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WORDS FROM THE UNDERSHEPHERD

Dear Member and Friends of the Good Shepherd,

Summer vacation season has begun! As a result, you may (I hope) see some summer visitors here at Good Shepherd that we would want to make feel at home. With this in mind, I'd like to offer up the following ideas:

SMILE. It may seem obvious, but a sincere smile and handshake go a long way. **GREET FOLKS.** Though we do have official greeters each week, each of us should go out of our way to greet folks we don't know. The Body of Christ is made of many members, and visitors appreciate when other attendees seek them out and are friendly. **FOLLOW UP.** If visitors leave their contact information in our Guest Registry, I reach out to them in the days that follow. However, we also like to send Thank You notes to them for attending worship with us. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Carol Hamilton. **HELP THEM WITH THE SERVICE.** If you see some one new who looks like they are a little lost trying to follow our worship service, please move over next to them and help them out. **POINT THEM TO OUR WEBSITE.** Our new website is really good and up to date. If you haven't had time to take a look around or read some of the pages yourself, I would highly encourage you to visit as well. One of our website pages is titled "Why Go To Church?" and one of the reasons given is: "**To love and encourage your fellow Christians** - if we don't attend church we don't know what's going on in people's lives and therefore can't be there to love and encourage them. Also, our absence is a powerful non-verbal discouragement, while our presence is a powerful nonverbal encouragement."

Enjoy these summer months and, if you get away for a little while, enjoy your vacation. However, even if you are away, make sure you attend worship on Sunday. Not only are God's gracious gifts of forgiveness, eternal life and salvation always there for you through His Word and Sacrament, but your presence—even as a visitor—is a powerful encouragement and affirmation to all in attendance. See you in worship!

In Christ,

Pastor Wismar

STEWARDSHIP—EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS

In a discussion of spiritual gifts, the apostle Paul highlights how we often seek God to work in extraordinary ways: speaking in tongues, healing, prophesy, etc. . Humans often regard the extraordinary as more important than the ordinary. Paul makes it clear that the Lord doesn't work that way. Paul writes, *"But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way"* (1 Corinthians 12:3 | ESV)

This excellent way is LOVE which is expressed in very ordinary ways. When love works forgiveness, humility, patience and truth it works in the most ordinary ways. It also gives the greatest work. The Holy Spirit uses the very ordinary means of words, water, bread and wine to do the most extraordinary things through the Gospel. Through ordinary means the Lord deigns to work extraordinary things.

This is what brings us back to ordinary stewardship, love that is carried out in ordinary ways. When, as a result of our baptismal identity, God's people do little things like show kindness to others, great things can happen. Examples of ordinary stewardship are: using a singing voice to enhance worship, sharing a meal at a time of tragedy, making sure that the aging have a way to the doctor or store. When showing this kind of Christ-inspired love, it is using all of life and life's resources for God's very ordinary purposes. But through them He can do extraordinary things like open lines of communication where the word of the Gospel can be passed from one to another. Sharing the Gospel is ultimately our greatest form of ordinary stewardship.

There is a place for extraordinary stewardship like large financial gifts, which can do amazing things. So please continue to honor your pledges throughout the year. But we - as a congregation and as individual children of God - we should strive to move our stewardship formation beyond a focus on things financial and into the day-to-day service of care and service to others. This is the key to training our eyes to see the extraordinary ways that the Lord can does use ordinary stewardship in our lives for the good of our neighbor and the extension of his kingdom. The focus of ordinary stewardship is love —love for God and love for one another. There is no greater form of ordinary stewardship. (Portions of this article were taken from StewardCast, a monthly e-newsletter of LCMS stewardship ministry.)

In His Service—*Nanette Falsetti*



Confirmation took place on June 1 during the worship service. Eight young people were welcomed into our congregation . They are : Zachariah Booth, Jacob Berendsohn, Erika Bodnar, Cameron Brillion, Christopher, Brillion, Joshua Hamilton, Alexander Miller and Matthew Miller.

FELLOWSHIP

Congregation Pool party / picnic August 16 1:00—6:00 pm—Nan and Jim Falsetti have offered to host a pool party / picnic for our congregation. They will supply hot dogs and hamburgers. The rest is pot luck—salads, drinks, desserts, paper products , etc.. Make plans to be there for some fellowship, swimming, games and fun. Thank you Nan and Jim.

EDUCATION

On Sunday June 15th we had a very enjoyable breakfast. No left overs so that tells you how tasty the food was. We had a lovely social gathering with parents, teachers and some of the children who did not help outside. Children singing during service is always appreciated.

I trust that the new Sunday School year will be as memorable as the past year. If any of the parents have ideas and suggestions how to improve and make the Sunday school more attractive I will be very open to any suggestions.

Then to parents of recent confirmands any suggestions how to get them back to church and assist in any way possible?

I want to thank Mrs. Wismar for stepping in as Sunday School Superintendent. She has been doing a great job and I want to wish her well for the coming year.

Last but no least I want to thank the teachers and helpers for the fabulous job they did and will be doing in the next Sunday School year.

God Bless You and enjoy the summer! - *Juanita Bok.*

BOARD NEWS

Please remember to keep your giving current during the summer months and vacations. We have already experienced a slump in May with both attendance and giving which makes keeping up with expenses difficult. We thank the people who are using the automatic payments monthly and encourage more of you to use it so we can rely on a steady flow to pay the bills.

We have received bids to clean and seal the cracks in the parking lot and to repair the parsonage driveway. Due to the slim summer months approaching we have tabled this until the fall. You will hear more about this then. As you can see work is progressing on the parsonage lawn but the seeding did not get done so that will have to wait for the fall also.

MISSIONS

This coming October we will again have our OKTOBER FEST. Come one, come all, invite your friends, for a good time, good food and good company.

VEGETABLES / FRUIT

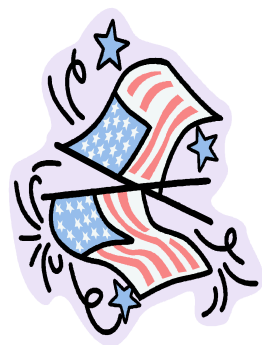
We found out when we did Feeding Children Everywhere that Daily Bread will accept produce from your garden (some of our boxes went to Daily Bread). So if you have an abundance you can take it there.

WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE

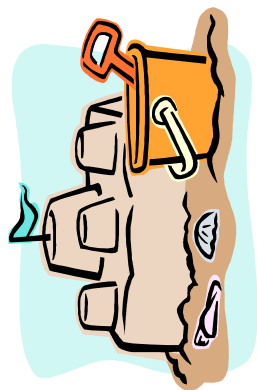
We will be hosting a coffee hour on August 16 to honor Pastor Wismar who will have reached ten years as an ordained minister. We are certainly glad he has been with us for ten years and look forward to many more.

At our last meeting we got labels for education, glasses and stamps ready to be sent to their collection places. So remember to save labels for education, used eye glasses and postage stamps. Our collection boxes are in the coat closet. Sheets explaining which labels and which stamps to save are on our bulletin board.

We also collect toiletry items for the women's center in Danbury. Soaps (from your hotel travels), toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, etc. There is a box in the coat closet for this also.



JULY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION			8:00pm-AA	12:00pm-Weight Watchers		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION			8:00pm - AA	12:00pm-Weight Watchers		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION			8:00pm - AA	12:00pm-Weight Watchers		
27	28	29	30	31	Ministry	Family Convocation Ministry Conference
10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION				July 8-13 - Black July 24-27- Intl	Lutheran Hour	

SERVING PAGE FOR JULY

	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27	8/3
Ushers:	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton B. Tompkins C. Tompkins	E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside A. Golino	B. Dice C. Dice J. Kloos	T. Renz E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside	D. Kish C. Kish F. Bok J. Bok
Tellers:	C. Dice J. Bok	T. Booth P. Durr	B. Dice S. Kloos	G. Wismar P. Wismar	T. Renz R. Renz
Lay Reader:	B. Woodside	L. Smith	R. Renz	N. Falsetti	C. Woodside
Greeters:	C. Hamilton	S. Haber	B. Bodnar E. Bodnar	S. Lowry	S. Kloos
Comm. Asst.:	L. Hamilton	T. Renz	R. Smith	L. Hamilton	T. Renz
Altar Guild:	L. Thomson P. Tompkins	E. Leili L. White	H. Abrantes L. Seder	A. Sohle	L. Smith B. Breeger
Acolyte:	J. Berendsohn	A. Golino	A. Renz	A. Miller	J. Hamilton
Crucifer:	Cam Brillion	E. Bodnar	Z. Booth	Cris Brillion	M. Miller

ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

	Conner Lehmacher	01
	Colleen Tompkins	01
<i>Robert and Carolyn Woodside</i>	Matthew Rojas	03
<i>July 2nd</i>	Zachariah Booth	07
<i>Brian and Laurie Durr</i>	Helena Abrantes	07
<i>July 2nd</i>	Chase Smith	08
<i>Edward and Loraine Seder</i>	Kenneth Seder	09
<i>July 4th</i>	Katie Meisenholder	10
<i>Anthony and Lisa Golino</i>	Robin Crosby	10
<i>July 5th</i>	Jennifer Seder	17
<i>Craig and Kathy Hamilton</i>	Liz Smith	21
<i>July</i>	Tom Dube II	22
<i>Dennis and Ingrid Wixted</i>	Russell Lowry	23
<i>July 31</i>	Andrew Rojas	23
	Annaleise Booth	25
	Travis Meisenholder	29
	Jackie Kloos	30

AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10:30 am—WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION	4	5	6 8:00 pm - A.A.	7 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	8	9
10 10:30 am— WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION	11	12 7:45 pm—Board Meeting	13 8:00 pm - A.A.	14 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	15	16 POOL PARTY 1-6 pm
17 10:30 am—WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION	18	19	20 8:00 pm - A.A.	21 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	22	23
24 10:30am—WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION Coffee Hour for Pastors' 10 Years of ordination	25	26 7:30pm- Discipleship Meeting	27 8:00pm—AAA	29 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	30	31

SERVING PAGE FOR AUGUST

	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31	9/7
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ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

Brian Patty Tompkins
August 14th



Bob and Carol Kissmann
August 19th

Bill and Elisa Bodnar
August 26th

Evan White	04
Maria Breton	04
Celaine Brillon	04
John Bachman	05
Pastor Wismar	06

Jessica Dice	07
Alma Sohle	08
Leah Rojas	09
Lauren Larson	12
Tara Booth	12
Kathryn Moore	14
Anthony Golino	15
Richard Smith	18
Suzanne Haber	21
Helen Scully	25
Lore White	30