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July 2020 Newsletter

ALTAR FLOWERS: are given to the glory of God by Todd and Karil Simmerman in honor of their 24th anniversary. Happy Anniversary and God's blessings to you!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Prayers for Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison president of our LCMS Synod. Rev. Dwayne Lueck, president of our NWD, Rev. Jeff Smiles our Circuit Visitor for our district. For our church members and staff as we navigate through this COVID-19. For those affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Healing prayers for: Susan Reineking, Jeff Breitzman, Bill Van Eechout and Ron Blom. **Prayers of Thanksgiving:** Ethan Johnson and Alex Bergquist welcome their baby Beau Anders Johnson; born June 9th; —Congratulations and God's blessings to you!

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.

♥ Daniel Wolf

♥ Drew Biesterveld & Christina Peterson, Olivia, Lillian

♥ Steve & Karen Dejk

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 Shepherd and Defender

Since I write my newsletters ahead of time, it isn't easy to know what is taking place now, in July. However, as of this writing, we continue to exist under the cloud of COVID-19. Despite this, as of June 7th, we were able to gather together for the first time in three months, three months for Divine Service.

Amid the COVID-19 cloud, our country found itself in turmoil following the death of George Floyd. George Floyd, a citizen who was suspected of doing something wrong but was handled by police with such force while being detained that he died. The police officer who arrested him has been brought up on charges of third-degree murder and sent to a maximum-security prison.

These two events have rattled our nation and resulted in unrest, confusion, suffering, and death. This has been a difficult time for our country, so where do we turn? Well, as the Psalmist writes in Psalm 121:

- ¹ I lift my eyes to the hills.
 From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
 who made heaven and earth.

Notice, where does the Psalmist help come? This is no different for David either, as he talks about the Good Shepherd in Psalm 23,

- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.

Enemies come from the outside and the inside, enemies we will have with us until we no longer live here, and yet, God provides a table. A table that we have not had the joy of being at for three months. This table is where Jesus is, the table where His body and His blood are given and shed with, in and under the bread and wine. This table where Jesus says to you and me that we are forgiven. Where we have done something wrong, that is not held against. And as we have been forgiven, we likewise forgive one another. In the meal through our forgiveness, we are strengthened by Jesus for us and in us! I will leave you with one of our Post-Communion Collects:

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanks be to God for His continual care in joining us together around The Table: The Lord's Supper!

Pastor Seabaugh

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

The Board Of Family Education has met and has decided we will not be holding a Summer Sunday School/VBS program this year. We feel that with the COVID-19 pandemic and this being a new program this is not the year for us to start it. A survey will be coming out in the next couple of weeks to help us with planning for the Fall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jenny Hintz at jenny.hintz@sbcglobal.net or 920-428-9756

We have been working very hard to figure out what is best for our students and their families. The Board of Ed. and I feel that since we have never had a summer Sunday School program in the past, this is not the time to try it. We were very much looking forward to providing education opportunities for the students of this congregation year-round. This is why we will continue to provide the new educational opportunities through our YouTube channel. This has been an incredibly difficult time for all of us, but it has allowed us and provided for us and opportunity to learn new methods of teaching and sharing God's Word. We will continue to evolve and get better. We will continue to provide new methods of learning and ways that we can stay connected through God's Word.

Sunday School Kickoff at this time will be set for September 6th. We hope to see everyone there and we hope to be able to provide a safe environment and a product that we can all be proud of. We are going to have a hard look at our building and how we can maximize and optimize the space that we currently have. We want to utilize our classrooms to the best of our abilities. We know that keeping children at a distance will be nearly an impossibility but we can at least provide a space where that distance is possible. WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! I am called to serve, YOU, the people and students of this congregation.

The Board and I feel that there are opportunities that we can safely take advantage of now regarding our older students. We think that the youth can do things as simple as sitting outside in a lawn chair, talking to each other and having devotions. The senior class of our youth group and within this congregation will not be neglected and forgot about. They have been through an incredibly difficult time and I want to provide some opportunities for them before they go off to college. This will include the graduation brunch and celebration currently scheduled for August 2nd. Some of these students have been leaders within our Youth and served on our youth board. They have done so much for our program and they need these opportunities.

First Communion is set for July 19th and Confirmation is set for September 13th. We want to be able to celebrate these students for the active role that they are playing in their faith life. We as a congregation need to come together and recognize these students and lift them up and continue to support them and help them in their walk with God.

Adult Bible studies and small groups are available to meet off-campus or via Zoom based on what each individual group decides. These groups include Men's Bible, Pastor's Bible Study – YouTube, Koeller Bible Study, Get A Grip Bible Study, and others. You can find information on our Website or call the office for more details. While we may be frustrated and weary in this time of uncertainty, know that we will always be here. We will continue to work and to allow opportunities for worship and for deeper learning within our faith. I hope that you all will be able to join us whether it be in person or online. I have missed you all and I look forward to seeing you again. I love you all.

David Stuckwisch
Director of Christian Education



EDUCATION NEWS

All Youth Activities including Confirmation and youth groups will be postponed until further notice. 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.

SENIOR QUILTS AND CELEBRATION: If you have made a quilt for this year please email, text or call Jenny Hintz at: jenny.hintz@sbcglobal.net or 920-428-9756. I really appreciate everyone who is helping make this special for our seniors. We do not have an exact set date yet for our brunch and celebration but we hope to soon. Thank you to everyone for your patience! -Jenny Hintz



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO WELCOME OTHERS TO JOIN! For more information contact the church office goodshep@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 and we will send you a zoom invite. Monday, June 22 we will be covering chapter 12 of Matthew. We would love to see you via Zoom! 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.

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, goodshep@gslchurch.net or our website goodsheplutheran.net



NEW MEMBER INFORMATION: Want to know more about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Call the Church office 920-734-9643, or email Pastor Timothy Seabaugh tseabaugh@gslchurch.net with any questions.

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 rkoeller@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

STEWARDSHIP

A Broader Perspective on Stewardship

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile. So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's” (1Cor. 3:20-22).

FIRST THOUGHT: ALL THINGS ARE YOURS.

The danger in these words is that we might see the things that we have in life as ours. You see, when a gift is given, there is the idea that a transfer of ownership takes place. When you give a birthday gift to a friend, you transfer ownership of that gift to your friend. That is not the case in stewardship. God does not give us ownership of the things we have in life. More accurately, He entrusts us with the things that we need to support our body and life and the body and life of our neighbor. God entrusts us with all we need to steward our life and the lives of those around us so that we might be faithful stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SECOND THOUGHT: WE ARE STEWARDS OF PEOPLE.

As the Lord entrusts us with all things, we are to use these trusts for the benefit of our neighbor. Earlier in 1 Corinthians, Paul lamented the factionalism in Corinth. But Paul, Apollos, and Cephas were indeed used by God to steward people into the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those who created factions viewed the work of these men wrongly. God allowed these men, and you and me, to be stewards of people for the sake of the Gospel. We have been entrusted with wisdom from God, with talents from God, and with time to be present with those around us for Jesus' sake. The trust we have received from God was never intended to be hoarded by us. This trust is granted so that we might employ these resources for the sake of those around us. It starts in our families. But then this trust radiates out into our congregations. It permeates the way we live out the Gospel in our workplace and neighborhood, our community activities and relationships. We use what God has entrusted to us in ways that show those around us Jesus.

THIRD THOUGHT: WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE WORLD.

God entrusted our first parents with the entire creation in the Garden. How did that trust go? Read Genesis 3. But this failure to work and protect the Garden opened up the promise of the Gospel: God would send a Savior, not just for mankind, but for all of creation! Jesus is that promised Savior. As we have been baptized into Christ, we also have been entrusted with a new perspective on stewardship of creation. We steward the world in a way that reflects to God's love for it. If Jesus was willing to come to redeem creation, of which we are a part, then we have also been redeemed by Jesus to care for creation in a manner that reflects the love that God has for it. This means that we care for creation not out of fear that if we don't, we will all die, but out of Faith in Jesus Christ. He loved the world enough to die for it. We steward creation in such a way that it points others to Jesus!

Taken from StewardCAST, Dr. Wayne Knolhoff, speaker at District Stewardship Leaders Conference.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

JUNE 28 – JULY 5, 2020

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS AND THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

SERVICES WILL BE STREAMING VIA YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK @ 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS —THANK YOU

FINANCIAL NEWS

***** YEAR TO DATE MAY 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE *****

YEAR TO DATE MAY 2020 General Fund Contribution Recap

- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were \$273,201
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$265,138
- ◇ YTD 2020 budget expenses were \$302,693
- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were **\$29,492 LESS** than the approved budget.

WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: \$14,646
Designated Funds: \$862
Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,970
We are over our budget this past week by: \$676

This budget information is accurate at the time of printing but may vary do to electronic deposits that come in during the week.

MISCELLANEOUS

BUY SCRIP ONLINE – Did you know you can purchase scrip on line? Since we will not be selling at church the next few week, 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).

YOUR HANDS - GOD'S WORK:

Good Shepherd has been providing two meals a month for the women in COTS transitional housing program, even throughout the Safer at Home mandate.. It's a way to live our faith by assisting those in need. Now it's time for you to help. **It's a great opportunity for families to intentionally serve together.** We provide a main dish, a fruit or vegetable side or salad and a dessert for 20 people. You can make your own favorite recipe or we can give you a suggestion. You can contribute the whole meal or just part of it. The next meal donation will be July 19th and you can just drop the food off in the community room that day. Please contact Yvonne Miller at 739-2935 or archylake@sbcglobal.net by July 6th to indicate your intentions. If July doesn't work for you, just let Yvonne know which month you'd like to provide.



NAMING OF THE WEEKLY BULLETIN NEWS/ NEWSLETTER IS RESUMING and we would like more ideas from all of you! Here are some we have so far:

- ◆ The Sheep Shout
- ◆ Good Shepherd's Good News
- ◆ The Informant
- ◆ The Burning Bush

Plus other great ideas that many have turned in. We would like to finally choose a new name soon so let's have fun with it! Thank you to those who've entered ideas already, keep them coming!

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Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

