



News of the Flock



From the Pastor

GSLC-- One Family Together in the Word

How often do you find yourselves wishing you could turn back the hands of time? Today we may look back and long for the care-free days of our youth. Because as we get older, we often find ourselves groaning over the pain and suffering that comes along with it: sickness, arthritis, weakness, and eventually death. This all comes with living in a broken world.

The reality that we live in a broken world is witnessed all around us: disease, famine, earthquakes, tornadoes, and floods close to home and abroad (even the weeds in your garden and the 100+ degree temperatures that hit you like a brick). Yet, as believers of Christ, we do not let this broken world get us down, for together we groan in hope of the future renewal of all things: the redemption of our bodies and the rebirth of creation — the new heaven and earth.

In fact, did you know that the Lord uses our present day pain and sufferings to draw us near to Him and to mold us in our Christian faith? C.S. Lewis once put it this way: *“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”*

So, when you find yourselves skinning a

knee on a bike ride, being terrorized by a tornado or flood, or being told that you have a cavity by your dentist...be mindful that the Lord uses even those moments to remind us of our fragility and our need for a Savior. He draws our focus heavenward where our hope lies.

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18).

On a side note, with the beginning of a new school year looming for many students, parents, and teachers,

it is my hope and prayer that during both good times and bad times your thoughts and prayers may be directed back to the God who loves you. For with every challenge that we face...the Lord will see you through.

For the Joy...
Pastor Jon



News —

Congratulations ~~~

James & Sarah Eickmeyer

It's A Boy!!!!

Levi Daniel

8 lbs. 1 oz. 20" long

Born June 30



Congratulations!!!!

Pastor Jon and Katie

Daniel Steven

9 lbs. 3 ozs. 22" long

Born July 22

12:58 pm



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Special points of interest:

- PEP—August 4, 11:00 am
Lunch at Olive Garden—Greenwood
- Church Council meets August 10, 7 p.m.
- Church Picnic, August 14, 4:00 pm eat, Concert with Don Wharton at 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Class starts September 11



Stewardship Corner ~ ~ Mike Hartman, Stewardship Chairman

Many people flock forward with excitement to months with special occasions or celebrations, like New Year's Day in January, Valentine's Day in February, Easter in March or April, Mother's Day in May, Father's Day in June, Independence Day in July, Labor Day in September, Reformation Day in October, Thanksgiving Day in November and Christmas in December. August seems to be one of those months when there is not much to celebrate. Major League baseball players refer to this month as the "Dog Days of August." It seems to be a month that has been simply added to the calendar to fill out 31 more days that will add up to 365 for the year.

Even kids sometimes look at August as a boring month. Vacations are usually over, the days seem to move by so slowly, and they actually look forward to when a new school year starts again. Of course, that will change before very long when they wish for summer again.

Life is like that. Not every day, week or month is as exciting as some others, but each one presents another opportunity for service. Redeemed stewards look for opportunities to make the most of time because time is an

important gift from God. Making the most of time can take us in a number of different directions. Included among these directions are time for meditation and reflection, time for rest and time for planning ahead.

God's Old Testament people sometimes grumbled about getting the Sabbaths over so they could get back to selling wheat, skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales... (Amos 8:5). Rather than observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, reflection and worship, they saw it as a wasted day.

Perhaps August has been given to us from God to use like a Sabbath rest. As God's redeemed stewards we can use quiet times for worship, reflection, meditation and planning. This can be a very positive way to use time that some might think is boring.

God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all of life and life's resources [including time] for God's purposes. Other life resources include money, relationships, abilities, care of our bodies and creation, sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus and so much more! Let

August be a reminder that we are God's stewards 365 days a year and we live freely and joyfully as His stewards in August as well as the other eleven months of the year.

Have a refreshing, relaxing and blessed August and see you at the picnic/concert on the 14th.

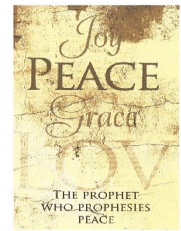
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Large Print

Bulletins

If you would like to have a large print bulletin for our worship services, please let the office know.

Thanks,
Rose

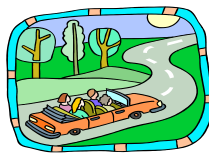


Church Council

Church Council did not meet in July
Our next meeting is August 10, 2011
At 7:00 p.m.

PEP

The PEP Group will meet on August 4th at 11:00 a.m. for a discussion with pastor. Then we will carpool to Greenwood to the Olive Garden for lunch. All those 50+ are invited to join us for the discussion and/or lunch.



All 50+ men & women are welcome

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during my illness and surgery. Marie Stahl

Eleanor Coner and family would like to thank the congregation for the recent prayers, thoughts, and cards sent to Eleanor after her recent heart attack, Thanks.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls over the last several months. They were very much appreciated. Jim Eickmeyer

Care & Concern

Remember in Your Prayers: We pray for continued healing and recovery for Eleanor Coner, Marie Stahl, Shirley Marten, John McClain, and Gary Haddock (brother of Don Haddock).

The prayer chain is available to all members and their families. Contact Gerda Martin with requests.



Fellowship Hosts

We would like to thank everyone who serves as a fellowship host. The fellowship we have after worship service gives our members an opportunity to gather together and visit for a while as a church family.

We need some fellowship hosts. If you would like to volunteer for one or two Sundays, please see Eleanor or Michelle Coner. To simplify the Fellowship Hosts schedule we keep the same basic schedule from year to year. Thank you for your support.

Suggestions

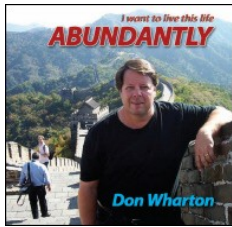
Do you have any suggestions or comments about the newsletter? If you do, please write them out and turn them into the office. Don't feel that what you think is insignificant. All comments and ideas are welcome and will be considered. We try to keep you informed of what is going on at Good Shepherd and what is planned for the coming month(s). Anything you would like added to your monthly newsletter? More Bible Study information?? Let us know, it is your newsletter..

Church Picnic & Concert --Giant Gopher--

Announcements

Sunday—August 14—

Mark the date now to attend our Pitch-In Church Picnic at 4:00 p.m., Concert at 5:00 p.m. held outside, weather permitting. Don Wharton will be performing again this year. He did such a nice job last year! Everyone is invited to attend and bring friends. Don loves to share his faith and especially his survival story. Don survived a plane crash in the Bering Sea. His music is inspirational and his act is enjoyable. Don will start about 5:00 pm. We



ask that you bring a dish to share—but don't let that hold you back. Meat and table service will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Giant Gophers attack Good Shepherd

You may have noticed the trail leading from our picnic area to the church building that has appeared recently. No, we don't have gopher problems but rather a hard working crew who are in the process of running power out to the picnic area and garage.

A long hot day was made easier by the many volunteers putting in the ditch, running the wire, and filling that ditch back in. Our thanks to those willing hands provided by Mike Peters, Randy Powers, Don Haddock, Doug Stahl, Tracy Rakow, Mike Hartman, and Tony Briglia, as well as Sharon Peters who brought them lunch. While the many hands did not make the work load light the result will soon be lights, and needed power out to that area.

Thanks to all for their willingness who served to give of their time and their labors.

Attention College Students & Parents:

As soon as you know your college address, please let the church office know by calling 736-7849 or dropping a note by the church office on Sunday. We would like to keep in touch with you during the school year. You can also look forward to receiving a care package stuffed full of goodies from the LWGS. So please give us your college address soon. Thank you.

Attention Members — Please be sure and check your name, address and phone number on the directory papers and birthdays & anniversaries on the table by the kitchen. We would also like you to add your email address. This keeps our records up to date with the latest information. Thank you.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd (LWGS)

LWGS is pleased to report we had 15 women at our **Salad Supper**, member meeting and continuation of our paper craft project. Anne passed out information on Indiana District's **Treatshop** being held August 20th and would like those interested in attending to please let her know. LWGS will not be meeting in August so our **next member meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 pm.** We will be discussing our booth at Franklin's Fall Festival, LWML Sunday, and our annual fundraisers—Uncle Al's Pecan

sales and precinct meals in November, among other things. If you haven't been to a meeting before and are interested to see what happens, please feel free to join us! We'd love to have you. Lastly—don't forget that donations are being collected for the Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Food Co-Op (these funds are used to buy perishable food products for Seminarians and their families). The display is in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity! May God continue to bless us as we strive to do His will.

Flowers

The third quarter flower chart is on the bulletin board if you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday. After the service you may take them home to enjoy or give them to someone. Any questions see Donna Jones 878-4712 or Marie Stahl 736-7057.



Larry Notes ~ ~

(Printed as submitted)

This month kids will be returning to their schools for their next session of learning. I remember years ago when I was in that stage life. Also I still remember what I was taught then (well some of it anyway). As we all know learning is a life long process. The same is with our spiritual life we need to continue with the study of the word through the Bible. On any subject there is always more to learn. This is certainly true with the word of

God; every time we read it something may catch our attention this time, even though we have read that same passage many times before the Holy Spirit may show us something new this time that is applicable today. Your church offers many opportunities to study will your fellow Christians. We have Sunday school, Adult class on Sunday; Men's and Ladies Bible study during the week also there is PEP that includes a fellowship afterwards. If you would like to study a given subject or book

of the Bible let me or the pastor know. Also I must not forget regular Sunday morning attendance is also most important because the one thing you can be sure of it that the Pastor's sermon will be on the word of God not some political or other earthly subject.





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Board of Education

THE SUMMER SUNDAY SHOOL—

The curriculum for Summer Sunday School has been a fun time. The children are enjoying making their video.

Now it is time to think about the Fall curriculum to start our Fall Session of Sunday School in September. The children are getting ready to return to school after their summer off and the excitement of a new grade and all the new clothes and supplies in preparation for school to start soon is starting to take effect.



Newsletter



Just a reminder that starting with the January newsletter (which would be mailed the last week of December)

we will no longer be sending it via parcel post. Please give us your email address so we can let you know when the newsletter is posted on the church's website for your reading. You can either sign the sheet on the table by the kitchen, mail it to Good Shepherd, send it to the office email (gslcfranklin@gmail.com), or let it on Rose's desk in the office. We don't want you to miss an issue.

We will print a few and have them available in the hallway. Shut-ins will get a paper copy mailed to them. College students when you have your address for school let us know and give us your email address also.

Church Picnic



August 14, 2011

4:00 pm

Bring a covered dish

to share

5:00 pm

Don Wharton Concert

We always have a good time.