



From the Pastor

One of the last summers we spent in Mississippi we were invited to a large barbeque with about 75 other people. While I could talk about the southern food served there, I had never been to a Fourth of July event where the Declaration of Independence was read. Today, we hear shrill voices trying to explain what it means to be an American. I suggest they read the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Federalist papers (a series of essays written by the Founding Fathers to explain the Constitution and the thinking behind it). Sadly, many in the media and politicians have little concern for these documents but then try to explain to us what it means to be an American.

In much the same way, there are endless debates as to what it means to be a Christian. All too often I have heard people quote verses that have little or no connection to the point they are trying to make. They bend the Scripture to meet their preconceived idea of what they need it to mean. This is nothing new as similar events occurred when St. Paul wrote his letters to the Galatians. If we add in centuries of traditions and church history, the

number of understandings of what it means to be a Christian explodes. Sadly, many are even confused about what salvation is and how is one saved.

Micah 6:8 asks the right question and gives a concise answer. "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" This is how a Christian lives out his or her life. Sure, we can discuss the meaning of those words, but the Christian life is laid out. In the context of living under God's Word, we can understand what it means to be live as a Christian. Living out God's Word is difficult in a world that gives lip service to it but ignores it when it suits their purposes. Christ never told us it would be easy and He did tell us to expect persecution. In the end, all we can say are the words from Paul in 2 Timothy 4: 7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Pastor Daene

Secondary Story Headline

*Watch the
Fireworks from
our Parking Lot
on July 3rd*



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Special points of interest:

- *Watch the Fireworks from GSLC Parking Lot, July 3*
- *PEP—People Enjoying People, July 5 @ 11:00 a.m.*
- *Newsletter articles and Calendar meeting dates/events due in the office for August*
- *Potluck Pitch-In Lunch, July 22 after worship service*

Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Church Council met on June 10th at 11:15 a.m. Those in attendance were Chris Johnson, Kent Krimmel, Amy Houck, Gerda Martin, Jeff Hawkins, Pastor Daene, Larry Hill, Heidi Baca, Randy Powers, Angela Coy and guests Rose Krimmel and Michelle Walker. Absent were Joyce Bauman, Susan Sego, Sharon Peters, Johannah Pollert and Kevin Weber.

Pastor Daene opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the May 6th meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction (Angela Coy's name was omitted on the absent list.)

Financial Secretary's report showed offerings for May as \$10,676.33.

Treasurer, Angela Coy, reported expenses for May were \$16,389.23.

Pastor—no report.

Deacon Chairman—no report.

Trustee Chairman—no report.

Christian Education, Heidi Baca, reported the Sunday School classes are studying the Life of Jesus. Virginia Pollert & Heidi Baca taught the Preschool class. Johannah Pollert taught the Intermediate class and Carla Cole taught the Middle school class. Attendance was down during May.

Heidi Baca and Michelle Coner lead the Children's Church during May. A sign-up sheet is on the Resource Room door for volunteers for Children's Church.

The children visited Hickory Creek Nursing Home on Sunday, May 6th.

The Women's Bible Study Group is taking a break until after Labor Day but the other Bible Study groups continue with their schedule.

Stewardship Chairman, Larry Hill, stated

he is working on developing a new pledge card to see if we can have a better estimate on income for 2019.

CoChair Amy Houck of the Fellowship Special Events gave their report. In April and May they spent \$77.48 for a total YTD of \$296.11.

Michelle Walker, Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee gave a report on the ideas the committee has come up with for the celebration next year. A discussion followed. Council approved the fundraiser they want to do; so they will continue to pursue that. A budget was discussed but that was not finalized.

There will not be a Council meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 12 after worship service.



LWGS

Fort Wayne Seminary Food Pantry ~~

We are collecting money for the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Pantry. Please help our future pastors feed their families as they attend the Seminary. The display is in the Narthex until the end of August to give you an 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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone at Good Shepherd for the cards and reception in celebration of my Confirmation. It was a wonderful day and one that I will remember always.

Nicholas Coy



Graduation Robes

If you have a white graduation gown/robe that you had to purchase and it is just hanging in the closet; we are interested in it. You can donate it or if you want to sell it at a very reasonable price, please contact Rose in the office.

We would like to continue using white robes for Confirmation but it is hard to rent them at a reasonable cost now.

Rose Krimmel

Care & Concern



Sympathy and Prayers:
To Kim Roth on the passing of her mother, Diane Petersen.

Remember in Your Prayers: D.J. Noyes, strength & healing; Rev.

Gregory Cynova, cancer; Cindy Tincher, cancer; Mark Ploss, healing, strength, and comfort; Chris Dodson, healing; Ruth Julian, health issues; Gene Coy, strength and healing; Jack Delaney, strength & comfort; Joseph Wurster, lung cancer;

Zachary Long, strength, healing & comfort; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Jim Alexander, cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer, Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlisle, healing & comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; 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 Pow-

ers family, strength & healing; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; and 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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Rev. Roger Daene
 7/7 Susan Daene
 7/8 Andy Anderson
 7/9 Curt Maddox
 7/10 Austin Martin
 7/11 Rusti White
 7/14 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 Susan Julian, Garrett Walker,
 Dillen Wischmeier
 7/27 Ray Lawyer
 7/31 Betty Morgan



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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.]

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. 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.