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From the Pastor ~~

Eugene Peterson said, "The biblical fact is that there are no successful churches. There are, instead, communities of sinners, gathered before God week after week [around the world]. The Holy Spirit gathers them and does his work in them. In these communities of sinners, one of the sinners is called pastor and given a designated responsibility in the community. The pastor's responsibility is to keep the community attentive to God." I read this quote and really liked it because while it is disheartening at times to see fewer people in the pews, the building is not the church. The people are the church and we live in difficult times. We are working on improving the WIFI in the church so that we can live stream the service more effectively to those who cannot attend. I appreciate all the work being put into making this happen.

While you may not be able to attend physically, please remain attentive to God. Spend some time in the Word and in prayer every day but especially on Sundays. If you want suggestions for

what to read, I would read a few of the Proverbs and meditate on what they mean. Then I would read a couple chapters of one of the Gospels. The first part of Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The fear of the Lord is a humble, reverent awe that helps us escape evil and find refuge in Christ. Isn't that what we need daily and especially in times like this? You are not going to find refuge in the news. Instead, the news is given to scare us to listen more to them for answers. Find refuge in Christ. You do that by spending time in the Word and in prayer. In Mark 4, we read how Jesus calmed the storm. The disciples were afraid and they found peace once they turned to Jesus for help. He ordered the wind and waves to be still. In times like this, we turn to Jesus to calm our fears.

Pastor Daene



Holiday



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Confirmation

Confirmation Class starts September 16, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Special points of interest:

- Labor Day, September 7, 2020—Office Closed
- Women's Bible Study, September 9 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Church Council, September 13 @ 11:00 a.m.
- LWGS Meeting, September 14 @ 11:00 a.m.

Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council met on August 9 at 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those in attendance were: Chris Johnson, Larry Hill, Gerda Martin, Amy Houck, Mark Ploss, Pastor Daene, Randy Powers, Michelle Pierce, Brad Pierce, Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert, Heidi Baca and Rose Krimmel. Those absent were Dan Bonham and Don Haddock.

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Daene said a prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and approved with a correction.

The Financial Secretary, Brad Pierce, presented his report. June offerings were \$14,238.00 and July's was \$10,044.47.

Treasurer, Larry Hill, presented his report as June expenses were \$13,985.87 and July expenses as \$18,215.19.

Pastor reported the average attendance for June was 45 and July was 27 due to a Cocid 19 case. He had 7 Church services; 15 Bible classes; 3 Member visits; 5 private communions and 8 Counseling sessions. Confirmation classes will begin September 16 with 3 students. They may be by Zoom. Our Circuit meetings will be by Zoom in September.

Kevin Weber, Deacon Chairman, stated he has been working on the streaming of the service. He is still working on the Deacon list for members.

Board of Missions chair, Michelle Pierce, reported that we collected and donated 80 pounds of Spaghettios, canned meals and Shampoo in July. So far, we have received many school supply donations for Fast Track (United Way) which ends soon.

Heidi Baca, Board of Christian Education Chair reported that she is planning on starting Fall Sunday School on September 13, 2020. This depends on the Covid situation at that time. Board of Fellowship chair, Gerda Martin reported that with the pandemic we have not had fellowship or expenses.

Trustee Chair, Don Haddock's report stated the Steeple was removed on Friday, August 7, to be repaired and refinished. The Air conditioning in the Sanctuary has been repaired. We have 6 Volunteers who are responsible for the Trash. We are working on getting internet service so we can have better virtual services provided on Sundays. The mower had new blades installed and with the 2 man crews the mowing and trimming is being done. The shrubbery is being trimmed as weather permits. He is still working on the list of things to be done around the church.

Old Business: The steeple was taken down and sent to be repaired and refinished. We are working on improving our internet service for better WiFi and telephone communication.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd

Hello Ladies,

LWGS held a meeting on August 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We had seven ladies attend.

The Zone cancelled the Spring Rally but are planning to have the Fall Rally in September. We have decided to cancel our Salad Sup**per** that we usually have in September and also voted to not participate in the Franklin Fall Festival this year. We will however, be selling Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy starting sometime in October with delivery before Thanksgiving in time to have nuts for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baking.

We are collecting monetary donations for the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-Op (article on page 3).

Our next meeting will be September 14th at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall so we can have Social Distancing. We need to plan the rest of the years events. All ladies of Good Shepherd are invited to attend.



Care & Concern



Remember in your Prayers: Gerald Daene, surgery; Jonathan Krimmel, Stage 2 cancer; Bob McCoy & family, stroke; Barbara Wood, hospital; Mark Ploss, heart issues; Julie Ploss, cancer

treatments; Cecelia Campbell, health issues; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Carhyl Yoder, peace & healing; Barb Miller, strength & comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength & comfort; Kim Fouts, life support; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Betty Morgan, healing, strength and comfort; Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Gary Haddock, healing & strength; Jerry Miller, health issues; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & 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.



Fort Wayne Seminary Bible Readings for September 2020

Sept 1—Acts 11-12; Sept 2—Acts

13-14; Sept 3—James 1-5; Sept 4-

Acts 15-16; Sept 5—Galatians 1-3;

Thessalonians 1-5, 2 Thessalonians

19:1-41; Sept 10-1 Corinthians 1-

4; Sept 11-1 Corinthians 5-8; Sept

12—1 Corinthians 9-11; Sept 13—

Corinthians 15-16; Sept 15-2 Co-

rinthians 1-4; Sept 16-2 Corinthi-

ans 5-9; Sept 17-2 Corinthians 10-

13; Sept 18—Acts 20:1-3, Romans

1-3; Sept 19-Romans 4-7; Sept

Romans 11-13; Sept 22-Romans

14-16; Sept 23—Acts 20:4-38, Acts 21, Acts 22, Acts 23:1-35; Sept

24-Acts 24-26; Sept 25-Acts 27-

20-Romans 8-10; Sept 21-

1 Corinthians 12-14; Sept 14-1

Sept 6—Galatians 4-6; Sept 7—

Acts 17, Acts 18:1-18; Sept 8-1

1-3; Sept 9-Acts 18:19-28, Acts

Please help our Seminarians feed their families. We have a display in the Narthex from August to October 31 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 a few months, we can have a nice gift for the Food Co-op at our Fort Wayne Seminary.

Our Seminarians need our support and love.

LWGS



Thank You's

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.



Thanks to the generosity of GSLC'S members, we were able to collect a trunk load of supplies for the Fast Track program of United Way. This program assists Johnson County students with necessary items for school. Thank you for your generous donations.

The Missions Committee

Band Concert

The Franklin Band Concert scheduled for October 1, 2020 has been cancelled.



KFUO Radio

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28; Sept 26—Colossians 1-4, Philemon; Sept 27—Ephesians 1-6; Sept 28—Philippians 1-4; Sept 29—1 Timothy 1-6; Sept 30—Titus 1-3.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Brent Nolting 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 9/17 Doug Stahl, Jameson Hash 9/21 Adam Hawkins, Amy Wert 9/22 Jeremy White 9/25 Barbara Miller, Katy Holmes 9/27 Brad Coy 9/28 Lori Acton 9/29 Margaret Wurster 9/30 Brandon Wells



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 (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. the prayer chain. chain, call Elaine. You can also put a gslcfranklin.org ju

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Chris Johnson, President Dan Bonham, Vice President Johannah Pollert, Secretary Larry Hill, Treasurer Brad Pierce, Financial Secretary Don Haddock, Board of Trustees Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons , 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 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* just click on the Prayer Request and type it in. Your request is automatically sent to the church.