's daughter

Joanne Walther

Bo Henderson

Juli Reed, who is struggling with MSA

Karla Kloes' sister, Fara Schwencke, brother-in-law, Brad, and Mother

Marilyn Haug

For all others who are in need of healing and wholeness,

For all others who are in need of healing and wholeness,

For peace in the Middle East, Iraq, and all over the world,

For Pastor Tom and our Congregational Leaders

and for all people according to their needs:

**Into your hands, Oh, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer Requests should be submitted to

Pastor Tom pastor@swanstrail.org 425-334-1220

Pat Pehling pehling@frontier.com or 425-334-1220

WELCOME

Welcome and thank you to our new 2020 Church Council! The names, titles, emails and phone numbers are listed on the front page. Please give them all the support you can!

THANK YOU TO

- All the Council Officers and Committee chairs who served in 2019. Your contributions to the ministry at Good Shepherd were outstanding and greatly appreciated.
- All those who helped take down and put away all the Advent/Christmas items! It was a great crew that made it go fast!
- Diane Barnes for mailing out the newsletter to those who do not receive them electronically and haven't yet picked them up.
- Joann Barstad for organizing refreshments and for all who provided so abundantly at the memorial services for Danny Breece and Judy Danner
- Doug Garland for putting together the new PA cabinet. Now it just needs to be installed!

CHURCH WEBSITE is at www.swanstrail.org. Take a look when you get the chance. It has some good links to other church related websites that might be helpful to you. It also has the Sunday readings for those who like to look ahead or want to practice before reading on Sunday morning. Suggestions of what to include in the site are most welcomed. **BUT WAIT!** Soon our website will be overhauled. Soon it will look completely different, more easily navigated and visitor friendly. Look for the changes in the coming months.

WORSHIP HELPERS AND PREPARERS FOR SUNDAYS

The book for sign ups is in the fellowship hall under the mail boxes. There are many open spaces for readers, communion assistants, fellowship hosts, stapling the bulletin and counting the offering. Please help as you can and especially think about helping if you have not done so in the past. Please don't think it will always be done by someone else. Thanks!!!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study will be Friday, February 21, at 10:00 am in the Anderson Chapel. For more information, contact Karla Kloes, 425-334-1220.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Erica Farmer meets at the home of Joann & Daren Barstad on Monday evenings beginning at 7 pm. Joann lives at 2225 Park Ave. in Snohomish. All are welcome for this time of discussion and learning. Erica does a great job of inviting conversation and reflection. Call Joann 425-334-1220 for information for the schedule for mid-February through mid-March

Sunday evening Lutheranism and other things discussion group.

Please join us for study and conversation around Lutheran doctrines and any other topics that might come up. We meet at 6pm on most Sunday evenings at 6pm at the home of Daren and Joann Barstad. We go for just an hour and really try to end on time. One week does not depend on another. Watch the Swan's Trail Markings for the schedule and evening's topic

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & ADULT FELLOWSHIP – Marilyn Sheppard

Thank you to those who indicated a willingness to host our fellowship time after Service. It would really be nice to have two individuals or families host each Sunday so it is not a hardship and there is plenty of help! So please consider hosting a fellowship hour in the future.

On February 9th we are planning a breakfast during fellowship time (10:45). Pancakes and sausages will be provided along with beverages. If you are able to bring another dish, that would be appreciated.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP –Pat Davis

Thank you to everyone who is assisting with Sunday Services. The sign up sheets for assisting with many aspects of Worship are on the table in the fellowship room. Once Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26, we will not have flowers on the altar. Other than that all of the spots for sign up are there waiting for you!!

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE—Pat Pehling

FOOD BANK

Please continue to remember the Snohomish Food Bank and bring items each Sunday as you are able. Thank you!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Snohomish Community Kitchen offers a FREE meal every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street in Snohomish. Everyone is welcome!



SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN OUR CONGREGATION:

(If we don’t have your family’s special dates, please write them down and pass it along to Pastor Tom or Pat Pehling - we’d like to include everyone!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| February | 8 | Karen Goodnight |
| | 9 | Rachel Homme |
| | 14 | Evelyn Agostinelli |
| | 15 | Terry Danner, Joann Wilson Barstad |
| | 18 | Joanne Martina |
| | 22 | Jillian Nofziger |
| | 27 | Tyler Reed |
| | 28 | McKenna Kloes |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Les and Joanie Gilbert – February 12, 1977
Jeremy and Randi Lee Young-February 29

Schedule for February 2020

Date	Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistant/AC	Fellowship Hosts*	Building Closing
2	Donna Garland	Donna Garland	Donna Garland Lily Masche & Lincoln Cruver	Donna Kloes	
9	Joanne Walther	Ron & Joanne Walther	Ron & Joanne Walther Claire Schrader & Ashlyn Olson	Brunch Potluck	
16			Alice Farmer & Noah Kloes		
23	Chris Homme	Rick & Chris Homme	Rick & Chris Homme Makena Olson & Greta Masche	Hommes	

* Fellowship Tips: Bring snacks to serve after service, provide juice for an alternate beverage (the coffee is prepared for you ahead of time), clean up afterward, including emptying the coffee pots and washing cups.

** Building Close up - Check that lights and heat are off, doors are locked and gates closed

Altar Guild	Offering Counters	Bulletin Compilation
Mary Nelson, Pat Davis, Kandi Eldridge, Jared and Megan Cruver, Karl and Dana Schrader and Keven and Suzette Massengale	Jason Farmer Marilyn Sheppard	Joy Vaughn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Calendar

February 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship & Christian Learning 10:45am	3 4-H Meeting Bible Study at Joann & Daren's home 7pm	4	5 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:30 am <u>Brunch 10:45</u> Christian Learning 10:45am	10 Bible Study at Joann & Daren's home 7pm	11	12 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	13	14	15
16 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship & Christian Learning 10:45am	17 Bible Study at Joann & Daren's home 7pm	18	19 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	20	21 Women's Bible Study 10am Anderson Chapel	22
23 Worship 9:30 am Fellowship & Christian Learning 10:45am	24 Bible Study at Joann & Daren's home 7pm	25	26 Soup and bread supper 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm	27	28	29