

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST NEWSLETTER



Why are we showing the movie THE MATTER OF LIFE again?

Our Lutherans for Life Team showed the movie here at Good Shepherd on June 12th by invitation only. It was to encourage other churches to be pro-active before the Supreme Court released their decision on Row v. Wade. Five churches were represented at this showing.

Our Life Team met two weeks ago and decided that it needed to be shown publicly. We have taken out ads in the DAILY NEWS and FWB LIFE Newspaper. We will be distributing flyers on Sunday mornings for you to hand out to friends and invite them to come.

Major religious groups' positions on abortion

Opposes abortion rights, with few or no exceptions	Supports abortion rights, with some limits	Supports abortion rights, with few or no limits	No clear position
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African Methodist Episcopal Church• Assemblies of God• Roman Catholic Church• Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints• Hinduism• Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod• Southern Baptist Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Episcopal Church• Evangelical Lutheran Church in America• United Methodist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservative Judaism• Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)• Reform Judaism• Unitarian Universalist• United Church of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Islam• Buddhism• National Baptist Convention• Orthodox Judaism

Source: Pew Research Center review of outside literature

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Several church bodies — including the LCMS — who confess the sanctity of life have been working together for decades on pro-life causes. The pro-life movement has brought Christians together in lobbying for pro-life causes, against abortion, side by side over the years. We've been active in the legislative and political arena as well, as many Christian leaders have stepped up in politics.

Phil Keaggy wrote a song called, **Little Ones**.

These are a few of the lyrics:

"Who will speak up for the little ones? Helpless and half-abandoned. They've got the right to choose life they don't want to lose, I've got to speak up, won't you?"

THE MATTER OF LIFE

Friday, August 19th @ 7PM

Saturday, August 20th @10 AM

Sunday, August 21st @ 2 PM

Pastor Ray Angerman

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Worship Service? After all the offerings have been collected, the Ushers bring forward the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us?.

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people's brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples' labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Worship Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.



Deacon's Digest

I would like to thank everyone who has talked to me with ideas and comments on the Dietrich Bonhoeffer commentaries I have written over the past 8 months. Today I'm changing focus and trying to offer comment on current events, and we will take a look at them with a spiritual lens. It seems that today, many Americans are experiencing a divisive world view among us. You can see it in just about every current event new story. I want to frame this article in a personal way. I have a family member who's has a totally different world view than I have -- I love him dearly but he often posts items on social media that are scornful and disrespectful of people who do not share his worldview. It is all about politics. He sometimes generalizes and stereotypes people with a certain political party and then when he finds an event that shows a typical human mistake or blunder he assigns it to the political party and then makes a statement like "never trust a [name of party]" and "they are all [expletives]". Has this happened to you? What I want to do in this article is to provide you some communication ideas that may calm down a potentially divisive situation in your life. If this article gets published and I'm still allowed to write further articles in our newsletter I will tackle some individual social

issues that are starting to boil. I want to emphasize that I am a proud American and I come to God humbly and I am thankful to Him that I was born an American. I'm very proud of our country's history of helping others on this planet who want freedom and democracy.

Next, I would like to offer up that in our representative government it is very difficult [almost impossible] to make a law that is 1- fair, 2- gets the desired result which is ensuring the pursuit of happiness for all Americans, and 3- loved by all. Our civil laws will have some flaws! why? They are created by men and women who are fallible. But our Republic has stood the test for over 200 years, and it looks like people all over the planet want to come here so something we are doing must be right to keep us number one on the list of places to be on earth

Today I want to use a little idea from our current adult Sunday school Bible study on Colossians (Goehman, 2019)

Below are two lists of phrases: List A are phrases that could speak to a judgment or criticism being made and List B are words of Jesus that can offer unity and better connection with a person you're talking to.

List A, Phrases that signal judgmental attitude and/or criticism
That is <u>not</u> the way I would do it.
Don't they know better?
What were they even thinking?
How can they even.....?
I am not your typical
Raising them right!

List B, Words and Phrases of, or about, Jesus
Tell me more
Help me understand
I am glad you are here
What do you need?
How can I help?
I noticed.
You are loved.
Jesus changes everything.

If you are in a conversation with someone and you see or detect words that are coming out at you from someone out of list A then try something in list B to calm things down. Oh, and here is a bonus conversation starter from Pastor Ray: When someone asks you how you are [other than your doctor let's say] respond with a pause and then say "I am blessed." This can be a trigger for a time to talk about matters of Faith to a person

maybe you don't know. When someone is expecting a "I'm doing fine, thanks" response and gets "I am blessed" it is something a person of faith will recognize and may turn the conversation into spiritual matters this would draw unity and not division. if you are willing, why not try this approach for the next couple of weeks when someone asks how you are and be sure and tell me how it works. I've been experimenting and it is fun to do this and pleasing when you find a fellow Christian unknown to you. And now then, please pray for me as I prepare to write the next article of this current topic on current divisive social issues in America and here is a hint why I need God's help: I'm going to do my best to not be non-judgmental, non-political and call out "loudly" God's words of guidance.

Peace and blessings
Deacon Joe



To everyone at Good Shepherd Lutheran

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to First Start. It's been a rough couple years for us all, and it is only by God's grace through his followers that we have been able to keep up. We have a full house and this will go far in helping them!

Blessings – Donna Tashik
Executive Director



Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT): *"We are striving to have good communication with our brothers and sisters and are trying to give them tools and guidelines so that our work together goes smoothly, with increased capacity for service to our churches and their communities. We continually emphasize that our LERT volunteers can serve their neighbor during both ordinary and extraordinary times."* – REV. ROBERT WURST, LERT Volunteer Manager, LCMS Disaster Training Join a LERT training event near you to learn how congregations and individual members can be better prepared to show Christ's love to the community when a disaster strikes. FIND OUT HOW you can become part of the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) network of volunteers, trained to respond in times of disaster, at LCMS-LERT.org.



"Pack the Backpack"

**It's That Time of Year AGAIN!
WE Are Collecting Backpacks
AND School Supplies ...**

- We will be supporting Kenwood Elementary as well as Opportunity Place
- Please take a supply sheet and purchase what you can.
- Drop supplies off here in the Narthex in the School Supply Boxes

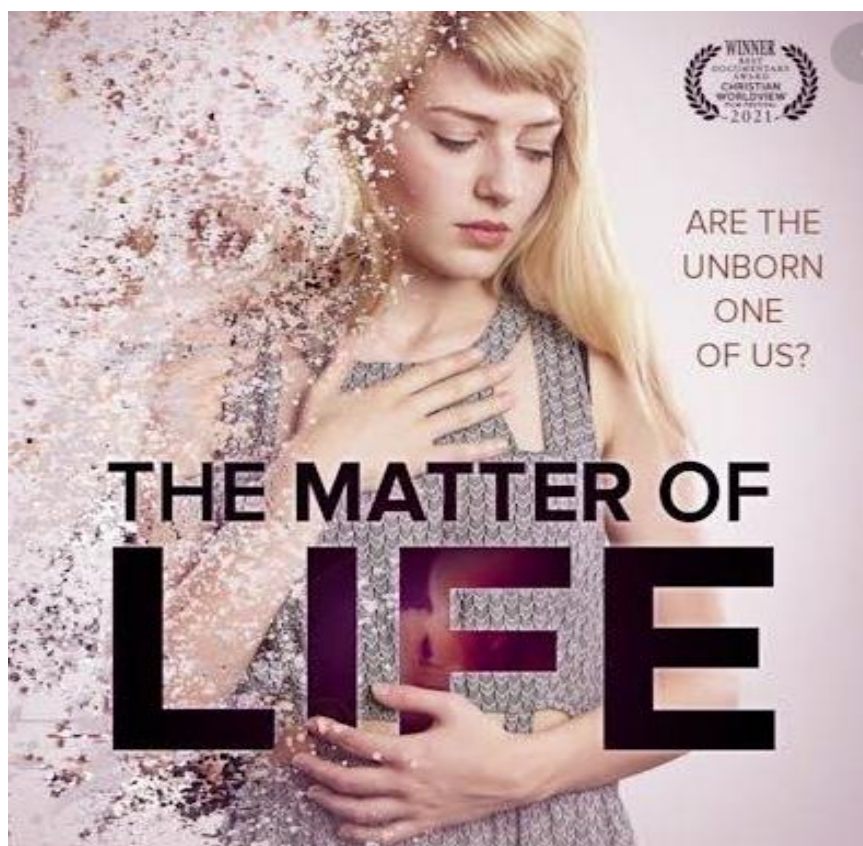
**WE WILL DELIVER the SUPPLIES for YOU!!
DEADLINE is Sunday, AUGUST 28th**

Questions? Call Jean Grieve 850-217-1932 or jean.grieve@yahoo.com

Monetary Donations accepted – We'll shop for you!



Free Admission – PG 13



Friday, August 19th @ 7PM

Saturday, August 20th @10AM

Sunday, August 21st @ 2PM

8/1 – Gary Kruschke

8/1 – Joan White

8/2 – Mary Keeler

8/2 – Alice Ostrowski

8/3 – Will Binkley



8/3 – Ruth Hill

8/5 – Inge Miller

8/5 – Brenda McElroy

8/5 – Frank Shaw

8/5 – Larry Snider

8/6 – Vern Umholtz

8/8 – Dottie Steele

8/10 – Diane Beck

8/10 – Graham Binkley

8/11 – Jim Keeler

8/13 – Gary Graham

8/16 – Lance Hofman

8/18 – Calvin Boole

8/19 – Virginia Inkrote

8/20 – Robert Moser

8/21 – Glenn Howard

8/25 – Ross Binkley

8/25 – Bob Pruess

8/27 – Ronnie Hoppel

8/31 – Madisyn Hoppel



8/8 – Gary and Sherry Kruschke
 8/14 – James and Carol Franklin
 8/17 – Curtis and Sherry Wiese
 8/25 – Herb and Bonnie Steeb
 8/31 – James and Beth Bier



August 2 – Concussions

A former NFL player speaks out

August 9 – I Lived in a Dumpster

How a homeless teenager rose to the top of her class

August 16 – Immigrant in the Sanctuary

When faith and politics collide

August 23 – An Encounter With God

A prime minister's supernatural experience

August 30 – Love Languages

Understanding each other

Caught in the act! Taking care of the nature trail



The Youth showing their talents.



Game Day





First step of landscaping updates



5th Sunday Breakfast

