

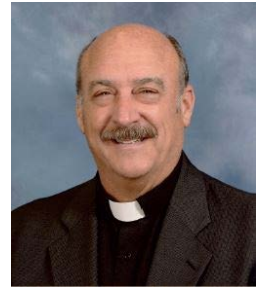


The Shepherd's Voice

August 2023

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PASTOR'S PAGE



What to do? What to do? I am not sure what to write in my article for this month. August, the middle of the lazy, hot, and hazy days of summer, lends itself to sometimes being difficult to find a theme. Mainly because not much newsworthy happens in the month of August.

However, did you know ... there are some special days in the month of August? Here are the ones I discovered – seriously, these are really on the calendar! Here we go. Raspberry Cream Pie Day, International Beer Day, Purple Heart Day, Bargain Hunters Week (Aug. 14-20) – dates provided just in case you wanted to know, National Senior Citizens Day, National Women's Equality Day, National Lemon Juice Day. Oh, and for you astronomy enthusiasts, the Perseid Meteor Shower will take place August 10-13. Those days should offer some “interesting” ways to celebrate. I, especially, wonder about National Lemon Juice Day. How does one celebrate that? Just saying.



Now to be more serious, we have our own day on the calendar. It is called Sunday. It is on that day we get to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and we get to share the celebration with everyone we encounter. And we get to do it every week!

We are about to enter into the fall season. It will cool down and things are gearing up. In the church of Jesus Christ there is always something more to be done. The work never ends. There will be plenty of activities. We will begin with **Rally Day** on Sunday, August 6. Each Committee should have a display in our Sunday School Rooms where you can discover all the ministry opportunities we have and all the opportunities we have for everyone to join in on the fun. We will also have our congregational meeting that day followed by lunch. We have some decisions to make as a congregation at the meeting. Everyone of ¹

Jesus’s followers in this congregation is invited to be a part. God’s Work Our Hands Sunday is a yearly event that occurs every fall. This year it will take place on September 10th and we are beginning plans now. These are just a few of the items on “our” calendar. And don’t forget the annual Tag Sale. It is coming up soon as well and many hands are needed.

As Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...” We have plenty of opportunities, come on by and join.

Pastor Dennis

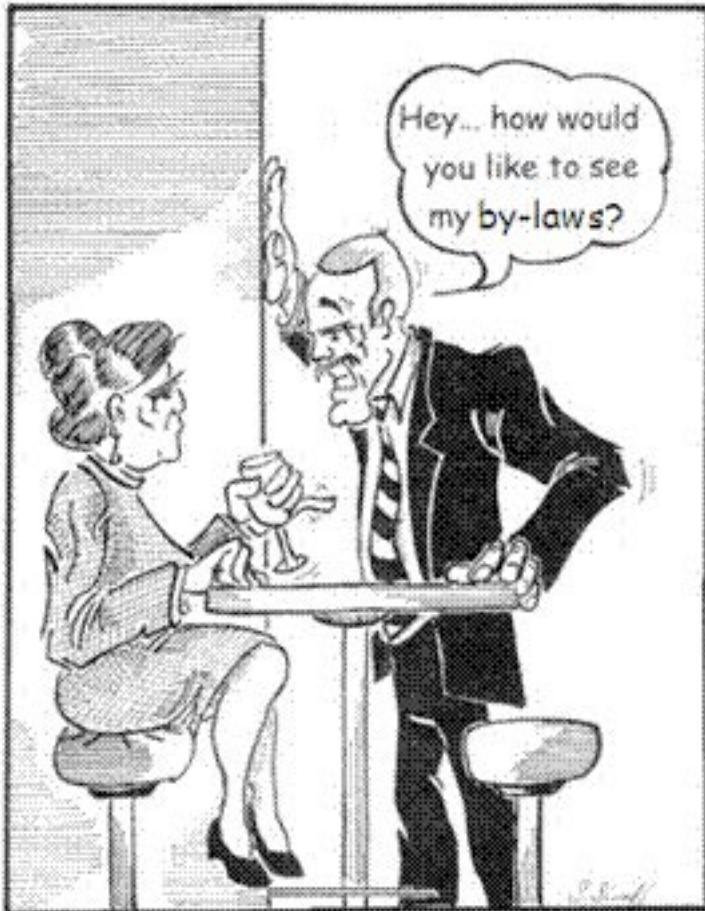


The harvest

is plentiful, but the workers are few, therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest, to send out labourers into his harvest.

Jesus

Dan’s World



You never know where you’ll find your next great board member...

... he will
**SPEAK
PEACE**
to his people,
to his faithful,
to those who
turn to him
in their
HEARTS.





Deacon's Corner

To my Good Shepherd Family:

After we started with one Sunday Service, I cannot express my joy in looking out to the congregation and seeing all of you worshipping as one. For so many years with two services, we were really two different churches.

When the Pastor and I are at the altar, you do not see what we see. We see a packed congregation of people (What a great problem to have!) on both sides of the sanctuary worshipping as ONE Congregation of faithful Believers, who want The Gift of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to hear The Good News!

Yes, change can be difficult for some, but what a wonderful way for us to show Our God that no matter what time we attend worship, we will be there to praise and honor God. Remember, Jesus was there for us while nailed and dying on the cross. I am certain that Jesus did not want to die this way, but He did. That being said, the very least that we can do is by changing our routine on Sunday to prepare for worship. Also, please know that where you sit is not important. I chuckle when I hear, "Somebody is in my seat." Well, it's not your seat, but what a blessing it is to have this concern.

Now that we have One Worship Service with One coffee hour, it's like being at home where the table is full and we celebrate and share our lives together. You know what else is a blessing; our volunteer kitchen people can join us for fellowship every other Sunday. NOW, that's what I call CHURCH.

Please give prayerful thought to this message.

May the Peace of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Deacon Robert





Church Council News

On August 12 from 11am-1pm there will be a MEET AND GREET for new members and those who have requested membership in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Church Council Members and Chairs of various Committees will be in attendance giving you an opportunity to learn of the many ways you can become involved in these various committees. There will be light refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you and chatting with you.

Executive Council Meeting
 August 3rd @ 9:30 AM
Council Meeting
 August 10th @ 3:00 PM

Nominating Committee



The Committee has chosen the following slate of candidates:

Name	Position	Term
Joe Adams	President	One year
Gladys Kean	Vice Pres (re-elect)	One year
Ann Neville	Secretary (re-elct)	One year
John Colson	Council	Two Year
Sally Hennessey	Council	Two Year
Sharon Maxwell	Council	Two Year
Bill Mehnert	Council	Two Year
Fran Stetson	Council	Two Year
Tom Stickler	Council (re-elect)	Two Year



Applying Bible Principles

*Stewardship is living
out our commitment
to Christ.*

Mention the word “discipline” and some folks get nervous. Why? Because generally, ours is an undisciplined age. With some rare and noticeable exceptions, society as a whole has become accustomed to not adhering to a disciplined lifestyle.

And that’s true in the spiritual realm as well. For many, spiritual discipline means legalism and putting ourselves back under the Law with all kinds of rules and regulations. But as R. Kent Hughes points out,

...nothing could be further from the truth if you understand what discipline and legalism are. The difference is one of motivation: legalism is self-centered; discipline is God-centered. The legalistic heart says, “I will do this thing to gain merit with God.” The disciplined heart says, “I will do this thing because I love God and want to please God.” There is an infinite difference between the motivation of legalism and discipline. Paul knew this implicitly and fought the legalists bare-knuckled all the way across Asia Minor, never giving an inch. And now he shouts to us, “Train [discipline] yourself to be godly!” If we confuse legalism and discipline, we do so to our soul’s peril.

One of the areas in which we need spiritual discipline is in our work and service in the kingdom of God, including here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It’s far easier to quit than to continue to serve. It’s far easier never to serve at all than to respond positively when opportunities for Christian service are presented to us. It’s far easier not to get involved than to be actively ministering in Christ’s name to others. It’s far easier to do nothing than to do something.

But God didn't call Christians to lives of ease, comfort and pleasure. He called us to take up our cross, to deny ourselves, to sacrifice, to be disciplined for the sake of the Gospel. There's nothing wrong with enjoying life to the fullest extent possible. There's nothing wrong with taking time off now and then. Even Jesus admonished His disciples in Mark 6:31 to come aside and rest for a while.

But the greater need for this day and hour is people who will stay at the task, serving the Lord, faithful in their work and service. Will you be one of those?

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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Is Jesus calling you to serve?

A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.

**One of the essential ingredients for serving
the Lord is to stick with the task at hand.**

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

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WELCA NEWS

As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Rachel's Day collection. Because of your generosity, we were able to give \$1,000.00 to the Courageous and Free Ministry.

There will be no Circle Meeting in August.

Our next Circle Meeting will be held on September 13th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Shelly Fortin will lead the Bible Study, using the September/October Gather magazine. Refreshments will be provided by Maggie Bregger and Helen Maidhof.

Our SUMMER PROJECT took place on July 29th. We packed school supplies and watched a Movie about Martin Luther. Refreshments were provided by Cindy Gaertner.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Saturday, September 9th, Janice Martin, our local Senior Liaison and Advocate will be in our Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM to discuss Senior Living, including Assisted Living Options, Senior Services available in our area, and the work she does as a Senior Advocate. Copies of her books will also be available for purchase.

Our next WELCA Board meeting will be September 5th at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd.

Shelly Fortin, President, GSLC WELCA



Adopt a Highway Program



Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, September 2nd. We meet at the church. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and pickers are provided. For any questions, contact Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or 386-589-4727.

Prayer Chain



I hope everyone knows our Church has a Prayer Chain. I invite anyone with a medical condition or other concerns who would like our prayers to give me a call or email. You may also call the church office and speak with Shirley McField.

The Prayer Chain is currently 20 strong. If you are interested in joining, please contact me.

Carole Wagner

352-270-8485

rwagner75@tampabay.rr.com

Social Ministry

Meeting:
August 7th @
1:30 PM



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

Bockers



Fellowship



Do you sense a theme with my submissions for the Newsletter? I am always pleased to be able to say **THANK YOU** to those who have stepped forward to help with the coffee hours, and to those who have brought in delicious treats. But do keep in mind we also appreciate store-bought treats, and always need sugar-free and gluten-free items. We realize not everyone likes to bake.

The next event to put on your calendar is **RALLY DAY** which is to be held on Sunday, August 6th. That day there is one service and a congregational meeting followed by our “Cook-out” food items buffet. Sign-up sheets will be available to indicate your attendance and number coming. **It is very important that we capture the number of attendees so we know what quantity of food items to purchase.** And the sign-up sheets will have a place for you to sign up to bring one of the various food dishes requested. And lastly, we will have the sign-up sheets for **HELPERS!!**

Tag Sale sign-up Sheets for helpers are available in the Narthex.

Another consistent theme for the Newsletter is asking for people to volunteer for our various events. If you look at the sign-up sheets and see who is helping, it is quite often the same people. If you haven't helped before, don't let that deter you from signing up. There are always people who can show you the way.

Tag Sale Reminder: no furniture, TVs, or electronics. All items should be clean.

Peace be with you,

Betty Sanger, Fellowship



Worship & Music

August 1st @ 10:00 AM - Monthly Meeting

August 2nd @ 6:30 PM - Choir

August 29th @ 6:30 PM - Bells



Health Ministry



Health Ministry

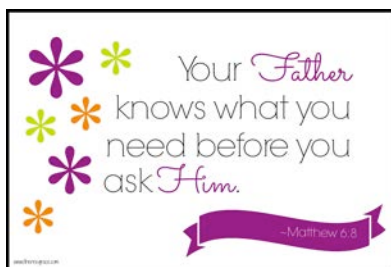
Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Ann Neville, Donna Pease, and John Colson. On the last Sunday of every month, we provide blood pressure screenings after service.



See you August 27th

HEALING AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Healing Service at Good Shepherd with the Order of Saint Luke on **August 17th at 2:00 PM.** It will include communion, laying on of hands with blessing, and healing prayer. All are welcome.





SALE!!! \$AVE MONEY! WELCA has a few just-beyond-dates coffee and tea products which will be offered at 50% off on Sunday, August 13 (our next coffee sales Sunday). Check out the bargain bin and see if there's anything you, or someone you know, might like!

Special Dates

6th - **RALLY DAY**

7th - Purple Heart Day

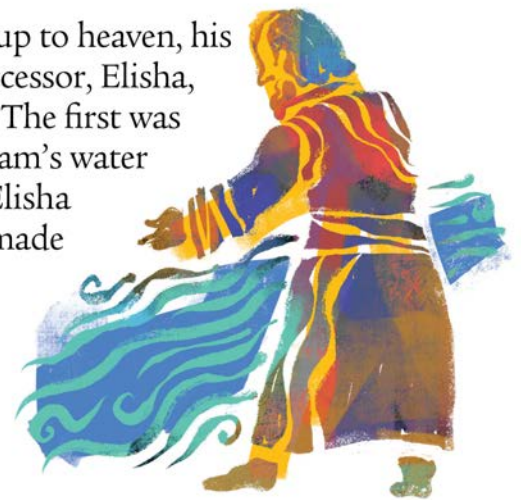
12th - Meet & Greet

13th - Coffee & Tea Sale

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt



Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)



HEALING
AND
COMMUNION SERVICE

Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM
Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe

Wednesdays @ 9 AM
A Time for Prayer

First Thursday @ Noon
Lunch @ Angelotti's

August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 A- Worship & Music	2 7:30A - SOS 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	3 7:30 A- SOS  9:30 A Executive Council	4 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	5
6 10 A Worship RALLY DAY Congregational Meeting	7 1:30P Fellowship Committee Meeting 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	8	9 7:30A-SOS 10:00A - Quilters 6:30P - Choir	10 7:30 A- SOS  3:00P Church Council	11 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	12 11A - 1P <i>Meet & Greet</i>
13 10 A Worship  TEA & COFFEE Sale	14	15 10:00A - Evangelism	16 7:30A-SOS 6:30P - Choir	17 7:30A - SOS 9:00A Pastoral Care Committee 2P - Healing Service	18 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	19 
20 10 A Worship 9:54A Sunday School	21	22	23 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Craft n Share 6:30P - Choir	24 7:30A - SOS 	25 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	26
27 10 A Worship 9:54A Sunday School 	28	29 6:30P - Bells	30 7:30A-SOS 6:30P - Choir	31 7:30A - SOS  	<u>Link to Pastoral Prayer Calendar</u>	

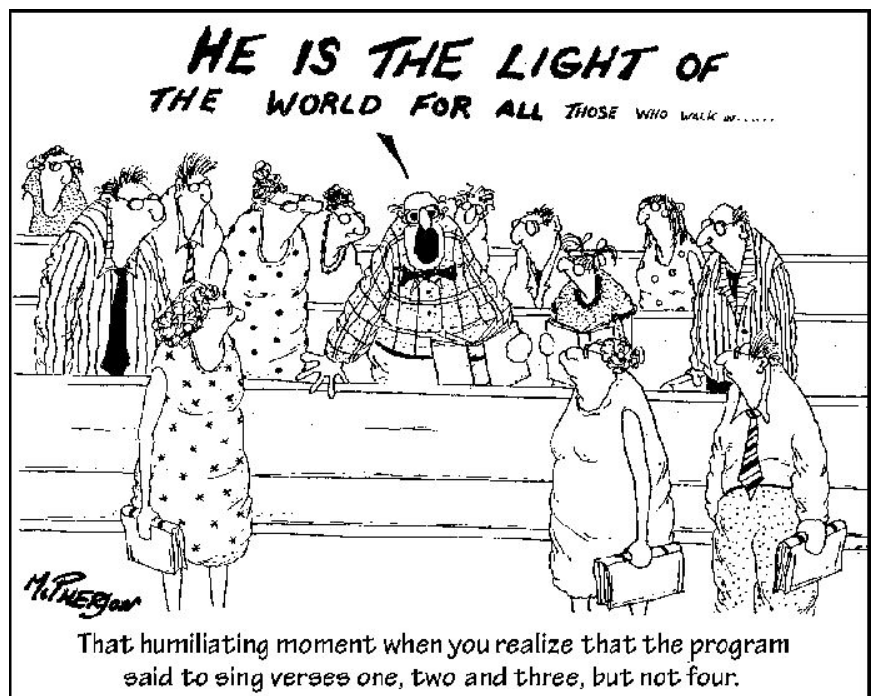
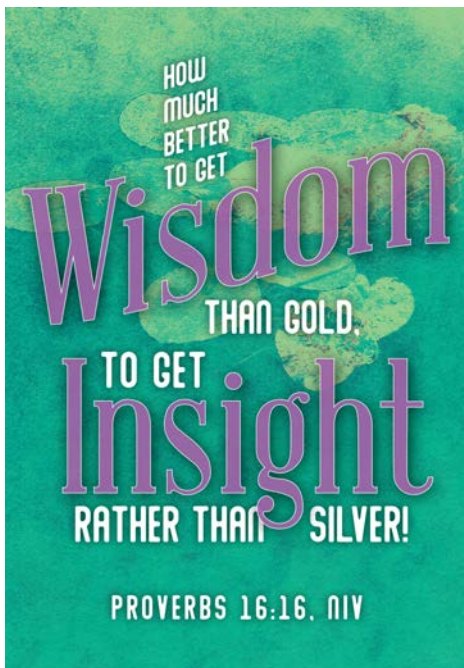
ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



John & Carol Colson	08/15/15
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
Joe & Grace Wildman	08/30/52
Jack & Angela Eggert	08/31/90



1 - Pat Weissert	12 - Jaxxon Ferry	22 - Linda Lepore
3 - Dave Sotrines	13 - Gloria Peterson	25 - Lynn Bechdolt Janet Richardson
4 - Carole Wagner	14 - Chris Beinwald Judy Knecht	26 - John Nelson
6 - Bill Knarr Valentina Cespedes	17 - Kathy Swartz	29 - Gary Knecht Carol McClune Diane Spengler
8 - Vera Thorne	19 - Darlene Hedin	31 - Grace Wildman





Let us remember:

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| Bendtsen, Elin | Hassinger, Doug & Donna | Masters, Leith | Wildman, Joe |
| Benefiel, Larry & Karen | Jimenez, Jeanette | Meltesen Family | |
| Brit-Busler, Elizabeth | Johnson, Carol Lee & Roger | Miles, Ilse | |
| Clark, Dawn | Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael | Mongardi, Eloise | |
| Costa, Denise | Lauer, Barbara | Page-Wood, Jeremy | |
| Drennen, Rose & Family | Lawrence, Ivalee | Pawelko, Diane | |
| Fowler, Bob | Lepore, Linda | Wagner, Carole | |
| Hartsfield, Sylvia | Lowe, Faye | Whitcomb, Ray | |



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

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| Charon, Carol | Frost, Joann | Moll, Bob | Philipp, Dick | Wheatley, Frank |
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All who serve our country in the military:

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| Burba, Jake | Jackson, Brad | Radosevitch, Eric |
| Ceballos, Jason | Johnston-Garcia, Christian | Springer, Dennis |
| Corsino, Mykael | Luchay, Alan | Stroble, Jeramy |
| Day, Kenneth | McCann, Jim | Swain, Jr., Terry |
| Harrington, Bryan | Miller, Tyler | Thomas, Peter Chris |
| Heinz, Karinne | Much, Jason | Thompson, David |
| Hickman, Richard | Piott, Trenton | Timpe, Chris |
| Hicks, Nathan | Posa, Codymicheal | |
| Holman, Evan | Radloff, Steven | |



Relatives and Friends:

- | | | | |
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| Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew | Campano, Thomas | Fidwell, Eloise | Iudiciani, Georgia |
| Balastieri, Casey | Cato, Cecelia | Fowler family | Johnson, Jim |
| Barber, Steve & Kitty | Cipollone, Elaine | Fratto, Joseph | Kraft, Carter |
| Beeftink, Paul | Clarke, Charlotte | Garling, John | Krol, Shirley |
| Bell, Ian | Clarke, Father Peter | Gifford, Judy | Lavaja, Jim |
| Bluver, Linda & son | Crooks, Candi | Goetter, Thomas | Lewellen, Emily Anne |
| Blyth, Ruby | DeVenuto, Lisa | Goforth, Jeffrey | Lobenthal, Jean |
| Brace, Quin | Dortin, Rachel | Goodloe, Ernestine | Loftin, Tracy |
| Brugger, Tristan | Drake, Matthew | Graves, Janice | Longworth, Kathy |
| Burkhardt, Faith & Dina | Farmer, Tom | Hertel, Karl | Lublemon family |

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Magnotta family	Parruche, Linda Ama	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wierzel, Rosalee
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Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Rambaldini, Jim	Traywick, Edward	Woods, Donna Jean
O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Tuegel, Chuck	Woolf, Nick
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vespa, Hazel	Wright, Matthew
Pach, Barbara	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Vulkelich, Alejandra	

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. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to:

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Stephanie



September  is **August 19th.**



ALTAR & COMMUNION
TBD

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION
TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Resumes August 20th

USHERS
10:00

Frank Flynn
Ann Neville

Gary Bush
Carole Wagner
Randy Wagner

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson
John Gifford
Joe Adams
Dan Cashman

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August 6th

Margot Berger

August 13th

Joel Ferry

August 20th

Shelly Fortin

August 27th

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Deacon Robert Bonomo

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God's work. Our hands.

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Kids' Corner



PUZZLE



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

PUZZLE



SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.
What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as can	is	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is	South	as	do
AS	EAST	far	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is	East	far down WEST	THE be AS West



... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs, The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

Answer: As far as the east is from the west



August 10th

Click for school calendar

Back-to-School Blessing

