



**SHEPHERD
OF THE HILLS**
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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When you want to go somewhere, what do you do? You get in your car and drive. What would happen if you just got in your car and put on your seatbelt? You wouldn't get anywhere. You have to engage the car. You need to start it, put it in gear, use the controls and drive. It's also important that you obey the traffic laws, you can't just do whatever you want to do, because that's dangerous to yourself, to others, plus there are other consequences such as tickets and possibly losing your license or worse. But you can't just drive your car as long as you want to either. You need to stop for gas. It will need maintenance, tires, possibly some engine work. And when it's fixed, it's ready to be properly engaged again.

I've been thinking about how this analogy fits with life as a member in God's Church. We all want to get to heaven and we all want our loved ones and more to be there as well. We all want the church to grow and flourish, to be a vibrant community. A place where people of all ages have faith in Christ Jesus. A place that truthfully and faithfully teaches, preaches and practices God's Word and Sacraments.

There are some people that have quite a passive approach to being God's child. They come to church on Sunday and attend worship without a desire to get involved or help in areas needing help. There are some that take an overly aggressive approach and try to assert more control and authority to a point where it's more damaging than helpful.

So where's the sweet spot? The sweet spot is where we all see we each have a role in God's Church. Inside and outside the physical church, we are all called to love. **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37b-38).**

How can you serve? That's a question we all need to think and answer for ourselves. What is truly feasible for you? Are you doing too little or too much? Do you try to wiggle yourself free, casting excuses instead of action? There are numerous ways to serve God. Colossians 3:12-17 **"¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."**

Acts 20:24: **"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."**

Joyful Response Electronic Donation Program

We are now able to offer an Electronic Donation Program: Joyful Response.

This program is offered through Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). It is a convenient, safe and simple way to give your church offering. No more need to write a weekly check, it can be directly withdrawn from your personal bank account. Just fill out the form below and return to the church office to get started. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kelly @ 928-345-9694.

Joyful Response[®] Electronic Donation Program

Enrollment/Change Form

Complete this form and return it to the ministry office to begin or change your current stewardship giving. Your donations will be made automatically each month from your bank account or your LCEF StewardAccount[®].

Check the appropriate box:

New enrollment Donation change Account information change

Please Print in Black Ink

Member Last Name First Name MI Daytime Telephone

Mailing Address City, State, ZIP Email Address

Organization Name Organization Telephone Number

Organization Address City, State, ZIP

My Giving Plan

_____ divided by _____ = \$ _____
Total Donation Months to Pay Monthly Transfer Amount

Debiting Account

Debit from:

Checking
 Savings
 LCEF StewardAccount

Account Number _____

Routing Number (First nine numbers in bottom left-hand corner of check) _____

Transfer Date (check one):

Semi-monthly (1st and 15th)
 Monthly on the 1st
 Monthly on the 15th
 Other _____

Start date: ____/____/____
End date (if any): ____/____/____

Authorization

I authorize the above-named organization to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization or until the last specified payment date.

Authorized Signature for Account _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY MINISTRY OFFICE

Participant ID# _____ Initials _____
Vanco Client ID# _____ Date _____

Attach void check or savings deposit slip here.

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August Birthdays



KOPPE, Dick	08/08	KNOLLE, Tammy	08/17
SANDERSON, Nancy	08/08	RICE, Carol	08/17
SHAW, Bev	08/08	ALLEN, Sharon	08/24
LESPERANCE, Mike	08/09	LARISON, Marlene	08/24
PICKETT, Bubbles	08/09	MANN, Bernice	08/24
JASPER, Sharie	08/11	WEST, Brenda	08/25
LOMAX, Daniel	08/13	LARSON, Maria	08/26
DOCKTER, Karly	08/14	FRIESENEGGER, Michael	08/29
KEHLER, John	08/14	ROBERTS, Roberta	08/29
STUCKER, Howard	08/14	CAIRNS, Sue	08/30
STENLUND, Betty	08/15	BRYAN, Delores J.	08/31



August Anniversaries

WHITMAN, Frank & Sylvia (32)	08/08
WORKMAN, Jim & Yong (26)	08/08
ADELMAN, Ron & Ruth (58)	08/15
FERGUSON, Jerry & Bev. (59)	08/23
SANDERSON, Nancy & Tom (58)	08/30



FOOD BANK

July

\$504.50

SEASON TOTAL

\$4560.72

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Stewardship Corner

As God's people, how important is money to us? The high esteem in which our society holds money is in contrast to Jesus' view of money and things. Money was important in Jesus' time, but Jesus called a wealthy farmer a "Rich Fool" because he hoarded it for himself. He didn't see his wealth or his ability to gain riches as God's gift. Jesus said, *"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). The Rich Fool died suddenly, leaving behind all he'd labored over and worshipped. Jesus concluded the Parable of the Rich Fool by saying, *"Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God"* (Luke 12:20-21)

Relying on the Holy Spirit – from Ron Chewning – Steward Builders

In our spiritual journeys, it is important that we understand two words that pertain to our salvation: justification and sanctification. Most of us can readily offer a good explanation of justification because as Christians we understand that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus, Who came to live among us and atoned for our sins on the Cross. We are declared righteous because Jesus' righteousness is imputed to us. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins."* (Romans 3:21-25). Placing our faith in Jesus frees us from the penalty of sin and death. We are given new birth in Jesus.

After being justified, our lives take on a new purpose and direction. We are now walking with the Lord. We are forgiven from the penalty of sin, and we have the power to sin less. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and empowers us to live lives that are more Christ-like. Living lives led by the Holy Spirit is a process known as sanctification. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are no longer slaves to sin. Sanctification continues during our lifetimes. Sin will never be avoided, but we belong to Jesus so we will sin less. Our lives are committed to pleasing Him and doing His will. We use our time, talents, and money in ways that give our Lord honor and glory. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we spend time in reading and studying God's Word, praying, and attending worship services and receiving communion.

To be reviewed and approved at the Council Meeting in August:

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COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2016

Attendees: Pastor Josh Keinath, Oliver & Maureen Tracy, Rob & Sue Cairns, Tammy Knolle, Jon Weeks, Sharie Jasper and Rodney Hartleib.

Oliver Tracy, Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and Pastor Josh read Psalms 46:1 and opened in prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 6/15/2016 Council meeting were distributed for review Sue Cairns moved to approve the Minutes. Rob Cairns seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the March Income & Expense Report and the Balance Sheet were distributed for review. The excess funds over the \$50,000 balance will be transferred to the building fund. (\$19,000)

Building Report Update: Rob Hartleib was waiting on additional information from the realtor about 2 properties we were interested in. The realtor hasn't been providing much information in a timely manner. Still waiting for the specifics on state owned land and it's availability. Rod suggested going to another realtor, Carol Ingler who he has worked with before and feels she will get the job done for us. Next step is to find property or properties and bring back the choices to the church to decide, and then on to the Building Commission.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Josh introduced the "Power Church Program" for assistance for Kelly for technical help with her computer based programs. This service would cost \$124 for 6 months for unlimited calls and/or emails. (Compared to \$30 per call now) Sharie Jasper moved to approve and Tammy Knolle seconded, motion approved. Pastor also mentioned the need for additional mail boxes, or phase out the need for all church members to have one. This issue will be taken to the next Voter's Meeting before we act. The window in the sanctuary still needs to be replaced. Helping Hands has requested financial assistance. The property they are on, is held in the Schechert family trust. Helping hands is trying to pay off the back taxes to retain the property, but are running into problems. Pastor Josh distributed their financial statement for review by the council. He suggested we make a \$500 donation to help. Sue Cairns made a motion to approve the donation and Tammy Knolle seconded. The motion was approved. Pastor Josh will be on vacation beginning Thursday July 21, 2016.

President's Report: No report

Vice President's report: No report

Elders Report: No report.

Trustee's Report: No report.

Evangelism Report: Tammy thanked everyone for the Food Bank donations.

Stewardship Report: No report.

Education: Sunday school classes are off to a good start. They have completed the first 2 chapters of Genesis.

Old Business: Joyful Response will have flyers printed to be available.

New Business: No new business

Unscheduled Items: None

Sharie Jasper made a motion to adjourn, Pastor Josh Keinath seconded, approved. Pastor Josh closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

AUGUST 2016 - SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fellowship every Sunday after the service. 1	2	7:30am Men's Bible Study	9:30am Adult Bible Study	4	5	6
7 8:15am Bible Study 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Service w/ communion	8	7:30am Men's Bible Study	9:30am Adult Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:15am Bible Study 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	15	7:30am Men's Bible Study	9:30am Adult Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting	18	19	20
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28 8:15am Bible Study 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service Mite Box Collection	29	7:30am Men's Bible Study	9:30am Adult Bible Study			Use SOTH Church Updates: SOTHchurchupdates.org