

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

July 2016

Respect

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

JESUS LOVE ME
THIS I KNOW!



The CLANGING CYMBALS of Love
performed by Clyde Armstrong
I Cor 13:1

On this July Fourth allow me to introduce you to Andrew Pawelczyk, who played the cymbals at Eisenhower Junior High School in Darien, Illinois.

At the band's end-of-the-school-year concert, the group began with the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." This arrangement had Pawelczyk clanging his cymbals together at the end of every other line. It was impressive and it was loud.

Then the unthinkable happened.

When the band got to the "bombs bursting in air," the strap on one of Pawelczyk's cymbals broke. He held the strap, but the cymbal clattered to the floor. The broken strap left him with only one cymbal and, as we all know, it's hard to get a good *crash* out of one cymbal.

Now there are a lot of things a junior high cymbal player can do when a broken strap puts him out of commission. He can run off the stage; he can start laughing; he can start crying; he can throw the other cymbal at the laughing drummer.

Pawelczyk did none of those things. A video of the event showed what happened. His eyes got big at what had just happened; he looked around and then he looked to his director for guidance. Then he set the other cymbal on the ground, did a quarter turn, and saluted the flag. He held that salute until the end of the anthem.

Later on, Pawelczyk explained, "My family is very patriotic. My grandfather was in the Korean War. He taught me to salute the flag." The word Pawelczyk is searching for is "respect." In a world where equality has replaced authority and the good of the one outweighs the good of the many, respect is a commodity which is in pretty short supply.

Still, according to St. Paul, respect is one of the more *public* things which Christians do.

You understand there are some things -- things like Baptism and Communion and formal worship -- which we pretty much do amongst ourselves. But paying taxes and giving respect and honor to the proper parties is something we do, so everyone can realize that just because the Savior is first in our lives that doesn't mean we are going to shirk our responsibility to be good citizens.

I pray that our children learn such respect from us.

Blessings, *Pastor Dan*

The Open Door

By Michael J. Dunn
Congregation President

This month, I have two topics to report.

CALL COMMITTEE:

For those of you who may not be aware of developments this year, here is a short recap:

- 20 March – Pastor Gerken announces to the Church Council his intention to retire. The Congregation will be required to call a new Pastor to replace him.
- 17 April – Pastor Gerken makes his announcement to the Congregation; the Call Committee is formed from Church Council and Board of Elders.
- 24 April – First meeting of the Committee and distribution of NW District advisory literature.
- 23 May – Second meeting of the Committee and beginning of a Congregational “Self-Study.”
- 5 June – Third meeting of the Committee, continuing to work through the Self-Study.

We are continuing with meetings to complete the Self-Study, the results of which will be presented to the Congregation.

BOARDS:

Board of Stewardship and Fellowship: I would like to present to the Congregation the following:

A VISION OF STEWARDSHIP Michelle Boule

Wouldn't it be nice if we had year-round Sunday School? Wouldn't it be nice if we had a safe, secure Halloween alternative for our community every year? Wouldn't it be really cool to have a bigger choir and more instrumentation? Wouldn't it be great if, when I am sick, or recovering from surgery, or have a family member pass away, if someone from my church family just showed up with a meal? Wouldn't it be nice to have the church and grounds cleaned up, spruced up, maintained and improved like clockwork? Wouldn't it be nice if we packed out every service and you had to show up early to get a seat? Wouldn't it be nice if.....? (Fill in your desire for church here.)

How often have you heard something like this? How often have you said it? What would it take for our church to have, do, and be all that we desire of a church? What is missing? You. Let me repeat: YOU!!

I have heard it said that in any church, 20% of the people do 80% of the work. To put it bluntly, in a church our size, that isn't good enough. We were great once. I've heard some stories and seen pictures of such things. I have also heard it said that it takes a village to raise a child. I know this to be true. Then why would it take less than a whole congregation to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with that village? Why would it take less to equip the village to raise the child?

Let me ask you a question: Is our God less great now than He once was? Does He love us less, or call us to do lesser things for His Name or our fellow man? Certainly not! Wouldn't it be nice if we would remember that we love God and each other, and could walk in grace and love with each other, and do what God has placed in our hearts to accomplish? Then we would truly be great again!

“Lord God, Father of all: Let us accept your passion for us. Let us truly absorb your redemptive love and understand, as much as we can, what that means for us. Then, Lord, help us to turn that passion outward, out of each individual, into our homes, our extended families, our friends, our church, and our community. Let us heed the call You placed within each of us and use the tools, talents and strengths of character You have given us to further Your kingdom. Your will be done. Amen”

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

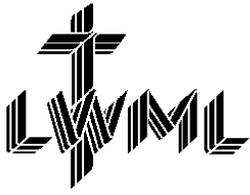
Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.

Financial Update

Hurrah! Summer is here. With that comes vacation and playing in the sun. However, it also means the bills continue to come in. Traditionally, our offerings go down during summer months. Most of us try to make up missed offerings in the fall. Some of us just forget and ignore the fact that our church still has its doors open. We prayerfully ask you to make your church a priority this summer. God isn't taking time off, so you shouldn't either.

Contributions for the Annex repairs, roof and painting, continue to be needed. Prayerfully consider making a donation. These things will need to be done, the sooner the better.

Blessings to all. Your support keeps us going. Thank you!



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

- **Tuesdays:** (*except July 14*)
Bible Study (9:15 am)
Quilting (10 am)

- **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, July 10th
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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Please remember in prayer the work of the LWML, Tacoma Seafarers Center, Lutheran World Relief and all who serve Him through them!

Join us Tuesdays (except during VBS week). We meet for Bible Study and Quilting. Feel free to stop in and check us out.

Blessings

Jane Oberg

Men's Breakfast / Bible Study **Saturday, July 16th – 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 "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1 Kings 3-10).

Preschool News

www.littlelambstacom.com

Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is happening now and openings are still available. We operate on a first come, first served basis. 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 or by using the tab at the top with the scrolling news. 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 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 for the 2016-2017 enrollment as your prayers are an important part of our ministry. Thanks and praise to God for the privilege and opportunity to have a preschool as a ministry tool at Good Shepherd. To God be the glory!

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher

Lunch Bunch will not meet in July due to VBS.

Watch for details of our Annual Picnic in August.



VBS Volunteers Meeting—*IMPORTANT!*
Tuesday, July 5th at 1 pm

**VBS Barn Raising
Decorating and Set-Up**
Tuesday, July 5th at 1:30 pm
Come have some fun getting things ready
for VBS Barnyard Roundup!
Refreshments Provided.

Vacation Bible School Summer 2016



BARNYARD ROUNDUP

July 11-15, 2016

9 am – 12:30 pm

REGISTER SOON!!

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 or Bonnie Huset.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

July 11-15, 2016

(One form per child, please)

*Student First Name _____ *Student Last Name _____

Nick Name _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Grade entering: _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or special Needs: _____

It would be nice if my child is placed in same group as (child's name): _____

*Parent Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____

*Email: _____

*Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup Name: _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

General Information: _____

(Please check the boxes below for permissions granted.)

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature Date: _____