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News of the Fla



From the Pastor ~~

Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." - John 16:7 (KJV)

In the last days Jesus was physically with His disciples He warned them of the coming persecution they were about to face. He did not do this to frighten them but to prepare them for what was to come. When we are prepared for something, it is easier to handle because we know what to expect. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to lead and guide all believers in the way they should go. His presence in our lives is our richest treasure.

There is a story of a poor rancher who struggled to pay his mortgage and other bills. He was afraid he would lose the ranch. One day an

oil company came by and wanted to drill an oil well to see if there was oil underneath. The rancher agreed and the well hit pay dirt. Tens of thousands of barrels each day were pumped. Suddenly the rancher was a millionaire. The oil had always been there, but he did not know it. He sure knew how to make use of the oil once it had been discovered. In a way that is the way it is with the Holy Spirit, He is there waiting for us to make use of His many gifts. Soon it will be Pentecost Sunday and we will hear again the story of the Holy Spirit's powerful work among the disciples. Suddenly poor scared disciples became bold in preaching of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Daene

Vacation Bible Study



VBS

June 10—5—7 p.m.

June 11—5-7 p.m.

June 12—9-11 a.m.

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Special points of interest:

- Pentecost Sunday, June 5. 2022
- VBS—June 10. 11. 12
- Holy Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022
- Church Council Meeting, June 12 @ 11 a.m.– report to office by June 8
- Graduation Reception, June 26
- PITCH-IN LUNCH

Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Church Council did not meet in May. We had a Special Voter's Assembly Meeting to go over the churchs finances.

Special Voter's Assembly Meeting on May 22, 2022 after the worship service. Forty-three members attended. This meeting was called by the Church Council to discuss the church finances and present the ideas to the members that have been brought up by Council members.

For the last few years Good Shepherd has had a deficit of \$15,000 a year. We cannot continue to do this as we are running out of savings. We have eliminated as many expenses that we can.

These are the ideas that were brought up for discussion as what we can do to decrease expenses:

- 1. Cut the Office Manager's salary.
- 2. Cut the Pastor's salary.

- 3. Cut a combination of the Office Manager and Pastor's salary.
- 4. Sale the ground that is leased out for farming.

Discussion for increasing the revenue:

- 1. Mortgage payoff fundraiser.
- Mission and Outreach blitz.
- 3. Give it Up Campaign for acute offering increase.
- 4. Auctions/Fundraising Event

After much discussion and clarifications a motion was made that the Council cannot cut salaries without a Voter's Assembly meeting for GSLC member to approve by a vote. This vote was vetoed by a vote of those present. A second motion was made to do a Campaign to raise money to get the mortgage paid off as soon as possible. This motion passed and is to be evaluated monthly. Separate envelopes will be available for your

mortgage donations and a box to deposit them will be in the Narthex.

Also, everyone was asked to increase offerings. A suggested increase was 8 to 10% more than what you are giving to help with the Church expenses. If all help we will make it thru this crisis.

Help the church grow by talking about our church. Call a member you haven't seen in a while and let them know you miss them. Invite them to join you

At church.

LWGS ~~

Hello Ladies,

We had eleven ladies and two children attend the Ladies Night Out on May 9th at Olive Garden in Greenwood. Everyone had an enjoyable evening. The food was delicious.

The "Traveling Basket" is making it's rounds among the congregation. The fourth person will be handing it off soon.

Our next meeting is on June 13 at 11:00 a.m. We will not meet in July unless it is for something important. We will meet

in August on the 9th. Hope everyone enjoys their Summer.

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. The cycle will continue on, but let Amy know who you gave the basket to, so she will know who has it at all times. Thanks.



Care & Concern



Remember in your prayers: Rose Krimmel, total shoulder replacement; Elizabeth Samples, healing and comfort; Lowell Haddock, for a successful surgery on May 20;

Shirley Newkirk, healing and comfort; Harry Cook, healing and comfort; Gary Hewitt, Covid pneumonia; Friend of Abby Powers, to have a successful pregnancy; Jennifer Burton that God will take her in his time; Sylvia Kessler, healing, strength and comfort; Julie Ploss, cancer treatments; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing and comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength and comfort; Susan Fouts, health issues; Steve Clodfelter and family, dealing with 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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June Bible Readings

Church Finances

June 1—Jeremiah 32-34; June 2—Jeremiah 35-37; June 3—38-40, Psalm 74, 79; June 4—2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chronicles 36; June 5—Habakkuk 1-3; June 6—Jeremiah 41-45; June 7—Jeremiah 46-48; June 8—Jeremiah 49-50: June 9—Jeremiah 51-52: June 10-Lamentations 1, 2, 3:1-36; June 11-Lamentations 3:37-66, 4, 5:1-22; June 12— Ezekiel—1-4; June 13—Ezekiel 5-8; June 14—Ezekiel 9-12; June 15—Ezekiel 13-15; June 16—Ezekiel 16-17; June 17—Ezekiel 18-19; June 18—Ezekiel 20-21; June 19— Ezekiel 22-23; June 20—Ezekiel 24-27; June 21—Ezekiel 28-31; June 22—Ezekiel 32-34; June 23—Ezekiel 35-37; June 24-Ezekiel 38-39: June 25—Ezekiel 40-41: June 26—Ezekiel 42-43; June 27— Ezekiel 44-45; June 28—Ezekiel 46-48; June 29— Joel 1-3; June 30—Daniel 1-3.



Financial Stewardship Year-to-Date as of April 30, 2022

Income—\$70,242,87

Expenses—\$66,778.56

YTD—+ \$3,464.31

Total of all savings \$34,984.00 Mortgage 4 1/8% maturity date 9/22/2026

Mortgage balance \$64,234.62 Monthly Payment \$2,865.32 (Interest \$215.98) (Principal \$2,649.34)

Projected balance December 31, 2022 -\$43,039.90



Other ways to help the church ~~

Just a reminder of other ways you can support your church~~

- AmazonSmile donates to Good Shepherd. Select Good Shepherd as your charity of choice then a small portion of each purchase goes to the church every time you buy but you have to select AmazonSmile.
- 2. Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd.
- Leave memorials to Good Shepherd and instruct your family of your wishes in advance. Many families like to leave memorials in lieu of flowers.

- 4. You can leave the church money in your will as well as other assets.
- Depending on your situation, you can designate some or all of your life insurance to the church.
- Have charitable annuity that gives to the church.
- 7. If you are in the age range of having to do a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA or 401K designate some or all be given directly to the church as part of your giving. Just be sure the financial institution pays it directly to Good Shepherd and not to you or that

would a taxable event.



June 5, 2022
The Day of
Pentecost



Summer Begins
June 21



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Carol Anderson
6/2 Kristy Hash
6/2 Randy Bailey
6/9 Tony Boxdorfer
6/12 Jim Fechtman, Linda Haddock, Taylor Wert
6/15 Michelle Walker
6/17 Rick Grass, Helen Esterline
6/20 Laura Collins, Jon Bauman, Mike Peters,
Jack Morris
6/21 Trella Stahl, Tim Holmes
6/27 Betty Cox
6/28 Suzy Rakow



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/5 Pat & Rebekah Haugh 6/8 Rob & Staci Hedges 6/14 Dan & Angie Stahl 6/16 Ray & Deanna Lawyer 6/21 Raphael & Heidi Baca 6/24 Kent & Rose Krimmel 6/26 Bill & Elaine Bloomquist 6/28 Andy & Carol Anderson

[Please contact the church office (317-736-7849) 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, Board of Fellowship
Kent Krimmel, Member at Large
Randy Powers, 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. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine who organizes the prayer chain.

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.