



The Shepherd's Voice

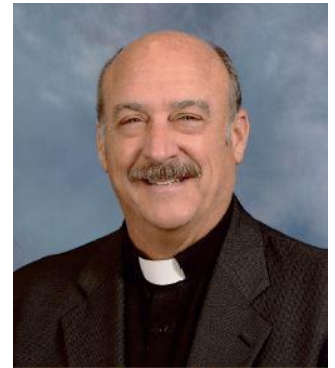
August, 2020

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

Pastor's Page

This month I wish I could say, “Well, the beat goes on” but, I don’t know how we can say that. The Coronavirus Pandemic is still wreaking havoc among us in this area and our building is closed to the public for the foreseeable future.

When will this mess end? When can we get back to normal? When God? How much longer? I know many of you are tired of “sheltering in place” and are tired of staring at the same four walls day in, day out and are asking that question in one form or another. I, myself, have been asking some of the same questions; especially when I could not travel to Pennsylvania for my uncle’s funeral last month because of Coronavirus and when I cannot physically visit Michael inside the rehab. And, in my day-to-day life, I would love to be able to go to a restaurant again and sit down for a good meal and not have to worry about “social distancing”.



If the Church is the gathered people of God called, gathered together, and sent for the sake of the world, how do we be “church” when we cannot gather together? I have been praying very hard for some wisdom and guidance for what to do in the unknown and unforeseeable future – short term and long term. There is no owner’s manual for this one. In the midst of the social changes we have experienced in the last couple of months and the long-term social challenges we have been facing in the church for the last decade, I have been asking a question. With all the dramatic social changes, demographic changes we have experienced in the church and in the world, in our community, and in our neighborhoods, what is the Church? Do we continue to be what we have defined as “church” in the past? Do we need to find a new way to define “church”? Are we, as a congregation, being the community of believers that the Holy Spirit has put in this place? How do we bring the Gospel (Good News) to the community in a way that matters in the lives of the people of this community?

Perhaps, we need to understand the word “Church” in a new way. Maybe this is one of those times where we have to figure it out as we go. We can think all day, but that will not change anything. I think the Holy Spirit is calling for action not reflection. Pick up the phone, write emails, write letters if you have too. Reconnect! We cannot meet in person, but we can meet online. We can reconnect on the telephone. What about the wider community? If you are feeling lonely and left out, how do you think others who have no family in the area and have few friends are feeling right now? How do we help them to feel wanted and/or loved? The schools will be opening their doors again this month. How do you think parents are feeling as they send their children off to school to be in large groups of children most of the day? I bet many of them could use some comfort with the decision to send them back to the classroom.

Maybe we could be a little introspective as well. Have you ever asked what is God up to in our neighborhood

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and how do we need to change in order to engage the people who are outside of our normal circles and make them part of the community? Maybe we need to change how we see things or how we respond and react to things?

There is still one thing that does not and will not change because of COVID-19! I find it encouraging that the love of God we know in and through Jesus does not change. It is like the Apostle, Paul said. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Did you catch that line, "in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through him who loved us."? And, so we go on!

Pastor Dennis



The following are highlights from the July Council meeting:

* VBS has been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.

* The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting in August is cancelled. Election of Congregation Officers and Council members will be done via mail and e-mail. More information to follow from Pastor.

Next Council meeting via ZOOM on August 13th at 3 p.m.



"Breathe a prayer of gratitude. And give those you love an extra measure of affection. Life is fleeting, and love is precious. Cherish both."
—Galen Guengerich

Deacon's Digest

We believe in God. But...Do we have faith in God?

Have you said to anyone lately that you are glad that you are not growing up in today's world? -- Remembering the good ol' days --we wonder, "How did things ever get this way"?

Have you expressed your concern for the lives of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren thinking, "What kind of a world will they grow up in?"



When I was a teenager, living in Maryland, I remember the riots in Baltimore and Cambridge. I remember the National Guard troops on the Choptank River bridge separating the protesting factions. I was working in a hamburger stand when the "Freedom Riders" got off the bus to see if we would serve them. I remember the riots in Chicago in 1967. The media called it a riot but the Black community saw it as a rebellion prompted by poor housing, racial profiling and police brutality.

Recently while watching the protests sparked by the

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murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, I was sadly reminded of how little we, as a whole society, have progressed.

I told Pastor Dennis that I wanted to write something about "White Privilege" for our newsletter. He agreed.

White Privilege description:

It is a disease, which the American Psychological Society described in 2016 as a social disease that is often unwillingly and unwittingly hosted by members of the dominate culture, which damages both the host and target individuals, as well as their families and communities. I would also add that it is a deadly disease because it goes largely unnoticed by anyone who is white. We are deaf, or worse, unwilling to hear the experiences that people of color speak about such as racial profiling, police brutality and discrimination in all areas of life.

White privilege has shaped Christianity for way too many, allowing for the justification for slavery, the creation of the KKK, and severe conservative thinking found in the John Birch Society. Racism is a disease that threatens our well-being. It grows when the cries of the underprivileged are not heard because of the color of their skin. Preventing the spread of this disease begins when we come together and celebrate our EQUALITY as children of God.

Jesus came to us, at the very least, to release those held captive by racist thinking, to give sight to those blinded by prejudice and help the oppressed go free. (Luke 4)

St. Paul suggests that we can overcome our divisions when we regard others as better than ourselves, not looking out for ourselves but for the interests of others (Phil2:3-4).

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Jesus tells us how to behave. That is, love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. Do we have faith and trust Jesus to be our teacher?

Jesus shows us how to behave. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well and the story of Jesus healing the blind men are good lessons. Do we have faith and trust Jesus to be our example?

Jesus came to restore all of creation. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that who so ever believes in Him shall not perish but will have eternal life. In Jesus, there is no race, no prejudice, no hatred, no discrimination and no privilege.

Can we have faith in Him, becoming His hands and heart, making this a better world?

Deacon Rick



W/ELCA NEWS

It would take more than a pandemic to slow the generosity of the wonderful people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Despite the limitations brought on by responding to the risks of Covid-19, the church has stepped up to meet the needs of students in our community. School supplies and cash to purchase needed supplies have been pouring in. Thank you to Cindy Gaertner for her leadership in this mission to show God's love to the children of Citrus County. And thank you to all of the people who responded with an outpouring of generosity.

The combined Circle meeting and Bible study will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, August 12, at 1:00 p.m. Cindy Gaertner will facilitate the Bible study from the August issue of Gather. She has a fun surprise for us. Invitations will be emailed on Monday, August 10. If you don't get the email, but want to join us, contact me and I'll send you an invitation.

Anne Storan, W/ELCA President



"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something. Then I realized I am somebody."
—Lily Tomlin

School Supplies

Thank you for the donations for the school supplies. Due to COVID-19 I will be delivering supplies to local schools as they have teacher work days.

The count will be in the September newsletter.

Sincerely,
Cindy Gaertner
W/ELCA



Fellowship

Iwish I could be writing about upcoming events, but as you know we have had to push the "pause" button. Notice, I said pause. When we get the green light our Fellowship Committee will be eager to get back into action. Also all the volunteers who help out every Sunday for coffee hour will be ready to start serving coffee and goodies.

Speaking of coffee, one of our coffeemakers finally had enough I guess and had to be replaced. Would love to know how many cups of coffee were made over the three year period. I want to thank Harv Johnson, Joe Adams and Randy Wagner for all their efforts to try to solve the problem.

Please know that we all may be out of sight, but we are not out of mind of each other. Stay safe and God Bless.

*"God didn't promise
days without pain, sun without rain,
but He did promise strength for the day
and light for the way." Author Unknown*



"If you lack knowledge, go to school. If you lack wisdom, get on your knees! Knowledge is not wisdom. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge."
—Vance Havner

Evangelism

Greetings from my house! Months ago when I said we wouldn't have Evangelism meetings until August, I never expected to still be at my house!

It hasn't been all bad. Since Jack couldn't eat out every day, I learned to cook better. (Not enjoy it more.) While we haven't been out and about, we became very close friends with a couple who also are strictly Shelters-in-Place. We play cards and games two or three times a week. I suggest everyone find *trust-worthy* people to shelter with. It helps for remembering what day it is.

Another way of reaching out is to call or write people from your past. I got the idea from someone who wrote to everyone on her Rolodex. (I was #308) I only knew this woman for a couple of days, twenty-some years ago. It felt so good to be remembered! So I started working my way back through my life, calling people I've left behind (but don't remember why). Many are gone, which I learned from checking the web for obituaries when I looked for addresses and telephone numbers. Maybe I should have cared enough to reach out years ago. My earliest contact is from high school.

I may start calling people from GSLC. Our committee had a project going that identified our membership by neighborhoods. I think I'm going to start it up again so that everyone will know their GSLC neighbors and perhaps give them a call to say hello. It feels so good to be remembered. We need all the good feelings we can get and give during this scary time. (I really miss the hugs!)

As I write this, I am watching a Mormon Tabernacle Choir concert I taped. BTW, I discovered a BYU (channel 1118) weekly half-hour program called Music and the Spoken Word. The music is wonderful, the scenery beautiful, and the very short message uplifting. It does make me miss singing in the choir though.

God be with you 'til we meet again. Stay well.

Agape,
Pat Wolff, Evangelism Committee Chairperson

Social Ministry

SOS UPDATES

Many of you know John Bourdeaux - the chairman of SOS. John wore many hats and put in countless hours making sure that SOS would continue before and after the pandemic hit. He needed to slow down and take care of his health, but being the unselfish man that he is, did not do so, and is now paying the price. He has been in the hospital twice recently, but is now at home resting comfortably and hopefully on the road to recovery. Relinquishing some of his duties has been hard for him, but many have stepped up to help make sure we serve the many families that need us. SOS is now, and will continue to be, on a drive- thru only basis for distribution. The volunteers are dedicated and Maria Cyr, who has stepped up to the plate in John's absence, has been doing a wonderful job keeping SOS running.

We had a very successful drive for donations earlier in the year, and thought you might like to know that you can currently donate in three ways. First, of course, is monetarily. Your checks can now be mailed directly to our post office box. The address is: SOS, Inc., PO Box 640774, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Or if you choose, you can make your check out to Good Shepherd and note that it should go to SOS as part of your offering. Second, do you order from Amazon? Go on their site by typing "SmileAmazon.com" when you place an order and designate SOS as the charity of choice. 0.05% of your purchases will go directly to the SOS checking account. Last but not least, you can pray for our volunteers and the families they serve that they all remain safe and in good health.

If you have donated to SOS in the past, we thank you. If you can find it in your heart to do so again – wonderful!! I will be happy to answer questions. Feel free to contact me by phone or email. I am in the church directory. Please stay well and be safe!

Mary Krol, Treasurer, SOS, Inc



SOS Thanks You

The staff of SOS would like to thank the congregation for the monetary donations it has given to SOS during this Covid-19 pandemic. Also, we thank the church for remembering SOS in their prayers. We want to thank Terry Lucente for alerting us to the availability of grants that the synod gave out to food pantries to help the people in need because of Covid-19. We also want to thank Pastor Koch for his diligent effort and success in obtaining a \$3000 grant for SOS from the synod.

Since the start of this virus, SOS has had to change its plan on how we would feed those in need and still keep the members of the church safe. So, SOS moved the pantry outside and is presently doing a drive- thru for its clients in the parking lot. Since we receive food from the USDA, they require us to register those people in need so they can pick up food. Our plan has been working well and will have a few improvements in the near future. We have had to adjust to working outside in the elements with fewer volunteers, but they have done a wonderful job. We want to thank Maria Cyr for her leadership and hard work during this time when John Bourdeaux cannot participate. God Bless everyone!

If anyone would like to help with registering clients for USDA, we need just a couple of people who can write clearly and can withstand the elements for 4 hours. For information, please call Jim or Amy Gilbert: (352) 564-0397 or (352) 228-7471.



We should seek to make the Lord's work a priority in our lives as we seek first God's kingdom and righteousness.

"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).



***"Every saint has a past.
Every sinner has a future." - Stanley Hauerwas***

Thrivent Choice Dollars

The following Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members have directed this month's Choice Dollars be given to Good Shepherd:

Louise Osborn

Thank you for your gift.



Applying Biblical Principles

“I don't have enough time” is a litany that is heard frequently in many churches. Sometimes, it's heard here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. People make statements like this when asked to get involved in a greater way in this ministry:

- I don't have time to usher.
- I don't have time to do a bread run.
- I don't have time to sing in the choir.
- I don't have time to work in the kitchen.
- I don't have time to visit absentees or shut-ins.

How can this be? We have as much time as those in the past ever had. In fact, we have exactly the same amount of time: 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year (with one additional day in leap year!).

What does it really mean when people say, “I don't have enough time”? Rev. Steve Schlund, a pastor in Nebraska, answers that question:

Actually what people mean when they say they don't have enough time to worship and serve the Lord is that the time which is available to them has been used up. . . . There are just too many other things that we are involved in. When we are not working, we are committed to athletics, our children's or grandchildren's athletics, our leisure

activities, community activities, and so on. Our calendars get crammed fuller and fuller until they are about to burst. It's no wonder that people... choose not to serve the Lord during the week...

We can comfort ourselves and maybe even make God feel sorry for us if we plead, “I don't have enough time.” But is that a reason or an excuse? While it is true that some situations demand an inordinate amount of hours of working by one parent or even both parents in order to provide for the needs of the family, often times we are working extra jobs and extra hours to support our “toys” — those luxuries which, while making our lives enjoyable, are not necessary to support our lives. The problem often then is not that we have to work more to support our life style, but that we choose a life style that demands we work more.

In other words, we find time for the things we deem to be important in our lives. If shopping is important to us, regardless of how busy we are, we'll find time for shopping. If state basketball championship games are important to us, we'll find time to be there. If gardening is a priority, we'll find time for it. If symphony concerts are high on our list of essential activities, we'll be there, rain or shine, regardless of the time required.

On the other hand, if Bible study, prayer and Christian service to the Lord are priorities, we will find the time necessary to fulfill those priorities. We will seek first God's kingdom with the full confidence that the things we really need in life will be provided.

Warren Wiersbe (a prolific writer of Christian literature and theological works) wrote:

Sports fans may be weary, but if they hear of an athletic event taking place, they come alive and want to attend. Hungry people are alive to the mention of food, and avid shoppers come alive at the announcement of a sale. So Christians are alive to all

pertaining to Jesus Christ, for Christ is their very life.

As you think about your busy life and all that it entails, what's really important to you? To paraphrase Wiersbe, "What makes you come alive?" Even more importantly, will you "come alive" by renewing your commitment to serve the Lord here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church?

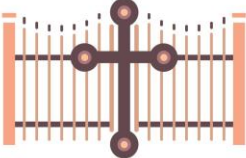
Stewardship



Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)



Memorial and Special Gifts

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

- To the Memorial Fund by Jane Sundblad in memory of **Suzanne and Mike Mahr**.
- To the General Fund by Jean Lobenthal in memory of **Carolyn Cundiff**.
- To the General Fund by Jack & Maggie Bregger in memory of **Jeanette Wudel and Audrey Vogel**.
- To the General Fund by Joan Crysler in memory of **Audrey Vogel**.
- To the Enduring Gifts Fund by Ivalee Lawrence in memory of **Carl Lawrence**.



Jeanette Wudel
Sunset - July 4, 2020



Audrey Vogel
November 28, 1931 – July 7, 2020



"Rest in peace good and faithful servants."



... but they who wait for the LORD shall

renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and

not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31



Meet the candidates for the 2021 Council

Dan Cashman – (re-elect) for President

I spent my first 20+ adult years in the U.S. Air Force where I flew F-4 Phantoms. My next 20+ years I taught high school and college mathematics. Upon retiring in 2009 to Citrus County my bride of 52 years, Linda, and I began attending Good Shepherd. I have served on the Church Council for 6 years as the Council Secretary, 2 years as a Council member, and the last 2 years as Council President. I'm seeking another one-year term as your President and vow to continue to work for the betterment of our Church family.



Mike Busler – for Vice President

My first real job at 19 years old was Director of Purchasing for R H Sheppard Co., Inc. We produced power steering gears for trucks. My brother and I purchased Yamaha of York and eventually 3 more motorcycle dealerships. In 1983 we sold the business.

I Joined Merrill Lynch in York, PA. After 18 months I was training the new financial advisors. My first year I was Rookie of the Year. After 10 years and annualizing \$1,000,000.00 in commissions per year I moved to PaineWebber as a branch manager. I managed 3 offices over 16 years starting in Muskegon, MI, then New Orleans, LA and retired from Wichita, KS in 2006 at 56.

The YMCA has been a passion for me. In 1984 I was asked to chair, put together a board and build a new branch in Southern York County, PA. Here in Citrus County I am a member of the Advisory Board.

Rotary has been an important part of my life having been president 4 times in 3 different clubs.

I am married to my wonderful wife, Angela and have 7 grown children and 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Being involved in the Lutheran Church since a young child, I have been blessed throughout my life. Currently serving on the Church Council I was a past President for 4 years and ask for your support as I am running for Vice President.



Gladys Kean – (re-elect) for Council Secretary

I am a New Englander at heart, having lived in MA, VT and NH and have resided in Florida for over 25 years. Prior to coming to FL I lived in Vermont with my husband and children and worked as a State Police Dispatcher and was eventually promoted to Executive Secretary to the Commandant of the Vermont Police Academy. Eventually, we returned to NH where I was employed as Executive Secretary to the Plant Manager at one of the Anheuser Bush Companies. Needing a change, I purchased an existing travel agency from a friend who was retiring and had a staff of four agents. After that adventure, my husband and I retired to Florida where we'd had a home for some time (yes, we were those 'snowbirds') eventually moving to Florida full time. I have enjoyed golf, traveling and being with family. I am widowed (twice) and only through my faith have I managed to continue on with life. I have been a member of GSLC for 6 years and have served on the Council for 3 years, two years as Council Secretary and I am seeking the office of Council Secretary for a one year term. I am happy to be of service to this wonderful church family.



Randy Wagner - (re-elect) for Council Member

I have been a Lutheran since I was a child, as were my mom and dad. I'm retired from the Florida Highway Patrol. Before coming to Good Shepherd I worshiped at Hope Lutheran Church for several years where I served on the Council and have served as Council President.

I have been at Good Shepherd for approximately 12 years. I have served as your Council President and have been on the Council twice. I have served on several committees and am currently on the Grounds Committee. I have served as crucifer at the second service since coming to Good Shepherd. I am currently on Council and I am seeking a second term



Pat Ouwerkerk - (re-elect) for Council Member

My first job out of college was working at Nassau County Dept. of Social Services interviewing clients to determine their eligibility for public assistance.

My next endeavor was working for Monsieur Henri Wines (a division of PepsiCo) in the price posting department, using the guidelines set up by the individual states for selling wines and liquors in each state.

I then moved on to working in the traffic dept. of a coal exporting company. We exported bituminous and metallurgical coal to France, South Africa and England.

My last and final position was in the retail furniture field. I was part owner of a retail furniture store on Long Island for sixteen years.

I have spent the past several years volunteering for the morning coffee hour and have been a Council member for the past two years.



Joe Adams - for Council Member

I have lived in Florida for most of my life moving with my family from Niagara Falls, NY as a teenager. My wife Stephanie and I started attending Good Shepherd in 2015. We always will remember how welcoming everyone was. We knew we belonged here and became members in February 2017. I worked at Duke Energy for 35 years and retired in 2018. I was a welder by trade and spent 6 years as the fulltime Business Manager in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers representing the employees of Duke Energy. I have been volunteering with the Citrus County Blessings since 2016. After I retired in 2018, my desire was to do more in the community. I have been on the Good Shepherd Property Committee since January 2019. In 2018, I was elected to the Citrus County Mosquito Control Board and am currently serving as the Chair of the Board. When I was asked to run for Council, I was truly honored. If I am elected to the Council, I want to thank my Church family and will look forward to serving.



Shelly Fortin - for Council Member

Thank you to all those who have encouraged me to pursue serving my church family as a member of the GSLC Council. God has blessed me abundantly, and in thanksgiving, I offer my time and talents in service to others at GSLC, in my community, and in Citrus County. I echo the words of Isaiah, saying "Here am I. Send me."

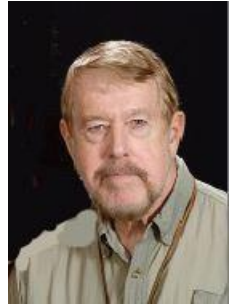
My current GSLC activities include: stewardship chair, librarian, Bible study classes, and member of the choir, finance committee, Ruth-Naomi-Priscilla W/ELCA Circle, and VP of the Florida-Bahamas Synod Pinelands Conference. In my community, I volunteer for Adult Literacy and the Citrus County Economic Development Department. I had over 10 years non-profit board and leadership experience in RI.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for the GSLC Council. If elected, I will perform all assignments to the best of my ability. May God bless you and fill you with His peace and love.



Dell Peterson - for Council Member

I was born into St. Peters Lutheran Ch. {a UELC Danish synod} in 1942 and thus have been a Lutheran for 78 yrs. in a large variety of Lutheran churches. I served 4 years in the US Navy working with navigation and the ships operation from the bridge and finished my active duty as 2nd Class Petty Officer. I'm a member of the Beverly Hills American Legion, a very patriotic Legion Post. After serving in the USN, I attended some college at St. Olaf College in Northfield Minnesota, my home town, and then went to work as a machinist in Minneapolis. I attended trade school nights while working days. Mostly spent 34 years working as a journeyman machinist at United Defense in Minneapolis working Navy equipment. I served two terms on church council at Good Shepherd recently and am looking to my church and its members to the best of their interests again.



**Ballots Will
Arrive
In Your E-Mail or
Mailbox Soon**



Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up

TBD
&

Food Share Monday Delivery
Jim & Karen Fandel



To the person who
found and turned in
my eyeglasses:
Thank you, thank
you!

Roberta Hall



A word from our webmaster



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Stephanie Adams

Patient attention, valuable discoveries

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his *annus mirabilis* ("year of wonders") and reportedly said, "If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent."

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God's presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as "I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope" (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?









"Pray, and let God worry."
—Martin Luther

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

AUGUST 2020

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be." —Douglas Pagels</i></p> | | | | | | 1 |
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| <p>2 10:00A – Worship</p> <p>August Birthdays</p>  | <p>3 8:00A-Noon W/ELCA School Supplies</p> <p>10:00A – Zoom Bible Study</p> | <p>4 10:00A – Zoom Worship & Music</p> | <p>5 8:00A-SOS</p> <p>9:00A – Executive Council (Zoom)</p> | <p>6 8:30A – SOS</p>  | <p>7 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p>  | 8 |
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| <p>16 10:00A – Worship</p>  | <p>17 10:00A – Zoom Bible Study</p> | <p>18 6:00 A – 9:00P Primary Election Day</p> | <p>19 8:00A-SOS</p> | <p>20 8:30A- SOS</p>  | <p>21 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p>  | 22 |
| <p>23 10:00A – Worship 11:00 – Communion Drive – Up</p> <p>10:00A – Worship 30</p> | <p>24 10:00A – Zoom Bible Study</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p>  | 29 |

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

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



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| Gene & Pat Yoho | 08/02/57 |
| KC & Pat Carrier | 08/08/92 |
| Fredric & Beverly Brockschmidt | 08/14/65 |
| John & Carol Colson | 08/15/15 |
| Ken & Diane Meltesen | 08/15/64 |
| Rolf & Shirley Storsteen | 08/15/64 |
| Pr. Dennis & Linda Koch | 08/20/88 |
| Dennis & Pam Moore | 08/23/64 |
| Tom & Sue Fowler | 08/24/90 |
| Ray & Carolyn Creager | 08/28/54 |
| Joe & Grace Wildman | 08/30/52 |
| Jack & Angela Eggert | 08/31/91 |



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| 1 – Pat Weissert | 12 – Gloria Peterson | 25 - Lynn Bechdolt Janet Richardson |
| 3– Dave Sotrines | 14 – Chris Bienwald Judy Knecht | 26– John Nelson |
| 4 – Carole Wagner | 17 – Kathy Swartz | 29– Gary Knecht Carol McClune Diane Spengler |
| 6 – Bill Knarr | 19 – Darlene Hedin | |
| 8 –Vera Thorne | 22 –Linda Lepore | 31– Grace Wildman |

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES
AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

ALTAR & COMMUNION

TBD

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONEY COUNTERS

Louise Osborn, Lead
TBD

GREETERS

TBD

ASSISTING MINISTER

10:00AM

August 2

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville

August 9

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville

August 16

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville

August 23

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville

August 30

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville

CRUCIFER

10:00AM

USHERS

10:00AM - TBD

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:

Adams, Connie
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
Wudel, Richard, Jeff & Julie

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

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

Hickey, Madelyn
Maidhof, Walt & 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, Jeremy
Swain, Jr., Terry
Thomas, Peter Chris
Thompson, David
Timpe, Chris
Walton, Les

Relatives and Friends:

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

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.

August, 2020

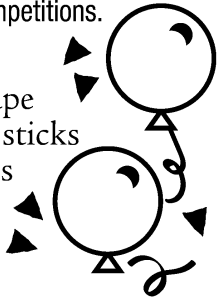


GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue



What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



Compete for the crown

👑 The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown. 👑

Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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FINISH

"Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

Answer: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown



"We're short a couple players. Mind if we use Holy Ghost runners?"



God's work. Our hands.

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