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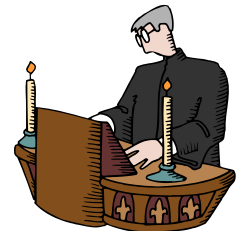
From the Pastor

Genesis 3: 8 “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” Perhaps it is not a good thing to notice what others are doing while driving, walking or in businesses but we all seen what a commercial calls “Dead Walkers”. According to the commercial these are people who have their faces buried in electronic devices all the time and are oblivious to everyone around them. Social media is supposed to allow us to be in contact with a lot of people in a short period of time. How in depth is that conversation? Awhile ago I read that about 70% of all first messages sent have something to do with asking the other person what they are doing. In other words, the communication probably started because one person was bored. It is easy to look nostalgically back to the past when people went to visit, sat on porches with neighbors and talked, and sent those strange things called “hand written letters”.

In the verse from Genesis, God walked in the Garden and talked with Adam and Eve. To me, that is a picture of absolute peace.

Sitting in the presence of God and just talking over the day. Of course, we do not know what they talked about, but we can be sure they weren’t complaining about politics, weather, or the local sports team. The Bible gives us no insight into what was said. We do know this. The relationship between God and Adam and Eve was perfect. As we all know sin changed that wonderful relationship and we wait for the final restoration of that relationship at the Second Coming. Until then, we still communicate with God. We can hear His words from the Scriptures and talk to him in prayer. We listen to Him thru the Word and thru the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We talk to Him in prayer and can just tell Him how our day was.

Pastor Daene



May 12, 2019



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Special points of interest:

- PEP meeting May 2 at 11:00 a.m.
- Mother's Day, May 12
- Ladies Night Out, May 16 @ 6:30 pm
- Church Council Meeting, June 9, after worship service

Church Council Highlights ~~

Church Council met on April 28th due to Palm Sunday and Easter. Those in attendance were: Kevin Weber, Michelle Pierce, Gerda Martin, Johannah Pollert, Chris Johnson, Angela Coy, Heidi Baca, Larry Hill, Pastor Daene, Randy Powers and Mark Ploss. Absent was Dan Bonham.

Chris called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Daene to say a prayer. He then did a roll call. The minutes were reviewed and approved with a correction in spelling.

The Financial Secretary report was reviewed. March income was \$17,488.18.

Angela Coy, Treasurer, reported the expenses for March were \$16,680.83.

Pastor reported he attended one meeting; had 2 Confirmation classes; 9 Church services; 9 Bible studies; 5 Member visits; 10 Hospital visits; 1 Baptism; 3 Non-member visits; 12 Counseling sessions; and 10 Shut-in visits (Thana Carlisle & Rev. Cynova).

Deacons—No report.

Trustees—No report.

Heidi Baca, Christian Education reported the Pre-school—First Grade class studied the New Testament in March. The Intermediate Class—Middle School class has been studying a pre-Confirmation curriculum. The children have Children's church on non-communion Sundays. They continue to visit Hickory Creek Nursing Home one Sunday a month. The Board of Education planned the Palm Sunday event and VBS. This year VBS will be May 31-June 2. A planning meeting is scheduled for May 5 after the worship service. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, please attend.

Larry Hill, Stewardship chair stated he did not do a written report but will have more to report after the financial review. Michelle Pierce, Missions chair reported we continue to collect food for Inter-Church Food Pantry every other month.

Gene Ernst (Orphan Grain Train) doesn't need help sorting at the present time but we are welcome to come sort Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10-3.

Spring Cleaning Day—working on setting a date to clean up entrances and also to clean the inside of the church. Randy & Elaine Powers hired 3 high school students to clean one Sunday afternoon.

Gerda Martin, Fellowship chair reported they purchased dessert plates and cups in April for YTD expenses total \$32.19.

We still have two positions on the Council that need filled—Financial Secretary and Trustee chairman. The painting of all the wood and outside doors has been completed on the Sanctuary, Classrooms, Fellowship Hall and North Hallway. The cost was donated.

Council is not meeting in May, our next meeting is June 9, 2019.

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

LWGS

Hello Ladies,

LWGS did not have a meeting in April due to other commitments. Our next meeting will be decided at a later time.

Ladies Night Out is May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Olive Garden in Greenwood. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many are going. Bring a friend, relative, or neighbor. We order from the menu. Need a ride, mark it when you sign up. Carpool will leave the church sharply at six to give ample time to get to Olive Garden.

InterChurch Food Pantry

May is our month to donate to the Inter-Church Food Pantry. This month we are asked to bring: Peanut butter, Jelly and Cereal.

Please put donations in the box located in the Narthex during the month of May. Many thanks.

The Missions Committee



Care & Concern



Sympathy and Prayers:

To Linda (wife), Lisa and Tim (daughter & son) Cynova on the passing of Rev. Gregory Cynova on April 30, 2019.

Remember in Your

Prayers: Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint & family, Stage 3 cancer; Gary Haddock, lung cancer; Mildred Melvin, stroke; Jerry & Barb Miller, health issues; Bobbie Jo Epper-son, cancer; Cindy Tincher, cancer; Ruth

Julian, health issues; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle, pneumonia, healing, strength & comfort; Bill Cummings, strength & healing; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength and healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; 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 placed any of these people on our prayer list, please check as to their status and let the office know their update. We like to keep this information as current as possible. Thank you.



Board of Missions

Let me introduce myself, I'm Michelle Pierce, and I'm originally from Michigan. My husband, Brad and I moved to Indianapolis in 2009 and moved to Franklin a year and a half ago from the Beech Grove area. We have 3 adult children. Two followed us to Indy and one remains in Detroit. While in Michigan we worshipped at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak, where I was the board Secretary at St. Paul's day school. We joined GSLC a year ago and I joined the Missions board in February. I am new to this role and very excited with the great ideas that we have and welcome feedback and suggestions. As a result of our first Mission meeting; we would like to challenge our congregation to bring a family to church on Easter! Our hope is to share our celebration of Christ' resurrection with lots of new faces.

One of the things we would like to do is a Spring Cleaning in the near future. We'll need volunteers and needless to say, the more volunteers, the less work and the faster it will go. Look forward to more information soon

Did you know?

We have emergency food/help bags in the church office and kitchen. Rose, Pastor, or a Deacon give them to a stranded motorist, or if someone calls/stops by needing a little help. The bags hold bottles of water, crackers, peanut butter, packaged snacks, sometimes a gift card and etc. Such a small gesture makes a big impact. I loved the idea when I heard and wanted everyone to be aware. Feel free to contribute if you are so inclined.

Michelle Pierce,
Board of Missions Chairperson



Gifting Strategies

I wanted to take some time to talk about one of the wealth management principles of investing which is Charitable Giving. Charitable Giving is a way to give to charities or religious organizations that are important to you while at the same time providing some tax saving benefits to yourself and family as well as to your estate in the future. There are a number of different Charitable Gifting Strategies available to us and I would like to cover a few of those.

1. The first is a (DAF) Donor Advised Fund. The DAF is a newer type of tool that has really become popular over the short term. One of the reasons why it has become so popular is mainly due to its simplicity in nature. A DAF is a charitable giving vehicle administered by a public charity on behalf of organizations, individuals and families. In order to contribute to a DAF, an investor would open an account contribute either cash, securities or appreciated assets, then you would select an investment vehicle and make the charitable donations when you are ready to do so. Keep in mind that all contributions to a DAF are irrevocable. Some of the benefits that you receive with a DAF are as follows: (a) Tax deductions in the year you fund the account (Make additional contributions at any time) (b) While the cash, securities or appreciated assets are in the account they are invested. (c) Donations to your charities can be made at your choice anytime. (d) Minimize capital gain tax with the contribution of appreciated assets. (e) Extend your charitable gifting legacy beyond your lifetime (You can name family members or successors to the account upon your passing.).

2. The second strategy that I would like to talk about is a (CRA) Charitable Gift Annuity and a (CRT) Charitable Remainder Trust. A CRA is a charitable gifting vehicle where you make a donation to a charity of

your choice and the donation is set aside in a reserve account and invested. Based on a number of different criteria like amount of donation, age, etc. you and/or you and your spouse receive a monthly, quarterly, or annual payment for the rest of your lives. Upon your passing the charity receives the remainder of the donation. Some of the benefits you receive from a CRA are an income stream for life, possible tax deductions on part of your original donation and partial tax free income depending on life expectancy.

A CRT is very similar but has a few unique differences. One of the main differences is that a CRA is a lifelong agreement or a contract where a CRT is an irrevocable Charitable Trust. Charitable Trusts can offer greater control over your charitable beneficiaries as well as offer lifetime income. They can help with tax management, retirement and estate planning as well. They work similar to a CRA but more defined and can offer an income stream for yourself or to a person of your choosing for a fixed term not to exceed 20 years, or for the life of one or more non charitable beneficiaries. Then you would name one of the charities of your choice to receive the remaining donations. Some of the benefits of a CRT include preserve the value of highly appreciated assets, income tax deductions when you fund the trust and the investment income is exempt from tax.

3. Lastly, I would like to cover donating your (RMD's) Required Minimum Distributions to a Charitable organization. For those individuals who are required by law to take distributions from the IRA's starting at age 70 1/2, there is a way of reducing your taxes by directly donating your distributions to a charity. If you donate your RMD to the charity of your choice, (continued below)

GriefShare

Starts Thursday April 25, 2019—Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a loved one. Thursdays, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby Street, Room 125, Indianapolis 46227, April 25 — mid July 6:30-8:00 p.m. Led by trained facilitator JoAnn Heasley, sessions include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, personal study and reflection. There is no cost to attend; sessions are not sequential, begin at any time. For more info: Deaconess Emily Speide, 317-783-2000, ext. 239, espelde@clcs.org or JoAnn Heasley, 317-679-5430, joann.heasley212@gmail.com.

Life is Busy

Does your family know your final wishes? Many of us don't take the time to write down or express our final wishes to our family members. When death comes unexpectedly often family members must scramble to figure out arrangements, memorials and many other details. Our church, like many charities, needs funds to operate and carry on God's message. When you include Good Shepherd in your will or listing it as one of the places to give memorials, you insure that part of your wishes are followed and that your family is aware of your decision. Please consider giving to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in your final wishes.

Gifting Strategies continued

(from above) you will not have to pay the tax on your distributions. So for those individuals who are not living off of the distributions, by donating to a charity could reduce your income tax burden in the year of the donation. With each of these Charitable Giving vehicles there are certain rules and laws that do apply. I highly recommend that you speak with a professional and or a financial advisor to find the right solution for your specific situation.

Raphael Baca MBA, CFP, CWS



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
- 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2019

- Chris Johnson, President
- Dan Bonham, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Angela Coy, Treasurer
- , Financial Secretary
- , Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
- Larry Hill, Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education
- Michelle Pierce, Board of Missions
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
- Randy Powers, Member at Large
- Mark Ploss, 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 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

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.