

Wednesday Service
6:30PM

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

GOOD TIDINGS

July 2017

- dakonia
- VBS
- Council Meeting Minutes

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If you were married in a Lutheran church between 1978 and 2006 and your congregation used the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (a.k.a. *The Green Hymnal*), you had the following words read as part of your wedding service:

The Lord God in his goodness created us male and female, and by the gift of marriage founded human community in a joy that begins now and is brought to perfection in the life to come.

Because of sin, our age-old rebellion, the gladness of marriage can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden.

But because God, who established marriage, continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support, we can be sustained in our weariness and have our joy restored.

At first glance these words seem kind of strange to include in a worship service designed to be joy-filled and hopeful. The second sentence seems kind of a bummer. Who wants to hear that “the gladness of marriage can be overcast” and the “gift of a family can become a burden”? Why would we need to have that bucket of cold water poured over our head at our wedding? Very simply put, we need to hear it because it is true. Marriage can be joy but it is never perfect. Marriage always involves two sinners who fall short of God’s glory. But, the above statement does not end with sin and burden, it ends with God’s desire to *bless, support, sustain, and restore* our joy.

Traditionally, we pastors have done a pretty good job of pre-marital counseling and helping our couples design beautiful and meaningful wedding ceremonies. However, we have not done a particularly good job of blessing, supporting, sustaining, and restoring those marriages afterward.

The final class for my doctor of ministry degree was to design a project that would help support the younger families of Shepherd of the Hill. My desire in the project was to create a community of young families that would support each other and help each other to grow spiritually. I still believe in the basic idea of this project, but I am more and more convinced that the project must begin with the *blessing, supporting, sustaining, and restoring* of the marriages of our congregation. Where that is no longer possible because of separation due to divorce or death, then our work as congregation must be about *blessing, supporting, sustaining, and healing* of the now-single parents.

A few months ago we began a ministry to the caregivers of our congregation in order that they can be strengthened and sustained to care for their ailing loved ones. In the same way we are well served to support the relationships of the parents of our congregation in order that they can be strengthened and sustained to care for and create healthy, faithful children. What this looks like precisely, I do not know yet. July and August will be spent in prayer and study in order to discern what God is telling us. In the meantime, pray for all of the relationships of the parents of our youth, that they may be blessed, supported, sustained, and restored.





Greetings and Peace,

In the March edition of our newsletter I wrote an article that asked some questions about the direction of our summer ministry and a prayer for the direction that would allow our ministry to continue to reach youth and their families. As we were planning out our summer ministry, we were looking for ways to continue to reach out to and serve our youth and young families. As we close out the month of June, and the first month of our summer programming I continue to be in awe of the way God is working through our ministry.

This summer we began our Wednesday night summer service. What has been formed on Wednesday night is something truly special. An opportunity for young children and adults to worship together. We start the night off with a dinner at 6:00. Worship starts at 6:30. The service has something for people of all ages. Each week we have a craft or activity for the kids. We invite the kids to come forward to tables set up off to the side and work on the craft during the sermon portion. We invite all people to come and experience this unique worship service.

We also had our first F5 overnight a few weeks ago. We had 9 youth come for our White Sox Game, overnight, and service projects. We will have another overnight event in August 8th and 9th. We will go to Feed My Starving Children Tuesday night and the Manteno's sportsman's club on the 9th. Our summer is off to a great start.

We took three youth to confirmation camp the past week. Confirmation camp continues to be an important part of our youth ministry. Camp is a transformative experience for those who go. We hope that we continue to see new youth come next year and those who went to continue to have an interest in outdoor ministry.

We continue to look forward to the rest of our summer. We still have two months of Wednesday night services, VBS is in a few weeks and we have our high school mission trip coming up as well. I cannot wait to see how God continues to work through us. We pray that God continues to reach families and that they grow further in their relationship with God.

Mike Markwell
Youth Ministry Coordinator



Independence Day lessons for church life

- Return to the basics — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- Honor the gift of freedom — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- Enjoy community — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- Be light in the darkness — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

—Heidi Mann

Congregational Meeting/ HVAC System Sunday, June 11, 2017

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM.

President Kirk reviewed the reason for this meeting. Council needs the congregation's approval of 20/10 Engineering's proposal to develop plans, drawing and specifications necessary to update our HVAC and plumbing systems. They (20/10) would also help to manage the construction phase of the project at an hourly rate. (Church Council had previously approved the 2010 engineering proposal.)

President Kirk asked for questions from the congregation. There were a few. ... Why was 20/10 Engineering chosen for this project? What would their hourly rate be for the construction phase of the project?

Terry Ziemke reviewed the "history" of the project ... how we get to where we are now.

Jim Forbes moved for approval of 20/10's proposal (2nd by Ken Franz). The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Jerry Liston moved for adjournment (2nd by Ed Grabenhofer).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46.

*** Minutes not approved until next Congregational meeting ***



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Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Kirk at 6:30 PM.

Present: Steve Kirk, Rick McManis, Ken Bobek, Nell Pieper, Dennis Wellsandt, Pastor Jon Pedersen, Tom Gustafson and Phil Sleezer.

Absent: Dave Helfert and Amber Gayhart

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

Minutes of the May 16 Council meeting were approved prior to the meeting via email.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Wellsandt presented a financial report for the month of May. It showed a surplus of approximately \$1,600. Wellsandt noted that contributions to the Narthex Fund have paid for all but \$72.00 of the furniture.

Pastor’s Report (Highlights): On May 30, fifteen members of SOTH who are involved in the small groups paid a visit to the Bolingbrook Mosque. It was a good experience.

Thirty-three people attended the first Wednesday night worship service.

Pastor and Sonya will be taking a “baseball trip” June 26-July 1. They plan to see games in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Toronto and Detroit, as well as seeing other sights along the way.

Youth Ministers Report:

Council received the Youth Ministry Coordinator’s report from Mike Markwell. It included a schedule of activities through mid August .

There will be a mission trip to Rushville, Indiana July 9-15. The youth going on this trip will then provide the sermon for our services on July 16 and 19

Ministry Team Reports:

Communications (Tom Gustafson): The Committee met on Saturday, June 10. There were no recommendations to Council.

Evangelism/Fellowship and Caring (Amber Gayhart/Rick McManis) with
Learning and Youth: (Amber Gayhart/Rick McManis):

The movie “Sing” will be shown after the Wednesday (6/21) service.

The next opportunity for a Palm Squad performance will probably be in the Fall.

Stewardship (Pastor Pedersen): The Endowment Fund has now been established. Over \$7,000 has already been contributed. Before an initial investment can be made with ELCA Endowment Fund A, we will need to have \$25,000 in our fund.

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Tuesday, June 20, 2017 (continued)

Preschool (Nell Pieper): The committee did not meet, but they are working on a scholarship program to help kids from families in need.

Property (Phil Sleezer): Again, the summer emphasis is on keeping enough mowers running to get the grass cut.

Worship (Pastor Pedersen): No recommendations to Council.

Finance/Audit (Dennis Wellsandt): The 2nd quarter audit will take place sometime in July.

Memorial Gifts (Nell Pieper): No report given.

Personnel (Ken Bobek): The committee did not meet.

Nominations (Dave Helfert): No report.

Old Business:

Copies of By-Laws and Constitution: Updated digital copies will be sent to Council members. This has not yet been completed.

Development of new SOTH Mission Statement (Pastor Pedersen and Amber Gayhart): Pastor and Amber have met. Depending upon how much progress is made, this could become part of our July 22 Council retreat agenda.

HVAC/Plumbing update: The congregation approved the proposal of the 20/10 Engineering Group. The contract has been signed and sent in.

New Business:

Octave of bells to be refurbished (Ellen Schroll's proposal): The refurbishment amount was put into this year's budget. Ellen requested an additional \$125.00 to replace five handles which are peeling. On a motion by Tom Gustafson (2nd by Nell Pieper) this expenditure was approved.

Paid holidays for hourly employees: A question arose as to whether or not certain paid holidays had been approved for hourly employees. Council agreed that they took no such action during 2016. This issue needs to be looked at by the Personnel Committee.

Approval of the Congregations Meeting Minutes? Do the minutes of all congregational meetings need to be approved by the congregation? If so, then when? At the next congregational meeting? We have to look to the Constitution to see if it provides an answer.

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Saturday, July 22. This meeting will include our "summer retreat."

A motion for adjournment was made by Tom Gustafson (2nd by Rick McManis). The meeting adjourned at 7:45 and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Monthly Financial Report May-17			
Income			
General	\$	27,609.00	
Loose Offering	\$	4,045.19	
Simply Give	\$	3,715.00	
SG fees	\$	(101.51)	
Building Usage	\$	360.00	
Sunday School	\$	150.00	
Special Env	\$	150.00	
Income		\$	35,927.68
Preschool	\$	4,762.44	
Preschool -utilities	\$	350.00	
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00	
Special Projects	\$	225.00	
Narthex	\$	4,270.00	
Gifts	\$	45.00	
Debt Reduction	\$	10.00	
Memorial Gifts	\$	285.00	
VBS	\$	100.00	
Music	\$	50.00	
Total Income		\$	10,297.44
		\$	46,225.12
Expenses			
Salaries/Benefits	\$	20,387.66	
Preschool-wages	\$	4,762.44	
Mortgage	\$	2,571.00	
Child Care/Hospitality	\$	353.81	
Narthex	\$	6,439.00	
Maintenance	\$	881.35	
Utilities	\$	1,911.44	
NI Synod ELCA	\$	2,900.00	
Office Expenses	\$	815.32	
WW payment-Elana	\$	100.00	
Worship & Music	\$	218.69	
Learning/Youth	\$	75.51	
Memorial Gifts	\$	730.00	
Total Expenses		\$	42,146.22
Total Income		\$	4,078.90



You will go out
IN JOY
 and be led forth
IN PEACE.

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- A. Threshing wheat
- B. Harvesting grapes
- C. Keeping sheep
- D. Making a sacrifice to the Lord

Answer: A (See Judges 6:11.)

campbell.

"This isn't the caring way to treat a person who disagrees with you, Pastor Bob."



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrive, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, refinish, finished

Friendship Snack Mix



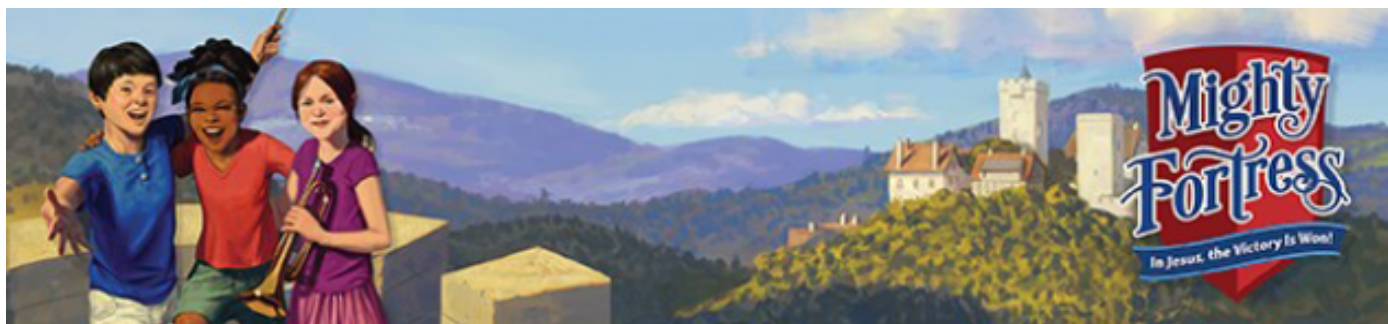
Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



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July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	3	4 Office Closed 	5 9:00am-5:30pm—F5 Delwood Park 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA	6 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7:00pm—Property Comm.	7 9:00am—Mexican Train Dominoes	8 9:00am— Communications Committee
9 Youth Mission Trip Week 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	10 Mission Trip	11 Mission Trip 5:30pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In 6:00pm—W/W Meeting 7:00pm—Deborah Circle	12 Mission Trip 9:00am-5:30pm—NO F5 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA	13 Mission Trip 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7:00pm—Executive Comm.	14 Mission Trip 9:00am—Mexican Train Dominoes	15
16 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	17 VBS Week	18 VBS 5:30pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In 6:00pm—W/W Meeting 7:00pm—Deborah Circle	19 VBS 9:00am-5:30pm—F5 Heritage Falls Waterpark 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA	20 VBS 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	21 VBS 9:00am—Mexican Train Dominoes	22 9:00am-2:00pm Council Retreat
23 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	24	25 5:30pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In 6:00pm—W/W Meeting 7:00pm—Ruth Circle	26 9:00am-5:30pm—NO F5 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 6:00pm—Dinner 6:30pm—Worship 6:30/7:30—AA	27 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	28	29
30 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	31					



7/2 " 7/5	Jeri Rigoni	Dan Gaddis Gary Haut	Linda Bunting	Sun.9:00am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead Wed. 6:30pm Bryan Rauworth	Flink/Gaddis	Sharon Grabenhofer Don Lawler
7/9 " 7/12	Linda Bunting	Dave Helfert Kirstin Mack	Harold Sager	Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead Sun.10:35am Phil Sleezer Wed. 6:30pm Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil Doug Waldvogal
7/16 " 7/19	Nancy Monken	Donna Rothlisberger Harold Sager	Tina Baker	Sun. 9:00am Bryan Rauworth Sun.10:35am Phil Sleezer Wed. 6:30pm Kris Glowczynski	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler Sharon Grabenhofer
7/23 " 7/26	Harold Sager	Jan Rauworth Jeri Rigoni	Jim Forbes	Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead Wed. 6:30pm Bryan Rauworth	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt Sally Unmisig
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Executive Committee Members

Steve KirkPresident
 Dave Helfert..... Vice President
 Tom Gustafson. Secretary
 Dennis Wellsandt..... Treasurer

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 Nell Pieper Amber Gayhart
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Council Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month
 at 6:30PM



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 July 2 Wendy Pappageorge
 Christine Toso

July 3 Abby Pappageorge
 July 5 Ryan Neil
 July 6 Gary Haut, Dawn Jorgensen
 July 7 Marie Larson
 July 7 Glenn Sandberg
 July 8 Phil Mormann, Jean Soderstrom
 July 9 Phyllis Caneva, Rhonda Lopez, Marjorie
 Novander, Cheryl Zacharias
 July 12 Sherri Anians
 July 13 Karen Franz
 July 14 Taylor Anians
 July 18 Judy Lake
 July 19 Donna Woods
 July 21 Joellyn Carpenter
 July 24 Paul Krueger, Jennifer Pintoy
 July 25 Michael Lewandowski
 July 26 Marge Otis, Jon Pedersen
 July 28 Anthony Martino
 July 29 Frank Alberico, Kailey O'Grady



7/2 Sandra & Jason Bruecks
 7/3 Nancy & Michael Monken, Tim & Lisa Pedersen,
 Jason & Becky Phillips
 7/11 Donald & Donna Huhnke
 7/12 Judy & Jim D'Amico, Darlene & Greg Steffgen
 7/21 Andrew & Marian Callaghan
 7/25 Bryan & Jan Rauworth
 7/26 Ronald & Donna Helfert
 7/26 Jon & Sonya Pedersen
 7/30 Mike & Carol Dickson



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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

GOOD TIDINGS



Why Grandma gave

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.

How to Contact Good Tidings

Good Tidings is the responsibility of Communications Ministry and assembled by team members, volunteers and Church Staff. We depend on input from the other ministries, staff, and members of the congregation. If you wish to have an article published in Good Tidings, please submit your article or information to someone on

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"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right."

—Peter Marshall