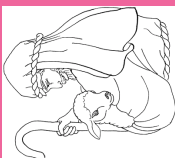




# News of the Flock



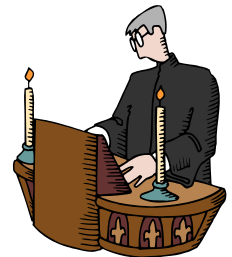
## From the Pastor ~ ~

We often hear from fellow Christians that we must be “born again”. In John 3, we read, In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Is “you must be born again” a factual statement or a command? Actually, it is both. God the Father began the process when He sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins. Now forgiveness is offered to all. Then His Spirit opens our hearts to understand this: The perfect Son of God died in our place so we would not perish but instead would have eternal life. Through faith we respond to the good news of who Jesus is and what He did for us. This is more than just head acknowledge. Even an unbeliever can know the Bible stories but it avails him nothing if he does not believe. The great Ghandi of India could quote

chapter and verse of the Bible, but it meant nothing without faith. It is only when a Christian, empowered by the Holy Spirit, recognized his or her condition as a sinner who needs a Savior. We respond to what God has done for us by conforming our lives to His Holy will.

As we move from the Easter season and our Gospel lessons focus on the three years of Jesus’ earthly ministry, we will see Jesus asking people questions. All the while, He is teaching them how they must be born again. All the signs and miracles and parables were meant to bring people into a saving relationship with Him.

Pastor Daene



May 9, 2021

Confirmation Day



Confirmation  
Sunday  
May 16, 2021

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**Special points of interest:**

- *Mother's Day, May 9, 2021*
- *LWGS Meeting, May 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.*
- *Confirmation Sunday, May 16, 2021*
- *Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 —*

*Office Closed*

# Church Council Highlights ~ ~

Good Shepherd Church Council met on April 11th after the worship service. Those in attendance were: Chris Johnson, Larry Hill, Gerda Martin, Pastor Daene, Mark Ploss, Rose Krimmel, Randy Powers, Kevin Weber, Michelle Walker, Heidi Baca, and Don Haddock. Absent were Dan Bonham and Johannah Pollert.

The meeting was called to order by Chris and Pastor gave a prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and approved with a correction.

Rose, Financial Secretary, gave her report of the offerings for March were \$14,643.26.

Larry, Treasurer, gave the expenses for March as \$18,715.37.

Pastor gave his report for February & March. He had 8 Sunday services and six mid week Lent Services; 17 Bible Studies; 4 Member visits; 4 Hospital visits; 16 Counseling sessions; and 1 visit with a visitor. He will have a meeting soon to decide on Con-

firmation of three of the students. Men's Bible Study has increased to 8/9 a week again.

Deacons—no report

Don, Trustee chair, reported that Paul is getting the mowing crew organized. He is putting cleaning tasks on slips for people to take and do the thorough cleaning of that tasks and then turn it in when completed. Doing it that way, everyone can do it safely instead of everyone here at the same time. Paul & Don are going to rent a dumpster and start cleaning out the garage. If anyone has anything of importance that needs saved out there, you need to speak with Don.

Heidi, Education Chair, stated Sunday School has been studying the New Testament and is still meeting all together. VBS will be early June (dates later) and be a weekend format.

Michelle, Missions chair, reported we collected 77 pounds of Paper Towels, Dish Soap, and Shampoo in March.

Gerda, Fellowship chair, reported until we can start having fellowship again, they will not have any activity. Confirmation is coming up so we need to be thinking about that as we have always had a reception for the Confirmands.

Larry stated we have not received any bids on the Narthex roof yet. The ceiling tiles were ordered but we have not received them yet.

We will not have a meeting in May. Our next meeting will be in June.

Meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.



## LWGS

Hello Ladies,

LWGS met on Monday, April 12 at 11:00 a.m. We have a lot on our agenda for 2021.

The Spring Rally is April 24th and we have five ladies going. It is being held in Bloomington this year. The Fall Rally is going to be here at Good Shepherd in October so we may be tapping some of you ladies to help out with that. We were busy getting it all planned out because we have to present it at the Spring Rally. Now the work begins. We are also planning on having our new

kitchen floor put down before then. A committee is looking at flooring next month and hopefully we can get it purchased and installed this summer.

This Fall will be a busy time. We haven't heard if Franklin is going to have the Fall Festival at the end of September or not, but we have to plan as it is going to happen. Then on October 9th we are holding the Fall Rally for LWML here at Good Shepherd. We will also begin selling our Nuts and Candy in October so we can have them delivered before Thanksgiving.

WOW!!! Time flies by.

Our next meeting will be the day after Mother's Day, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. here at Good Shepherd. All ladies of our church are welcome and invited to attend.

*Happy  
Mother's Day,  
Ladies*



## Care & Concern



**Sympathy and prayers** to Don & Linda Haddock and family on the passing of his brother, Gary on April 5, 2021.

**Remember in your Prayers:** Joyce Cook, Covid; Harry Cook, Covid; Karen Muth, health issues; Marilyn Buhlman, healing and comfort; Laurie Shelton, prayers for comfort and healing; Jon Clark, healing, strength and comfort; Ray Thompson, healing

**and comfort;** Jonathan Krimmel, healing and comfort; Mark Ploss, health issues; Julie Ploss, cancer treatments; Cecelia Campbell, health issues; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing and comfort; Barb Miller, strength and comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength and comfort; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Jerry Miller, health issues; Charlie Jones, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig

disease.

\*\*\*\* Please check on the status of the person you requested to be on the Prayer List and let the office (Rose) know if there are any changes. We want to keep the list as correct as possible. Thank you.





## May Bible Readings

May 1—Hosea 8-14; May 2—Isaiah 28-30; May 3—Isaiah 31-34; May 4—Isaiah 35-36; May 5—Isaiah 37-39, Psalm 76; May 6—Isaiah 40-43; May 7—Isaiah 44-48; May 8—2 Kings 18:9-37, 19:1-37, Psalm 46, 80, 135; May 9—Isaiah 49-53; May 10—Isaiah 54-58; May 11—59-63; May 12—Isaiah 64-66; May 13—2 Kings 20-21; May 14—2 Chronicles 32-33; May 15—Nahum 1-3; May 16—2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 34-35; May 17—Zephaniah 1-3; May 18—Jeremiah 1-3; May 19—Jeremiah 4-6; May 20—Jeremiah 7-9; May 21—Jeremiah 10-13; May 22—Jeremiah 14-17; May 23—Jeremiah 18-22; May 24—Jeremiah 23-25; May 25—Jeremiah 26-29; May 26—30-31; May 27—Jeremiah 32-34; May 28—Jeremiah 35-37; May 29—Jeremiah 38-40, Psalm 74, 79; May 30—2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chronicles 36; May 31—Habakkuk 1-3.



## Food Pantry

During the month of May we are collecting Condiments—**Mustard, Ketchup, Barbecue Sauce and Pickles** for the Inter-Church Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

Missions Committee



## Mother

You could never be appreciated enough  
 You could never be thanked enough  
 For the gift of just being you  
 The world was given through your womb  
 But life was given through your love  
 What a privilege it is  
 To have a Mother like you  
 Was there a mold made for you  
 How inconceivable a thought  
 The most devoted  
 The most respected  
 The most encouraging  
 The most dedicated  
 The most one woman could be  
 What is a mother?  
 The ultimate definition of motherhood  
 Resides in your mirror every day  
 If every child had a mother like you  
 The sun would never set  
 Happiness rises with you  
 Never to be eclipsed  
 A Mother's love  
 Is as priceless as priceless gets  
 Joseph Boyd

## Our Confirmands

Next Sunday, May 16, 2021 we will be having Confirmation during our Worship Service. Our Confirmands this year are:

Davis Roger Cole

Son of Jeff and Carla Cole

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Tristen Kole Allen Davis

Son of Alicia & Randy Davis

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Derrick Lance Muth

Son of Claus & Karen Muth

*Congratulations!!!*

*To all of you!!!*



## Some history of Memorial Day ~ ~

The Civil War ended in the Spring of 1865. It claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to the countless fallen soldiers. One of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. On May 5, 1868 General John A. Logan,

leader of an organization for Northern Civil War Veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. The 30th of May 1868 was designated for the purpose of strewing flowers, or decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country. The date was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle and was named Decoration Day in honor of those lost in the Civil War. But after World War I the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan selected for the first Declaration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. Did you know each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m.?



### 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 Vic Rinehart, Caden Curry
- 5/26 Keith Fechtman, Camren Stahl
- 5/28 Tracy Rakow



### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/2 Vic & Helen Rinehart
- 5/15 Doug & Trella Stahl
- 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.]*

**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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

### OFFICERS FOR 2021

- Chris Johnson, President
- Dan Bonham, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Larry Hill, Treasurer
- Rose Krimmel, Financial Secretary
- Don Haddock, Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
- , Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education
- Michelle Walker, 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 Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. Your prayer request goes 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](http://www.gslcfranklin.org) and hit the **Prayer Request** button.