



# The Shepherd's Voice

July, 2021

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

## *Pastor's Page*

In a time of the year when we talk about “Liberty” and “Justice”, I find it ironic that there is a topic along the lines of liberty and justice that I dare not try to discuss in the church. The topic is the topic of “White Privilege”. Whenever I have had the opportunity to just so mention the topic, I have been shot down. The reason, mainly, is that most people do not want to have “political” arguments and/or they misunderstand what it is we are talking about in the church when we talk about “White Privilege” especially because it is closely associated with “White Supremacy” and no one wants to be labeled as “racist”. It has been my experience that a big part of the problem is that many people do not understand what white privilege is, or what it does. White privilege is not accusing someone (who has not had a privileged life) of having a privileged upbringing. White privilege is the fact that there are certain rights and privileges and ways of living we have because most of us were born Caucasian and that other persons of different ethnic backgrounds do not receive the same or equal treatment and consideration just because of their ethnic heritage. The term does not mean that we are intentionally trying to be “superior” to someone else. It does not mean that we are being racist. Think of it in terms of a system. It is a system that simply is and it has historical roots in our society. We were born into the system. We did not create it but, nevertheless, we are part of the system, and the system is repressive.

The questions we could ask ourselves is then, do we recognize white privilege when it takes place? How much of what we do in the church is guided and informed by white privilege? What do we do when we encounter white privilege? How do we as the people of God react in response to white privilege? How do we break out of the system? Where is God in all this?

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There are no easy or quick answers. We can (and should) address the issue, but we need to start with understanding what White Privilege is and how it effects our world. In order to do this I would like to share with you part of an article written by a person by the name of David Scherer who is a contextual learning coordinator at Luther Seminary (one of our 8 ELCA seminaries) located in Minneapolis. He shared some of his thoughts back in March. I found them very insightful. I thought it might be helpful if I shared some of what he wrote. If you wish to read the entire article let me know and I will share it, but for now here is just a snippet.

### **The Paradoxes of Fighting Racism in Jesus' Name**

As I write to you today, I am watching the barbwire being put up by the courthouse to prepare the Derek Chauvin trial (the former officer who murdered George Floyd). Derek Chauvin looks a lot like me. I have often wondered what does it mean to be faithful as a cisgender, straight, white Christian male in this moment, trying to be authentic in my desire to participate in God's justice and invite others to do the same, knowing someone who looks like me did this. How can I write and teach about the subject of dismantling white supremacy while benefiting from it? How can I claim an anti-racist ethic as a member of a church body that is 97% white? How do I facilitate change in my communities while I am still a work in progress myself? These are the tough questions I continue to ask myself. Danish Physicist Niels Bohr once said, "The opposite of a great truth is another truth." In my Lutheran theological tradition, we also assert that there can be a "simul" relationship between two seemingly opposite ideas. So, as I balance these truths in my own life, I share them and wonder if they might have resonance for some of you or the people you are leading:

### **Interrogating Whiteness AND De-Centering Whiteness**

It has been so important for me to understand what whiteness is and how it functions in my life. One of the most powerful ways that white supremacy functions is by going un-named. If we say we have not been complicit in the sinful system of oppression, we deceive ourselves and the truth isn't in us. When I began to see how my own white cultural patterns were normed, I was able to adapt them to create more space in my life for other cultural ways of being. As I found mirrors that helped me see my own racial-ethnic-cultural identity, I found new redemptive models of whiteness that were more liberative ... Self-examination cannot stop at becoming curved in on oneself but must always include a rhythm of other-orientedness. Jesus' desire for his disciples to love others as much as they love themselves

is an imperative to avoid neglecting either of those important relationships.

### **Urgency AND Patience**

In an urgent situation like the Chauvin trial where the “right answer” feels so easy for me to see, it is very tempting for me to draw a line in the sand with everyone in my life and say, “Either get on board with the right view about this right now or we’re done!” What is much harder for me is realizing that racism didn’t start yesterday. I have learned so much from my BIPOC friends who have fought this battle for many years. They constantly remind me that we didn’t get here overnight, and we are not going to solve it overnight either. Secondly, I must remember that not everyone is on the exact same trajectory of growth as me. It’s harder for me to stay committed to those difficult relationships in my life where we disagree and not “cut bait”. If we are going to need everyone in God’s Shalom enterprise for the planet, then I need to stay in dialogue with those that do not agree with me. God has dealt patiently with me in my development and I must do the same for others.

So, even though there are some very clear moral mandates from Jesus that we have been given about how we treat one another, what we do with those who have violated those mandates can be nuanced, especially when we ourselves have sinned against our neighbors. As I try to respond to the current chapter of racial violence in our society while being overwhelmed by my own shortcomings in the work, I have tried to remember the cross. It is situated in this place where we encounter a God who is big enough to somehow hold together Law and Gospel, Accountability and Grace, Love of Self and Love of Others, and many of the other complex paradoxes that responding to racism poses. It is situated in this place where we will encounter the Holy Wisdom needed to move forward with confidence. When I meditate on the cross, it gives me the strength to bring my whole self to this work and say, “God you made me just the way I am.”

I hope and pray that we, one day as a congregation, will have the tolerance, the patience, and the understanding to be able to sit down and have a safe discussion concerning the issues that surround us. How do we treat one another? That is the discussion we can have. Someday, maybe, the Holy Spirit will find a way for us to talk about serious issues that surround us and then we can have lunch or dinner and walk away as friends, fellow members of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and celebrate being the Baptized and beloved people of God who Jesus died to save.

That same God is with you wherever you go! This is the promise that keeps us going, and I pray it is, or will be yours, too.

*Pastor Dennis*



The following are highlights from the June council meeting:

- \* A volunteer is needed to do the monthly newsletter.
- \* A decision was made for use of the building for our parishioners during a hurricane with volunteers to aid the evacuees.
- \* The church will continue with two services and, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will go to mask use optional. In addition, the "roped off" pews will be open for seating.
- \* We will be having a single coffee "hour" between services dependent upon adequate volunteers.
- \* The Council approved the purchase of equipment to set up a video conference room.
- \* There is a need for a chairperson for the Evangelism Committee. Interested persons may contact Pastor.
- \* The choir will be dispensing with the use of robes. The robes and extra albs will be sold.
- \* Use of the Fellowship Hall by Kensington Estates Property Owners Association has been tentatively approved.

\* Rally Day with a single service and Congregational Meeting set for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

\* A Capital Campaign is being discussed as the reconstruction and repairs are nearing completion.

Next Executive Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m., July 1<sup>st</sup> on Zoom.

Council Meeting - 3 p.m., July 8<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.



## Deacon's Digest

### Deacon Robert's letter to God.

Dear Lord,

We have been for the past eighteen months so heavily burdened with Covid. The whole world was touched by this disease. Many people died because of this health crisis. Many were ill but thankfully recovered. We were put to the test: How much faith did we show How much trust did we put in you? Were we good to our neighbor when they needed us? Sometimes the burden was so heavy we lost sight of your light. I am asking for your forgiveness for me and anyone who may have fallen short in their faith.



Lord, we thank you for the gifts you gave us during the crisis. Worship was available every Sunday, even though the Sanctuary doors were closed during the health crisis. Your Word was spoken every Sunday, and the sermon was delivered. We tried drive by communion for those who wished to receive. Worship was live online as well as being available after the fact. We served You for Holy Week, we suffered with You on Good Friday. We celebrated Your Son Jesus's resurrection from death to life on Easter Sunday. We celebrated Your Son's birth at Christmas.

For what we were able to do as a church family I am thankful.

Lord, I am a sinner who needs you every day in my life. I pray that all of us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church did not disappoint you.

Lord God, You are good to us and your promise is real!!

Your Servant in Christ,

Deacon Robert



## Two requests from the Pastor

I hate to be a complainer. These are requests from me for everyone to consider.

My first request concerns the use of cell phones. Lately, we had cell phones ringing during worship. PLEASE, **silence the phone or turn it off during worship.** A ringer on the cell phone is disturbing to everyone and it disrupts the worship service.

My second request is much more personal. I love to greet everyone and I enjoy talking to everyone on Sunday morning. That being said, please keep in mind that on Sunday morning my job is to lead worship not conduct business. If you approach me on Sunday morning I am concentrating on worship

and I am not taking care of everyday business. In the last two months I have been approached by a number of people as I am entering the sanctuary to lead worship and they want to talk business. Mostly, what I am being told can wait until after worship, or it can wait until the next day. We are here Monday – Friday. We will be happy to discuss any business that needs to be discussed. I am going to be honest with you; I (probably) will not remember what you have said to me because I am thinking about worship. As a rule of thumb, if it can wait, let it wait. If you need to get a message to me, PLEASE write it down or send me an email.



## Worship and Music



The most recent meeting of the Worship and Music Committee resulted in the following important items:

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on attendance.....confirmed to stay with two services.
2. Djembe drum has been purchased.
3. Search for marimba continues.
4. Pews from the choir room have been removed & relocated to the bell choir area.
5. Padded chairs have been purchased for choir room.
6. Liturgy change is on-going.
7. Roger Johnson will contact some of the male former early morning singers to see if we can add more male participants.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The choir will dispense with wearing robes & will begin wearing GSLC Logo shirts depending on the church season. Pastor suggested advertising on the Synod website the availability of the robes for purchase by other congregations.

Worship & Music continued...

2. Deacon Mainster proposed also selling the excess albs...all agreed.
  3. Dan Cashman & Jim Gilbert will be making a set of book shelves in the choir room to store the hymnals.
  4. Dan Cashman suggested that once the book shelves are installed, we get the carpets cleaned...all agreed.
  5. Pastor suggested that as of 1 July we return to not mandating the wearing of masks--all agreed.
- Motion to adjourn by Dan Cashman, seconded by pastor Dennis.  
Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer  
Next meeting July 6 at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Johnson,  
Worship & Music Chair.



## W/ELCA NEWS

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**W**/ELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. All women members of an ELCA church are automatically members of W/ELCA. All women are invited to participate in any of our W/ELCA activities.

Summer is here and the women of Good Shepherd are collecting school supplies and cash donations to meet the needs of the students of Citrus County. Be sure to read the article in this newsletter from Cindy Gaertner telling you how you can participate in this project to help the children of our community succeed.

On June 9, the monthly Bible Study/Circle meeting was held in the church fellowship hall as well as on Zoom. Six women attended in person, and three on Zoom. Lisbeth Goetter led our discussion based on the first of three articles in the Bible study, "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone) from the "Gather Magazine." The theme for this session was "Just Wisdom." The July meeting will be on

Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 1:00p.m. in the church fellowship hall, and on Zoom. Attendance in the church fellowship hall is limited to ten. If anyone would like to join us, contact Anne Storan, astoran46@gmail.com to get the invitation with the Zoom link. The July Bible study, led by Anne Storan, continues our three month study, "L.I.F.E., (Liberation Is For Everyone!)" The theme for the session will be "Just Truth."

Anne Storan  
W/ELCA President



## W/ELCA SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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**E**ach year the Women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church collect school supplies for the students and teachers of Citrus County. This year we will partner with the Citrus County Education Foundation to maximize the impact of your donations so we can meet the needs of the greatest number of students. We will collect supplies and cash donations at the church throughout the month of July. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with WELCA school supplies on the memo line and the amount noted as "WELCA" on the envelope. Your generosity helps the students of Citrus County achieve success in school.

For your convenience there are lists of school supplies on the WELCA bulletin board in the fellowship hall and also on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance.

Cindy Gaertner



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- Wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- Black and white composition notebooks
- #2 pencils
- Pocket folders
- Pencil sharpener
- 9 x 11 inch spiral notebooks
- Pencil boxes
- Pink erasers
- Colored markers (washable)
- Spiral notebooks, 70 page
- Crayola crayons
- Dry erase markers
- Scissors (child size)
- Post it notes
- Glue sticks
- Ball point pens
- Colored pencils
- 3 ring binders
- Baby wipes
- Bath towel for pre-K
- Ziplock quart or gallon bags
- Kleenex
- Highlighters
- Backpacks, all sizes (Please, not rolling)

This photo is from our Rachel's Day Fundraising event. We were pleased to present a donation to Jessie's Place in Lecanto. Again, thank you to all who helped to make this possible.



**Aagot Green** and **Shelly Fortin** present a \$1,000 check to Jessie's place in Lecanto Florida from the Women @ Good Shepherd Lutheran church.

# Fellowship

It was so nice to see some of our church family in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday for coffee hour. We will continue to do the one coffee hour until further notice. Don't forget to sign up to take turns helping. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. There will always be someone to "show you the ropes" if you are doing this for the first time.

In July, I will be putting out sign-up sheets for Rally Day on August 1. Please be sure to sign up for attendance and if you can bring a side dish. Knowing how many people to expect helps with determining quantity of hot dogs and hamburgers, etc. to purchase.

On a "housekeeping" note, if you are involved with a group using the kitchen, please do not leave leftovers in the refrigerator unless you have checked with me. Often food items are left, which we can't use and they end up spoiled and need to be thrown out.

I recently changed my email account. My new primary email is [sangerbjd67@gmail.com](mailto:sangerbjd67@gmail.com). Please don't hesitate to email me or call me 352-527-1630 if you ever have any questions regarding Fellowship Committee or activities.

Betty Sanger  
Fellowship Chair



**The most important aspect of serving the Lord is simply making ourselves available. ". . . it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2).**



*"Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible."*

—*Corrie ten Boom*

# Virtual Coffee Hour

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June was the last month for Zoom Coffee Hour as we returned to in-person coffee hour between services on June 13. I'm glad many of you enjoyed this last year+ of virtual fellowship. We had anywhere from 4-30+ on the screen each Sunday morning! We shared cares, concerns, birthdays, laughs, family news and more in those 15-30 minutes together once a week. Thank you to all who participated.



Linda Koch



## Applying Biblical Principles

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*Empowered by Grace, We Invest for Time and Eternity*



Did you ever stop to think that there are two days which we spend most of our time worrying about? Those days are not Monday and Tuesday or even Saturday and Sunday, but yesterday and tomorrow. In fact, many people go through life overwhelmed by what one person called the “if onlys.” Maybe you’re one of them.

“If only” I had done thus and so. “If only” I hadn’t said that to him or her. “If only” I hadn’t gotten involved in that project. “If only. . . .” When our attention is on yesterday and what we could have done or might have done differently, we fail to realize that yesterday with all of its mistakes and

cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders, is forever beyond our control. As the *Illinois Medical Journal* stated, “All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said.”

The “if onlys” can also preoccupy much of our concern about the present and the future. “If only” I had more money. “If only” I were better looking. “If only” I were married to someone else. “If only” I could have a different career. The *Illinois Medical Journal* went on to say, “Tomorrow’s sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.”

What does that leave? Today. It’s what Jesus meant in John 9:4 when he said, “We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.” What has Christ given you to do? What has he asked you to do? Are you busy about the Master’s business while “it is day” or are you consumed with “if onlys”?

It has been said that regardless of the size of the church, 80 percent of the work is done by 20 percent of the people. Generally speaking, that ratio doesn’t seem to change much. In a church of 5,000 people, it holds true. In a church of 50 people, it holds true. It also seems to hold true much of the time here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Why is that? Is it because our Lord has nothing for 80 percent of the people to do? Or, is it because 80 percent of the people have not made themselves available to do the work of God’s kingdom?

What does it require to serve the Lord? Some might answer that it takes great ability to do so. Others might think that it takes lots of money. Still others might conclude that it takes a tremendous knowledge of the Scriptures to be the right kind of servant of the most high God.

But what does it really take? The primary ingredient is not talent, money, or Bible knowledge. The primary ingredient to serve the Lord is simply being available.

In chapter 6 of John’s gospel, there is a remarkable account of availability. In fact, it’s the only miracle recorded by all four gospels, but only John gives the interpretation. You probably

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remember the story. More than 5,000 people were present to hear Jesus teach, to watch him in action, to experience first-hand his life-changing presence. The disciples suggested that Jesus send the people away so they could go find something to eat.

And right there on the spot, Jesus gives a test to Philip by asking where they could buy bread for the people. Philip very quickly calculates the cost and concludes that such an expense is beyond the realm of possibility. Andrew does a little better in finding a young boy with five pieces of bread and two fish. But he concentrates on the few that could be fed from this meager lunch.

Ken Gire, in his book, *Incredible Moments with the Savior*, writes:

*What Philip and Andrew don't see is that impossible situations are not solved by how much we have in our purses or in our baskets. Not by how adequate our bank account or how abundant our assets. Impossibilities are solved by miracles — pennies from heaven. And Jesus had a pocketful. That is where the disciples were to go to get bread.*

*Jesus turns to the boy. He doesn't have much. And what he has isn't the best. It's the food of the poor: bread made from barley, not wheat; salted-down sardines, not lamb chops. But what he has is enough. For the surrender of a child and the compassion of a Savior are all that's needed for this miracle.*

The primary ingredient to serve the Lord is not talent, money or Bible knowledge. The primary ingredient to serve the Lord is simply being available. Just as that nameless lad was in Jesus' day. Available.

1 Corinthians 4:2 says, “. . . it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” All of us are stewards of what God has entrusted to us, so this passage applies directly to us.

Notice that the Apostle Paul does not say that it is required of stewards that we be found “fruitful” or “excited” or “optimistic” or “positive.” Instead, he says we are to be found trustworthy” or “faithful.” In many situations, being found faithful means showing up, ready and available, in season and out of season. That's what the faithful do. They keep showing up.

Yesterday? It's past. Tomorrow? It's yet to be. But today? It's where the action is. Will you make yourself available to use your time and talents as instruments of righteousness for Christ and the ministry here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Watch for upcoming sign-up sheets!

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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*Church Bulletin Bloopers*

- *On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the expense of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet, come forward and get a piece of paper.*



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Our Dear Church Family,

**T**he time has come for us to say goodbye as we head to Greenville SC to be near family.. GSLC has been a wonderful part of the past fifteen years.

We want to thank you all for your friendship, your prayers when we especially needed them, and the opportunity to serve God with such wonderful people. Most of all, we want to thank you for your hugs. They are special, and I think I will miss them most of all. GSLC will always be “our church” because of you.

As you wait in the hopefully-much-longer lines of people waiting to greet the pastor after worship, glance at the Dove window and think of us. That window is Jack and my special marker in this world.

Till we meet again . . . may God bless us, every one,

Love and hugs,

Jack and Pat Wolff

# Deaths

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Maynard Wall  
October 5, 1939- June 23, 2021



*“Rest in peace good and faithful servant.”*



## Memorial and Special Gifts

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

- To the General Fund by Eric Hahn in memory of **Kathy Hildebrandt.**
- To the General Fund by Sandy Jackson in memory of **Kathy Hildebrandt.**
- To the General Fund by John & Barbara Miller in memory of **Kathy Hildebrandt.**



*God, thank you for being right nearby  
whenever I call on you (Psalm 145:18).  
I place my trust in you.*



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

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

Linda M. Cashman	Vernon W. Stephan
Diane E. Meltesen	Anne R. Storan
Kenneth M. Meltesen	Wendy Wolber

Thank you for your gift.



**Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up  
&  
Food Share Monday Delivery**

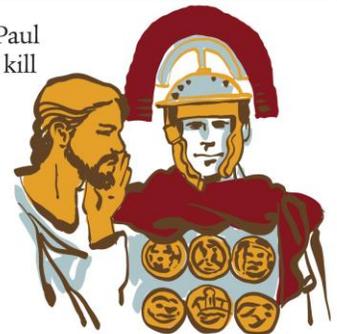
Dan Cashman



## Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



Answer (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)



*Your grace is sufficient for me, dear Lord. When I  
feel weak, may your strength dwell in me. (2  
Corinthians 12:9)*

# Where are they going?

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**Jack & Pat Wolff**



**J**ack & Pat Wolff will be relocating to South Carolina later this month to be nearer to family. We will certainly miss their warm, cheerful faces and hugs around Good Shepherd. We bid them farewell and Godspeed as they depart for their new residence in a couple of weeks. Each time you glance at the Dove stained glass window, please say a prayer and remember them with fondness. This was their special contribution to the church when we undertook this project a few years ago. We will provide updated contact information as soon as it becomes available to us.



## Special dates

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- COVID 19 – Second Dose Vaccination Event, Friday, July 2, 2021, 9am-12:00 Noon
- Canada Day, *July 1, 2021*
- U.S. Independence Day, *July 4, 2021*



# A Note from Ed Granger

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**D**ear Congregation:

As many of you know, I'll be leaving Good Shepherd and moving to New Mexico to be with family in the near future.

I have two antiques that I would like to sell (otherwise, I'll be taking them with me).

1. Antique High-Top Spindle Leg Desk. Must be viewed to be appreciated.
2. Metal Ship Trunk (circa 1920) that is all red velvet lined. Beautiful!

**The desk is \$125.00 and the trunk is \$50.00.**

If anyone is interested, call me at 352-425-2805. Don't miss out on this great deal!!!!



These pictures are examples and are not the actual desk or trunk being offered.

Sincerely,  
Ed Granger



## Completely devoted

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**B**eware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for him. It is easier to serve than to pour out our lives completely for him. The goal of the call of God is his satisfaction, not simply that we should do something *for* him. We are not sent to

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Completely devoted continued...

do battle for God, but to be used by God in his battles. Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ himself?  
—Oswald Chambers



## Are you a friend?

**W**e need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of “making friends,” friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God’s love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let’s enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*



## Giving our best

**H**ave you noticed that family tension tends to ratchet up as summer progresses? As you may have found during quarantine, bickering often escalates as siblings and parents spend more unstructured time together.

To be honest, I add to the problem sometimes. After I expend energy at work, navigate all our schedules and try to serve my friends and community, little of my “best” is left by day’s end. My family often gets the leftovers — literally and figuratively.

In “Be King,” Christian musician Brian Morykon

sings about the struggles of expressing love, even to relatives: “Be gentle to your brother/ Jesus will show you how./ Choose to bless your enemies/ even those that live in your house.”

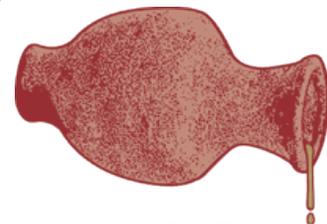
Our Savior sets an example by always loving me and always giving his best. That knowledge can help me flip things around and find ways to give my best, not my leftovers, to the people in my house.

—Janna Firestone



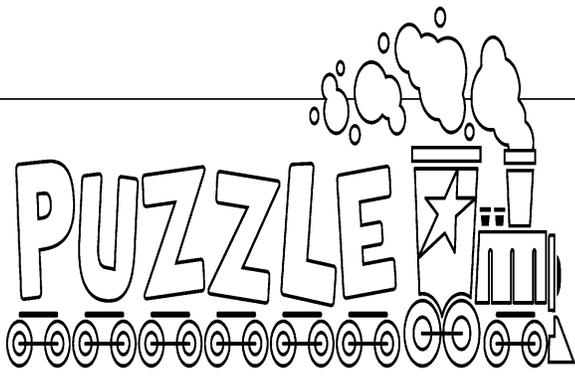
## OIL in scriptures

**I**n the Old Testament, oil symbolized consecration to God. The temple altar and king’s heads were anointed with oil to set them apart as holy. In the New Testament, oil often represented the Holy Spirit. Jesus and his followers were anointed for their ministries (see Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38).



### Plan To attend Rally Day!

**August 1, 2021  
And Congregational Meeting  
Single Service Day**



# As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.  
How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Grocooos worods

oro o honooocomb,

swoot to tho sool

ond hooolong 

to tho bonos.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

## The flavor of the gospel

“**Y**ou are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?” (Matthew 5:13, NLT). These words from Jesus might seem strange to us — *can* salt lose its flavor? But in New Testament times, most of the salt used as seasoning, preservative, medicinal aid and more came from the Dead Sea, where impurities often compromised its usefulness, especially its flavor.

Jesus urges his disciples — including us — to not let the flavor of the gospel be suppressed in our lives. What might do this? Teachings that treat patriotism, prosperity or any other value as equal to Jesus; the tendency to elevate one nation, church denomination, theological understanding or religious tradition above all others; such intense focus on the laws of ancient Israel that we neglect the superseding grace of God. But neither should we force the gospel on people, like overpowering their food by dumping in too much salt at once.

As followers of Jesus, we’re the salt of the earth. Let us use his good news to *gently* season others’ lives with service and love.



God Answers



Knee-mail

Small group meetings of 12 or less allowed.  
Must continue to follow CDC guidelines.

# JULY 2021

Sunday Worship In-Person,  
Facebook Live & You Tube

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00A- SOS  9:30A –Executive Council	2 10:00A – COVID Vaccines Second Shot Event until 12:00 p.m.	3
4 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person Worship and on FaceBook & You Tube July Birthdays 	5  In observance of Independence Day	6	7 8:00A-SOS 10:00A - Quilters	8 8:00A- SOS  3:00P – Council Zoom	9 8:00A– Workday on Grounds 	10
11 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person Worship and on FaceBook & You Tube	12 10:00A – Zoom  1:30P-Fellowship	13	14 8:00A-SOS 1:00P – W/ELCA Bible Study/Circle	15 8:00A- SOS 	16 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	17
18 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person Worship and on FaceBook & You Tube 	19 10:00A – Zoom 	20	21 8:00A - SOS 10:00A - Quilters	22 8:00A- SOS 	23 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	24
25 8:30A & 11:00A– In-Person FaceBook & You Tube	26 10:00A – Zoom 	27	28 8:00A - SOS	29 8:00A- SOS 	30	31

Sunday worship is at 10:00a.m. on Facebook Live and You Tube unless otherwise noted.

# JULY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Richard & Diane Pawelko  
Jim & Mimi Waara  
Frank & Ginny Veit  
Walter & Nancy Johnson  
Michael & Angela Busler

07/03/81  
07/11/??  
07/12/69  
07/19/53  
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

17 –Jane Sundblad

20 – Stacy Bahner  
Kimberly Swartz

24 – Jo Ann Clutz  
Len Martin

28 –Pr. Bill Barrett  
Pr. Dennis Koch

30 – Don Schroeder

**MONTHLY COMMITTEE , DUTIES**  
**JULY 4, 11, 18, 25**

**ALTAR & COMMUNION**

TBD

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

TBD

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Louise Osborn, Lead  
Alma Day  
Doris Herp

**GREETERS**

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

**8:30AM & 11:00AM**

**July 4**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**July 11**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**July 18**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**July 25**

Deacon Rick Mainster	Ann Neville
Deacon Bob Bonomo	Lisbeth Goetter

**CRUCIFER**

**USHERS**

**8:30 a.m.** – Dan & Linda Cashman  
**11:00 a.m.** –Don Schroeder, Randy Wagner

**NURSERY**

**Susan Fowler**



*(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  
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth  
Brockschmidt, Frederic  
Clark, Dawn  
Creager, Carolyn  
Dionne, Pam  
Graham, Bill  
Hartsfield, Sylvia  
Hassinger, Douglas &  
Donna  
Hester, Marty

Hildebrandt, Dick  
Jimenez, Jeanette  
Johnson, Barb & Harv  
Johnson, Carol Lee  
Justiniano, Nancy  
Koch, Michael  
Maidhof, Helen  
Miles, Ilse  
Olson, Louise

age-Wood, Jeremy  
Swade, Ken  
Thomas, Maria  
Wagner, Carole  
Wall, Carol  
Wheatley, Frank  
Whitcomb, Ray  
Wildman, Joe  
Wolff, Jack

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

Hehn, Margaret  
Mandell, Sheila

Moll, Bob  
Philipp, Dick

Wheatley, Frank  
Whitcomb, Maxine

***All who serve our country in the military:***

Burba, Jake  
Ceballos, Jason  
Corsino, Mykael  
Day, Kenneth  
Harrington, Bryan  
Heinz, Karinne  
Hickman, Richard  
Hicks, Nathan  
Holman, Evan

Jackson, Brad  
Johnston-Garcia, Christian  
Luchay, Alan  
Martin, Aaron  
McCann, Jim  
Miller, Tyler  
Muchow, Jason  
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

## *Relatives and Friends:*

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Goforth, Jeffrey	Ralph, Bruce
Balastieri, Casey	Goodloe, Ernestine	Rambaldini, Jim
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Graves, Janice & Declan	Romanelli, Michelle
Beck, Bryan	Guberman family	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Beeftink, Paul	Hertel, Karl	Schoenleber, Sara
Bell, Ian	Johnson, Jim	Sillien, Rita
Bier, Bobbie	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Small, Brenda & Steven
Blunt, Robert	Kraft, Carter	Stewart, Sam
Blyth, Ruby	Krol, Peter	Stuart, Neil & family
Brockschmidt, Brian	Krol, Shirley	Thatcher, Jean
Brugger, Tristan	Krutzikowski, Karl	Thompson, Lori
Burgess, Louise	Lavaja, Jim	Traywick, Edward
Burkhardt, Faith	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Tuegel, Chuck
Campano, Thomas	Lobenthal, Jean	Urban, B.J.
Cashman, Lynda	Loftin, Tracy	Van Wyk family
Cato, Cecelia	Loger, Dennis	Vera, Mireya
Cherry, Elaine	Longworth, Kathy	Vespa, Hazel
Cipollone, Elaine	Lubkeman, Diane	Vukelich, Alejandra
Clarke, Father Peter	Lundsford, Victoria	Walker, Betty
Clarke, Charlotte	Magrum, Corbin	Wells, Emmarie [6]
Costa, Denise	Mainster, Arlene	Wilder, Gayle
Crawford, Cleola	Magri, Steve	Williams, Dorothy
Crooks, Candi	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Wierzel, Rosalee
De Gina, Frances & family	McHugh, Mark	Wittmann family
Dortin, Rachel	McPhee, John	Wood, Rowen & Harper
Egan, Anne	Mena, Steve	Woods, Donna Jean
Farmer, Tom	Nickerson, Mike	Wolf, Nick
Fortin, Leon R.	O'Berry, Darlene	Woolley, Carol & family
Fratto, Joseph	Page-Wood, Jaaken	Wright, Matthew
Fowler family	Powell, Bill	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Garling, John	Priselac, Lorrie	Yonker, Veronica
Gifford, Judy	Queen, Max	
Goetter, Tom	Rajotte, Keith	

***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, 2021***



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

**What you need:**

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



**What you do:**

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

## PUZZLE

# No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



- |                 |                   |            |              |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear     | 9. ___ monkey     | A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog     | 10. ___ platypus  | B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| 3. ___ owl      | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| 4. ___ horse    | 12. ___ giraffe   | D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose     | E. kid     | N. joey      |
| 6. ___ deer     | 14. ___ swan      | F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| 7. ___ goat     | 15. ___ dog       | G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| 8. ___ fish     |                   | H. calf    |              |

"\_on't let any\_ne \_oo\_ down o\_ you \_ecaus\_  
 you \_re youn\_, but set an exa\_ple for the bel\_evers  
 in spec\_, in \_onduct, in love, in \_aith and in \_urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P





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