

GSLC Annual Report
October 2010 – September 2011

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Council Officers and Members and Commission Chairs

<i>Council Officers –</i>	<i>2010 – 2011</i>	<i>2011 – 2012</i>
President	Bob Sauer	Debbie Kempf
Vice President	Debbie Kempf	Ed Thieman
Secretary	Ardith Hargrave	Ardith Hargrave
Treasurer	June Newell	June Newell
<i>Council Members –</i>	<i>2010 – 2011</i>	<i>2011 – 2012</i>
	Becky Cook	Becky Cook
	Connie Jones	Connie Jones
	Richard Kellstrom	Richard Kellstrom
	Ed Thieman	Floyd Seim
<i>Commission Chairs –</i>	<i>2010 – 2011</i>	<i>2011 – 2012</i>
Worship & Celebration Commission	Dave Seltzer	Dave Seltzer
Lifelong Learning Commission	Michele Brooke	Don Bennett
Parish Life & Response Commission	Mary Ann Sauer	Mary Ann Sauer
Witness & Outreach Commission	Roger Bauser	Roger Bauser
Resource Development Commission	Jim Kempf	Jim Kempf

Council Report

Debbie Kempf, President

The past fiscal year has been a time of change for Good Shepherd as Pastor Prochaska retired at the end of May and we welcomed Pastor Glen Bengson as our Interim Pastor in July. During this year, the Council and Commissioners focused both on planning for the future and continued operation of this church body.

Preparation for calling a new pastor was the most important undertaking. Significant activities included:

- ❖ Congregational discussions in the fall of 2010 to assess the current state of the congregation.
- ❖ A Bible study on the book of Acts in January and February to learn about the early church and how the early church can be a model for us today. This Bible study was led by Pastor Ed Williams, Assistant to the Bishop.
- ❖ Analysis of the demographic data for our immediate community during the spring.
- ❖ The Vision Team met weekly throughout the summer in order to complete our Ministry Site Profile by August. A congregational survey on vision and expectations for a pastor provided crucial input to the profile. The results of this survey were reviewed in a congregational meeting in August.
- ❖ The Call Committee was selected. Then, the completed Ministry Site Profile was reviewed in a joint meeting of the Vision Team, the Call Committee, and Pastor Ed Williams on September 1.
- ❖ The Call Committee met with Pastor Williams during September and has begun the search process.

During the past year, the work to approve communication within the congregation has continued. The Shepherd's Voice, a quarterly newsletter, has been established. In addition, our web site was revamped and the phone call-out system was implemented.

We are looking forward with anticipation to another year of change as we work together to discern the will of God for our future. As we move in new directions, we remain firmly rooted in the Lutheran fundamentals of the Word, the Sacraments, and grace. Please continue to pray for Good Shepherd and the leadership of the congregation.

Your sister in Christ,

Debbie Kempf

Worship & Celebration Commission

Dave Seltzer, Chair

- ❖ Good Shepherd continues to provide three worship opportunities every week. They are as follows:
 - Saturday 5:00 pm evening service is a more informal style of worship. The Holden Evening Prayer liturgy is used.
 - Sunday 8:30 am is the Traditional Service using the liturgies and hymns from the Red Hymnal, anthems by the choir, and occasional special instrumental ensembles.
 - Sunday 11:00 am is the Contemporary Service where the Praise Team leads with contemporary music and instruments.
- ❖ There are many groups of people who provide support to make our worship experiences meaningful and possible. We want to thank all who have served in the following:
 - Acolytes
 - Altar Guild
 - Assisting Ministers
 - Chancel Choir
 - Communion Assistants
 - Greeters
 - Lectors
 - Music Director
 - Musicians
 - Nursery Attendants
 - Organist
 - Pastor
 - Praise Team
 - Praise Team Leader
 - Sound Technicians
 - Ushers
- ❖ Future Goal:
 - To work with the Pastor and review our current worship styles, times, and make changes to foster the growth of the congregation.

Lifelong Learning Commission

Don Bennett, Chair

H2H – Head-to-Heart

- ❖ Last spring, we had three youth confirm their faith and the promises made at their baptisms. All three continue to be active in the life of the congregation.
- ❖ This year, we added two sixth-graders to our catechism program. Along with one eighth-grader this gives us a class of three students which slightly changes the way our program works.
- ❖ In the morning Sunday school session, the students are studying the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. In the monthly evening class, we are studying a variety of topics concerning our faith and how we live it out.
- ❖ All three of our students are planning to attend this winter's "Youth Quake" retreat in Cincinnati.

LYC – Lutheran Youth Corp

- ❖ Mission Trip – This past summer's LYC mission trip was to Benton Harbor, Michigan. We had thirteen youth and two adults attend. The theme was "Be Different" which we are continuing to explore in our Sunday school classes and other events. Next summer's trip will be to the ELCA National Youth Gathering which will again be in New Orleans. We are doing a variety of fundraising events to help control the costs of attending the Gathering.
- ❖ Sunday School – We continue to study from a variety of sources generally with an eye on how our faith makes us different from those without faith. We also take time to celebrate and/or commiserate with each other over our weekly "highs and lows."
- ❖ Breakfast Club – We meet before school every second and third Thursday at Panera Bread. We spend about a half-hour catching up on each other and also take time to discuss a question of the week. The questions are formulated by the students and can be about anything related to God, church or our faith.
- ❖ We are trying hard this year to have at least one event a month, ranging from shopping trips to lock-ins to service projects.

Jonah's Kids

- ❖ VBS – This past summer we had 54 children from 36 different families registered for Vacation Bible School. Of those 54 children, only four were members and three of the non-members are now attending Sunday School with us regularly. We had a whole host of volunteers assisting us as aides, leaders, and other assistance as needed.
- ❖ Sunday School – Our K-through-5 Sunday school program has undergone some changes this fall. The class is now being taught by Paula Bennett and they are meeting on the lower level of the Education Wing. The room they are in has been redecorated by the kids, which included painting a large Jonah's Kids logo on the wall of the room.

- ❖ Oakview School Achievement Club – Last school year we served about twelve students from Oakview Elementary School in grades 4 and 5. Our average attendance was eight students. This year, we have ten students attending. Most of them are repeats from last year who couldn't wait for Club to start this fall. We also have five volunteers helping with the program, four regularly and one as needed.
- ❖ Summer Lunch Club – We had about twelve youth attend the summer lunch club every Wednesday. We ended the summer with a nature program by “Reptile Pete.” We had about thirty people in attendance at that program. We had five to six volunteers helping with that program each week.

Adult Education

- ❖ Bible Study – We continue to offer multiple Bible study opportunities for adults, including a Saturday morning study, a Thursday morning men's study, and several studies for women. During the summer we also had a weekly prayer gathering.
- ❖ Sunday School – We are currently offering two Sunday school opportunities, one led by Pastor Bengson and one led by Roger Bauser.

Parish Life & Response Commission

Mary Ann Sauer, Chair

- ❖ The Parish Life Commission helps plan and schedule events for the congregation during the year. We are trying to offer one event per month to encourage people to come and enjoy each other's company.
- ❖ Lenten Soup suppers were set up by our group inviting folks to be responsible for each week and also soliciting donations of soup, salad and desserts. The dinners were well attended.
- ❖ A senior group called the OWLS (Older and Wiser Lutherans) meets to go out to dinner or some other event.
- ❖ The Parish Nurse program is working with shut-ins to assure that they are visited regularly by a Pastor and members of the Parish Nurse team. A list is circulated so that no one is missed. Through the Parish Nurse program we applied for a defibrillator for the church and were awarded one at a cost of only \$600 which was picked up by the Memorial Fund. New training will be scheduled next year to update people in CPR and the use of the machine. The Parish Nurse helps to recruit members to deliver the altar flowers to the sick and shut-in members of the church.
- ❖ A group of middle-age folks are meeting to do some activities several times a year.
- ❖ Our group headed up a Stewardship program in the spring of this year.
- ❖ The Parish Life Commission helps to schedule and implement activities of the Women of the ELCA. The President of the ELCA is a member of our board.
- ❖ A sewing group is working on quilts and school bags for Lutheran World Relief. They meet on the first and third Monday of each month
- ❖ A knitting/crocheting group meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month to make prayer shawls for members who are experiencing a problem and they also send shawls to a Fallen Soldier Group.

Witness & Outreach Commission
Roger Bauser, Chair

Annual Benevolence Giving Report 2010-2011

Project / Recipient	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
Southern Ohio Synod ELCA	\$1,432.00	\$1,291.00	\$720.00	\$1,063.00	\$4,506.00
Quarters / Hunger Project	211.00	20.00	510.00	539.50	1280.50
Global Health Ministries	180.00	318.00	180.00	266.00	944.00
We Care Arts	205.00	368.00	299.25	266.00	1138.25
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries	235.00	318.00	184.00	266.00	1003.00
Missionary Support	221.00	318.00	181.00	266.00	986.00
Jeremiah's Letter/ Project Blessing	452.00	329.00	191.00	266.00	1238.00
Undesignated / Not yet spent	181.00	318.00	180.00	xxxxx	
TOTALS	\$3,117.00	\$3,280.00	\$2,445.25	\$2,932.50	\$1,1095.75

Significant gifts have also been made in cash or in kind to:

- ❖ The Greenmont “Neighbor-to-Neighbor” Food Pantry
- ❖ The “SOUPER” Bowl Project
- ❖ Compassion International
- ❖ Christmas Adopt-A-Family
- ❖ Project Blessing Meals at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (over 200 meals served per month)
- ❖ First Lutheran Monthly Breakfasts (over 100 meals served per month)
- ❖ Day of Caring Pancake Breakfast
- ❖ Quilters, Knitters and Crocheters Gifts
- ❖ Lutheran World Relief Projects
- ❖ Support for our Military Gifts
- ❖ LYC Giving Projects
- ❖ Oak Tree Corner Confirmation Project (\$310)
- ❖ Generations Swing Band Hunger Benefit (\$357)
- ❖ Special Gift for ELCA Hunger & Disaster Relief in Honor of Pastor Prochaska’s Retirement (\$1000)
- ❖ Somalia / Horn of Africa Relief (\$790)

Thank you, Good Shepherd, for your generous support of these benevolence projects.

In addition to the above gifts we regularly share our facilities with the following groups:

- ❖ Alzheimer’s Support Group
- ❖ Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts
- ❖ Brownies and Girl Scouts
- ❖ Kitty Hawk Square Dancers
- ❖ Generations Swing Band
- ❖ The MAC Club

Resource Development Commission

Jim Kempf, Chair

The Resource Commission is responsible for managing the resources of the congregation, including maintenance of the facility. Most work during the past fiscal year was routine maintenance. Activities included:

- ❖ Treatment of the ash trees along Stroop and along Ackerman for the emerald ash borer. One tree that was already infected was removed.
- ❖ New contract for snow removal that provided more timely service.
- ❖ Replacement of the backflow preventer that is required to meet building codes.
- ❖ Patching of cracks in parking lot.
- ❖ Replacement of light bulbs in sanctuary.
- ❖ The Boy Scouts continued to assist our congregation through projects such as cleaning the gutters and outdoor drainage pits, moving unused chairs from the Fellowship Hall storage area to the basement, and removing the old preschool exercise structure.

Financial Results

June Newell, Treasurer

❖ **Net Income**

For the fiscal year ending September 2011, Good Shepherd had a positive net operating profit of \$18,267. The positive results are the result of expenses that totaled \$280,172 being favorable to the budget of \$288,725. The main drivers of the favorable expenses compared to budget are Pastor Salary and Housing (\$12,000), Parish Life special events of Pastor's retirement party and church picnic (\$2,400) and Worship commission expense (\$1,500). This was offset partially by expenses to maintain the church grounds and air conditioning repairs.

Total offerings for the year were \$298,439 which was slightly less than the budget of \$300,000. Offerings include contributions made directly to the Heritage Fund which are helping to repay the Parking Lot note.

❖ **Liabilities**

The current balance on the Parking Lot note payable is \$23,002.07. We make monthly payments of approximately \$540 per month on this loan. In addition, we have fully paid back the internally borrowed funds used to repair the heating system back in the fall of 2009. The total amount borrowed initially was \$12,000.

❖ **Assets**

The ending current asset balance is \$82,397.68. This balance includes a total of \$38,064 of designated funds: Memorial fund (\$12,648), Scholarship fund (\$1,930), Future Screen project (\$9,800), Bequest (\$13,686). This year we transferred the Marcia J. Hartmann Scholarship of \$13,000 to Capital University Fund to merge with an existing Hartmann Scholarship fund at Capital University to improve the administration of the fund.

❖ **Cash Flow**

The results netted a positive cash flow for Good Shepherd of \$10,757. This includes an increase in the memorial fund of \$7,035. Net of the memorial fund, the cash flow was a positive \$3,722.