



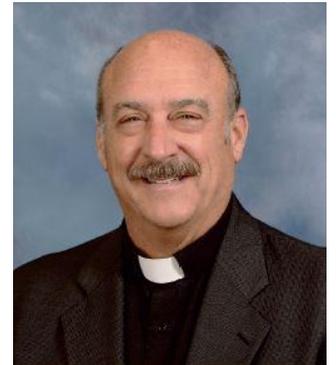
The Shepherd's Voice

July, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

Pastor's Page

As I write this article, the first day of summer is on the horizon, so welcome to the summer season! What I have normally done in the past at the beginning of summer is look over the scripture readings that will be used in worship for the entire summer season. I look for common themes and/or trends within all these readings. Should I focus on any one theme or trend and make that a theme for the summer? Should I just take these readings one week at a time? While I was doing this, I noticed several first testament readings will be coming from the book named for the prophet Jeremiah. I found it ironic that the prophet Jeremiah was hard at work during a tumultuous time in history for the people of the kingdom of Judah. Jeremiah was compelled to speak out even though he had no assurance that his words would have any effect. In his world there were lots of questions and not a whole lot of answers. Sound familiar?



Normally, this time of year there are cookouts and family gatherings. We have vacations and time at the beach. Maybe, there might be a trip to one of the attractions in Orlando or Tampa squeezed in there somewhere. Cruises? Don't even think about it!

Now we worry about the regular weekly routine. Are there going to be trips to our favorite restaurants? Is it safe to go to the grocery store or the drug store? Should we go to worship on Sunday morning? Now, we have to worry about social distancing, face masks, and percentages of a building's seating capacity. Who would have ever imagined going to the church on Sunday morning could be hazardous to your health? Is this the new normal? Will anything ever get back to the way it used to be? Where is God in all this?

Jeremiah and the people around him were facing some challenging times. They had to have been looking all around themselves, asking some very similar questions. In the midst of the uncertainty Jeremiah knew that God was active in and through the world around him. Nothing was going to change the fact that God loves and cares deeply for all of creation. Jesus, himself, reminds us that the fertility of God's word produces fruit like rain promotes crop growth. In Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds, we are to shine like the sun even when weeds are planted because God is the gardener and God will reap what is sown. Parable after parable Jesus speaks about glorious things coming from seemingly small, ordinary and insignificant things. Jesus, himself, brings an abundance of God to a hungry crowd with just a little bread and a couple of fish. Something for us to consider is how do we experience Jesus attending to the fearful, like he did in a rocking boat during a storm? Where do you see and experience the abundance of God's grace today? How can we receive God's power and presence in the tumult of our lives, and how does receiving the same lead us to go out and be his disciples in our world?

The Apostle Paul saw it in his life. And, let me tell you, Paul could tell you a few things about adversity! But, he saw God's love all around him. That was all he needed to go on.

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I can tell you where I see it. I have seen it in all of you. Since Michael's medical woes began, we have received far more cards, phone calls, and gifts than I ever imagined; somewhere around 400 cards were received by us and Michael combined. Michael also received email messages and Facebook posts with words of encouragement. Did you know someone else paid for the gasoline used to visit Michael at the hospital in Daytona Beach the last three times I travelled? Linda's gas was also paid for by someone other than us just so we could be in Daytona Beach when Michael needed his parents close by. We were even given cash to help cover some of Michael's medical expenses. That does not count the numerous conversations and well wishes we have received. I think I now have a better understanding of what Paul may have been saying when he wrote these words to the church in Philippi, *"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."*

So, thank you. God is working something amongst us, maybe in ways we do not yet understand. But, take cheer God is near!

Pastor Dennis



Deacon's Digest

Proverbs 4:11-12: "I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."

Even though Father's Day was last month, let's reflect on what Father's Day really means. In my family, as a child, we made cards for our dad and of course my mom would make a special dinner for dad. I think back and remember these words: "Mother's Day and Father's Day should be everyday not just one day a year."



Well that makes perfect sense now, but back then it meant to be good, not get in trouble in school and church on Sundays. The Ten Commandments written by God states: "Honor thy Father and thy Mother."

We cannot dispute that!

The following are highlights from the June Council meeting:

- The Nominating Committee is in the process of recruiting members to serve on Council. Vote will be in August.
- Drive-up communion will be conducted once a month during the pandemic. The date for July will be announced at a later time.
- Council has set guidelines for use of the church facilities during the pandemic:
 - Those groups wishing to use the church facilities will be limited to 12 people and it will be mandatory that masks be worn. It will be the responsibility of each group to clean up and wipe down the tables and other areas used.

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Next Council meeting is July 9 at 3 p.m.

Now let's take this to another level. We were able to see, touch, and love our parents in the human form. So, it's easy for us to relate to them because we see them. Here is where I am going with this. We have never seen God in human form and if we cannot see Him, do we remember Him once a year or every day? Yes, we honor Him every Sunday at worship, one day a week, but do we honor God as our Father and respect Him and love Him even though we cannot see Him?

A dad is the protector of the family. God is also our protector.

The God, who watches us, never needs a rest. He never needs a nap because the world is so worrisome, especially in these times. He never needs a break from dealing with the never-ending cares of His children (that's us). He never closes His eyes or stops listening to our cries for help and mercy.

PSALM 121:1-2 tells us God is never exhausted, nor is He weary or inattentive!

Let us give thanks for our dads and let us give thanks to the God who is our Father in Heaven every day of our lives. "Happy Father's Day, Lord!"

Deacon Bob



Psalm 33:12



*"Don't speak unless you can improve the silence."
—Spanish proverb*

You can help



Lutheran World Relief was founded 75 years ago to help neighbors around the globe who lost everything during World War II. From that initial ministry, LWR grew to serve millions of people worldwide in their time of need.

Today we face a new international crisis: the global coronavirus pandemic. Now it's our turn to rise to the historic challenge before us and serve our neighbors who are most vulnerable.

COVID-19 is now reaching some of the world's poorest communities, where families can't work from home or have groceries delivered. Many don't have the option of social distancing or even a way to wash their hands. If these communities can't slow the spread, many, many lives are at risk.

Make a mask and help a neighbor, without leaving home



As part of our global response to COVID-19, **LWR is collecting cloth face masks to send to vulnerable communities.** If you've been looking for a way to make a difference, now is your chance!

The cloth masks you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to neighbors in need halfway around the world — reducing transmission and saving lives.

Thanks to many of you, we already met our initial goal of 75,000 masks, but the need remains great. **Will you help us make 75,000 more cloth face masks?**

YES! SIGN ME UP TO MAKE FACE MASKS

You can help continued...

[Our website has everything you need to get started — a signup form to pledge your number of masks, sewing instructions, shipping information and more.](#) (LWR.org – click on Make Fabric Face Masks, scroll down to form to pledge.)

With your help, we can continue the legacy of love than began 75 years ago. Please pick up your needle and thread and join us!

Sincerely,
Janel Johnson-Momanyi
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

This article reprinted from Gather magazine.



W/ELCA NEWS

The women of Good Shepherd are collecting school supplies to meet the needs of students in Citrus County. Pick up a list of needed supplies from the W/ELCA bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Because of the risks caused by COVID-19, students must not share supplies, so the needs are greater than ever this year. Additionally, many families may find it harder than ever to buy all of their own supplies. Please generously support this project to give the children of Citrus County every opportunity to succeed in school and to let them know that we care about them. Drop off supplies in the marked bin in the fellowship hall throughout the month of July.

On July 8, at 1:00p.m., we will have our Circle meeting and Bible Study. Shelly Fortin will lead the Bible study. This will be a combined in-person and Zoom meeting. We hope to meet the needs of as many of our women as we can. Zoom invitations will be sent to emails one week before the meeting.

Florida-Bahamas Women's Synodical Organization Board has approved canceling this year's Fall Gathering at Lake Yale. This was a difficult decision that came after many emails, phone calls and recommendations from Churchwide. Your leadership engaged in prayer and took time to

discern the best path forward. Because they felt they could not guarantee the safety of those in attendance, the Gathering has been cancelled. Plans are now beginning for next year's Fall Gathering to be November 12-14, 2121.

Anne Storan, W/ELCA President



School Supplies

School supply lists are located at the church. I can also email lists out to those who are interested in participating in this year's drive. Contact me at cgaertener14@gmail.com.

August 3rd is the count and delivery day to our local schools. Please send me an email if you are interested in helping in August since we must limit our group size following ELCA recommended social distancing practices. Thanks.

Cindy Gaertner



Social Ministry

God's Work, Our Hands – This September

Before we know it, it will be September, the month in which we celebrate the anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Using the "God's Work, Our Hands" initiative encouraged by our parent body, Social Ministry Committee has found an outreach task for everyone in the congregation to be part of.

This year, we wanted to show our appreciation to the first responders of the county. We know why. We have seen or even know of people in our own community who have been face-to-face with COVID19 patients in our hospitals. We also know the two hospital staffs have been showered with gifts of appreciation. So, we thought we would direct the congregation's attention to other first responders,

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Social Ministry continued...

especially the Sheriff's office, all the deputies who drive through our communities every day, the Crime Stopper volunteers, and the people in the communications center who direct calls tirelessly day after day.

So, this year, we are going to donate pizza, drinks, and cookies to the Inverness headquarters of the sheriff's office on Friday, September 11. Angelo's, a local Inverness establishment, will be providing the food on our behalf. Your donations to offset our \$181.00 would be welcome. Please identify your gift as GWOH if you wish to contribute through the offering plate.



Money is one of God's gifts to people.

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil ... this is the gift of God" (Eccl. 5:19).



Zoom to School

Deacon Rick would like to start a Zoom Sunday School on a week day to be determined. We could call it Wednesday School, or whatever day school!

If you are interested let Deacon Rick know. His phone: 352-207-8140.

Email twoboats@tampabay.rr.com



"Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths."
—Etty Hillesum

Applying Biblical Principles

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from his hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully his, and then he allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt He takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to his word and his will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: **"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).**

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and his work here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

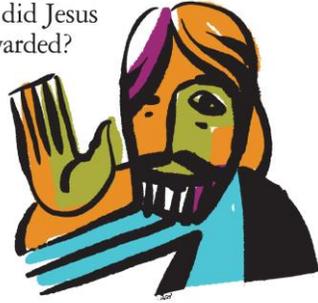
During the past few months, have you kept God's glory ... especially giving to him ... as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?

Stewardship

?? Bible Quiz ??

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug



Answer: (See Matthew 10:42)



Memorial and Special Gifts

The following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of June:

- To the Enduring Gifts Fund by Vera Thorn in memory of **Art Jernberg, Carl Lawrence and Bill Schapers.**
- To the SOS Food Pantry by Gerri Fallanca in memory of **Joe Fallanca.**
- To the General Fund by John Makuch in memory of **Elsie Makuch.**



*"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life."
—Author unknown*



To our Good Shepherd family,

We have been deeply moved by the outpouring of support shown to us by our Good Shepherd family since Michael's stroke on April 20. Your care and concern for all three of us is humbling. Please continue to pray for Michael's recovery and for the strength that we will all continue to need in the days ahead. God has certainly blessed us with a congregation next to no other.

With grateful hearts,
Pastor Dennis and Linda



Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up
Mel & Donna Pease

&

Food Share Monday Delivery
TBD



Bread Ministry

Volunteers are needed! Can you spare a couple of hours of your time to deliver the bread picked up on Saturday nights from Publix to The Citrus County Family Resource Center in Hernando?

If you can spare an hour or two of your time on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m., please give Gerri Fallanca a call at 637-2663

All programs and meetings are postponed until we get the all clear from the CDC.

JULY 2020

Facebook Live – Worship with us
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 8:00A-SOS 9:00A – Executive Council (Zoom)</p>	<p>2 8:30A – SOS</p> 	<p>3 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>4</p> 
<p>5 10:00A – Worship July Birthdays</p> 	<p>6 10:00A – Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>7 10:00A – Zoom Worship & Music</p>	<p>8 8:00A-SOS</p>	<p>9 8:30A – SOS</p>  <p>3:00P – Council (Zoom)</p>	<p>10 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12 10:00A – Worship</p>	<p>13 10:00A – Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:00A-SOS</p>	<p>16 8:30A- SOS</p> 	<p>17 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19 10:00A – Worship</p> 	<p>20 10:00A – Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 8:00A-SOS</p>	<p>23 8:30A- SOS</p> 	<p>24 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>25 10:00A – Carl Lawrence Memorial Service at Heinz Funeral Home in Inverness</p>
<p>26 10:00A – Worship</p>	<p>27 10:00A – Zoom Bible Study 5:40P-8:30P VBS</p>	<p>28 5:40P-8:30P VBS</p>	<p>29 5:40P-8:30P VBS</p>	<p>30 5:40P-8:30P VBS</p>	<p>31 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 5:40P-8:30P VBS</p>	

Sunday worship is at 8:30am & 11:00am unless otherwise noted.

Each service is followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Richard & Diane Pawelko
Jerry & Mimi Waara
Walter & Nancy Johnson
Greg & Renate Slick
Mike & Angela Busler

07/04/81
07/11/??
07/19/53
07/21/19
07/30/04



2 – Cathy Stetson

3– Dorothy Mensing
Gladys Steele

5 – Ed Granger

9 – Rose Drennen

10 –Robert Moll
Shelly Fortin

11 – Jack Gomes

12 – Mike Kirkeby
Cassandra Swartz

13– Katherine Gramolini
Madelyn Hickey

17 – Jane Sundblad

20– Stacy Bahner
Kimberly Swartz

24 – Jo Ann Clutz

26 – James Fandel

28 – Pr. Bill Barrett
Pr. Dennis Koch

30– Don Schroeder

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES
JULY 5, 12, 19, 26

ALTAR & COMMUNION

TBD

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONEY COUNTERS

Louise Osborn, Lead
TBD

GREETERS

TBD

ASSISTING MINISTER

10:00AM

July 5

Deacon Rick Mainster Vera Swade

July 12

Deacon Bob Bonomo Lisbeth Goetter

July 19

Kathy Hildebrandt Lisbeth Goetter

July 26

Sharon Maxwell Ann Neville

CRUCIFER

10:00AM

USHERS

10:00AM - TBD

Dick & Kathy Hildebrandt

NURSERY

Susan Fowler



KEEP THEM
IN YOUR PRAYERS



(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)

Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry & Karen
Boerger, Dave
Bregger, Jack
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth
Brockschmidt, Fred
Burfeindt, Janet
Clark, Dawn
Creager, Ray & Carolyn
Hassinger, Douglas & Donna

Hester, Marty
Hoell, Lucille
Jernberg, Sandy
Johnson, Barb
Johnson, Carol Lee
Koch, Pr. Dennis & Linda
Lawrence, Ivalee
Masters, Leith

Olson, Louise
Page-Wood, Jeremy
Pawelko Diane
Swade, Ken
Whitcomb, Maxine & Ray
Wildman, Joe
Wolff, Jack

Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:

Drennen, Ken
Gramolini, Katherine
Halstead, Deborah
Hehn, Margaret

Hickey, Madelyn
Maidhof, Walter & Helen
Mandell, Sheila
McGauran, Marion

Moll, Bob
Philipp, Dick

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake
Ceballos, Jason
Cwicklinski, C.J.
Day, Kenneth
Gaertner, Jerrod
Harrington, Bryan
Heinz, Karinne
Hickman, Richard
Hicks, Nathan
Holman, Evan

Jackson, Brad
Johnston-Garcia, Christian
Luchay, Alan
Martin, Aaron
McCann, Jim
Muchow, Jason
Osborn-Herdman, Christopher
Piott, Trenton
Posa, Codymichael
Radloff, Steven

Radosevitch, Eric
Seefeld, Jessica
Springer, Jr., Dennis
Stroble, Jeramy
Swain, Jr., Terry
Thomas, Peter Chris
Thompson, David
Timpe, Chris
Walton, Les

Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Guberman family	Orr, Gail
Balastieri, Casey	Johnson, Jim	Page-Wood, Jaaken
Beck, Bryan	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Powell, Bill
Bell, Ian	Koch, Michael	Priselac, Lorrie
Blyth, Ruby	Kraft, Carter	Rajotte, Keith
Bourdeaux, John	Koch, Michael	Ralph, Bruce
Brockschmidt, Donna	Krol, Shirley	Rambaldini, Jim
Brugger, Tristan	Lavaja, Jim	Riccio, Taino
Burkhardt, Faith	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Campano, Thomas	Lewis, Keith	Small, Brenda & Steven
Cato, Cecelia	Lobenthal, Jean	Stuart, Neil & family
Cipollone, Elaine	Lock, Kathy	Thompson, Lori
Clarke, Father Peter	Loftin, Tracy	Traywick, Edward
Clarke, Charlotte	Loger, Dennis	Tuegel, Chuck
Costa, Denise	Longworth, Kathy	Urban, B.J.
Crawford, Cleola	Lundsford, Victoria	Van Wyk family
De Gina, Frances & family	Magrum, Corbin	Waara, Jerry
Dille, Jim	Magri, Steve	Walker, Betty
Dortin, Rachel	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary	Wells, Emmarie [6]
Ehrhardt, Ava	Maidhof, Jeremiah	Wilder, Gayle
Fidell, Eloise	Mainster, Arlene	Williams, Dorothy
Fratto, Joseph	Malave, Kim Michelle	Wittmann family
Fowler family	Martin, Joe	Wood, Rowen
Gaertner, Kent	McHugh, Mark	Woods, Donna Jean
Garling, John	McPhee, John	Wolf, Nick
Gifford, Judy	Mehnert, Edward	Woolley, Carol & family
Glymph, Diane	Mena, Steve	Wright, Matthew
Goetter, Tom	Meucci, Michele	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Goforth, Jeffrey	Nickerson, Mike	Young, Bill
Goodloe, Ernestine	O'Berry, Darlene	Young, Ron
Graves, Janice & Declan	Oehl, Lita	Youngblood, Sandra

*Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, **please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list** – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list.*

July, 2020



UNSEEN BUT *active*

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



PUZZLE WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



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Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



- k + d

Heals a man born

JOHN 9



- op +

- w

Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



f + - d

Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



- ch + er

Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water



"It's hard to bear the fruit of the Spirit when they're hurling rotten tomatoes."



God's work. Our hands.

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