



# From the Flock



## From the Pastor

The Youth Group and I would like to thank the good people at Good Shepherd for all their help making our trip to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark possible. We are blessed to be so close to it and the trip there was happily uneventful.

We saw Noah's Ark and were impressed by the size alone. It was nearly 2 1/2 football fields in length and over 40 feet tall and about 75 feet in width. Since the people who run the exhibition have not completed all the landscaping, the Ark stood alone for the most part in rolling fields. I imagine this is exactly how it would have looked as Noah neared completion.

The inside was complete with animal cages which held robotic animals. While we do not know the exact layout of the Ark from the inside, it was plain to see that nearly every foot had something assigned to it. There were massive storage areas of blankets, tools, looms, and other things needed to begin a new life once the water receded. There was an area with scrolls. Considering that we think the Book of Job was written before the Flood, at least one of the scrolls would have been the Book of Job.

Much of the museum inside is telling the story of the Flood. Computerized movies showed how the Flood occurred and how the earth crusts burst open. The massive tidal waves destroyed most life at impact. Some time was spent explaining how the remains of animals and dinosaurs were then deposited, many nearly fully intact, into the sediment

that forms the core of our fossil record.

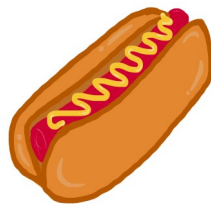
There were two main ideas. Man's heart was bent on all that was evil and God's patience in giving them the time to repent. God gave nearly 120 years to repent as the Ark was under construction. God showed mercy and love by saving eight people and some of the animals and allowed them a fresh start.

We also saw the Creation Museum. The six days of creation are represented in various forms, but I liked the computerized short movie that showed how it might have looked at the time. 3D representations show the Garden of Eden, and it struck me as peaceful. Again, we saw man's violation of God's law but again God's mercy in sparing them and providing a Savior.

Much of the museum depicts how evolution is a lie from Satan. If you read all the plaques and look at all the displays, it is clear that evolution is really about removing God from the universe. People mean nothing because, as evolutionists claim, we are here by accident. Therefore, eliminating "imperfect people" is acceptable. In contrast, we saw displays on how Christ came into the world to pay for our sins and give us salvation. Because God created us with His hands and in His image, He gives worth beyond measure.

All who attended the trip were impressed by the message of the displays, and I believe we were all built up in our faith. Again, thank you for supporting us in our trip.

## Church Parking Lot, July 3, before fireworks



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### Special points of interest:

- Watch the fireworks on July 3
- Mission selling hot dogs, chips, and a bottle of water for \$1.00 before fireworks
- Council Meeting, July 12 @ 7 pm
- Newsletter Articles due for August, July 14
- Pitch-in Lunch on July 23 after worship

## Church Council

Due to Vacation Bible School the week of Church Council in June, it was cancelled and will meet on July 12 at 7:00 p.m.



## Board of Christian Ed

During Vacation Bible School we stepped back in time as we explored the city of Rome during Bible times and learned about the life of the apostle Paul and the beginnings of the Christian Church. The children learned about Rome and Paul and the underground church through songs, games and crafts. We had a great turnout of children and adult volunteers. Thank you to all who participated.

We will have an “all age” children group for Sunday School this summer with lessons about Christian virtues.

The children continue to visit Hickory Creek Nursing Home once a month (second Sunday) to visit with the residents and perform songs and skits.

Heidi Baca

## This is My Church

“It is composed of people like me — we make it what it is.

It will be friendly — if I am.

Its pews will be filled — if I help to fill them.

It will do a great work — if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes— if I am a generous giver.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith — if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.”

## Food Co-Op for Fort Wayne Seminary

LWGS does not meet during the summer months but we are still working on our projects.

Please help our future pastors feed their families. We will have a display in the Narthex from June 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 Food Co-Op, the seminarians shop for their family’s food and other necessities.

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

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



## Care & Concern



Good Shepherd extends its Sympathy and Prayers to:

Jerry & Barb Miller on the death of his cousin Sherri Bickell.

Remember in Your Prayers: Peggy Hockman, cancer; Clayton

Johnson, illness; Christopher Springer, disbelief; Jennifer Clark, surgery; Darlene Kruger, healing & comfort; Richard McIlvaine, stage 4 cancer; Jim Alexander

cancer; Jeanie Silvers, tumor surgery; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlisle, healing & comfort; Bill Cummings, fractured hip; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Lode-ma Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of the Powers family, strength & healing; Ben Hall, cancer, strength & healing;

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

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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!

## Franklin Fireworks

Franklin's Firecracker Festival is July 3 in downtown Franklin. Around 10:00 p.m. they will have fireworks set off in the park as they did after the Fall Festival last year. We are gathering in the church's parking lot around 7:00 p.m. to have hot dogs, snack pak, water (\$1.00) and fellowship with friends. With our tummys full we will be ready to watch the fireworks around ten. Public is welcome to join us.

Money earned will help missions in their outreach activities.



## Member Information Sheet

Over the last couple of Sundays we put an information sheet in the bulletin. This is replacing our usual putting the info on the table in Fellowship Hall and asking you to verify it is correct and/or make corrections.

Please fill out a separate sheet for each person in your family that is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Summer time is the only time of year we have a little extra time in the office to spruce up our records, files and etc. After we receive all the information our computer program will be updated, our paper files will be correct, and we can store or shred un-needed paper.

We hope you will take the few minutes it takes to complete the information as soon as possible and get it back to the office. We appreciate your help.

Rose, Office Manager

*Help us out;*

*Fill it out;*

*Turn it in!!!!*



THANK YOU!!!

## Deacon's Notes ~ ~ Mike Hartman

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted" (Eccl. 3:1-2).*

How is your garden doing? The blustering winter winds gave way to the balmy breezes of Spring and have now become the hot days of summer. Just about everywhere people are planting flowers, trees, vegetables, and sowing grass seed. Planting is the start of some-

thing new, something filled with great expectations. The seeds that have lain dormant all through the winter months are springing back to life.

Planting time reminds us that it is always time to sow the seed of the Kingdom. There is no time to begin, no time to stop. Only when time is no more can we rest from our labors. As workers in the Kingdom today, let each of us be reminded of the urgent duty we have to spread this vital mes-

sage. As saved servers of Christ it is our job to plant the seeds of salvation that He has given us. We are to plant those seeds so that the Holy Spirit can make them grow. As we plant the seed some falls on stone, some is choked out by weeds, but some falls on fertile soil and grows. God has given us great seeds.

It's planting time now -- tomorrow may be too late. Let's get to work !!

## A Word From Your Treasurer

Year to Date May 31 —

Budget Expenses	vs Actual	Income
\$81,675	\$66,170	\$75,091

Do you shop at Amazon? Don't forget to use SmileAmazon when making a purchase to support GSLC and make sure you've chosen Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as your designated charity. We have been signed up since April of 2016 and have since generated close to \$25.

The Council will be looking at our giving

to LCMS at the next meeting (July 12), as promised, to determine if we can contribute another \$2,500 above the budgeted amount approved last December of \$2,500. LCMS has been very good and generous with GSLC through the years and it is important that we help support them as they help other congregations. Thank you for your prayers as we strive to do God's will. Questions or comments? Please see Anne.

Anne Hartman, Treasurer



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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)



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/3 Rev. Roger Daene

7/7 Susan Daene

7/8 Juli Ploss, Andy Anderson

7/9 Curt Maddox

7/10 Austin Martin

7/11 Rusti White

7/12 Gerald Daene

7/14 Michael Hartman, Sarah Miller

7/15 Chris Curry

7/16 Gerda Martin, Hannah Rakow

7/17 Meghan Groce

7/19 Clint Lawyer

7/20 Lorraine Lamb

7/21 Kevin Weber, Staci Hedges

7/22 Terra Belden

7/25 Garrett Walker, Dillen Wischmeier

7/27 Ray Lawyer

7/31 Betty Morgan, Derek Runge



### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7/5 Darrell & Susan Sego

7/6 Chris & Becky Johnson

7/10 Brad & Angela Coy

7/11 Jim & Donna Jones

7/17 Bill & Linda Unsworth

7/21 Jon & Sharon Clark

7/26 Claus & Karen Muth

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

**T**ry 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.

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. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

We also have a Prayer Request button on the church website. You may choose if your prayer request goes to the pastor only, or to the pastor and the prayer chain. Simply go to [www.gslcfranklin.org](http://www.gslcfranklin.org) and hit the Prayer request button.