

GOOD TIDINGS

May 2019

Special points of interest:

- Fun Run Pictures
- VBS
- Youth Ministry

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Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. (1 Peter 3:15-16)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For most of us who grew up in Lutheran churches, we didn't hear a lot of testimonies given in worship. This was not because our Lutheran ancestors didn't have faith stories to tell (they did), but it just didn't seem to fit within the context of our liturgical tradition. I also believe that throughout the years, we pastors have communicated the message (consciously or unconsciously) that only those who have gone to seminary have a faith story to tell. That is too bad. Helping each other come to the point where we can tell our stories is something the Church should be about. How else can we become comfortable in sharing the faith that God has given us?

One of the things that I have most enjoyed about being your pastor for the last five years has been to hear the testimonies given by our fellow sisters and brothers of SOTH. More than 75 of you have stood before the congregation and – in one way or another – have shared how you have seen God in motion in your lives. Some of the testimonies have come in the form of the faith statements of 34 young people on the day of their confirmation. Another 20 or so have come in the form of our God-in-Motion stories. Yet another 21 have come during the somber Good Friday reflections on Jesus' seven last words. As I think about it, we certainly should count the experiences of our middle schoolers and high schools as they have shared how camp and high school mission trips have spoken to them as well as those adults who went to Nicaragua in 2018. In total, more than 100 people have come forward during our worship services to share how they have seen God at work in their particular context.

It is so important that we hear these stories from you. I can stand up in front of the congregation and tell stories of my life – but you kind of expect a pastor to do that. I can even tell the stories of other people that I have known (with their permission of course), but it is not the same. It is much more effective to hear these experiences from your own lips. It does not take long to realize that the struggles we have are also the struggles shared by many others – ageing, divorce, loss of spouse, illness, bankruptcy, etc. It is not only important to hear how others may be walking the same difficult path, but how we have seen God at work in the midst of the challenge. Of course, it is not only important for us to hear the stories, but it is important for you to tell the story. In telling our stories, our faith is strengthened. To those who have shared their testimonies, thank you. I am humbled by your courage. God strengthens our faith and hope through you. To those who have not yet stepped forward to share your faith stories, pray about it. We need to hear your story and how God has been at work through that story.

Peace, strength, and joy,

Pastor Jon

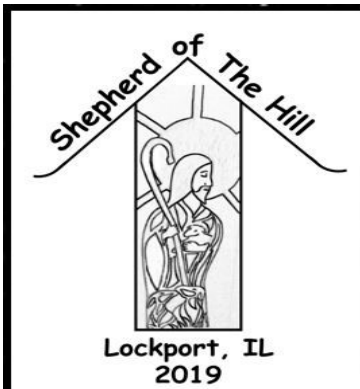


The month of May is a very busy month at SOTH Preschool. The students will be very busy working on special projects for their parents. The students in the four year old program will be walking to Berkot's for a tour of the grocery store. They will enjoy a fruit cutting demonstration, a visit to the bakery for a delicious cookie and the highlight of the trip will be a walk in the freezer. They are also busy practicing songs for Graduation and finishing their journals. The children in the three year old program have also been working hard on their end of the year projects. On May 2nd, they will be taking a trip to "Hawaii". During their visit, they will explore in the sand, play beach volleyball, try some pineapple, make a surf board and watch a Volcano erupt and be back to school in time for dismissal! The students in the four year old program will participate in a Graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The all school picnic will be held on Friday, May 24th between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

Our students are amazing! On May 8th and 9th, the students will be riding their bikes to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Registration is open for the 2019/2020 school year. There are a few openings left in the three and four year old programs. If you or a family you may know are interested, please contact the preschool office at 815-838-0708 for more information. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our preschool.

God Bless,

The SOTH Staff



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Present: Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Rick McManis, Amber Gayhart (Nickel), Tom Gustafson, Dan Rogan, Nell Pieper, Nancy Baumgart, Cheryl Zacarias

Absent: Kevin Helfert, Ken Bobek

Special Order of Business / Guests: NONE

The Council shared personal “highs/lows” and prayed for one another.

Minutes of the March 19th Council meeting were approved within this meeting by present Council members.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Baumgart discussed the monthly financial report for March 2019, including the income and expenses.

Pastor’s Report (Highlights): Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

- March 21st: met with Pastor Charles Carter, church coordinator for Will Co. Habitat for Humanity.
- April 17th: Seder Meal @ 6:00pm, so far approximately 70 will be in attendance.
- May 13th-17th: attending Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis for continuing education.
- June 14th-15th: Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, Dan Gaddis and Nell Piper will be our reps, Pastor unable to attend.

Youth Ministry Coordinator’s Report (Highlights): Mike Markwell shared his monthly report prior to the meeting. He highlighted the following:

- Future Events: April 17th: Seder Meal / April 21st: Easter Breakfast / April 27th-28th: Preaching
- Current Projects: High School Mission Trip- only one youth signed up by the April 1st deadline, many youths are taking summer school (held Monday thru Thursday and most of the summer), purposed a possible weekend mission trip and looking for college age students whom previously attended to participate again.

President’s Report: President Kirk’s mailbox included: no mail.

Council discussion of Ministry teams:

- Communications (Dan):** met last Saturday, April 13th and the following was discussed: Public Information Meeting postcard mailed to Church to be held on Thursday, April 25th from 4:00 – 6:00pm at the City of Lockport City Hall with the purpose of discussing the Phase 1 Engineering Study for IL Route 7 (E. 9th Street): Lincoln Street to Summit Drive, will be added to our bulletin (by Dawn) and website (by Kris) / discussion of updating our signs on Summit and 9th Street
- Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):**
- Easter Event on Saturday, April 20th from 10am to 12pm
- Saturday, May 4th at 9am will be a Star Wars themed 5k fun run/walk
- Stewardship (Pastor):** shared appreciation for the financial team and their hard work
- Learning & Youth (Rick/Amber):** PALM squad will be performing on Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st
- Preschool (Nell):** met on Tuesday, April 16th, no updates to report, no recommendations to council
- Property (Kevin):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council
- Worship (Pastor):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council

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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

- a. **Finance/Audit (Nancy)** – audit process (done every three months) will run more smoothly due to help of finance committee
- b. **Memorial Gifts (Cheryl)** – next meeting May 7th, no updates to report, no recommendations to council
- c. **Personnel (Ken)** – process of completing evaluations for staff, no recommendations to council
- d. **Nomination (Phil Sleezer, August)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council
- e. **Endowment (Tom)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council

Old Business:

- a. Mike's replacement beginning Summer 2019
- b. Possibility of becoming an internship site for Wartburg Seminary's new 4-year collaborative learning program: Pastor shared the application is in process to be completed and will ask for Council input in the next few days / a Congregational Forum will be held on Sunday, May 12th in between the 9am and 10:30am services and the purpose is to discuss the process for Youth Pastor replacement.
- c. Building Security – Committee will be called Building Safety Team and include Nancy, Amber, and Kevin / a brief overview will be shared in the bulletin to inform and recruit committee members
- d. HVAC update – Kevin
- e. New Church Directory – Cheryl Zacarias and Kim Bell will work together to support this initiative.

New Business:

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:10pm and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30p.m.


Amber Nickel-Gayhart / Secretary

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Bible Quiz

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, to what two women is Boaz connected?

- A. Rahab and Ruth
- B. Tamar and Rahab
- C. Ruth and Bathsheba
- D. Bathsheba and Mary



Answer: A (See Matthew 1:5.)

A key ingredient

In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together and the music that brings harmony.



Greetings,

For one of the classes I have been taking in seminary over the past year I created a time and talents survey for the congregation. In meeting I had with people in the fall I saw a trend emerge. There are people in the congregation who would like to volunteer more but don't know how to get involved and there are committees in the congregation who have plenty of opportunities for people to be involved.

What we have created is a survey that will seek to find where people would like to be involved with various ministries and when they are available to serve in said ministries. The survey is available online, a link can be found on our webpage. www.shepherdofthehill.com it is also included with our weekly emails. There are also paper copies of the survey that will be available before and after worship services. The survey is only 10 questions and will take less than 3 minutes to complete.

When the results are compiled, I will meet with the leaders of these various ministries and discuss how we can best utilize volunteers, and I will out those people who have taken the survey in touch with leaders of the various ministries, in which they have interest.

My goal with this project is that everyone is able to find a way to volunteer that fits their interests, skills, and availability. If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Mike

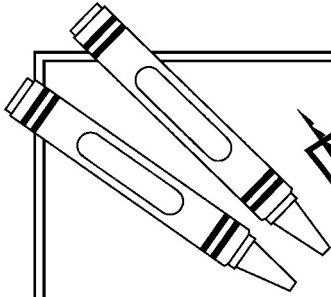


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PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.

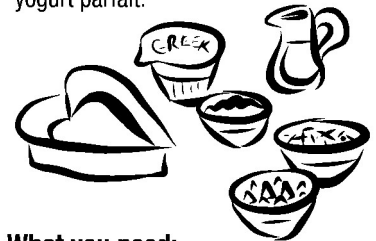


PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, family, children, up, call

HEART-SHAPED breakfast

Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.






What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Faith Night @ 5:30pm 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	2 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Small Group/Men 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	3 9am—Dominoes	4 Fun Run May the 4th Be With You 1:30—Memorial Service Gary Lawhun 5pm—Worship Family Movie Night with Pizza
5 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	6	7 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7:00pm—Worship Comm.	8 Preschool TrikeAThon 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—Last 7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	9 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Small Group/Women 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	10 9am—NO Dominoes 9-10am—Aunt Prisie Visitation 10am—Aunt Prisie Memorial Service 4:30pm—Mead G/S	11 10am—Visitation Group 5pm—Worship
12 Mother's Day  9am—Worship 10am—Informational Mtg 10:30am—Sunday School 11:40am—Beginner Bells 11:45am—Community Bldrs. 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	13	14 10am—Memorial Gifts Comm. Mtg. 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board	15 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	16 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5pm—Soderstrom G/Scouts 6pm—Executive Committee 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	17 9am—Dominoes	18 9am—Lockport Women's Club Breakfast 5pm—Worship
19 9am—Worship 10:30am—Last Day of Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	20	21 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Deborah Circle in Narthex	22 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	23 Preschool Graduation 6:30 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	24 Preschool Picnic 10am 9am—Dominoes	25 5pm—Worship
26 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	27 Memorial Day 	28 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Ruth Circle	29 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	30 9am—5pm—1st Aid/CPR Class for Staff 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12:pm—Caregiver Group 7pm—Cub Scouts	31	



May through August Schedule

Summer Schedule

Wednesday Service begins June 5th through August 7th
Last Saturday service is June 1st, resumes August 17th

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion	Reader	AV Operator	Counters
	9am Only	Assistant 9am	9am Only	All Services	
5/4 - 5/5	Jim Forbes	Nancy Baumgart Dan Gaddis	Susan Forbes	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Phil Sleezer Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Sally Unmisig Cheryl Zacharias
5/11 - 5/12	Dave Helfert	D. Rothlisberger Tina Baker	Jan Rauworth	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Chris Toso Susan Krause
5/18 - 5/19	Mike Markwell	Jan Rauworth Donna Woods	Donna Rothlisberger	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:30am Susan Mead	Eric Krause Ed Grabenhofer
5/25 - 5/26	Gary Wintersteen	Kirstin Mack Lynn Reed	Nancy Monken	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:30am Kris Glowczynski	Jim Zacharias Don Lawler
6/1 - 6/2	Linda Bunting	Bill Bunting Gary Haut	Tina Baker	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:30pm Bryan Rauworth	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
6/5 - 6/9 SUMMER WED SERVICES START	Jim Forbes	Jeri Rigoni Harold Sager	Donna Woods	Wed. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Cheryl Zacharias
6/12 - 6/16	Jeri Rigoni	Linda Bunting Nancy Baumgart	Gary Flink	Wed. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Chris Toso Susan Krause
6/19 - 6/23	Harold Sager	Tina Baker D. Rothlisberger	Heidi Habas	Wed. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Eric Krause Ed Grabenhofer
6/26 - 6/30	Jim Forbes	Dan Gaddis Jan Rauworth	Gary Haut	Wed. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Susan Krause Don Lawler
7/3 - 7/7	Dave Helfert	Lynn Reed Kirstin Mack	Jim Forbes	Wed. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
7/10 - 7/14	Mike Markwell	Donna Woods Tina Baker	Linda Bunting	Wed. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Phil Sleezer Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Sally Unmisig Cheryl Zacharias
7/17 - 7/21	Gary Wintersteen	Harold Sager Jeri Rigoni	Kirstin Mack	Wed. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Chris Toso Susan Krause
7/24 - 7/28	Linda Bunting	Gary Haut Bryan Rauworth	Jan Sleezer	Wed. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Eric Krause Ed Grabenhofer
7/31 - 8/4	Jim Forbes	Nancy Baumgart D. Rothlisberger	Dan Gaddis	Wed. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Chris Toso Don Lawler
8/7 - 8/11 LAST WED SERVICE	Jeri Rigoni	Donna Woods Dan Gaddis	Lynn Reed	Wed. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:30am Susan Mead	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
8/17 - 8/18 SPM SATURDAY SERVICES RESUME	Harold Sager	Lynn Reed Jan Rauworth	Jeri Rigoni	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Sally Unmisig Cheryl Zacharias
8/24 - 8/25	Nancy Monken	Kirstin Mack Bryan Rauworth	Mickey Callaghan	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Chris Toso Susan Krause
8/31 - 9/1	Dave Helfert	Gary Haut Tina Baker	M. Wintersteen	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Jerry Liston Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Eric Krause Ed Grabenhofer

Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk President
Rick McManis..... Vice President
Amber Gayhart Secretary
Nancy BaumgartTreasurer

Council Member

Ken Bobak Nell Pieper
Tom Guftafson Kevin Helfert
Dan Rogan Tom Guftafson
Cheryl Zacharias

Council Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the
Month at 6:30PM



5/2 Danny Gaddis Jr., Bob Mandera
5/3 Aidan Siewert
5/5 Clara Larson

5/6 David Helfert, Hannah Johnson
5/7 Otto Krause, Marilyn Yudt
5/9 Virginia Buikema, Nick Lata, Daniel Likins
5/11 Tom Gustafson, Brooklynn Piantek
5/12 Michelle Lewandowski
5/13 Fern Kinder, Troy Siewert
5/14 Donald Lawler
5/15 Nancy Baumgart
5/17 Roberto Caneva
5/18 Cody Gerrity
5/19 Jack Anians
5/20 Emily Mack, Chloe Szczepanski
5/21 Adam Steffgen
5/24 William Bunting, Jim Calderaro,
Andy Callaghan, Susan Forbes,
Donald Huhnke
5/25 Ronald Helfert
5/26 Carole Garrett, Jan Rauworth
5/27 Judy Matarelli, Kelly Siewert
5/28 Ava Bobek, Brandon Fuss, Heather Meurer
5/31 Caitlyn Krueger



5/9 Paul & Lisa Krueger
5/12 Pam & James Leno
5/14 Paul & Christine Toso
5/15 Lilly & Mindaugas Mazeika
5/15 Richard & Lisa McManis
5/24 Jill & Shane House
5/30 Richard & Mary Ann Anderson
5/31 John & Diane Bramlet

Monthly Financial Report Month - Year

Income	Mar
General	\$ 32,598.00
Loose Offering	\$ 942.00
Simple Give Contribution	\$ 255.00
Simple Give Expense	\$ (18.38)
Vanco Contribution	\$ 600.00
Vanco Expense	\$ (6.00)
Special Envelopes	\$ 415.00
Income	\$ 34,785.62
Preschool etc. Utilities	\$ 1,556.00
Preschool Salaries IN	\$ 6,278.15
Fish Pantry	\$ 200.00
Special Property Projects	\$ 1,183.00
Endowment & Memorial	\$ -
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Parking Lot	\$ -
Pastor Appreciation	\$ -
Total Special Gifts	\$ 9,267.15
Total Income	\$ 44,052.77
Expenses	
Salaries & Taxes SOTH	\$ 16,377.99
Salaries & Taxes Preschool	\$ 6,278.15
Portico / Benefits	\$ 3,353.79
Mortgage	\$ 2,571.00
Child Care / Hospitality	\$ 147.38
Fish Pantry	\$ -
Building & Grounds	\$ 2,866.43
Maintenance	\$ 1,177.86
Utilities	\$ 3,297.68
NI Synod ELCA	\$ 3,771.00
Office Expenses	\$ 703.03
Worship & Music	\$ 953.57
Youth & Adult Education	\$ 1,100.00
Endowment & Memorial	\$ 35.00
Advertising / Audio	\$ 789.00
Total Expenses	\$ 43,421.88
Net Income	\$ 630.89



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Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our
Community Through Jesus Christ"



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday
5:00PM

Sunday
9:00AM and 10:35AM

Sunday School
10:30AM

Childcare Available

GOOD TIDINGS



Their hearts
are firm,
secure in
the LORD.

Psalms 112:7, NRSV

Above and beyond

When 20-year-old Hunter Shamatt lost his wallet while traveling to a wedding last fall, he assumed its contents — including \$60 in cash — were gone forever. But not only did someone return the wallet and everything inside it; the good Samaritan also *added* money. "I rounded your cash up to an even \$100 so you can celebrate getting your wallet back," read a note signed with the initials TB.

Hunter's mom, who posted a photo of the note on Facebook, said her faith in humanity was restored. The world's "not as grim as it's being made out to be," Jeannie Shamatt wrote.

Like the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, "TB" — who turned out to be Todd Brown of Omaha — went above and beyond in expressing kindness to a stranger. May we do likewise, bandaging one another's wounds, providing comfort, sacrificing our resources and showing mercy, all in Jesus' name.

—Stephanie Martin

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appear in the next issue, assuming the articles are not date sensitive. Remember that we depend on your input in order to be able to have information to publish

"To the world
you are a
mother, but to
your family you
are the world."

Adapted from
Dr. Seuss