

Pastor Koeller's Message

"WHAT'S IN THE BACK OF THE REFRIGERATOR?"

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13)

Have you ever been exploring in the back of the refrigerator and discovered something growing in a dish that you have no idea what it was or how it got there? Somehow these little monsters just seem to appear out of nowhere. Sometimes they even seem to have a life of their own and sour even the things around them. Sometimes you wonder if a neighbor dropped something off and put it in your frig just to haunt you.

No matter how we would love to put the blame on someone else, in the end it always turns out that we are to blame for those unidentifiable organisms which have invaded the frig. Just recently I discovered one of those ugly aliens, and I'll tell you what it was at the end of this devotion.

The Bible is clear in explaining to us that we are responsible for the ugly items we put into our lives. Matt. 15:19 reminds us: "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Genesis 8:21 says: "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth," and in Romans 7:18 we read: "I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." We are in this mess together, there is the ugly monster of sin dwelling within us and no matter how far back in the shelves of our lives we push it in order to hide it, no matter how long it dwells there even after we have forgotten that it was there, sooner or later it will raise its ugly head again and show itself.

But it's not just from within, yes, sometimes a neighbor, a friend, or enemy will plant those ugly dishes into our lives. Those ugly dishes could come through the TV, the radio, the CD,

through whatever means possible. We are surrounded by a world which would love to leave its garbage in our lives.

Is there any escape? Yes! Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13). Working through His Word God is able to put a new nature within us (Eph. 4:24) by the power of His Holy Spirit and give us a new birth, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit.

God is able to strengthen us that we may resist the evil (Eph. 6:13). He is able to deliver us that we may be preserved unto life through faith in our Lord Jesus.

But we are weak. We give in. We open the door and in comes the garbage. What shall we do? Just give in to the fact that we are doomed because of our sin? No!

Thanks be to God we have a Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God that through a repentant heart God will take those ugly dishes out of our lives and remember them no more. Thanks be to God, in Him and Him alone we have hope and a blessed future.

I told you I found an unidentifiable dish in the back of my frig. Want to know what it was? I don't know! My son came home for the weekend and threw it away. It's gone and forgotten. Just like my sins are when Jesus forgives me. Just like your sins are when you ask Jesus to forgive you. Praise the Lord!

God bless,
Pastor Koeller



Pastor Seabaugh's Message

Parents, Youth, and the Kitchen Sink

This month, we continue to explore the results of the survey entitled, "Relationships, Not Programs" in the March edition of the Reporter, the official newspaper of the LCMS. Our emphasis from the survey is on young adults and who influenced their lives in the Lord and what it means to their faith journey now.

These results are from young adults ages 18-35 of which the average age was 24.

- *29% — parents
- *13% — pastor or home church
- *12% — other family members
- *12% — teacher
- *11% — another pastor
- *10% — youth minister

I was surprised parents didn't have a much higher percentage. Of course, if one were to draw the conclusion that without parents not one of these other relationships would have occurred then, the percentage would be higher. However, when it came to the influence of parents it was from those who actively practiced their faith, who were easy to talk to about their faith, and who encouraged and involved them in their youth program.

The results of the survey really echoed the title of the article, didn't it? Every moment of our lives, we are given the opportunity to live for Christ or not. Every moment of our everyday lives our words and actions are on display for all to see. This article is an important yet simple reminder to the words of Paul, in Colossians 3:16 it says *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God"*. And **whatever you do**, in word or deed, **do** everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Happy summer and God's blessings!
Pastor Seabaugh





LET'S REBUILD GOD'S CHURCH TOGETHER:



(Church Damage Donation): The Church in Khun Chang Khian (a church Pastor Chia Thao helped organize and build in Thailand) was heavily damaged when a storm blew down a large tree which literally cut the church in half. It's the only church in the village and for miles around. (Est. cost to repair damage is \$2,000 with the work done by the members).

Tax deductible gifts may be sent to:
Hmong International Mission
936 Hazel Street North
St. Paul, MN 55119 (Earmark: Church damage)



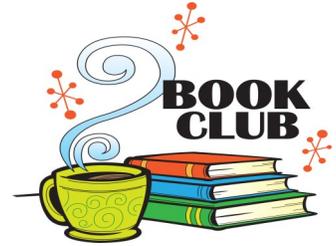
Book Club

The Good Shepherd Book Club will not be meeting this month. We take the summer to catch up on our favorite authors or to find some new ones we like. We also read what may make the next Book Club list.

If you are an avid reader and would like to suggest a book or two for our Book Club, don't hesitate to contact one or more of us and share the wealth! You can contact me, Diane Simon, at 920-720-8771 with your suggestions. You can also contact me if you would like to be part of the Book Club starting with selections in August and meetings in September.

I, personally, would like to thank Maude Lehman, Kathy Hill, Kathy Maronek, Lisa Davis, Becky Lahti and Jean Vanderheiden for all their suggestions, leadership and treats! We have been together for a few years now and I am glad that everybody is an even more voracious reader than I am. I would also like to thank members of the past that got things started or joined us for a while but may have moved on to other groups. And I know that out there, there are more of you brave enough to join our lively group!

For all you readers out there, have a great summer and God bless!



Library News

Just when you finally get used to the heat, the summer is half over and thoughts turn to school supplies, County Fairs and how to spend your stay-cation. If help is needed getting the kids back in the reading mode for school, there are several easy to read books in our library. We

have Preschool (A), Primary (B), Junior (C), Junior High (D) and High School (E) designations on the right side of the library. Please take advantage of the comfy couch to practice reading or take a bunch home with you. Be sure to put your name on the card and drop it in the little box on the desk. If you have never checked books out, please also fill out a contact card provided on the desk and drop it in the same box.

If you are past the age of book reports, there are plenty of books for your reading pleasure. Our Fiction (I.) section continues to expand. I have mentioned Katie Schuerman's books and the YadaYada Prayer group books by Neta Jackson are available. There are books by Jan Karon, Lori Wick and Francine Rivers and many more.

Whatever is in store for the rest of your summer, have a safe and happy time. Go with God and keep reading!



Human Care

Let God work through you to serve people crying out to Him for help. What a privilege to live our motto "Cared for by Christ, we care for all others". Here's some opportunities for you this summer. May you be blessed with the joy of giving.

DISASTER is a word that doesn't sit comfortably with anyone. It might be small - like the state of your closets - or large - like floods, fires, hurricanes, drought, and eruptions. The good news is that although you can do one thing to help out both situations! Good Shepherd is preparing shipments of **gently used clothes, shoes, household linens, blankets and towels** for people all over the world who have lost so much because of those many large disasters that occurred this year. **Orphan Grain Train** will take all the "banana boxes" we can pack to the areas of need. **Sewing machines** are also in great demand. Bring your "extras" to Room 4 from now through July. You'll feel great about getting rid of your small disaster to help those in need because of real serious ones.



We have ongoing collections of **staple food supplies** to help those in our community who struggle to feed their families. Our food collections for June and July will go to **The**

Salvation Army. Why don't you make it a practice to pick up an extra item every time you grocery shop and bring it to the collection box in the coat room each time you come to worship. Serving others is also a form of worshipping God who gives us everything we have.



Good Shepherd also provides two meals a month to the residents of **COTS** - a transitional housing program in Appleton, Consider providing **part of a meal**. It would be a great family project this summer. Sign up sheets and the recipes are on the bulletin board in the coat room.



July Prayer Partners



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

Finance News

Good Shepherd Financial Statement - 2018			
	<u>May</u>		<u>YTD</u>
Budget Needs	\$ 52,190	Budget Needs	\$ 260,950
Actual Receipts	\$ 41,047	Actual Receipts	\$ 242,820
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (11,143)	Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (18,130)
2018 Receipts	\$ 41,047	2018 Receipts	\$ 242,820
2017 Receipts	\$ 42,752	2017 Receipts	\$ 245,480
Difference	\$ (1,705)	Difference	\$ (2,660)
Synod Missions	\$ 3,469	YTD Synod Missions	\$ 17,525
Scrip	\$ -	YTD Scrip	\$ 560
Thrivent Choice	\$ 97	YTD Thrivent	\$ 11,140



Education News

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.

3 & 4 Year Old Program

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

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. Wage based on experience and education.



Sisters In Christ



As this newsletter goes to print (and cyberspace), Cindy Reinhold is serving on a clean water project in Belize, Central America, with MOST Ministries. Before leaving, Cindy expressed her thanks for the many wash clothes/hand towels received and for the LWML's monetary assistance. Please keep Cindy and her team in prayer as they serve in Jesus' name.

Another international mission is happening right now, right here. Collections of clothing and household items [if it fits in a banana box, it ships] are being gathered in Room 4 through mid-August for the ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN. Spend a little time sorting and cleaning out those "some day" clothes and "somebody can use it" items – because somebody REALLY can use our help, in the United States and around the world. Volunteers will also be needed to help sort and pack the donations. Watch for more information in August.

PLANNING MEETING(s) for the 2018-19 LWML program year will be held on Monday, July 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. Women interested in sharing ideas, suggestions, highlights from the District Convention, and cookies are invited to join us in the Community Room as we look ahead to a new year of Christian growth and service. See you there!

LOOKING FOR A FUN SUMMER READ?

Leann Johnson recently shared the humorous and true story, Growing Up Rural: You Smell Barn, written by Janet Martin and Suzann Nelson (authors of the Lutheran Basement Women stories). It's a quick read that will bring back memories and make you laugh out loud. Look for it in the church library!



Lutheran Men's Fellowship



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Invite you to join us for a Night at the Ballpark

The Lutheran Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a Night at the Ballpark when the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers will be playing the Cedar Rapids Kernels on Saturday, August 18 in a 6:35pm contest. The game will include:

- ⇒ *Festival Foods Fireworks after the game*
- ⇒ *Kids Run the Bases after the game*

Tickets will cost \$10.00 and all seats will be in Section 111 (third base side, just past the Rattlers dugout), rows H & I. Tailgating will start at 5:00 in tailgating section 5 at the east end of the parking lot.

Brats, hot dogs and potato chips will be available for a free will offering and a donation of a non-perishable food item. All proceeds (canned food and offering) will be donated to St. Joseph's Food Pantry

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the sign up area. You can also call Dan Lenz at 788-5096 to reserve tickets.

Payment must be made by August 1.



This and That

LIFE MOMENT

This is a question and answer I found years ago on Billy Graham's website. The subject is abortion but the answer is our Lord's answer in Scripture for any sin....He tells us to come to Him for forgiveness for our sins...all we need to do is ask! But so many of us, like me, let our shame keep us from doing so but He knows, He loves and is waiting for us to come to Him in prayer...let's not wait any longer!

Q:

I have had an abortion and feel so guilty. Can God forgive me?

A:

God wants to bring peace, forgiveness, and joy to your life—and He will if you will let Him. Anything that separates you from God, including having had an abortion, can be forgiven if you come to Him in true repentance (Ephesians 1:7, Romans 3:25, 1 John 1:7). This is done by confessing your sins to the Lord and pleading the blood of Christ with its power to remove sin and guilt from anyone who asks. There is no question about God's forgiving, but sometimes we are not willing to confess our sin and commit it to Him for forgiveness.

As we commit the actions of the past to God, we receive peace, comfort, and assurance through Christ. We believe that God, through His Word and the power of His Spirit, can minister peace to you in the midst of your emotional distress; God's Word offers us the peace that passes all understanding. As you fully commit this problem to the Lord, you will begin a new relationship of hope and comfort in Christ which will assure you that "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

David was deeply distraught about overwhelming conditions in his own life which blurred the sense of God's presence, but in Psalm 51 he expresses assurance that the joy and fellowship of the Lord have once again become real to him. In other words, he experienced the unfailing love and compassion of God in times when he was plagued with self-condemnation.

After turning a problem over to the Lord, we often pick the problem up once more and agonize over it again and again. Instead, we must decisively choose to leave the matter with Him and put it out of our minds, refusing to think about it or dwell upon it in any way. As God forgives, He also forgets (Hebrews 8:12). When thoughts of guilt come to your mind, say to yourself and God, "Thank you, Lord, for your great forgiveness and mercy. I praise you that you told me to cast this care upon you (1 Peter 5:7), and I have done so. Forgive me for my worry about this matter; with your help, I will praise you instead."

Submitted by Linda Koeller





June 4, 2018

Good Shepard Lutheran Church
2220 E. College Ave.
Appleton, WI 54915

Dear Good Shepard Lutheran Church,

The Interfaith Builds begin!

Your gift of \$2,000.00 will help two deserving families build two homes with faith communities across the Fox Cities. Work will begin August 15 with dedications in November.

The faith communities working together is a model for what we can be – a caring community of helping each other. We are inspired by what people of faith can do together.

Thank you for supporting *Interfaith*. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,

THANK YOU FOR
HELPING US
BUILD DREAMS!

John Weyenberg
President-Executive Director

No goods or services were received in exchange for your gift. Please keep this letter as your receipt.

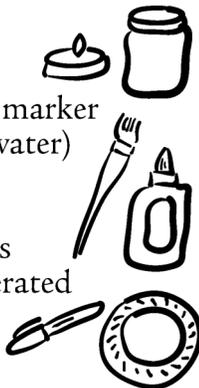


A STARRY LIGHT

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV