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What's next?

In our house, we have above a door frame, these words from the prophet Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." These words of the Lord were encouraging words to the exiled believers who along with the non-believers, were brought to Babylon for captivity. These words helped them know that God would restore them once again. This punishment was necessary so that a change of heart would take place, for those outside of the Lord, so that ALL would return to the Lord.

For us, who are not in exile, these words are also an encouragement for us that wherever we go and whatever is taking place that God has a plan, while maybe not fully understood by us, His plan is always good, because He is good!

God's plan is with His church, Good Shepherd, you and me! We are embarking on somewhat of a new journey together in that Pastor Koeller has left for Missouri, and now I have been entrusted to serve as Senior Pastor. While, this is a change, it is not much of one; in that we have been together for over 14 years and our relationship is one that is doesn't have many surprises or areas of which we aren't familiar with one another. We are somewhat of an old married couple.

The key to our continued relationship and fulfilling the mission that God has for us is to teach and baptize all nations, to remain faithful to God's Word. In so doing, we know Who is leading and directing all things and can be and will be confident in what we proclaim and what receive for it is always GOOD! That those leading do so, not to have themselves glorified, but that God Himself receives all the glory!

While the Word remains that same and we have much familiarity, we also are entrusted with the responsibility as leaders both called and lay to explore and implement ways to have the Word of God and its message communicated in the most effective way possible based upon how we view our World. To that end, we have developed and will continue to develop strategies to conduct a focused, prepared and exciting way of cherishing our Theology as Lutherans, and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

As we journey together, let us remember these words of Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

God bless!

Pastor Seabaugh





JESUS LOVES ME FOR OLD FOLKS

Jesus Loves Me this I know
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim
Still He bids me trust in Him

Yes Jesus Loves me
Yes Jesus Loves me
Yes Jesus Loves me
The Bible tells me so

Though my steps are Oh so slow
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life let come what may
He'll be there to lead the way

When my nights are dark and long
In my heart He puts a song
Telling me in words so clear
Have no fear for I am near

When my work on earth is done
And life's vict'ries have been won
He will take me home above
Then I'll understand His love



July Prayer Partners



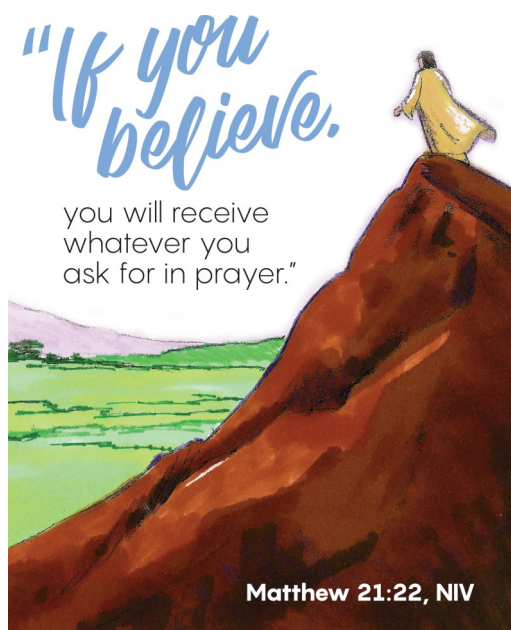
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Karen Dejk	Sue Kirk
Carol Hahn	Tanya Johnson
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Adel Thiede	John Whalley



Finance News

Good Shepherd Financial Statement - 2019

	<u>May</u>		<u>YTD</u>
Budget Needs	\$ 59,271	Budget Needs	\$ 296,355
Actual Receipts	\$ 44,558	Actual Receipts	\$ 265,138
Surplus (Deficit)	(14,713)	Surplus (Deficit)	(31,217)
2019 Receipts	\$ 44,558	2019 Receipts	\$ 265,138
2018 Receipts	\$ 41,047	2018 Receipts	\$ 242,820
Difference	3,511	Difference	22,318
Synod Missions	\$ 3,541	YTD Synod Missions	\$ 19,865
Scrip	\$ -	YTD Scrip	\$ 1,947
Thrivent Choice	\$ 510	YTD Thrivent	\$ 10,772



Library News

We hope you opened a tome or two this summer on vacation. If not, there

is still time! Good Shepherd library is free to all. Just check out a book with your name and the date you expect to have it back. If you have never checked out a book before, make sure you fill out a User card, so that we have your name, phone number and address.

We hope to have a work day sometime this month, however, schedules need to be checked. Please watch the bulletin for that announcement. New books were entered and shelved last month including the Grandma Hearts books we promised.

Have a great summer. Any questions? Call Diane Simon at 920-720-8771.



Book Club

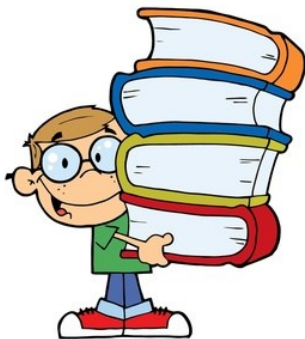
Book Club does not meet this month. We are taking a break for the summer to catch up on our favorite authors!

We will be meeting in August at the home of Maude Lehmann to select the new season of Book Club books. Our regular meeting night is the second Monday of every month at 7pm. We read fiction, very little non-fiction, if any, and sometimes a classic.

Our design is that one person prepares questions for the group about that month's book. Another person brings treats appropriate for the book or for the month. And we trade off tasks based on interest and availability.

Even though book club has been around for over ten years, we are always looking for new members. We hope you will join us any time if you have read the book or would like to discuss it. One caveat is that the subject matter may not always be Christian in nature. However, it is important to know what the world is reading and how we might witness our faith as a better alternative.

If you have any questions, please call Diane Simon, 920-720-8771.





Passport

If you have ever traveled in the world, then you probably needed to have a passport. It is a little daunting at first to fill out the paperwork, have an acceptable photo taken and wait the time it takes to receive your US issued passport. The cost is not too low or too high unless you have to get one in a hurry. One can travel to Puerto Rico without a passport but you may want one anyway depending on the travel to or from.

So why all this talk about passports? Well, many of you went through the time and expense to get one. Maybe a family vacation or wedding. Or maybe you needed it for business. But what is it doing now? Passports are valid for 10 years. And the cost to renew is much less than the cost to obtain another if you let it expire. So go somewhere!

But don't go on vacation. Go! To Guatemala with the Ebbesens. Go! To Belize with the MOST ministries group headed by Cindy Reinhold. Go! To anywhere the Rinnes go next. Go! To a place that you feel in your heart God is sending you to do mission work. We have a great tradition in our church to hang a flag for every country one of our members has done mission work in. Let's fill the church! There are over 200 countries in this world. And we have 3 times as many members. Let's be God's hands and feet in this world to show that He loves the people in it. In fact, He gave His Son for them.

If you just don't think you can travel, then help another with the cost of their passport. Send someone. Be assured, if believe in Jesus, you have one perfect passport for the best trip of your life. You have a passport to heaven that He paid for. Don't ever take it for granted. But invite others to go with you! Got your passport?

-Board of Outreach





WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

From the Parable of the Talents, (Matthew 25:14-30), we learn that our financial lives are important to God and that He wants us to multiply the gifts He entrusts to us. In the parable, a Master (Jesus) entrusted three servants with different amounts of talents before going on a journey. After he returned, he asked each to give an account of what he had done with what he had been given. The master commended the two servants who faithfully and wisely invested the talents given to them. Because they were faithful in their efforts to please and serve him, the master told each of them, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Just as Jesus held the servants in the parable accountable, He holds us accountable for what He entrusts to us. This parable leads us to the conclusion that wise management of our money, along with all our gifts, pleases the Lord, and poor management greatly displeases Him. When He comes again, "....then each of us will give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). We will want to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

How can I be more faithful in the use of the money and gifts God gives to me? As summer approaches and activities and vacations increase, do not forget Good Shepherd in your prayers and support.

Stewardship

is heart work

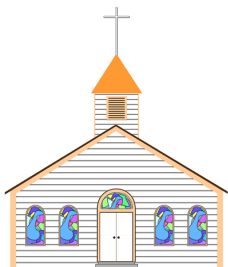


The Board of Stewardship



Churches visited by members while away:

If you visit a church while away, please save a copy of the bulletin for us. Thank you!



- ♥ Faith Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI
- ♥ Shepherd of the Prairie, Huntley, IL
- ♥ Mountain View Lutheran Church, Apache Junction, AZ
- ♥ Immanuel Lutheran Church of Maui
- ♥ Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaukauna, WI
- ♥ Lutheran Church H of the Holy Trinity, Kailua-Kona, HI
- ♥ Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gillet, WI

Education News

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

The youth will be going/traveling to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN this month, please pray for David, the youth, and the chaperones that are attending this event. We pray for safe travels as they bus to their destination and fun as they grow as a group and in their faith along with many others gathering along with them.





"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

k _ p my _ y _ s
 l w _ y s _ n th _ L _ RD.
 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!