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The Blessings of Work

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- > Fall Sunday School Quarter begins Sept. 7th
- > Men's Breakfast, Sept. 27th
- > Confirmation class and Mid-Week Teens resumes this month.

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At the end of the summer, we celebrate Labor Day, which is on the first Monday of September. Labor Day weekend provides an extra-long weekend for most people, and it often marks the end of summer vacation for students. Labor Day was established as a national holiday back in 1894 to pay tribute to workers and recognize the contribution workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Jesus knew the meaning of work. Before He entered upon his public ministry, He worked in His father's carpenter shop at Nazareth. In Genesis 2:15, God gave man the responsibility to till the earth. *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it."* This work is neither punishment nor toilsome. Work only becomes a source of hardship as a result of sin. There are all different types of work, but our charge is to work.



The following are a few of the reasons God gives us to work:

To provide for our basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing. *"If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat"* (1 Thessalonians 3:10). The fear of hunger will always be one of the great driving forces for the motivation to work. We are to provide material support for our families: *"But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever"* (1 Timothy 5:8).

Work keeps us honest. It is extremely difficult to live honestly without working. To the Ephesians, Paul wrote, *"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor..."* (Ephesians 4:28).

God wants us to share with others who have a need. We are called to work with our *"own hands, so that [we] may have something to share with anyone in need"* (Ephesians 4:28). Unless we work hard and make more than we need, we will have nothing to share. By God's grace, we can be generous.

Work is a great joy and blessing. It is a great source of satisfaction. What a joy it is to work so we can be generous to our church and to those in need. As we work, we should do our work as unto the Lord. *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"* (Colossians 3:23).



Call Committee Update

Our Call Committee has made steady progress this last month despite vacation and work schedules. We are pleased to report to you that after prayerfully evaluating each of the Self Evaluation Tools (SET documents) received, the list has now been narrowed to just three. The committee has since scheduled telephone interviews with each of these three remaining candidates, the first of which has already been conducted as of this writing. The remaining two interviews will have been conducted by the end of August. The Committee plans to quickly schedule a recap meeting to pray about our impending decision, and then to engage in a group evaluation of each of the three candidates. Our hope is that a clear ranking will emerge, and that the Committee can then ask for a special Voters' Meeting to introduce these three candidates along with their rankings to the congregation. Then it will be up to you as voting members of Shepherd of Peace to extend a call to one of these fine pastors. I can tell you that any one of these three men would quickly become a tremendous blessing to Shepherd of Peace were he to be the one called. My prayer, and I believe it's a reasonable one, is that by this time next month we will not only have called a pastor, but would also have received a response in the affirmative! Please continue to pray for the call process, the people directly involved in it, and for the Holy Spirit to work through the process, as imperfect as it might be, to bring us the pastor He has already chosen for us. ~ Mark Filter



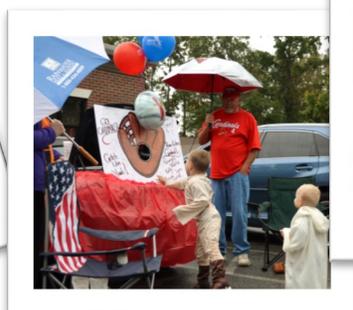
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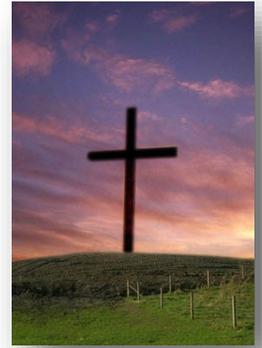
Trunk or Treat Volunteers Meeting

Fall is just around the corner. The trees will soon begin to change colors. A slight chill will nip the air, and everything will have a pumpkin flavored option. With Fall comes one of Shepherd of Peace's favorite events: Trunk or Treat. Volunteers are needed to collaborate and execute this year's Trunk or Treat. We encourage any and all volunteers to help make this the best Trunk or Treat yet.

A planning meeting for Trunk or Treat will take place Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30pm in the conference room. We hope you will prayerfully consider helping continue this fun, fellowship tradition at Shepherd of Peace.



Happy Holy Cross Day!



On Sunday, September 14th, we celebrate Holy Cross Day! Does the cross appear to be holy? Beautiful? Glorious? The cross is indeed a symbol of our Christian faith. It adorns our homes, our churches, is fashioned into jewelry, and even is engraved on many tombstones. All who are baptized into Christ have the sign of the cross marked on their foreheads and hearts, as they belong to Christ Crucified! The second verse of a wonderful Christmas hymn “What Child is This” tells us plainly the purpose of the cross. “Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you, hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the Babe, the son of Mary.”

The cross upon which our Savior was crucified and on which He died was not a beautiful cross. It was rugged, splintered, rough, and heavy. It was an instrument of torture, sorrow, and death. For all who believe in Jesus, the cross is beautiful, glorious, a place where sin is atoned! Yes, Jesus became sin for us on the cross! He is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! The cross is the center of all our teaching and preaching, ever reminding us of the grace of God given to all in His Son, Jesus Christ. Someone asked me recently about the difference between the cross and a crucifix. The crucifix reminds us of the great sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for us; in the death of Jesus we are forgiven and saved eternally! Now that is a beautiful cross!

While serving in my first parish, I was privileged to hold a weekly chapel service at a local nursing home specifically for those with Alzheimer’s and dementia. One of the residents, Nell, was always ready to share her faith. I had become acquainted with her daughters and their families. Nell became deathly ill, and I made a wooden cross necklace for her. She held that cross in her hand telling us that Jesus was still her Savior, that her faith was strong and that she soon would be with Jesus! Nell soon died holding that cross! In attending her funeral, the family had placed that cross in Nell’s hands as a lasting testimony of Jesus’s sacrifice on the cross for her and all who believe!

The cross be ever beautiful and glorious to you as you continue to tell others about God’s love in Jesus Christ! A most blessed and happy Holy Cross Day to all of you!

~Pastor Timothy J. Henning, Vacancy Pastor

September Service Volunteers

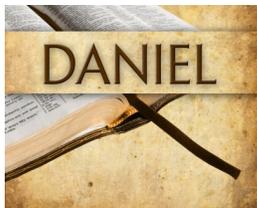
	8:00 AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister	Marc Higgins	Mark Filter
Acolyte	Keeley Ausburn	Katherine Tschiemer
Ushers	C. Fandrei & M. Higgins	F. Cates & R. Tilley
Lector	John Nazzaro	Arlene Behmer
Communion Prep	Wheat & Mahnken	Wilbern
Communion Assistant	Peter Christiansen	Michael Flakoll



Studying the Word at SOP

Members and friends of Shepherd of Peace have many opportunities to delve into and discuss the Word in various studies throughout the week! Here is a glimpse of the studies getting started (or reconvening) in September.

Daniel: Encouragement for Faith, Sundays, 9:20am, Fellowship Hall



Daniel is an early example of apocalyptic literature, which became common among Jewish people around the time of the Old Testament. Daniel has features common in works such as Revelations and is rich in language, imagery, and message. Daniel: Encouragement for Faith aims to help God's people today develop an appreciation for the type of literature contained in Daniel, understand how God communicates to us His message of judgment and salvation in Daniel, and appreciate the message of Daniel as primarily one of encouragement to remain steadfast in their faith. Jerry Geddes will be leading the discussions for this bible study.

A Study of Acts, Sundays, 9:20am, Youth Room

This ongoing study is an opportunity to read, discuss, and look deeply at the early Christian church. Acts is Luke's continuation of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Lead by the Holy Spirit, Luke guides the reader through the happenings of the church after Jesus' ascension. This study continues to explore the Acts of the Holy Spirit, the Acts of the Church, and the Acts of Peter and Paul. Ms. Dani leads this youth study and invites all youth ages 12 and up to join in the discussion.

Junior Confirmation I, Sundays, 9:20am, Classroom B

Junior Confirmation is a two part preparatory class for young people who have the desire to become active members of Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church. In Junior Confirmation I, students will comprehensively review Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, using CPH's 40 unit study, Exploring Luther's Small Catechism. Rev. Henning will be instructing our first year, junior confirmands as they grow in understanding of the Word and Lutheranism. (If you are interested in your sixth and seventh grader being a part of this class and have not spoken with anyone about confirmation, please see Mark Filter for information.)



Growing in Christ, Sundays, 9:20am, Fellowship Hall (Toddlers), Classrooms A & C (K-5th)



For toddlers through fifth graders, Shepherd of Peace uses Growing in Christ curriculum, which allows students to grow in faith, explore the Bible, and learn the traditions of the Lutheran Church. These classes are instructed by knowledgeable and caring members of the congregation committed to nurturing our youngest Christians, as they grow in Christ. Class Instructors are: Barbara Tilley & Ladye Hurley (Toddlers & Pre-K), Chuck Fandrei (K-2nd), and Kara Weigand & Gloria Cates (3rd-5th).

Junior Confirmation II, Tuesdays, 4:30pm, Conference Room

Junior Confirmation II is the second year of the two part preparatory class here at Shepherd of Peace. This class utilizes CPH's Applying Luther's Small Catechism, to help students learn the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine through a review of Luther's Small Catechism. Each lesson introduces and develops the topic, then allows the student to respond with real-life applications of the material learned. Mark Filter will continue to lead these youth in their exploration and application. Upon completion of this course, students will be confirmed as members of Shepherd of Peace.

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The Shepherd's Flock (Getting to know His sheep): The Quimbys

The Quimby Family hails from the Sunflower state of Kansas. Ken & Laura grew up in different parts of the state and met in Hutchinson when Laura was transferred there for work. A mutual friend introduced them. They met in January 1980 and were married at the end of October at State Line Lutheran Church, rural Wymore, NE. The church sits where you park in Kansas and walk to church in Nebraska.

Ken was the #2 man at Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Ks. He did consulting and acquisitions of space artifacts, capsules, space suits, moon rocks, etc. around the United States and overseas. Ken consulted at the Aerospace Education Center, located near the Little Rock airport. When the opening as President became available at the AEC, Ken naturally applied to head up this beautiful new facility.

Ken moved to LR in January and lived in the UALR dorm. Laura stayed behind to sell the house and moved to AR in May. Ashley was 13 years old and Austin, 8 months when they moved here.

When they moved to Maumelle, no one lived near them and the sound of tree frogs was deafening. Safeway was the grocery store and Pistol Pete's was the gas station. That summer Ashley bought fish so she had friends and Austin learned to crawl. Pastor Mayerhoff is probably still listed as an emergency contact on numerous forms because they didn't know anyone else.

Ken resigned his position at the AEC, the summer SOP began construction of the new building. He left without another job and Pastor Mayerhoff always said it was God's way of letting Ken oversee construction that summer. If that was God's plan, it worked.

God's plan included Jerri Shertzer inviting the Landrys to SOP where Doug in turn introduced Ken to his friend, Jimmy Womack about a job position at Southwest Power Pool. Seven years ago Ken went to work at SPP under Jimmy. The Womacks just became members at SOP. God made that full circle!

Austin has always had cars, trucks & motorcycles - first remote and then larger and in the drive way (+ now a ski boat) while Ashley found the love of her life at Parkview HS her sophomore year.

Laura still works for Kid's Directory where she has been in customer service for 16 years. Ashley and her husband Philip, of 11 years live in Sherwood and have a beautiful 2 year old son, Barrett. Ashley is Registrar at the Little Rock Zoo and Philip runs Davenport Lawn Maintenance & Landscaping. Austin, 18, just started his freshmen year at A-State, Jonesboro. He'll turn 19 in September. Amazing!

They consider themselves BLESSED beyond belief, where GOD has brought them & can't wait to see what HE has planned next!!



*In Christ!
Ken & Laura*



SEPTEMBER 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Quilters	2	3 Choir	4 Study Teens	5	6
7 Worship Study	8 Quilters	9 Conf. II ToT	10	11 Study Teens	12	13
14 Worship Study	15 Quilters	16 Conf. II	17 Choir	18 Study Teens	19	20
21 Worship Study	22 Quilters	23 Conf. II	24	25 Study Teens	26	27 Men Brfst
28 Worship Study	29 Quilters	30 Conf. II				

Schedule of Events

- > Sundays, 8:00am & 10:30am, Worship
- > Sundays, 9:15am, Family Bible Hour
- > Mondays, 10am-4pm, Peace Quilters
- > Tuesdays, 4:30pm, Jr. Confirmation II
- > Thursdays, 10:00am-10:30-am, Prayer Group
- > Thursdays, 10:30am-11:30am, Bible Study
- > Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Mid-Week Teens
- > Wednesdays, September 3rd & 17th, Choir Practice
- > Tuesday, September 9th, Worship Com., 4:00pm
- > Tuesday, September 9th, 6:30pm, ToT Meeting
- > Saturday, September 27th, Men's Breakfast

Agnus Day



Studying the Word *(cont'd)*



A Study of Corinthians, Thursdays, 10:30am, Conference Room

A Study of Corinthians is a discussion based study focusing on Paul's first letter to the Church of Corinth. It aims to emphasize the historical significance of the letter to the early church as well as the application of the letter to the lives of today's Christians. Chuck Fandrei leads this study each Thursday morning.

Mid-Week Teens, Thursday Nights, 6pm, Youth Room

SOP Youth (7th-12th grade) enjoy hanging out, talking about the Word, and figuring out together what it looks like to be a Christian in a no-so-Christian world. This year will kick off with "Going Through the Motions" and deciding on the servant and fellowship events for the year. Then, they will explore Harry Potter and the Gospel (*WHAT?!*). If you are interested but have questions, feel free to call or text Ms. Dani (501-413-7698).



Men's Breakfast, 4th Saturday, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

The men of Shepherd of Peace (members and friends), enjoy delicious food (provided by Barbara Tilley) and excellent discussions on various topics throughout the year. This group has been around for a long time and was formed by Jim Hudson. Now various members lead the study discussion, continuing on Mr. Jim's tradition. The group invites men of every age to come join the conversation.

The Touch of Gentleness

The teacher who dwells on the mistakes of the students gets poor performance from his/her students. The teacher, however, who praises the achievements of the children in his/her class, no matter how small, sees those youngsters perform at even higher levels. The successful teacher exercises gentleness.

The Lord Himself exhibited that gentleness as He prepared the disciples. Often He took them aside and explained His parables to them. He spent time with them, answering their questions, gently correcting their misunderstandings of the Father, of sin, of salvation, gently encouraging them to step forward in faith and service. So it is with us, God's people of today. We are the recipients of such gentleness of the Holy Spirit as He daily brings the Gospel of forgiveness, and leads us and empowers us to do works of service.



If we are leaders here in our church, we are to guide with gentleness so that people may feel the gentle touch of the Savior. If we are new volunteers, as we become involved in the life of the congregation, we can rejoice in the experience of the gentle leading of the Savior, of His Holy Spirit, and of the leaders of the congregation. We all can thank God that the Body of Christ, the Church, is indeed being prepared for works of service through gentleness, a fruit of the Spirit.



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THE PURPOSE OF OUR EXISTENCE

Shepherd of Peace exists to praise and glorify God. This happens when we are faithful in reaching out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in promoting growth in discipleship, and in performing acts of self-sacrificing love to all people in Christ's name.

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 AM - Traditional Worship
9:15 AM - Family Bible Hour
10:30 AM - Blended Worship



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Special Days in September

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| 9-1 | Labor Day
George & Kathy Heintzen (A, 41) | 9-19 | International Talk Like a Pirate Day |
| 9-4 | Bob Kling (B) | 9-21 | Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist |
| 9-5 | Evelyn Chagnon (B) | 9-23 | Ladye Hurley (B) |
| 9-7 | Grandparent's Day | 9-26 | Stephanie Miller (B) |
| 9-8 | Linda Geddes (B) | 9-28 | Michael Flakoll (B) |
| 9-8 | Robert & Larena Castleberry (A, 2) | 9-29 | Michael and All Angels
Andrea Heintzen (B)
Patti Lemons (B) |
| 9-11 | Melissa Anderson (B) | | |
| 9-14 | Holy Cross Day | | |
| 9-15 | Monty & Stephanie Anderson (A,30)
Ed Helmstetter (B) | | |
| 9-18 | Austin Quimby (B)
Gene Shepherd (B)
Tom & Clarice Wray (A, 54) | | |

