

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

June 2016

Thoughts for Father's Day

June 19th is Father's Day. As our cartoon for this month shows, children learn a lot from their parents. And parents can learn a lot from their children.

The Bible has a lot to say to parents and children. To parents, the apostle Paul writes, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Eph 6:4)

To children, Paul writes: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. (Eph 6:1-3)



And above all, Paul encourages us all: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Eph 4:32; 5:1,2)

It's not always easy to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. But, what our Father in heaven has done makes all the difference in the world. His actions in loving us and forgiving us not only set a pattern and serve as a model, but they give us loveless sinners new hearts and new minds. It is God who creates the new person in Christians, who now have the power and the ability to forgive one another and live as His dearly loved children.

May we all walk in the love of our gracious and loving God.

Happy Father's Day.

Blessings, *Pastor Dan*

The Open Door

By Michael J. Dunn
Congregation President

This month, I have a collection of topics to report.

CALL COMMITTEE:

As mentioned previously, the Call Committee comprises the Church Council *and* all members of the Board of Elders: Mike Dunn, Tony Huset, Katie Reinitz, Paul Boule, Michelle Boule, Wayne Boudreau, Joe Morton, and Norm Gerken. Louise Chiyabwe was chosen to be the Committee Secretary. The identification of members is determined by Bylaw § 1.2 (see this column for the May newsletter). We have one missing member, yet to be identified, from the Board of Youth. At present, the Committee is working on the development of a "Self-Study," which is an assessment of the state of the Congregation.

PUBLICATIONS:

Church Council Minutes: By now, the Congregation should have access to copies of the Church Council meeting minutes from April and May. If a copy is not available in the Narthex, please contact Valerie Rice in the church office for a copy. We have attempted to make the minutes more complete and informative.

Revised Constitution & Bylaws: Thanks to the heroic efforts of Joe Morton, we finally have a recent revision of our Constitution and Bylaws that summarizes the various revision changes that have occurred over the past several years. Again, some copies will be made available in the Narthex, but if they are missing, please request a copy from Valerie Rice.

Much of the life of this church has passed without being documented. We mean to correct that lapse and provide you with a clear and complete account of church business. Transparency is a funny thing; it requires visibility. Without it, we have invisibility. Not the same thing at all.

BOARDS:

Board of Education: The Board of Education has a broad responsibility for the education of the Congregation, the instruction of Sunday School, and the oversight of the Preschool. It is greatly hindered by a lack of Congregational involvement. The problem is not a lack of ideas (there are plenty going begging), but a lack of members to put these ideas into effect. If you value education, or have any talent in this area, please come forward and contact Katie Reinitz, myself, or Denes Van Parys.

Board of Youth: In a very similar vein, we are also hindered in developing and executing programs for our Youth. Keeping our young members in the church requires that we be involved with them, or they will wander away. And who can blame them? More to the point, will we accept the blame? If you have an interest in this area, please come forward and contact Sue Tofflemire or myself.

As always, I am available outside of services, in the Narthex, down in the Fellowship Hall, by telephone (home 253-838-5820), and by e-mail (michaeljdunn@msn.com). Every question deserves an answer.

Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Gottgetieu
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Grochowicz - Popplewell
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Preszler - Zmuda

Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.

Financial Update

As we get ready to start summer, the weather turns nice and we sometimes forget our church is still operating for us during this time, however, with offerings less than the beginning of the year. Your prayerful consideration regarding making our church a priority on your payment list is needed. Bills continue to need to be paid and our programs don't stop just because it is summer.

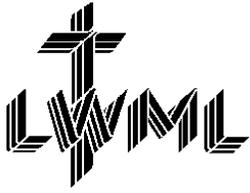
We are still accepting donations for the Chapel Annex re-roofing project along with all the other maintenance needed. Your prayers are needed most of all. These projects need to be done before there are bigger problems that will cost a lot more.

Thank you all. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Men's Breakfast / Bible Study

Saturday, June 18th – 8 am

Join us for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and in-depth Bible Study. We are going through the series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." We will be discussing the chapter "David's Dying Wish" (1 Kings 1-2).



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

• **Tuesdays:**

Bible Study (9:15 am)

Quilting (10 am)

• **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, June 12th

• **WA/AK District Convention** – June 17-19 (Everett, WA)

NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD LWML WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

The **Spring Tea** featured **quilts**...did you see them? Speaking of quilts...**43** completed quilts were taken to Seattle for the Spring Lutheran **World Relief** ingathering by Matt Brehmer. (See LWR poster on downstairs bulletin board for more information.)

WA-AK District Convention is June 17-19 in Everett. The theme: *“God’s Gifts for God’s Glory”* will be a “mountain top” experience for all who attend. I know this because I have attended more than 18 conventions! Try one...you won’t regret it!

Tuesday morning Bible Study and Quilting meet throughout the summer. All are welcome to join us!

Serving the Lord, with Gladness.
Jane Oberg



Vacation Bible School Summer 2016

July 11-15, 2016

9 am – 12:30 pm

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with this year’s VBS. We need all hands on deck to help make this year’s VBS a success!

Call the church office to volunteer, or talk to Debbie Tanner.

Our Theme this year is: ***Barnyard Roundup!***



Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs

We thank and praise God for another preschool year at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We ended the year with a total of seventeen students. During this year we implemented some recommendations from the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation committee and will continue to do so as time and resources allow. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the preschool with this endeavor. We are confident we will be able to keep our accreditation status and are very pleased with all the improvements we have been able to make.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is going well. If you or anyone you know is looking for a preschool, please consider this preschool program. The registration fee to hold a spot is \$75. We have increased the time by 15 minutes for both our classes to meet 8:45 am – 11:30 am. The yearly tuition for the Tuesday / Thursday class is \$1,170 for the school year or \$130 / monthly, payable September – May. The yearly tuition for the Monday / Wednesday / Friday class is \$1,755 for the school year or \$195 monthly, payable September – May. Please view our website or call for a tour at 253-473-4848.

Do you place orders with **Amazon.com**? If so, please consider going through our preschool website to get to Amazon.com, using the link at the bottom of our home page. By doing this, Amazon will donate a small percentage of the total you spend to our preschool, with no extra cost to you. Thank you!

We would like to thank and recognize Ruth Gerken for her many (11) years as our preschool board chair. She has served humbly and selflessly and has gone beyond the role of chair to be incredibly supportive of the preschool in many ways. We sincerely appreciate her efforts and will miss her presence in such an active role.

Finally, we thank you for your continued prayer support for our preschool students, families, board members, and staff. We ask that you would keep praying for the preschool and all involved as your prayers are truly heard and answered by God. Thank you!

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher

Lunch Bunch

Join us on June 9th at 11:45 am for our Lunch Bunch Pot Blessing. Our program for the day is Kathy Barker as she shares her recent trip to Spain following the Camino de Santiago – a pilgrimage route through much of Western Europe to the shrine of the apostle James Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried.