

The Shepherd's Voice September, 2019

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

Pastor's Page

The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the Church located in Philippi:

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human

exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in huma. likeness. "

As the "Church", we are called, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world! And the question that I normally follow that statement with is, "What does that mean?"

What that means is that as followers of Jesus we are claimed by the God we know in and through Jesus. We are gathered as "the Church". The Greek word that is used in the Bible that we translate as "Church" literally means "the ones called out". So, we have been "called out" to gather around the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion as we hear the Word of God read and proclaimed. And then, we are "called out" and sent on a mission. That mission is to point to

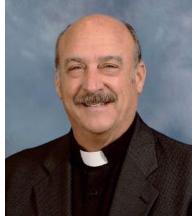
what God is doing in our world. We are missionaries into the world around us. We are "called out" to live our faith in the context of our homes, our neighborhoods and our communities. It is also important to remember that our building is not "the Church". The building is a mission center. The people gathered are "the Church". When we gather on Sunday, we do worship, we do not do Church. Church is what we are (not what we do) and whose we are. We are the ones called out to show and demonstrate God's healing touch in the world after we leave worship.

Our identity as the *"ones called out"* comes out of baptism, worship, learning, and support for one another, and from that, our participation in God's mission is born! Mission is what we are called to be as we participate in God's action in the world. Mission is discovered at the intersection of identity, purpose and context.

So what is mission and what is context? Mission is what we do and context is the place we find ourselves.

Whenever you drive a friend or a neighbor to the doctor's office or to/from the hospital you are doing mission and ministry. For those of you who assist with SOS each week, you are doing mission and ministry. Whenever you participate in/with ministry projects around Good Shepherd, you are doing mission and ministry work.

There are other opportunities that will be arising in the very near future. We have talked about starting a Stephens Ministry here at Good Shepherd. A number of you have been involved in Stephen Ministry before



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and are invited to join us. We now have the funds to register and begin training. For those of you who are not familiar with Stephen Ministry, it is a ministry of lay people for lay people. For more information see me or someone who is already a Stephen Minister. Other projects include building a manger scene to be placed outside the building during Advent and Christmas. How about joining our Eucharistic Ministers group? Gentlemen, how about joining our Men's Group? How about helping with Drivers with a Mission? How about a mid-week evening discipleship program for everyone, especially those outside the congregation? I could go on with this. I hope you are catching the point. And I know everyone wants to be asked. There are simply too many of you and too few of us to ask everyone personally to be a part. Instead, jump in! Everyone has already been invited by the Holy Spirit. Volunteer to be a part!

All you need to know and remember is that as you go about life as the "ones called out", you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ Jesus forever.

Pastor Dennís



FROM BISHOP SUAREZ, RE: ELCA as Sanctuary Church Body



August 12, 2019

Dear friends,

The ELCA, meeting in Milwaukee for Churchwide Assembly, became the first denomination to declare itself "a sanctuary church body".

There will be lots of conversation about this action in the days and weeks ahead. As a variety of news channels have picked up on this story and chosen to tell it through their own lens, here are some things to keep in mind as you evaluate the information you are hearing and choosing how to respond.

Below are some summary points regarding this action, given by the ELCA Churchwide office:

- The Churchwide Assembly's declaration that the ELCA is a sanctuary denomination binds only the ELCA Churchwide Organization; it does not bind congregations, synods, or other organizations;
- The Churchwide Assembly did not call for any illegal actions. All actions mentioned by the Churchwide Assembly are legal, and whether any person or organization chooses to engage in civil disobedience (and therefore accept the consequences) is up to them;
- The Churchwide Assembly did not define what it means to be a sanctuary denomination, but rather requested that the ELCA Church Council provide guidance as to what it means to be a sanctuary denomination.

In the ELCA, each congregation will decide how and if it will be involved in sanctuary ministry. This decision by the Churchwide Assembly does not mandate or obligate congregations to do anything specifically. In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is **publicly declaring** that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

While we don't know all the implications of this action, some congregations are already doing sanctuary work. Some congregations are already offering English as a second Language (ESL) classes, marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families, providing housing for a community member facing deportation. In some of congregations, it may mean having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body says that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of the broken system immigration system.

In 2016 the Churchwide Assembly established the <u>AMMPARO strategy</u> (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) to walk alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities. Through the AMMPARO strategy, *Welcoming Congregations* work on migration issues and welcome immigrants into their communities. Currently 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations around the country form an active network. *Welcoming Congregations* support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. The ELCA also has five sanctuary synods, all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. Through our global partners in Central America we work to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate.

In baptism, we are brought into a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity.

Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work of welcoming, caring for, and advocating for those whose lives are disrupted by migration. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.

I will be working with synod staff and others to decide what other resources will be helpful to congregations and ministries in facilitating healthy conversation and action around these issues. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your prayers and participation in this important work!

In Christ,

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Bishop Pedro M. Suarez Florida-Bahamas Synod



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he following are highlights from the August Council meeting:

Council opted to permit our sponsored Boy Scout troop to determine for themselves their single gender status. Council also approved the troop to host a December 6th fundraiser involving a "Parents Night Out" theme. A future pancake breakfast for the scouts was also discussed.

- A request to designate Cathy Heaps-Stetson as an unpaid staff member was approved to assist her in her grief counseling work at Good Shepherd.
- The Stewardship Campaign will begin in October and will continue as a year round project; many thanks to Shelly Fortin and her committee.
- A change to the membership envelopes was approved for the 2020 calendar year. This change will include a line item for "Debt

Reduction" to coincide with the building campaign.

- Council approved an on-line giving and credit card payment option that can be used as needed.
- > Two Continuing Resolutions were approved:
 - a.) A requirement for prospective council members to have been a full member of GSLC for at least one year prior to seeking election for an at-large council opening.
 - b.) A council member may not be a committee chairperson for more than one (1) standing committee.
- A change to the By-Laws will be added to our constitution requiring a prospective council president nominee to have served on council for at least one term (past or present) prior to seeking that position.
- The following dates were approved and will be added to Good Shepherd's Calendar:
 - a.) September 14 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study organized by KC Carrier with financial assistance from the Lutheran Men in Mission fund.
 - b.) October 19 Pasta with Pastor at 5:30 p.m.
 - c.) November 26 7 p.m. Thanksgiving service The Chancel Choir will perform.
 - d.) December 11 potluck **<u>DINNER</u>**.
 - e.) December 8 & May 17, 2020 Renate Williams Slick recitals at 3:00 p.m.
 - f.) December 8 Children's Christmas program.
 - g.) December 15 Chancel Choir Christmas program.
 - h.) Winter Concert Series dates for 2019/2020 season:
 - 1.) December 1 A. Ernst
 - 2.) January 19 Nothin' Fancy
 - 3.) February 23 Johny Carlsson
 - 4.) March 15 The Churchmen
 - 5.) April 17 Special Consensus
 - i.) February 22, 2020 Amy McNeil Cody Wirth wedding.
 - j.) April 10, 2020 Good Friday Fish Dinner.

reveral important things were covered at our

meeting:

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Worship and Music

- 1. Harv Johnson is looking for an electrical company to check if the church is grounded correctly to protect our building.
- 2. We are working on getting a new sound system and hope to have it up and running before Christmas.

We also discussed upcoming church events/services thru the holidays....you may want to mark your calendar:

- 1. Sept 8: Early Morning Singers anthem will be with congregation participation.
- 2. Oct 27: Reformation Sunday.
- 3. Nov 3: All Saints Sunday.
- 4. Nov 10: Observe Veterans Day. Early Morning Singers and Chancel Choir will sing.
- 5. Nov 26: (Tuesday) Thanksgiving service at 7pm. The Chancel choir will sing.
- 6. Dec 8: Children's Christmas Program
- 7. Dec 15: Choir Christmas Program

Advent Services will be: Dec 3, 10, and 17 at 7:00pm with Soup and Sandwich at 6:00 pm.

On Sunday, Sept 1 both Renate and Roger will be away. The Flock will provide musical offerings for both services. Jenae Sory will be our piano accompanist for the prelude, hymns and postlude.

Our next meeting with be Tuesday, Sept 10th at 10 am.

Roger Johnson, Chair



Many things I have tried to grasp and have lost. That which I have placed in God's hands, I still have. —Martin Luther





Come to the Well Retreat submitted by Pr Vicki Hamilton

re you a woman that has spent so much time taking care of everyone else whether it be at your job, your spouse, your children or your friends to the point you are too exhausted to think at the end of the day? Can you recall the last time you felt loved? Or experienced ANGER? Was it today, yesterday, last week? What examples of anger do you remember from your childhood? As an adult? Were there few or many? As the caregivers for the universe, we take on all of the burdens with the joy. During this retreat we will explore what angers

us and hear stories from women like yourself, then put into action some ways to receive love

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and take care of ourselves. Let's take the time to share our stories, heal from the hurt, celebrate the joy, support each other and most of all show LOVE to the most important people in our lives, ourselves. If this sounds like something you want to experience while in a relaxed setting at a beautiful retreat center. Register now!

In partnership with Women of the ELCA Ms. Valora Starr Director of Discipleship and Bible Study Leader Co-Coordinator Ms. Anna Allen - Spiritual Massage Therapist

September 20-22, 2019 @ Luther Springs Camp and Retreat Center Hawthorne FL

Theme: Ladies Leading Despite Limits Registration: www.cometothewelljax.weebly.com

W/ELCA NEWS

September is the month when the women of W/ELCA begin making our plans for the coming year. We welcome the talents, interests and concerns of all the women of our church. Our nominating committee will be looking for women interested in serving on our Board as officers, committee coordinators and circle leaders. We look for suggestions for programs for the coming year. You are invited to attend any Board meeting or to speak individually to any officer or circle leader. Please, prayerfully ask how you can grow spiritually by serving in a new capacity or continuing in the ministry of the church.

Put Saturday, October 5th on your calendar and join us for our Invitational Salad Luncheon. We will have the chance to show-off our culinary skills as we bring in our favorite salads to share with each other, and with our guests from other churches in the Pinelands Conference as well as Shepherd of the Hills. The program for this event will be Kathryn Sipper telling us about the expanded services of The Path.

Following the luncheon on October 5, the women of Good Shepherd will hold a brief but very important meeting to elect our officers for the coming year.

Save the Date: November 8-10, 2019, Women of the Florida-Bahamas Synod will hold their annual Fall Gathering at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg, FL. The theme for our Gathering is "Come to the Table." There is still time to make a reservation. There is a wonderful menu for the Fall Gathering. At our table you will nourish your soul with worship, Bible study, workshops, fellowship, elections and other business, table games, tying quilts for LWR, making new friends, and reconnecting with old friends. Online registration, including workshop information, is available at <u>www.flwelca.com</u>.

THANK YOU! The school supply collection exceeded our expectations in every way. The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church generously donated an abundant assortment of all the requested school supplies. Additionally, all of the special requests were met and exceeded.

W/ELCA News continued...

Because of the advance planning, organization, and inspiration of Cindy Gaertner, there was a team of enthusiastic volunteers to sort, count, organize, and distribute the supplies in record time. Cindy invited neighbors to join us in this meaningful activity so they could share the blessing of service that we enjoy at Good Shepherd. At the last minute, a teacher who had gotten digital tablets for all of the students in her classroom asked Cindy if it would be possible to get 19 earbuds for the students to use with their digital tablets. Cindy wasn't sure how to pay for that request. She stopped into the church office and found that members of our church who weren't able to go out to purchase supplies, had made a \$20.00 donation for our school supply drive. Cindy took the \$20.00 to the Dollar Store to see what she could do. The Dollar Store was liquidating the last of their earbuds for \$0.99. They had exactly 19 left. God watches us as we feed his sheep, and sometimes he gives us a wink.

Because of Labor Day, the September W/ELCA Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, at 9:00. The Mary-Martha Circle will meet at 10:00 that same day.

Anne Storan President



W/ELCA Circles

Mary-Martha Circle

Monday: September 9, 2019 at 10:00AM Bible Study Leader: Nancy Gomes Hostesses: Anne Storan & Jeannine Robertson All ladies are welcome to attend!

Ruth-Naomi Circle

Wednesday: September 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM Bible Study Leader: Shirley Uherchik Hostess: Lisbeth Goetter

Priscilla Circle

Thursday: September 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM Bible Study: Group discussion Hostess: TBD

All women are welcome to join us in Bible study and fellowship.

School Supplies

hanks to our congregation and friends who donated and helped with this project.

Our total was 3,145 items plus 5 bags to Sunday school.

Five schools were the recipients of your generosity:

- Hernando Elementary School
- Forest Ridge Elementary School
- Citrus High School
- Crest School
- Lecanto Primary School





Fellowship

In September we can look forward to the Pasta with Pastor Potluck Dinner to be held on October 19, 2019, at 5:30 PM. Please note this change of time from previous years. Fellowship will provide the salad, bread and dessert. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex by September 22.

Round-Robins: Pat Wolff, who is heading this new activity for Good Shepherd, will be finalizing the structure and will provide the details in a letter to members in September. The goal of this initiative is for members of our church to get to know one another better and meet members we don't know. As we often hear, having two services makes it more challenging to not only meet fellow members, but to know one another better than just saying hi. Look for details in the September letter.

There will be no Committee Meeting in September. Please always feel free to contact me via email or phone, 352-527-1630, if you ever have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Betty Sanger Committee Chair

Stewardship

"Stewardship programs you can count on"

Empowered by Grace

young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, "May I use the telephone?" The druggist replies, "You certainly may," and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, "Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?" The man replies, "No, we already have a stock boy." The boy suggests, "If he isn't doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job." The man replies, "No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing," so the boy hung up the telephone.

The druggist overhears the conversation and says to the boy, "I'm sorry you didn't get the job." The boy says, "I don't need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work."

What if you could call God to ask him how he saw your effort in fulfilling the purpose for which he created you? What kind of marks would he give you for being his witness, or how you were doing in your service to others, or how you were doing in your giving? What kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person relying on the Holy Spirit to do his will or working in your own strength and giving yourself credit for your successes? When God looks at you, does he see that you acknowledge him as the source of all that is good? Does he see you seeking to use his strength and wisdom? Would God tell you that he is pleased with the ways you are using the time, talents, and money he has entrusted to you?

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God's standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the Cross, we are forgiven for all the times we have failed to honor God with our behavior and efforts to please him. By his grace he molds and transforms us into God-pleasing people who seek to please him. In Christ, we can do God's work well.

Starting on October 6, we are offering a stewardship emphasis titled "*Empowered by Grace!*" We hope and pray that you will participate in both worship services and Bible studies.



Evangelism

e are finally getting to autumn when all the things we have been talking about all year are going to begin. To recap, the CATCH CLASSES determined that one of the most important objectives for a thriving church is "friendliness." We have to be the church that people want to join when they visit for the first time. We realized that the members who feel we are already a friendly congregation are the people who know many other members. With that in mind, we are reinstating the six-person Round Robin groups that get together outside of church once a month for three months. Sign-up sheets are back up in the rack outside the office.

The second new program we are starting is Neighbor to Neighbor (NTN). We are praying that we will get participation from many (most?) members. I was so surprised to find out that twelve of the member families live in my subdivision, with another seven fairly close. I know that I couldn't just pick up the phone and call someone I don't really know.... UNLESS I knew that they might be expecting a call that said I just wanted to meet a "neighbor" that was also a member of our GSLC family. So in September we will be mailing out a letter to each GSLC family listing the members who live in YOUR neighborhood. The letter will explain the NTN program in more detail with ideas and suggestions.

You'll soon be seeing the calendar of another great Music/Entertainment Series set for this year. We will also have a new brochure to pass out at these events that tell more about our church. (And maybe to the new people moving in down your block!)

Hopefully some of these ideas will lead to bringing new people/new friends into our church family. We are also working on several other ideas for attracting people to GSLC. Any suggestions are welcome. Call Pat Wolff with your ideas. (352-560-7386)

Stephen Ministry

Would You Be Willing to Be a Part of Stephen Ministry?

hen I mention Stephen Ministry the question I normally get is, "What's that?" It is best answered this way. Stephen Ministry is a group of well-trained individuals who provide one-to-one Christian Care to hurting people in and around our congregation and our community.

The next question that I get is, "Isn't that the pastor's job?" And yes, I know the joke that says, why can't the pastor do this? He only works one day a week. Jokes aside, think of it this way, Stephen Ministry fills a spot in a congregation's mission and ministry. Pastors cannot meet all the needs. Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one on-going relationship between two individuals. Pastors and church staff cannot fill that need completely. Pastors provide immediate care at the onset of a crisis, but it's not always possible for pastors to provide ongoing follow-up care. Pastors and staff don't have the time available to offer continuing care for all the people who are hurting-both members and nonmembers. If you think about it, we live in a fast-paced and fragmented world. People suffer crises and tragedies, but they often don't have caregivers they can count on. Family members and friends may be scattered across the continent – or even the world. Neighborhoods rarely offer the support needed. So when a crisis or challenge hits, many people have no one to turn to and end up facing it alone.

The question to ask should be: "*How Can We Meet the Needs for Care?*" Everyone faces periods of crisis, transition, and difficulty. During these times, a caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, emphasize, pray with and for them, and encourage them with Jesus' love and care can be a tremendous benefit.

If you are already a Stephen Minister or are interested in exploring what Stephen Ministry can mean for you, let us know. Contact the church office at <u>gschurch@live.com</u> or give us a call at (352) 746-7161. We are trying to arrange an informal time to get together in the very near future so I hope to hear from you.

Pastor Dennis



June 6 to 8, 2019

Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly

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Greetings! This is the last part of my report on the Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly held in Orlando June 6 to 8. You can also check out the web site for the Synod at <u>https://flsynod.com/assembly-</u> guidebook-2019. My first report in

our July Newsletter provided information on how to get more information directly from our Synod office. Again, if you want the link to E-Spirit Newsletter, just email me at <u>ambusler@gmail.com</u>.

In the most recent E-Spirit Newsletter, Bishop Suarez is pictured with the delegation of 15 representatives representing the Florida Bahamas Synod at the Churchwide Assembly held in early August. A recap of the work completed was provided. Among over a dozen items covered in the recap are:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- A declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.
- Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.
- Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.

Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly continued...

- Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.
- Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.

To conclude the report on this year's Synod Assembly, the following are some of the items either discussed in sessions or booths represented:

- ELCA Fund for Leaders, an organization formed to help with expenses of seminarians.
- ➢ World Hunger
- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Venezuelan Migrant Crisis
- International Decade for People of Color
- Message from presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in video
- Emmanuel Academies in Naples, Florida
- Women of ELCA Fall Gathering, November 8-10, Leesburg, Florida
- Charitable Gift Giving to the ELCA Foundation
- ➢ How to create a mission endowment fund
- Newberry College, South Carolina
- Address from Council Vice President, Cheryl Stewart
- Coaching Ministry, Intentional Relationship for Effecting Change
- Youth Voting Members report on 21 youth attending the Assembly
- Anniversaries of clergy 50 years and more, and all others in increments of five years
- Treasurer's report and audit findings
- Novus Way: Lutheridge, Lutheranch, Luthersprings, Lutherock
- Bi-Lingual, Spanish speaking band with children and adults from the Florida Bahamas Synod

In conclusion, there was one presentation provided to the attendees that moved me the most. Above, I mentioned in the Churchwide Assembly, a declaration was made about a Commitment to Inter-Religious. Bishop Suarez and his team provided us with a demonstration to this commitment with 2 Muslim leaders and 1 Jewish Rabbi speaking to the synod assembly. Some of the comments from this valuable panel were:

- \checkmark We live in ignorance of other religions.
- ✓ Over half of Americans know nothing about the Muslim religion.
- ✓ Hatred goes away with knowledge.
- ✓ Love your neighbor as yourself.
- \checkmark We are stewards and caretakers of the world.
- \checkmark My ancestors are your ancestors.
- ✓ There are a number of ways people find Higher Being.
- \checkmark Diversity is a part of the diverse plan.
- ✓ If you break bread with the enemy, you become friends for life.
- ✓ Faith based leaders must take responsibility from the pulpit to spread love and understanding.
- \checkmark Anybody can be at The Table.
- \checkmark It is okay to have boundaries.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to serve you as your representative to the Synod Assembly.

God Bless each of us! Angela Busler, Cell 860-906-8723



Do you love to sing? Are you sitting in the congregation wishing you were singing with the choir???? Well, the choirs can use you!!! We know there are beautiful voices sitting in the congregation. Now is the perfect time to join either the Chancel Choir if you attend the late service, or the Early Morning Singers if you attend the early service. The Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and normally sings at the 11:00 a.m. service. The Early Morning Singers practice at 7:50 a.m. in the morning on the Sunday that they will sing. The Early Morning Singers normally sing once a month.

Add Your Voice continued...

We will soon start working on Christmas music for our annual concert. I can tell you we have some new and fun things planned with both choirs this year...including having combined choirs for some musical selections.

If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Roger Johnson at 746-7321 or Renate Williams Slick at 352-228-7809.



"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." Sunday

S unday September 8 the ELCA is urging us to celebrate the anniversary of our denomination by reaching out into the community. The Social Ministry Committee will be taking donations of lunch foods to the Elkham(after 8:30 service) and Kensington (after 11 AM service) fire stations on that Sunday. Needed: sandwiches, fruit, veggies, pasta, sweets, bottled drinks, etc. Please sign up on narthex clipboard depending on which service you are attending."



Thrivent Choice Dollars

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

Joseph E. Baker III

Thank you for your gift.



ANGEL TREE

The Christmas Angel Tree ministry is looking for a chairperson and workers to man the Christmas Tree Table during November on Sundays for early service and late service. It's a fun project and will help needy children have a Merry Christmas. This ministry works in conjunction with the Family Resource Center who gives us the names of the children. Please contact Amy Gilbert at 564-0397 for more information.





To all our Good Shepherd Family,

The Burfeindt family would like to thank you for being there to offer love, comfort, reassurance and prayers after the loss of our Ed.

Your words and hugs at his memorial service were very special and heartfelt as were the many beautiful cards. Our thanks to all the ladies "in the kitchen" and for the many delicious desserts provided.

Thank you Pastor Koch and Pastor Barrett for a beautiful service and for the many visits you made during Ed's illness. We cannot tell you how much it meant to us.

Also, thank you to Rick Mainster, Bob Bonomo, Renate Williams, Ed Granger and Shirley McField.

In Christ's love, Janet and family



Letters of Thanks continued ...,.

To my Good Shepherd family,

So many of you reached out to me either in a phone call, prayer, email, card or visit during my recent hospitalization. I appreciate each and every remembrance! Thank you to Pastors Koch and Barrett, and Deacons Rick and Bob for their constant prayers and commitment to the spiritual Healer being present in my journey.

Blessings, Dawn Clark



To my Good Shepherd family,

This is long overdue; I received many calls, best wishes, and cards, after my knee replacement in May of this year. All of your prayers and thoughts have helped so much. What a great church family we have at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Thank you so much. And now I am able to go to our daughter's wedding.

Love, Barb Johnson



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Greg and I would like to thank you for the many beautiful cards and gifts we received. You are all so warm and loving. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the ladies of the church for the fabulous cake and card signed by all. You made our day extra special!

We love you all! Many Blessings! Greg and Renate



Deacon Rick Mainster and I want to thank all of you who supported the fundraiser to benefit the Steven Ministry by purchasing GSLC embroidered shirts. Your generosity generated over \$400.00 for this worthy project. If you missed the opportunity to place an order we are planning another sale after the first of the year.

Blessings, Barb Lauer



Memorial and Special Gifts

he following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of August:

- To the General Fund by Ed Granger in memory of **Ed Burfeindt and Bob Neville.**
- To the General Fund by Ed Granger in memory of **John Durr.**
- To the Memorial Fund by Jacquelin Fischer in memory of **Yvonne Blass.**
- To the SOS Food Pantry by Gerri Fallanca in memory of **John Durr.**
- To the Memorial Fund by Sandy Jackson in memory of Ed Burfeindt, Yvonne Blass, John Durr and Lee Stiles.
- To the Enduring Gifts Fund by Mary E. Wagner in memory of **John Durr.**
- To the SOS Food Pantry by Rolf & Shirley Storsteen to the glory of God.
- To the Memorial Fund by Eric Hahn in memory of **John Durr.**
- To the General Fund by June Dreger-Parsons in memory of **Yvonne Blass and John Durr.**
- To the Memorial Fund by Eric Hahn in memory of Lee Stiles.
- To the Memorial Fund by June Dreger-Parsons in memory of Lee Stiles.
- To the General Fund by Ed Granger in memory of **Vaughn Young.**



Potter Stewart, the former Supreme Court justice, defined ethics as "knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is the right thing to do





Lee F. Stiles December 16, 1933 – July 26, 2019 ** *Rest in peace good and*

faithful servant."



Hilltoppers

The Hilltoppers enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of good food, good fun and good fellowship at Los Magueyes Mexican Restaurant in Inverness last month.

Our next outing will be at Bubbaque's restaurant in Crystal River on Friday, September 20th.

If you would like to join us, we will carpool from the church at 12:30pm. Don't forget to call Louise Olson at 344-4479 with your reservation.



Craft 'N Share

Summer is over ! TIME TO RESUME CRAFT AND SHARE!! Come join us on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or as your time allows. Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided.

Easy projects, no need to 'sew'. There are many projects to just cut so bring your cutting shears if you have them. Other projects just need to be stuffed or filled.

We met in June and cut and sewed 8 more felt cats

for cat scan patients as well as other patients at CMH. We will continue with these. We have several to be stuffed – easy project. Join us to cut, stuff and sew these little cats. (They are well received by patients per Cindy. She sees them at many bedsides!)

We also are cutting and sewing more totes for the cups that the Evangelism Committee gives to new members.

We plan to fill little glass yogurt jars with flowers for the October W/ELCA Invitational Luncheon. This is another easy project that recycles both jars and plastic flower arrangements.

We mailed off 24 finished pillow case dresses for the Little Dresses for Africa project. The return post card from their project states "We're not just sending dresses we're sending HOPE." Big thanks to our faithful sewers Sandra and her niece.

This is a great 'at home' project. Thanks to the generous donations of pillowcases, we have assembled many as kits ready to sew. (And supplies to assemble more kits with elastic and bias, ready to sew!) We have patterns for home sewers of pillowcase dresses.

Thanks, too, to Mary W. for donations of yarn which Pam and others will put to good use crocheting lap robes and afghans. Mary also donated bath towels for adult clothing protectors (aka bibs) and LWR Personal Care Kits (Ladies: check the red-topped box in the right hand closet for towels to use in this project.)

Thanks, again, to Eloise for the beautiful prayer shawls and Pam for crocheted lap robes. Please note, if you need a lap robe to deliver to someone who is ill, in rehab or hospital or grieving pick one up. The bins for SHAWLS and LAP ROBES are in the left side of the right hand closet in the rear of fellowship hall, making it easier for you to access them. Please sign the clip board with name of who you deliver too.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, September 25, from 10 to 2 for a chat while we work.

Questions?? Call Maggie at 860-2215.

The Quilting Group

n August 7th seven quilters and one sewer met and we made eight quilts. We want to thank Esther Page-Wood for tops. We also had other tops left in the closet. Please, if you are making a donation, leave your name so we can

Today we thank Anita D. who brought youth and baby tops and Gloria Peterson for cutting 3 different sizes of squares.

In September we meet on the 4th and the 18th to make full sized quilts. Come and join us between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch; dessert and coffee are provided.

Questions call Gerry at 637-2412

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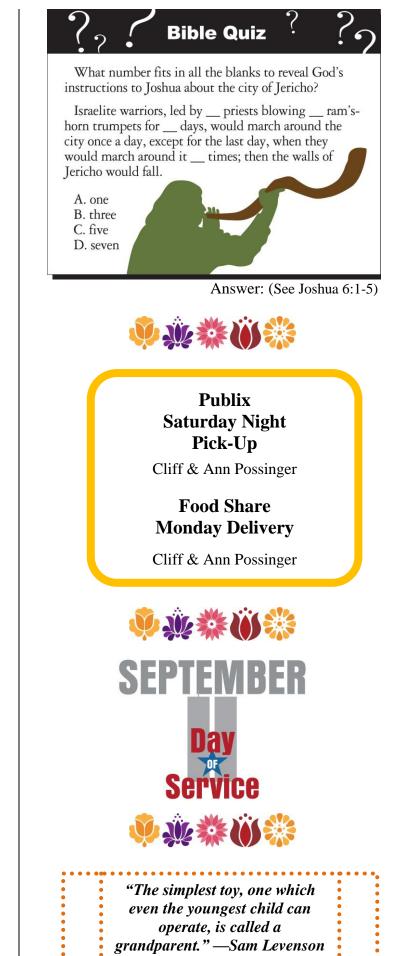


- September Birthdays Celebrated, *September 1*, 2019
- Labor Day, *September 2, 2019*
- "God's work. Our hands." *Sunday, September 8, 2019*
- National Grandparents Day, September 8, 2019
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2019
- Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, *September 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 Oct. 15, 2019
- Life Care Center, September 22, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2019
- Youth Sunday, September 29, 2019



Bible humor

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married? A: Ruthless



Back-to-school humor

hat kind of school do you go to if you're

- ... an ice cream man? Sundae school
- ... a giant? High school
- ... a surfer? Boarding school
- ... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water? **Student:** H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O **Teacher:** What are you talking about? **Student:** Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet? Student: In jail!



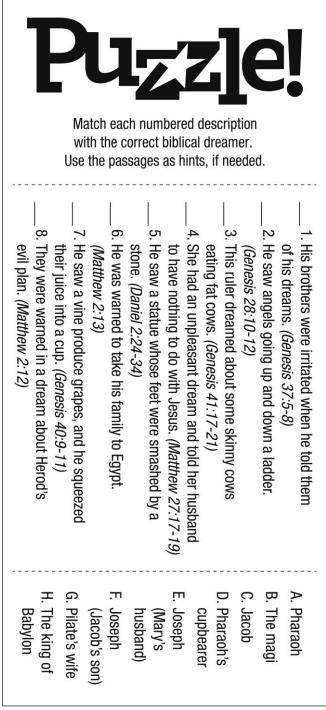
Why God watches

n English bishop recalled a childhood visit to an elderly woman, who showed him a framed text that read "Thou God seest me."

The woman told him, "When you're older, people will tell you that God is always watching you to see when you do wrong, in order to punish you. I don't want you to think of it that way. Instead, take the text home and remember all your life that God loves you so much he can't take his eyes off you."



"God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking." —William Arthur Ward



Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45A - Christian Ed September Birthdays	2 Labor Day	 3 8:00A – Breakfast 10:00A – Worship & Music 11:00A - Evangelism 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P - Scouts 	4 8:00A -SOS 9:00A – Executive Council 10:00A – Quilters 6:30P - Choir	5 8:30A – SOS 12:00P - Pizza	6 8:00A– Workday on Grounds	7
8 "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday 9:45 A – Christian Ed W/ELCA Coffee, Tea & Cocoa Sale Grandparent's	9 9:00A – W/ELCA Board 10:00A -	 10 8:00A – Breakfast 11:30A – AA 6:00P - Bells 6:30P - Scouts 	11 8:00A- SOS 1:00P - Ruth Naomi 6:30P - Choir	12 8:30A – SOS	13 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 1:00P – Grief	14 9:00A Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Day 15	Mary Martha	17	18	7:00P – Council 19	Recovery	21
9:45A – Christian Ed DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles	1:30P – Social Ministry 7:00P - Cards	8:00A-Breakfast 10:00A - Stewardship 11:30A - AA 6:00P - Bells 6:30P - Scouts	8:00A- SOS 10:00A – Quilters 6:30P - Choir	8:30A - SOS 1:00P – Priscilla	20 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 1:00P – Grief Recovery 1:00P – Hilltoppers	21
22 9:45A — Christian Ed	23	24 8:00A-Breakfast 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells	25 8:00A-SOS 10:00A–Craft 'N Share 6:30P - Choir	26 8:30A- SOS	27 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 1:00P – Grief	28
2:30P – Life Care	Begins	6:30P - Scouts			Recovery	
29 Youth Sunday	30	GRANDPAR	September 8 national RENTS	Septe	Our hands." ember 8, 2019 ay of Service	Sunday

Sunday worship is at 8:30am & 11:00am unless otherwise noted. Each service is followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Walter & Helen Maidhof	09/05/53
Bob & Connie Adams	09/08/73
John & Lisa Nelson	09/11/87
John & Julie Gray	09/21/77
Jim & Gerry Kauth	09/23/78
Fran & Cathy Stetson	09/23/96
Dell & Gloria Peterson	09/24/66
Steve & Diane Spengler	09/25/64
Len & Kay Martin	09/28/57
Walt Seefeld & Carol Chacon	09/30/07



- 1- Nancy Haley
- 2 Roger Johnson
- 3 Christine Orndorff
- 8 Betty Berbert Marty Hester
- 11 Jon Lepore Derek Nelson
- 12 Linda Cashman

- 14 Sylvia Hartsfield Barbara Johnson
- 15 Amy Gilbert
- 17 –Pat Wolff Elin Bendtsen
- 18 Elsie Makuch
- 19 John Colson
- 20 Dylan Schortemeyer

- 21– Julie Gray Suzanne Mahr
- 23 Maggie Bregger
- 24 Ryan Towne
- 27 Dortha Robinson Hope Schortemeyer
- 28 Terry Lucente Debbie McLaughlin
- 30 Abigail Swartz

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

ALTAR & COMMUNION Debbie McLaughlin Pat Ouwerkerk Aagot Green	ASSISTING MINISTER 8:30AM 11:00AM September 1		
nagot Green	Ann Neville Lisbeth Goetter		
FLOWER DISTRIBUTION Doris Herp	September 8 Margot Berger Kathy Hildebrandt		
SUNDAY SCHOOL Sue Fowler	September 15 Ann Neville Sharon Maxwell		
Melissa Gifford Aides – Jenna Roth [Early] Rebecca Donahue [Late]			
	September 22		
MONEY COUNTERS	Rick Mainster Vera Swade		
Dan Cashman, Lead Alma Day	September 29		
Rebecca Donahue	Margot Berger Lisbeth Goetter		
GREETERS			
8:30AM11:00AMSeptember 1-TBDCathy Heaps Stetson	CRUCIFER		
September 8 - TBD Norma Engle	8:30AM11:00AMDave BockerAlma Day		
September 15 - TBD TBD	Alex Schenk 9/29		
September 22 - TBD Norma Engle			
September 29 – TBD Linda Koch			
USHERS8:30AM11:00AMBill Mehnert, LeadHarv Johnson, LeadAngela SchenkGerry KauthAlex SchenkJack WolffNicholas SchenkImage: Schenk	NURSERY 8:30AM 11:00AM 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:

Auber, Emy & Robb Bendtsen, Elin Benefiel, Larry Britt-Busler, Elizabeth Brockschmidt, Fred Burfeindt, Janet Dreger-Parsons, June Fosse, Barbara Gingrich, Ed & Lillian Hahn, Eric Hartsfield, Sylvia Hester, Marty Hoell , Lucille Johnson, Barb Lackner, Barbara Lepore, Jon, Jenna & Gia Maidhof, Helen & Walter Mehnert, Bill & family Motts, Louann Orndorff, Wayne Ouwerkerk, Pat Page-Wood, Jeremy & Esther Whitcomb, Maxine Wolff, Jack

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

Gramolini, Katherine	Lowe, Frances	McGauran, Marion
Halstead, Deborah	Maidhof, Walter & Helen	Moll, Bob & Wilma
Hehn, Margaret	Makuch, Elsie	Philipp, Dick
Madelyn Hickey	Mandell, Sheila	

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake Ceballos, Jason Cwicklinski, C.J. Day, Kenneth Fosse, Jr., Paul Gaertner, Jerrod Harrington, Bryan Hickman, Richard Holman, Evan Jackson, Brad Johnston-Garcia, Christian Luchay, Alan Martin, Aaron McCann, Jim Moore, John Muchow, Jason Osborn-Herdman, Christopher Piott, Trenton Posa, Codymichael Radloff, Steven Radosevitch, Eric Seefeld, Jessica Springer, Jr., Dennis Stroble, Jeramy Swain, Jr., Terry Thomas, Peter Chris Thompson, David Timpe, Chris Walton, Leslie

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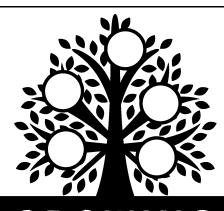
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Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, <u>please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that</u> 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. September, 2019



Kidz Korner





GROWING generations

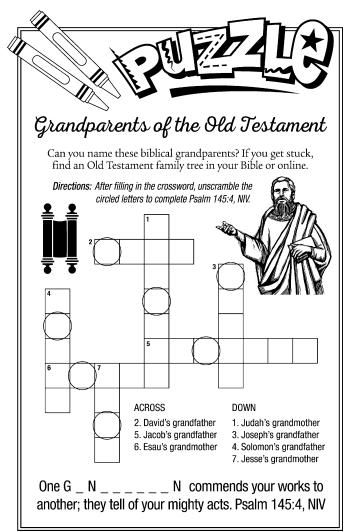
Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

- 1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
- 2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
- 3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
- 4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah,





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