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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, January 19, 2025

Present: Pastor Andrew, Anna-Marie Plyler, Barbara Nagy, Becky Shealy, Chris Herrmann, Mary Margaret Hoy, Richard Inman, and Sid Havird.

Absent: David Lucas, Deb Bodie, Deborah Whitlow, Jan Haigler, and Kate Ferlauto.

Call to Order: President Shealy called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Devotion: Anna-Marie Plyler gave the devotion followed by prayer.

Adoption of the January 19, 2025 Council Agenda.

Secretary Plyler called the Council's attention to several additions to the agenda which will be reflected in the minutes. Mrs. Shealy asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Richard Inman provided the motion; Sid Havird offered the second. A voice vote was taken. The Motion was **Unanimously Approved**.

Adoption of the December 15, 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes and the December 15, 2024 Council Minutes

1. President Shealy asked for a motion to approve the December 15, 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes. Richard Inman provided the motion, the second was provided by Sid Havird. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were **Unanimously Approved**.
2. President Shealy asked for a motion to approve the December 15, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. Sid Havird provided the motion, the second was provided by Richard Inman. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were **Unanimously Approved**.

Attendance and Membership for December 2024
December

	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
12/1/2024	101	49	44	101		12/3/2023	114	42	49	114
12/8/2024	108	85	33	108		12/10/2023	113	80	32	113
12/15/2024	90	36	25	90		12/17/2023	84	26	44	84
2024	108	40	33	108		12/24/2023	79	n/a	45	79
12/29/2024	68	35	44	68		12/31/2023	85	18	39	85
Average	95	49		95		Average	95	33		95

*2023 Children's Advent/Christmas Program in FAB

*2024 Children's Christmas Program in FAB

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

2024	12 noon *	6:30pm	
12/4/2024	18	13	31
12/11/2024	27	11	38
12/18/2024	25	14	39

2023	12 noon
12/6/2023	23
12/13/2023	33
12/20/2023	19

*Lunch served

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

2024		YouTube
5:00 PM	187	100
10:00 PM	39	
226		

2023		YouTube
4:00 PM	177	80
9:00 PM	48	
225		

Note: YouTube numbers reflect number of views, not number of people viewing.

Total Membership* as of 12/31/2004: 579

*Realm Membership Status

Resident Active: 373 / Resident Inactive 112

Non-Resident Active: 24 / Resident Inactive: 60

Total Active Members 12/31/2024 397

Current active Realm Membership at the time of the December 2024 Council Meeting: 391

Members Added since the December 2024 Council Meeting: 9

Adjustment +6 to match Realm active membership numbers

Shelby Nabors: Child Baptism

Roger Trostle: Moved from Resident Inactive to Resident Active

Debra Trostle: Moved from Resident Inactive to Resident Active

Members Removed since the December 2024 Council Meeting: 0

Current Active Realm membership at the time of the January 2022 Council Meeting: 400

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: No Written Report Submitted. The 2024 Financial Books had not been closed out at the time of the January 14, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting as several mailed checks which were postmarked December 30, 2024 were not delivered in time for the books to be closed out in time for the Executive Committee Meeting. The Treasurer however did provide the following current balances: delivered: December 21, 2024 Checking Account Balance - [REDACTED] and Money Market Account Balance [REDACTED]
2. Realm Financial Report: No Reports Submitted. 2024 Financial Books not yet closed. See above.
3. Pastor Andrew's Report: Report Submitted.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Deb Bodie: No Written Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee – Sid Havird: No Written Report Submitted.
3. Finance Committee – David Lucas: No Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Technology Subcommittee: No Written Report Submitted
4. Gifts Committee – Kate Ferlauto: No Written Report Submitted.
5. Learning Committee – Barbara Nagy: No Written Report Submitted.

6. Parish Life Committee – Deb Whitlow: Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Richard Inman: No Written Report Submitted.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Mary Margaret Hoy: Draft Written Report Submitted.
9. Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: No Written Report Submitted.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Chris Herrmann: No Written Report Submitted.
11. Good Shepherd 75th Anniversary Task Force: Written Report Submitted.

Old Business

1. 2025 Council Retreat/Orientation:
The Council Retreat/Orientation was rescheduled to Saturday February 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the FAB.
2. Annual Reports Reminder:
A list of Annual Reports which had not been received was presented to Council with a request to submit the reports as soon as possible.
3. 2025 Committee Members Verification:
Council Members were reminded to review their list of committee members which was gathered from the Time and Talent Cards. If anyone on the list of members has not yet been confirmed, please strike through their name and return to the Parish Administrator.

New Business

1. Distribution of Council Notebooks on Thumb Drives and Needed Keys:
The Thumb Drives containing the digital copy of the Council Notebook as well as requested keys were distributed.
2. Pastor's Housing Allowance Resolution:
The approval of the Pastor's Housing Allowance will be placed on the February agenda.

The Pulse

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

President Shealy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Pastor Andrew closed the meeting by offering prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

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**MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 23, 2025**

Call to Order: President Becky Shealy called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. immediately after the worship service.

Business: President Shealy stated that the sole purpose of the meeting was to approve the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2024 Annual Report. Mrs. Shealy asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Having none, President Shealy asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Report. Cathy Milejczak provided the motion. Barbara Nagy provided the second. President Shealy then called for a voice vote. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2024 Annual Report was **Unanimously Approved**.

Adjourn

Having no further business, President Shealy declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Pastor's Report
Rev. Andrew Isenhower
January 18—February 22, 2025

Pastoral Acts

- Funeral and interment for Bobby Cannon, Interment for Paige Frierson
- No Baptisms
- No weddings

Worship and Music

- I preached for 4 Sunday worship services.
- I presided and led worship for 4 Sunday worship services.
- I participated in worship planning.

Education

- I have continued leading the mid-week bible study via Zoom.
- I have continued teaching in-person Bible study.
- I taught Confirmation Sunday school each week.

Pastoral Care

- I made 4 in-home visits and 7 hospital/facility visits.
- I have followed up with bereaved members and families.
- I made 27 Pastoral Care phone calls.

Social/Fellowship/Community Events

- I continued leading the MORE Justice Task Force.
- I attended and led worship for the Congregational Retreat.
- I attended the POGS meeting.

Church Business

-I attended the following committee meetings:

- Worship Life
- Council Retreat
- Learning
- Executive
- Evangelism

Synodical Business

-None this month.

Continuing Education

- I met with my clergy colleague support group.

Self-Care

- I took time each day for devotional reading and prayer.
- Michelle and I were able to take a long weekend over the Valentine's/President's Day weekend to visit my brother in New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Andrew Isenhower

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**Evangelism Committee Meeting Minutes
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
February 19, 2025**

Present:

Sid Havird, Pat Quattlebaum, Gaye Tucker, Verna Sawyer, Don Caughman, Marion Eargle, Pastor Andrew.

Absent:

Meeting Call to Order and Devotion: Sid Havird (5:30 pm)

The following items were presented and discussed:

- 1) Easter Cross: Sid will check with area stores to get flowers for decorating the cross in addition to those brought by members. Children and youth will be encouraged to help with the decorating. Those helping will gather on Saturday afternoon, April 19. Time to be determined based on the weather.
- 2) Fall Festival: The committee will work with Youth and Children to provide the festival for our members and the community. Sid will contact Chris Herrmann to set the date and work out details.
- 3) Outreach: The committee discussed the need to reach out to inactive members and others in our community to provide a meaningful place for worship and fellowship at GS. The discussion included the following:
 - Welcome Packet: Gaye will check with Deborah Mitchell to see what resources may be in the church office to reinitiate a packet that can be shared with visitors.
 - Friendship Register: When registers are reordered, consider including a space for visitor emails.
 - Thanksgiving Service: Begin planning NOW for this service. Date and type of service will be determined by Evangelism and Worship Life. Pastor Andrew agreed to reach out to other leaders in the community to seek their involvement.
 - Initiate involvement with other faith communities through worship, service projects, and community activities.
 - Committee members noted young families and teens using the playground area and upper parking lot during various days of the week. Consider additional signage in those areas identifying who we are, worship times and church activities. Sid will share this suggestion with Property.

Follow-up on these items will be discussed at our next meeting in addition to presenting names of members who need a personal contact.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm .

Respectfully Submitted:

Sid Havird / Chair

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**Finance Committee Meeting - MINUTES
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
February 11, 2025**

PRESENT: Jan Haigler, David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Janet Lockhart, Gloria Oakes

ABSENT: Rod Kent, Deb Embrey, Becky Shealy

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM, by David Lucas, chairperson of the Finance Committee.

DEVOTIONAL: David presented a devotional on Matthew 6:24-34.

MINUTES: The minutes from November 6, 2024, were emailed to all members. Jan Haigler moved, and Gloria Oakes seconded that the minutes be approved as emailed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jan Haigler shared that the end of December numbers look good. The plea to the congregation worked to bring awareness to the need to fulfill pledges. The end of January numbers will be available soon. The account line for Transitions Ministry on the account balances report will be removed as of January 2025, since we no longer provide meals for Transitions. As of January 2025, we will move █████ monthly to the Capital Fund, which is down from last year. The irrigation wells have been fixed. The Irrigation Wells Fund is zero, but we will continue to leave the account open and listed on account balances report.

The Reserve Fund is back up due to moving the income from the bus to the fund.

Jan Haigler will attend a Synod sponsored Workshop for Treasurers on March 3rd, via Zoom.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: In Deb Embrey's absence she provided a written report. The November and December offerings were very good. Both months were over █████ of the needed budget.

January 2025, the offerings received were █████, which is █████ of the needed monthly budget. This is a decent amount for the month of January. Last January, we received █████ of the needed budget.

The 2024 year-end contribution statements were distributed in January. There were 153 statements. Of those, 124 were emailed to members and 29 were mailed out. The 2025 offering envelopes were distributed in December. 101 box sets were ordered.

TABULATORS REPORT: In Becky Shealy's absence David Lucas stated that the tabulators are okay.

TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: David Lucas reported that Eric Kemp and crew are maintaining systems and no issues to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Everyone was advised to review the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Financial Position and report any issues back to the committee.

David Lucas shared that the approved 2025 Budget is okay to start the year.

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NEW BUSINESS: The Church's insurance increased by [REDACTED]. We do not have a good reason from the agent concerning the increase. We are in the process of looking for another insurance company. We spoke with Southern Mutual Church, a local insurance company. They have met their limit for insuring in Richland County, so they cannot take on Good Shepherd. We have an agent in Atlanta researching other insurance companies as possibilities. Our insurance premium is [REDACTED] per year.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be March 6, 2025, at 5:30 in the Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Karen Lucas

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MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parish Life Committee Meeting

Date: February 13, 2025 5:35pm

Present: Bobbie Story, Amy Kemp, Suzanne Sanders, Gloria Oaks, Laura Leigh Smith, Elizabeth Whitlow & Deborah Whitlow

Absent: Mike Weaver & Kappy Steck

Call to Order and Devotion: Deborah Whitlow provided the devotion for the night

Meeting Minutes:

Council Chair Deborah Whitlow discussed and gave the committee a synopsis of committee responsibilities.

Calendar updates:

- Committee will host 1 event a month on the 1st Sunday of each month - except for February, April and July. Events will be at 4pm - will be pushed to the congregation to allow for the committee to arrange and provide transportation to shut-ins and those who cannot drive themselves.
- February's event was the Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge
- April's event will be combined with the Easter Sunday Breakfast
- July will have no event due to low attendance/vacations
- See outlined list of monthly events below.

March Event updates:

- Event is Burgers & Bingo.
- Asking that all families bring a bag of canned goods for the food pantry as our community service aspect - Thrivent money requirement.
- We are also asking that all families bring a covered side dish or dessert - Burgers & toppings will be provided by the committee.
- Burgers will be cooked by Eric Whitlow & Adams Smith.
- Committee will meet at The Bin Store in West Columbia to purchase/shop for prizes for Bingo on February 25 at 4pm.
- Laura Leigh Smith will be responsible for gathering/getting the hamburgers from Old Timey Meat Market.
- Bobbie Story will be responsible for checking with Joey about gas for the grill.
- Elizabeth Whitlow will be responsible for decorating the FAB on March 2.

Future Event Updates:

- Committee discussed responsibilities for Easter Breakfast - being available to help Mike Weaver with whatever is necessary.
- Committee discussed reserving yard games for the May event from Richland County Public Library

Committee decided it would only need to meet every other month and could communicate via text/phone/email if necessary- dependent on the upcoming event(s)

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Deborah Whitlow

Parish Life Events Calendar:

~~Jan. - Epiphany Chili Cook Off~~

~~Feb. - Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge~~

Mar. - Burgers & Bingo

Apr. - Easter Breakfast

May - Picnic & Games

Jun. - Congregational Birthday Party!

Jul. - NO EVENT

Aug. - Ice Cream Social

Sept. - Football Tailgate

Oct. - (Tasting)

Nov. - Hot Dogs for Heroes

Dec. - Cookies, Cards & Carols

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Worship Life Committee Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025

Attendees: Pastor Andrew, Nancy Hyatt, Pat Quattlebaum, Becky Shealy, Susan Sturkie, Jim Johnson, Kerry Stubbs, Marcia Woodward and Neal Inman.

The meeting opened with a devotion given by Becky Shealy.

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

Jim Johnson gave an update on the Children's Music Program. He stated that he had begun a new program for toddlers. He will offer music each Sunday for 15 minutes after the worship service at 11:05-11:20. We have about 4 to 6 children who fall in that age range. Parents are encouraged to attend. He is also working with the youth to prepare them to help with the prayers on Sunday morning. Any interested youth are encouraged to let him know. He plans to expand the children's cantor role. There was a discussion about trying to start a handbell choir. Jim laid out the plans for practice time and for participation in the worship service. It would be similar to what he developed at a former congregation. The group would meet and decide on a Sunday during the month when everyone could be in attendance. Then the group would decide on a practice time the day before. Only one practice and one service, not a weekly commitment.

Old Business:

Nancy Hyatt reported that the brief history book has been printed and will be available on Sunday, February 9th. Requested that each family only take one. She advised that Pastor Herman would be here on February 16th. Pastor Paul is scheduled to come in March and Pastor Ron Feltman will be here Homecoming Sunday.

It was announced that Easter lilies would remain the same price as last year, \$ 15.50 each.

Neal Inman requested that we give consider adding a contemporary service back to our worship schedule. Becky Shealy will discuss this with Pastor Andrew and have as item of discussion at our next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Ash Wednesday: Services at noon and 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday Lenten Services at Noon and 6:30 P.M. The theme is 5 Senses in 5 Weeks

Maundy Thursday services at noon and 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday services at noon and 7:00 P.M.

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Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M. followed by Easter Breakfast

Easter Traditional 9:30 A.M.

Spring Music Concert April 27th at 4:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 5:30 P.M. in Classroom 2.

Pastor Andrew closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Shealy, Chair of Worship Life Committee