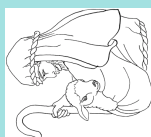




Mews of the Flock



From the Pastor

While I drive to or between visits I often listen to the radio. The other day, Coach Tony Dungie was telling a story about former Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman. Aikman could have thrown far more yards than he did in his career but he let his star running back, Emmitt Smith, carry the ball. Smith is one of the greatest running backs of all time. Coach Dungie's point was that Aikman was such a good team player that he let others shine.

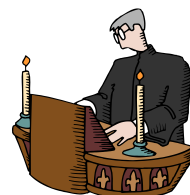
I would like to take Coach Dungie's observation a bit further. In John 3, we read that John the Baptist's disciples were coming to him and telling him that so many people were going to hear Jesus of Nazareth and John's disciples were concerned. You can hardly blame them since they believed (rightly) that John was preaching the Word of God to the people and calling them to repentance. If so many were going to hear Jesus, who would hear John. If John had been like many people, he would have let his popularity go to his head and he would thought more of himself than he should have. John replies to his disciples, "You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' 'He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bride-

groom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"

John understood his role was to get everything ready for Jesus and then step back. John's role was not to promote himself or make a name for himself. Jesus was to take center stage and everyone needed to listen to Him. The people could not do that if they were still following John and only listening to him. When John was imprisoned by King Herod, John sent his disciples to Jesus. John knew his time was short and he wanted his disciples to follow Jesus.

John is a great lesson for all of us. We all work for the same Lord and we have one purpose. That purpose is to build up the believers in their faith and to make Christ known to all people. Our role is not to make everyone notice us but to pay attention to the One that sends us into the world to have all pay attention to Him.

Pastor Daene



Highlights ~~

Congratulations to — Abby (Haugh) Powers

Who completed law enforcement training and is now a Deputy with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. She and her husband Eric, who is an Indiana State Trooper, Sellersburg Post, live in Pekin, Indiana.

Confirmation Sunday May 20, 2018 for Confirmand Nicholas Coy

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Special points of interest:

- Church Council Meeting, May 6, after the worship service
- LWGS Meeting, May 7 @ 11:00 a.m. at church in the kitchen. All ladies invited
- Ladies Night Out, May 8 @ 6:30 p.m. at Olive Garden in Greenwood
- Confirmation Sunday & Reception, May 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
- Pitch-In Lunch, May 27, after worship service

Church Council ~~ Interchurch Food Pantry Missions

Church Council did not meet in April, Our next Council meeting is May 6, after our worship service.

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50th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Anyone interested in helping to plan the 50th Anniversary celebration of Good Shepherd please contact me, Michelle Walker at 317-432-3942. We will be working closely with all Council committees in planning but will have several additional planning sessions. If you have any suggestions, please attend our meeting and present them.



For the month of May we are collecting **Peanut Butter and Spaghetti Noodles** for the InterChurch Food Pantry. There is a box in the Narthex for the items. We will take them to the Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity.

Missions Committee



Missions collected clothing and miscellaneous items for the Orphan Grain Train in the month of April. We want to thank all those that participated by donating.

The Franklin Community Band performed at Good Shepherd on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. An ad announcing the event was placed in the Daily Journal at the beginning of April.

Elaine reported a total of 61 lbs. was donated in dish soap and laundry detergent for the InterChurch Food Pantry.

Chris Johnson, President of Church Council spoke about the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Good Shepherd in 2019. He would like all boards, committees and members to participate. Missions will help get the word out to the community with advertising in the Daily Journal.

Plans for the 4th of July Fireworks will be discussed at our May meeting.

Our next meeting is May 20th after the worship service. All are invited.

LWGS~~

Hello Ladies,

LWGS met on April 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen of Good Shepherd. We have some events coming up. The annual Ladies Night Out will be in May this year. It will be at Olive Garden on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 in Greenwood. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and we will order from the menu after we are seated. Please sign up early as we would like to have a good idea on how many ladies will be going. Carpooling will be provided from the church; leaving promptly at 6:00 p.m. to get to Greenwood by 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

May 8, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Olive Garden

US 31 in Greenwood, IN

As usual, LWGS takes a break for the summer so we do not meet in June, July, and August. But don't forget in September we will be having our Salad Supper and a very interesting program. Also, the Franklin Fall Festival is September 29th. More details on that in August.

*Don't forget to sign up
for the Ladies Night Out*

Care & Concern



Remember in your

Prayers: Judy Hall, surgery; Gerda Martin. Back & leg issues; Mark Ploss, awaiting heart surgery; Penny Wells, surgery went

well, healing; Freda Smith, surgery; Chris Dodson, healing; Ruth Julian, health issues; Jim Newkirk, cancer; Gene Coy, strength & healing; Jack Delaney, strength & comfort; Rev. Gregory Cynova, healing & strength; Joseph Wurster,

Lung cancer; Zachary Long, strength, healing & comfort; 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, healing and comfort; 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 & comfort; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

***** If you have 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.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
OFFICERS FOR 2018



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Debra Pahl
5/6 Duane Stahl, Justin Elliott
5/7 Kristina Bauman
5/8 Jackson Hedges
5/9 Heather Pahl
5/11 Bryn Fechtman
5/13 Hannah Hughes, Katie Vaughn
5/15 Chris Black, John Carlisle, Devon Gibson
5/16 Penny Wells, Gemma Hedrick
5/20 Debra Holmes
5/22 Leanne Elliott, Roberta Hunter
5/24 Caden Curry
5/26 Keith Fechtman, Camren Stahl
5/28 Tracy Rakow
5/31 Preston Bonham, Aubrey Bonham



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/2 Vic & Helen Rinehart
5/22 Troy & Tammy Williams
5/28 Chris & Deanna Poe
5/31 Paul & Betty Cox

[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.

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

PRAYER REQUEST: We now 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. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to www.gslcfranklin.org and hit the **Prayer Request** button.