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# From the Pastor

Saint Mother Theresa once wrote, "In order to be Christians, we should resemble Christ, of this I am firmly convinced. Gandhi once said that if Christians lived accosting to their faith, there would be no more Hindus left in India. People expect us to be consistent with our Christian life". Mother Theresa was paraphrasing the words of Paul when he wrote the Corinthians in chapter 5, "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Now let's face it, it is not an easy task to be like Christ in everything we do. When I am driving or shopping, I have those moments when I would rather be like Moses and part the way with my staff rather than be patient like Christ. It's easier for me to be patient with the elderly in a store (because I was raised to respect my elders) than it is for those who are my age or younger. Christ never called us to love or to be kind to those who are easy to be kind to. He called us to love everyone and that means doing what is best for them. Honestly, it was easy for Christ to love his mother Mary, Mary and Martha and Lazarus and the disciples. The real test came when He asked for forgiveness for those who had just nailed Him to the cross.

I don't know if Gandhi was right when he said there would be no Hindus in India if Christians lived according to their faith. We cannot do it because we are sinners and will remain sinners until Christ calls us home. Therefore, we will never perfectly imitate Christ. Years ago, I heard a great analogy about becoming imitators of Christ. Most of us remember the alphabet printed across the top of the chalkboards in the classroom. We had that green paper with three lines. We spent so much time copying our letters and trying to match those on that banner across the chalkboard. The teacher would then take a red pen and circle our mistakes and we tried again. The more time we spend in God's Word, we learn to copy Him better and become more like Him. We repent of our failures and try again. Blessed are we that salvation does not depend on how well we imitate Him but is solely based on what He has already done for us. Our lives show our thanks and our trying to reflect Him shows the world, Christ.

Pastor Daene

## VBS

# mer VBS this year.

Thursday, June 7 from

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm with activities starting at 6:00 pm.

# Piano Recital

Barnvard Roundup is the theme for Sum-Sunday, June 3 —

Come Join Us Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Charissa Caitlin June 12, 2018 7:00-8:00 pm

Refreshments after recital

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#### Special points of interest:

- VBS starts June 3rd at 5:30 pm
- Church Council, June 10, after worship service
- Piano Recital with Charissa Caitlin, June 12 from 7-8:30 pm
- Father's Day—June 17th
- Pitch-In Lunch—June 24— 11:00 am

# Church Council Highlights ~~

Church Council met on May 6 after the worship service. Those in attendance were: Kent Krimmel, Chris Johnson, Joyce Bauman, Larry Hill, Jeff Hawkins, Gerda Martin, Amy Houck, Randy Powers, Pastor Daene. Those absent were: Heidi Baca, Johannah Pollert, Kevin Weber, Angela Coy and Susan Sego.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Johnson who asked Pastor Daene to say an opening prayer.

Minutes will be reviewed at June's meeting. Financial Secretary, Joyce Bauman, went over her reports for March and April. March's offerings were \$11,708.12 and April's was \$15,758.29.

Treasurer, Angela Coy, was absent but her report was reviewed. Total expenses for March was \$13,336.61 and for April were \$13,206.10. Loan balance as of April 30th was \$178,641.44.

Pastor Daene reported the the average attendance in April was 84. He had 6 Church

services; attended 2 Church meetings; had 3 Confirmation classes; 8 Adult Bible & other studies; 5 Member visits; 1 Shut-in visit; 6 Non-member visits; 8 Hospital visits and 11 Counseling sessions. The Youth will be going on a retreat at Camp Lakeview August 17-18. He will be on vacation from June 24 thru July 8th, but will be here for the fireworks.

No Deacon report.

No Trustee report.

Stewardship Chairman, Larry Hill, reported a Fund Comparison over the last five years. He also suggested to put the monthly income and expenses in the bulletin.

No Missions report, next meeting May 20.

Fellowship—Special Events Co-chairs Gerda Martin and Amy Houck stated total expenses YTD \$239.70.

Board of Education Chairman, Heidi

Baca's report is on Page 3.

Member-at-Large, Randy Powers, stated a few students from the high school did a day of service at Good Shepherd. They vacuumed the Sanctuary and Narthex and picked up the sticks & limbs on the lawn. Unfinished Business—50th Anniversary committee would like a budget amount. Their next meeting is Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm here at the church.

The Council would like to thank Darrell Sego for taking over the web page. And thank Don Haddock for his years of service on the web page.

Council will meet on June 10 after the worship service.



# Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd—LWGS

Hello Ladies.

Ladies Night Out was an enjoyable evening at Olive Garden in Greenwood. We had 15 Ladies attend. The food was delicious as always.

LWGS does not meet during June, July, and August. During the summer months we will be collecting money for the Fort Wayne Seminarian Food Pantry. 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.

In September we are planning on a Salad Supper. The date and time will be announced later.

Also, at the end of September is the Franklin Fall Festival in downtown Franklin. We have a booth and sell cards, napkins, nuts, and hot cocoa & spiced cider.

# Summer Begins June 21



# Care & Concern



Sympathy and Prayers: To Shirley Newkirk and family & friends on the passing of Jim Newkirk on April 30.

Remember in Your Prayers: Rev. Cynova, surgery;

Barb Miller, pain relief & healing; Kathy Hawkins, surgery May 29; Cindy Tincher, cancer; Judy Hall, recovery and treatment; Mark Ploss, healing, strength, and comfort; Penny Wells, healing, strength, and comfort; Chris Dodson, healing; Ruth Julian, health issues; Gene Coy, strength & healing; Jack Delaney, strength & comfort; Joseph Wurster, lung cancer; Zachary Long, strength, healing and comfort; Christopher Springer, lift the veil of unbelief; Jim Alexander, cancer; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength & healing; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, conges-

tive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of the Powers family, strength & healing; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Bryne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

\*\*\*\*If you have placed any of these people on the pray 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.

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# **Board of Education**

The Sunday School class continues to study the Life of Jesus in the "Dig In" curriculum. Virginia Pollert & Heidi Baca teach the Preschool class; Angela Coy, Johannah Pollert, and Katie Vaughn are taking turns teaching the Intermediate Class; and Carla Cole is teaching the Middle School Class.

Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner continue leading Children's Church on non-communion Sundays following Pastor's children's message.

The children continue to visit Hickory Creek Nursing Home The schedule has been changed to visit on the first Sunday of the month.

VBS will be June 3rd thru the 7th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The theme is "Barnyard Roundup".

Women's Bible Study that meets on Wednesday evenings is taking a break this summer and will resume on September 5 at 6:30 p.m.

## **VBS**

# 50th Anniversary

The Planning Committee for Good Shepherd's 50th Anniversary next year is busy planning events, fundraisers, and food. A proposal plan is underway to be presented to the next Council meeting on June 10.

As things move along, they will be asking people to volunteer to help the committees. Please give it full consideration to help. This is a major celebration for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



# VBS 2018 JUNE 3 - JUNE 7 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM LIGHT DINNER

SERVED AT 5:30

PM

## **Graduation Gowns**

Any one that has a white graduation gown that they had to purchase and don't know what to do with it, 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 gowns for Confirmation but it is hard to find them to rent at a reasonable cost.

Rose Krimmel, Office mgr.

# Thank You's

Thanks to everyone at Good Shepherd for their prayers, visits, flowers, food, and memorials sent to us during Jim's illness and then his death. I know he is at home with Jesus in Heaven.

Friends thank you again for all your support.

Friends in Christ, Shirley Newkirk





Thank you Darrell Sego for the new design and taking on web page for Good Shepherd. Also, Thank you Don Haddock for doing it the last several years.

# Treasurer's Note ~~

YTD as of May 31, 2018 —

 Total Income
 Total Expenses
 Total Budget

 \$ 72,114.18
 \$ 67,582.78
 \$ 83,632.75

Mortgage Balance is \$179,167.41.

Angela Coy, Treasurer



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#### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/1 Carol Anderson
6/2 Kristy Hash
6/12 Jim Fechtman, Linda Haddock, Taylor Wert
6/15 Michelle Walker
6/17 Rick Grass, Helen Esterline
6/20 Laura Collins, Jon Bauman, Mike Peters,
Jack Morris
6/21 Trella Stahl, Tim Holmes
6/27 Betty Cox
6/28 Suzy Rakow



#### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

6/5 Pat & Rebekah Haugh 6/8 Rob & Staci Hedges 6/14 Dan & Angie Stahl 6/16 Ray & Deanna Lawyer 6/24 Kent & Rose Krimmel 6/26 Bill & Elaine Bloomquist 6/28 Andy & Carol Anderson

[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 who organizes the prayer chain.

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