



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,

I begin this newsletter article with words of thanks. The past few weeks and months have been an extremely busy time at Good Shepherd as we have moved (almost instantly, it seems!) from Christmas to Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Such busy times especially remind us that God uses the time, talent and treasures of so many dedicated people to grow His kingdom. I continue to be thankful for the many ways you serve our Lord here in this place. Whether you help out in ways that are easily observable, or serve behind the scenes, your work is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

We will remain very active in the upcoming months. Some of our planned events include:

Saturday, April 9 – Youth Yard Sale beginning at 8:00 a.m. – Please contact Jenn Ostermeier or Dean Daniels if you have large items to donate.

Friday, April 15-Saturday, April 16 (7:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.) – Youth Lock-in for Junior and Senior High students at Christ Lutheran in Cincinnati. Please bring some snacks, a 2-liter soda, games and movies to share, plus \$5 to cover the cost of food. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Becky Aragon or myself by April 6.

Saturday, April 23 – Mobile Food Pantry. Please see the article later in this newsletter.

Saturday, May 21 – Presentation on African Mission Trip plus Spaghetti Dinner to support the National Youth Gathering trip. More details to come.

Sunday, May 22 – Rite of Confirmation

June 13-17 – Vacation Bible School. More information appears later in this newsletter.

Week of June 20 – Paintsville Servant Event. More details to come.

Lastly, we rejoice that four people – Pat Harman, Kathy Meckstroth, Debbie Fitzpatrick and Robert Vaughan – recently became members of our congregation. If you know of others interested in membership at Good Shepherd, please have them contact me. An Adult Inquiry class can be arranged for those interested in learning more about what we believe, teach and confess as Lutheran Christians.

In His service,
Pastor Bill

Stewardship Corner - Generational Stewardship of the Gospel*

[Food for thought for each of us being in our own unique time, place and circumstance.]

At a recent LCMS District Stewardship Leaders Conference a wonderful presentation was given by Hadyn Shaw based largely on his recent book, *Generational IQ: Christianity isn't Dying, Millennials Aren't the Problem And the Future is Bright*.

What was most enlightening in the presentation was the fact that this is the first time in human history that we have five generations living and active at the same time: Traditionalists (born before 1945), Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964), Generation X (born 1965-1980), Millennials (born 1981-2001) and Generation Z (born after 2001). As a result of their unique experiences based on the era of their birth, each demographic has strengths and temptations. No generation is like the one before it. [...]each generation tends only to see the flaws in the other generations, especially in the generation that immediately follows it.

This can serve as a tremendous frustration for those in the parish. Since each generation is unique, no one approach to ministry will be effective across the board. The many unique and varied characteristics of each of the generations of our society, and also our congregations, should not be unexpected or a source of consternation.

In fact, when one views the Biblical image of the way that the body is made up of many members and are yet one body, this should actually be a welcome concept for us to embrace. As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (**1 COR. 12:12**).

The various strengths of the generations that Shaw cites in his book really serve as some great assets to the congregation. The stewardship challenge which is before the Church is to find a way to faithfully use these generational blessings in service to the Gospel.

Generational stewardship is about so much more than having enough money to keep the church semi-filled, heated and open to do the funerals of the Traditionalists

and Boomers. It is about stewardship of the Gospel to the generations that follow. This is our task.

*Excerpt from the StewardCAST e-newsletter for March. Go to lcms.org, Resources>Stewardship Education to read the newsletter in full.

So, wherever you find yourself in the generational spectrum, know that you have gifts peculiar to your life and faith experience that are an integral part of our ministry and mission, fiscal, physical and spiritual, in this body of Christ. We are called by our risen Lord to participate in the task of sharing His Gospel treasure.

Embrace your place and time (Psalms 31:15a), you are Empowered by a mighty Spirit (2 Timothy 1:7) to Embark on your calling in faithful obedience and complete trust. (2 Thessalonians 5:24)

Marlis Norton, Stewardship



Good Shepherd will be hosting another session of Financial Peace University this spring. Participants will learn God's way of handling money as FPU presents Biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

When: Sundays (April 3 - May 29) at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Family Life Center

(Please note that we can be flexible on scheduling the final class meeting based on the needs of the participants, as it would fall on Memorial Day weekend.)

Stay tuned for further details in the Voice and our website.

Sunday School Report

What a joyous way to start off Holy Week by the involvement of the Sunday School Student during worship service. The kids processed in waving their palm branches. Then at the appointed time they lined up in front of the alter to sing “Bring Palm Branches” by Connie Berry. Their voices were raised as high as the Palms Branches that everyone raised as Jesus entered Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday day.

We were also blessed to have two new students to join us for Sunday School. What a wonderful chorus they all were.

Mary Givhan
Sunday School Superintendent



Servant Alert!

Good Shepherd is in need of willing servants for the following positions that will be voted in May and otherwise turnover come July 1: Council President, Treasurer, 3 Elders, Boards of Communications, Outreach, Education, and Stewardship. So far two members are willing to let their names stand for two of the Boards. Prayerfully consider serving as the Spirit leads. You know who you are and more importantly God knows who you are! Let Marlis Norton, Becky Aragon, Pastor, Lynn in the office or any current servant know your questions or interest in serving. The slate will be reviewed by Council on April 11 and the Voters will decide at the May meeting.

Nominating Committee, Marlis and Becky



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 group has decided to go to the butterfly show at Krohn's Conservatory on April 12th. Anyone 50 or older is welcome to go with us. Just be at the church between 9 and 9:15 to leave soon thereafter.

Fred



We invited the Whiz Kids to join us for breakfast, an Easter egg hunt, and a craft on Easter. Four of our families came and had loads of fun. One of our families also came to the 8:30 service. What a great God we serve!

Bryce Calvert, one of our tutors, talked to the Whiz Kids about saving money. He brought piggy banks for the kids to start saving. Vince Woolley contacted the Florence EMS to pay us a visit. The Whiz Kids learned about good health and how they can depend on the EMS for help. They especially enjoyed exploring the inside of the ambulance.

Julie Mills and the Cincinnati Outreach donated dog stuffed animals to the Whiz Kids. Each child was given two dogs, one to keep, and one to give away. This was all part of the family appreciation dinner. A turkey was donated and served with ham and other goodies. The Whiz Kids also performed an Easter play directed by Karen Hilvert. A good time was had by all.

The last Whiz Kids meeting will be April 27, 2016. There will be a dinner catered by Chick-fil-A for the Whiz Kids, tutors, and families.

Lisa Krejci

Whiz Kids Site Coordinator

“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.

We would like to thank the congregation for their support Easter morning with the annual pancake breakfast!

April 9th – Yard sale! Thank you to everyone who has made a donation so far. If you have items that need to be picked up please contact Jenn or Dean, phone numbers below, to make arrangements. Items can be left in the big room in the basement.

May 21st- The youth will be holding a spaghetti dinner with Ty Arendall as the guest speaker. There will be more details to come.

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 fundraiser 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.

Thrivent

Promote – and tune into – Virtual Member Meeting on April 12

Want to get the inside scoop from Thrivent’s chief executive officer and chief financial officer? Tune in to our Virtual Member Meeting webcast on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. Central time. The online meeting is an opportunity for members to hear what’s new from Thrivent’s top leaders – and ask questions. You can participate from the comfort of your own home with a computer, tablet or smartphone and an Internet connection or gather as a group. You can submit questions from yourself or as a group. One member of your group should register at Thrivent.com/membermeeting or register as a single if from the comfort of your home.

Thanks so much !
Tammy W.

Many, many thanks to the dedicated choir members and instrumentalists who blessed us with their musical gifts through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. You are all appreciated

Glen and Kim
Leavens



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3 Holy Communion 8:30 am – Worship 9:45 am – Sunday School 9:45 am – Jason Benedict Paintsville Presentation 11:00 am – Worship 6:00 pm – Confirmation- 8 th grade only 6:00 pm – Financial Peace University	4 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm PEP Drama 6:00 – 8:30 pm	5 Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 am Home School Art Class 12:30 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm	6 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm Whiz Kids 4:00 pm	7 Classical Conversations 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	8 PEP Fine Arts Evening 6:00 – 9:00 pm	9 Women's Bible Breakfast 9:00 am Youth Garage Sale 8:00 am	
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24 Holy Communion 8:30 am – Worship 9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 6:00 pm - Confirmation 6:00 pm – Financial Peace University	25 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm PEP Drama 6:00 – 8:30 pm	26 Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30 am	27 PEP 8:00 – 4:00 pm Final Whiz Kids Celebration with dinner. No tutoring. 4:00 pm	28 Classical Conversations 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	29	30 Baby Shower 2:30 – 5:00 pm	

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY AT GOOD SHEPHERD



The Human Care Committee will host the Free Store Food Bank Mobile Pantry at Good Shepherd on Saturday, April 23rd. We will begin distributing food at 9:00 a.m. We will be signing up 100 families by working with the schools in our area as well as the elderly. These families will receive 50 lbs. of food free of charge. We will need a lot of volunteers to make this work so be thinking ahead about volunteering to help out with this food distribution in May and marking it on your calendar.

We also will be having special collections to help defray the costs of this project. We used up a large portion of our Human Care fund by providing meals to families during the holidays. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Human Care Fund so we can continue our outreach to the community.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. (Matthew 25:35)



NORTHERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS: *New Hope Center Walk For Life and CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE*

Spring is finally in the air and people are getting back outside and walking. Walking is good, but walking for a cause is even better! ***The New Hope Center's Annual Walk for Life*** will be held on Saturday, April 30th at Pioneer Park, 3951 Madison Pike, Covington, KY. Check in begins at 9:30 a.m. with the actual Walk starting at 10:00 a.m. Watch our bulletin board for further information.

Another great walk to mark down on your calendar is happening on Sunday, June 5. This is the Cross The Bridge For Life Walk. Last year over 4,000 people from different walks of life, different faith backgrounds, and people who just wanted to celebrate the wonderful gift of LIFE that God has given them joined together and Crossed The Bridge For Life. Festivities begin at 1 pm, and the Walk begins at 2 pm. Because this wonderful event continues to grow, participants will gather at the Festival Grounds on the river in Newport for the opening program, then process across the Purple People Bridge. More festivities and food will follow the Walk, including a picnic, compliments of JTM Foods. Our Chapter of Lutherans For Life is a Rose Sponsor to this event. Entertainment, food, music, face-painting and t-shirts are available. Join others as we ***Cross the Bridge for Life!***

“Babies are a gift from God—from the moment of conception. Every life is precious to God because He is the Creator of life (Jeremiah 1:5a)” *Kay Meyer, former director of development for Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org



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 sheet is on the Sunday School Bulletin Board.

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