



Shepherd's Staff

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

February 9th in the Gym

Lunch 11:45am | Mtg at 12:10pm

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A BITTERSWEET ANNOUNCEMENT...

On the weekend of February 18 and 19, I made the following announcement:
“After consultation with Bishop Candeia, with encouragement from the Church Council, and with support from the church Staff, I am announcing my retirement effective May 31st, 2020. This will roughly coincide with the 30th anniversary of my ordination into Word and Sacrament Ministry next month.

I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Good Shepherd for these last nearly five years - I consider it a true blessing to have been called to be a part of such a wonderful congregation with a true heart for mission and outreach. I have no doubt that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd will continue making a difference in the lives of many as it proclaims the Gospel through word and deed.

Simply put, I love this church and I am grateful for our time together. I promise to keep you all in my prayers as I hope you will keep me in yours.

"Thanks and God bless".

Pastor Rich



Glenn Kraft
Council President

Although it still feels like winter, February is a great month. We know spring is coming and we begin the Lenten season which can either be a hard road to Easter or a contemplative period to reflect our salvation.



In February, we come together to discuss how our church will continue its ministry while facing change. Discussions about dreams, limits and budgets bring varied opinions and recommendations. It is the perspective that Jesus gives us to act in accordance with His will. How shall we be custodians of His church? It's appropriate to live within our means, yet it is also an opportunity to remind our membership that this is your opportunity to consider a different walk with God through membership at Good Shepherd. As disciples of Christ, we can all seek a closer walk with Jesus in our work to nurture and guide the church.

This is our time to step in and create the next chapter for Good Shepherd:

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." [Romans 8:38-39](#)

Thank you for your contributions to our mission here.
Glenn Kraft, President

Team KC Needs You!



Hey fans! The ELCA World Hunger Big Game Challenge 2020 pits Team Kansas City v. Team San Francisco in a battle to see who can raise the most money and help their synod take home the title of ELCA World Hunger Champion. Cindy and I just donated online for Kansas City by supporting our nearest NFL team and You CAN TOO!

This about this, the average American will spend \$81.17 on the game this weekend. Consider this:

- While you're munching on chicken wings, consider that a \$10 gift to ELCA World Hunger will provide a family with chicks that will grow up to become chickens. Their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals—they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.
- The football is also known as a "pigskin." A gift of \$30 will provide a pig that

will be a source of natural fertilizer, helping a family's crops grow tall and strong. If needed, taking a pig to the marketplace is like cashing out a savings account. The funds can be used to pay school fees for children or to cover an emergency trip to the clinic.

- Could Patrick Mahomes become the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time)? Time will tell. But \$50 will provide a family with an actual goat. Goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain. Goat's milk provides nutrition for children and their families, and goats are quick to reproduce- which means a family can pass this live-saving gift onto others.

You can go to <https://support.elca.org/goto/TeamKC> and make a gift to support either team. Do something big for God's Kingdom and show the folks in San Francisco what you're made of!

Glenn & Cindy Kraft

Music Camp 2020 - June 1-5

Hi, my name is Karl Oswald!

For the past nine years, I have spent a week of my summer participating in Good Shepherd Lutheran's annual music camp. The first six of those years I spent as a camper in music camp. I got to enjoy a fun week full of music, snacks, games, and good friends in a place that I have come to consider my second home. Truth be told, it wasn't really my decision to start doing music camp, my parents thought that I would really enjoy a fun week. They were completely right. Even though I didn't really decide to come the first year, I specifically told my parents that I wanted to do music camp and even roped my friends into it for the next five years afterwards. The fun and the excitement of getting to be a part of a low-stress musical production was reason enough for me to come year after year, but looking back I realized that I benefited from this camp in a lot of ways.



My confidence skyrocketed, my reading comprehension and musical ability improved noticeably, and I started to learn how to be a better friend. After this camp I started to really grasp and get a hold of my musical inclinations, taking me to important positions within my school's band program and my good friend, Caleb Messerly, who has also done this program with me for several years, became very active in his school's theatre ensemble and also in band. The next three years my friends and I spent in music camp were as counselors. Despite my main role as resident sound guy and techie, I became an honorary counselor, visiting classes in my free time, helping out other groups whenever I can. Some of my friends who didn't enjoy music camp as much as performers joined as counselors and had a

blast. They become in charge of taking care of kids, bringing out their confidence, and overall just having fun. Counselors will often hang out together after music camp is over and will even occasionally make such an impact on kids that they get requests to do babysitting, a very lucrative learning experience. Finally, counselors over the age of sixteen will get paid for their help with the music camp. My experience is very similar to the experiences of several others who have done music camp, regardless of their age! I hope you will consider participating in music camp as it is an experience you will not forget.

2020 Music Camp will be June 1-5 with presentations on June 6th at 5:30 pm and June 7th at 11:00 am. Registration will open in early March for 1st - 8th grade youth. Cost is \$100.00 for the week. For more information contact jdegeer@gslcelca.org.

2019 Year End Summary for Project Boomerang

This has been an exciting and productive year! From your donations we've created beautiful *handmade greeting cards* for each holiday, and other occasions such as 'thinking of you', "thank you", etc. Join us! We meet most weeks at the Haugen home.



Here are our accomplishments in 2019:

1. Two mailings of 775 cards and donated items in eleven boxes were sent overseas to Afghanistan and South Korea.
2. Before each holiday baskets of cards are placed at both the Fisher House and the USO lounge at Lambert Airport for the deployed to use as well as placing donated calendars.
3. With an overstock of "donated unused cards" the ladies distributed a total of 2159 to Lutheran Senior Services for low income unit residents and 1035 to Evelyn's Hospice.
4. At a GSLC Be Like Jesus event 174 Christmas cards were signed by youth to accompany gifts to immigrant children at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in Baltimore.

Three Thrivent Action Team (TAT) events and generous donations from others supported Project Boomerang. Blessings abound as we continue to create connections with the community and overseas to those who use the cards. *Thank you for your donations and the scrappy lady creativity* that make this service available to the deployed and others!

A "Wink from the Welcome Ministry Team by Elliott Haugen



The reality of February's cold weather may create thoughts of Cardinals spring training, friends who escaped to warm places, and foods like chili

and soup. Eating fruit is also a way to mentally connect to warmer places. Did you know the pineapple is a longstanding symbol of warmth and hospitality? It was often put in the center of the table and served to guests. We once owned a house which had a metal pineapple-themed welcome plaque on the front door. We and most of our visitors did not recognize the significance of the pineapple, but we certainly valued a genuine welcome.

The translated Greek word for “fruit” means the product of a living thing. St. Paul often used fruit to help describe how the Holy Spirit’s gifts are within each of us. In his New Testament letter to the Galatians he wrote:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

So amid the coldness of winter, be a Spirit-led “pineapple”, inspired to acts of warmth and friendliness. Additionally, please remind your friends, neighbors and others who may be interested in joining Good Shepherd that the next new member orientation sessions are scheduled for Sunday, **February 16 & 23**; those choosing to join will be welcomed on Sunday, March 8.

(Note: A “wink” is a brief form of communications that implies a hello or friendly greeting. Watch for future Winks with thoughts and information about Good Shepherd’s welcoming ministry.)



Tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis February 20 at 10 am

The CGs' will have a guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis for their February event. The Cathedral has a long history, beginning with clearing of the area and construction beginning as far back as 1907. One of the buildings most famous features is the immense mosaic, which is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. This mosaic is a wonder of design and craftsmanship. Begun in 1912, work on the mosaic carried on in periods until 1988. Today, there are over 41.5 million individual glass tesserae pieces in the mosaic, with more than 7,000 colors in the entire installation.



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