

# 2020

## notes & news

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- ◆ Lutheran Schools Week
- ◆ Red Cross Blood Drive
- ◆ New Prayer Group starting
- ◆ Youth Events
- ◆ Family Life Events

### on the horizon

#### February

- ◆ South Oakland Shelter
- ◆ School Open House
- ◆ Auction Night
- ◆ Youth Winter Jam

## BOOKSTORE

After eleven years of operation, the Our Shepherd Bookstore is closing its doors. Heartfelt thanks to Ronda Klausmeier, Cherè Howcroft, and all bookstore volunteers for your hard work and faithful service! The bookstore is currently closed through January 18 as we prepare our inventory for final sales. We will be open January 19 - 31 with the below hours. Mon-Fri please visit the church office for assistance. Discounts galore! Everything must go. Thank you for your patronage through the years. God Bless!

January

# STORE

# CLOSING SALE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Jan 19 9:30am-12:30pm	Jan 20 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 21 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 22 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 23 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 24 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 25 (no hours)
Jan 26 9:30am-12:30pm	Jan 27 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 28 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 29 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 30 9:00am-4:00pm	Jan 31 9:00am-4:00pm	Feb 1 Officially Closed



**We join together** to worship God because of the love He has shown us in His son Jesus Christ. As we worship, we are assured of our forgiveness. By gathering we are responding to the love of God in Christ Jesus with our prayers and praise.

### Welcome Visitors!

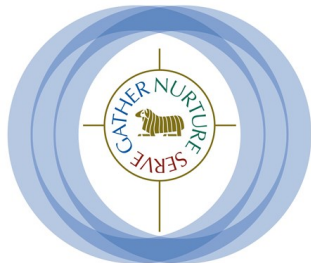
We pray you are strengthened in your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ as you worship with us. Please fill out the "Guest" side of an attendance card located in the pew racks and pass it to the center aisle during the offering so we can get to know you better. If you wish to commune, please read our statement of faith on the laminated pew card God's blessings on your time with us and look forward to seeing you again.

### Regular Worship Schedule

Contemporary Saturdays  
at 6:00pm

Traditional Sundays  
at 8:30am and 11:00am

Bible Education Hour  
Sundays 9:45-10:45am



**RENEWING**  
Our Shepherd Lutheran  
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### Campaign Update!

Total Commitments  
\$2,000,000

Received To Date - \$ 576,502

% Received - 28.8%

Families Participating 212

### Where to Find Information

The Notes and News monthly newsletter will be distributed the first weekend of each month. The newsletter will be available online throughout the month, also at the Welcome Center or under the "Gather, Nurture, Serve" sign on the slat wall outside the Sanctuary doors. This area is our Information Center. You will find our prayer bulletin, a listing of monthly birthdays and baptism birthdays, a calendar of events and more! We encourage you to visit the Information Center every week.

### Notes & News Deadlines

Articles due on or before the 25th of each month. NO CLASSIFIED ADS PLEASE.

Email: [publications@ourshepherd.net](mailto:publications@ourshepherd.net)  
Text: 248-672-8248

Articles are subject to editing.  
*Katie Priskorn, Editor*

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### From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed  
**DECEMBER \$ 160,967**

Envelope & Plate  
TOTAL ..... \$ 144,079

### Giving made easy

Text "give" to 248-430-4403

Kindrid | Give.Church makes it easy to schedule regular donations. Click on "Give" at [ourshepherd.net](http://ourshepherd.net), or text "give" to our dedicated giving number (above). It's easy to change your gift and giving dates at any time.

### Church Attendance

Nov 30 - 6:00pm ..... 110  
Dec 1 - 8:30am ..... 136  
Dec 1 - 11:00am ..... 193  
*Weekend Total* ..... 439

Dec 7 - 6:00pm ..... 96  
Dec 8 - 8:30am ..... 147  
Dec 8 - 11:00am ..... 211  
*Weekend Total* ..... 454

Dec 14 - 6:00pm ..... 80  
Dec 15 - 8:30am ..... 154  
Dec 15 - 11:00am ..... 166  
*Weekend Total* ..... 400

Dec 21 - 6:00pm ..... 79  
Dec 22 - 8:30am ..... 155  
Dec 22 - 11:00am ..... 276  
*Weekend Total* ..... 510

Dec 28 - 6:00pm ..... 76  
Dec 29 - 8:30am ..... 70  
Dec 29 - 11:00am ..... 183  
*Weekend Total* ..... 329



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 Youth & Family Ministry  
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6 - 8 Grade Middle School Youth meets on the last Friday of each month. The first Middle School Youth Night will be Friday, January 31 from 6:00-7:30. Meet in the Teen Room. We will enjoy delicious food, fun games, and time in the Word!

# HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT

JANUARY - JUNE, 2020

<b>JANUARY</b>	3 - ESCAPE ROOM 6:00 – 8:30 PM 19 - GAMES & FUN! 6:30 - 8 PM
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	23 - WINTER JAM 3:30 - 11 PM
<b>MARCH</b>	8 - OPEN GYM & SERVICE PROJECT 6:30 - 8 PM 22 - HIGH ROPES COURSE*
<b>APRIL</b>	26 - BOARD GAME NIGHT 6:30 - 8 PM
<b>MAY</b>	17 - CONFIRMAND WELCOME NIGHT 6: 30 - 8 PM 31 - HANG OUT & STUDY FOR FINALS 6: 30 - 8 PM
<b>JUNE</b>	7 - PICNIC & MINI GOLF*

Contact Hannah Walsh for more information at:  
 hwalsh@ourshepherd.net or 734.625.7636  
 \*Time TBD

Winter Jam is February 23, 2020 at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. It is open to youth and families. Check it out under the Upcoming Events at [www.ourshepherd.net/ministries/youth/](http://www.ourshepherd.net/ministries/youth/) or talk to Hannah for more info.

**Join US!**



## OSL Men's Retreat

God's Extraordinary Grace for Ordinary Men  
Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, 2020

### Registration now open!

Men may now register online for the Men's Retreat, held at the Weber Conference Center on the campus of Siena Heights University in Adrian. The theme is based on 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," and features well-known "40 Minutes in the OT" podcast speaker and author Chad Bird.

According to Chad, "To read the biblical story is to read the Word of God whose extraordinary grace pursues ordinary people who struggle with personal failures, family problems, loneliness, and a long list of other weaknesses and challenges. Their stories are still our stories today, and their God is still our God. We will immerse ourselves in these biblical narratives to better understand who we are, who our Savior is, and how the Old Testament continues to testify to the Lord of mercy."

Register online at [www.ourshepherd.net](http://www.ourshepherd.net), or complete a registration form found in the tri-fold brochure at the Spiritual Education Information Board in the church atrium or school main hall, or contact Mark Nimtzm at [nimtzm@ourshepherd.net](mailto:nimtzm@ourshepherd.net).

## OS Senior (Older Wiser Lutherans) Spaghetti Lunch and Speaker Tuesday, January 28

Join the Our Shepherd Senior Group, a.k.a. OWLS, and roughly 55+ years old (but everyone is invited), in the Lower Level on Tuesday, January 28 from 12:00-1:45pm for a great afternoon of fellowship, food, and historical entertainment. The menu is spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, and veggies. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert. A \$5 free will offering is always welcome. The entertainment is Jackie Schubert, former child-care provider with Our Shepherd. Jackie is a Civil War reenactor, and will present "Female Spies in the Civil War." Plan on joining us at 11:45am. Lunch will be served at noon, and Jackie's presentation will begin at 12:45pm. For more details, contact Mark Nimtzm at [nimtzm@ourshepherd.net](mailto:nimtzm@ourshepherd.net).



## Four Faith Legacy "Faith Steps" to be Offered Early 2020

The Faith Legacy Series is a growing new ministry at Our Shepherd, that Gathers parents of same age children and offers insight into how they might Nurture discipleship in age-appropriate ways within the home, and Serve others. Preschool and elementary age parents meet for three 1-hour sessions to study and discuss a "Faith Step." Each "Faith Step" has a unique gift that can be purchased to help children remember what their parents have discussed with them. Each Faith Step Series concludes with a Faith Step Blessing in the church on Sunday morning! This Winter and Spring Mark Nimtzm ([nimtzm@gmail.com](mailto:nimtzm@gmail.com)), Jennifer Bender ([matrealj@gmail.com](mailto:matrealj@gmail.com)), and Abby Tursic ([abbycthom@gmail.com](mailto:abbycthom@gmail.com)) are planning to present four "Faith Steps," including. . .

- Birth/Baptism (Birth-age 2 and older), parents learn how to create a Christ-centered atmosphere in the home.
- Picture Bible (3-4 years old), parents learn how to be spiritually intentional in the home and how to bless their child(ren).
- Worship Kit (5-6 years old), children learn about worship and parents discover the importance of age-appropriate TV, music, and video.
- Towel & Basin (7 - 8 years old), parents learn how to talk to their children about serving and using their gifts and talents.

Please note that the ages provided are suggested ages. Any parent may attend any Faith Legacy series classes at any time. Tentative schedule is below. All classes take place in the West Wing Conference Room, Sundays at 9:45am.

February 2, 9, 23 - Worship Kit - Mark Nimtzm

March 1, 8, 15 - Birth/Baptism - Abby Tursic

Mar 29, Apr 5, 19 Picture Bible - Jennifer Bender

May 10, 17, 31 - Towel and Basin - Mark Nimtzm

# Sunday School

We welcome children ages 3 through Grade 6 and any adults who love to work with children. We gather in the Lower Level every Sunday morning at 9:45am. Questions, please contact Kim Kern, Director of Children's Ministry (kernk@ourshepherd.net).



## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please come!! A new monthly Women's Prayer Group is forming. The focus is *Praying For Your Adult Children*

Beginning Tuesday, January 21, 2020, we will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm in the Church Library. Contact Val Agosta with questions (248-506-7384).



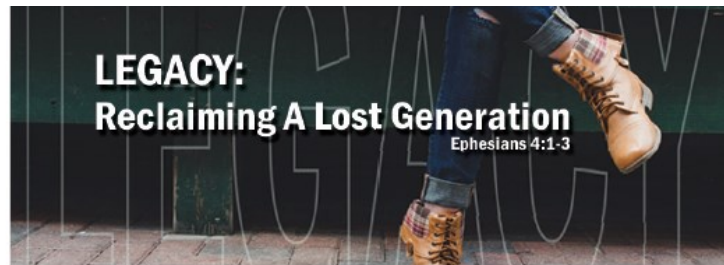
A Singing Valentine by our Youth Group is the perfect gift for your friend, spouse, aunt, kids, neighbor, grandson, date - or all of the above! Proceeds support students headed to the Michigan District High School Youth Gathering this summer.

Sunday, February 9 between 3:00-7:00pm OSLC's Youth will deliver a one-of-a-kind SINGING VALENTINE, by voice call or in person, anywhere in the USA! Make sure to encourage your special someone to answer the phone! If there is no answer, we will leave a voicemail.

### OUR REPERTOIRE

Bicycle Built for Two, God Gave Me You, Jesus Loves You, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, My Girl, and You Are My Sunshine

More details at [www.ourshepherd.net/ministries/youth](http://www.ourshepherd.net/ministries/youth) or get a form from the GNS slatwall



**2020 Theological Conference**  
February 1, 2020 | Our Savior, Lansing  
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Christians in general, and Christian families in particular, are under spiritual and cultural attack. As a result, more families are being broken and more individuals, especially the young, are leaving the Church. The typical fight-or-flight reactions can readily be seen: Some churches and individuals embrace the flight response by isolating themselves, while others choose to fight by using Scripture and reason to point fingers.

The goal of this conference is to propose and examine a third response reflecting the Apostle Paul's method of engaging the culture (and our relatives) by "speaking the truth in love." Our prayer is that we all develop the capacity to engage the culture as we also seek to retain our young people through healthy interaction under the blessing of our Lord.

### Keynote Speakers

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Newton  
Rev. Dr. Dean W. Nadasdy  
Mrs. Heather L. Ruesch  
Rev. R. Gabe Kasper  
Rev. Randy S. Duncan - Facilitator  
Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier - Moderator

**\$15/Student**  
**\$20/General**

Register online at [michigandistrict.org/theological20](http://michigandistrict.org/theological20)



Senior High Youth Gathering - you are eligible if you are a current (2019-20) high school student or if you are entering 9th grade in the fall of 2020. At the gathering, youth will learn from some of the best as they are challenged to grow in and through their suffering - which pushes them to persevere, helps them to develop character, and find HOPE in and through all of the difficulties they face on a daily basis. Their days at the gathering will be filled with Bible studies, large group gatherings, servant event opportunities, fellowship, concerts, comedy, exploration of Mackinac Island, and more. Join the High School Gathering Facebook Group: MIDistrictGathering. For more information, visit [www.ourshepherd.net/ministries/youth](http://www.ourshepherd.net/ministries/youth). Click on the "info packet" link. Or visit the Spiritual Ed slatwall. Questions? Hannah (hwash@ourshepherd.net).



## We tell people

about Jesus both through words and actions. As our relationship with Jesus grows, our lives overflow with His love as we serve others. Our service to our community finds its source in God's amazing grace.



## FAMILY OF GOD

[www.fogdetroit.com](http://www.fogdetroit.com)

Our ministry to feed the community at Family of God Lutheran Church:

What a wonderful ministry we have been blessed to participate in! Thanks to volunteers serving in past and future events! As some are traveling, others step in, even some who are not members at OS! OS will provide another meal at Family of God (FOG) church in South-west Detroit, on Tuesday, January 21. Stay tuned for future dates for each month in 2020. Needed: Helpers for food prep at 2:30pm in the OS kitchen; drivers and others to go to Family of God at 5pm to serve, and mingle. Dinner begins promptly at 6:15pm; volunteers to come back to OS at 7:30pm and help with clean up.

Contact Terry Hynes for details:  
[thynes2537@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thynes2537@sbcglobal.net) or 248-631-8369



## Lutheran Woman of the Year

### Meet Barbara Hynes

Our Shepherd's Lutheran Woman of the Year 2020

*A few words from the nomination forms...*



"Active with our DSO Group, LWML, Mary-Martha former co-chair, choir member, Family of God co-organizer,

Wednesday Women's bible study member, Women's Retreat attendee . . . Serving her Lord through and through, I can't think of another more deserving."

"Barb has been a good influence on me personally; she's encouraged me to join in, which I never did before. She believes in me."

"A caring soul, a listening ear, a great sense of humor and a fun personality! Anyone is blessed to have her as a friend."

"Barb is the best example of a Christian woman I have ever met."

"Barb spends countless hours in service to our church and others. Barb has true faithfulness to the Lord, hardworking, always has a smile, helping hand, loving, grateful, and welcoming. Always."

"Barb was the first person to welcome me when I joined OS. I can't think of a more deserving person. She is loved by everyone that knows her."

The Council of Lutheran Women's 56th annual luncheon is Tuesday, March 17, at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Ticket order forms are available after January 15, from Barb Karowich, WOY - Reservation Coordinator. Her phone number is (734) 480-1644.

Blessings to you, Barb! Congratulations!

## December giving: \$88.00, Total giving through MITES in 2019: \$1,563.00

We have celebrated the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, 2019. Your MITES have contributed to support of men and women at Seminary and Concordia University training, you have attended to medical care of mothers and babies, provided food and faith nurturing of children, supported the combat of hopelessness in blighted urban neighborhoods and many more services through the Mission Grants Funding. We praise God for giving all of you, giving hearts! Thank you!!!

The Mite Boxes are to be collected the first full weekend of each month. Your change, dollars and checks are welcome at any time. They may be brought to the church office via ushers, staff members or in person! Please continue to give in support of our missions in the NEW YEAR. Wishing you many of God's blessings in 2020! Your LWML representative from OSLC, Barb Hynes



## Our Shepherd Open House Dates

### Preschool through Eighth Grade

Tuesday	January 28	9 am-1 pm & 6 pm-7pm
Thursday	February 20	9 am-1 pm
Thursday	March 19	9 am-1 pm & 6 pm-7 pm

As a part of an Open House, we give tours, showcase classrooms, and answer any questions you might have. Weekly tours are available on Tuesdays and can be scheduled through Missy Macavage, Admissions Counselor.

### Special Informational Opportunities

Preschool Preview	February 4	6:00 pm
Kindergarten Preview	February 12	6:30 pm

### Preschool / Kindergarten Preview Nights

Meet our teachers as they introduce these programs and answer any questions you might have about a typical day in their classrooms.

If you have any questions about the Admissions process, please contact Missy Macavage at 248-645-0551 or [admissions@ourshepherd.net](mailto:admissions@ourshepherd.net).

## Lutheran Schools Week January 27-31

Monday .....Book Character Day  
 Tuesday .....Christian Shirt Day  
 Wednesday ...Special Friend Day/Talent Show  
 Thursday .....Comfy day/Movies and Games  
 Friday .....School Spirit Day

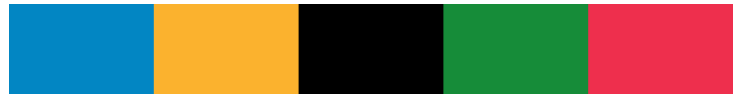


MOMSNEXT

MOMSnext is a community of moms with kids past the preschool years. It is a division of MOPS International but is meant to meet the needs of the mother of school-aged children. Each local group will tend toward a general age-range of kids from early elementary school through high school. The larger questions that should be addressed in these groups are: What's your next? And how does God play a part in it? WHO: The OSL MOMSnext group is open to all moms (outside of OSL community are welcome!) of children K - 8th grade. WHEN/WHERE: The group meets the 2nd/4th Mondays 9:15 - 11:15am in the church library.

Interested? Email Vanessa Reading at [momsnext@ourshepherd.net](mailto:momsnext@ourshepherd.net).

\*Childcare is available but spots are limited.



### Our Shepherd School Auction and Games Night!!

February 22, 2020 - 6:30pm  
 Knights of Columbus, Clawson

Tickets are available to purchase online.  
<http://ourshepherd.net/home/parents/trivia-night-2020/>

Tickets can also be purchased in the school office from 8:15am-3:45pm with cash or check made out to Our Shepherd Lutheran. Ticket Information: \$25 per person by January 31 then it will be \$35 per person, \$3.00 service charge when paying online

*Dinner, dessert, cash bar, silent & live auction*

An Olympic themed fun night of tunes, track suits, and tennis shoes! We will have many fun games to participate in (or be competitive in), our Silent and Live Auction items and.... MUSIC TRIVIA BINGO!



## Get Ready for the July 30 - August 1 Campout at Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana

The Pokagon State Park campout in Angola, IN, is scheduled for July 30 - August 1, 2020! Make reservations early (you may register up to six months prior to your date of arrival) for this very popular Indiana State Park, as the weekend is "Sand Castle Weekend;" whereas, individuals and groups build sand castles for competition. Pokagon State Park also offers swimming, canoeing, boating, horse-back riding, hiking, and a host of other great outdoor activities. Make reservations by logging on to [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov). The Our Shepherd group is attempting to make reservations in Campground #3, including site #'s 300 - 306 and the strip of sites that run right through the middle of Campground #3. Mini cabins and a lodge are available for those without a tent or camper!

Also, if you have not made your reservations for Lakeport State Park last month, it is not too late. The Lakeport State Park dates are June 5 - 7, 2020.



Michigan state park reservations  
1-800-44PARKS or visit  
<https://www.midnrreservations.com/>

*Join Us!*

Camping brochures containing all information can be found on the slat walls near the bookstore in the church atrium. Campouts are a great way to gather, nurture, and serve, and campouts are open to all - families, couples, singles, small groups. See you there!

## Camp Director Position Camp Shepherd 2020

- Guide all Camp staff – directing them in the daily requirements and supervision of campers with attention to: safety, program, health, happiness, cleanliness, routine duties, and character and skill development.
- Monitor and instruct Camp Coordinators in the area of camp goals for spiritual development.
- Be aware of Daily goals & implementation of same
- Promote camper participation in all activities.
- Monitor, Guide & oversee the implementation of the entire Camp program
- Exhibit personal habits, health, dress, speech, table etiquette and relationships with other staff that serve as a beneficial model
- Help develop, carry out and evaluate a camp program that reflects the goals of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and Camp.

Contact Paul Dwyer, Child Care Office Manager  
[pdwyer@ourshepherd.net](mailto:pdwyer@ourshepherd.net)  
248-645-5273 Ext. 300

## January Blood Drive

Monday, January 13  
1:00-7:00pm  
Lower Level

Consider a great kick off to the New Year by donating blood! Register online ([RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)) or call Beth at 248-760-0468. Consider using Rapid Pass as a timesaver. Hydrate well, eat iron rich foods, and avoid drinking tea before the drive. A generous resolution that can save up to three lives!! Thank you!!

## Thank you Thrivent and all who donated!

Thank you to Thrivent for \$250 seed money for Santa Shop and all who donated items to sell at our annual Santa Shop. You helped us raise over a \$1,000 to support the 8th grade class trip and put many smiles on our young shoppers faces as they had a wonderful selection to purchase gifts for their families.



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