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Dear Members and Friends of the Good Shepherd,

One of the chief misconceptions about Christianity is that Christians believe they are better than other people. The truth is just the opposite. The beating heart of the Christian faith is the recognition of one's deep sinful condition and therefore one's desperate need for receiving the forgiveness, life and salvation that Jesus won for the world on Calvary. Far from thinking they are better than others, Christians make no comparisons except with the mirror of God's holy Law (James 2:10). In the reflection of that mirror they cry out with the tax collector, "God be merciful to me, a sinner" (Like 18:13), and know with St. Paul that they are foremost of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). In the reflection of the mirror of God's holy Law, they also know their need for God's faithful delivery of His promised saving gifts in Word and Sacrament.

The correction of this core misconception concerning Christianity is also foundational to correcting a stubborn misconception about Christian worship. Christian worship is not primarily people performing or doing their action and service for God—praying, singing, giving offerings! Nor is it a matter of entertainment or feeling a certain way. **The service of Christian worship is primarily divine**—with God acting and His people receiving. That is to say, God gathers His Church in weekly worship to serve them His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. The people do respond, but the priceless treasure is what they respond to. It is the risen Christ who comes among His people to serve them, that is, to teach them and to feed them and to forgive them. That's what makes weekly worship the center of the Christian's life. That's also why it is essential to understand that the Lord's Supper is not primarily something we do. Its creator and its content and its chief celebrant is the living Christ serving His gathered Church with His heavenly, forgiving, strengthening, feast of love.

See you at His feast!

- Pastor Wismar

President's Message

I am so pleased to announce that James Kloos and Donna Kelly have responded to our need and agreed to stand for Media Commissioner and Treasurer of the Board of Directors, respectively, awaiting congregational approval at our meeting on June 9th. A big thank you also goes out to Juanita Bok who has agreed to continue in her position as Education Commissioner for another term, resuming it when she returns from her extended stay in South Africa. To make this possible, Elisa Bodnar, has graciously agreed to take on the position until her return. We are grateful to the dedication of all of these individuals and blessed to have them as a part of our congregation.

Thanks to the hard work and organization of outgoing Youth/Fellowship Commissioner, Beth Alves, with the assistance of Education Commissioner, Juanita Bok, we have completed two Child Molestation Prevention Training workshops. Twelve individuals have completed the process and are authorized to work with our youth. They include Juanita, Beth and I, Nancy and Larry Crosby, Bonnie Dice, Miharu Wismar, Eric Schonenberg, Trudy Tuffy, Susan Dell Angelo, Suzanne Kloos and Lisa Golino. All adults who will participate in either youth or Sunday School activities are required to complete the training, while all board members are encouraged to do so. We will hold another training session before the commencement of Sunday School in September.

We are still in need of both a Stewardship and Youth/Fellowship Commissioner. Sadly, we will be without youth and fellowship events, beyond what has already been scheduled, until the position is filled. With Stewardship Commissioner continuing as a vacancy for another term, we have no one to focus on coordinating the key elements of time and talents and financial stewardship, so essential to the life of a church body. I would like to thank the tireless Linton Hamilton, who as Vice President has worked diligently in seeking out individuals to fill these positions, as no one has come forward. Again I ask you to look into your hearts and consider how God may use you to further our mission here at Good Shepherd of "*Growing in and Sharing the Love of Christ*".

Speaking of our mission statement, we are holding a contest to develop the winning update to our church ad which appears weekly in The Citizen News! The new ad must incorporate our mission statement and invitingly reach out to those looking for a church home while representing our Lutheran faith. To allow ample time and to keep your creativity flowing over the summer, submissions will be accepted until September 1st. A winner will be voted on at the September board meeting.

In Christ,

Liz

Youth & Fellowship

Thanks to all who participated in our Child Molestation Prevention Workshops on May 18th and 20th. We had 13 participants who completed the training! We are planning to have one or two training workshops in the fall, as well, in preparation for the 2013-2014 Sunday School year. Thanks again for helping us achieve this goal and for providing another layer of protection for the children in our care.

ATTENTION ALL HIKERS: We are rescheduling the Kent Falls hike for Sunday, June 23rd, weather permitting.

In Christ,

Beth Alves

Education

We have come to the end of the Sunday School year. To my mind it was a very successful year thanks to Mrs. Dice and her faithful, hardworking teachers. Unfortunately we have to bid a sad farewell to Mrs. Susan Dellangelo, Gianna and Giancarlo. We want to wish her all the best, God speed in her new venture. Thank you for your dedication to the children in your care. The last day of Sunday School is June 16. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Alves who conducted a very successful and interesting and enlightening workshop on Child Abuse.

We are now appealing to the Congregation again for Sunday School teachers. We really need your help (including high school aged students) assisting our teachers.

We will celebrate the end of the Sunday school year with a picnic on June 9th. Please assist us to make it an enjoyable event. Contributions will be highly appreciated. Contact your child's teacher. The children will sing the anthem during the worship service (10:30am) that day. Thank you all for your support.

God Bless,

Juanita Bok



JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2- 9:00am-Sunday School &Confirmation Class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Communion Worship Service CONFIRMATION	3	4	5	6 10:00am- WSL 12:00pm- Weight Watchers	7	8- POT LUCK DINNER Slide Presentation & silent auction 6:30 pm
9-9:00am-Sunday School 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Communion Worship Service CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & PICNIC	10	11 7:45 pm— Board Meeting	12 8:00pm-A.A.	13 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	14	15
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23 10:30am- Communion Worship Service	24	25 7:00pm— Discipleship Meeting	26 8:00pm-A.A.	27 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	28	29
30- 10:30 am- Worship Service						

Serving Page for JUNE

	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30	7/7
Ushers:	T. Renz T. Durr B. Durr	D. Kish C. Kish F. Bok	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton C. Hamilton	E. Davis E. Davis A. Davis	B. Dice C. Dice R. Cancel	T. Renz T. Durr B. Durr
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Acolyte:	E. Bodnar	Z. Booth	Cris Brillon	Cam Brillon	J. Hamilton	M. Wixted
Crucifer:	B. Tuffy	B. Musinski	K. Kloos	J. Kilgallon	L. Golino	A. Miller

Anniversaries & Birthdays

	Robert Kissmann	June 1
Brian & Laurie Durr	Kevin Kloos	June 3
June 2	Deanna Kilgallon	June 9
Ed & Judy Davis	Craig Hamilton	June 10
June 3	Tyler Ebinger	June 13
Alex & Liz Thomson	Timothy Lehmacher	June 18
June 15	Jennifer Soto	June 18
Mark & Lauren Larson	Patricia Tompkins	June 20
June 23	Courtney Smith	June 24
Russell & Sandra Lowry	David Haber	June 24
June 23	Trudy Tuffy	June 25
	Melissa Svendberg	June 27
	Travis Meisenholder	June 29

Missions

COME - JOIN US - JUNE 8 6:30 pm - POT LUCK DINNER

Bring your favorite dish or dessert. Pastor Gregory Wismar will present a slide show of the April trip he led to Eastern Europe, which four of our members attended. While there they visited a church that is doing mission work in the community in Prague, Czechoslovakia. ALL proceeds from the dinner will go to this church AND to Nate Yount who is rebuilding the base of our outdoor sign as his Eagle Scout Project.

\$5 a person ... \$15 for a family (a good bargain) ... Silent Auction will be held

As Nate explained to us on Sunday, he has to raise the funds for his scout project so we are helping. You can donate a stone for \$5. The stone can be in someone's memory or honor and it can be written on, if desired. A form for this is available at church. He is doing the work on June 8 & June 15 so it would be helpful to have these donations done this week. Make checks out to church.



In His Service,

Elinor

Announcements

- **BOARD NEWS**—Congregational meeting is June 9 after service. Election of officers will be held. The board has decided to change the Christmas services times to the following: Christmas Eve at 5 pm with candle lighting and at 11 pm with candle lighting and communion. There will be no service on Christmas Day. The board has also adopted a child molestation prevention program for immediate use. All the electrical fixtures and bulbs have been updated by CL&P with a plan presented by the Property Commission to save us energy use and cost. (except the hanging lights in church which could not be done.)
- **A MEMORIAL** was given for John Gilbert from Eileen Schoenhardt and family.
- Another big **THANK YOU** to Ed Davis for repairing our two lawn mowers. Every time someone helps out like this it saves us.
- The Property Commission has a **WISH LIST** of jobs needing to be done—hopefully by a volunteer. They are: Install thresh holds for the two double doors. Reaffix a portion of the gutter onto the parsonage. Paint the coffee hour room and stairwell. Replace ceiling tile in the stairwell. **PLEASE HELP !!**
- Don't forget the **FOOD PANTRY**—June 9 OR any Sunday !!