



THE STAFF
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
 January 2018



WELCOME REV. SWENSON!

As we move through the next chapter in our church's history, the Rev. Les Swenson will be serving as our transitional Pastor. He will preside with us on Sundays, cover any meetings that require a Pastors presence, help guide us through looking at our future and be available for emergencies. The council met with him on December 20 and spent about an hour and a half talking about the past and future of our congregation. He will begin preaching with us on January 7, 2018. This arrangement will be reviewed again in May.

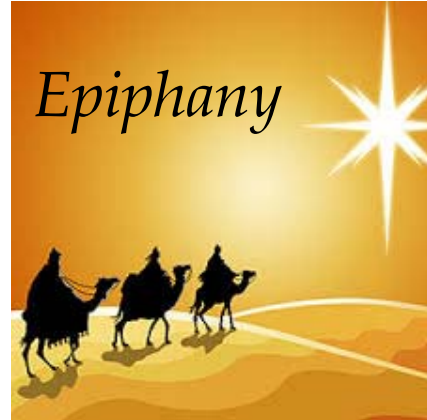
There will be a special coffee hour after service on January 7, to welcome him to our congregation. If you would like to bring something for coffee hour, please feel free to bring a dessert.



I wish to express a sincere thank you for the monetary Christmas gift.

Your generosity and kindness was greatly appreciated!

Brenda Samal



2018 SLATE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
 (approved at Voters' meeting 12/17/17)

<i>President-</i>	Ken Watson
<i>Vice-President-</i>	(vacant)
<i>Treasurer-</i>	Leonard Lye
<i>Secretary-</i>	Brenda Samal
<i>Financial Secretary-</i>	Lisa Ball-Goodrich
<i>Christian Education-</i>	(vacant)
<i>Fellowship-</i>	Linda Kapitan
<i>Evangelism-</i>	Paul O'Braonain
<i>Stewardship/</i>	
<i>Missions-</i>	Starr O'Connor
<i>Property-</i>	James Learned
<i>Worship-</i>	John Downs

Upcoming Events

Sunday School January 7, January 21
 Voters' Meeting February, 2018

www.goodshepherdhamden.org/calendar

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Council Members
1/1/18—12/31/19

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Claudia Hawley Elfriede Anna
Rudy Pat Lisa Mary Lou
Jimmy Sue Amanda Victoria
Emily Marianne David R. Pam
Harold Arnold Pat Mike
Rex Gertrude Howard Barbara
Alex Linda & Francisco Ellen
Darryl V.
Abby John Alan

Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts
Military personnel
Pray for the mission of the church



Best wishes on this special occasion of your wedding for a very special couple~

Darryl Johnson
&
Linda Kapitan

Married December 9, 2017

May the years ahead be filled with joy.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

- 7-Bryon & Miranda Dinkla 40 years
- 9-Rob & Sue Landino 37 years
- 18-Richard & Holly Rosa 32 years

Birthdays

- 4-Starr O’Connor
- 7-Tracy Costa
- 13-Christopher Costa
- 14-Roman Costa
- 14-Gary Olson
- 14-Marianne Turner
- 14-Emma Ingerson
- 15-Brian Moreland
- 19-Destiny Dinkla
- 20-Ken Watson
- 31-Thomas Samal



Baptisms

David Goodrich, Christopher Knoob,
 Michaela Rowold, Brenda Samal,
 Carl Sharon

Voters’ Notes -12/17/17



Council members will be meeting with Rev. Les Swenson on 12/20. November financial reports posted a loss—December should be better. Jim thanked everyone for the help this past year with property maintenance. Thank you to Liane Moreland for the delicious brunch she prepared. John Downs delivered 13 turkeys to Hamden Food Bank and will be bringing the canned goods after Christmas. Ken reported the need for an additional usher and worship assistant. A mother with three children will be renting the parsonage after the first of the year for \$1650/month. The proposed 2018 budget was reviewed and accepted. It will be reviewed again at the February annual voters’ meeting if we have a call or interim pastor. The proposed 2018 council was presented and approved (see page 1) Council approved the use of the church parking lot to a neighbor to park his 18 wheeler for short-term stints when back in Hamden. (Council did not meet in December.)

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 2017

	2017	11/12 of 2017 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2016 thru November
Receipts thru November	\$69,208	\$85,708	(\$16,500)	\$66,890
Expenses thru November	\$82,023	\$85,708	(\$3,685)	\$77,341
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$12,815)	\$0	(\$12,815)	(\$10,451)

Our total Operating giving for November was \$5,728 and our expenses were \$6,897 giving us a shortage of \$1,169 and increasing our year-to-date loss to \$12,815. This compares to a 2016 gain of \$116 for November 2016 and a year-to-date loss of \$10,451.

As the above shows our giving this year is ahead of last year by \$2,318, thanks to some extra gifts, but behind our budget by \$16,500. Our expenses through November are under budget by \$3,685 and over last year by \$4,682 primarily because of seasonal expenses.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Acolyte	Worship Assistant	Worship Assistant 2	Reader	Ushers	Altar Guild
1/7	Anthony Papa	John Downs	Ken Watson	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
1/14	Elizabeth Ingerson	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Sue Hartley	Linda Kapitan	Sue Hartley James Learned	Sarah Delong
1/21	Aoife Weischedel	Paul O'Braonain	John Downs	Barbara Kuslan	John Downs Starr O'Connor	Starr O'Connor
1/28	Elizabeth Ingerson	Linda Kapitan	Leo Goodrich	Reggie Chang	Reggie Chang Leo Goodrich	Linda Kapitan
2/4	Nicholas Papa	John Downs	Ken Watson	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule. **Thank you for your service!***

**CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMANDS**

12/3/17



As called Christians responding to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), we commit ourselves to nurturing the spiritual growth of our congregation by proclaiming the Gospel, bearing witness to God's saving grace, being stewards of the earth, and serving others, in our congregation, our community, and in all the world.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION STATEMENT**

Worship
Sunday School
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
9:30am

Worship
10:30am



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