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#### PASTOR POCKET

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ! I pray you are doing well and you'd let me know if we can pray for you or help you in any way. I want to revisit my comments from the District Convention report. This was a report that came out early July, it was not included in the newsletter because I wasn't ready in time, but it was sent out via email and hard copies are available at church.

Questions and concerns I frequently hear (at the convention and at SOTH) what are we doing as a church to grow? Thinking as a synod and as a local church; for SOTH that we don't have young people. Jesus' words in Matthew 9:37-38 **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."** Frequently in our beloved LCMS we refer to that passage speaking specifically about called church workers. While it does include called church workers, it is also talking about all believers. We are all laborers for Jesus. Peter talks about this in the priesthood of all believers, **"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy"** (1 Peter 2:9-10).

As good Lutherans we say, 'what does this mean?' This means, if you want to see your church change, guess who needs to start making the change? You. :) Me. All of us. We all have duties and responsibilities with our **families** and we have duties and responsibilities with our **church**. We tend to forget that we also have duties and responsibilities to our **community**. Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4 and 5, and 1 Timothy 2 talks about our unity and bond, as well as duties we have to our church. 1 Corinthians 7, Ephesians 5 and 6, and 1 Peter 3 talk about our marriage and family relationships, how we treat and regard each other. Matthew 7, 10, 28:16-20, Luke 12, 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, 1 Peter 1 and 2, all talk about our conduct as well as our duties and responsibilities to people in our community.

This list is certainly not exhaustive. I hope you read these passages, as that is the reason I looked them up and read them myself! Why do we do this, because we are God's people. You are God's child. God claims you as His own, that is the promise God made to you in your baptism. Jesus has already purchased and won you through His holy precious blood on the cross (1 Peter 1:13-19). I'm asking you to continue to walk with the Lord. Honor and praise Him as you show your love for Him in your family, your church, and your community. That is what God calls each of us to do. We are called to be faithful with all that God gives us. In Isaiah 55:11 God says, **so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

Walk with the Lord!

**SEPTEMBER**



**Birthdays**

Oliver Tracy	9/01	Sharon Elledge	9/15
Erv Abel	9/02	Sharon Cadger	9/19
Joe Brown	9/04	Kay Schouten	9/20
Wilma Schmidt	9/04	Fred Carlson	9/23
Doug Whitesitt	9/09	Velma Wright	9/27
Christian Larson	9/09	Judi Luckhardt	9/30
Linda Prince	9/10		



**SEPTEMBER**

**Anniversaries**

Paul & Cheryl Jones	9/1/67	Richard & Linda Brunna	9/09/67
Anthony & Donna Spano	9/1/90	Walter & Bernice Schooler	9/11/49
Alan & Wilma Schmidt	9/3/66	Virgil & Chris Tudor	9/09/67
Howard & Barbara Stucker	9/7/57	Dick & Marlene Watson	9/15/56
Sig & Betty Stenlund	9/8/77	Fred & Shirley Carlson	9/27/75



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We will begin planning for our LWML Sunday which will be October 18.

We will need volunteers to help serve during the service and for the fellowship to follow.

Our new officers for this year are:

President-Karly Dockter

Secretary- Marsha Nichols

Treasurer-Sharon Elledge

We thank them and look forward to their return this fall.

The **Fall Celebration** will be held in Holtville, Ca. on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool and hope to have a large representation from SOTH. Please set the date aside and plan to join in the fellowship with fellow Christian women from our zone. The theme will be "Sharing our Gifts".

I hope many of you have been busy crafting, sewing, woodworking to donate to our annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale which will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We welcome any and all donations.

Sharie Jasper



**CHOIR** Calling all who would like to "Make a Joyful Noise".

Our first choir rehearsal will be September 23 at 6 PM. If you have never joined us, we have a lot of fun singing praises to our Saviour. Please join us. Sharie



**FOOD BANK**

As of AUGUST 23

**\$224.00**

**Grand Total**

As of August 23

**\$3,722.05**

**WOW!  
YOUR HEART IS  
STILL BEATING  
STRONG!**



## LWML SCHEDULE OF EVENTS-2015-2016

**Monthly meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 11 AM with brown bag lunch. During Lent and Advent we will meet at 12PM for lunch and meeting.**

September 9<sup>th</sup> Start-up meeting

October 14-regular meeting

October 18<sup>th</sup>- LWML Sunday

October 24<sup>th</sup>- Fall Celebration-Holtville, CA

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting and set up for fall craft fair November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>.

November 14<sup>th</sup>- Fall Craft Fair

December 5<sup>th</sup> –Christmas Luncheon

January 13<sup>th</sup>- Meeting and Setup for yard sale January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

January 16<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale

January 23<sup>rd</sup> Potluck and Talent Show

January 29-31 -Winter Retreat- Pine Valley

February 10<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

February 10<sup>th</sup>- Meeting 12PM (after Ash Wednesday service)

February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> –set-up for Sweetheart Dinner

February 13<sup>th</sup>- Sweetheart Dinner

March 9- Meeting at 12PM

March 19<sup>th</sup> –Spring Tea

March 14-spring Celebration-Calvary Lutheran

March 27<sup>th</sup>- Easter

March 6- Mini Retreat

April 13<sup>th</sup> –Meeting

May 1<sup>st</sup>- End of season Pot-luck and election of officers

## An Incredible way to look at GOD

When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities.  
When God doesn't solve our problems HE has faith in our abilities.

### GOD'S accuracy in the hatching of eggs:

Those of the **canary** in **14 days**

Those of the **barnyard hen** in **21 days**

Eggs of **ducks** and geese in 28 days

Eggs of the **mallard** in 35 days

Eggs of the **parrot** & **ostrich** in 42 days

Notice: all are divisible by 7

The number of days in a week.

### How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

-each **watermelon** has an even # of stripes on the rind.

-each **orange** has an even # of segments.

-each **ear of corn** has an even # of rows.

-each stalk of **wheat** has an even # of grains.

-every bunch of **bananas** has on its lowest row an even number of **bananas** and each decreases by one so that that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

### GOD'S wisdom is seen in the making of

An Elephant: The four legs of this great Beast all bend forward in the same direction -no other quadruped is so made.

-GOD planned that this animal would have a huge body too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so it can rise from the ground easily.

- The **horse** rises from the ground on its two **front** legs first.

- The **cow** rises with its two hind legs first.

The **waves** of the **sea**

**roll in on shore**

**twenty-six to the minute**

in all kinds of weather.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life. If we try to regulate our own life, it will only be a mess and a failure.

GOD has caused the **flowers** to blossom at certain times of the day. **Linnaeus, the great botanist**, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the **flowers** that were open and those that were closed.

**The lives of each of us may be ordered by the LORD in a beautiful way for HIS glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life. If we try to regulate our own life it will only be a mess and a failure. Only GOD, who made our brain & heart, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.**

When you carry "the Bible", Satan has a headache; when you open it, he collapses; when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, and when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you! Also, when you think of passing this on to others, the devil will probably try to discourage you, but do it anyway.

**LIFE WITHOUT GOD  
IS LIKE  
AN UNSHARPENED PENCIL  
IT HAS NO POINT.**

**To be reviewed & approved at September Council Meeting:**

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 19, 2015**

Jon Weeks, President, called the meeting to order and Pastor Josh opened with prayer and a reading from Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."

Secretary's Report: The Minutes from the 6/17/2015 Council meeting and the 8/2/2015 Special Council Meeting were distributed for review. Esther Foster moved to approve the Minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Sharie Jasper seconded, approved. Rob Cairns moved to approved the Minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Sharie Jasper seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharie Jasper distributed copies of the June and July Income & Expense Reports and the Balance Sheets for review. It was suggested that the name of the Building Fund account be changed to Fellowship Hall Addition. Sue Cairns moved to approve the June reports, Richard Watson seconded, approved. Richard Watson moved to approve the July reports, Sue Cairns seconded, approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Josh reported on the following: (1) The PSD Stewardship Committee is focusing on 2 or 3 items this year and is equipping Circuit Visitors with stewardship materials and sharing PSD Missions with congregations. (2) His training continues with Search & Rescue. (3) There will be a Pastor's Conference September 27-30 in Palm Springs, CA. (4) New member on August 23 - Roberta Roberts. (5) He reviewed our policy concerning the legalization of homosexual marriage and being forced to perform such marriage. SOTH is covered under the LCMS umbrella policy which states that we are a confessional church body and defines marriage as the union between one man and one woman. We do need to be cautious when renting out the facility. Our policy and contracts will be updated to state that we will accept free will offerings instead of renting.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: Vacant.

Elder's Report: Rob Cairns said he has made several visits to Buck & Alice Jones and he conducted service the Sunday Pastor Josh was in Billings, MT for his brother's installation. The Elders currently have enough help with serving communion. There will be an Elder's meeting sometime this fall.

Trustees Report: Richard Watson reported: (1) Since the Verizon tower is all but finished, he will re-do the parking lot (hopefully before October). He has an estimate of \$6,198. (2) Three crosses will be erected on the east side of the church. (3) Several burned-out lightbulbs in the sanctuary will be replaced and he will check all outside security lights. (4) The water softener will be moved from the janitor's closet to the outside of the building.

Evangelism Report: Esther Foster said Joyce Viether has a list of vendors for the Craft Fair in November and will start contacting them soon. We will try and put more vendors inside the Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship: Nancy Wunsch said we need to remind people to put the envelope number on their checks, especially if they don't use their stewardship envelopes. A reminder will be put in the bulletin.

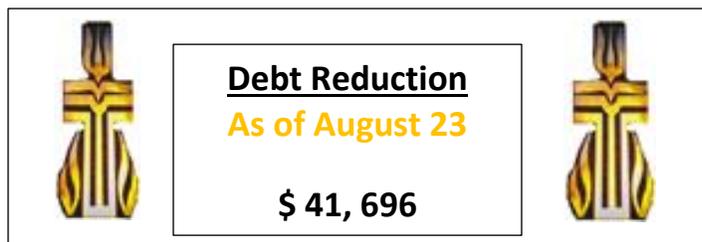
Education: No report.

Old Business: (1) Dr. Hartung will not be joining us this winter. He will continue teaching at the seminary in St. Louis. (2) Pastor Josh will post the Administrative Assistant position this week. (3) Pastor Josh had checked with National Bank of Arizona about online giving. They would charge a set-up fee, a monthly fee and an authorization fee per transaction. We will check elsewhere (i.e., LCEF and AEA). (4) Pastor Josh presented information on purchasing vs leasing equipment from HughesNet Gen4 for our internet service. After some discussion Richard Watson made a motion to authorize Pastor Josh to purchase a Gen4 at a cost of \$600. Anthony Spano seconded, approved. (5) The polo shirts are here and will cost \$20 each. Monies received will go towards debt reduction.

New Business: (1) There was discussion on providing transportation to Sunday service. We would need a pool of drivers and the request for a ride would have to be called in ahead of time. A request will be made for volunteer drivers. (2) We will have a Summer Survival Party on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. SOTH will provide hot dogs, buns and condiments. Everyone else will bring a side dish. (3) The question was raised if some of the General Funds should be applied to debt reduction. It was decided to discuss this at a later time.

Unscheduled Items: None

Sharie Jasper moved to adjourn. Pastor Josh closed the meeting with a prayer.



Contribution Envelopes: If you have been assigned contribution envelopes, please be sure to use them for all contributions. If your envelopes are not available, please attach a note with the number. This will ensure that all your contributions will be properly assigned. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please see Nancy Wunch, Stan Foster or Joyce Viether. Thank you.

Council Elections: There will be 3 vacancies on the Council for 2016 - President, Vice President, and Secretary. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please contact Jon Weeks. Election will be held in December 2015.

Administrative Assistant: SOTH will be hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant. Typing and Computer skills are required. Applicant must also be able to keep confidences. Email resume to [sothyuma@gmail.com](mailto:sothyuma@gmail.com).

**To be reviewed & approved at September Council Meeting:**

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 2015**

Attendees: Pastor Joshua Keinath, Jon & Diane Weeks, Stan & Esther Foster, Sharie Jasper, Nancy Wunsch, Gene Tulp, Richard Watson, Oliver & Maureen Tracy, Rob & Sue Cairns

Jon Weeks, President, called the meeting to order and Pastor Josh opened with prayer. There were 2 items on the agenda.

1) Advertise SOTH in the Marine Base booklet. Booklet is like the Chamber of Commerce book and is given to all new personnel on the base. A 1” ad would cost \$465/year. For \$690/year we would have online editing capability. After some discussion it was felt that, since we already advertise in the phone book and have a website, this would not be very beneficial. Pastor Josh made a motion to place the ad, Richard Watson seconded, motion was defeated.

2) Pastor Josh asked for Council’s approval to be out of the office Sunday, August 9. He would like to attend his brother’s installation in Billings, MT. Rob Cairns made a motion to approve Pastor’s absence, Richard Watson seconded, approved.

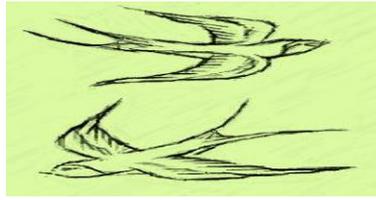
Pastor Josh closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

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**So you think you know everything ----- well, did you know -----**

- Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- Peanut Oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn’t smoke unless it’s heated above 450F.
- Nine out of every 10 living live in the ocean.
- The banana cannot produce itself. It can only be propagated by the hand of man. (Genesis 2:15)

Hmmm, we learn something every day, was the saying in the days of yore.  
Hmmm, that’s our generation too! ( yir )



***SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS*** ***September 2015***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>Fellowship After Every Sunday Service</u></b>	<b>SEND EMAILS TO: sothyuma@gmail.com</b>	<b>Christian Greeting Cards 2 for \$1 in Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>Wednesday Activities, Mtgs., Etc. at Church unless noted otherwise</b>	<b>Submit Calendar Info To → Sam Sears annsamse@yahoo.com</b>	<b>September 2015 calendar items needed by Aug. 24th</b>	<b>“Refired – not Retired” Envelopes Available</b>
		<u>1</u> 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at SOTH	<u>2</u> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study at SOTH	<u>3</u> 11 a.m. Ladies Luncheon At Denny’s	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 5 p.m. Pot Luck Supper Summer Survival Party at church
<u>6</u> 8:15 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	<u>7</u> 	<u>8</u> 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at SOTH	<u>9</u> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study at SOTH 11 am LWML Mtg/BB Lunch	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 8:15 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship Grandparents’ Day	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at SOTH	<u>16</u> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study at SOTH Council Mtg 7pm	<u>17</u>  Citizenship Day	<u>18</u>  <b>Pray for them!</b>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> 8:15 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 Worship w/Communion	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at SOTH	<u>23</u> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study at SOTH 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 8:15 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship Mite Box Collection	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study at SOTH	<u>30</u> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study at SOTH 6:00 pm Choir Practice			
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