



Good News From Good Shepherd

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."
John 10:11

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Repentance

Isaiah 30:15 This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength..."

Good works will not get us into heaven. We are saved by our faith in Jesus death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection which gives us eternal life. This may be why Isaiah 30:15 is telling us in rest, as opposed to works, is our salvation.

But the verse also says "in repentance" is our salvation. In addition to faith, how critical is repentance to our salvation? To answer this question, we must go on a little journey, first to Psalm 32:

Psalm 32:1-2 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

A man is blessed if God does not hold his sins against him and if he does not have a deceitful spirit. Note that this verse doesn't refer to other sins like adultery, drunkenness, or just plain being mean to other people. It goes right to the heart of our sin by referring to deceit. 1 John describes what the psalmist means by deceit:

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Deceit when used in this way doesn't describe one-off sins of telling lies; it describes our sinful nature of incorrectly believing that we know better than God and we don't need him. All of our individual specific sins are merely symptoms of this overall deceitful nature of ours.

Whether this deceitful belief that we don't need God applies to all aspects or only portions of our lives, this belief is the attitude that we are not sinners, and our good works are sufficient to justify our entry into heaven.

But both Psalm 32 and 1 John show us the result of repentance through confession.

Psalm 32:5 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

1 John 1:9 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Both Psalm 32 and 1 John are used in the opening of our worship services to confess and repent for good reason. Repentance is critical to our salvation because by it we acknowledge our sinful nature, our need for God, and our need for and faith in Jesus' saving redemptive acts. As we come together in worship of the one true God, let us approach the altar in repentance and rest, and God will forgive our sins.

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There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)



When the early Christian church was persecuted, those remaining were compelled to scatter and flee, dispersing the Gospel around the world. Today, by contrast, there's nowhere to go from the pandemic, but to the safety and isolation of our own homes. The church is once again compelled to take action to persist the Gospel and has done so by using technology in degrees of volume and to reaches as yet untold that without the motivation of the pandemic would not have happened with such rapidity. God does not allow us to be tested without a way out, a way to bear it.

There is no replacing the physical embrace of our worship time together, yet there is a secondary blessing of being able to reach far more folks and on a continuing basis using the technology available we've been compelled to learn.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. Isaiah 55:8 (KJV)

Perhaps the Church had gotten a little stodgy, a little too comfortable, in how we always do it. God sure has a way of waking the sleeping bear! May we continue on this path of discovery and ways to deliver the saving message of the Gospel!

Council in June - In person and online

There were no official actions taken in this session, however, there was lively discussion around proposed updates to our existing fund policies and especially around dispersing certain funds that have been dormant for some time and not accomplishing the purpose for which they were allocated. It was a healthy discussion from which actions will come. (One such action took place Sunday, June 21, with the announcement that the Paintsville funds will be dispersed directly to Good Neighbors to continue the work there that we were not able to complete via a youth service event.)

We welcomed **Guddy Gawura** as the newly elected Treasurer to this meeting as a transitional step and are grateful to both she, as a new servant, and **Kathy Meckstroth**, who has done so much work in her four years as treasurer to improve the processes and reporting. Please remember your Council Servants and support them with your prayers, your encouragement, your gratitude and your time as you have the opportunity.

I want to remind our membership that our financial status in this moment is 'ok' only in as much as we are in vacancy and not paying a full-time pastor. As you can see by the May summary, we are behind. We cannot continue to fall behind. We must be aggressive and ready for whatever expense may be our responsibility when it comes time to transition in a new leader in addition to those maintenance items that are yet lurking. Please prayerfully consider, as you are able, to maintain the momentum we had last year which equipped us for these times.

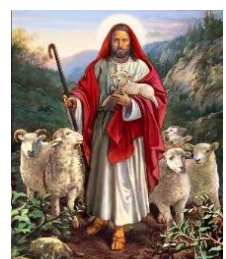
As of May 31	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Revenue to Date	\$ 86,761.02	\$ 102,350.80	\$ (15,589.78)
Expenses to Date	\$ 75,094.36	\$ 105,149.09	\$ (30,054.73)
Variance	\$ 11,666.66	\$ (2,798.29)	\$ 14,464.95

Marlis Norton, Council Pres.

Embraced by His Grace, Engaged in His Word, Empowered by His Spirit

“ From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Archives

Leading up to the 25th Anniversary, facts about of Good Shepherd will be included in each edition of the newsletter.



2005

- * 10th Year Anniversary Celebration
- * Christian Concert by Don Wharton as part of Good Shepherd's 10th Anniversary



Women's Sunday Bible Study • 11 a.m. • Perseverance

Our small group will meet with appropriate distancing on Sundays in the Duchow Room and provide a Zoom connection for those not ready to meet in person. We continue our study **Perseverance** through the book of Nehemiah by Donna Pyle.



Women's Bible Breakfast • Saturday • Off 'til September

We will break for summer and reconvene our event in September - hopefully in person. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday in **September, the 12th at 9 a.m.** We'll continue the series A Time for Everything and anticipate concluding it in November and having a special Christmas featured study in December.



Women's Tuesday Bible Study - Women of the Bible • Off 'til August

We will take a brief summer break in July and reconvene at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 4.**



LWML Ohio District Convention - Cancelled, but....

The voting for officers, bylaw updates and mission grants was completed by mail. Our **Cincinnati Zone President, Nicole Dowdell**, was **elected District VP Servant Resource**. The **new**

Ohio District President is Vivian Nelson. Her message:



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am humbled and honored to be your new district president! In our changing and uncertain times, we look forward together to doing things a bit differently, while still relying on our unchanging God for guidance and wisdom. In Malachi 3:6, He says, "I the Lord do not change." And James 1:17 declares, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

We will see each other at all levels of meetings, rallies, retreats, the national convention next summer in Kentucky, and at our own district convention in Napoleon in 2022. I can hardly wait to meet you!

Serving Him with you,

Vivian Nelson

Reminder: Our Cincinnati Zone president, Nicole, is chair of the 2021 National Convention Decorations Committee. The **National Convention will be in Lexington**. Please put **June 24-27, 2021** on your calendar now and consider volunteering!



"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:20

Good Shepherd has a **Care Team** available to assist our members during times of need. If you need help during an illness or hospitalization of you or a loved one, such as help with meals, prayers, or other assistance, we ask that you contact any one of the following:

- Lynn Mitchell
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- Mary Givhan
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If you have prayer concerns you would like listed in the weekly Voice or sent to the congregation's prayer team, please contact Lynn Mitchell with the following information:

- First and last name of the individual needing prayer
- Relationship to the requestor
- The issue of concern
- The amount of information which may be disclosed in the Voice or to the prayer team

Requested prayers will be listed in the Voice for two weeks; although continued prayers may be requested. Long-term prayer needs will be listed once per month until the need ends

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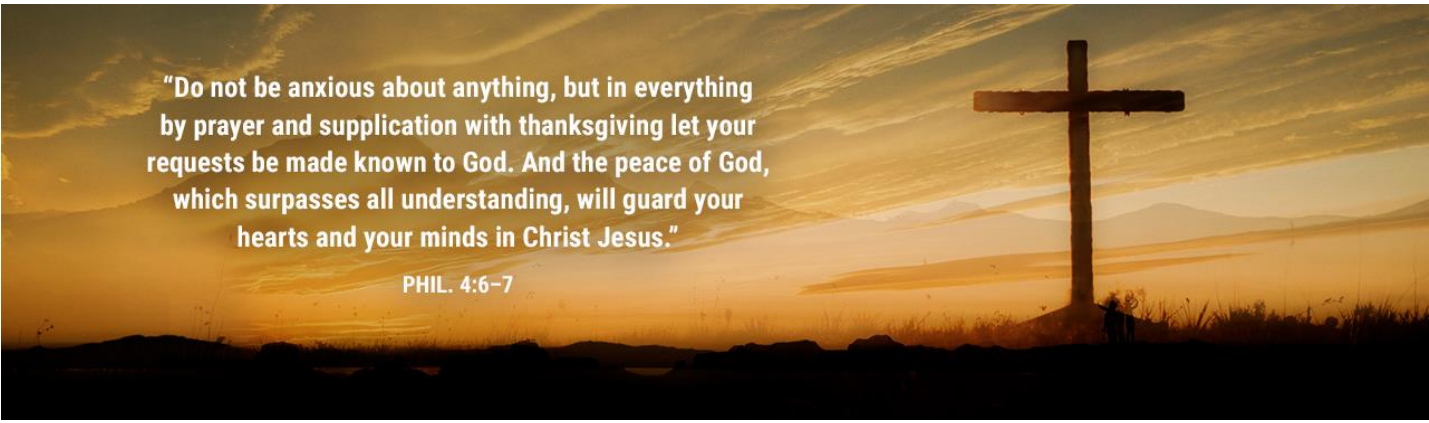


Thanks to all that helped on the post COVID19 Church Beautification Work Party (late spring clean-up). We accomplished a lot, the siding to the Sanctuary was power washed, mulch was spread and the gardens weeded, sprayed the weeds in the parking lot, put down new landscape fabric and replaced the Lava rock, wire brushed the black railing on the ramp for painting, replaced door stoppers, painted the cement walls, replaced some emergency lights and smoke detectors.

There are a few following items we will need volunteers for to complete.

1. Paint both bathrooms in The Family life Center.
2. Install smoke Alarms/Carbon monoxide detectors in the basement.
3. Replace door seals on entrance doors.
4. Replace exit lights in building.
5. Install water detector in basement.
6. Finish the falling landscaping pavers next to the sidewalk in the front the parking lot.

Want to do a project or any questions contact Rob Nielsen (859.250.0151 or email to robnielsen61@gmail.com.)



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

PHIL. 4:6-7

The Power of Personal Prayer

"Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1 NRSV)

1. What is prayer time and a prayerful life?
2. How does Jesus model prayer for us?
3. How are you doing?

I. Prayer Problems

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ" (Colossians 2:8 NRSV)

1. I'm not good enough to be asking favors.
2. But God is so busy with more important things.
3. Gimme, gimme, gimme.
4. Once should be enough.
5. I might ask for the wrong thing.

II. Prayer Power

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13 NRSV)

1. Power of prayer is not in the words we use or the way we pray or things we pray about.
2. Power comes from the relationship between the one praying and the One to whom we are praying.

III. Putting Prayer Into Action

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:9-10 NRSV)

1. We are invited to place our crosses before our heavenly Father.
2. We also are called to carry our crosses in witness.
3. Prayer does not eliminate our crosses. It gives us the strength to carry them in celebration and service.

Application: everyday examples of putting prayer into practice

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6 NRSV)

1. Dreaming God's dream
2. Call Committee
3. COVID-19 affects
4. Vacation Bible School
5. *(Fill in your name and your prayer and practice)*

School Supply Collection



Most of us were probably fortunate enough to have come from a home where we had the school supplies we needed each fall. Imagine the added challenge of facing a new school year, and not having the basic supplies for school.



We will be collecting school supplies during the month of July for the Family Resource Centers at some of our local schools. Any size donation or contribution will help these needy students get a GREAT START on the new school year.

You can drop off the supplies at the display in the Gathering Area. We will collect items until Sunday, July 26.

Suggested items include:

- Backpacks, Spiral Notebooks, Folders, Crayons, Scissors, Glue Sticks and glue,
- Pencils & Pens, Markers, Rulers,
- Pencil boxes, Calculators, Tissues & Paper Towels

Julie Rath, Outreach Ministry Chair



Good Shepherd collects used eyeglasses and cases in one of the baskets in the main entrance. When enough are collected, they are mail to the MOST Foundation in Ann Arbor, MI. Presently Good Shepherd member have donated 28 pairs of prescription eyeglasses, 12 pairs of sunglasses along with 6 eyeglass cases.

GLOBAL EYEGLASS MINISTRY

So People Everywhere Can See

GEM partners with Bible-believing churches *sending* mission teams globally by *training* and *equipping* them to conduct vision clinics that enrich their message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Karen Sladen, Project Coordinator

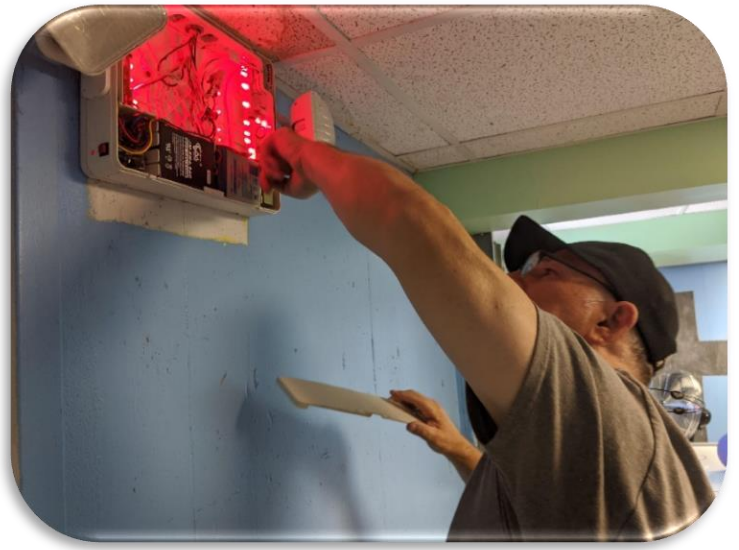
Trash for Cash **Giving Green to Keep Boone County Green**

Good Shepherd has been awarded a Trash for Cash grant by the Boone County Public Works Department. We have been assigned Hopeful Church Road, Pheasant Road and Cayton Road. We have the opportunity to earn up to \$1000. The funds will be used for Youth Activity. Want to help. Come join us on Saturday, August 8th. All supplies needed for this project will be provided A sign-up sheet will be placed on the Activity Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact Mary Givhan (mtgivhan310507@hotmail.com or 513.295.5068}. Please join us!!!!!!

June Events

Church Cleanup and Repair Day





Memorial Service for Reiner Kuhn



Sunday School kids send get well card to Olie Day



Thank you for your service, Kathy





Alberta Caughley	August 1
Steve Oberst	August 2
Grant Reasoner	August 3
Vonnie Herr	August 6
Susan Speicher	August 11
Sharon Snowden	August 13
Eric Berns	August 15
Bryan Molina	August 16
Josie Olson	August 20
Sherrri Smith	August 20
Debbie Fitzpatrick	August 23
Becky Aragon	August 25
Connor Gumm	August 28
Will Vonderlage	August 28

Change of Address



Gene and Judy Stetler
25 Patriot Crescent
Hamilton, OH 45013



Ryan and Christine Reasoner
Grant and Emily
8400 Ash Ridge Lane
Findlay, OH 45440



Continuing in the Shepherd's Footsteps

Plans for the 25th Anniversary which will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27, are well underway. Pastor Duchow will be leading the celebration service.

An outside banner will be placed on Gunpowder Road to announce our celebration. This should be going up soon.

A new 25th Anniversary banner is in the process of being designed and will be displayed in the sanctuary.

A slide show presentation depicting the church's history and other events will be running continuously during the day of the celebration in the Family Life Center.

New history brochures are being made and copies of the dvd playing in the Family Life Center will be available for those who want one.

After the service a catered luncheon will be served in the Family Life Center.

A hymn singing featuring favorited hymns Kim Leavens has gather over the last twelve years will be held after lunch is completed.,. It's going to be a great celebration!!!!

Committee members include: Debbie Fitzpatrick, Lisa Berns, Lisa Brown, Lynda Oberst, Jackie Vezina, and Tammy Woolley.



**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – July 2020**

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And the ruler replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”
(Luke 18:18–22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't mean it isn't to be used for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.
- We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.
- Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your children.

But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth. Don't let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament



God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night:
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
O God, our country save
By your great might.

For her our prayer shall rise
To God above the skies;
On whom we wait;
Lord, you are ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye.
To you aloud we cry,
God save the state

Not for this land alone,
But be God's mercies shown
From shore to shore;
And may the nations see
That all should neighbors be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er.

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