



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ECHO the love of Christ

**We are a Christian community united in God's call
to serve others by sharing the love of Christ.**

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

JULY 2022

From the thoughts of the pastor . . .

I couldn't quite figure out if I wanted to put this word as the Word of the Month or in this article. But as you will read, I decided it should be here. While I was writing the announcements for the week of the 19th, I didn't take into account something that I take for granted and yet require. It's a Sabbath, a period of rest. While writing the announcements, I brought this idea from the synod to take the month of July off from gatherings and meetings to rest. However, I didn't take into account the potential hardship that some would feel, the difficulties to understand the need for rest, or the whole understanding of Sabbath. So, let's look into this, beginning with what Sabbath means.

Sabbath is an intentional period of rest; could be a day, could be an hour, could be a month, or could be a year or more. It's a time where no work happens, where no worries happen, where we take back control to rest and reflect. The past two years have been difficult with COVID and being closed, especially being closed without a pastor, and was a hardship that you've had to burden. And now you have a new pastor who has taken a vacation and now wants to do this Sabbath time for a month. One can definitely interpret this as a way of saying that the pastor doesn't want to do work and doesn't want to be here. One can interpret these events as a way of the pastor being lazy to spend more time with his kitty.

However, let me put this in the clearest language I can. I am not going anywhere. I've put a bid on a house in the Conneaut area and, as of writing this, am waiting to hear back from the sellers. I have fallen in love with Conneaut and with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I am not going anywhere.

What I love about Conneaut is the feeling that this city is on the verge of a huge explosion of being "discovered" by East or West Coast people and becoming the next destination place. Conneaut is about to explode with money and population; delayed slightly because of COVID, but as soon as people are comfortable traveling again and comfortable visiting different places, Conneaut will become that place. And I want to be here to see that happen, I want to be part of that, and I want Good Shepherd to be integral and essential in this explosion.

Does this mean there are some things that might need to change? Absolutely, we might have to let some things go and take on some new practices and ideas. The example I'm going to give you is releasing the past and the ways we've always done them, to become uncomfortable with new music (both contemporary and traditional hymns), to release how a loved pastor did things and embrace the new pastor's way of doing things, to release the hurt of former leadership and welcome new ideas and new ways of doing things and new vocabulary.

Think about this question: if you went to a place – not a church – with a new idea that can potentially save the place and bring more people through the doors, but were faced with people telling you that's not how we do things, would you visit that place again? Let's go even more basic with this example: if you went to a restaurant and asked for an order modified but they said they don't do that and even mock your attempt to modify the order, would you return to that place? The church (as the whole) works this way, new ideas are dismissed and even ridiculed or criticized for even being brought up. New people who haven't been to church – either ever or not in a very long time – are looking for a place that accepts them for who they are (their political ideas, their sexual orientation, their new ways to worship, and their new ideas to bring even more people in the building).

Sometimes, what we need to do is take a step back, not retreat and not give up, but take a step back. Artists do this to see the big picture, writers do this to see the whole story, even gardeners do this to see all the plantings; everyone takes a step back once in a while. This is what the Sabbath for July means, taking a step back and looking at the whole Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, not just our little section of it; taking a look at the whole church and see what can be renewed, released, or recommended.

We will return to focus on worship of God, not making a production or an entertainment spectacle. We will hear stories about acceptance and being sent out. We will return to our roots as Lutherans (and not the committees or meetings roots but the doctrinal roots), in other words what does it mean to be Lutheran verses Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, or Episcopal. Part of this return to focus on God is to focus on God's children by pairing with Corpus Christi to host Vacation Bible School, by having the Food Pantry and lunches to continue to operate, and hold Pub Theology at either Root Down Coffee House or another place.

This Sabbath time is our chance to return our focus on God and renew our commitment to God and God's children. This Sabbath time isn't about closing the church again, rather to give us a chance to not worry about meetings and church events. This Sabbath time isn't about not coming to church, rather making a commitment to come and listen about God and God's acceptance of everyone. This Sabbath time gives us a moment to step back and see the whole picture. I do encourage, nay strongly encourage, this Sabbath time to allow us to take a breather together, to not worry about COVID, to not worry about having a new pastor, to not worry and allow ourselves to just worship and be together.

I'm not going to go anywhere (or on the flip side, you're stuck with me). COVID is part of our lives like the flu is. Will we have to go back to required masks and booster shots? I don't know. But I won't close the doors again, we will worship in one way or another, even if I have to stand on the roof and shout to you in the parking lot, we will worship together.

We will worship together. We will learn together. We will become closer together by not worrying about the day-to-day. New ideas about worship might come from this Sabbath time. New ideas about which direction the church is going might come from this Sabbath time. And nothing might change. We have the opportunity in July to rest and I think we should take it. And yet, this is your church. I leave the decision to you. The All Committee Meeting has decided to not meet in July as well as Finance Committee and Church Council. Signing up for Hospitality will be on hold (but I'm not going to stop anyone from bringing in things and sticking around to talk with each other). The Quilting/Sewing group is already on summer break as well as Sunday School, the YMCA will continue to come, and – as mentioned already – Vacation Bible School and the Food Pantry will continue. Worship schedule and order WILL NOT CHANGE.

Will a difference be noticed? This is something I encourage you all to see. I have a feeling that groups and volunteers will feel rejuvenated. And if nothing changes, we will know that this doesn't work for us. But it's hard to say this doesn't work for us without trying – which is the same for all new ideas; let's try it and see.

Amen+

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(Peace be upon you)






The Reverend Joshua Krenz

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Good Shepherd Ministries

All committees meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM
(For more information about our church ministries please call the church office)

Evangelism	Property	Social Ministry	Worship & Music	Christian Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Outreach Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry Promote Events Maintain Website Family Events D-Day Parking Back to School Rally Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain building and grounds Care for church rental properties Members Maintenance Ministry (3 M's) is a group of members who meet bi-monthly in the evening to work on the maintenance of the church. Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree of Warmth Cooks for Christ Holy Communion Home Visits Card Ministry BINGO at Ashtabula County Home Nisua Bakers Turkey Box Quilting Funeral Ministry Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Music Ushers Assisting Ministers Altar Guild Abiding Memorial Pastoral Support Acolytes Greeters Readers Communion Assistants Support Other Committees 	<p>Sunday School Classes 9:45 am Preschool thru High School September thru May</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acolyte Training First Holy Communion Confirmation Vacation Bible School Youth Sunday Mission Trips Support Other Committees

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

876 Grove Street
Conneaut, OH 44030
440-599-8908 / www.gslcc.org

Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 Contemporary
Sunday 11:00 Traditional
Holy Communion at all services

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastoral Staff

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Office Staff

Clarissa Murtha, Secretary/Financial Secretary
goodshepherd@gwcmail.net

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The deadline for ECHO articles is the **20th of every month.** Articles/notices received after the 20th will be saved for the following month. Submissions can be emailed to Kelly Anthony at klanthony@gwcmail.net.

A Moment in Faith

By Richard Tulino, a Layman's Interpretation



"Hi, how are you?" "Fine." This is not exactly an "in depth" discussion, but this brief interchange is normal as friends pass and briefly touch each other with a cliché or two. Actually, clichés are a way of life, often parts of sentences and paragraphs. But if this is the sum of our communicating with others, our relationships will all be superficial. Facts and opinions also fill our conversations. These words go deeper, but the true person still lies hidden beneath them. Only in reality, when honest feelings and emotions are shared can real people be known, loved, and helped.

Often, these patterns of superficial communication spill over into our talks with God. How easy it is for us to slide through well-worn lines of prayers we've recited for decades, or how easy we toss a cliché or two at God and call it prayer! We don't have to worry though because God hears and understands these feeble attempts, but by limiting the depth of our communication, we become shallow in our relationship with Him. But God knows us, and He wants to have meaningful communication with us!

At the center of the Bible is the Book of Psalms. It is a great collection of songs and prayers expressing the heart and soul of humanity. In them we find a whole range of human experiences expressed. There are no clichés in this book. Instead David and other writers poured out their true feelings honestly, reflecting a dynamic, powerful and life-changing friendship with God. These writers of Psalms confess their sins, express their doubts and fears, and ask God for help in times of trouble, and praise and worship Him.

As you read the Book of Psalms, you will hear believers crying out to God from the depths of despair, and you will hear them singing to Him in joyful celebration. Whether these writers are despairing or rejoicing, you will always hear them sharing honest feelings with their God. Because of their honesty, men and women throughout history have come, again and again, to the book of Psalms for comfort during times of struggle and distress. Through the Psalms, they have risen from the depths of despair to new heights of joy and praise as they discovered the power of God's love and forgiveness. Let that honesty guide you into a deep and genuine relationship with God.

We can see five major themes in the book of Psalms. **First is Praise:** By focusing our thoughts on God it moves us to praise Him. The more we know Him, the more we can appreciate what He has done for us.

Second is **God's power:** When we feel powerless, God can help us. His strength can overcome the despair of any pain or trial. We can always pray that He will deliver, protect, and sustain us.

Third is **Forgiveness:** Because God forgives us, we can pray to Him honestly and directly. When we receive his forgiveness, we move from alienation to intimacy, from guilt to love.

Fourth is **Thankfulness:** When we realize how we benefit from knowing God, we can fully express our thanks to Him. By thanking Him often, we will develop spontaneity in our prayer life.

Fifth is **Trust:** People can be unfair and friends may desert us, but we can trust God. Knowing God intimately drives away doubt, fear, and loneliness. Remember, when we put our trust in God, He will quiet our hearts! Read the Book of Psalms and enjoy this great collection of songs and prayers.

Don't tell God how big the mountain is. Tell the mountain how big God is!

July Birthdays



Janet Antila
Addison Beagle
Virginia Black
Jerry Brookhouser
Rachelle Douglas
Emilee Esposito

Anthony Gauvin
Julie Kantola
Mary Lou Moisio
Mike Malys
Timothy Moga
Mildred Niinisto

Payton Poff
Amelia Sanford
Grace Todaro
Aiden Vidmar
Brandon Vidmar
Kenneth Woodring



GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2022

\$27,676

MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	%ESTIMATE BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
January	\$ 13,736	\$ 13,736	90.1%	\$ 9,303	\$ 9,303	60.5%
February	\$ 18,006	\$ 31,742	105.0%	\$ 12,434	\$ 21,736	66.2%
March	\$ 11,317	\$ 43,059	93.4%	\$ 18,287	\$ 44,352	92.0%
April	\$ 12,546	\$ 55,605	88.6%	\$ 15,966	\$ 60,318	95.4%
May	\$ 12,180	\$ 67,785	87.0%	\$ 15,509	\$ 75,827	94.1%



ATTENDANCE

5/29 62
6/5 87
6/12 55
6/19 61



To initiate a prayer on the prayer chain for someone, call **Nancy Sackett (440-265-2477)**.

If you know of someone who is hospitalized, sick or needs a visit, please call the church office **(440-599-8908)** so that a visit can be arranged.



“Giving”

Giving A response of devotion to God and God’s blessings. It consists of the use of one’s resources for support of God’s work in the world. Typically, Christian churches speak of giving one’s time, talents, and “treasures” (financial resources) out of gratitude to God.¹

If you’ve ever served on a church council or finance committee or in the church office, you know that the months of summer are the lowest offering months in the year. If you’ve never served on church council or the finance committee or in the church office my questions are why and would you like to and now you know. The excuses that come up are: people are on vacation, other activities are happening, and it’s not a festival time, as well as others. However, giving is not about whether or not one is present in the church (check out the WORD for June) but giving is about returning to God a portion of what God has given us – year round.

Martin Luther was very appreciative of all the gifts he was given. He opened his home with Katharina Von Bora to children and visitors passing through. Some historians and theologians have agreed that Luther perhaps gave to a fault. But, before you think that Luther was a perfect giver, he strongly criticized the selfishness of some and even the selfishness of givers. He criticized people for having money and buying nice things (silk and satin) but doesn’t have anything to give for the sake of God through the church. He also criticized the receiver as well (perhaps what he might be most well-known for). He criticized the Roman Catholic Church for spending gifts to the church on a new Basilica of St. Peters. He criticized – later called Lutheran – pastors for being lazy and indulging when the people go hungry.

It is difficult to put, fully, the words and works of Luther into our lives today. But one of his teachings can be applied today – “[one] who has given someone [their] heart will also give [them their] purse.”² This is very similar and Luther’s interpretation of Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”³ We can understand in our world today, we spend our money on things we love. Which begs the question: do you love the church? Are there ways to show your love during this season of summer? How can you show your love to God?

The month of July will have the opportunity to give your time and talents to volunteer for Vacation Bible School. The month of July will have the opportunity to give your treasures to God. Since July will be a Sabbath time, I encourage you to consider how you give to God and, if financially possible, increase in July.

¹McKim, Donald K. *The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* 2 Ed. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky, 2014.

²Plass, Ewald M. *What Luther Says: An Anthology* Concordia Publishing House: St. Louis, Missouri, 1959 (edited).

³ Matthew 6:21, NRSV.



Memorial Candle



Our Sponsors

Date	In Honor/Memory of	Given by
Bulletins:		
July 3		
July 10		
July 17		
July 24		
July 31	In Honor of Steve & Michelle's 41 st Anniversary	Michelle Logan
Flowers:		
July 3	In Loving Memory of Bob Miller	Wes & Susan Combs
July 10	Happy Birthday to my Kelsey	Love, Mom
July 17		
July 24		
July 31	In Loving Memory of Kenneth Pew	
Memorial Candle:		
July	In Memory of Kenneth Pew	Judy Pew

Opportunities are available to sponsor the monthly altar candle and weekly bulletins and flowers to remember or honor your loved ones.

FLOWERS

Cost is \$35 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the gathering space. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 service or in the office on the Monday following the date picked.

MEMORIAL CANDLE

Cost (by month) is \$5 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the gathering space. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office.

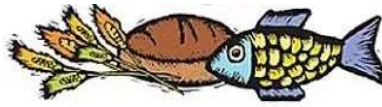
BULLETINS

Cost is \$10 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the gathering space. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office.

You may contact the church office by phone or email: (440) 599-8908, goodshepherd@gwcmail.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fishes & Loaves



Ministry

FREE LUNCH

Pickup: 11:00 to 12:30 Saturday
and 12:00 to 1:30 Sundays

Lunches include: Dinners, as well as vegetable, chips, fruit,
and drink, plus a special treat
Dinners are included with lunches



Hours: Saturday 11:00 to 12:30

Sunday 12:00 to 1:30

Wednesday 9:00 to 2:00 and 5:00 to 7:00

After hours Food Pantry phone number: (440) 381-1018



Hours: Saturday 11:00 to 12:30

Essential Cleaning and Hygiene Items

Items include paper products, household items, and hygiene items



July 25-29

VBS planning is moving forward, July 25th is fast approaching, and we need your HELP!!

Here is how you can help:

1. Register your family - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews (ages 3years - teens). The registration form is on page 11.
2. Check the kiosk in the gathering space to donate supplies
3. VOLUNTEER: We need classroom help. Please consider helping. This is a major community outreach.

Contact Amy Gallagher with questions: amygallagher79@icloud.com

As part of Vacation Bible School this year, we are having the older youth do community work. We at Good Shepherd and Corpus Christi wanted to give the people in our congregations the first chance to sign up for some work that might need to be done. The form below describes the work the youth may assist you with and is just one way to get your name to us. You can contact the church office (440-599-8908) or Amy Gallagher (amygallagher79@icloud.com) or bring in the completed form. Remember, we want our youth to not only have fun but be safe and get around the community as much as possible. Please consider signing up and we will do our best to get to you.

VBS YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

Every year the Vacation Bible School Youth Group does a community outreach program where our young people engage in projects which serve members of our community.

Congregation members of Good Shepherd and Corpus Christi will have first priority to utilize the time and talents of the youth directed by adult leadership.

Our youth are capable of such projects as: mowing, weeding, edging walkways, trash removal, planting, trimming bushes, raking leaves.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Home Church _____

Description of the work needed _____

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
and
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
(440) 599-8908
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 25-29, 2022 9 AM – NOON

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home E-mail _____ Work Phone _____

Child's Age _____ Child's Birthdate _____ Last grade completed _____

Home Congregation _____

In case of an emergency (when parent or guardian cannot be reached) please contact

Telephone _____

Relationship to child _____

Please list any allergies or medical conditions: _____

Person responsible for picking your child up after VBS each day

Name and relationship _____ Telephone: _____

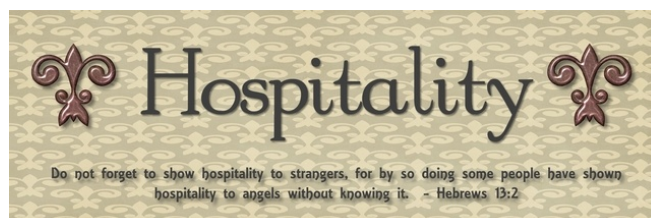
I give my child permission to participate in Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I will not hold Good Shepherd, its staff, or congregational volunteers responsible for accidents, claims or damages arising from my child's participation in program activities. I also give Good Shepherd permission to use any photograph/video of me or my child, taken at VBS, in future promotional materials for its sites and programs. My child shall comply with all the rules set forth by Good Shepherd or be removed from this event and sent home.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____



Hospitality Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for hospitality after each service. It doesn't take much, a plate of cookies from the store and a jug of juice will do. Please contact Pearl Ann Curtis or see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.



Donations are requested for Nick's Closet

This ministry provides household and personal hygiene items (anything except food) for those in need, serving 20-25 families each Saturday. Items can be brought to the church. Donations of cash or Thrivent cards are also appreciated; please just indicate what the donation is for. Suggested items to donate include:

- paper products—toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, Kleenex, etc.
- household items—laundry soap, dryer sheets, cleaning products
- hygiene items—shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body wash, deodorant, feminine products, body lotion, combs, brushes, shaving cream, single blade razors



Fishes & Loaves needs your help with the weekly lunches. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk. Volunteers are needed to help out with Fishes & Loaves for an hour on Saturday and/or an hour on Sunday. Please consider returning an hour a week of what God has given you back to God.

The folks you always see behind the kitchen doors for all of our events need your help, too. Please consider joining **Social Ministry** and/or **The Cooks for Christ**. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Shirley Harco or Pearl Ann Curtis.



world hunger

Can you help?

Donations made to ELCA World Hunger will be matched 100% by the ELCA up to \$100,000.

Checks should be made out to ELCA World Hunger and mailed to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P O Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-800



University Hospitals - Conneaut Medical Center

"Walk for the Cure"



September 18, 2022 11 am to 3 pm

This fundraiser dedicated to fighting breast cancer will be held at Geneva High School on September 18.

*****ALL MONIES DONATED BENEFIT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY*****

Sponsorship Levels will be recognized on the T-Shirts

Platinum	-	Over \$501
Gold	-	\$351 to \$500
Silver	-	\$201 to \$350
Bronze	-	\$75 to \$200

Please mail your check no later than Friday, August 26, 2022.
Mail to: UH Geneva Medical Center
ATTN: Paula Covell
870 West Main Street
Geneva, OH 44041

News & Updates



A Message from the President

Highlights of June 21st Council Meeting:

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the General Fund as of May 31st was \$27,676 a decrease of \$2,302 from April 30th. Here are the monthly and year-to-date offering income and expense numbers.

Month	Offering Income	YTD Income	Expenses	YTD Expenses	YTD Surplus/Deficit
January	\$13,736	\$13,736	\$9,303	\$9,303	+\$4,433
February	\$18,006	\$31,742	\$16,763	\$26,065	+\$5,677
March	\$11,317	\$43,059	\$18,287	\$44,352	-\$1,293
April	\$12,546	\$55,605	\$15,966	\$60,318	-\$4,713
May	\$12,180	\$67,785	\$15,509	\$75,827	-\$8,042

448 Sandusky Street Rental Property Update

The electrician has completed all of the improvements that he can do at this time. The only thing left for him is to hang the ceiling fans after the painting is done. There are 15 new windows being installed and that should be completed within a couple of weeks. After the windows are installed, the painting will begin. Every wall, ceiling, trim, and kitchen cabinet will be painted. The last work will be new flooring in every room. We will use waterproof, vinyl plank flooring. It is attractive and very durable. No longer will we need to replace soiled carpeting! Once all the improvements have been completed, we will have a lovely 3 bedroom apartment for our next tenant.

College Scholarships Awarded

This year, three high school graduates, Nickolas Mason, Grace Patriarco, and Brandon Vidmar, applied for the Good Shepherd Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship. All three exceeded the minimum grade point average and had the required three referrals. Nickolas exceeded the 50% worship attendance requirement and was granted a \$1,500 scholarship. He will be attending Kent State Ashtabula. Grace and Brandon fell a little short of the attendance requirement which ordinarily would have excluded them from the award. However, council made a one-time waiver of the 50% rule because many of our worship services were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Grace and Brandon each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Grace will be attending Edinboro University and Brandon has enrolled at the main campus of Kent State. Congratulations to Nickolas, Grace, and Brandon!

Parking Lot Seal Coating

Property chairman, George Peterson, received bids from Pro Paving and Wilkinson Paving to have all of our parking lots seal coated and re-stripped. Pro Paving offered the lowest bid of \$7,820 and was awarded the contract. Work will be done by end of summer.

Flower Gardens Have Been Planted

On Friday June 17th and Saturday the 18th, four of us prepared the garden soil, planted hundreds of flowers, fertilized, and mulched the beds. Janelle Cole, Suzanne Malys, Susan Combs, and I worked those two days to beautify our grounds to the glory of God. We had great weather and enjoyed fellowship as we worked. Jan and I greatly, greatly appreciate the helping hands from Suzanne and Susan. It really made the work go faster and more enjoyable. Thanks to all three of the ladies!

Peace be with you,

Mark Lytle

Council President

Committee News

Christian Education

In the fall, we will use curriculum that we have already on hand. We have several different ones and are not yet sure which one will be used. Confirmation will also use a curriculum that we already have. Pastor would like to start an adult Sunday School class with Mark Lytle possibly leading it. Pastor is also looking to start up the post-confirmation class again with Mike Malys leading.

VBS is going well. Pastor has sent announcements looking for projects for the older VBS students to do community work during that week. There will be forms available in the gathering space for anyone that might need some work done.

God's blessings to all,

Mary Vidmar

Christian Education

Cover Girls

The Cover Girls quilting ministry finished their first season since COVID. We were blessed with faithful workers each week. One week, we had 11 girls in attendance.

We completed 79 quilts this season, which we felt was a great number considering all the setbacks throughout the quilting year. We were able to give 7 quilts to our graduating seniors and 5 to fire victims. We also gave some quilts to our Christmas families. We gave 10 to Blanket Sunday, which will go to local families.

We are in need of cotton material for squares for our quilts. If you see some at yard sales, we would be very grateful for your donation.

I would like to personally thank each of the girls who filled in for me as I still suffer from long COVID and have some health issues.

Quilting resumes September 6.

In His Service,
Shirley Harco
Cover Girls

Evangelism

Can you believe it?! We are starting our third year for the Fishes & Loaves Ministry and Nick's Closet. We continue to serve on average 150 to 170 people each weekend. Nick's Closet serves about 20 people each Saturday. What a blessing this has been! I would like to thank everyone who has supported us through prayers, donations of either money or Thrivent cards, working on the weekends to pack the lunches, those who cut our carrots and celery, and those who have baked and bagged cookies. This ministry could not continue these past two years without everyone's help.

During the month of August the crew that makes the lunches will take the month off. Charlie's Deli has graciously volunteered their staff to come and make lunches on Saturday and pass them out to the community. Thank God for such a blessing. Michelle will still have the food pantry open as usual. The following dates we will be closed: July 2-3, August 20-21, and September 3-4. This allows for the team to spend time with their families.

The Food pantry is now in the new room, and all is going well with it. We are still in need of volunteers to help with making lunches on Saturdays and Sundays. There is a signup sheet in the gathering space. Also, as many are already experiencing, the cost at stores is rising. We are trying to be very frugal with our funds but we have seen a decrease in donations. We are asking that anyone with Thrivent cards available to consider donating them. These cards will help us either buy lunch supplies, paper goods, hygiene and cleaning supplies, or items that we purchase for the Food Pantry that we cannot get from Country Neighbor. This includes basic staple items like flour, sugar, ketchup, mustard, salt, pepper, and other items.

We are sponsoring a craft fair/basket raffle on October 1. We are reaching out to the congregation and local businesses for donations of baskets or items that we could raffle off. We are also asking if you have an employer that might be willing to make a donation that you might inquire with them. If you are able to donate something or know of an organization that we can reach out to, please contact either Martha Jayne Thompson or Michelle Logan.

Again, thank you to everyone for your love and support these past two years. We are looking forward to the future as we serve our angels in the community.

Serving Christ
Michelle Logan
The Evangelism Team, Chair

Property

George has received two quotes for the parking lot. The first one is from Pro Paving coming in at \$7,820. The second is from Wilkinson paving, quoted at \$10,652. These quotes are just to fill cracks, striping, and sealant. Wilkinson also provided us a quote of \$48,000 to completely redo the parking lot. Also,

- George is getting a quote to have a dying tree removed that is located close to the “man cave.”
- Property needs to purchase an enclosure for the new dumpster. The estimated cost is \$1,500.
- Property will purchase a discharge chute for the lawnmower.

Be Blessed!

George Peterson

Property Committee

Social Ministry

Greetings from Social Ministry! There has been more activity in our church recently. Hospitality has been pretty regular. The sign-up sheets have been on the kiosk. If nobody is on the schedule, there will be coffee and juice, if we have some.

We are having a fish dinner this year during D-Day activities on Friday, August 19. The menu will include fish, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, baked beans, dessert, and beverage. The plan for this year's dinner is that it will be held in the fellowship hall and will be all you can eat. We have not set the price yet, as we are awaiting the cost of the fish. Watch for a flier and a menu on the TV with the announcements.

We will have blanket Sunday in the fall, a basket raffle, possibly the Thanksgiving feast will be back, and the Nisua bakers will be baking starting in October. Of course, we will have our Christmas families complete with a tree with gift ornaments for you to take and return before December 18, and we will be packing that morning.

It's nice to be busy again. If you want to help or join a committee—Evangelism, Social Ministry, The Cover Girls (quilters), The Cooks for Christ, Christian Education, and Property would welcome you! When new Time and Talent forms come out, sign on for some of the other opportunities to serve at Sunday service.

Peace and God's Blessing to all,

Pearl Ann Curtis

Social Ministry Team


JULY ALTAR GUILD: Ruth Brown, Janelle Cole,
Susan Combs



**8:30 Service
Outdoors
through Sept. 4**



July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div></div> <div>July is Sabbatical Month. Committee and Council meetings will resume in August.</div>					1 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	2
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31 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	<div>From a compilation by Max Bowen of announcements that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:</div> <div>“Don’t let worry kill you off—let the church help.”</div> <div></div>					

