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June 2020 Newsletter

ALTAR FLOWERS: At this time, we will be using the Altar flowers available already at church. Thank you to those who have signed up. Please consider signing up for a vacant spot later in the year in place of your donation of Altar flowers.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: **Men and women of the Armed Forces**, Essential Workers, First Responders; Healthcare Workers, Teachers and students, Graduates. **Healing prayers for:** Ron Blom (for chemotherapy). For our church members and staff as we navigate through this COVID-19. For those affected by the COVID-19 virus.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES: Each week we will be lifting up our family members in prayers. Please take your bulletin news home so you can pray for the families during the week. We will be listing every family in the congregation up in prayer during the year.

- ❖ Keith & Pat Piepenburg
- ❖ Adam & Yvonne Scheffler, Isabella, Owen, Marcella Mader, Amellia Mader
- ❖ David & Makenzi Stuckwisch, Joanna

The names we list are from what we have in our church records; if it is not listed correctly, please notify the church office so we can update our records. For prayer requests, please call or email the church office to be listed in the prayers.—Thank you.

THEME FOR 2020: JESUS OUR SHEPHERD

We will as the flock of the Shepherd, follow where He leads!

- (1) We will be faithful in Worship; (2) We will be faithful in our receiving God's Word at home and through the Church (3) We will be those who live without fear or want. (4) We will be those who lives bear witness to our faith in Jesus that the flock may grow and flourish. We will rejoice in our life together. This will all be possible, as we remember these familiar words from David in *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."* Psalm 23:1 *Jesus our Shepherd! This year and always!*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus Our Good Shepherd Leader

Greetings, the month is June. The focus for many is on the upcoming vacation that has been scheduled. Yet, as I write this newsletter on May 5th, we wonder, will I be able to take a vacation? Where will I be able to go? What will I have to do if I go on vacation? What will be open? These are not enjoyable questions as we continue to face Covid-19 and our new life within this virus.

However, while we may not know where we can go? We continue to know who our leader is. Remember these words from Psalm 23 vs 2 and vs 3, "He leads me beside still waters." "He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Yes, our Good Shepherd hasn't vacated his position as our leader, and while we long for a vacation, He never takes one! Therefore, I don't want you to take a vacation from Him either.

Thankfully, we have access to God's Word daily, and recently we have discovered the benefit of using technology to share the message of Jesus with you. This has been a time when, despite not being able to gather together for Worship, we can still know that Jesus is our Leader and He will lead us out of this time of Covid-19 ultimately to a time when we can meet for worship in person and also go on vacation. So, I want to continue to encourage you knowing that today is another day led by Jesus, and that He will lead us to better days ahead, including vacations! Below, is the way to access LCMS congregations in the area of your vacation, so that you continue to receive His Word and fellowship with fellow Lutherans!

1. Log-on to the Internet.
2. Type in the search engine: <http://www.lcms.org/>
3. On the eighth tab over, click on About.
4. Now, find the seventh tab called directories.
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.

LOCATE A CHURCH, SCHOOL, WORKER

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

FIND A CHURCH



SEARCH BY CITY/STATE

City:

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state/Province:

SEARCH BY ZIP CODE/RADIUS

God bless and stay well!
Pastor Seabaugh

COUNCIL NEWS

UPDATE: 2020 GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS: It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up. Eph 4:11-12 The current list of candidates includes the following individuals: Council Secretary: Adel Thiede, Chair of the Board of Elders: Joel Railing, Chair of Board of Stewardship: Jan Ashbrenner, Chair of Board of Trustees: Terry Stillman, Financial Secretary: Krista Nigbor. We are actively seeking someone for the position of Council Treasurer, and there remains an open position for the Chair of the Board of Finance. Minutes from the Church Council meetings are posted on the board in the sign-up area. You can also view them on our web site. Just sign-in and then click on the "groups" tab. If you are willing to answer God's call to serve in one of these positions, or if you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions, please email Ray Koeller at rdkoeller@att.net or call the church office (920)734-9643. *In the church, God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration. I Cor 12:28a*

UNTIL OUR STATE LEADERSHIP decides when we are able to meet we hope you are able to "attend" services via YouTube using the link Debbie shares with us weekly, or by connecting through our website www.goodsheplutheran.net and click the Worship Services/E-Giving tab then select Live Streaming/E-Giving from the drop down menu. The service is at 9:30 Sunday morning or anytime that is convenient for you to watch.

DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC'S MESSAGE

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

What a wonderful hymn to sing on Trinity Sunday. "Holy, Holy, Holy" was written by Reginald Heber and was published in 1826, shortly after his death. It was a part of 57 hymns that he wrote to accommodate the Church Year. It was voted as the "greatest hymn of all time" in a 2019 poll done by "the Hymn Society."

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! (LSB 507 v.1)

This hymn speaks of The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The text comes from a couple pieces in Scripture. Isaiah 6:2-3 speaks of Isaiah's vision, in which the seraphim are sitting with the Lord proclaiming to one another,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

Revelation 4:2-11 talks of the four living creatures around the throne of God, where they "never cease to say,

'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'" (Revelation 4:8)

This hymn encourages the singer to join in endless praise to our Lord God Almighty. "Holy, holy, holy" has been sung in worship for centuries. It is timeless, from Isaiah receiving his vision in the 8th century B.C, to the Apostle John recording his revelation in the 1st century A.D., and to Reginald Heber composing the hymn in the 19th century. We are singing what the cherubim and seraphim began long ago, and we continue to echo it today. Holy, holy, holy to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Some notes about music at Good Shepherd:

We had planned to have Brass on Easter Sunday, but due to the coronavirus we had to postpone the brass. We are planning on still having Easter music with brass at a later date. We don't know when that will be, but we can look forward to that time when we can all worship together at Good Shepherd!

We are gearing for VBS in the summer, where we will learn about Jesus as the ultimate guide and sing about how "Jesus is our Treasure!"

We are continuing to plan for the upcoming year for choir, handbells, Joyful Noise, TAPS, etc. If you or your child are interested in participating in any of these groups, or are interested in playing an instrument/singing in worship, please let Jacob know.

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DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

In this time of uncertainty, we are continuing to plan for future events. A few future education events that I know everyone is looking forward to including: Confirmation, First Communion, Celebration of Graduates, and VBS.

We want to ensure that people have plenty of time to plan for these events as they are incredibly important occasions for our young people in their Spiritual life. While we want to be back together and celebrate as soon as possible, we need to respect the guidelines set by our government. Graduation must take place before some of our students say goodbye to the Fox Valley and move into their respective colleges. We are shooting for August 9th at the latest and if we are able, we can move it up if we give families a few weeks to prepare their schedules.

Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated separately, giving each event the respect and time, it deserves. We do not want to have these services while under restrictions. Once we get the all clear to fully meet as a congregation, we will schedule these services and notify everyone in advance so that preparations can be made.

Vacation Bible School is still a little bit of an unknown. Typically, our education program runs in conjunction with what the school districts are doing. If school is canceled then church classes are canceled, however, with the technology that we now have it may be possible to do our Sunday School Opening videos in a VBS style. This will involve a little bit more work obviously, but we want to make sure that we can provide a fun educational experience for all our students, especially in these trying times. An example of how this could work would be for people to sign up for VBS and we could get the crafts, and game information to your family so that you could do those at home. We could video lessons and share VBS videos through our different online platforms.

I just want you all to know as parents, students, and members of this congregation, that though we are apart during this time, our spiritual growth never needs to stop. We wish to continually provide you all with educational opportunities and continue to help our students to grow in their relationship with God. If you have watched any of the Sunday School Openings or have had me as your teacher then you know that I always try to end class with I love you all and I will see you next week. I think that this is important now more than ever. I want everyone reading this to know that I love you and I can't wait to see you soon.

God's Blessings,
David Stuckwisch
Director of Christian Education

YOUTH NEWS

All Youth Activities including Confirmation and youth groups will be postponed during the time that students are not in school. We will be updating social media accounts and for Bible studies we will go on the Bible app and go through and select a couple studies to follow together.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO WELCOME OTHERS TO JOIN! For more information contact the church office goodshp@gslchurch.net or Pastor Seabaugh, Ryan Neumeier, and Ray & Debbie Koeller; who are studying Matthew via Zoom during COVID-19 please contact us at dkoeller@gslchurch.net if you would like to join us, Carolyn Berg, Nancy Smith or Ed Kumbier and Ann Cattau. They all teach/host Bible Studies in home or at church (at this time utilize online means to communicate and/or by phone). We will find the one that fits with your schedule. Grow in your knowledge and with the Lord and enjoy fellowship!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Join David and the youth as they go through a bible study on YouVersion Bible app. They meet via

ZOOM at 3pm on Sunday afternoons. To receive the Zoom link email David at dstuckwisch@gslchurch.net and he'll answer any questions.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE AND THE YOUTH GROUP will be partnering with Paperfest this year. The event is scheduled for July 16 - 19 and will be held in conjunction with the Combined Locks centennial celebration. Kitchen help and overnight security slots (along with other volunteer opportunities) are needed. Mark the dates on your calendar for now and watch for sign up information which will be available in June. Contact Bill Hanson at jhanson4@new.rr.com or call him at 364-0027 if you questions about this event. Youth members should contact DCE David Stuckwisch to let him know of their interest in volunteering. Profits from Paperfest will funnel back to the organizations that volunteer for it.



PRESCHOOL: Now enrolling for the 2020/2021 school year. Good Shepherd Preschool is a quality education in a Christian environment. Our state licensed preschool has been a Christian based high quality program that fulfills the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional needs of each child for over 40 years. We are proud to announce that Karen Hanson will be our Lead Teacher. 3 & 4 year-old program ♥ Monday, Wednesday, 9:15—11:30 a.m. ♥ Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:15—11:30 a.m. Please contact us if you are interested at (920)734-9643, goodshp@gslchurch.net or our website goodsheplutheran.net

STEWARDSHIP

Living with Conviction

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6).

Perhaps at one time we had little more than passing interest in spiritual things. Then, as the Holy Spirit worked in us through God's Holy Word and Sacraments, our commitment deepened. An intimate relationship with Jesus developed and was manifested by the use of our time, talents, and money for His purposes. We willingly started devoting time daily to the reading of God's Word as well as spending time with Him in prayer. We found ourselves eager to attend weekly church services and Bible studies so we could worship the Lord and receive His nourishment. A desire to commit a generous portion of our money to the Lord through giving to our churches and to others was born in us. Our lives and blessings were turned over to God to be used in His service.

Our relationship with the Lord is God's gift to us. God calls and chooses us, and He gives us faith to follow Him. May God bless and deepen our conviction for Him.

Application: How can we show our conviction for the Lord? Many opportunities present themselves during this time of the Covid 19 pandemic. Be alert and observant to offer help where help is needed.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"People are funny;
they want the front of the bus,
the middle of the road,
and the back of the church."



OUTREACH

We're in a season of disappointment.

In the space of 24 hours, we've gotten notice after notice of cancellation.

We've had multiple local events cancel like The Players Championship that heralds spring in my city every year. A half-dozen friends are making a quick trip to Walt Disney World today before it shuts down for the rest of March. Some are weightier cancellations. A friend's daughter was one win into the national college basketball tournament and fingertips close to a national title when an announcement shut it all down and her team flew home with deep disappointment. Work opportunities, mission trips, senior trips and once-in-a-lifetime events have been cancelled and we don't know how long this will last. We're in a season of disappointment. And while the timing of COVID-19 and these cancellations are outside of our control, our response and what we do with this time rests solely with us.

Because here's what Coronavirus hasn't cancelled.

1. Kindness hasn't been cancelled.

If you've been to the grocery store this week, you've seen it: people are getting testy. Jobs are being affected, people are worried and needed items feel scarce. We need to kill the tension with kindness. Kindness on the interwebs (please and thank you), kindness for those whose perspective is different as we navigate this season, kindness for those in positions of leadership making decisions, and kindness for each other as we stand in long lines.

2. Gratitude hasn't been cancelled.

This is when we need gratitude the most. In the face of deep disappointment, especially in deep disappointment, focusing on all that we have instead of what we don't is life giving. Gratitude doesn't change the circumstance but it changes us in the circumstance. And we always have a thousand things to thank God for. In fact, gratitude opens our eyes to all God is doing even in hard situations. [So, grab a pen. Start a daily good list or sit down and write 100 things you're thankful for right now.](#) You will be a different person for it.

3. Helping our neighbor hasn't been cancelled.

Our elderly neighbor or immune-compromised friends aren't complaining about cancellations. So many don't have the luxury of shopping the store shelves for more Lysol wipes or running needed errands right now. I'm preaching to my own heart because most days as a single, work-at-home and homeschooling mom, getting dinner on the table for my own family is a triumph. But I'm praying to see need in these next few weeks and to be able to meet it. In a season of disappointment, refreshing others always refreshes our own heart. It's the best kind of medicine.

4. Enjoying your family hasn't been cancelled.

As a girl born and raised in Florida, we know what it is to hunker down and wait for a storm, especially when life outside gets cancelled. I've always viewed the time before the storm as a gift. Kids come home. We gather close and share meals and game nights. We live in a culture always running to the next thing. Family dinners and evenings spent together are scarce. Making the most of this slow time with family hasn't been cancelled.

5. Pulling together as a community hasn't been cancelled.

Crises can sometimes bring out the worst in humanity but it often brings out the best. In the last 5 years, we've been impacted by three major hurricanes – two that brought serious damage and long-term power outages. What followed those hurricanes was old-fashioned community grit. The morning after one storm hit, a friend came by with his chainsaw to cut up fallen trees. An hour later, a truck load of college kids showed up to help with yard debris. They not only completely took care of my yard, but then cleaned the yard for the elderly widow across the street.

We don't know what the next few weeks hold but one thing's for sure: we have the opportunity to see the best of our community. To teach our kids how to rise above circumstances and reach out to help. I have a feeling we're about to see everyday heroes all around us.

6. Trusting God in all things is never cancelled.

Coronavirus-19 is not in control. God is on the throne. We don't need to wring our hands or fear because God's promises hold no matter what. If you find yourself in a cul-de-sac of fear, [take those thoughts captive to the truth of Christ](#) and free yourself to live in this season and through this season trusting God. You know, it's a gift to come to a place where we realize we are not in control. I came to that place after Dan died and as a sudden widow and single mama trying to shepherd eight broken hearts, all I could do was cast myself on God. Hudson Taylor said that God "wants you to have something far better than gold, and that is a helpless dependence on Him that He may have the privilege (the right) of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury." Helpless dependence on God is the best place to be. It's a place of peace no matter the circumstances and trust no matter the need because God is a good, good Father. Trusting God in the unknown, in the wait and in the hard is never cancelled.

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6

[You can read the original of this post at LisaAppelo.com.](#)

Under the everlasting arms,
Lisa Appelo

MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Friends,
Greetings again from Botswana.

Well, I guess this will be a short update; with the pandemic going on and being in lock-down nothing has really been happening here to report on. We are very grateful that Tim

got us fairly well stocked up before everything closed, so we have been doing well. Some essential services have been open,

and there has been opportunity to order food from some warehouses -- with a few glitches: we have ordered twice from the one place and never have gotten our orders; but friends of ours ordered four kilograms of chicken legs (about five pounds) and received 22 kg of legs (about 48 pounds). We were glad to help them out with their extra. On the other hand, we ordered ten boxes of matches from a different place and received 100 boxes and so can share those. God has been good, and has supplied all our needs (though it makes me wonder what is coming that we need so many matches!).

Botswana is starting to open up a little more (only six active cases of the virus right now), though rules could be tightened again if the number of people getting sick spikes. The problem is that the new rules for businesses and public places are hard for most businesses to implement, so many of them are just not opening or are having very restricted hours. That makes it chancy to try and go out and get things done since we still need to request permits to leave our house which are shown at all police check points. Hopefully these restrictions will be further loosened in the near future.

Work-wise we aren't sure what the translators are up to. Splash and Moronga were supposed to upload their completed work every Friday, but so far Moronga has only been able to accomplish this once; Splash, not at all. We are thinking this is due to technical problems; communication has been very difficult with them. We are praying that work is still actually being done, that it's just a case of not being able to upload it to where Tim can see it. It should be interesting to see what has been done when they can all get together again.

Otherwise the pandemic really hasn't affected our family too much, homeschooling is still happening whether the boys want to do it or not.

Praises: - Thanksgiving for supplies and friends who share.

- Thanksgiving that we and the translators can work from home.
- Thanksgiving that we have a lot of space in which to be 'locked down' (a farm).

Prayers: * Please pray that the translators and Tim would be able to continue work, each on his own (typically the translators are much more productive when they work in a group).

* Please pray that our team will reach our goal for the year.

* Please pray for Botswana, that the virus spread would be minimal and people would take precautions.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MAY 31 – JUNE 7, 2020

ALL GROUP GATHERINGS INCLUDING CHURCH SERVICE HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS AND THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMING 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS —THANK YOU

Buy Scrip Online – Did you know you can purchase scrip on line? Since we will not be selling at church the next few weeks, now is an opportunity to support your church by enrolling at Great Lakes Scrip Center on their website (<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com>). Please send an email to DarwinHanson@Centurytel.net or call him at (920) 740-2440 to get the code or assistance to enroll. Enrollment is required for Good Shepherd to get credit for your purchases. We look forward to helping you. You can reload existing cards or order new e-cards. You can pay using PrestoPay (\$0.15 charge per order) or a charge card (2.6% fee will be added to your order).

FINANCIAL NEWS

******* YEAR TO DATE APR 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE *******

YEAR TO DATE APR 2020 General Fund Contribution Recap

◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were \$220,838

◇ Comparable YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$220,580

◇ YTD 2020 budget expenses were \$242,154

◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were **\$21,316 LESS** than the approved budget.

Sunday Supper

Sunday, May 31, 4:30 PM

This supper featuring a cheeseburger, tater tots,
green beans, fruit, & a dessert.

**** free of charge ****

Holy Spirit School, Darboy Location
W2796 Cty Rd KK, Appleton

***Take out only beginning at 4:30pm until meals are gone.
210 meals and improved parking lot distribution system.
Please line up in parking lot behind the Darboy School.***

Stay in your vehicle and a volunteer will bring your meal to you.

**** MEAL SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION DUE
TO LOCAL RESTRICTIONS. ****

upcoming Suppers to be determined

*This supper sponsored by The Kist Family
with support from St. Joe's Food Pantry*



TOO GREAT TO GRASP

For more than three decades, St. Augustine of Hippo toiled over the mind-boggling doctrine of the Trinity. According to legend, one day the church father was strolling along a shore, wrestling with this puzzle. He saw a boy running back and forth, using a seashell to pour water from the ocean into a hole he'd dug in the sand. When Augustine asked what he was doing, the boy proclaimed, "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole!"

"That's impossible," replied Augustine. "The sea is so great, and the shell and the hole are so little."

"That's true," the boy said. "But it would be easier to draw all the water out of the sea and fit it into this hole than for you to fit the mystery of the Trinity and his divinity into your little intellect."

Indeed, only through faith can we accept the infinite nature of our Three-in-One God; for our finite human minds, it's simply too great to grasp.

