



Mews of the Flock



From the Pastor

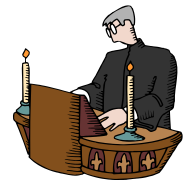
While the 4th of July is coming soon, it is always worth while to look upon the foundations of our country for which we are thankful. One of our earliest Presidents and a major author of the Constitution, James Madison wrote, "The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded." He also wrote, "We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

This is not a new idea at all. The Israelites were supposed to build their nation and communities using God's Word as the foundation. They were promised they would be blessed. They did not earn this blessing by keeping the laws of God but the blessings grew out of their adherence to the laws of God. When people live as God would have

us live, life is easier and more enjoyable. Sadly, Israel chose many times to be like their pagan neighbors and follow other gods and they were punished. One cannot build a nation on ungodly principals and have ungodly laws and expect God will bless that. Israel abandoned God and thought the ways of their neighbors offered a better life. It's little wonder why they did that once they left God. Satan always offers an easier life, with more benefits, and more stuff. That road always leads to death and in the 20th Century, we saw that in terms of tens of millions of dead.

I hear people say we need to get back to the Constitution in order to fix things. I think we need to look at what President Madison said about our foundation. The ways of God offers life and a peace which only He can give.

Pastor Daene



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Special points of interest:

- VBS—May 31, June 1 and 2
- Church Council—June 9 after worship service
- Father's Day—June 16
- First Day of Summer—June 21, 2019
- Mission's Meeting—June 23 after worship service
- 50h Anniversary Picnic/Pitch-In , June 23rd
- Watch the fireworks from GSLC parking lot July 3

Church Council Highlights ~~

Church Council did not meet in May. The next Council meeting is June 9th. Please bring your April and May reports and sixteen copies typed or legibly written.

Church Council met on June 9 after the worship service. Those in attendance were: Chris Johnson, Angela Coy, Heidi Baca, Larry Hill, Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert, Amy Houck, Gerda Martin, Michelle Pierce, Daniel Bonham, Randy Powers, and Mark Ploss. Absent was Pastor Daene.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chris Johnson. Roll call was taken. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Financial Secretary's report stated April's giving was \$20,423.46 and May's giving was \$14,129.37.

Angela Coy, Treasurer reported the expenses for May were \$16,979.09.

Pastor did not have a report submitted.

Deacons—no report.

Paul Cox submitted a report for the Trustees. The 2nd quarter water sample was conducted in May. He continues to check the chlorination system and water softener. He also checks the many furnace filters and changes them as needed. Dan VanDeventer repaired the air conditioners in the sanctuary. Church members continue to mow the grass and Sue Seago has been cleaning out the overgrowth in the shrubbery around the church.

Heidi Baca, Christian Education reported the Sunday School classes finished the New Testament in the Spring and will focus on special projects during the summer. We had 22 children for the summer VBS, May 31-June 2. They are taking a break from visiting Hickory Creek Nursing home for the summer.

Larry Hill, Stewardship chair submitted a

quote on painting the steeple in the amount of \$8,645. \$3,000 has been donated towards this project.

Michelle Pierce, Mission chair reported that we collected 66 pounds of food in May for the Interchurch Food Pantry. Missions has discussed collecting school supplies in July for the Fast Track program.

Gerda Martin, Fellowship chair wanted to verify that we were have a 50th Anniversary Picnic on June 23rd. Also, if we needed to have a new member celebration. It was confirmed the picnic is the 23rd.

We still have two positions open on the Council—Trustee Chairman and Financial Secretary.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

LWGS - Lutheran Women of GSLC

Hello Ladies,

We did not have a meeting in May but we had Ladies Night Out at Olive Garden on May 16 @ 6:30 p.m. in Greenwood. Their were 15 ladies in attendance and everyone had a good time and great food.

During the summer we are collecting monetary donations for the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-op. The display is in the Narthex thru August.

Our next meeting will be in September unless something comes up that we need

to call a meeting before then. Any questions you may have before then ask one of the officers or Rose in the office can direct you to the person that can answer your question.

Salad Supper in September, date to be determined.



For the Church —

Lord of the Church, help us remember who we are and what our life in this world means. Lead us to live a life of witness to You by our loving and caring attitudes and actions. As fellow saints, let us support one another in how we live faithfully. In all things, let us be a mirror of You to the world. Be our constant spiritual strength and joy, in Jesus' name! Amen.

Care & Concern

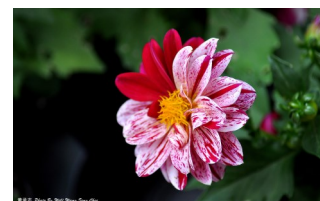


Remember in your Prayers: Kim Fouts, life support; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Judie Barks, aggressive cancer; Don Haddock, surgery;

Betty Morgan, surgery; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint and family, stage 3 cancer; Gary Haddock, lung cancer; Mildred Melvin, stroke; Jerry & Barb Miller, health issues; Bobbi Jo Epperson, cancer; Ruth Julian, health issues;

Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendrick, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle, heart failure; Bill Cummings, strength & healing; Debbie Vaughn, strength & 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.



Fort Wayne Seminary InterChurch Pantry Mission Committee

Please help our Seminarians feed their families. We have a display in the Narthex from June thru August to give you the opportunity to help provide perishables to the food co-op at the Seminary. Your money will help provide milk, meat, fresh vegetables and fruit, eggs and etc.

At the Food Co-op the seminarians shop for their family's food, clothing, and other necessities.

LWGS will make a donation also and add it to the congregations donation. We're hopeful that by having the display available for the summer, we can have a nice gift for the Food Co-op at our Fort Wayne Seminary.

Our Seminarians need our support and love.

LWGS



July is our month for donations to the InterChurch Food Pantry. We have been asked to donate: Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayonaise.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Missions Committee



We continue to collect and drop off food to the InterChurch Food Pantry. Sixty-six pounds of donated food in the month of May!

We have partnered with United Way to be a school supply collection site from July 8 thru August 18. This program helps over 2,000 children with school supplies they need to start the school year. We will have a box or basket available after each church service where donations can be placed.

We will again share our parking lot and lawn with the community, offering bottles of water. Donations of water, ice and coolers will be greatly appreciated. Please drop the coolers and water off Tuesday or Wednesday. The ice on Wednesday afternoon. Restrooms on the north end of the building will also be available.

Missions

LWGS Project

LWGS as a Mission Project is collecting used Postage Stamps and Box Tops for Education that appear on certain food products. The stamps should be cut off the envelopes leaving a 1/4 inch edge around the stamp, or can be torn off leaving an edge that will be trimmed later. Please place stamps and box tops in the boxes provided in the hall in front of the Fellowship Hall. Flag and bell stamps should not be saved. Post cards are welcome. Please save the whole card. Cutting the stamp makes them lose their value.

Campbell food labels are no longer being

honored by the company.

Thank you for helping this Mission Project of LWGS.



Treasurer's Report for 2019

January 2019 – Actual				
Offerings	\$10,825.10	Expenses	\$13,040.82	-\$2,215.72
February 2019 – Actual				
Offerings	\$15,085.60	Expenses	\$13,189.85	+\$1,895.75
March 2019 – Actual				
Offerings	\$17,488.18	Expenses	\$16,680.83	+\$ 807.35
April 2019 – Actual				
Offerings	\$20,423.46	Expenses	\$15,452.11	+\$4,971.35
May 2019 – Actual				
Offerings	\$14,129.37	Expenses	\$16,979.09	-\$2,849.72

Watch the fireworks on July 3rd from the parking lot of Good Shepherd. Free bottles of water. Restrooms will be open.





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 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 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
- Mark Ploss, 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, gslefranklin.org; just click on the Prayer Request and type in your request. It is automatically sent. *There is power in prayer, let us join you in your time of need or thanksgiving.*