

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

GOOD TIDINGS

June 2017

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- VBS
- Council Meeting Minutes

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As May comes to a close, the calendar of the school year occupies an important place in the lives of all of our families. In addition to graduations and promotions, the daily grind of getting ready for each school day is eased in eagerness of a change in routine and the enjoyment of warm weather. One of our central emphases in this past year was to communicate the importance of Sabbath rest, especially in the lives of our families. Summer is a big part of that Sabbath rest. It is a time to recharge spent batteries by traveling, camping, playing, and reacquainting ourselves with friends and family.

This year we are doing something a little different regarding our worship schedule. We are giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy summer weekend activities while also having a chance to worship every week. Beginning on June 7, we will offer a new Wednesday evening worship service throughout the summer. The service will begin at 6:30 pm and will be geared towards families of school-age children but, of course, open to all ages. One of our central goals is to make the service as accessible and participative as possible, whether that means sharing musical talents, participating in skits, or doing art projects that can be used for future services. Just to make it easier for families to participate, we will be offering a light and easy evening meal (hot dogs, sloppy joes, etc.) at 6:00. We are excited that you no longer have to choose between travel and worship. Why not do both? Come and check us out.

Just a quick shout-out to the team that envisioned our new Shepherd of the Hill Endowment Fund. On May 21st, the plan was presented and approved at a special congregational meeting. If you want a way to see a gift to SOTH continue to support the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ until He returns, check out our new Fund. If you want to know more, see last month's edition of Good Tidings or call the church office. Thank you, Endowment Fund Committee, for all of your hard work and dedication.

Finally, another huge thank you goes out to the team of people who worked so hard to redecorate the entrance to our sanctuary. Decades ago, the forefathers and foremothers of SOTH did a wonderful job of creating a welcoming space for those who come to worship. Over the ensuing thirty years, however, it was obvious that the narthex needed to be re-envisioned. New flooring, paint, wall coverings, and furnishings have given new life to this hospitable place. Thanks go out not only to the in-house team of decorators, but also those who contributed financially towards its completion. We are less than \$1000 from having the entire project paid for. Fantastic!

God has provided incredible resources and leadership for Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church. We have all of the tools necessary to continue to carry out our fundamental God-given purpose: to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Grateful to God and you,

Pastor Jon

Youth

Greetings and Peace,

The calendar is shifting to June and summer is finally here, although I'm still waiting for the heat wave. This past month we have finished with Sunday school, confirmation and many of our other programs. We would not have been able to make this year possible without our volunteers. Thank you to all of our Sunday school volunteers: Lana Wellsandt, Lois Teerling, Heidi Habas, Patty Redig, Michelle Bobek, Jan Sleezer, Lisa McManis, Kirstin Mack, Scott Likins, Ed Grabenhoffer, Rachel Markwell, Jean Soderstrom, Jean Cavanaugh, Rose Serreno, and Amber Gayhart. Thank you for your service over the past year.

We are looking forward to our summer programs. June 7th kicks off our F5 program as well as our summer worship. F5 events are available on our website. This past week our F5 program was highlighted in a blog post by Heather Roth Johnson, a seminarian student, and intern from Luther Seminary. Johnson's blog highlights ministries that our rethinking the way they serve the community. This is the post Johnson made on the F5 program:

Try Something New

Week #14. Meet Mike Markwell. He is the Youth Ministry Coordinator at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church. Located in Lockport, Illinois, this congregation worships 180-200 people on a given Sunday.

Situated on a hill, this congregation is a product of two churches that merged in the 1960's. For the past three years, Markwell, who is currently a Master of Divinity student at LSTC in Chicago, has been with them.

During Markwell's first year, he noticed something. It's a truth that happens in many congregations, where families equal confirmation as graduation from church life. Confirmation at Shepherd of the Hills is strong. But once confirmed, Markwell noticed that only around 10% of the high school students stay involved.

What to do about this? Markwell along with the youth ministry team began to look at the calendar. Together, they evaluated all their programming options. The school year was already in place, and summer weekends were packed with family time. But the desire to try something new was important.

When suddenly, Markwell asked, "Why do youth ministry programs take the summers off?" This was the Aha! moment for them. Yes, there is confirmation camp and a mission trip in the summer. But his team tried a new thing by starting a WEEKDAY ministry geared for students entering 6th-12 grade.

With overwhelming success, it's called F5: Faith, Friends, Fellowship, Food & Fun. F5 runs one day a week for 12 weeks over the summer. It has three cornerstones including Bible study, a service project and a fun activity.

Inside this program, Shepherd of the Hill has seen in uptick in Middle School and High School Ministries in the summer. With students hanging around church and getting involved, each week, they serve, play and build relationships. It's been a beautiful thing.

Sometimes as church professionals we don't stop or take the time to evaluate our ministries. We keep plowing ahead with the same old – same old. But when something does not work, shouldn't we dismantle it, rebuild and try something new? Shepherd of the Hill did just that with great success. It's a reminder to be brave.

Why does trying something new matter? It matters because of what happens in Mark 1, Luke 5 or Matthew 4 when Jesus calls the first disciples. Jesus called them to try something new, to take a chance on following the gospel. We carry that tradition forward as continue to gather and equip God's faithful people. By spending the day together, Markwell and students go deeper into God's word and develop lasting friendships. It's eight hours together is time well-spent.

If you are interested in checking out the rest of her blog it can be found at https://storyboardingchurch.wordpress.com/ I thank Heather for the work that she did in highlighting our ministry. Peace,
Mike Markwell
Youth Ministry Coordinator

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Are you ready to take the next step in your growth as a Christian and in your service to your congregation and community? If so, you are looking for **diakoniaTM**! The next series of courses will meet on Tuesdays, beginning September 5, 2017, at St. John Lutheran Church, 2650 Plainfield Rd., Joliet, IL.

Information Meeting Scheduled

Find out more about **diakonia**[™] and bring your questions:

Tuesday, June 20th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Firside Room, John Lutheran Church, 2650 Plainfield Rd. (Route 30 at Hennepin Drive, just east of Westfield Louis Joliet Mall), Joliet, IL

RSVP (or send queries) to Dr. Trenton Ferro, Location Manager, trferro@yahoo.com or (724) 762-0305.

What is the diakonia™ program?

diakonia™ is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Lutheran Church. This process occurs in three basic ways:

- By thorough grounding in the classic seminary disciplines of practical, systematic, historical, and Biblical theology;
- By identifying particular skills and aptitudes in ministry and encouraging their use in the local parish and community; and
- By providing spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, pastor-mentors, and instructors.

These are the tools **diakoniaTM** uses to help equip God's people for service in parish and neighborhood ministries. The primary theme and focus of the **diakoniaTM** experience is the word of Jesus in scripture: "Let the one who would be great among you be your servant [Greek: *diakonos*]" (Mark 10:4).



Congregational Meeting/ Endowment Fund Sunday, May 21, 2017

(Meeting Minutes Pending Approval)

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 11:54 AM

Pastor Jon Pedersen began the meeting with prayer.

Gary Haupt moved for approval of the agenda proposed for the meeting. Following a second by Bob Schroll, the motion was approved.

Those present were called upon to vote on three things in this meeting.

1. To change the bylaws of Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church to allow for the creation of the Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. Background --- The constitution of Shepherd of the Hill allows for the establishment of an Endowment Fund. See C5.05 of SOTH's constitution.

"C5.05. This congregation may have a mission endowment fund that will operate as specified in this congregation's bylaws. The purpose of the mission endowment fund would be to provide for mission work beyond the operational budget of this congregation."

Presently there is no mention of the Fund in the congregation's bylaws.

Therefore, be it resolved that the bylaws of Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church be amended as follows:

- A. Change the current Part 9 of the SOTH Bylaws, "Organization Charts," to Part 10.
- B. Add the following Continuing Resolutions under Part 9.

"Subpart 1. Endowment Fund:

- a. Be it resolved that the Congregation may authorize the establishment of an Endowment Fund which will provide financial support to the ministries beyond the scope of the general operating budget of the Congregation.
- The Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Endowment Fund shall be one of the Funds of the Congregation.

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- c. The Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Endowment Fund will adopt governing bylaws, approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the congregation, to guide the functioning of the fund.
- d. Members of the Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Fund Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting along with other positions of the congregation, and shall serve in accordance with the Bylaws of the Fund and the governing articles of the congregation."
- Change the Table of Contents to include the addition.

(All of the information under item #1 above was read to the congregation by President Kirk. Congregation members had received written copies as well.)

Dan Gaddis moved for the approval of the proposed changes to the bylaws. His motion was seconded by Terry Ziemke. The motion passed.

To approve the Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Bylaws.

Following a motion offered by Jerry Liston (seconded by Terry Ziemke) the Endowment Fund's bylaws were approved.

3. To approve a temporary Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee to oversee the work of the Endowment Fund until the next scheduled congregation elections in January 2018.

It was recommended that the members of the Endowment Fund Task Force serve in this capacity. The members of the Task Force are Daryl Caneva, Ken Franz, Nancy Baumgart, Don Lawler and Mark Glowczynski.

Bob Barwa moved that a temporary Endowment Fund Committee be established as recommended above. His motion was seconded by Dan Gaddis. The motion passed.

Dan Gaddis moved to adjourn the meeting (second by Phyllis Caneva). The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM

Tom Gustafson/Secretary

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dave Helfert at 6:34 PM.

Present: Dave Helfert, Dennis Wellsandt, Amber Gayhart, Pastor Jon Pedersen, Tom Gustafson and Phil

Sleezer.

Absent: Ken Bobek, Nell Pieper, Steve Kirk and Rick McManis.

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

Minutes of the April 18 Council meeting were approved prior to the meeting via email.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wellsandt presented the Monthly Financial Report for April. It showed a sizeable surplus. Wellsandt pointed out that a large portion of that surplus can be traced to donations to the Narthex Fund. That money, of course, will soon be paid out.

To date, over \$10,000 has been contributed to the Narthex Fund.

Pastor's Report (Highlights):

Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly Pastor's Report. He highlighted the preliminary organizational meeting for HVAC oversight and congregational education (May 2), the special church service with presentations by the Nursing Project of Tanzania, Local Ministry, seminary costs and the Endowment Fund (May 6-7), and the Congregational meeting and vote regarding the Endowment Fund (May 21).

Youth Ministers Report:

Council received the Youth Ministry Coordinator's from Mike Markwell. It included a Summer Ministry Plan with tentative activities for middle and high school students.

Ministry Team Reports:

<u>Communications</u> (Tom Gustafson): Our website provider (iMinistries) is going out of business at the end of the year. They suggested another company that will pick up our account and will help us transfer our information; however, we need to look at setup costs and monthly fees.

<u>Evangelism/Fellowship and Caring</u> (Amber Gayhart/Rick McManis): Rick and Amber are looking at summer activities that will emphasize family. Ideas include summer movies and "Mommy and Me" - "Daddy and Me."

Stewardship (Pastor Pedersen): No recommendations to Council.

Learning and Youth: Emphasis has been on updating the JAM bags and helping to publicize VBS.

Preschool (Nell Pieper): Nell was absent. No report was given.

<u>Property</u> (Phil Sleezer): As usual, the summer focus for the Property Committee is mowing and keeping the mowers functional.

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Worship (Pastor Pedersen): Wednesday evening worship services will soon begin, replacing Saturdays for the summer.

Finance/Audit (Dennis Wellsandt):

Dennis presented a 2017 budget report which tracks income and expenditures of the first four months of the year.

Memorial Gifts (Nell Pieper): No report given.

Personnel (Ken Bobek): Ken was absent. No report was given.

Nominations (Dave Helfert): No recommendations to Council.

Old Business:

<u>Copies of By-Laws and Constitution:</u> Updated digital copes will be sent to Council members.

<u>HVAC/Plumbing update</u>: A task force has been formed to serve as liaison between our congregation and the 20/10 Engineering Group. The task force includes Terry Ziemke, Scott Likins, Bill Bunting and Max Woods.

Retreat update: On July 22 Council will meet with Pastor Paul Carlson. We will be working on a project to create a Lenten devotional for 2018.

New Business:

<u>Call Congregational meeting to approve HVAC/Plumbing Project:</u> Phil Sleezer moved to set June 11 as the date for a congregational meeting to approve the initial phase of the project. His motion was seconded by Pastor Pedersen and was passed.

<u>Approve By-Laws amendment regarding the Endowment Fund</u>: An amendment to our by-laws in necessary to authorize the establishment of an Endowment Fund. Following a motion by Phil Sleezer (2nd by Dave Helfert) this amendment was approved by Council. It will also need to be approved by the congregation.

At the Congregation meeting on May 21, we must do the following.

Approve the by-laws amendment.

Approve the by-laws of the Endowment Fund.

Establish a temporary Endowment Committee to serve until the January elections.

Council Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 PM.

A motion was for adjournment was made by Dennis Wellsandt (2nd by Phil Sleezer). The meeting adjourned at 8:16 and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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"Summer Flowers"

Behold the flowers of June! How fair and bright their buds appear, as, opening to the summer air, our eyes and hearts they cheer!

Who would have thought there could abound such beauty and delight beneath the cold and wintry ground that hid those flowers from sight?

That power which made and governs all—the mighty power of God—alone could life and beauty call out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom can summer thus disclose, shall one day make the desert bloom, and blossom as the rose.

—Anonymous

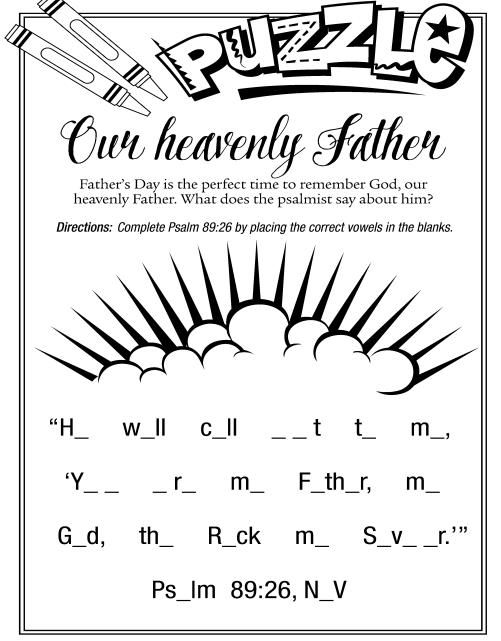




1	Monthly Finan	cial Report	
	Apri	il	
Income			
General	\$	25,348.50	
Loose Offering	\$	3,191.25	
Simply Give	\$	3,796.00	
SG fees	\$	(100.73)	
Special Env	\$	5,832.00	
Income			\$ 38,067.02
Preschool	\$	4,762.44	
Preschool -utilities	\$	350.00	
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00	
Special Projects	\$	325.00	
Narthex	\$	5,280.00	
Gifts	\$	587.50	
Debt Reduction	\$	7.50	
Memorial Gifts	\$	515.00	
Youth	\$	100.00	
			\$ 12,127.44
Total Income			\$ 50,194.46
Expenses			
Salaries/Benefits	\$	18,446.07	
Preschool-wages	\$	4,762.44	
Mortgage	\$	2,571.00	
Child Care/Hospitality	\$	193.59	
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00	
Maintenance	\$	1,673.83	
Utilities	\$	2,539.84	
NI Synod ELCA	\$	2,100.00	
Office Expenses	\$	697.91	
WW payment-Elana	\$	100.00	
Worship & Music	\$	1,241.94	
Learning/Youth	\$	100.00	
Memorial Gifts	\$	10.00	
Total Expenses			\$ 34,636.62
Total Income			\$ 15,557.84

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Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Kock my Savior." Psalm 89:26, MIV



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen

What you do:

- 1. Place paint on the paper plate.
- 2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
- 3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
- 4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
- 5. Give your dad the gift and a hug!



The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus

See answer on back page



Come Join the Fun!

Vacation Bible School
July 17-21, 2017
9:00AM-Noon
4 yrs old through 5th grade

Registration Now Open \$15.00 Per Child/\$35 Max per Family

At Mighty Fortress VBS, our children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! Kids confidently celebrate that Jesus, their champion, has won the victory over sin, death, and Satan and that He acts through His Word and keeps His promises. Because the victory is won, every day is a day to celebrate!

Come and meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there!

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June 2017

Saturday	3 9:00am— Communication Comm	10	17	24	
Friday	2 9:00am—Mexican Train Dominos	9 9:00am—Mexican Train Dominoes	9:00am—Mexican Train Dominoes 4:30pm—Girl Scouts	23 9:00am—Mexican Train Dominoes	30
Thursday	1 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12:00pm—Caregiver Grp. 7:00pm—Property Comm	8 9:30am—Prayer Shawi 7:00pm—Executive Comm.	9:30am—Prayer Shawl	22 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	29
Wednesday		7 9:00am-5:30pm—F5 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:307:30—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir Party	14 9:00am-5:30pm—F5 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA	21 9:00am-5:30pm—F5 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:00pm—Unmer 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA	28 9:00am-5:30pm—F5 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA
Tuesday		5:30pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In 6:00pm—W/W Meeting 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7:00pm—Preschool Board	5:30pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In 6:00pm—W/W Meeting 6:30pm—Church Council 7:00pm—Deborah Circle	5:30pm—Weight Watchers 5:30pm—Weight Matchers 6:00pm—WW Meeting 7:00pm—Ruth Circle	5:30pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In 6:00pm—W/W Meeting
Monday		S	12	19	26
Sunday		4 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 2:00pm— Spring Concert	11 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	18 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	25 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship

Helper Schedule June - Aug 2017

Please note which day you are scheduled to serve. If you are unable to serve, please call someone to replace you and then notify the office.

	Assisting Minister	Communion	Lay Reader	AV Operator	Ushers 9am only	Counters Weekly
	9am Only	Assistant 9am Only	9am Only	All Services	Flink/Gaddis	
6/4 Sun	Jim Forbes	Donna Helfert	Kirstin Mack	Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil
н		Ron Helfert		Sun.10:35am Phil Sleezer		Don Lawler
6/7 Wed				Wed. 6:30 Kris Glowczynski		
6/11 Sun	Gary Wintersteen	Donna Woods	Donna Rothlisberger	Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt
п		Tina Baker		Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead		Ed Grabenhofer
6/14 Wed				Wed. 6:30pm Bryan Rauworth		
6/18 Sun	Dave Helfert	Lynn Reed	Jan Sleezer	Sun.9:00am Susan Mead	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
		Nancy Baumgart		Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		Sharon Grabenhofer
6/21 Wed			Wed. 6:30pm Jerry Listo	n		
6/25 Sun	Harold Sager	Gary Haut	Mickey Callaghan	Sun. 9:00am Bryan Rauworth	Flink/Gaddis	Ed Grabenhofer
		Bill Bunting		Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		John Yudt
6/28 Wed				Wed. 6:30pm Kris Glowczynski		
7/2	Jeri Rigoni	Dan Gaddis	Linda Bunting	Sun.9:00am Nathan Helfert	Flink/Gaddis	Sharon Grabenhofer
п		Gary Haut		Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead		Don Lawler
7/5				Wed. 6:30pm Bryan Rauworth		
7/9	Linda Bunting	Dave Helfert	Harold Sager	Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead	Flink/Gadds	Lois Reil
		Kirstin Mack		Sun.10:35am Phil Sleezer		John Yudt
7/12				Wed. 6:30pm Jerry Liston		
7/16	Nancy Monken	Donna Rothlisberger	Tina Baker	Sun. 9:00am Bryan Rauworth	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
		Harold Sager		Sun.10:35am Phil Sleezer		Sharon Grabenhofer
7/19				Wed. 6:30pm Kris Glowczynski		
7/23	Donna Forbes	Jan Rauworth	Jim Forbes	Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt
		Jeri Rigoni		Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead		Sally Unmisig
7/26				Wed. 6:30pm Bryan Rauworth		
7/30	Jim Forbes	Tina Baker	Gary Flink	Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
н		Donna Woods	_	Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	-	Ed Grabenhofer
8/2				Wed. 6:30pm Jerry Liston		
8/6	Gary Wintersteen	Donna Helfert	Marianne Wintersteen	Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil
		Ron Helfert		Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	,	John Yudt
8/9				Wed. 6:30pm Kris Glowczynski		
8/13	Dave Helfert	Tina Baker	Carole Ziemke	Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
н		Lynn Reed		Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		Sharon Grabenhofer
8/16			_	Wed. 6:30pm Bryan Rauworth		
8/20	Harold Sager	Nancy Baumgart	Linda Bunting	Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt
No Sat		Gary Haut		Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		Sally Unmisig
Service				No Saturday Service		
8/26	Jeri Rigoni	Bill Bunting	Harold Sager	Sun. 9:00am Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
н		Gary Haut		Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth		Ed Grabenhofer
8/27				Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias		

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Executive Committee Members

Steve KirkPresident

Dave Helfert.....Vice President

Tom Gustafson. Secretary

Dennis Wellsandt...... Treasurer

Council Member

Ken Bobak Rick McManis Amber Gayhart Nell Pieper Phil Sleezer

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



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BIRTHDA	γ	S

June 02 Deborah Fisher June 03 Jessica Barth, Ben Grabenhofer June 05 Terry Ziemke, Gregg Bickus

	June 06 Max Woods
June 07	Ashton Siewert, Victor Lopez
June 08	Andrew Magosky, Evan Hernandez
June 09	Lois Teerling
June 10	Kylie Kirk
June 11	Jacqueline Canales, Richard
	Andeson, Charles Helfert
June 12	Tom Redig, Ryan Gerrity, Mary Helfert
June 13	Connor Hayden
June 14	Carter Piantek
June 19	Sara Napoli, Jennifer Fischer
June 20	Wes Hausken, Adele Adams,
	Amber Gayhart
June 21	Kim Lata
June 22	Mike Dicksen
June 23	Judy Ripke, Christina Marolda
June 25	Zachary Petrinos
June 26	Shirley Doyle, Sean Gayhart
June 27	Nathan Helfert
June 28	Marvin Johnson, Owen Likins,
	Daniel Otis II



6/5	Gary & Marianne Wintersteen
6/8	Douglas & Janice Waldvogel
6/9	Amber & Sean Gayhart,
	Kristine & Mark Glowczynski
6/12	Norman & Ginger Kelm, Phillip & Jan Sleezer
6/13	Lynda & Grant Siezega
6/14	Martha & Marvin Pickering
6/22	Brian & Donna Gerrity
6/23	Kim & Joe Lata, Michael & Vikki Meyers
6/24	Sherri & John Anians, Heidi & Brett Habas,
	James & Shirley Laidler
6/27	John & Dorlene Djerf
6/28	Jennifer & Timothy Fischer, Ken & Karen Franz
6/29	Frank & Georgia Alberico

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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

Wednesday 6:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM and 10:35AM

Sunday School 10:30AM

Childcare Available

Our Saturday Service will Resume August 26th at 5:00PM

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First holy, then happy

Having been married 16 years, I'm aware that marriage isn't all flowers and sunshine. Oh, I was realistic enough, even early on, to know that miscommunication and disagreements would intrude on romance, fondness and the glad sharing of chores and childcare. Even so, the subtitle of Gary Thomas' book *Sacred Marriage* (Zondervan) grabbed my attention: "What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?"

I pondered that for days, reminding myself I'm to focus on *my* holiness, not my husband's. What if marriage is to teach me selflessness rather than to meet all my needs? What if the holiness of love means being patient and kind, not irritable or rude? What if instead of keeping score of kitchen duty I simply did my husband's (without counting)? What if I offered empathy, not criticism; respect, not resentment? And what if walking in holiness leads to greater happiness?

To such a change in perspective, I say, "I do!"

-Heidi Mann

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"I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby