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From the Pastor~~

The Christian life is filled with things that seem to contradict each other. We are told to love our enemies and pray and bless those who curse us. Enemies, by definition wish us harm and work to hurt us, but we are called to love them. Love means that we do what is best for the other person and we are told to love those who are trying to harm us. If that does not boggle the mind enough, then we are told that Christ's death brings us life, and we need to lose our lives in order to gain them. How can death bring life and how can losing something mean we gain something? None of these things make any sense without faith. Faith is relying on and trusting in something we cannot always see and cannot always understand. Again, we see something that nonbelievers do not see. We have peace knowing that God is in control even when we don't understand it. We don't have to understand it or to be in control for everything to be in control. Romans 8:28 tells us, "And we know that God

works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose." As I watch the news, I wonder where all this is headed. The world I knew is changing so fast and I do not think it is heading in a God pleasing direction. I have to remind myself that God is in control and He will use all of this to bring about His will and purpose. We may be called to do things that seem like contradictions (like loving your enemies) but God will use those things to bring about a greater good. Sometimes life is like a garden. We spend more times pulling the weeds and thorns out and getting pricked in the process. It is not until the end of the garden's existence that we get the good stuff.

Pastor Daene



Secondary Story Headline

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Special Voter's Meeting May 22, 2022

After worship service. Important to attend!!!

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Special points of interest:

- Confirmation Sunday, May 1
- Mother's Day, May 8
- Special Voter's Meeting, May 22, 2022 after the worship service
- Pitch-In Lunch, May 29th after the worship
- Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, Office Closed

Church Council Meeting Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met on April 10, 2022. Those in attendance were: Chris Johnson, Heidi Baca, Randy Powers, Kent Krimmel, Gerda Martin, Amy Houck, Pastor Daene, Kevin Weber, Shelley Hill, Larry Hill, Don Haddock, Johannah Pollert and Rose Krimmel. Those absent were Dan Bonham and Michelle Walker.

Chris asked Pastor to open with a prayer. All reports were supposed to be emailed to Rose by April 6th so they could be emailed to all Council members on Thursday April 7.

Johannah, Council Secretary, had emailed the minutes separately. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Rose, Financial Secretary, stated the income was \$16,157.02 for March.

Larry, Treasurer, stated the expenses for March were \$17,411.83.

Pastor Daene reported the two confirmands were prepared for Confirmation on

Sunday, May 1.

Kevin, Deacon Chair, no report.

Don, Trustee Chair, reported several members have volunteered to help with the Spring Cleanup on the interior of the church. He will be posting a similar sheet for grounds cleanup when the weather gets a little warmer.

Heidi, Christian Education Chair, reported the Preschool and Intermediate classes continue to study the New Testament. The Middle school class has been working on Confirmation lessons. An Easter Egg hunt will be held during Sunday School time on Easter. VBS will be on the weekend, June 3-5 After Easter, the Sunday School class will be work on building a model of King Herod's temple.

Shelley, Stewardship Chair, went over some of the Fundraiser ideas she has checked out. Council will continue to discuss ways to raise money under old business. Michelle, Mission Chair's report states that we collected 131 lbs. of peanut butter, jelly and soup in March for the Interchurch Food Pantry. The ride share program was launched but thus far no calls for a ride to church.

Gerda, Fellowship—Special Events Chair reported that Fellowship after worship service has 3 ladies that volunteered to chair this and will be starting back up sometime in June. We also, will be starting to have our Pitch-Ins again.

Council continued to discuss some of our options for income, such as, food and drinks on fireworks night, rummage sale combined with car wash, baked goods, and etc. After lengthy discussion it was decided that we needed to have a Special voter's Meeting to bring this to the congregation. We need to have this as soon as we can and finally set the date for May 22 after our worship service.

LWGS

Hello ladies,

Spring has finally sprung, we hope. Everyone is ready for some nice warm weather.

Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies. We hope you enjoy your day.

We are having Ladies Night Out this year and it would be nice to join us in some good fellowship and food at the Olive Garden in Greenwood. All ladies are welcome to come join us.

We also have started the "Traveling Basket" for a fundraiser. The money we collect will

go to the church to help with the finances. When you are given the basket put what you think the items are worth in the donation jar, keep the items, and fill the basket with items you think someone would like (maybe you have someone in mind), then pass the basket on to someone else. Then cycle will continue on, but let Amy know who you gave the basket to. Hence the Traveling Basket.

See you ladies at Olive Garden in Greenwood on Monday evening, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 for some good fellowship.



Care & Concern



Sympathy and prayers: For the family and friends of Rob Schafstall who passed away on April 15. Also, for Claus, Karen and Derrik Muth on the passing of Claus' mother, Elfriede

in Germany.

Remember in your Prayers: Shirley Newkirk, cancer; Harry Cook, healing and comfort; Gary Hewitt, healing, strength and comfort; Friend of Abby (Haugh) Powers to have a healthy pregnancy; Jennifer Burton, prayers for her health; Sylvia Kessler, healing, strength and comfort; Julie Ploss, strength, healing & comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength and comfort; Susan Fouts, health issues; Steve Clodfelter, Parkinsons; Bill Cummings, strength and comfort; 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. Thanks



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May Bible Readings~~InterChurch Food

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

May is our month to collect food for the InterChurch Food Pantry. This month we are collecting canned fruits and canned vegetables. Please put your donations in the designated box in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping by donating food for those in need.

Mission Committee





Our Financial
Stewardship
Year-to-Date
as of
April 30, 2022
Income \$70,242.87
Expenses \$66,778.56
YTD + 3,464.31
Mortgage Balance
\$64,234.62

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

The Good Shepherd Church Council is respectively calling a Special Voter's Assembly Meeting on May 22, 2022 after the Church service.

This Special Voter's Meeting is called to discuss the State of the Church Finances. We request your attendance.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council



2022 Confirmands



Brayton Richard Cranfill Son of Amber & Jason Kephart and Isaac Cranfill Born: October 11, 2007 Baptized: November 18, 2007

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Elliana Grace Cole Daughter of Jeff & Carla Cole Born: February 8, 2008 Baptized: March 9, 2008

Mother's

To all the Mother's and Mother's to be Happy Mother's Day!

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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 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.]

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 2022

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
Shelley Hill, 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
Kent Krimmel, Member at Large

DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288 Brad Coy 317-508-5770 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 and hit the **Prayer Request** button.