JULY 2021
NEWSLETTER EDITION

THE SHEPHERD'S PEN

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Prayers for our Nation and leaders. **Healing Prayers for all in need** including Bruce Kirk. Blessings for the birth of Raegen to Michael and Megan Koroch on June 22nd.

Pastor's Seabaugh's Message: Everyone a witness: *Freedom*

When someone or something is against us, opposed to us they are our enemy. Once our enemy is identified we want them to be defeated. Our enemy makes our life miserable, and we need to be free of them. The history of our nation is riddled with enemies and will continue to be. Our lives our riddled with enemy's disease, people, hunger, and on and on, and will continue to be. We can identify an enemy when we hear someone declare that which "we are fighting against."

The Bible is not foreign to recognizing and identifying our enemies also. If you use the English Standard Version of the Bible and look for the word enemy, it is found 100 times. Enemy is used to talk about that which is opposed to our body, but also that which is opposed to soul.

If you remember our confirmation studies and from God's Word, three spiritual enemies are identified: The Sixth Petition And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

These enemies we cannot defeat! No amount of personal perseverance, positive mental attitude, or strength matters. We are corrupt from birth and captive to these enemies. Therefore, we are hopeless unto ourselves and trapped in sin and slaves of the world and the devil. But God has a plan to free us from our enemies. A plan promised once sin was committed and a plan He carried out!

The plan: sacrifice His Son. Send, His Son, Jesus into this world now corrupted and have him live without sin and give His perfect life as the once and for all payment for sin, freeing us from God's wrath for sin and freeing us from the hold of our enemies into His keeping now and forever.

This Jesus did, living without sin, and surrendering His life on the cross as payment. In the empty tomb, three days later, we celebrate His victory for us, and know by faith that in Jesus we are set free and are to live in that freedom as Paul writes in Galatians 5:1–13: For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view than mine, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

This is our life of witness! We enjoy the best freedom of all, the freedom that saves us unto eternal life. Not even death can enslave us. As Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 15, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

So, we witness with the peace and joy of our salvation. We witness as we love God and love and serve one another. We live in the new life that we have been given celebrating our freedom daily!

God bless!
Pastor Seabaugh

2021 Theme:

"Everyone a Witness" based on Acts 1:8. This year, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will see how God uses us, our time, talent, and treasure to proclaim the Gospel.

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.

- Rose Vorpahl
- Donald & Kathleen Behnke, John
- Karen Kurth

The names on the 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.

Sermon Focus for July:

- July 4th: "Sent" Ezekiel 2:1-5 Special music in service Church Picnic and Games following the service.
- July 11th: "Go" Amos 7:7-15
- July 18th: "the Righteous Branch" Jeremiah 23:1-6
- July 25th: (St James the Elder, Apostle) "Serving the Gospel" Acts 11:27-12:5

EDUCATION NEWS

The **VBS** curriculum is being used all summer long! Join us Sundays between services at 9:15 a.m. for music, lessons, games and fun!

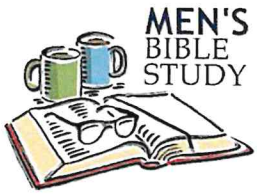
NEW MEMBER CLASS: has begun, if you are interested in joining our family or learning more about out church, classes are July 11th and 18th at 11:30 a.m. following our Sunday service. If you are interested, please contact the office at 734-9643 or Pastor Seabaugh at tseabaugh@glschurch.net.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth group will meet at these parks this month:
July 4th – Church 4th of July Picnic
July 11th – No Youth
July 18th– Darboy Park
July 25th – Pierce Park

Thank you to everyone for helping support and helping with the Brat Fry. We raised just over $500.

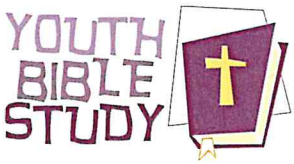
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:20 A.M. IN COMMUNITY ROOM

* JULY 11TH: STEWARDSHIP: IN TIME FOR ETERNITY*
* JULY 25TH: INTERSECTION BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE: Is That a Crack in the Wall of Separation?
* JULY 18 TH: INTERSECTION BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE: What Did the Founders Have in Mind?
* AUGUST 2ND: INTERSECTION BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE: Is America a Christian Nation?



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST AT PERKINS (E. COLLEGE) 6:30 A.M.

* 07/07: Stress/Resilience
* 07/14: Godly Man: Who Am I in Relationship to God?
* 07/21: Godly Man: Who am I in Relationship to Women?
* 07/28: Godly Man: Who am I in Relationship to Work?
* 08/04: Godly Man: Who am I in Relationship to Family?



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

- July 4th - no class, church picnic
- July 11th - ET, Foundations of a Friendship
- July 18th - ET, Following Your Friend

** Stay tuned for July 25, August 1, 8, 15, and 22

MUSIC NEWS

TAPS WORSHIP TEAM: We are looking for more singers and instrumentalists to help lead music. TAPS leads music on every other 3rd and 5th Sunday (and Thursday) of the month. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing, please contact Jacob Erdman.
DPM Jacob Erdman **Email: jerdman@gslchurch.net**
Phone: 920-734-9643 Ext 112

SCRIP NEWS

Thank you for hanging in with us on the GSSP (Good Shepherd Scrip Program) during this time of transition and into the future. A special thank you goes out to those who used GSSP and those who helped and continue to keep GSSP functioning during this period.

We will provide an update about every few weeks for a while – we plan to do so consistent with when we place an order. We pay $8.75 in shipping fees for every order we have delivered. At 5% rebate, earnings from sales totaling $175 are spent on shipping, so we try to minimize the impact. Volume makes the program more profitable as the shipping cost is spread as a cost over more sales having a lower impact on each sale. (Generally, we like to see $3,000 in order value to minimize the impact.) We will request the article repeat every week until we change it so we catch those of you who may be vacationing and attending another church for a weekend or two.

Please continue to give your support to the scrip program as you have so well in the past. It is an easy way for you to help your church financially.

Currently, scrip is being sold in the office. It is a bit out of the way yet allows us to be a legitimate fund raiser rather than seen as "money changers in the temple".

Please be aware Scrip can be used for many internet purchases also. And, after setting up an online scrip account, you can purchase e-scrip or reload some cards as needed. For a small $0.15 fee, you can have the purchase paid for using funds electronically transferred from your banking account. Credit cards can also be used on-line yet there is a 2.6% fee. This is because anyone accepting credit card payments gets about that amount (or more) deducted from the funds the user pays the credit card company. If you get a large rebate, you can be assured the deduction in payment the receiving organization is higher. (It is no wonder many of us are inundated with credit card offers.) Checks and cash can also be used to purchase online but as a matter of policy, we do not approve the order for shipping from our supplier until Good Shepherd is paid – and you need to give the cash or check to us.

We will continue to stock scrip for purchase around the service on Thursday night and between services on Sunday morning.

FINANCE NEWS

Reporting Financial Information to the congregation has been limited to comparing contributions to the budget figure and actual expenses. While significant contributions are made to causes and projects above and beyond the General Fund, that information hasn't been shared with the congregation. The Board of Finance is working to change the reporting process so that detail can be shared in monthly updates to our members.

In addition to contributing to the General Fund, members routinely provide support to:

- Scholarship funds for seminary students and church workers,
- Good Shepherd's Endowment Fund,
- Accounts dedicated to unbudgeted needs of the church building and it's property,
- A variety of mission outreach opportunities; e.g., MOST Ministries, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran World Relief, Bethesda, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Zion French African Congregation and the Hmong Ministry.
- Prayer shawl ministry

Please be patient as we work to develop a process to collect and report more detailed information without adding significantly to the workload of staff. Once that is accomplished, monthly updates will appear in The Shepherd's Pen.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE	
MAY 2021	
YTD ACTUAL POSITION	
YTD INCOME	$276,812.87
YTD EXPENSES	($218,706.86)
YTD NET POSITION	$58,106.01
YTD BUDGET POSITION*	
YTD BUDGET NEEDS	$310,112.00
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	$266,926.89
YTD OVER/UNDER BUDGET	($43,185.11)
**Budget approved by the Congregation which includes a 4th called staff.*	
In addition to the General Fund contributions shown above, our congregation has also provided the following specific support.	
MAY 2021	
Building Fund	$80.00
Electric Sign	$5,985.00
Endowment Funds	$115.00
Facilities/Equipment	$4,958.00
French/African Cong	$630.00
Hmong Ministry	$30.00
Human Care	$120.00
Vacation Bible School	$240.00
Youth Fund/Fellowship	$74.25

EVENTS AND OTHER:

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ELECTRIC SIGN UPDATE: We are about a third of our way towards our fundraising goal (based on estimates from 2020) for an LED sign on College Avenue. Envelopes for your contributions are available in the pews, on the table at the entrance of the nave and in the pocket of the poster in the hallway. Please consider donating your time and talents for this community outreach effort. We would like this project to be completed in time for our 60th anniversary next year.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS : What a blessing that our church home will be 60 years old in 2022! If you'd like to be on the planning committee for the celebration, please contact ANNE GRUETT 920-427-7372 or agruett@new.rr.com

LUTHERAN'S MENS FELLOWSHIP (LMF) WILL BE SPONSORING FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

COTS menus for July and August are now available and if you can help out by signing up to provide something for a meal, that would be very helpful. Thank you!!

ZION FRENCH AFRICAN CHURCH MISSION: We **continue** to raise funds to help Robert and Emmanuel be able to enter Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in the fall. *Here is our current total as of this week* *$23,863.* Our goal is with a total of $52,000 for their entire education. You can place your contributions in the box on the table to support this mission. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd.

ABSENT MEMBERS: If you know someone who is physically unable to attend church let the Church office know at goodshep@gslchurch.net. We can get them on our Shut In list, make sure they are visited and receive our Newsletter.

OFFICE STAFFING: The office hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Church Office is closed Monday July 5th.

Vacations for Called Staff this month:

- David is at a convention July 10th—14th
- Jacob is on vacation July 12th—20th

PAPERFEST IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15-18TH. It is a free-admission community driven festival featuring live music, food, games, rides and other fun activities. It is run by volunteers and the profits are funneled back into the organizations that help with the event – including Good Shepherd!

- You can support the event by attending Paperfest or volunteering.
- If you are interested in volunteering in a food tent, games, or security, please look at the Sign-Up Genius page at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ea9ab2da4fb6-paperfest5. Please read through all of the information regarding logistics and other details on the site.
  *Make sure to select "Good Shepherd Church" as the organization you are donating your hours to so we get credit.
- Please note the location of the event is different than prior years. More information is available at www.paperfest.com
- If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Knops at 920-832-1711 or mknops9124@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives. But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions. Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit. Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing. Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Faith makes a Christian. Life proves the Christian. Trials confirms the Christian. Death crowns a Christian

Activities

FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:
- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:
Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	(R)
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

R

9	7	4	6	1	11	8	5	2	10	12	3

ANSWER: 1. N, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O. RESURRECTION

ACOLYTE VOLUNTEERS:		SCREENS VOLUNTEERS:
July 1 6:30pm		Bonnie Sielaff
July 4 9:30am	9:30) Abbey Hintz	
July 8 6:30pm	Isaiah Seabaugh	Mallory Seabaugh
July 11 8:00am & 10:30am	8) Morgan Neveu 10:30) Alex Krause	8) Bill Strullmyer 10:30) Krista Nigbor
July 15 6:30pm	Nick Czerwan	
July 18 8:00am & 10:30am	8) Sean Knops 10:30) Kendall Hengst	8) Diane Simon 10:30) Bill Strullmeyer
July 22 6:30pm		Dan Lenz
July 25 8:00 & 10:30am	8) Abbey Hintz 10:30) Owen Krause	8) Debby Suchyta 10:30) Josh Nigbor
July 29 6:30pm	Isaiah Seabaugh	Mallory Seabaugh

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ☐ 1 Kings 3-4 ☐ 1 John 4	2 ☐ 1 Kings 5-6 ☐ 1 John 5	3 ☐ 1 Kings 7 ☐ Psalm 122 ☐ 2 John 1
4 ☐ 1 Kings 8 ☐ 3 John 1	5 ☐ 1 Kings 9-10 ☐ James 1	6 ☐ 1 Kings 11-12 ☐ James 2	7 ☐ 1 Kings 13-14 ☐ James 3	8 ☐ 1 Kings 15-16 ☐ James 4	9 ☐ 1 Kings 17-18 ☐ James 5	10 ☐ 1 Kings 19-20 ☐ 2 Thessalonians 1
11 ☐ 1 Kings 21-22 ☐ 2 Thessalonians 2	12 ☐ 2 Kings 1-3 ☐ 2 Thessalonians 3	13 ☐ Psalm 113 ☐ 2 Kings 4-5	14 ☐ 2 Kings 6-7 ☐ Psalm 33	15 ☐ 2 Kings 8-9 ☐ Psalm 58	16 ☐ 2 Kings 10-11 ☐ Psalm 36	17 ☐ 2 Kings 12 ☐ John 1 ☐ Psalm 45
18 ☐ 2 Kings 13-14 ☐ John 2	19 ☐ 2 Kings 15-16 ☐ John 3	20 ☐ 2 Kings 17 ☐ John 4	21 ☐ 2 Kings 18 ☐ John 5	22 ☐ 2 Kings 19 ☐ John 6	23 ☐ 2 Kings 20 ☐ John 7 ☐ Psalm 140	24 ☐ 2 Kings 21 ☐ John 8
25 ☐ Psalm 25 ☐ 2 Kings 22 ☐ John 9	26 ☐ 2 Kings 23 ☐ John 10 ☐ Psalm 23	27 ☐ 2 Kings 24 ☐ John 11	28 ☐ 2 Kings 25 ☐ Psalm 79 ☐ John 12	29 ☐ 1 Chronicles 1 ☐ John 13	30 ☐ 1 Chronicles 2 ☐ John 14	31 ☐ 1 Chronicles 3-4 ☐ John 15

JULY CALENDAR

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT CALENDAR THIS WEEK

(EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CANCELLATIONS)

CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD THUR. 6:30; SUN. 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Worship/Communion Service 9:20 AM Summer VBS 10:30 AM Worship/Communion Service 11:30 AM Zion French-African Congregation- in CR 1:00 PM YOUTH	28 Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off	29 9:30 AM Staff Mtg./ Devotions 6:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Elders	30 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study and breakfast 9:00 AM Kiwanis Meeting - CR	1 8:30 AM Shut Ins Visitation 6:30 PM Worship/ Communion Service	2 David Stuckwisch's / Jacob Erdman day off	3 2:00 PM Zion French -African Bible Study and Worship Team Practice - CR
4 9:30 AM Worship/Communion Service 10:30 AM JULY 4TH PICNIC 11:30 AM Zion French-African Congregation- in CR	5 	6 9:30 AM Staff Mtg./ Devotions 4:15 PM Human Care Mtg. 6:00 PM Stewardship Mtg. - Rm. 3 6:00 PM Trustees	7 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study and breakfast 9:00 AM Kiwanis Meeting - CR	8 8:30 AM Shut ins visitation 6:30 PM Worship/ Communion Service	9 David Stuckwisch's / Jacob Erdman day off	10 David Vacation 2:00 PM Zion French -African Bible Study and Worship Team Practice - CR
11 David Vacation 8:00 AM Worship/Communion Service 9:20 AM Summer VBS 10:30 AM Worship/Communion Service 11:30 AM New Member Class 11:30 AM Zion French-African Congregation- in CR	12 David Vacation Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off Jacoob Vacation 7:00 PM Book Club - Community Room	13 David Vacation Jacoob Vacation 9:30 AM Staff Mtg./ Devotions 6:00 PM Trustees	14 David Vacation Jacoob Vacation 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study and breakfast 9:00 AM Kiwanis Meeting - CR	15 Jacoob Vacation 12:00 PM Newsletter Articles are due 6:30 PM Worship/ Communion Service	16 Jacoob Vacation David Stuckwisch's / Jacob Erdman day off	17 Jacoob Vacation 2:00 PM Zion French -African Bible Study and Worship Team Practice - CR
18 Jacoob Vacation 8:00 AM TAPS Worship/Communion Service 9:20 AM Summer VBS 10:30 AM TAPS Worship/ Communion Service 11:30 AM New Member Class 11:30 AM Zion French-African Congregation- in CR 1:00 PM YOUTH - Darboy Park	19 Jacoob Vacation Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off 1:00 PM LWML in Rm. 3 6:15 PM LWML in Community Rm.	20 Jacoob Vacation 9:30 AM Staff Mtg./ Devotions 12:00 PM Circuit Mtg. 6:00 PM Trustees	21 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study and breakfast 9:00 AM Kiwanis Meeting - CR	22 6:30 PM Worship/ Communion Service	23 David Stuckwisch's / Jacob Erdman day off	24 2:00 PM Zion French -African Bible Study and Worship Team Practice - CR
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"The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to teach and reach others through God's Word and Love."

The vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to flourish as a Christ-centered community that gives glory to God by using His Word and love to:

- ◊ invite and welcome others into membership;
- ◊ support and grow the ministry to all;
- ◊ and, provide opportunities for spiritual growth and involvement.