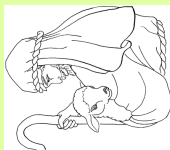




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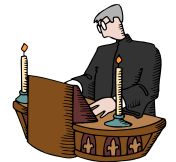


## From the Pastor ~ ~

Mother Theresa said, “A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love. Joy is not simply a matter of temperament; it is always hard to remain joyful---all the more reason why we should try to acquire it and make it grow in our hearts.” For a Christian, the normal result of a heart is burning love because we know what Christ has done for us. As a wedding ring reminds us of the love our spouse has for us and our love for them, so too is the cross a reminder of the great love that Christ has for us. Our response to His great love for us can be summed up in the words of the old hymn “The old rugged cross”, “On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross the emblem of suffering and shame and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.” The joy that a Christian has is the result of what Christ has done for us. Mother Theresa was partially right when she said we struggle to remain joyful. The cares and weight of this world do

bear down on us. On the surface, 2020 has not been a good year for our country or the world. It looks like it is going to get worse before it gets better. It is easy to get down because of the constant drum beat of the news. Our joy does not depend on the evening news. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.” No matter what swirls around us we have the love of Christ with us. In the end, nothing else matters. The joy that we have passes all understanding and is not a fleeting moment. When the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith through the Word and Sacraments, our joy increases. In the Old Testament book of Nehemiah we read, “Do not grieve for the joy of the Lord is my strength.”

Pastor Daene



### Church Web Site

([gslcfranklin.org](http://gslcfranklin.org))

**Listen to weekly recordings of each weeks Bible Readings and Sermon here! —[gslcfranklin.org](http://gslcfranklin.org)**

**Also found here: Current Calendar—Current Newsletter—Upcoming Events —Bible Verse of the Day—Concert Recordings—Church Council—Prayer Chain Request—and more information and links.**

### Thank You!!

We want to thank all the members that are sending in their offerings or dropping them off at church. On days that the office is closed or in the evenings you can drop them in the mailbox outside the doors by the office. Thank you and we pray all are well.



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#### Special points of interest:

- Church Council Meeting, August 9
- Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.
- LWGS Meeting, August 10 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Fast Track Supplies due by August 16
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## From Our Council President, Chis

Greetings fellow brothers and sisters of Good Shepherd!

The COVID-19 pandemic not only impacts each of us in our daily lives but also our responsibilities in the church. There are so many moving parts as we navigate through the CDC guidelines and direction from government officials on staying healthy and safe. Just this week, Governor Holcomb has invoked a statewide mask requirement effective Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Many changes have taken place to help our flock safely attend, worship, and be fed the Word at Good Shepherd! Masks and hand sanitizer are available/provided, if you do not have your own. There are pews marked in the sanctuary for seating to provide a visual marker to maintain safe distance between families, couples and individuals. Similar marked locations are in place around the altar for communion. Also, we have reduced gathering in the Narthex and are maintaining social distancing

when doing so. Fellowship and pitch-ins been cancelled until further notice. Some group activities are still permitted as long as guidelines are followed. Nothing is more desirable than to get back to our “normal” setting but we must be patient and do our part, we have a responsibility to protect and love our neighbors as ourselves. Discussions continue to identify next steps, actions needed, when and how to implement. If you have specific concerns, suggestions, or needs, please reach out directly to myself, another council member, or Deacon.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been in contact with someone that may be ill, please stay home and rest. Please know that if you are not comfortable with attending church at this time that it's OK, please let a Deacon or Pastor know and we will see you when you are comfortable!

For giving to the church, the offering plate is in the Narthex and is not being passed in

the sanctuary. If you are not able to attend church, you can still give to the church by either calling a council member, dropping it off at the church or by mail to **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 265, Franklin, IN 46131**. We are also looking for other avenues to do this electronically. The next council meeting is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> after worship service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall to allow folks to spread out and maintain safe distances.

We will try to keep everyone updated the best we can as changes occur and are implemented. Please monitor the website, newsletters, virtual or recorded sermons. Please continue to pray for safety, wisdom, comfort and good health for our first responders, law enforcement, military, government officials, spiritual leaders, doctors, nurses, and all healthcare workers.

If you have any questions, concerns or just need to talk, please reach out. These challenges are inevitable but with God's grace and guidance, we will overcome!

## LWGS

Hello ladies ~

LWGS will have a meeting on August 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall so we can maintain social distancing. All ladies are invited to attend.

Donations still accepted to redo the floor in the kitchen. So far we have \$800 collected for a new vinyl plank floor.

## August Bible Readings

Aug 1—Matthew 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18-27; Aug 2—Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28-62; Aug 3—Matthew 18; Aug 4—John 7-8; Aug 5—John 9:1-41, John 10:1-21; Aug 6—Luke 10-11, John 10:22-42; Aug 7—Luke 12-13; Aug 8—Luke 14-15; Aug 9—Luke 16, Luke 17:1-10; Aug 10—John 11; Aug 11—Luke 17:11-37, Luke 18:1-14; Aug 12—Matthew 19, Mark 10; Aug 13—Matthew 20-21; Aug 14—Luke 18:15-43, Luke 19:1-48; Aug 15—Mark 11, John 12; Aug 16—Matthew 22, Mark 12; Aug 17 - Matthew 23, Luke 20-21; Aug 18—Mark 13; Aug 19—Matthew 24;

Aug 20—Matthew 25; Aug 21—Matthew 26, Mark 14; Aug 22—Luke 22, John 13; Aug 23—John 14-17; Aug 24—Matthew 27, Mark 15; Aug 25—Luke 23, John 18-19; Aug 26—Matthew 28, Mark 16; Aug 27—Luke 24, John 20-21; Aug 28—Acts 1-3; Aug 29—Acts 4-6; Aug 30—Acts 7-8; Aug 31—Acts 9-10



## Care & Concern



**Remember in your Prayers:** Claus Muth, knee replacement surgery; Barbara Wood, prayers for healing; Philip Beasley, healing & comfort; Mark Ploss, healing and strength; Julie Ploss, cancer treatments; Cecelia Campbell, health issues; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Carhyl Yoder – peace and healing; Barb Miller, healing, strength and comfort; Joyce Thompson, healing, strength and

comfort; Kim Fouts, life support Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Betty Morgan, healing, strength, and comfort; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Gary Haddock, lung cancer returned; Jerry Miller, health issues; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

\*\*\*\*\* Some names have recently been removed from the Prayer List/Prayer Chain. If this was done in error, please

contact the office 317-736-7849 or Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709. We like to keep this information as current as possible. Please check on anyone that you may have put on the list and update the office on their condition. Thank you.



## Garden Plot

Randy and Don planted a smaller garden this year, but it still has a lot of good vegetables. We should be getting some tomatoes and peppers soon.



## Food Pantry

During August, Good Shepherd will again be collecting items for the Interchurch Food Pantry. The Pantry is in need of **toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent**. A box will be in the Narthex for the items.

Thanks to all who contribute.



## Sunday School

With the children starting back to school in August they will be exposed to all kinds of illnesses & etc.; so the Education Committee has decided to wait until September 13, 2020 to start our Fall Sunday School. We will keep everyone informed through the bulletin and the newsletter.



## Fast Track

Help the children of Johnson County with school supplies - Please donate some of the following items:

Backpacks, scissors, loose leaf paper (wide & college), spiral notebooks (college), composition notebooks, colored pencils, glue sticks (no

bottles please), large pink erasers, dry erase markers, 3 - ring binders (1" & 1.5"), yellow highlighters, and etc.

Need by Sunday, August 16.

Thank you for your generosity –  
Missions Committee



## Trustee Message ~ Don Haddock

This year due to Covid19 we will not be doing the traditional cleanup day with all volunteers working together on the same day.

Volunteers working individually at their convenience seems to be the only alternative.

Instead a list of cleaning needs and/or repairs will be emailed/mailed as part of the monthly newsletter to each household. I hope to have an

updated list of tasks (including open tasks, completed tasks and volunteers) on our web page and posted on the kitchen door.

If you can help, please call me or text me at 317-250-8304 or email me at [dlhfish@gmail.com](mailto:dlhfish@gmail.com) if you know of anything that needs to be included on this list and/or are willing to volunteer, or have a special talent or expertise for any task

please let me know and I will get you on the list.

I need your help identifying things that need to be done to improve our church and property. So, if you notice something that needs attention, repair, improvement please call or text Don Haddock at 317-250-8304 or send and email to [dlhfish@gmail.com](mailto:dlhfish@gmail.com)



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 8/1 Brad Pierce
- 8/2 Kate Fechtman, Colton Williams,  
Claus Muth
- 8/4 Brion Brigman
- 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,  
8/16 Pat Cummings
- 8/17 David Stahl, Joshua Cameron
- 8/18 Madalynn Hedges
- 8/19 Johannah Pollert
- Jim Wurster, Cooper Williams
- 8/22 Breanna Hepler
- 8/23 Raphael Baca
- 8/28 Shane Sparrow, Heidi Baca
- 8/31 Ginny Hill, Jim Beasley



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8/1 Don & Linda Haddock
- 8/10 Tom & Taffy Pfaehler,  
Jon & Ashley Bauman
- 8/12 John & Karen Mascola
- 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.]*

**T**ry 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 Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

You can also put a prayer request through our website, [gslcfranklin.org](http://gslcfranklin.org) just click on the Prayer Request and type in your request. It is automatically sent to the office and Pastor.