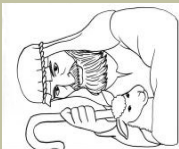




News of the Flock



From the Pastor

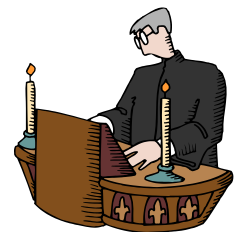
Mahatma Gandhi said, “Those who say religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.” (I promise this is the last newsletter that I will quote him!) This quote often comes to mind when I hear people say that religion has no place in politics. The Constitution does not even include any clause which implies that idea but somehow it has been ingrained in us to believe it is the foundation of our country.

The Bible reminds that in all that we do and say, our daily lives, the way we interact with people, the way politicians conduct themselves and our faith drives the ways laws should be written and are enforced. God speaking through Paul wrote in Philippians 1:27, “Nevertheless, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending side by

side for the faith of the gospel.”

Religion is not something we pick up on Sunday morning with our keys on the way to church and then put down when we are home. I wish we used the word “relationship with God” instead of “religion” because it better describes what it is. A relationship focuses everything we do, think, say, and how we interact with people. To say that my religion (or faith) or relationship with God has nothing to do with politics, business, laws, or my everyday life is like thinking I don’t need air for life. One cannot function without the other.

Pastor Daene



Confirmation Class

Prayers & Support

Confirmation Classes

Begin September 10, 2017 at

11:00 a.m. in the

Adult Classroom

Prayers and support for our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana dealing with Hurricane Harvey. Two websites where you can help with donations:

LCMS Disaster Relief: <https://www.lcms.org/harvey>

Orphan Grain Train: <http://www.ogt.org/news/newsroom.html/article/2017/08/25/please-us-help-texas>

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Special points of interest:

- Labor Day, Office Closed
- Church Council-September 13 @ 7 pm
- LWGS Salad Supper—September 18 @ 6:00 pm
- Women's Bible Study starts September 20 @ 6:30 pm
- Fall Begins—September 22
- Pitch-In Lunch on September 24 @ 11 am
- Franklin Community Band—September 28 @ 7 pm

Church Council Highlights ~ ~

Church Council met on August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Kent Krimmel, Mike Peters, Pastor Daene, Jeff Hawkins, Kathy Hawkins, Johannah Pollert, Anne Hartman, Joyce Bauman, Paul Cox, and Kevin Weber. Those absent were Susan Segoe, Heidi Baca and Gerda Martin.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Peters. Pastor Daene opened with a prayer.

The minutes from the July 13 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.

Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary, gave her report. Total offerings for July were \$13,544.28.

Anne Hartman, Treasurer, reported July's expenses as \$17,359.51. Mortgage balance as of July 31, 2017 is \$201,251.83.

Pastor reported that the average attendance

for July was 70. He had 5 church services; 2 church meetings, 9 Adult Bible Studies and other classes; 1 Wedding; 1 Funeral; 2 member visits; 5 shut-in visits; 3 non-member visits; and 12 Hospital visits. Confirmation class will start in September. October 2017 will be the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There will be 2 in the Adult Confirmation Class.

Kevin gave the Stewardship Report. Giving is down compared to the last two years.

Kevin Weber, Deacon Chairman, stated Mike Peters resigned as a deacon. Derek Runge has agreed to fill this position. In the near future we be changing the attendance gathering method.

Paul Cox, Trustee Chairman, reported he had sent the contract in for the sealing and striping of the parking lot. Imperial Water Conditioning was here and worked

on the choration system. He is going to call them back to check it again. The grass is being mowed weekly.

The Board of Education Report had the attendance for Sunday School this summer has been very low. They continue to go to Hickory Creek on non-communion Sundays. We need volunteers to work in the Nursery during church. Fall Sunday School will begin on Sunday, August 27.

Old Business: We will not be having a Rummage Sale this year. We will start planning one for next year during the spring months.

New Business: Paul is going to get prices on painting the steeple in hopes that we can get it done before winter.

The meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd

LWGS would like to thank everyone that donated to the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-op this summer. Your money will provide milk, meat, fresh vegetables, eggs and etc. at very low prices to help the seminarians with their food cost as they attend classes and study to become pastors. Most students are second career men and women that have families to support.



Mark your calendars—**LWGS Salad Supper and Movie is September 18th.** All ladies are invited and bring a neighbor, friend, relative to enjoy a variety of salads, a movie and great fellowship.



Community Band

*Franklin Community Band
at GSLC*

September 28, 2017

7:00—8:30 pm

(mark your calendars now)

Care & Concern



Good Shepherd extends Sympathy and Prayers to: Michael Wagnitz on the death of his mother.

Remember in your Prayers: Zachary Long, strength, healing & comfort; Christopher Springer, the Lord will lift the veil of unbelief; Jim Alexander, cancer; Jeanie Silvers, tumor; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic Migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie Jones, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle, strength & comfort; Bill Cum-

mings, fractured hip; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength and 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; and Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

**** If you placed someone on the Prayer List, please check on their health status and let the office know of any updates. We like to keep this list as current as possible. Thank you.



Meijer Simply Give Board of Christian Ed Orphan Grain Train

Through Meijer's customer-driven program Simply Give local families receive much-needed hunger relief from the Interchurch Food Pantry.

Between August 20th—September 16th, Meijer customers can purchase \$10 donation cards, which will be converted into food-only gift cards and given to the Pantry. Your donation is then matched dollar for dollar by Meijer.

September 1st and 2nd are Double Match Days! During these two days, Meijer will double match every customer's \$10 Simple Give donation.

Help by purchasing a food donation card during these dates. The Interchurch Food Pantry is grateful to Meijer's for the continued support in our community.

Summer Sunday School was teaching the children about Christian values. Now we are starting the Fall Sunday School on August 27. Please try now that school has started to bring your children to Sunday School.

Linda Haddock and Michelle Conor are leading Children's Church on non-communion Sundays following the Pastor's children's message.

Good Shepherd children visit the Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

All Bible Study groups continue except the Women's Group. They will start up again on September 20 at 6:30 p.m.

WE still need volunteers for the nursery. See Heidi.

Do you shop at the Edinburgh Outlet Mall?

The Bon Worth clothing store is setting the 1st Tuesday of September, October, November, and December as Orphan Grain Train days. Ten percent (10%) of the sales on those 4 days will be sent to OGT, **if you mention OGT at the register** to help fund shipments to those in need. Bon Worth is a ladies clothing outlet. Your support will be appreciated by Orphan Grain Train.

Don't forget, you must tell them when paying for your merchandise that you would like this to be participation in the Orphan Grain Train program.

Great time to do some Christmas shopping, it is less than 4 months away!

Deacon Notes ~ Mike Hartman

How to Identify a Lukewarm Christian

- He has time to read the newspaper every day but not the Bible. He spends more time with the sports page than he does in prayer.
- He spends as much for tobacco or drinks as he gives to the church.
- For lack of study he is unqualified to teach others.
- When things are not done the way he wants them he pouts and will not cooperate. "It must be my way or none."
- He expects to be visited when sick, but never visits the sick.
- He doesn't have enough interest in the souls of the lost to make a serious effort to convert them.
- He expects the church to develop leaders, but never develops any leadership qualities.
- Instead of having confidence in the gospel and its power to save, he is ashamed of the word. He often criticizes plain preaching. He sets a bad example by missing church often.
- He continually finds fault with those who are trying.
- He knows he should be giving more but loves his money too much to give.
- He is not regular at Bible Study.
- As a warning from the Bible to the above described lukewarm Christian "So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth." Rev. 3:16.

Our question for you, what is YOUR Christian temperature?

A blessed September from your Board of Deacons.

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 writings 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 the study book and additional information.

Thank You

Don't the shrubs around the church look great! A BIG thank you to Denzil Marten for spending three days trimming, cutting and cleaning up the mess.



Treasurer's Report

Year to Date, July 31 —

Budget Expenses	Vs	Actual Expenses
\$114,345		\$97,882.48
		Income
		\$94,667.29

Anne Hartman, Treasurer



Congratulations to Davis and Elliana Cole on their 4H projects at the Johnson County Fair in July.

Davis Cole 2017 ~

Supreme Dairy Female
Grand Champion Holstein
Champion Senior Dairy Female—Holstein
Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Female—Holstein
Reserve Medium Weight Wether
Champion Light Weight Market Doe
Champion Foods—Cake—Third year

Davis Cole 2016 ~

Supreme Dairy Female
Grand Champion Holstein
Champion Senior Holstein
Grand Champion Market Doe
Champion Heavy Weight Wether
Reserve Champion Floriculture—Second year
Reserve Champion—Foods—Muffins—Second year
Champion—Sewing—Shorts—Second year

Elliana Cole ~

Reserve Grand Champion—Holstein
Reserve Champion Senior = Holstein
Junior Champion—Holstein
Champion Medium Weight Market Doe
Champion Gift Wrapping—First year
Champion Fashion Revue—First year
Reserve Champion—Sewing—Skirt—First year
Reserve Champion—Foods—Cookies—First year



It is that time of year when we start to think about electing members to the Church Council. The terms of the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee Chairman, and Stewardship Chairman are up for election. Each term is two years. If you are interested in running for any of these positions contact Kent Krimmel at 317-346-6199.

This month the duties of the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer will be printed; next month it will be the Trustee Chairman and Stewardship Chairman.

President — The President shall:

1. In association with the Pastor be the executive director of the total congregational program;
2. Prepare the agenda, according to Article 1 of the bylaws, and preside over all meetings of the Church Council and the Voter's Assembly.
3. Confer with the Pastor and the Vice President on all matters relating to the spiritual and material welfare of the congregation and its members;
4. Be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees, and attend or designate the Vice President to represent him at the meetings of the boards and committees as he deems necessary or advisable;
5. Make an annual report of his administration to the Voter's Assembly.

Recording Secretary — The Recording Secretary shall:

1. Be the official depository of the official records of the Voter's Assembly and of the Church Council;
2. Record the minutes of the Voter's Assembly and of the Church Council;
3. Maintain a separate Constitution Book for the signatures of voting members;
4. Record attendance at Voter's Assembly and at meetings of the Church Council;
5. Keep an up-to-date listing of voting members;
6. Serve as the Historian for the congregation.

Treasurer—The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for the safety of the funds of the congregation;
2. Keep the funds of the congregation on deposit in a bank or other reliable financial institution;
3. Keep the financial records of the congregation according to proper accounting procedures;
4. Make regular financial reports to the Church Council and to the congregation;
5. Be concerned with the safe deposit and recording of all funds, monthly remissions of offerings for missions and church agencies, and prompt payment of all bills and salaries as authorized by the congregation and its Boards;
6. Submit records to an annual audit;
7. Serve as a member of the Board of Stewardship

Any questions regarding these positions contact Kent Krimmel.

*Consider holding a position on
the Church Council.*





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Brent Nolting, Cameron Curry
- 9/2 Karyn Crafton
- 9/4 Grace Humble
- 9/5 Jon Clark, Kathy Hawkins, Abigail Daene
- 9/6 Dan Ellis
- 9/7 Jean Lawyer, Nicholas Coy
- 9/8 Rick Vculek, Robert Hunter
- 9/10 Heidi Baca
- 9/13 Angie Stahl
- 9/17 Doug Stahl, Kathryn Groce
- 9/19 Bill Campbell
- 9/21 Adam Hawkins, Amy Wert
- 9/22 Jeremy White, Connie DeWitt
- 9/25 Barbara Miller, Katy Holmes,
- 9/27 Brad Coy
- 9/28 Lori Acton
- 9/29 Kelly Schultz, Margaret Wurster
- 9/30 Brandon Wells



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/3 Rick & Carol White
- 9/9 Brent & Sharon Nolting
- 9/24 Bill & Penny Wells
- Kevin Weber & Johannah Pollert
- 9/26 Tracy & Suzy Rakow

[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 2017

- Mike Peters, President
- Kent Krimmel, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Anne Hartman, Treasurer
- Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary
- Paul Cox, Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
- , 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
- Kathy Hawkins, Member at Large

DEACONS

- Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
- Kent Krimmel 317-346-6199
- Mike Hartman 317-738-2290
- Jim Jones 317-878-4712
- 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 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.