



News of the Flock



From the Pastor

“For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” Galatians 2:19-21

I think we have all heard the idea in one form or another that if you work hard enough, you will succeed. A similar idea is expressed in the idea that if you never give up, you will eventually succeed. So many self-help books, cliché ridden plaques and other such items express this idea. Here is the problem with that line of thinking. You don't always succeed, and some things are impossible to do no matter how much effort you put into it. For example, at my age now, if I was determined to play in the NFL and worked out every day as much as I could, I would never be in good enough shape to make an NFL team. While that might be the stuff of movies, reality is different than Hollywood.

After the Babylonian exile, the Israelites thought that if they kept the law better and even strove for perfection, then they would

never go into exile again and everything would prosper in Israel. They figured their fickle attitude towards God's law is what got them into trouble. This time would be different if they strove for close adherence to the law. The olive grove and vineyards would be plentiful, and flocks would grow. It all depended if they tried hard enough to keep the law. By the time Jesus started His earthly ministry, perfect adherence to the way they understood the law was paramount. They totally failed to see that it was something impossible to do.

Christians can never be perfect, and we never claim to be perfect or that we will attain perfection on this earth. A man I know told me many times, “I only expect perfection when I achieve it first”. We have to totally rely on Christ because we can't keep God's Law perfectly. We cannot stand before the Father and explain we earned heaven by what we have done. There is also a very practical everyday application of this fact about not being able to keep God's law perfectly. Since we are imperfect, so is everyone else. That fact should help to show patience when others make mistakes, say something cruel, or whatever else. As Christ has shown mercy to me, so too, should we show mercy to others.

Pastor Daene



Interchurch Food Pantry—United Way

The Missions Committee would like to thank each of you for donating 92 pounds of Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayonnaise to the Interchurch Food Pantry. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank You

School Supplies

United Way of Johnson County and our school partners are assisting children and their families in Johnson County for the 2019-2020 school year. Our support as a school supply collection location will allow us to assist over 2,000 children with the supplies they need to be ready to learn. We must have all donations here by this Thursday, August 8, for pick up.

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Special points of interest:

- 2019-2020 School Year begins
- Church Council meets August 4th @ 11:00
- LWGS Meeting, August 13 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study continues on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
- Pitch-In Lunch, August 25, after worship service

Church Council ~ ~

YTD Treasurer's Report

Church Council did not meet in July. Their next meeting is August 4th after the worship service.

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August is here already and everyone is getting back in their usual routines after a busy Summer of kids going to camp, the pool and other activities. You can't forget the County Fair and now the State Fair starting August 2. There will be more hot temperatures we are sure, just hope some rain is mixed in. Even Good Shepherd is planning Fall events and meetings. Take a few minutes and think about our church. What can you do to help out? You could serve on our Church Council, we have some positions up for election this December. Maybe volunteer to teach a Sunday school class, join the Altar Guild, come to LWGS and help with their activities during the year. Don't forget about the cleaning. If you have an hour or so to spare come clean a room or bathroom. If we do it weekly or bi-weekly it would not take so long to clean and our church would look great.

Treasurer's Report 2019

January 2019 – Actual

Offerings	\$10,825.10	Expenses	\$13,040.82	-\$2,215.72
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February 2019 – Actual

Offerings	\$15,085.60	Expenses	\$13,189.85	+\$1,895.75
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March 2019 – Actual

Offerings	\$17,488.18	Expenses	\$16,680.83	+\$ 807.35
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April 2019 – Actual

Offerings	\$20,423.46	Expenses	\$15,452.11	+\$4,971.35
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May 2019 – Actual

Offerings	\$14,129.37	Expenses	\$16,979.09	-\$2,849.72
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June 2019 – Actual

Offerings	\$19,145.55	Expenses	\$10,529.02	+\$8,616.53
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LWGS

Hello ladies —

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00 am in the church kitchen. All ladies of GSLC are invited to attend. We will be planning our activities and events for the rest of 2019. We have our Salad Supper in September, the date will be finalized soon and the Franklin Fall Festival is September 28th. Come to our meeting and give us some new ideas.

Meeting—August 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Salad Supper info will be in the bulletin.

Fort Wayne Seminary

Please help our Seminarians feed their families. We have a display in the Narthex 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 availa-

ble 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



Care & Concern



Remember in your Prayers: Penny Wells, surgery; Jay Krimmel, major health issues; Kim Fouts, life support; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob

Schafstall, major health issues, Judie Barkes, aggressive cancer; Betty Morgan, surgery; Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint & family, stage 3 cancer; Gary Haddock, lung cancer; Jerry & Barb Miller, health

issues; 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 & comfort; Thana Carlisle, strength & comfort; 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.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Brad Pierce
 8/2 Kate Fechtman, Colton Williams,
 Claus Muth
 8/6 Bobby Goforth, Tammy Williams
 8/9 Steve Bechman
 8/11 Jan Ellis
 8/12 John Mascola
 8/13 Connie Daene
 8/14 Sandy Thomas, Mia Crafton,
 8/15 Ruth Julian
 8/16 Pat Cummings
 8/17 David Stahl, Joshua Cameron
 8/18 Madalynn Hedges
 8/19 Johannah Pollert
 Jim Wurster, Cooper Williams
 8/22 Breanna Hepler
 8/28 Shane Sparrow
 8/31 Ginny Hill, Jim Beasley



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Don & Linda Haddock
 8/10 Tom & Taffy Pfaehler,
 Jon & Ashley Bauman
 8/15 Doug & Trella Stahl,
 J.D. & Eleanor Coner

[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.

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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.

Prayer Request: We have Prayer Request button on the Church website. Your Prayer request goes to the Pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer. 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.