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Our mission is to "Know Christ and Make Christ Known"

FROM
THE
PASTOR



An additional worship service is in the works. At our congregational council meeting on Tuesday, July 13 at the end of the meeting, when the majority of folks are antsy for a motion to adjourn, someone brought up the idea (again) of an additional worship service that wasn't strictly traditional. Surprisingly enough, instead of tabling the topic till next time or shooting it down, people actually wanted to hang around and talk this topic out. The end result was a council motion to explore starting an additional worship service that would be more modern in nature by this November. They appointed Evan Schaefer as its leader, asking him to recruit a team.



Why am I writing about this in my lead article? Honestly, I didn't want any of our members to be surprised by this. I'm also aware that new worship options within traditional Lutheran churches garner a lot of questions and a lot of anxiety... as they should. However, it is my hope that a healthy Christian community can ask questions and weather anxiety's storms for the betterment of its ministry and to the glory of God.

Just to be clear, a new worship option at Greenford Lutheran is something I gave up on back in 2016. At that time we had a different music director/organist and a different council. Back then council at the request of members asked me to "cease and desist" with moving the congregation toward having a once a month modern worship experience. Looking back I understand why that came to be and even see God's hand in that action.

In 2013, I arrived "on fire" with the commission I thought I'd been given by the call committee and consequently the church council to help the congregation move into the 21st century. At the time we had an active youth praise band called "Creo" that the congregation seemed to thoroughly enjoy. We had an extremely talented organist who had helped the congregation and choir learn new music. These were similar elements which I had used in previous congregations to provide a more modern/blended style of worship. Overconfidently I thought this transition would take about two years and be challenging but not heart rending. I was wrong.

What went wrong? There's always more than enough blame to go around. For my part I apologize for being more head strong than tender hearted, more goal oriented than member minded. The fortunate thing is that I can actually see God's hand in that first attempt "going down in flames" (I don't think I'm exaggerating about "the flames." Do you remember the organist calling a not so clandestine meeting to replace me with her pre-selected pastor whom she invited to the "meet and greet"?)



The good news was the council members who told me to "cease and desist" were folks I highly respected and I actually listened. For me to listen rather than react to criticism, that's a God thing! I decided to put the need for a more modern worship experience in God's hands, back off, and focus on other parts of ministry. Within a week of "licking my wounds" and wondering "Why Lord?" My mother's health took an unexpected turn for the worse. This led to her being hospitalized and dying the very next month.

Her death was not God's blessing. The blessing was that while I was trying to be there for her and my dad, I wasn't distracted by trying to serve a church that was out to "tar and feather" me. Another blessing was noticing God's timing in all this. God knew long before I did,



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that events were unfolding that would have a decidedly bad influences on transitioning to a more modern worship service.

Within 6 months our youth band "Creo" would break up due to graduations, school and work schedules. In addition to that the organist would resign. Looking back, trying to keep an alternative worship service going without any of those supports would have been the recipe for disaster! God knowing that sent folks to tell me "pay attention to your mother and your members... God will take care of the rest."

So here we are 5 years later and I'm convinced God's done a good job of taking care of GLC. Now, the council in a summer meeting when they could have gone home early... instead decides to talk out this topic again. Not only that, but they set a time frame by which they want to see some return on their efforts (this Nov.) Is it a God thing? Perhaps. The only way to know is through time and a lot of prayer.

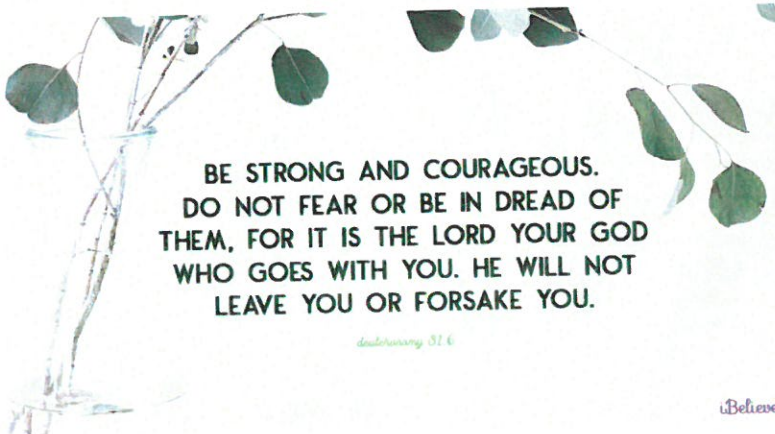
God seems to have his eye out for little Greenford Lutheran. Who knew when the music director bought an electric piano to replace the choir's practice piano in Jan. 2020 that it would become a key piece in offering Drive In worship during the COVID crisis? For that matter, who knew that the Men's Group taking advantage of a winter thaw in Feb of 2020 by completing an old wish list project of running electricity out to the shed and pavilion would also provide the basis for offering Drive In worship? Only through time and prayer was God's true purpose revealed.

So, time and prayer is what I'm asking of our members on this new council project. I'm hoping it will become a congregational project. I'm fairly certain for this project to truly be God pleasing, it needs to be member led and driven not simply staff led or council driven. Please, give this project time... and most importantly give this project your heartfelt prayers.

Who knows where this new project will lead? Maybe we'll have two very different worshipping styles under one roof? Perhaps we'll find out what we do best is traditional worship and that's all we need to offer? Those kind of possibilities can create a lot of challenges and anxiety for any congregation. Good thing we know little GLC is in good hands... no not a good council or a good staff... we're in God's hands and that's the best place to be.

All in God's good time,
Blessings

Pastor Mike



**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.
DO NOT FEAR OR BE IN DREAD OF
THEM, FOR IT IS THE LORD YOUR GOD
WHO GOES WITH YOU. HE WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.**

deuteronomy 31:6

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1	Lawrence Hall
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.....	Sandra McCabe
5	Ed Schaefer, Jr.
.....	Bea Olson
6	Vicki Keene
.....	Robert Kaiser
7	Mandy Jacobson
9	Jennifer Leininger
10	Kenneth Kastenhuber
.....	Loretta Schewirey
13	Madison Taylor
21	Taylor Hiner
23	Dorothy Kaiser
.....	Jill Leininger
24	Colton Burns
.....	Matt Brooks
27	Donald Olson
28	Matthew Hall
30	Logan James Drexler

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH & WHOLENESS: Marti, Brian Bair, Carolyn Bartell, Apollo Brown, Jessica Cuelbar Brown, **Tom Butts, Marge Cope**, Rod Cushman, Donald Everson, Theresa Everson, **Barb Feicht, Stan Fishback**, T.J. Irons, Vickie Keene, **Sue Lotti**, Holden McCallister, Ernie Maretich, Mary Jane Landis, **Cindy McCue**, Janet Sabina, **Raquel Scheetz**, Jason Schultz, **Ed & Suzanne Smith**, Kalani Tejedor, and **Carrie Toy**.

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Lane Bowman, Kasey Shidel, Richard Travis Toy, and Matt Yarab



3	Clyde & Shirley Martz
12	Evan & Sarah Schaefer
18	Chuck & Sandy McCabe



PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE COVID CRISIS: Darlene, **Olivia Bowman**,

Anna Brooks, Rachel & David Igo, Amanda Jacobson, **Jennifer Leininger**, Emma Smith.

SPECIAL GLC PRAYER CONCERN: Pray that God will lead GLC in offering another worship option that glorifies our Lord.



GREENFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING — 6.8.21

CEMETERY MEETING AT 6:30 AHEAD OF REGULAR MEETING:

In attendance: **Pastor Mike, Chris Kondas, Charlotte Fishbeck, Joanie Brooks, Ed Schaefer Jr., Evan Schaefer, Carrie Toy, Dave Chizmar, Delaine DeChellis, Brad Scheetz.**

Cemetery committee guests in attendance: **Donna Harbin, Clyde Martz, Brad Scheetz and Delaine DeChellis.**

Went over cemetery issue again which was initially raised by Donna. Around 2008 a decision was made to invest endowments and interest only was to be used for the cemetery fund. Funds were not shown as investment money on the treasurer's report so most council members were not aware the money existed. Question was raised how to go forward with cemetery funds. Clyde went over the numbers: Approximately \$3,600.00 for yearly maintenance, One yearly donor contributes \$2,500.00. Harold Everson oversees the cemetery investment account. The cemetery committee does not think the church should be paying for these (*regular maintenance*) costs but should show as an expenditure through the cemetery fund. Council thanked the cemetery committee members for attending and would discuss later in the regular council meeting and next month's if necessary.

COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance previously mentioned.

Devotion: Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Reviewed the minutes from last meeting, Delaine motioned that they be revised to condense the cemetery discussion, Char 2 nd .

Pastor's report: ** see attached

- Corn Roast date all agreed on is Sunday, August 15th at 5:00 PM.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer's report: see attached

Financial Chair, no written report

Fee listed on Treasurer's report is copyright fee for \$205.

Worship and Music spent \$313.50 on palms.

Brad asked about \$89.00 building expense.

Discussion about Building Fund and whether should include regular maintenance to the church and parsonage or just large building projects.

Delaine mentioned encouraging more online newsletter reading to decrease postage which is increasing. Need to make it easier for the

user.

Char motioned to approve report, Ed 2nd .

Christian Ed: Chris thanked Pastor for writing the VBS program. The church saved a lot of money and it was a big success!

Evangelism: ** see attached report

Member Care: ** see attached report

Fellowship: ** see attached report

Property: ** see attached report

Stewardship: ** see attached report

Worship/Music: Need to work on FB live audio and angle. Pastor worked on audio visual setup. ' Ed recruited helpers for Sunday operating technology but still need additional helpers.

Youth: ** see attached report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clarified real concern from cemetery committee. They would like to fund all cemetery expenses through cemetery fund, not current expenses based on ongoing investments and any other revenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeffrey and Karen Hum requested transfer of membership to our church. Dave motioned to accept, Brad 2nd.
- Discussion of donating the church van to Camp Frederick. It was donated to us and most agree that it's a good idea. Maybe agree upon a hole sponsorship at the golf outing or some small recognition. Camp Frederick loves the idea. Motion to donate by Chris, Evan 2nd.
- Committed to Camp Frederick camperships to allocate \$150/camper for a week of camp and \$50/camper for day camp. The remainder is to be used for any others needing help.

Ed motioned to adjourn, Chris 2nd.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 6/08/21 COUNCIL MEETING

PASTORAL ACTS:

- Worship leadership: (*communion Sundays). Sundays May 16*, May 23*, May 30, June 6*. Matthew Crutchfield, Youth Director, preached on June 6 for confirmation Sunday.
- I presided at the family Memorial Graveside service for Ellen Sox (died on 12/25/2020) Thurs., May 13 @ Grandview Cemetery in Salem.
- I presided at the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) service for Ella Crumbacher, Sun. June 6
- Visitation: COVID 19 restrictions are easing enough for in



person visits in facilities.

- Visited: Suzanne Smith, Tom Butts, Barb Feicht, Dick Souder, Marge Cope, Mary Behne, Judy Everson, Vicki Keene, Gerry Roller, Bettie White, Mary Jane Landis
- Member Contacts: This past month I was in contact with 78 families (out of our 98 families) either in person, phone, or email. (not counting the "call'em all" message)
- Prayer Request emails: 9

LEADERSHIP

Christian Education: Coordinating with Chris Kondas, Christian Ed chairperson, for providing theme for VBS along with help with recruiting and training volunteers. Serving as leader of the opening, lesson for older ages and leader of the closing.

Evangelism:

- Working with Carrie Toy to update our website/membership database.
- Posting sermons to website and video to GLC YouTube channel. Updating website as possible.
- Received New Members (Susan Lotti, John Lindquist, and Harold McCue) Pentecost, Sunday May 23.
- I served as the chaplain for the Greenford Memorial Day Parade Celebration.
- I've accepted an invitation to be the Volunteer Chaplain at Parkside Nursing Home in Columbiana and provide Thursday Afternoon worship service twice a month.
- Continue to serve as Editor in Chief of Newsletter

Worship & Music:

- Continue to work on Indoor Bulletin, Worship Power Point (Wall Bulletin), and Announcement Power Point.
- Coordinated readers for John 3:16 to be read in a foreign language for Pentecost Sun May 23.
- Sent out a "Call'em All/Text'em All" message Sat. June 5 to remind congregation of change to summer worship schedule.

Youth:

- In communication with Matthew Crutchfield in facilitating our service of Confirmation.
- Along with Fellowship Committee facilitated a small recognition of graduates on June 6.

UPCOMING:

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SATURDAY, JUNE 15
- Men's Breakfast Sat. June 19
- Father's Day Sun. June 20
- Youth Mission Trip Sun June 27 – Fri. July 2
- July 4th falls on a Sunday- Moving to Drive-In Worship for July
- **CORN ROAST DATE???**
- FALL: Return to fall schedule Sun. 9/5 Hymn Sing Sunday, Rally Day Sun. 9/12
- **Pastor requests vacation for Thurs. 8/19- Sat 8-21 for family wedding, and Mon. 9/13 to Sat. 9/25**
- LCMC Annual Gathering Sun. 10/3 to Wed. 10/6 held in Columbus OH- Cost approx. \$350

EVANGELISM REPORT FOR MAY

- -Donna Harbin is up to 40 everyday cards sent so far this year. If you see Donna please tell her thank you for her loving service of our Lord.
- I'm still working on getting our email addresses updated on our 360-Member account.
- Vicki Elwood has been posting on our facebook page. Her posts include Vacation Bible School, new summer hours, Memorial Day and Mary's Pizza Youth Fundraiser. Check us out on our Facebook page.
- Just a reminder if you have any items you would like posted on our Facebook page please let me know and I will make it happen.
- Facebook Numbers: People reached 1,171 down 47%, Post Engagements 556 Up 55%, Page Likes/New People 4 Down 50%

MEMBER CARE REPORT FOR 6/8/2201 COUNCIL MEETING:

- Flowers ordered and delivered for Mike Witmer's father, Dave Witmer.
- Small meals delivered to several members in need.
- Summer gift bags for Pastor to deliver for home visits and facility visits.

PROPERTY REPORT 06/08/2021

- ♦ removed maple trees from lilac bush at Cemetery.
- ♦ Replaced 6 light bulbs I fellowship Hall, an Chapel room
- ♦ Need to order more T-12 light bulbs or LED replacements.
- ♦ Plumbing repairs were made at the parsonage by a plumber paid for by the Paster's housing stipend/allowance

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, June 8, 2021

- May was Sofia Women's Center
- June is the Voice of the Martyrs
- July will be Mezu International foundation
- We will have a guest speaker give a temple talk July 11.

YOUTH REPORT FOR MAY

- We still have 4 places paid for without names. 4 youth canceled from the original commitment. Please help me search for filling those vacancies.
- Peperoni sales done. Coming in 6/13/21. Sales at 360+ rolls! Raising about \$900.00
- Final plans meeting for trip on 6/13/21 after church.

Greenford Lutheran Church Financial Report for June, 2021

Current Fund:	<u>June</u> 2021	2021 to Date	<u>June</u> 2020	2020 to Date
Envelopes	<u>10,002.30</u>	<u>65,033.42</u>	<u>15,470.15</u>	<u>90,918.65</u>
Loose Offering	<u>155.69</u>	<u>1,652.32</u>	<u>600.13</u>	<u>4,698.04</u>
VBS	<u>191.00</u>	<u>191.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Project	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Youth	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Discretionary	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>1,158.00</u>
Mission	<u>1,390.00</u>	<u>3,380.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Men's Group	<u>201.20</u>	<u>8,060.44</u>	<u>51.24</u>	<u>352.41</u>
Thru-out	<u>-</u>	<u>126.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Lent	<u>-</u>	<u>351.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>732.00</u>
Conspiring	<u>-</u>	<u>908.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTALS	<u>11,945.19</u>	<u>81,702.68</u>	<u>16,161.52</u>	<u>98,029.12</u>
Benevolence:				
Envelopes	<u>600.00</u>	<u>4,425.00</u>	<u>1,230.00</u>	<u>5,150.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Memorial:				
Envelopes	<u>-</u>	<u>2,005.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,206.00</u>
Leslie's Mem.	<u>-</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,709.30</u>
Cemetery	<u>2,030.00</u>	<u>3,340.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>	<u>1,915.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>14,575.19</u>	<u>92,872.68</u>	<u>18,146.52</u>	<u>108,009.42</u>



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TREASURER REPORT JUNE 2021

CURRENT FUND

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	- \$4,298.85
<u>Receipts:</u>	
<u>Church/e-offering</u>	\$10,162.99
(see below)	
<u>Total Receipts:</u>	\$5,864.14
(after covering overdrawn)	
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Fee	\$0.00
Electric Church	\$259.63
Electric Parsonage	\$83.71
Gas Church	\$58.95
Gas Parsonage	\$294.26
Telephone Church	\$150.69
Evangelism	\$141.55
Fellowship	\$0.00
Flowers	\$382.08
Federal Tax	\$950.42
State Tax	\$64.28
Pastor Salary	\$4,615.58
Pens/House Eq'ty	\$459.46
Secretary Salary	\$682.12
Music Director	\$459.09
Sexton Salary	\$507.73
Treasurer Salary	\$254.33
Organist	\$294.12
Youth Lead Sal	\$440.82
Supply Pastor	\$0.00
Payroll Expenses	\$26.28
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Postage & Delivery	\$132.00
Equipment Lease	\$274.59
Office Supplies	\$475.78
Repairs Parsonage	\$0.00
Supplies Janitor	\$96.12
Lawn Mowing	\$150.00
Trash Hauling	\$63.00
Water System	\$0.00
Worship & Music	\$448.61
Property Taxes	\$0.00
Bldg Insurance	\$1,538.00
Van Ins	\$209.75
Workers Comp	\$25.15
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$13,510.69

BALANCE CURRENT FUND - \$7,646.55

(from above)	
Church receipts	\$9,495.69
e-offering receipts	\$667.30
Receipts	\$10,162.99

BENEVOLENCE

Balance	\$625.00
Receipts	\$600.00
Disbursements	\$625.00
Balance	\$600.00

BUILDING FUND / BUILDING MAINT.

Balance	\$20,855.60
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$20,855.60

RYAN LUTSCH EAGLE SCOUT FUND

Balance	\$581.98
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$581.98

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Balance	\$2,350.49
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$2,350.49

JR YOUTH

Balance	\$4,312.14
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$4,312.14

LESLIE FUND

Balance	\$0.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$0.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance	\$28,007.00
Receipts	
Disbursements	\$100.00
Balance	\$27,907.00

MISSION TRIP

Balance	\$6,372.61
Receipts	\$1,390.00
Disbursements	\$940.00
Balance	\$6,822.61

CEMETARY

Balance	\$7,084.58
Receipts	\$2,030.00
Disbursements	\$1,260.00
Balance	\$7,854.58

CAMPERSHIPS

Balance	\$732.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$732.00

VBS

Balance	\$3,851.56
Receipts	\$191.00
Disbursements	\$1,350.00
Balance	\$2,692.56

MEN'S GROUP

Balance	\$7,158.67
Receipts	\$201.20
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$7,359.87

CHECKBOOK SUMMARY

Current Fund	-\$7,646.55
Accrued State & Fed	\$361.14
Benevolence	\$600.00
Building Fund/Bldg Maint	\$20,855.60
Eagle Scout Fund	\$581.98
Cemetery	\$7,854.58
Discretionary Fund	\$2,350.49
Jr Youth	\$4,312.14
Memorial Fund	\$27,907.00
Mission Trip	\$6,822.61
VBS	\$2,692.56
Men's Group	\$7,359.87
Leslie Fund	\$0.00
Camperships	\$732.00
Uncleared Checks	\$1,777.05
Uncleared Deposits	\$0.00
Balance	\$76,560.92



Fellowship: Delaine DeChellis, Chairman

PANTRY CLOSET ORGANIZED AND READY:

The paper goods cupboard has been cleaned and organized, thanks to Jackie Lipp and Delaine DeChellis. There are plenty of paper goods and about 5000+ drinking straws!! Check the pantry closet cupboard (off the fellowship hall) for any supplies you may need when hosting the Sunday Coffee hour or any other fellowship activity at church.



HOSTS NEEDED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

The Fellowship sign up sheets are longing for signatures of volunteer hosts. Remember last year when because of COVID we longed for simple joys liking getting together over some snacks and coffee? Well, now is the opportunity for you to make that longing true for you, our members and our visitors. What does that entail? A little set up before service, some stocking during the fellowship hour and a quick clean up following. You can usually plan on serving around 60 people. You can keep it as simple as you like. Our fellowship time is a "no judgement zone!" everyone's just thankful for an excuse to enjoy a little friendly church family reunion before beginning another busy week.. Ask **Delaine DeChellis** if you have any questions or needing help.



THE SHARING TABLE

The Sharing Table is back in the fellowship hall for anyone with an overabundance of garden produce. If you would like to bring in to

share or take home to enjoy! God is good! Thank you, gardeners, for your generosity!



GLC ANNUAL CORN ROAST:

The Fellowship Committee is providing hot dogs & beverages and oversight for the **Greenford Annual Corn Roast on August 15th** at 5:00 p.m. until dusk. Our thanks to the Men's Group for volunteering to oversee the roasting of corn and the hot dogs once again. Special thanks to Schaefer

Farms for providing a big top tent for shade. However we will need more help from the congregation. Evan Schaefer is organizing a Corn Hole Tournament complete with prizes in order to encourage attendance and with proceeds to benefit Adult/Teen Challenge of the Ohio Valley. The word's gone out to the community through our fellow 3 C's churches so we're hoping for a good turnout. We're asking the congregation to provide a potluck dish or dessert. Please contact **Delaine DeChellis** if you can bring a dish/dessert to pass or help with set up, serving, or clean up..





NO TIME FOR GOD

You've time to build houses, and in them dwell,
And time to do business - to buy and to sell;
But none for repentance, or deep earnest prayer;
To seek your salvation you've no time to spare.

You've time for earth's pleasers, for frolic and fun,
For her glittering treasurers, how quickly you run;
But care not to seek the fair mansion above,
The favor of God or the gift of His love.

You've time to take voyages over the sea,
And time to take in the world's jubilee;
But soon your bright hopes will be lost in the gloom
Of the cold, dark river of death and the tomb.

You've time to resort to the mountain and glen;
And time to gain knowledge from books and from men;
Yet no time to search for the wisdom of God,
But what of your soul when you're under the sod?

For time will not linger when helpless you lie,
Staring death in the face, you will take time to die.
Then, what of the judgment - pause, think, I implore!
For time will be lost on eternity's shore.

Author unknown

EIGHT RULES ON GOING TO CHURCH

By Bishop Vincent

1. Go early to church; not only to be punctual, but be in your place before the hour announced for services to begin.
2. Go in a reverent spirit. On the way, remember whither you go. Avoid lightness of manner and conversation on worldly topics.
3. Before you enter, or as you enter the church, breathe a silent prayer of invocation for the presence of the Holy Spirit.
4. As you take your place, bow your head reverently in prayer, for yourself, and all others who enter the sanctuary.
5. Resolve that you will foster no thot, fix your eyes on no object, utter no word that will tend to divert your mind from the holy purpose for which you should come into this place.
6. As the minister enters the pulpit, offer an earnest, silent prayer in his behalf.
7. In all the services, take an active part as a worshipper.
8. At the close of the service, after a moment of prayerful silence, greet with cheerfulness and good will all whom you meet, remembering Christian fellowship is a part of Christian worship.



A WISE MAN HAS SAID:

"If you want to get up—step down;
If you want to be seen—get out of sight;
If you want to be great—forget yourself."

This is one of 1,000 different Gospel tracts published by the
Osterhus Pub. House, 4500 W. Broadway, Minneapolis 22, Minn., U.S.A.
This tract costs 35c per 100; \$1.25 for 500; \$2.00 for 1,000



How much are you thankful?

I'm thankful a penny,
I will not give more, if I have to give any;
They're all the time begging for folks 'cross the sea,
Where I never have been, and I don't want to be!
They gave me this box, and I must put in some,
But I'll keep all the rest for the "Heathen at home!"

How much are you thankful?

I'm thankful a dime;
I think that's good enough to give all at one time;
It's a good cause, of course, and the need's very great,
But I've other expenses that simply can't wait;
I must have new ribbons and gloves, that is clear;
I guess that the heathen can wait one more year!

How much are you thankful?

I'm thankful a dollar;
'Twould be more, but I'm only a mission school scholar;
It was hard saving this, from the little I had,
But nothing I've done ever made me so glad;
For I know that the Bible means blessing to me,
And I want to help send it far over the sea.

How much are you thankful?

I'm thankful a prayer;
I didn't have money to send over there,
But I've asked every day that the news might be sent
With teachers and preachers to tell what it meant;
And I know I was heard by the Father above,
Who grants what we ask for in faith and in love.

How much are you thankful?

I'm thankful a life;
I've heard about lands full of sorrow and strife,
Of minds deep in darkness, and hearts full of woe—
And I've heard the command of my Lord, who says "Go!"
For His goodness and mercy and promise divine,
A life is small payment! O Master, take mine!

Lutheran Woman's Work

This page brought to you by former member
Audrey Schaefer's Tidbits and Treasures files

A Sermon

Six days a week the Devil works,
Works over time on Sunday.
And then he's ready once again
To go to work on Monday.
So if you will all evil shun
And keep your conscience level,
You have to start at early dawn
And work just like the Devil.

If you'd prefer to read the newsletter online, please
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mail. This saves the church \$\$ and allows you to
read the "colorized" version of the newsletter.



Christian Education:

Chris Kondas: Chairman

I teach
Sunday School
what's your
superpower?

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:

Yes, can you believe it?! The new school year is just around the corner!! While South Range School District starts on Tues. Aug 24 our Sunday School year won't begin until after Labor Day. We'll begin with our traditional RALLY DAY festivities on Sun. Sept. 12 at 9:15 am. We're hoping to have another great year following Christ's command to "Let the children come unto me" but we desperately need volunteers to be part of our Sunday School staff to make that happen. If you're willing to help contact **Chris Kondas** or **Pr. Mike**.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:

During worship on Sunday, September 12th we will be distributing school supplies and blessing back packs.

A donation box for school supplies is by the information table in the fellowship hall for those that want to help out our school age youth.



Blessing
of the Backpacks



**RALLY
DAY
SUNDAY,
SEPT. 12TH**

Sept 12 will be our first day of Sunday School starting at 9:15 am. We hope to have a great turnout of all our kids to start the year off well. An hour of fun is planned where we'll learn about one of God's faithful followers while enjoying a game and special take home craft.

Of course to have a great Sunday School, we need numerous students AND a dedicated volunteer staff to lead them. The Christian Education committee is once again asking adults of all ages to consider becoming part of this important ministry. Let's fulfill scripture's admonition "Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life." (Proverbs 22:6) We know many hands make light work, so we're hoping to have enough dedicated volunteers so no one is on duty every Sunday. Contact **Chris Kondas** if you can help.



Green Township Fire Department Picnic

The Annual Green Township Fire Department picnic will be Saturday, August 7th 4:30pm. Your presence and participation in this worthy community service fundraiser helps keep our community safe and vital.



"How wise are Thy Commandments, O Lord.
Each one of them applies to somebody I know."
...anon





Worship and Music:

Charlotte Fishback, Chairman
Martha Rogowsky, Music Director
Alyssa Titti, Accompanist



ANNUAL CHURCH HYMN SING:

Over the years we've often surveyed the congregation to discover their favorite hymns. Favorite Hymn surveys will be in bulletins the first week's of August (1, 8, 15, 22) and tallied over Aug 29. Then we'll use the winners in the upcoming Labor Day worship, Sun., Sept 5. We will incorporate the "Top Ten" favorite hymns into the worship service. Not only do you get to sing and listen to the "oldies but goodies," you also get to sleep in! Yep, that's right GLC switches to the Fall Worship Schedule in September so worship won't start until 10:30 am. Giving you an extra hour in your morning before heading off to the weekly church family reunion at GLC!

RALLY DAY WORSHIP- BYOF (Bring Your Own Flower)



On Rally Day, Sunday September 12, bring a flower with you to worship. During worship the congregation will be invited to place their flower onto the bare cross at the front of the church. It's always inspiring to see how Christians coming together in worship makes the cross "come

alive!"

And we're also inviting kids to bring their backpacks. For the children's sermon we'll be blessing the back packs with goodies and godly prayer for their upcoming year. Adults can get in on the blessing too, by bringing their briefcase for a blessing.

ALTAR CARE	COMMUNION STEWARDS
Sharon Ruffner	<i>needed</i>
LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Kim Best DeErla Schaefer	<i>needed</i>
USHERS	OFFERING STEWARDS
Dan Elwood Evan Schaefer	Delaine Dechellis

THANKS

Our thanks to our ushers, set up and take down crew that helped us hold our outdoor worship in July. It was fun to enjoy God's handiwork while worshipping. And it's always good to have "Many Hands Made Light Work" of ministry. Thanks Again.

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE OPTION??

Council member, **Evan Schaefer** has agreed to lead the council initiative of investigating and starting a modern worship service this November at GLC. Tentative plans include a differing worship time (Sat or Sun evening) and using more contemporary music. If you're interested in seeing this option being available at GLC we'll need "many hands to make light work. Evan is forming a "worship planning team" and is actively recruiting "teammates" for this project. There are no age limits to this team and prayer partners are deeply appreciated.

FALL WORSHIP TIME CHANGE:
Sunday morning worship will return to 10:30 am on Sunday, September 5th.



**Return
to
Regular
Worship
Hours**



	JUNE 27	JULY 4	JULY 11	JULY 18
ATTENDANCE	68	75 EST	63 EST	67 EST
OFFERING	\$1,715.00	\$1,660.00	\$2,321.00	\$2,360.00
Budgeted weekly goal: \$3,711.50				

Benevolence/Stewardship :
Dave Chizmar, Chairman



Ohio Valley Teen Challenge will receive our August Benevolence. Teen Challenge is a faith based rehabilitation program for all ages dealing with substance addictions. Ohio Valley Teen Challenge's mission is to introduce people in addiction to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through discipleship. By applying Biblical principles, individuals will be: rebuilding lives, restoring families, and reclaiming our community. Teen Challenge was once again with us at our worship service July 25. They always bring a strong heart-felt encouraging message to us.



Camp Frederick
 scenic center for spiritual renewal

June 12, 2021

Dear Members of Greenford Lutheran Church,

This past year all of us have navigated uncharted waters. There has been much uncertainty as to how we proceed in our daily living. One thing remains constant, God is at the helm and continues to keep and bless us. Nowhere is that more evident than here at Camp Frederick.

Your congregation is one of those blessings. The love and support you continue to give is immeasurable. Your most recent gift of your church van is an answer to one of our prayers. The van will enable us to transport our campers on canoe and whitewater rafting trips to servant events and more. Having our own van readily available may also help us develop other areas of programming.

On behalf of the board and staff members of Camp Frederick I would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation. You are truly a blessing to our ministry.

Yours in Faith,

Sue A. Sivak, Board President

AND BE YE *kind* TO ONE ANOTHER,
tenderhearted, **FORGIVING ONE *another,***
EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE
HATH *forgiven* YOU.
 EPHESIANS 4:32



MEN'S GROUP

Thanks to the support of our congregation, funds raised by the Men's Group, and generous monetary support from 3C's the Men's Group was able to secure enough funds to secure a local roofing contractor to install a new metal roof for the Shindler family. We received a nice thank you from the Shindler family (see below)

Thank You

We would like to thank all involved in helping us out. We are overwhelmed with gratitude! We pray all of your families are blessed as much as we have been.

We just can't say it enough!
Huge thank you from,
Jeff & Mary Shindler

The Men's Group will not be holding a breakfast get together in August. But hopefully our helping with the Corn Roast Sunday, Aug 15. and participating in the Corn Hole Tournament will give us an opportunity to enjoy some good Christian fellowship and delicious corn!

Current plans have us gathering for breakfast again in September on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 8 am. Watch your bulletin for details.

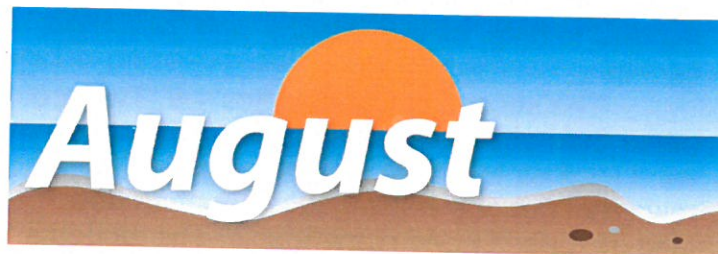
DONATION SHED

The clothing donation shed at the back of the parking lot is there for your donations. The money the Men's Group receives from the clothing do-



nations is used for special projects such as the new roof for the Shindler family. Please support us in raising funds for these worthy projects, by donating your "useable" clothing items.

THE ONLY THING
WE CAN TAKE WITH
US TO HEAVEN IS
THE SOULS OF OUR
FAMILY, FRIENDS &
ALL THE THOUSANDS
OF PEOPLE THAT ARE
WAITING FOR US TO
TELL THEM ABOUT
JESUS.



BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Please send all **bulletin announcements** to the church office by **9:00AM** each **Wednesday** for inclusion in that week's Sunday bulletin.

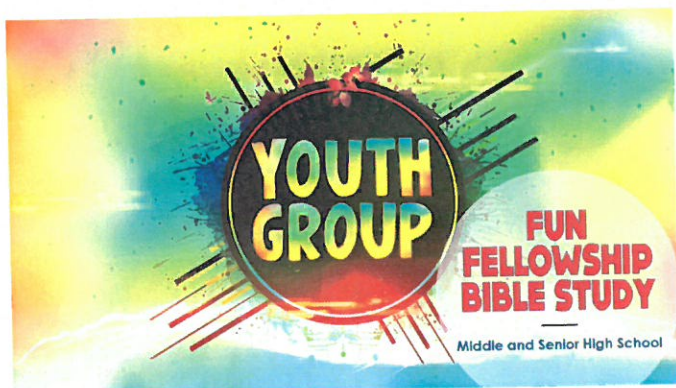
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES should be turned in by the **15th** of each month.

Please NO EXCEPTIONS



Youth:

Ed Schaeffer Jr, Chairman
Matthew Crutchfield, Youth Director



YOUTH DIRECTOR MISSION TRIP REPORT:

Three verses come to mind when I think about our mission trip to Lorain, Ohio. The first is Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." In our week, the leaders witnessed our students work incredibly hard to help those who are less fortunate. Our group did many projects such as painting, ripping out carpets, and putting in new flooring. Our students were polite to the staff of Next Step, to the people we were assisting, and to the other church that was present on the trip. I was extremely proud of the student's willingness to help, their resiliency, and their cheerfulness.

The second is Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil." The students received the reward of not only helping those in need but their increased bond of friendship. The students interacted well and relied on each other both at work and in games/free time. There was a development of friendship between the students that was exciting to witness. The leaders saw the students joke, play, laugh, and confide in each other throughout the trip. We even got a group of students to sing (or more rather yell) karaoke. I hope that this bond between the students can continue and flourish.

The third is 1 Corinthians 10:31, "so, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." In addition to their work and friendship, I also witnessed the stu-

dents worship and grow closer to God. While the student's spirituality is quiet and reserved, the mission trip planted several important truths that I believe the students will carry with them. They were able to listen to several testimonies of the providence and care of God from some of the staff. The trip also had videos that displayed arguments for the existence of God and provided solutions for the problem of pain in the world, etc. I believe the students grew closer to God and each other. Overall, the mission trip was a success, and I am grateful for what God accomplished on the trip.

Matthew Crutchfield



Cookout, Campfire & Christ!

Make sure you clear your calendars for a fun evening with old and new friends as we celebrate the end of summer and welcome another school year. We'll gather at Ed & Jen Schaefer's farm Sunday August 22 for a cookout and campfire, along with games and devotions led by our Youth Director, Matthew Crutchfield.

LESLIE ANN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Scholarship recipients: **Sam Brooks, Gracie Hiner, Bobbie Kaiser, Rod Kaiser and Brooke Sauerwein.** This year marks a milestone in the Leslie Ann Seidner Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since its inception in 2004 the fund has been awarding scholarships to member youth pursuing higher education beyond high school. In 2019 the fund achieved the milestone of awarding over 100 students since its inception. This year, 2021 the fund achieves the milestone of awarding over \$100,000.00 over its lifetime!



AUGUST EVENTS

F.R.O.G.S. (Fully Rely On God Stitchers)	Mondays @ 1:00 pm
LESLIE FUND AWARDS	Sunday, Aug. 1 @ 9:30 am
COUNCIL MTG	Tue. Aug. 10 @ 7:00 pm
CORN ROAST	Sun, Aug. 15 @ 5:00 pm
LABOR DAY HYMN SING	Sun. Sept. 5
BLESSING BACKPACKS	Sun. Sept 12
RALLY DAY	Sun. Sept 12

Reminder:

**Worship Service Time Changes to
10:30 am, September 5**

"WE ARE THE BIBLES
THE WORLD IS READING;
WE ARE THE CREEDS
THE WORLD IS NEEDING;
WE ARE THE SERMONS
THE WORLD IS HEEDING."

BILLY GRAHAM



AUGUST TIDBITS

- ✦ August is a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.
- ✦ Many countries in Europe see August as a holiday period. So much so in fact, that you'll find major European cities such as Paris almost completely empty of locals. Don't get your hopes up too much though, these cities are still packed full of tourists at this time of year!
- ✦ Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons, the month was called Weod Monath. Its translation of "weed month" is quite literal – in this month weeds and other plants grow the fastest in the northern hemisphere
- ✦ August 6, 1762, the first-ever sandwich was created, at least with such a name. It was named after the Earl of Sandwich when he requested a dish involving meat between two pieces of bread. As the story goes, he requested it as he was in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it.
- ✦ Those born in August are brought into this world under one of two star signs. If you were born before August 22nd, you're considered to be a Leo. If you're born on the 23rd or later, you're a Virgo. Leos are said to be very proud people who display great leadership. Virgos, on the other hand, are analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal.
- ✦ August was a big month for the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. It was on August 28, 1963, that Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous "I have a dream" speech to 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Considered to be one of the most iconic speeches in the history of the US, King's speech called for the end of racial discrimination and for equal rights to all.
- ✦ There are some pretty fascinating holidays spread throughout August which are celebrated in different parts of the world. On August 1st, we have World Scout Scarf Day.
- ✦ August 5th is National Underwear Day (US), August 11th is Mountain Day (Japan), August 16th is National Rum Day (US) and August 20th is World Mosquito Day. What a month!
- ✦ August is American Adventures Month, Get Ready for Kindergarten Month, as well as being the Month of Philippine Language!
- ✦ The US also has some pretty delicious-sounding observances for the month relating to food! In August the US celebrates National Goat Cheese Month, National Panini Month, Peach Month, and Sandwich Month. People who have been born in August: include Barack Obama, Usain Bolt, Sean Connery, Jennifer Lawrence, and Whitney Houston.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Corn Roast Sunday August 15, 5pm

Youth Group Sunday August 22

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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

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