

News of the Flock



From the Pastor

GSLC—One Family Together in the Word

St. Patrick's Day, originally a religious holiday, is now celebrated by people throughout the world with food, drink, and all things green. However, while very little is known about the actual person, as well as the details of his life, what has been gathered from historical writings is that Patrick was born Patricius somewhere in Roman Britain in the late 4th to 5th century. As a teenager, Patrick was kidnapped in a raid and transported to Ireland. Having been sold into slavery, Patrick tended his master's flocks, during which time he acquired knowledge of the Celtic tongue, as well as the culture, until he escaped six years later. Patrick would eventually return to Ireland to minister to the people there.

In taking the risk in returning to Ireland, Patrick wrote, *"I must take this decision disregarding risks involved and make known the gifts of God and his everlasting consolation. Neither must we fear any such risk in faithfully preaching God's name boldly in every place, so that even after my death, a spiritual legacy may be left for my brethren and my children."*

In a day and age where darkness and uncer-

tainty prevailed, Patrick kept the lamp of Christianity burning. For by boldly proclaiming the Gospel; in a hostile territory, he laid the foundation for an Irish church.

As One Family Together in the Word, we are encouraged to keep the lamp of Christianity burning—not looking behind us—but by looking forward in sharing the bright light of the Good News of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness for us in Christ Jesus with a lost world. Of course, there are risks to living as people of light. Nevertheless, as a people strengthened by the Lord through Word and sacrament ministry, we disregard all risks as we offer our hands and feet in service to the Lord and one another—reaching out towards lost humanity through the proclamation of the Gospel.



For the Joy...
Pastor Jon

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*Ash
Wednesday*

Worship Service

March 9, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Time Change

Daylight Savings Time



Starts
March 13,
2011

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Special points of interest:

- PEP, Thursday, March 3, 11:00 am
- Ash Wednesday Service, March 9, 7:30 pm
- Daylight Savings Time starts March 13
- Roses and Ribbons Tea, March 19, 1:00 pm
- Mid-Lent Service, March 30, 7:30 pm
- Ladies Night Out, April 5, 6:30 pm
- LWGS Spring Rally, April 9, 9:00 am

Church Council Highlights

(The full minutes of the Church Council meeting are posted on the bulletin boards.)

The Church Council met on February 9 with eleven members present. Larry Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05 with Pastor Vierkant opening with a devotion. Larry gave the Financial Secretary's report as Anne was out of town. The income for January 2011 was \$15,215.97. Rose gave the expenses as 12,583.25 with a surplus of 1,480.95.

Pastor gave his report with an average attendance for January of 94. There has been an increase in attendance in Adult Bible Study and we hope it continues. We had 14 transfers out: Tom, Stacey, Samuel & Jacob Keily; Bill Brinkmann; Eric Ebb; Darrell & Susan Segó; Matt, Brooke, Elizabeth & Benjamin Worland; and Jim & Shirley Newkirk.

Larry gave the Stewardship report as Mike was out of town. YTD contributions are down 4.94% from January 2010. The Stewardship Committee held a meeting on January 23 and efforts are under way to consolidate the restricted funds.

Linda Haddock reported the Board of Education met on January 30. There are eleven children in the Beginnings program and Children's Church will be conducted on all non-communion Sundays.

Carla Cole reported that the Board of Missions is looking forward to Parent's Night Out on February 11. The Youth will have a meeting for lunch on Sunday, February 20 followed by a Skating Party at Perry Park.

Future items are Ash Wednesday Service Soup/Salad Pitch-in and Sunrise Breakfast.

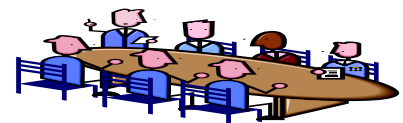
Trustee chairman Paul Cox reported the

furnace in Fellowship Hall has been repaired. The ceiling in the Narthex will be inspected further when the ice and snow melt.

Randy did not have a written report for the Deacons as they did not meet this month. The deacon's have mailed out their contact information to the congregation.

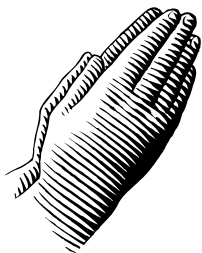
Doug Stahl has contacted Duke Energy to see if we can obtain an energy evaluation for the church. He also volunteered to take the photos to update our church directory this year as it has been five years since the last update.

Being no other business for the council; the meeting was adjourned by saying the Lord's Prayer.



Care & Concern

Remember in Our Prayers: Shirley Marten and Vic Rinehart recovering from surgery; and Jim Eickmeyer during his treatment.



Our prayer chain is available for all to use. Contact Gerda Martin at 736-9471 if you have a prayer request for a family member or friend.

Larry's Notes

In today's fast paced electronic world we are looking at ways to improve delivery of this newsletter and reduce our cost. Thanks to Mike Hartman, it is posted on the church website gslcfranklin.org, a couple of days after it is finished. I encourage all that use the internet to make our church site your home page.

This has been taking resources and material of which we need to conserve. We have to mail 200 copies for the bulk postage rate, so some get two to the same address. We plan on an e-mail list to notify

you that the newsletter is on the church website for you to read; also we could send the newsletter itself if that is what you prefer. We would like the e-mail address to which you want notification, a signup sheet will be posted. Also, if you wish, please add others that you want to receive these notifications. Just add their names and e-mail address to the list. There will be hard copies of the newsletter available at the church. We will also maintain a limited mailing for shut-ins & etc. Our bulk mailing permit runs until year-end so this gives us some transition time.

PEP

The PEP group will meet this month on Thursday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m. at the church. After a bible study with Pastor Vierkant we will carpool to lunch at Bob Evans Restaurant in Franklin. All 50+ men and women are welcome to join us

for some good fellowship and good food at Bob Evans. See you there.



Attention Ladies of Good Shepherd

Saturday, April 9, at 9:00 a.m. LWGS is hosting a Spring Rally for Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) societies in our zone. Our guest speaker will be Leslie Haines, Executive Director of Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries Inc. out of Fort Wayne. She spoke at LWML District Convention last summer and was very interesting.

We need Good Shepherd's ladies to attend the Rally and help us represent our church. The \$5.00 registration fee will be paid for

you by LWGS.

After the speaker and short zone meeting, you are invited to a salad luncheon courtesy of LWGS.

We need you to help us welcome other LWML societies so please come join us.

Add your name to the list posted in the hall on the bulletin board for those coming on April 9.



Stewardship Corner ~ ~ Mike Hartman

Over the course of the last several months we have examined the 8 principles of stewardship as identified by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. To Review:

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPLES

- I. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE GOD'S STEWARDS.**
- II. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE MANAGERS, NOT OWNERS.**
- III. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE SAINTS AND SINNERS.**
- IV. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE UNIQUELY SINGULAR, YET PROFOUNDLY PLURAL.**
- V. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF THE WORLD.**
- VI. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE LOVED AND LOVING.**
- VII. **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE**

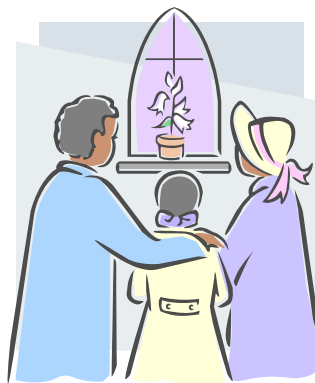
SERVED AND SERVING. VIII. **GOD'S STEWARDS LIVE WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF TIME AND ETERNITY.**

With each principle we identified the Biblical references associated. Additionally we gave the dictionary definition of stewardship: **the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.**

We have been entrusted with this sacred responsibility, the managing of our time, our talents, and our money, by our Lord, Jesus Christ. All that we have is a gift from God to use to fulfill our purpose, our great commission here on

earth. When it is time to stand before His throne may we hear those words "Well done, good and faithful servant".

To review the series on the principles of stewardship you can find past newsletters on the church website at www.gslcfranklin.org. The series began with the May 2010 edition.



Ministry of Intercession

GSLC is launching a new ministry, the Ministry of Intercession. Our church can become strong, outreaching and mature in our faith if we turn it all over to our Heavenly Father. We will be holding prayer sessions for Good Shepherd and its staff, volunteers, ministries, etc. each Sunday morning, before Sunday School. This is separate from the prayer chain which is for specific personal needs. We will hold an organizational meeting, date & time TBD, where we will give guidelines and what to pray for, brainstorm ideas for prayers and

work up a schedule. The plan is to have at least two people meet each Sunday in the conference room around 8:15—8:30 am to pray for Good Shepherd. You can pray aloud or pray silently, your choice. Please watch the bulletin for the date of the meeting. Questions? Please see Barb Miller, facilitator (738-7836), or Pastor Vierkant. There will be handouts available for **everyone** after this meeting to help guide you and your prayers for our church. Matthew 19:26...With God's help all things are possible!

Easter Lilies

March 9 is Ash Wednesday and Easter will be here on April 24. The congregation is always ready to help decorate our church with lilies. We encourage you to take them home for your enjoyment after the 10:00 am Festival Service.

The cost is \$10.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Make your check out to GSLC with "Easter Lilies" in the memo or put cash in an envelope with you name and mark it "Easter Lilies". We want you to get credit for helping to beautify our church. Thanks, Marie & Donna

"Thank You" Column

Friends of Good Shepherd —

Thanks to all the church members for their cards, phone calls, hospital visits, and prayers during my open heart surgery and recovery. I appreciated your care and concern during this time.

In Christian Love,
Vic Rinehart

From the Financial Secretary—

I would like to thank the following money counters and subs for their help

and dedication this past year: Joyce Bauman, Jeff & Kathy Hawkins, Roland & Virginia Pollert, Tracy & Suzy Rakow, Vic & Helen Rinehart, Jim Schultz, and Jim & Margaret Wurster! These are the ones I know about, if you assisted at one time or another last year we thank you too! I look forward to working with each of you this new year. Are you interested in volunteering your time to help count the offering after service on Sunday? We'd love to have you join us! If interested see Anne Hartman or call 738-2290.

LWGS

Please mark the date for LWGS **Ladies Night Out, Monday April 5th at 6:30 pm** at church (babysitting available). We will have a **catered dinner from Aunt Judy's and our mission speaker will be Sherry Young of CareNet**, a mission that GSLC supports throughout the year. Please plan to attend to learn more about this crisis pregnancy center. We will hold a freewill offering for CareNet and will also have our mite-box dedication. Please watch the bulletin for further info including sign-up, menu and pricing. Questions? See Anne Hartman.



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and Extended.*

We pray God's blessings on:



Board of Christian Education

The Sunday School program is under a new Chairman, Linda Haddock. She has made a few changes in the classrooms and if you haven't ventured down that way because you don't have any children in Sunday School, you need to take a stroll down that hallway.

Linda, with husband Don, and the help of Larry Hill have transformed two classrooms into one and redecorated along with a fresh coat of paint. The children have different areas to learn including a puppet stage for enacting their lessons. What used to be the Secretary's office is now the resource room with cabinets full of material and crafts for Sunday School. They have been quite busy the last month.

The nursery is available for families to use with children ages newborn through 3 years of age. It is staffed with a qualified medical attendant and an assistant.

The Beginnings Program is to aid fami-

lies to raise their children in a Christian home. Please let us know if you have a new addition to your family so they may be included. This program is for children up through age 3.

Children's Church is held on non-communion Sundays. The Pastor, after the Gospel, has an Object Lesson with the children then they are excused for Children's Church. The children who attend love doing so. The pastor's object lesson is reviewed and the gospel lesson is reinforced with crafts, games and activities.



Ladies of GSLC

*Lutheran Women
of Good Shepherd*



Invite you to attend

*"Roses and Ribbons"
Tea*



March 19, 2011
1:00—3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Admission
One pair of Slippersocks
for Chemo Patients

"Gift Basket Raffle & Surprises"

Bring your girlfriends, granddaughters, mother-in-laws or sisters to join us for a wonderful afternoon.