

## Pastor Koeller's Message

### “He Is Not Dead!”

**“Sir,” they said, “we remember that while He was still alive that deceiver said, “After three days I will rise again.”**

**Matthew 27:62-63**

I'll never forget Syl for as long as I live. He was an active man. He read the water meters in town. He didn't drive, but rather walked the entire town every month. He was always on the go! Healthy and slim, he was an inspiration to others. I would have had a hard time running just to keep up with his fast walk.

But one day that all changed. Syl's wife was sick, so he stayed home Sunday afternoon to take care of his wife. When his chest pains began, he didn't want to leave his wife alone, so he stayed home as long as he could. What Syl didn't realize, was that he was having a heart-attack! By the time he was transported to the hospital it was too late. Half of his heart was already damaged. Because of his love for his wife, he sacrificed his own life! His heart was so filled with love for her, he took no thought about himself.

Although he only had half a heart left, Syl managed to keep going for four more days! The doctors had no explanation how he could keep going so long. On the fourth day, he died. But that was not the end of the story. After Syl was pronounced dead by the doctors, after the undertaker had been called and family notified, Syl's heart started beating again! Thirty minutes after being pronounced dead, Syl was alive again! No explanation. Syl lived another two days after that. He beat death once, but he was not able to beat it twice.

The Pharisees were concerned. Jesus predicted that he would beat death and come back to life after three days. They wanted to make sure he was dead. First, no one ever survived a Roman crucifixion. Roman death squads crucified tens of thousands of people. Every time they took a condemned person off the cross, he was dead. These squads took pride that their charges were dead. Their own lives depended upon it, so they speared the crucified in the heart or broke his legs so he would suffocate as he hung on the cross. They definitely made sure Jesus was dead with the spear to the heart! And then, as a safeguard, to make sure no one would steal the body, the Pharisees made sure guards were placed at the tomb. Jesus was definitely going to stay in that tomb! Or so they thought!

The third day arrived. The earth shook! The stone was rolled away! All so that everyone could see that the body was not there. Why? Because He was not dead! At least, not any more! He did die. He was buried! Because of His great love for us, his heart was poured out for us. In spite of the agony He would go through, Christ suffered all for us. He gave Himself for us. But Jesus defeated death and the grave not just once, but for all eternity!. He defeated sin and the devil. He died with our sins but still overcame even the condemnation of hell. His resurrection victory was not just for Him, but also for all who would believe in Him. For all who believe in Him, even though someday we may face the grave, we will not face death, but life! Life eternal! That promise is for me, for you, and for all who would believe in Jesus as Lord! To God be the glory!

God's blessings,  
*Pastor Koeller*



## Keep God with You This Summer

We are all excited for summer, aren't we? We love to have the time to travel to visit family and friends, to have a family vacation, to play, and to rest and relax. However, while we enjoy summer, we do not want to forget God who is the giver of this wonderful and needed time of the year. We want and need to receive from Him what we needed for our soul, as well as to thank Him for all that He gives. God wants us to stay close to Him, and we can and we do by attending worship. We need His strength and guidance even during the summer, and at worship, we receive it by Word and Sacrament.

But, you say, I would like to go to worship, but how do I find a church where I am going on vacation? Where is an LCMS church where I will be traveling? Great questions and I am glad you asked. Fortunately, we are in the age of technology and as such, those questions are easily answered, here is how:

Make worship a part of your summer, whether here or elsewhere. Let us know what your worship was like, bring back your bulletins, they can really benefit us also!

Christ is Risen! Blessed summer!

Pastor Seabaugh

1. Log-on to the Internet.
2. Type in the search engine: <http://www.lcms.org/>
3. On the left hand third heading click on resources and then directories.
4. On the right hand side is the locator tab.
5. Simply type in the name of your city and state and the distance from your location and churches that are nearby will be seen

SEARCH BY CITY/STATE

City:

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state/Province:

LOCATE A CHURCH, SCHOOL, WORKER

**Start your search:** Use the search fields below to help you find your information.

## Sisters In Christ



**IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY!** Winter and even spring weather has threatened to disrupt Lutheran Women in Mission! January and February meetings were cancelled, and attendance at April's meeting was sparse. However, the work goes on! On April 16<sup>th</sup>, seven women prepared eleven gift bags for residents of three local ResCare Group Homes. These will be delivered as May Day surprises for the residents. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the gift

bags, to those who assembled them, and to those who deliver them.

**THANK YOU** to all who baked, brought, and bought for the Spring Bake Sale. Each one of you made a difference; each one of you did something for the Lord. Thank you.

**BLESSINGS ON ALL OUR MOTHERS!** Remember with thanksgiving and celebrate the everlasting, mothering love of God. We will celebrate both Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day with a special "Baby Bottle Project" – keep reading for the details from Jan Struck.

**CONFIRMATION DINNER, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>** will again be prepared and served by Good Shepherd's LWML. Help is needed to prepare food, set up in the gymnasium, serve and cleanup. Sherry Habeck is the contact person. Please let her know how you can help. Thank you!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** As we prepare a slate of officers for Good Shepherd's LWML, we are still in need of a Secretary. Duties include preparing and distributing minutes from meetings, monthly newsletter article, and bulletin news items as needed. Please pray about this opportunity to serve the Lord in your local church. Talk to Sherry Habeck or Helen Johnson for more information.

**MAY 21<sup>st</sup> – Put this date on your calendar.** LWML's 2017-18 closing Potluck and Program will be on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. All women are invited to share in the meal, the fellowship, and the special program led by Pastor Koeller and Barb Koch. They will share their pictures and stories from their 2017 trip to the Holy Land. Enjoy a special evening with your Sisters in Christ.

**CAN YOU FIND 16 "HIDDEN BOOKS"** of the Bible in the following paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu! Kept some people looking so hard for the facts. Yet for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers! To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few minutes for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit, it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found! One little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this story.

**Answers will be posted on the bulletin board in the Coat Room.**



Looking for a special way to thank our gracious Lord for the blessing of your mother? You will have that opportunity at Good Shepherd as we celebrate Mother's Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>!

Each member or family will receive a baby bottle after the worship service. As you put your coins in the bottle (paper money fits, too!), thank God – our Heavenly Father - for the gift of families. We will gather the baby bottles on June 17<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate Father's Day.

Your "change" will help change the life of a young parents. All proceeds will be given to a local pregnancy support center, accompanied by a message of life and hope in Jesus Christ. Your family can help a family in need!

# Book Club

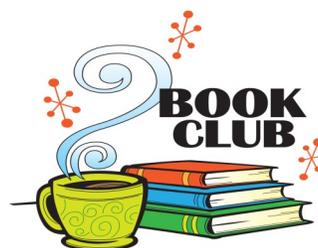
Book Club meets at Good Company this month of May. For those wishing to order food, please arrive 6 pm or before. If you are wishing to participate in the lively discussion topic, "What type of book would you write

and why?" plan on joining us at 6:30pm.

If you have never joined us, but would like to, now is a good time. This get-together is our yearly wrap up of the books we have already read and a spring-board for collecting names of books that we may want to put on the list for Fall 2018 to Spring 2019.

We like to remind you that Good Shepherd Book Club tries to keep current with popular reads. Unfortunately, some novels may have language or subject matter that does not line up with God's will for our lives. We hope that you would self-censor those books or join our discussion on those topics.

Hope to see you at Good Company! Please contact Diane Simon at 920-720-8771 for reservations.



# Library News

In springtime, a man's thoughts turn to ... The old adage remains true when you have months of never ending inclement weather. The blizzard back in April may now only be a distant memory but it wasn't too long ago when the only thought was staying inside and catching up

on our reading. Now that everyone is out and about, you may not be thinking about reading. But if you do, there are a couple of tomes worth noting.

Katie Schuermann is the author of our now complete Anthems of Zion series. The first book, "House of Living Stones" introduces us to the members of Zion Lutheran church and their newly acquired choir director. As Katie develops her characters, you can't help but identify with one or more of these new-found friends. "The Choir Immortal" continues the saga of the romance between the single pastor and the lovely professor/choir director. Will they ever find a moment alone to find their future?

Too soon, the series ends with "The Harvest Raise". These now familiar people have worked their way into our hearts when we realize we have to say good-bye.

These books and more await your vacation, plane trips, and cruises or, God forbid, more bad weather! Hope you have a great rest of spring. And a wonderfully, peaceful summer.

# Music Notes

Many thanks to the choir members, adult, bell, and Joyful Noise, who met weekly to provide music for our services. Special thanks to bell choir director, Sharon Peterson, and accompanist, Carolyn Berg, for all

your hours of preparation and leadership.



# Education News

**May 13th marks the end of Sunday School until fall.** Thank you to the Sunday School staff for their dedication and enthusiasm in teaching the children and youth. Thank you all for a fantastic year! Additional people are needed for next year's Sunday School classes. If you have a desire to teach, help, or serve in the office, please contact Leann Johnson.

Good Shepherd Preschool ends on May 23rd. Thank you, Jane Cousins, for 24 years of dedicated service to the three and four year olds. Enjoy retirement and time with your grandson. Thank you also to Kelly Nettekoven for serving as the paraprofessional for three years. Karla Bauer we appreciate your huge effort in keeping the preschool running smoothly.

**Don't forget to register for VBS,** June 10<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 service and June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>h</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30. A supper precedes the sessions on June 11-14. You need not attend every day. Come when you can! VBS registration is on <http://goodsheplutheran.360unite.com/home>



After returning from spring break and with hopes of nice weather coming soon, we started talking about spring. We talked about rain, mud and sunflowers. Our next unit was bugs. The children loved learning about bugs and couldn't get enough of them. Next, we learned about flowers of Spring and the YMCA presented Snakes Alive and brought Harriet the Corn Snake. Each of the children had the opportunity to hold Harriet and have their picture taken! Our final week of April we talked about bears and music. We made our own tambourines plus we played some real instruments.

Finally, the preschool hosted its annual Family Fun Night on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The children had the opportunity to show their families their artwork which was displayed in the classroom. Then we all enjoyed a snack in the gym and entertainment by Randy Peterson. We honored Mrs. Cousins for her many years of service with many past students and staff attending the event.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We are now enrolling for the 2018-19 school year and classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will be offering the following class schedules:

#### 3 & 4 Year Old Program

(3 years of age and toilet trained by September 1)  
Monday and Wednesday 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

preschool teacher needed

For further information please contact Leann Johnson, Director of Christian Education or Karla Bauer, Preschool Director at (920) 734-9643.



### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We are a Lutheran based preschool seeking an experienced Part-time (2 or possibly 3 mornings a week) lead teacher in our 3 & 4 year old room for the 2018/19 school year. Individuals must have a minimum of a preschool credential from The Registry & 2 plus years teaching in a licensed preschool or childcare facility. If you have a genuine love for children, are enthusiastic and passionate about teaching Christ's love, we encourage you to apply. Please email a cover letter and resume to [ljohnson@gslchurch.net](mailto:ljohnson@gslchurch.net). Wage based on experience and education.

# Stewardship

## Stewards of Our Talents

Have you ever stopped to consider the differences in people? Why is it that everyone we know is different in his or her own way? Some people are able to take apart engines of cars, while others hardly know where to add the oil. Some can build houses, while others can barely nail boards together. Some women sew fashionable clothes for their families and buy their bread at the

store, while others cook and bake beyond compare but don't even own a sewing machine. This is the way life is, but have you ever questioned why? The answer is quite simple. God, in His wisdom, fashioned the Body of Christ in such a way that all people are interdependent. In I Corinthians 12:12-31, the Apostle Paul illustrates this fact by comparing the Body of Christ to the human body. He reminds us that just as each physical organ or body part has its own importance and offers a unique contribution to the whole body, so has God given different gifts to His disciples so that we might be able to respond in our own unique ways that are indispensable to the functioning of the Body of Christ, the Church.

In today's society, we find thousands of occupations in the world, each requiring special talents. There is a need for carpenters, cooks, mechanics, tailors, pastors, teachers, farmers, servers, students, police officers, nurses, doctors etc. The important thing to note here, however, is that for every need, God has given someone the ability to fulfill that need. It is important to be faithful stewards of the gifts God gives us so that we can do our jobs well. What a beautiful opportunity to witness and glorify our Father in Heaven (Matthew 5:16).

The church needs more than members to fill the pews on Sunday morning. What is needed are disciples strengthened in Word and Sacrament to be sent forth to be stewards of God's gifts to His people. As stewards, we recognize our God-given abilities and use them to carry out God's purposes.

### HOPE WITHOUT BORDERS – Another way to “Do Something for the Lord”

This update was received from Good Shepherd member, Rob Worth, who is going to Kenya and Tanzania at the end of May with his son, Nathan, and Hope without Borders. If you would like to contribute items (or the money needed to purchase them) for the upcoming trip, Hope without Borders has created a registry for donors on Amazon. These items will be shipped to the HWB office and then packed for distribution on HWB trips. Please make sure the items arrive 1-2 weeks before departure. Here is the link to share with family and friends:

<http://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/hopewithoutborders-usa-june-2018-foxpoint/1Z57AMV431AOM>

Or, you may also contribute on the Hope without Borders website: [www.hwb-intl.org](http://www.hwb-intl.org)

Please keep Rob and Nathan and the Hope without Borders team in your prayers in the weeks ahead. God's blessings on their service in Jesus' name.

# Finance News

Good Shepherd Financial Statement - 2018			
	Mar		YTD
Budget Needs	\$ 52,190	Budget Needs	\$ 156,570
Actual Receipts	\$ 50,235	Actual Receipts	\$ 136,903
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,955)	Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (19,667)
2018 Receipts	\$ 50,235	2018 Receipts	\$ 136,903
2017 Receipts	\$ 50,032	2017 Receipts	\$ 141,228
Difference	\$ 203	Difference	\$ (4,325)
Synod Missions	\$ 3,474	YTD Synod Missions	\$ 10,427
Scrip Earnings	\$ 0	YTD Scrip Earnings	\$ 560
Thrivent Choice	\$ 6,100	YTD Thrivent Choice	\$ 6,914

# May Prayer Partners

Cathy Adomavich	Sue Kirk
Jan Ashbrenner	Phyllis Jungers
Carolyn Berg	Karen Kraft
Joyce Beyer	Joy Block
Phyllis Boldig	Marcia Thompson
Linda Brick	Bardean List
Karen Dejk	Carol Hahn
Tom Hahn	Adel Thiede
Leann Johnson	Arlene VandenBoogart
Tanya Johnson	Diane Simon
Bruce Kirk	Liz Stowell
Debbie Koeller	Liz Podvin
Jacqui Koeller	Bill VanEeckhout
Linda Koeller	Sarah Long-Radloff
Pastor Koeller	Lisa Lawrence
Ray Koeller	Becky Lahti
Marsha Mahan	Roger Stowell
Gene Mason	Barb Ranger
Pat Piepenburg	John Whalley
Barb Potaczek	Nancy Smith
Ron Ranger	Bonnie Sielaff
Becky Seabaugh	Pam VandeHei
Pastor Seabaugh	Sue Whalley



# This and That

## LIFE CORNER FOR MAY

Did you know since 2013 there has been a special project of Lutherans For Life (LFL) called **Owen's Mission?** Its mission was to raise funds-- \$175,000—in order to be able to present “Touch of Life” fetal model sets to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the U.S. free of charge. Praise God the money was raised and now all 900+ Lutheran day schools across the country can receive a model! These models help students understand and appreciate the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. It is LFL’s hope that the models will help students value themselves and others as intended by God. The sets are presented during a 15-20 minute program as part of a regularly scheduled chapel or assembly. The ministry of Lutherans For Life still needs your help. If you wish to donate toward the goal of Lutherans For Life to spread God’s Word to all ages, encouraging them to respect and appreciate life that God has created, redeemed, and called as His treasure, contact them at: [info@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org) or call them at 888-364-LIFE.

What a fabulous way to celebrate Mother’s Day this year by donating in honor or memory of a dear mother or child in your life!

Submitted by Linda Koeller and Mary Jo Taylor

### Churches visited by members while away:

- ♥ Grace Lutheran, Menomonee Falls, WI
- ♥ Grace Luth. Church & School, River Forest, IL
- ♥ Peace United Methodist, Kaukauna, WI
- ♥ St. John Lutheran, DePere, WI
- ♥ St. Matthew’s Lutheran, New Milford, NJ
- ♥ Janesville Road Campus, Hales Corners, WI

If you visit a church while away, please save a copy of the bulletin for me.  
Thank you. Pastor Koeller

# Outreach News

This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

- G Go out and tell someone today the good news of Jesus
- O Offer a greeting to someone new in church
- O Open your heart to others today
- D Daily devotion book - share one with your neighbor
  
- M Meditate on Gods word each day
- O Offer encouragement to others
- R Reflect your love for Jesus in your life today
- N Nailed to the cross for all
- I Invite someone to worship
- N Nourish your soul, spend time in prayer today
- G Greet someone today with a smile



# Council News

## VOTERS' MEETING RESULTS

50 members attended the Spring Voters' Meeting last Sunday. The slate of officers and board chairs was approved. Those positions are:

- Chair of Board of Elders - Ryan Neumeier
- Chair of Board of Stewardship - Jan Ashbrenner
- Chair of Board of Trustees - Terry Stillman
- Secretary - Adel Thiede
- Treasurer - Matt Rieckmann
- Financial Secretary - Carol Radey

Our sincere thanks to outgoing chair, Pat Leigl and Treasurer, Jim Wacker.

**Pastor Koeller announced his retirement,** effective June 30, 2019. He will have served 40 years in the ministry! He has provided dedicated service to the members of Good Shepherd since March 2004 and will be greatly missed.

## Outcropping from the Office



April 16, 2018

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2220 E COLLEGE AVE  
APPLETON WI 54915

### Lifest 2018

Summer fun is just a few months away. What's on your calendar? If you enjoy live music and activities that celebrate spirituality, check out Lifest 2018! Lifest is a family-friendly, drug- and alcohol-free event being held July 12-15, 2018, at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

CMCARES, the Church Mutual Insurance Company Foundation, is partnering for a second year with Lifest 2018 to support this nationally-known, faith-based music festival. The 20th annual "party with a purpose" brings more than 30,000 attendees from all over the United States together to celebrate their beliefs and enjoy 100 musical acts on six different stages.

We are pleased to offer you a discount on event tickets! Event tickets will be \$49 (regularly \$66) for full event tickets and \$20 (regularly \$30) for single day tickets.

To purchase tickets:

- Go to [www.lifest.com](http://www.lifest.com)
- Use the discount code **cmcares18** when purchasing tickets. This discount code will be valid through June 15, 2018.

We hope you are able to enjoy a fun-filled outing at Lifest. We are also hosting a VIP tent by the main stage, complete with snacks and drinks. Feel free to stop by for a treat, and don't forget to visit the Church Mutual booth in the Lifest Marketplace!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Krombolz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tyler Krombolz  
Division Manager

# HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.

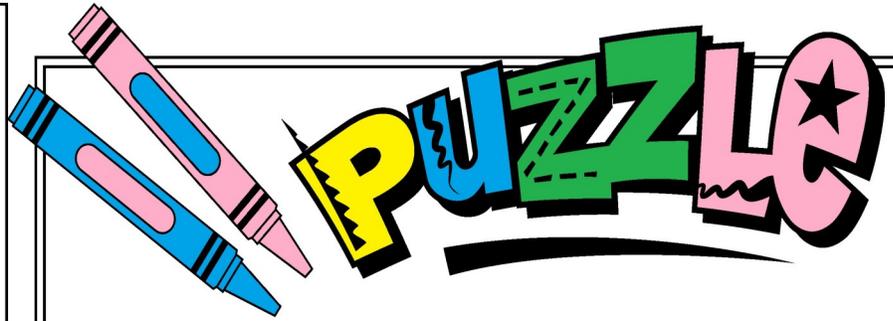


**What you need:**

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

**What you do:**

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



# WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
 and your \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ has  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:16, NIV  
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Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV