



News of the Flock

From the Pastor

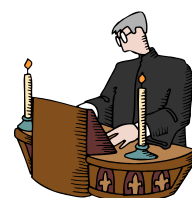
I am sure most people have had that feeling of racing here and there and trying to be all things to all people and feeling empty at the end of it all. As a Christian we might be tempted to beat ourselves up with the idea that God has a purpose in our life and that all things work out to the good to those who love God. Then as we run around, we think we must do all these things because this is what God wants and we sure cannot argue with that.

Psalm 46:10 tells us, “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” Did you notice the part “be still”? Sometimes we get so caught up in doing everything for everyone that we forget to stop and let God do something for us. Yes, God calls us to do certain tasks but we have a tendency to think that the whole thing depends on us. It must be sad for God to see us running here and there and thinking the success or failure depends on us. God

does have a purpose for everyone, but it does not include feeling empty at the end of it.

What does God require of us? Micah 6:8 tells us, “To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Listen!” I think the key part there is to “walk humbly with your God”. It means we need to slow down a bit and walk with God instead of running around without Him. God will equip us to do the tasks He requires of us and He will bring His will to completion. The great thing is that it is not up to us. Yes, we give our best effort and use the gifts He has given us, but success or failure is not up to us. Yes, God can use failure to bring about His will too.

Pastor Daene



He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Happy
Easter to
All



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Special points of interest:

- *Easter Sunday Services 7 am & 11 am*
- *Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m.*
- *LWGS Meeting, April 9, 11:00 a.m.*
- *Missions Meeting, April 15th, 11:15 a.m.*
- *Franklin Community Band, April 26 @ 7:00 p.m.*

Church Council Highlights

The Church Council met on March 11 after the church worship service. Those present were: Joyce Bauman, Kent Krimmel, Chris Johnson, Johannah Pollert, Heidi Baca, Kevin Weber, Randy Powers, and Gerda Martin. Those absent were Larry Hill, Amy Houck, Sharon Peters, and Jeff Hawkins. Pastor Daene was having Confirmation Class.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Joyce, Financial Secretary, reported February Offerings were \$17,570.31.

Treasurer's Report showed our expenses for February as \$11,736.29.

Kevin Weber, Deacon Chairman, said the deacons met on March 4. They discussed the need for more deacons.

Paul Cox did a Trustee report. It stated

that he is continuing to change furnace filters as needed; keep the water softener and chlorinator system tanks filled; take the trash out for pickup and take the water samples in for testing quarterly.

Heidi Baca, Christian Education, reported that they are using a new curriculum called "Dig In". The children continue to go to Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the second Sunday of the month. The Easter VBS will be March 24th and plans are underway for our Summer VBS. Our Bible study groups are continuing as scheduled.

Stewardship Report showed that giving was up a little over last year-to-date.

Gerda Martin, Co-chair of the Board of Fellowship-Special Events reported the expenses for the Family Fun Day in February were \$218.63. Everyone had a good time with the fun and games. Also, the

food was plentiful for the pitch-in.

Randy Powers, Member-at-Large, reported that he has spoken to several members about counting the offerings. Joyce had placed a sheet on the bulletin board for people to sign up to count on Sundays.

New Business —

Our 50th Anniversary will be next year. Be thinking of suggestions as planning is started for this monumental celebration.

Johannah is planning for another Rummage Sale the second week in August.

Council will not meet in April. Consideration is being given to meeting on Sunday's after our worship service.



Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd~LWGS

Due to the weather, LWGS did not have a meeting in March. Our next meeting is April 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen of the Church. All ladies are invited to attend.

We would like to thank everyone that brought food for the Mid-week Lent Suppers, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Breakfast.

Upcoming events to keep in mind. Our Ladies Night out in May.



Ladies Night Out
May ??

Missions

Missions Meeting

May 15th

*After the worship service in
the Conference Room*

*All members are welcome to
attend.*

Care & Concern



Remember in your Prayers: Chris Dodson, healing; Ruth Julian, health issues; Jim Newkirk, strength & comfort; Gene Coy, strength & healing; Jack Delaney, strength & healing; Rev. Gregory Cynova, healing and strength; Joseph Wurster, lung cancer; Sandra Weddle, strength & healing; Zachary Long, strength, healing & com-

fort; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Jim Alexander, cancer; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlisle, pneumonia; Bill Cummings, fractured hip; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of the Powers family, strength &

healing; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

*****If you placed any of these people on the prayer list, please check on their status and let the office know their update. We would like to keep the information as current as possible. Thank you.

Missions Clothing Drive Bd. Of Education

Community Band

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

Missions is sponsoring a clothing drive in April. Donations of clothing, household items, miscellaneous and more will be collected up through Sunday, April 29th. Items can be dropped off in the Church Choir Room. If you have any questions, please see Sharon Peters or Susie Sego.

The Sunday School is using a new curriculum call "Dig In"; studying the Life of Jesus. Elaine Bloomquist is teaching the Preschool Class, Angela Coy, Johannah Pollert, and Katie Vaughn are taking turns teaching the Intermediate Class and Carla Cole is teaching the Middle School class. Linda Haddock and Michelle Conner are leading Children's Church and the children go to Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the second Sunday of the month.

The Children's Easter Event was on Saturday, March 24 with 14 children participating. The weather was not co-operating so the activities had to be held inside. All in all the children had a good time. Planning is underway for our Summer VBS. The theme will be "Barnyard Roundup".

The Bible Study groups continue with their various studies: Women's Group 6:30 pm on Wednesdays; Men's Group at 9:00 am on Thursday and Sunday nights group at 6:30 pm.

The Franklin Community Band and young musicians

Will Perform at

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
US 31 South, Franklin
Thursday, April 26, 2018
7:00—8:00 pm

Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Please join us!!



Flower & Banner Committee

Once again, thanks to everyone who donated lilies and poinsettias the past year!

Easter is early this year and the lilies that were ordered will be arriving soon. Just in time for Easter Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. service, if you purchased a lily/lilies you can take



them home to enjoy.

Katie Vaughn has agreed to help out in the Flower and Banner Committee.

Thanks Katie for coming on board. Thanks also to Sharon Peters for assisting me the past few years.

Donna Jones,
Flower & Banner Committee

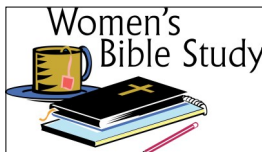


Inside Story Headline

Thank You

PEP

The Women's Bible Study will begin a new study with the book of 1 Corinthians on April 4. Any woman interested in joining us please feel free to come any Wednesday you can. We begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Church. New study books will be provided for the lessons.



Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards following my surgery.

Jim Jones

Thank You

The Pep group will meet on Thursday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the church. We will have a Bible Study and then decide where we would like to go eat.

Come join us for some good fellowship and lunch at a local restaurant.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/3 Ian Bonham
 4/4 Alyssa Hedrick
 4/5 Aaron Fort
 4/8 Donna Jones
 4/12 Denzil Marten
 4/14 Brian Harker
 4/19 Kay Miller
 4/22 Michelle Coner, Ray Lawyer, Randy Powers,
 Kaitlynn Walker
 4/23 Eleanor Coner, J.D. Coner, Chris Johnson
 4/27 Jaime Matthews



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/4 Bill & Pat Cummings
 4/24 Eric & Pam Bentley

*[Please contact the church office (736-7849) for any additions
 or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]*

Try using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will truly be blessed.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2018

Chris Johnson, President
 Kent Krimmel, Vice President
 Johannah Pollert, Secretary
 Angela Coy, Treasurer
 Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary
 , Board of Trustees
 Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
 Larry Hill, Board of Stewardship
 Heidi Baca, Board of Education
 Sharon Peters & Susan Sego, Board of Missions
 Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
 Jeff Hawkins, Member at Large
 Randy Powers, Member at Large

DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
 Brad Coy 317-346-0930
 Derek Runge 309-258-0603

PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person
 is powerful and effective.”
 (James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”
 (Colossians 4:2)

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Barb Miller at 317-412-5912 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, also call Barb.

You can also put a prayer request through our web-site, gslcfranklin.org just click on the Prayer Request and type in your request. It is automatically sent to the church. There is power in prayer.