



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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Dear Friends in Christ,

The following prayer was published by Lutherans for Life. I wanted to share it with you in its original, unedited form; however, please note that this prayer was originally written as part of a devotional to support the single Christian mother in her special and often especially difficult work. Nonetheless, the petitions are adaptable – and the Bible passages relevant – for each of our situations. We thank God for our mothers, and pray for His continued blessings upon them. Happy Mother's Day! ~Pastor Bill

A Mother's Prayer (from Not Alone)

Dear Heavenly Father,

I know it is Your good plan that children have a mommy and a daddy. But for now, I, alone, am responsible for parenting this precious child. When I am uncertain about choices in life, show me Your faith and fill me with Your presence (Psalm 16).

When I am anxious, guard my heart and mind (Philippians 4:4-9).

When I am afraid, wipe my fears away (Romans 8:31-39).

When I grow tired and discouraged as a mother, fill me with the fruits of Your Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23a) and help me not to give up (6:9).

When I am tempted as a woman, remind me that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

When I am confused about love, help me to know Your perfect love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

When my child needs a Father's example, show Yourself (Psalm 10:14; 2 Corinthians 6:18).

When I am worried for my child and myself, be the Father we both need (Matthew 6:25-34).

When I fail, forgive me (1 John 2:12) and help me start over.

When I begin to wonder if You really care, take away all my doubts (Psalm 103).

Help me to be a woman of noble character (Proverbs 31) and a mother whose love is made real in all I say and do.

Amen.

In His service,
Pastor Bill

Upcoming Elections

Since January 2016, you have been hearing about our upcoming election of officers in May 2016. To date, we are still looking for a Chairperson of the Board of Communications and President of GSLC congregation. Marlis Norton and Becky Aragon have been relentless in filling the ballot for all the open positions and are now counting on the Spirit to move members of the congregation to consent to having their name on the ballot for these spots. I would like to remind everyone about the process of electing people to the various offices as per the GSLC Constitution as follows:

“Officers of the congregation, board chairpersons and elders must be communicant members 18 years of age or older. All terms of office shall be two years. Consecutive terms in an office shall be limited to two. The office of President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Christian Education, Chairperson of the Board of Christian Ministry – Outreach, the Chairperson of the Board of Communication, the Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship and approximately half of the Elders will be elected in the second quarter of even numbered years, taking office on July 1.

The office of Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Elders (Head Elder), the Chairperson of the Board of Property, the Chairperson of the Board of Christian Ministry - Inreach and approximately half the Elders will be elected in the second quarter of odd numbered years, taking office on July 1.

The Church Council shall appoint and announce the members of the Nominating Committee at least two months prior to the election of officers and chairpersons. The committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office to be elected. All candidates must be notified of their nomination and be willing to serve. The slate of candidates shall be presented to the Church Council prior to the election. Additional candidates may be nominated by a voting member in the voter’s meeting during which the election is held provided that the nominee meets requirements above and accepts the nomination in person or in writing.

Officers, Board Chairpersons and Elders shall be elected by ballot at a regular voter’s meeting. A majority of all votes cast shall be required for election.

A vacated office will be filled by a communicant member 18 years of age or older, appointed by the Church Council for the duration of the term.”

There are two areas I want to call your attention to. First, nominations for the various positions can be made during the May Voter’s meeting. However, remember the following as outlined in the constitution:

“Additional candidates may be nominated by a voting member in the voter’s meeting during which the election is held provided that the nominee meets requirements above and accepts the nomination in person or in writing.”

Secondly, if a position is left vacant, it “will be filled by a communicant member 18 years of age or older, appointed by the Church Council for the duration of the term.” Of course no one will be appointed without their consent. However, the decision will be made by Council and not the majority of voting members from the congregation to fill these positions.

The next Council meeting is 5/9/16. The slate of candidates will be approved for the 5/15/16 Voter’s Meeting. This slate will then be sent to all members prior to the 5/15/16 to allow them to review the slate in advance of the meeting. My prayer is this slate will not have any empty positions due to the lack of a candidate. May the Lord continue to bless us with the people He has led to fill these important positions in His mission field at GSLC.

Lee Brooks
President GSLC

Stewardship Corner - News Flash!

Somebody-else and Anybody-but-me have gone missing!

If you've seen either one, please be kind and encourage them to come back to us! It's puzzling why they'd leave us in the first place. We've counted on them for so many things and they should know how much they are appreciated. In fact they should be honored for all the faith and trust we've put in them knowing they always faithfully and efficiently fulfill whatever task their assigned. How can we possibly continue to function without them!

In fact, we have two open servant positions we were certain they would gladly take on and humbly accept based on their past performance.

To assist you in encouraging these two individuals back, here is what you need to know about the open positions.

Public Relations/Communications Board Chair

The broad responsibility is to see that information about Good Shepherd gets communicated to members, friends and the general public and is a voting member of Council. The board has oversight of the website, newsletter and other publications, outdoor sign, and historian. It already has active participants/supporters for newsletter compilation, sign, Federation Newspaper submissions and the website.

Council President

The President chairs council and voter meetings, keeping to an orderly agenda; stays in communication with pastor, council members and the congregation. They offer guidance and encouragement through the newsletter, as needed various announcements, and new member orientations.

So, continue to keep an eye out for our missing members, Somebody-else and Anybody-but-me! I am certain they would readily accept their assumed posts, having been gently encouraged and informed. Also please pray for them, that the our Lord would keep them safe from all harm and renew their spirit of service that they may return to us unharmed and refreshed, ready to serve.

As the women's bible class is fixin' to wrap up our study of Thessalonians, one of our assignments is to reflect on what we counted as the memorable themes of these letters of Paul. For me there are two. First is the repeated entreaty to support and collaborate with one another, serving one another that all may benefit and be prepared to deal with the world around them. There were lots of pressures on the early church from their neighbors, their government and the passers-through since they were strategically located. The second is that they stay true to and consistent with the teachings they received from Paul, Silas and Timothy.

We all could take a lesson from those Thessalonians and how well they executed on Paul's admonitions, so much so that Paul couldn't thank and praise them enough for the example they were setting.

So what example will we set?

Searching diligently with you for Somebody-else and Anybody-but-me!

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-23

Marlis Norton, Stewardship



Fellow Members of G.S.L.C

Additional hymnals are needed for the sanctuary. If you

would like to donate \$26 per hymnal and have it dedicated in memoriam on behalf of a loved one or special situation, a dedication label will be added with the information to the respective hymnal. Envelopes for this project can be picked up from the table in the gathering area or please mark checks or a special offering in an envelope noting the money is for the purchase of a hymnal(s) in memory "..."

Money can be placed in the offering plate.

Working together in His mission field.

Thank you!

Lori Raap



OWLS

The OWLS will be going on an outing at the Creation Museum on May 10th.

Anyone 50 or older is welcome to go with us. Also welcome would be any

grandchildren or friends. Just plan to be here at the church between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. We will have tours at the museum and will be able to eat lunch there before returning to the church. Also remember to bring food items for the church pantry if you have anything to donate.

Thanks,

Fred



To all the GSL women... Our Women's Breakfast Bible Study is Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. We are using a Women of Faith study guide on Living a Balanced Life. We'll be tackling Time and Responsibilities on the 14th. Come join us for a lively discussion and the best food 'cause we bring our favorites!



"The Sheps" News

I would like to invite all High School age youth to join us for Sunday School and for youth group.

Sunday evenings we will meet at church at 6pm for fellowship and bible study. We meet almost every Sunday evening. Please text Jenn at 391-9999 or email jjoawo@hotmail.com and I can let you know if we will be.

The yard sale was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who made the donations and came to shop. It was the best yard sale we have ever had.

May 21st- The youth will be holding a spaghetti dinner with Ty Arendall as the guest speaker. The time will be announced in the Voice.

We are also running an envelope fundraiser. There will be a display in the gathering area, if you would like to donate, pick an envelope with the amount you would like and these can be placed in the offering plate.

I send regular emails out to the group so if you would like to receive them and do not currently, please email Jenn at jjoawo@hotmail.com and I will add you to my list.

I want to thank all of you that have signed up for the Kroger Community rewards Program. THANK YOU for supporting this effort as this is our main fund raiser to send youth to the National Youth Gathering. If you have not signed up, please contact Jenn Ostermeier and I will be happy to get instructions to you.

If there are any questions please contact Jenn Ostermeier at 391-9999 or Dean Daniels at 513-400-7552.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Mobile Pantry Event on Saturday, April 23rd. We had 58 volunteers which included members of our congregation, friends that came along, and also girls from Girl Scout Troop #1133. We were able to provide 50 lbs. of food to approximately 105 families. The breakdown of these families was as follows: 61 people 60 years old and older, 91 people from age 18 to 59, and 93 children 17 years old and younger. It was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed working together. We also want to thank Thrivent for our Action Team money, which we used to buy additional food to give out. Hopefully, we will have the funds to host another Mobile Pantry in the fall. If you have never participated in one of these events, come join us for the next one. It is an amazing feeling to know you have helped provide food for so many families and seniors.

Dinner and a Mission Trip to Tanzania, Africa



Ty Arendall will give a presentation of his mission trip to Tanzania, along with a spaghetti dinner provided by our Good Shepherd youth. There will be a free will offering as well as an auction to help raise funds for the trip to the National Youth Gathering. Please come and support our youth!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Holy Communion 8:30 am – Worship 9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 6:00 - Confirmation	2 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm PEP Drama 6:00 – 8:30 pm	3 Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 am Finance Committee 7:00 pm Bd. Of Education – 7:00 pm	4 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm	5 PEP Drama 6:00 – 8:30 pm	6 Classical Conversations Closing Ceremony 7:00 pm	7	
8 Holy Communion 8:30 am – Worship 9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship	9 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm PEP Drama 5:00 – 8:30 pm Dress Rehearsal Council Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 am	11 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm PEP Drama 5:00 – 8:30 pm Dress Rehearsal	12 PEP Drama All Day	13 PEP DRAMA All Day Drama Performance "Get Smart" 7:00 pm	14 Women's Bible Breakfast - 9:00 am In-Reach Meeting 11:00 am PEP DRAMA All Day Drama Performance "Get Smart" 7:00 pm	
15 Holy Communion 8:30 am – Worship 9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 - Voters' Meeting 6:00 – Confirmation (8 th grade only)	16 PEP Final Testing No Elders' Meeting	17 Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 am	18 PEP Final Testing	19	20	21 Youth Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner & Africa Mission Trip Presentation 6:00 pm	
22 Holy Communion 8:30 am – Worship 9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 6:00 – Confirmation (8 th grade only)	23	24 Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 am	25	26	27	28	
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NORTHERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

As I mentioned in last month's Newsletter, an important event will be taking place on Sunday, June 5, 2016. This event is known as [Cross The Bridge For Life](#). It keeps growing bigger and better every year! This year marks the 11th Anniversary of this event where thousands of pro-lifers with different faith backgrounds from the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area come together with the same objective: to bring awareness in respecting human life at all stages - from conception to natural death. Your participation shows that Lutherans also care about this important and vital issue! Not only that, but you can have fun doing it!

The festivities begin at 1 p.m. along the Ohio River on Festival Row in Newport, KY. After the opening program and the release of hundreds of balloons, the actual Walk starts at 2:00 p.m. across the Purple People Bridge. There is entertainment, music, face painting for the children, and free t-shirts! More festivities and food will follow the Walk, including a picnic, compliments of JTM Foods. Our own Chapter of Lutherans For Life is again a Rose Sponsor of the Walk.

Some people wonder if a walk like this can make a difference or why should they even waste their time. The answer is simple: Yes, you can make a difference! I have personally witnessed the powerful effect of participating in a Walk For Life. My husband and I attended the March For Life in Washington, D.C. several years ago. I was sporting my Lutherans For Life sign. Several people came up to me, hugged and thanked me and seemed truly surprised that a Lutheran believed in the sanctity of human life and was willing to march to prove it. It was very humbling indeed, and a little sad! It made me realize that other faith groups were in attendance, but not many Lutherans. I'm sure there are several people in our congregation that feel strongly about respecting God's gift of life. By participating in this simple effort, the important message about God's love rings loud and strong!

Lutheran For Life's prayer is that together we can stand for the value and dignity of all human life from the youngest to the oldest, the preborn to the elderly, the weakest to the strongest. "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me.'" (Matthew 25:40 ESV). I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 5, 2016 as we [Cross The Bridge For Life](#) together!



Get ready for VBS
June 13 - 17, 2016 6:00 – 8:30 pm

VBS 2016 is “farm-tastic!” In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. Plus, you’ll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He gathers us together!

Registration for VBS will begin soon. Please spread the word to family, neighbors, friends and visitors to Good Shepherd.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Be part of *Barnyard Roundup* VBS! God’s children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together at *Barnyard Roundup* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He also protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme “Jesus Gathers Us Together” as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Please volunteer for one of the many roles listed on the form. We need your help. The sign up sheep is on the Sunday School Bulletin Board.

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