



Mews of the Flock

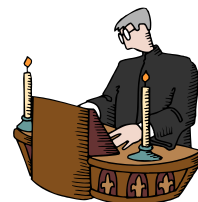


From the Pastor

Hebrews 5:14 tells us, "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil." Paul uses the term "solid food". He is talking about the Word of God. Who are the spiritually mature? Sometimes we think it is those who know "a lot about the Bible". Knowledge does not make one mature. I know of some very smart people who are not mature at all. The word "practice" has the idea of a custom or habit. We strive towards being spiritually mature when we continually practice discerning good and evil. The problem is that evil often cloaks itself as looking good. An example of this would be Planned Parenthood. They want to be known for promoting women's health but try to hide that 80% of their money comes from killing babies.

How do we discern good and evil? We have to know God's Word and apply His standards to situations or people we come across. Maturity in the world means that one is growing by practicing what they do. For example, we will hear that a cer-

tain sports figure has really matured this season and is coming into his own. Spiritual maturity does not come by becoming a better Christian because spiritual maturity comes not by our work but by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Maturity in the world means becoming independent and making good decisions and behaving well. Spiritual maturity is acknowledging that we are weak, and we only have our being because of God. Instead of independent we must become dependent on God. In worldly standards we become more mature as we age. There is much to be said for gaining wisdom with age because wisdom comes with experience. I think that is why we become less unglued when life hits us hard because we have already experienced things and we can put things into perspective better. Christians know that spiritual maturity comes with study and reading of God's word. It is a process that never ends.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class
Begin September 9, 2018 at
11:00 a.m. in the
Adult Classroom



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Special points of interest:

- September 3, Labor Day, Office Closed
- 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting, Sept, 4
- September 9, Confirmation Class starts
- Church Council Meeting, after worship service
- LWGS Salad Supper, September 11 @ 6:30
- Franklin Fall Festival, September 29

Church Council Highlights ~~

The Church Council met at 11:00 a.m. on August 12, 2018. Those in attendance were Chris Johnson, Angela Coy, Kevin Weber, Susan Sego, Heidi Baca, Johannah Pollert, Rev. Roger Daene, Gerda Martin, Kent Krimmel, Larry Hill, Randy Powers and Jeff Hawkins. Absent was Joyce Bauman.

President, Chris Johnson called the meeting to order and Kevin Weber led the council in prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Secretary, Joyce Bauman, showed her report as \$13,352.44 in offerings during July.

Treasurer, Angela Coy, reported the total for all bank accounts was \$74,436.24 and the mortgage balance at \$174,836.77. July's expenses were \$14,800.26.

The Pastor reported an average of 60 people attended each Sunday in July. He conducted 3 services, 1 church meeting; 6 Bible stud-

ies; 2 member visits; 1 shut-in visit; 4 non-member visits; 12 hospital visits and 11 counseling sessions. There will be a Youth retreat at Camp Lakeview August 17-18.

There was no Deacon Report

There was no Trustee Report. However, Chris discussed his plan to bring landscaping equipment to clean up the shrubs and yard. The need for a Fall clean-up was discussed.

Christian Education Chair, Heidi Baca, reported that the Fall Sunday School will begin August 26.

Stewardship Chairman, Larry Hill, stated we will not have a Stewardship Dinner this year.

Missions, Co-Chair Susan Sego, reported the Missions committee took the summer off.

Fellowship-Special Events Co-Chair Gerda Martin reported the committee spent \$26.48 for Father's Day. Total Expenses Year to Date is \$324.53.

Johannah Pollert reported the 50th Anniversary committee is working on the wording of the invite and the wording of the theme. She also reported the Rummage Sale made \$575. Council directed that the money put into the General Fund.

New Business: The need to remove the swing set was discussed. The carpet runners have been rolling up and need to be taped down again.

The Council closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.



Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd—LWGS

Our upcoming events are the Franklin Fall Festival in downtown Franklin. We will have our booth to sell Christian cards, Terri Lynn Pecans and our famous Puppy Chow, Spiced Cider, and Hot Chocolate.

The second Sunday in October will be LWML Sunday here at church where the ladies do part of the service.

Our next meeting will be September 10th at 11:00 a.m. here at the church.

LWGS is having their Annual Salad Supper on September 11, 2018. With numerous salads and desserts you can't go wrong. Also, we are having a presentation on Iceland by Cindy Kessler, Sylvia's daughter. It is going to be a very interesting evening with fellowship and the Iceland presentation. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, sister, daughter, daughter-in-law and/or mother.



Care & Concern



Sympathy and Prayers:

To Cecelia Campbell and family on the death of Bill Campbell. Also, to Jim and Margaret Wurster on the death of their son, Joseph Wurster.

Remember in Your Prayers: Kathy Hawkins, surgery; Betty Thomson, hospice; Bobbie Jo Epperson, cancer; Darrell Sego, surgery; D.J. Noyes, strength & healing; Rev. Gregory Cynova, cancer; Cindy

Tincher, cancer; Mark Ploss, healing & strength; Ruth Julian, health issues; Gene Coy, strength & healing; Zachary Long, strength, healing & comfort; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlisle, strength & comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn

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

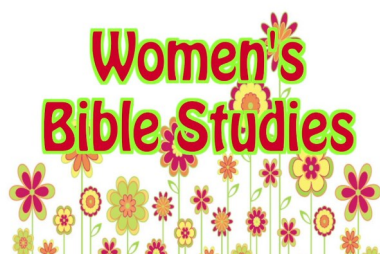
**** If you have placed any of these people on the prayer list, please check on their status and let the office know their update. We would like to keep the information as current as possible. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study Interchurch Food Pantry Hymn Festival

The Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. We will continue our study of 1 Corinthians with Lesson 10 on page 50 of the study book. If you don't have (or can't find) your book, please come anyway.

We will meet at Church in the Conference Room from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Linda Unsworth & Elaine Powers will lead this group with prayer, study & chat.

All women are welcome.



September is our month for donations to the InterChurch Food Pantry. We have been asked to donate: Gallon-size Storage bags and Cooking Oil.

Please leave your donations in the marked box in the Narthex during the whole month of September.

Thank you for your generosity.

Missions Committee



Community Hymn Festival

St. Paul Lutheran Church
6045 E. State Street
Columbus, Indiana

"The Story of Salvation"

Dr. John Behnke, Organist
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Friday, September 14, 2018

7:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend.

(Flyer & Program on the bulletin board)

SENIOR ADULT FEST—2018

Registrations for the Senior Adult Fest to be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 800 Cincinnati in Lafayette, Indiana on September 29, 2018. Speakers are Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing who will speak on "Why I am here?" and Rev. Dr. Daniel May who will speak on, "Why am I Still here?". The time for the event will be 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. The cost of the event is \$25.00 per person. Register before September 3 and the fee is \$20.00—a savings of \$5.00 per person. The registration fee includes morning snacks and a luncheon meal consisting of roast beef, baked potato bar, tossed salad, coffee

or tea and cake. Entertainment will be provided at the luncheon meal. For your convenience Registration forms are available in the office. Make checks payable to Indiana District-LCMS and in the memo line write: Senior Adult Fest. Mail your registration information and check to: Outreach Department c/o Indiana District-LCMS; 1145 Barr Street; Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

Senior Adult Fest 2018



Fall begins September 23, 2018

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.

Rose Krimmel, Church Secretary

Franklin Fall Festival

The Franklin Fall Festival will be on September 29th this year. As usual we need people to help man the booth. See Gerda to sign up for a particular time frame.

We also need volunteers to make Puppy Chow.

PUPPY CHOW RECIPE ~

1 cup Chocolate Chips
1/4 cup butter/margarine
1/2 cup peanut butter
8 cups Crispix cereal (or Rice Chex)
2 cups powdered sugar

Melt chocolate chips, butter, and peanut butter in a small saucepan over low heat; stir until smooth. Meanwhile measure Crispix into a large mixing bowl and measure powdered sugar into a large paper grocery sack. Pour melted mixture over the Crispix and gently stir until cereal is thoroughly coated. Pour cereal mixture into the bag with the powdered sugar. Close the bag and shake until cereal is coated with powdered sugar. Store in airtight container. Makes eight to ten half-filled sandwich bags.



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
9/15 Alisa Wright
9/17 Doug Stahl, Kathryn Groce
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
9/27 Jeff & Kelly Powers

[Please contact the church office (317-736-7849) 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 be truly 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. 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 it in. Your request is automatically sent to the church.