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Dear Members and Friends of the Good Shepherd,

We have something special coming up in the months ahead. In order to celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we have made the commitment to produce a new fellowship pictorial directory. A pictorial directory is our church family album ... and we need YOU to make our directory complete! A new directory:

- *Preserves this special time in the life and ministry of our church*
- *Becomes a lasting record of our current membership*
- *Introduces our church to friends, the community and new members*
- *Enhances fellowship by helping us visually connect faces with names*
- *Becomes a communication tool for our congregation*

We have selected Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Plus, every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait! You can sign up at the church on Sunday mornings in the next few weeks. I am encouraging 100% participation!

OUR PHOTO DATES:

Friday, November 7, 2014 from 2:00pm – 8:00pm
and Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church. You will have a variety of poses taken, and you will select one for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at attractive prices on the day of your portrait session.

This is your opportunity for your family portrait. You can also invite your extended family and have portraits made with everyone together, brothers, sisters, grandparents or grandkids, and even your favorite pet! Just schedule together and add additional time spots for each individual family unit. Every family photographed will receive their own complimentary 8x10 portrait. The additional families count towards our program goals but will not necessarily be included in our directory.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. Lifetouch offers so many ways to capture the memories. Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes... treasured now and for generations to come.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory!

- Pastor Wismar

P.S. This is a professional portrait session. We ask that you allow one hour during which time you will check-in, be photographed and select your portraits. You will also receive a copy of the price sheet at sign-ups to give you plenty of time to become acquainted with the Lifetouch Point Pricing Program and not feel under pressure when you come.

PROPERTY

Thank You A work/clean up/weed day was held in July and a big thank you goes to Nan Falsetti, Brian Tompkins, Don Breeger, Ed Davis, and Jackie Kloos for all the time and effort they gave to the job. It was noticeable how lovely everything looked with edging and weeding and mulching done on our property. (We hope we did not leave out anyone.) As you know the person who did the bulk of the weeding, sprucing up and getting people to help is no longer with us, so we need to step up and fill the void left by Alma Sohle. These five people could have used more help to get even more work done so please help out. Nan has been continuing the work on her own. Please notice the sedum and junipers and mulch she purchased, donated and planted in the front bed along the road. It looks wonderful.

Also, thank you to the folks who enjoyed planting the lovely new ground cover on the church property. A special thank you to the following people who thoughtfully gave of their time and talents: Anthony and Anthony Golino, Trynia and Madison Follen, The Wismar Family, Ed Davis. And a very special thank you to the Locust Glen Garden Center for their donations. Generous discounts and helping hands.





MISSIONS

OKTOBERFEST---SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm



Come enjoy a live UmpPaPa band for your listening or dancing pleasure.

Cost--\$10 Adults-- bratwurst, German potato salad, saurkraut,(red cabbage), roll, homemade apfel or peach kuchen.

\$5.00 children--hot dog, roll, bag of chips.

We will also have German Pretzels from the bakery in Litchfield to purchase (they are super delicious--just like the ones sold at the Munich Oktoberfest) \$1.50 each.

Drinks--iced tea, hot tea & coffee (if you wish to have a beer--byob)

STEWARDSHIP

All of us appreciate a promise which has been given and fulfilled; a promise from a father to a son to teach him to ride a bike, a promise from a grandparent to a grandchild to take them to a movie, a promise from a son or a daughter to their parents to do their best in school.

Our Lord, Jesus, has given each of us a promise of life, "*truly, I say to you, you will be with me in paradise*" (Luke 23:43). It was difficult and not without pain but Jesus fulfilled His promise to us for He is called "*faithful and true,*" (Rev. 9:11). Jesus was indeed very trustworthy to His Father and to us sinful humans, never wavering in carrying out His promise.

So we must ask ourselves, have I fulfilled my promises to my Lord? Every year we are asked to consider thoughtfully our financial assistance to this body of Christ. Psalm 4:5 helps us to reflect to "*offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.*" But sadly our needs and wants may overshadow our promises which we have earnestly made in our pledge cards. And so we must re-examine those promises and review the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14–30. Let each of us prove to be a good and faithful servant and enter into the joy of our Master. Let us pray and be grateful, reflecting "*the promise which was made to each of us – eternal life,*" (1 John 2:25).

Thank you for all your support,

Nan Falsetti – your stewardship chairperson

DID YOU KNOW?

Our pastor has been appointed the circuit visitor for our circuit, circuit seven.

He is also now the commander of the local Civil Air Patrol squadron in New Fairfield—the 801st.

Our Sunday School teachers are: Tara Booth, Nancy Crosby, Larry Crosby, Katie Meisenholder and Miharu Wismar. Zach Booth is an assistant. Miharu is also filling the job of superintendent of Sunday School.

On September 14 the following youth helped during our first regular monthly youth Sunday: Jorge Wismar read the lessons, Alex and Matthew Miller played guitars for the offertory and Jackie and Kevin Kloos were ushers.



WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE


Ten quilts were delivered to Lutheran World Relief last month. We will still be collecting your gently used sheets, mattress covers, light blankets and pillow cases to continue our sewing projects. Donations of quilt batting or large pieces of flannel or cotton material are also welcome.

We will be collecting items for the Southbury Home to be used at their annual sale on November 5 which allows the residents to do Christmas shopping. New items for infants to seniors clothing, toys, jewelry, toiletries, socks, stationary and books are wanted. Volunteers are also needed to assist at the sale. A box will be on the bench in the narthex for your items.

The recent edition of the Lutheran Witness is dedicated to articles about various religions of the world. It gives their history and beliefs and compares them to Christianity. It is good reading and informative. One article explains our three solas: by grace alone, through faith alone and in God's Word alone. Two copies are in the rack in the community room.



OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LWML Sunday - October 5			1 11-12am-Bible Study	2 10:00am—WSL 12:00pm— Weight Watchers	3	4-Fall Festival & Tag Sale- Christ the King Newtown
5- 9:00am Sunday School & Conf. class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	6 7:30pm— Stewardship Meeting	7 11-12am-Bible Study 7-8pm-Bible Study 8:00pm- Choir	8 11-12am-Bible Study 7-8pm-Bible Study 8:00pm- Choir	9 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	10	11
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Anniversaries & Birthdays

Julianne Davis Oct 01
 Larry Crosby Oct 04
 Brian Tompkins Oct 05
 Bill Bodnar Oct 05
 Miharu Wismar Oct 07
 Anthony Golino Oct 08
 Jackie Kilgallon Oct 14
 Tracy Tompkins Oct 14
 Matthew Abrantes Oct 16
 Thomas Miller Oct 17
 Matthew Wixted Oct 23
 Debbie McGowan Oct 24
 Elinor Leili Oct 27
 Linton Hamilton Oct 27

LeAnn Golino Oct 28
 Emily Szaley Oct 30



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 Eric & Miharu Wismar
 Oct 14
 Chip & Bonnie Dice
 Oct 15
 Mark & Barbara Szaley
 Oct 15
 Jim & Jane McGowan
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