

January 12th, 2020 at 9:30 am

Baptism of Our Lord
First Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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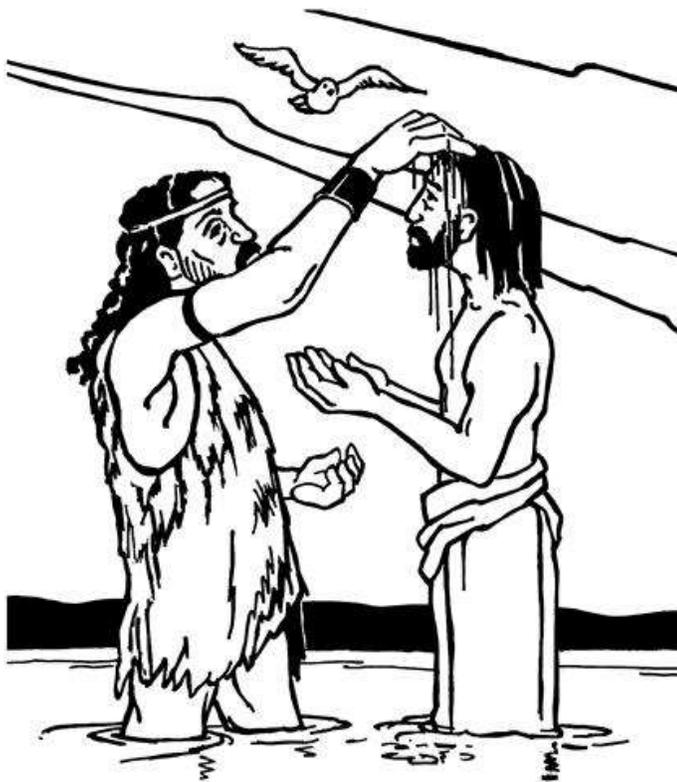
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Liturgy for the season of Epiphany is God Give Us Life.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Tena Rackow

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN"

ELW#305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

INVOCATION



(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the



Son, In the name of the Ho - ly Spir - it (C) A - men, A - men.

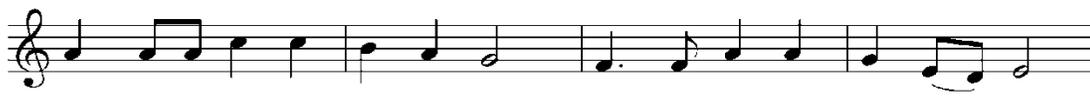
OPENING SONG



Make a joy - ful noise to the Lord, en - ter in with sing - ing.



Join the fes - ti - val of love, al - le - lu - ias ring - ing!



Born of the wa - ter we re - call death de - feat - ed, life for all.



In the bod - y of the ris - en Son wel - come ev - 'ry - one.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43**

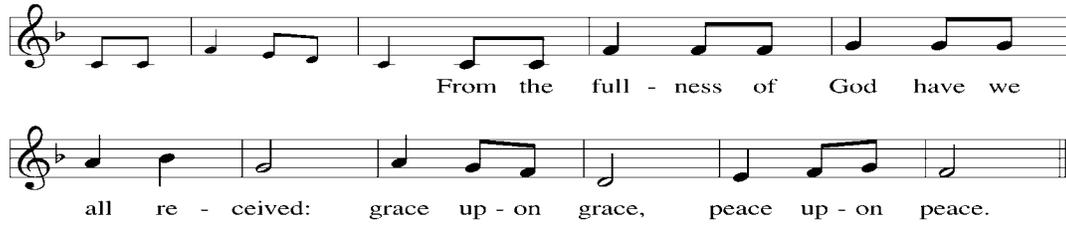
Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "**This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.**"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit," as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter 3, "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

From Luther's Small Catechism "The Sacrament of Holy Baptism" ELW page 1164-1165

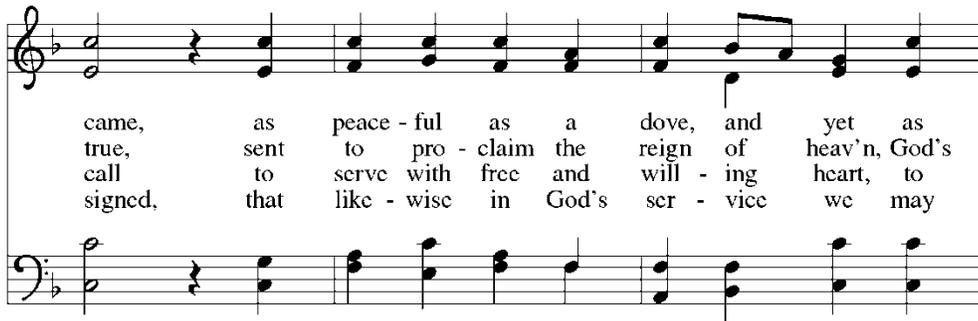
HYMN OF THE DAY

"CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED"

ELW#304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence

WA: Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Almighty God, you created the universe and all living things and claimed that it was good. We rejoice in the goodness of your creation. Make us to be caring steward of your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, CNAs and pharmacists, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick. We pray especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen**, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Paul Nelson, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Vicar Mike Reibel, and Mary Schick. Protect our siblings in Australia who are suffering from the wildfire. Watch over our siblings in Puerto Rico who are experiencing aftershocks. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish**. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. You give us each other to remember your promise that you are with us at all times and in all things. Thank you for your unconditional love, and strengthen us to continue to live in your hope. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

CHOIR ANTHEM

"NOEL PEACE CANON"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. C: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS

P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen.

P: In the night which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread.....for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need



assistance, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION SONG

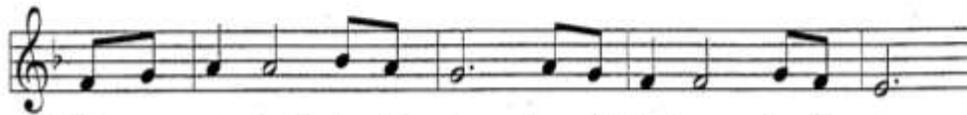
“CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL”



1 Christ, have mer-cy on us all. Keep us stead-fast e'er we fall.
 2 God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wis-dom, give us peace.
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe a-gain. Light the dark-ness, be our friend.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



4 Bake a great loaf; give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



COMMUNION SONG

"SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

ELW #396



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - crt, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the c - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spok through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

PRAY ER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG “SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE” ELW # 310

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa
Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow
Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Shirley Fox
Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant: Marybeth Brinker
Acolyte: Maddi Diddens
Greeters: Donna Gullickson, Willie Kayser
 Bill and Jean Engel
Ushers: Jim Swain, Denny Luke
 Jerry and Beth Martin

Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Communion Assistant: Cora Hudik and Marybeth Brinker
Communion Ushers: Chris and Angie Brinker
Sound System: Tim Gordon and open
Elevator Operator: Anna Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 12th through January 19th, 2020

Today:	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Tuesday:	Hymn Sing, Lena Living Center	9:45am
	Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday:	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions & Dessert	1:00pm

Next Sunday: Worship Service – Guest Speaker from Rockford Rescue Mission

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Sunday School	10:45am
Confirmation Class	11:00am
Choir Practice	11:00am
Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: January 5th - 52

Total Offering 01/05/2020 - \$1796.00, amount needed; \$2495.16

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder’s actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.



Go and Cheer!

We are your “grandparents” If you know upcoming games/meets/ concerts/etc, please let the church office know!

Devotion Books for 2020

We have new devotion books for you to start a new year! Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season provide daily readings and prayers. Pockets has fun easy reading, puzzles, and recipes. They are free and for your spiritual growth. Pick your copy at the rack today.

Offering envelopes for 2020 is here. **Since we have new numbers**, we encourage you to **write down your names on the envelope** for a couple weeks so that the counters and financial secretary can record your offering properly. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding offering envelope, please talk to Sheila.

Rockford Rescue Mission Collection

Rockford Rescue Mission Church coordinator will come to Good Shepherd and share their ministries on NEXT SUNDAY, January 19th. We are collecting donation items for their ministry. These are some examples which you can donate.

Programs: Face Towels, Large Bathroom trash cans, Long Johns, T-shirts, Shower Curtains, 14-Gallon Rubbermaid Bins

Clinic: Aleve, Vicks Vapor Rub, Probiotic, Tylenol, Alka Seltzer Cold, B12 Tablets

Works Center: Steel-toed boots (men and women), Non-slip black shoes (men and women), headphones, Earbuds.

Kitchen: 8oz. Foam cups, coffee, French onion canned soup, cheese –all types, butter/margarine, Milk, Spices.

Donation tub is located in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Correction

In the January newsletter it was incorrectly printed the Annual Meeting as February 3rd. The correct date of the meeting will be Sunday, February 2nd.

I apologize for any inconvenience, Betty Allen

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Good Shepherd helps at the Food Pantry on 4th Saturday of the even months. Feeding the people is an important ministry. If you can help this year, please put your names and phone number in the sign-up sheet at the ramp. If you can be a sub, please let the office know. Thank you.

Greetings from Leona

Leona Block sent us a picture and a letter. They are posted on the board

Mental Health First Aid Training

Monroe Clinic is offering one day mental health first aid training onat Monroe Clinic St. Clare conference center (515 22nd ave, Monroe, WI) on January 29th from 8am-4:30pm. Cost is \$25. If you are interested, check the flyer on the bulletin board.

We have extra Dec/Jan Friendship Center newsletter. If you know someone who may like to read their newsletter, please take some and share.

