



# 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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## Fine-Sounding Arguments

Pastor's adult Sunday school is currently studying the topic of judging. We judge a lot of things: people, acts and beliefs. When it comes to beliefs, the Bible warns us against being deceived by fine-sounding arguments (NIV Colossians 2:4). These are things people say which sound true on the surface but are, in fact, not true or are irrelevant. Statements such as these may be made with evil intent. Satan used fine sounding arguments against Eve. *Did God really say...You will be like God...You will not surely die.* Satan even used scripture as his fine sounding arguments when he was tempting Jesus in the wilderness.

Sometimes fine sounding arguments are made innocently, with good intentions and in the belief that what is said is correct, even though it may not be true. The problem lies in that we generally decide whether a statement we hear or say is true by whether it sounds good to us or not.

We see this quite a bit every day. Some people claim we should save the polar bears because the ice is melting. That sounds fine, but even if the ice is melting, does that mean the polar bears need saving? The point is, we talk about stuff all the time. And we take stands based on the things we hear other people say that sound the finest to us.

Similar things happen at church. Statements such as "God this or God that" are made that sound fine, and we eagerly reply without much thought, "...Yes, that's right." But, how do we really know? Do we look at where it says in scripture what was claimed? Do we consider whether the context of the scripture truly pertains to the situation we are applying it to? Or, do we go on our way convinced by a fine-sounding argument?

I've read books in which the author makes statements with parenthetical scripture citations. This implies that the statement he makes is fully supported by scripture and must be true. But when I have looked up the scripture, it did not always support the author's claim.

Podcasts you listen to (even Lutheran ones), us elders and the Pastor can be guilty of the same thing. We may say something that sounds fine. But how do you know we are correct? Don't be afraid to ask the Pastor or us elders to show you where in scripture it says what we are claiming. And don't allow us to go cheap on you by our quick citation of a Bible verse as support. Have us walk you through the scripture so you can see whether we are reading and applying it properly. These are the types of judgments we are to make. The ability to look up verses and study them is a great gift that God has given us through his written word.

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*"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:8*

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## A Message from Your President

**The righteous man walks with integrity; blessed are his children after him. Proverbs 20:7 (NKJV)**



June, like May, is a month in which we honor a parent and the soldier, whose roles when honorably fulfilled result in selfless commitment of their lives to others. I am one whose father served in WWII, while late in the conflict, without reservation even to the point of stretching the truth about his age. I'm sure he was forgiven of that infraction.

I was blessed to have a father who shared his belief in Jesus, not only by seeing that his family was faithful to the church, but also by his efforts to encourage wanderers to return to the church family. Witnessing the latter was a stunning revelation for me. It was not a behavior I had anticipated. But it was one that immeasurably encouraged me in my own faith walk. Thanks, Dad. Yes indeed, I have been truly blessed.

***Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13 (NIV)***

**Council Actions:** The meeting in May was virtual. The primary focus was on items to present to the voters. No monetary decisions were necessary.



**Voter Actions:** The meeting was held Sunday, May 22, after service with 27 voters signed in. After approving the prior minutes and reviewing the financial status, which is tracking reasonably to budget with revenue and expenses through April in the 30+% range, the election by ballot was conducted. The offices elected were: President, Marlis Norton; Treasurer, Guddy Gawura; Christian Ministry Chair, Linnea Caldon; Property Chair, Rob Nielsen; Elders, Eric Berns, Glen Leavens, Billy Mitchell. Please pray for these willing servants that they may lead honorably and with spiritual discernment that God's will for Good Shepherd is realized.

The voters welcomed into membership the Hoffman family and considered a list of inactive members for removal. After thoughtful discussion, rather than execute the removals, the consensus of the voters was that the Elder team, along with any members who have relationships with those on the list, directly contact them by the best means and encourage their return or confirm their desire to no longer be on the member roll.

The consensus of the voters regarding the Employee Policy, which was distributed in advance, was that the council should take the next steps to implement it effective January 1.

Regarding the e-giving option on the website and the questions posed around flexibility of multiple funds, payment methods, bank accounts, software interfacing and fee coverage, the voters formalized direction to the council to pursue a change to Vanco from Paypal.

Consensus was also reached in support of the proposal of our Federation of Lutheran Churches to engage in a mission to local Arab/Immigrant communities through POBLO (People of the Book, Lutheran Outreach). The Federation would commit to a 5-year missionary program at approximately \$74,000/per year. Thank you to Karyl Juergens for providing insight into the missions and the effectiveness of POBLO which the LWML has also supported with grants.

The item on the agenda related to the 13th Month Campaign was inadvertently overlooked in the meeting and not addressed. It will be taken up in November. In the meantime, the voters can continue to mull over the idea of converting the mortgage to a 5- or 10-year fixed rate with the following understanding:

LCEF manages its rates and plans different than a bank. We can convert with some upfront fees, but not at our current rate of 3.625% and not a full term fixed rate, but at a 5 year (at 4.375%) or 10 year (at 4.75%) fixed. (Values as of May, 2022; they may change.)

***<sup>1b</sup> [I]...beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, <sup>2</sup> With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; <sup>3</sup> Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1b-3 (KJV)***

**Marlis Norton, Council Pres.**

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

# Christian Education

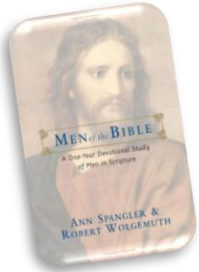


## Women's Bible Breakfast • Saturday • June 11

**Please note: We are not meeting in May** due to a tight calendar and travel. Our second-Saturday Bible Breakfast resumes at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 11. Bring a dish to share or your own personal favorite if you prefer. God always provides just what we need. We'll continue the LWML Fruits of the Spirit study series and will focus on Peace.

## Women's Sunday Bible Study • *Forgiveness* • 8:45 a.m.

Our small group meets in the Duchow Room. Our study is *Forgiveness* by Donna Pyle (now Snow). The book is available from CPH for \$14.99. Please feel free to join in. It's not too late!



## Women's Tuesday Bible Study • *Men of the Bible* • 9:30 am

We are meeting in person; providing zoom for those who prefer. All are welcome. Join in any time. We study one person each session, no book required. If you wish to be included, let Lynn know and we'll get the meeting invite to you.

**Men's Bible Study**  
**Mondays – 10 Am**  
**A Summary of**  
**Christian Doctrine**

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
**Sunday at 8:45 am**  
**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

Topic: Judging Others.  
When, How and When we are to judge.

**Vacation Bible School**  
**Saturday, July 9, 2022**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



**Bring a Friend**



## June

Glen Leavens      June 2  
Kohen Mason      June 10  
Jennifer Ostermeier June 10  
Julie Poynter      June 12  
Adam Ostermeier   June 13  
Jackie Vezina      June 17  
Houston Aragon    June 22  
Colin Brann        June 23  
Peggy Bacon        June 26  
Jerry Fitzpatrick   June 27

## July

Lucas Edward Ostermeier July 4  
Liz Molina          July 6  
Lori Raap            July 7  
Steve Warren        July 9  
Chelsea Wainscott   July 12  
Terrell Frey         July 13  
Billy Mitchell       July 23  
David Smith          July 23  
Kathy Nielsen       July 27  
Jackie Raap          July 27  
Wyatt Woolley       July 27  
Marc Vonderlage    July 29

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Trash for Cash Pickup**

**June 18, 2022, 9-11 am**

**Downtown Burlington**

**Giving Green to Keep Boone County Green**



**Cross the Bridge for Life**  
**Sunday June 5, 2022**  
**Festival Park, Newport Ky**  
**Festivities begin at 1:00pm**  
**Walk begins at 2:00 pm**



# May Events

## Cinco De Mayo Lunch And Cornhole Tournament







And the Winners are





## Trash for Cash Pickup





# Drive Through Food Pantry







### The American Heritage Girls Were A Big Help





# Last Day of Sunday School

Thanks to Miss Jackie and Miss Barb  
See everyone back in the Fall



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