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**10:00 a.m. Service Ushers For February**

February 2 Eisentraut Family

February 9 Schueler Family

February 16 June, Wiegand, Neal Henschel, Gabsch

February 23 Vollbrecht

Alternate Darlene Meyers, Sarah Breher

**Prayer Concerns…**

*Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in your prayers.*

*Home:*

Stella Miller – 326 Isabelle Court

 Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 Cell: 920-889-8366

Kathleen Grube -Terrace Estates

1231 Eisner Ave

Sheboygan, WI 53083

*Shut-ins:*

*Darwin & Jean Meyer 2004 Appletree Road Room 6*

 *Howards Grove, WI 53083*

**The Shepherd’s Word**

**Our Shepherd UCC**

**710 Ethan Allen Drive**

**Howards Grove, WI 53083**

***The Shepherd’s Word***

**Our Shepherd February 2020**

**920-565-3376 ourshepherducc.com**



**Church School News**

![MC900391546[1]]() ***The Upper Room*** ![MC900391546[1]]()

The Jan/Feb issue of the daily devotional “The Upper Room” is available in the

Literature Rack.

**Items for the Food** Pantry -The month of January donations may be placed in the basket, located in the church office**: Paper Products**

**Change for Change Jar** - Money used to purchase items for food pantry

 **Prayer Shawl/Blankets** – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

**Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House**

Birthday Bags -Sign up to supply items needed for a birthday bag, to be delivered to the food pantry. Choose a month, bring the items to church, the bag is supplied by the church school. (In a bag: box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – eggs supplied by food pantry) **Thank you to the many families that have already signed up to donate. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.**



*Enter the new year on the right foot*

*by joining yoga.*

 The class instructor for the Monday, 11:00 chair and 5:30 evening classes is Jessica Kohn.

The present seven-week session is January 3rd to February 17th. The next session will run from February 24th to April 6th.

We are always looking for new friends to join our program.

Questions please contact Renae at 565-2785 or rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us



**Church school is offered to children age 3 to confirmation age. The program runs from 8:30 to 9:45 weekly, followed by church services at 10:00**

**B**: Be with God **L**: Love God & neighbor **U**: Understand yourself as a child of God **E**: Explore the Bible

The youth are learning about some of the families in the Old Testament. The first group of stories will be from the book of Genesis. The theme verse is “I will make your name respected and you will be a blessing.”



 Mark you calendars to join the church school on **February 16th** for their annual pancake breakfast. Church school at 8:30, church service at 10:00 followed by the breakfast. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost. We look forward to you joinging us for food and fellowship.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP**

Continuing in 2020,

card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month.

**Don’t worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can**

 **buy any Sunday. It’s**

 **best to get that order**

 **in on a monthly basis**

 **so you can plan for it**

 **in your budget.**

 Any questions, talk to

 Shari Ver Straate,

 Renae Wunsch, Nancy

 Cherney or Char

 Gumm.

Thanks for supporting this program.

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***The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. All donations are very much appreciated.***

![MC900413580[1]]()**God’s Blessings on your Birthday - February**

4 Cecilia Munger 6 Millie Stowers

8 Nancy Cherney 12 Debby Henschel

12 Jordan Hemb 17 Josh Knuth

17 Darwin Meyer 18 Matthew Henschel

19 Melissa Munger 19 Adam Sheahan

22 Kathy Kalk

**Children’s Room**

Please watch the binder for an opportunity to sign up and cover the children’s room during the morning worship. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Where do most people eat on Leap Day?
IHOP.

What kind of music do you listen to on Leap Day?
Hip Hop.

What do kids play on Leap Day?
Hop-scotch**

Knights of North Castle – July 2020

Quest for the King’s Armor

“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.”

 Ephesians 6:10



**From the Pastor**

A friend of mine calls this time of year “The Purging Period" because so many folks vow to go on diets after months of Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes, Christmas cookies, Egg Nog, chocolate Santas.

I know people who are counting points on Weight Watchers, culling onions on FODMAP, cutting carbs on the Keto, and protein loading on the Paleo.

And I am absolutely supportive of all of you who are trying to improve your health through watching what you eat.

But I recently read some advice which helped me think about diets in another way, too:

"Your diet is not only what you eat. It’s what you watch, what you listen to, what you read, and the people you hang around. Pay attention to what you feed your soul, not just your stomach.”

So I started a new diet and consumed a glorious hike with a friend on the nearby Walla Hi park trails, a beautiful sunrise on my drive to church, a long and meandering phone call with my sister, a dinner date with a 7-year- old who makes me laugh and laugh.

How about you? What are you feeding your soul these days?

Many blessings and thank you for making me feel so welcome!

 Pastor Dianne

Contact information: 920-903-4733

didroster@gmail.com



**Praiseworthy Notes**

Sunday February 2 Service/Practice at 8:45

Sunday, February 16 Service/Practice at 8:45

Search and Call Committee Update

The search committee received four pastoral profiles, three of which were rejected because of higher qualifications then we could afford. We are holding onto one profile, but we don't feel that she's good fit for Our Shepherd.

The Consistory is also reviewing our budget in order to possibly revise the compensation package, we think the insurance part of it needs to change. It's been a very slow process, unlike the last one when we found Pastor Peggy. Please keep praying for us, that we might find a pastor suited for this church.

**Inclement weather: Tune into Channel 12 for cancellations of events or services.**

**Women’s Fellowship**



The Women’s Fellowship is planning an event in March.

Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks

![4713773-cloud-burst-explosion-with-cleaning-equipment-for-business-or-household[1]]()**CLEANING HELP!!!**

There is always something to do no matter if we are at home or at church! I am talking about cleaning!! Ugh! But we need your help! In the binder there is a schedule for volunteers to do a little cleaning.

 The list of tasks will be on the bulletin board in the Consistory Room. The dates will be laid out in two week segments and you are welcome to clean any time in those two weeks. Check the binder for your time to spruce up God’s house – which is also home to all of us.

So! Find a friend, do a little cleaning and then head out to eat or do something fun!

 All the help you give will be greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks to everyone that has taken a turn cleaning the church. If you haven’t had a chance to help, check the binder for available dates.**

Thanks, The Consistory

**SUNDAY** September - May

**WORSHIP**

**10:00 A.M.**

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***Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 26 at 6:30 p.m.***

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