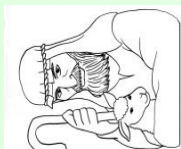




News of the Flock



From the Pastor

Everyone has Bible passages they remember and can recall. That is an excellent thing when we can do it. There are also passages that remind us of the things that anger God, and we tend to overlook them. Proverbs 6: There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him; haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devised wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. That is a harsh list to look over especially if we look in a mirror that shows us our life. The other day, I made the mistake of watching the national news for an hour. The words of Mahatma Gandhi came to mind. He said, "There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principle; Science without humanity; and Business without ethics." That sure describes the world and our nation today.

Before you think someone poured spoiled milk into my coffee, the Bible has always had a solution for these things. The beginning of the solution was first given in Genesis when Adam and Eve first ate the fruit and sin entered the world. God called them and everyone after them and everyone today to repent. It means that we acknowledge our sins and turn from our ways. In the military, the term is about-face.

In a sense, we have to do an about-face because if we keep heading down the road we are traveling, we are heading away from the ultimate solution. That solution was Christ's death on the cross. If we don't turn around, we will have our backs turned to the very Person who can and will save us from our sins. On both the personal level and the national level, we need to repent and turn back to God.

Pastor Daene



School ? Already?



*Franklin Community Band
at GSLC*

September 28, 2017

7:00—8:30 pm

(mark your calendars now)

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Special points of interest:

- Church Council, August 9
- Newsletter Articles & Calendar Dates due in the Office, August 14, for September
- Church Picnic (Pitch-In), August 27

Church Council Highlights

Church Council met on July 12 with the following people in attendance: Gerda Martin, Paul Cox, Kent Krimmel, Mike Peters, Heidi Baca, Kevin Weber, Susan Sego, Kathy Hawkins, Jeff Hawkins, Johannah Pollert, and Pastor Daene. Those absent were Anne Hartman, Joyce Bauman

Mike called the meeting to order and Pastor Daene said a prayer.

The minutes of our last meeting on May 10 were reviewed and approved.

Financial Secretary's Reports for May and June showed May's income as \$13,816.95 and June's income as \$12,027.20.

Treasurer's Report showed the checking account balance as \$6,964.25 on June 30. Expenses for June was \$14,985.86.

Pastor had 8 Church services; attended 3 Church meetings; had 3 Confirmation classes; 8 Adult Bible Studies & other

Classes; 2 new Communicant members; 3 Member visits; 2 Shut-in visits; 7 Non-member visits; 16 Hospital visits; and 1 Baptism. On June 17 the Youth went to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark.

Paul Cox, Trustee chairman said he sent in the 2nd quarter water sample on June 1. Dan Vandeventer Heating & Cooling worked on the air conditioners in Fellowship Hall. Church clean-up day was June 3 with nine people participating.

Heidi Baca presented the Christian Education report. They finished the New Testament in May. This summer the lessons will be on Christian values. VBS in June had 21 kids one day. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped. The children continue to visit Hickory Creek Nursing Home with Linda Haddock on the second Sunday of the month. We continue to need volunteers for the Nursery during the worship service.

Gerda Martin reporting for Board of Fellowship-Special Events stated we had our Confirmation Reception in May for Ben Daene & Kylie Stahl and in June we had New Member and High School graduation Receptions. Pitch-ins had no expenses.

Stewardship report showed giving is down compared to last year.

We have received a donation to paint the steeple. Quote to fill the cracks, seal and stripe the parking lot is \$3000.



Food Co-Op for Fort Wayne Seminary

Please help our future pastors feed their families. We have a display in the Narthex thru August to give you the opportunity to help provide perishable food for the Food Co-Op. Your money will provide milk, meat, fresh vegetables, eggs and etc.

At the Co-Op, the seminarians shop for their family's food and other necessities as they attend classes and study to become pastors.

LWGS will make a donation also and add it to the congregations donation.

We hope by having the display out for the summer, we can collect a nice gift for the Food Co-Op at Fort Wayne Seminary. They need our caring, support and love.



Care & Concern



Good Shepherd extends Sympathy and Prayers to:

Thana Carlisle and family, Jennifer Burton & brothers on the death of daughter/mother, Peggy Hockman,

Remember in your Prayers: Anne Hartman, surgery 7/31; Zachary Long, strength & healing; Christopher Springer, lift the veil of unbelief; Jennifer Clark, healing & comfort; Darlene Krueger, healing and

comfort; Jim Alexander, cancer; Jeanie Silvers, healing & comfort; Dianne Peterson, cancer, comfort; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlisle, strength & comfort; Bill Cummings, fractured hip, strength and healing; 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, can-

cer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

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

Thank you.

Board of Education

The Sunday School attendance has been down this summer mostly due to vacations and other activities.

Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner lead Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. The children go to Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the second Sunday of the month to visit and put on a short skit for the residents.

Bible Study Groups: The Sunday evening Bible Study and Prayer Group meet at 6:30 pm. The Women's Bible Study just finished a study and are taking a break until September 20. They meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. The men's Bible Study meets at 9:00 am on Thursday mornings. Our Sunday School and Adult Bible Study groups meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. All are invited to attend any of the groups.

It's Summer Time

It is that time of year. School is out...temperatures rise...family vacations take place...weekends spent at the lake...and church attendance goes down. And, unfortunately, with the decrease in attendance there is a decrease in giving. A reminder that the expenses of the church continue year round and are not simply based on attendance. While you are planning your summer, remember the financial needs of Good Shepherd as well. If you have fallen behind in your giving, August is a great time to catch up. School is starting soon but weekends at the lake continue as the weather stays warm. Do your part to help GSLC meet its financial needs during these lean months of summer. Thanks and have a blessed remainder of summer!

Anne Hartman, Treasurer

Member Info Sheets

If you have not turned in your information sheet, please do so as soon as possible. Sheets are on the credenza in the Narthex and on the table by the kitchen. One sheet for each member of the family. After you have filled them out place them in the basket on the credenza, in the office, or give them to Rose.

We appreciate your helping to update or correct the information in our computerized program. When things change in our busy lives, please give updates to the office. That way things will stay current.

Thank you for your assistance.



Deacon's Notes ~ ~ Mike Hartman

A fever is a symptom of a disorder somewhere in the body. The primary problem may be a hidden infection that would not otherwise be noticeable until it is in an advanced stage. High body temperature tells us something is wrong in the body, somewhere.

Unnecessary absence from worship and Bible study is a fever-like symptom. Mere absence, however, is not the only factor for diagnosing spiritual illness. There are times when it may be necessary to be absent from worship and Bible study. On the other hand, habitual absence is a spiritual malady that can and needs to be cured.

Just as we can have a fever without knowing

the cause a Christian can neglect worship without being aware of the problems that causes them to do so. We can easily hide our lack of concern for worship by involving ourselves in personal interests. This is easy to do when other interests seem to be more important than they really are. Summer often gives us "reasons" why we cannot make it to church. Select wisely the things that are important in life ("But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Mt. 6:33).

Deliberately missing a worship service or Bible study is always spiritually significant. It is significant because it reveals

the presence of a wound, an infection, a depression, or some other spiritual disorder. The fact that a person "feels well" about their spiritual life is no guarantee of sound spiritual health.

We need to be more interested in causes than symptoms. We cannot avoid the implications of continued absence from worship services. This would be like a parent ignoring a high fever in a child. The fever is a symptom; the cause may take the child's life if the fever is ignored. Deliberate absence from worship and Bible study may take a spiritual life if it is ignored. How is YOUR spiritual health?

Women's Bible Study

We have completed the study of Acts where we learned of the beginnings of God's Church. Now we are ready to learn of Paul's writing to the people of Rome as we study the book of Romans. We will begin our study on September 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. We will usually meet each Wednesday night at the same time in the same place. All women of GSLC are invited to join us for knowledge of God's Word and fellowship on any Wednesday. Contact Elaine Powers for a study book and additional information.

140th Anniversary—St. Paul's Lutheran

The 140th Anniversary of St. Paul's, Jonesville will be celebrated on Sunday, August 13, 10:15 a.m. Indiana District President Dan May will be the guest preacher. The congregation invites our neighboring brothers and sisters to join us on this day of celebration. Following the worship service, dinner of pulled pork, fried chicken with side dishes, salads and desserts will be offered, many from historic German recipes of congregational members. Games such as croquet, horseshoes, sack races, bean bag toss and watermelon seed spitting contest will be

held. Card games will also be indoors. Horse and carriage rides will be offered beginning at noon.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
607-609 Mill Street
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Kate Fechtman, Colton Williams,
Claus Muth
8/6 Bobby Goforth, Tammy Williams
8/9 Steve Bechman
8/11 Jan Ellis
8/13 Connie Daene
8/14 Sandy Thomas, Mia Crafton,
8/15 Ruth Julian
8/16 Pat Cummings
8/17 David Stahl, Joshua Cameron
8/18 Madalynn Hedges
8/19 Johannah Pollert
Jim Wurster, Cooper Williams
8/20 Richard DeWitt
8/22 Breanna Hepler
8/28 Shane Sparrow
8/31 Ginny Hill, Jim Beasley



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Don & Linda Haddock
8/10 Tom & Taffy Pfaehler,
Jon & Ashley Bauman
8/15 Doug & Trella Stahl,
J.D. & Eleanor Coner

[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.

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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. She will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

You can also put a prayer request through our website, gslcfranklin.org just click on the Prayer Request and type in your request. It is automatically sent.