

**Sunday School Starts
Sept 10th**

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

GOOD TIDINGS

September 2017

Special points of interest:

- Crop Walk
- Youth Ministry
- Volunteer Schedule

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I don't have to tell you. Summer is over. Days are shortening; nights are getting cooler. School buses are passing our homes. Confirmation began last week; Sunday school begins next week (Sept. 10). As we reflect back on this past summer, we can celebrate some very positive things. Beside our summer youth activities (confirmation camp, high school mission trip, weekly F5 youth ministry, and garage sale), our Wednesday evening worship services were a wonderful addition to an active summer. I give thanks to God for all who helped in their planning and carrying out; for those who prepared meals, designed and led crafts, planned and directed the worship services. We averaged over thirty congregants over the course of the entire summer, with food and fun thrown in. Praise God!

Now that fall has come, so have new opportunities for growth in faith:

1. A Reformation Overview – Wednesdays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 6:00pm, beginning September 13th. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this 6-week video-based study examines the contributions of other church reformers such as Wycliffe, Hus, Calvin, and Tyndale.

2. Called to Serve: A Ministry of Visitation and Communion – informational meeting, Thursday, September 14th, 7:00pm. The Church is not a building but a community of Jesus Christ. When members of that community are not able to attend worship, it is our call to reach out and make sure the Church comes to them. *Called to Serve* is a group of trained volunteers called to visit the shut-in members of Shepherd of the Hill and bring them Holy Communion. Come and check it out to see if this is something that God is calling you to do. Call the church office and see the flyers in the weekly bulletin for more information.

3. More Than Just a Tourist: Join Us as We Learn through Serving in Nicaragua – informational meeting, Sunday, September 10th, 5:00pm. In times such as these, what can we do to build bridges instead of walls? Join us for a week as we work alongside the people of Nicaragua in helping to expand the work of a clinic in Nueva Vida, Nicaragua. Not only will you have a chance to serve but you will also make new friends, experience a different culture, worship in a different language, and see some of the most beautiful terrain you have ever seen. The trip will be January 20-28, 2018. Call the office and seek the flyers in weekly bulletin for more information.

4. Support of Families through Support of Marriages – beginning in October. As a Lutheran church we have done a pretty good job of premarital counseling and designing beautiful wedding ceremonies. However, once the wedding ends, we have not done such a good job of supporting our marriages. Our call as church is to support, sustain, bless, and restore marriages. Join us in this ministry as we seek to explore areas of strength and growth, strengthen communication skills, identify and manage stressors, seek to develop strategies for resolving conflicts, etc. Stay tuned for more information.

Summer is over. Fall has come. Get ready. Get set. Go (or should I say, "Grow")!

Pastor Jon



Greetings,

A few weeks back we had our garage sale for our youth. Thank you to all those who helped by donating, volunteering, and shopping. We raised \$800.45 of which \$700.45 will go towards our youth programming for next summer. We donated \$100 and the remaining items to the Lockport Resource Center.

As I was getting ready for the garage sale on Friday, August 18th, it dawned on me that I have been at Shepherd of the Hill for three years. Three years to the date since I first stepped into my office. The past few weeks I have done some reflecting on the past three years of ministry here, at Shepherd of the Hill. Sometime in late June of 2014 I had my initial interview with the search committee. That interview and the subsequent interview were what drew me to Shepherd of the Hill. The excitement of people who were eager to take things in a new direction. A congregation that was willing to take risks. And a congregation that wanted to invest in its youth. We had our work cut out for us. The committee was very forward with me that there was no existing program beyond confirmation. Three years later we are finally coming to a point where all of the visioning, planning and prayer are coming together. We have had consistent support from this congregation as the youth ministry has grown from the ground up.

For the past three years we have been adding programs, changing programs, and growing. We have tried some things that have worked well, including redesigning confirmation, focus on Faith 5 at all levels of our youth ministry, the F5 summer program, confirmation camp and making changes to Sunday school. We have also learned from things that have not worked well including a Sunday morning youth group during the summer and the Sunday night high school group during my first year. There are also areas of our ministry that have remained unchanged in the past three years and continue to be fruitful including Vacation Bible School.

This fall marks the fulfillment of the initial vision. The vision was to have weekly programming for all youth. When I got here in 2014 Pastor Jon and I decided to restructure confirmation from a 6th and 7th grade program into a 6th through 9th grade program. During that time high school ministry has taken a back seat. We have tried things in different formats along the way but ultimately decided that we needed to grow our own program and create something that youth could smoothly transition from confirmation to high school. This fall marks the fulfillment of that vision. As we will be adding a weekly high school youth group.

On November 5 we will confirm a group of freshman, the group that we started with in 6th grade back in 2014. Three days later, on Wednesday, November 8 we will kick off the new high school youth group. It will meet from 6:30-8 each Wednesday, the same time as confirmation. Part of this journey and vision has been figuring out who will teach the 6th grade confirmation class, a group that I have enjoyed teaching the past three years, but I am moving on from to start up the high school ministry. We have those people in place in Heidi Habas and Scott Likins. Both Heidi and Scott are eager to be involved with our confirmation program, and have been involved with our youth programs over the past few years.

This new high school group will have a focus in taking what they know and have learned about their faith, and developing that into action. We will create a relaxed atmosphere to give youth a place to relax and recharge in the middle of the week, but also to live out their faith. This fall we will take a look at what the Bible says about food, in feeding the poor, and how we can feed those in need in our community and across the globe. I am looking forward to this groups starting November 5th.

The high school ministry signifies the fulfillment of that initial vision. For the last three years this fall has been the goal. With the support of this congregation we have begun to build a wonderful program. From Sunday school to confirmation and this new high school group we will have a weekly program for all youth. The next phase in our ministry here will be a fun one. We have laid the administrative groundwork and put the programs in place, we now get to enjoy watching it all come together as we continue to equip youth for a life of faith and ministry. I look forward to looking for ways to go deeper with students, to continue to develop relationships between youth and God, and to connect youth ministry to other aspects of the Church. The next phase is also a bit unknown. For the past three years we have had a clear direction in how we wanted to build a program that would stretch from pre-k through high school. For the first time in the past three years we don't have a clear answer to the preverbal question of "What's next?" Perhaps it's adding another program? Perhaps it's continuing to develop leaders both youth and adults? Perhaps it's refining the programs we have? Perhaps it's finding a way to better reach out to youth in the neighborhoods surrounding us? No matter what the next step is I am confident that God will reveal to us his plan for us in serving the youth of Lockport.

Continue to pray for our ministries as we begin this school year. Pray for our youth, volunteers, and staff. Pray that we continue to reach youth and their families through all of our ministries. And pray for the future as we see the fulfillment of this initial vision for our ministry, pray that we will catch God's vision for the future of our ministry as well. Amen.

Mike Markwell

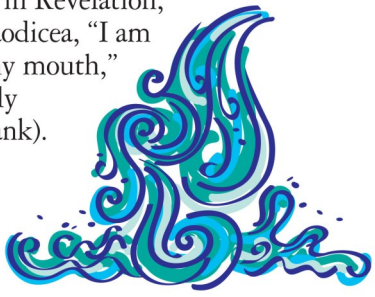
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Monthly Financial Report		
July		
Income		
General	\$	27,039.49
Loose Offering	\$	1,008.00
Simply Give	\$	943.00
SG fees	\$	(25.45)
Building Usage	\$	300.00
Sunday School	\$	50.00
Special Env		
Income	\$	29,315.04
Preschool	\$	-
Preschool -utilities	\$	-
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00
Special Projects	\$	230.00
Narthex	\$	200.00
Gifts	\$	157.50
Debt Reduction	\$	10.00
VBS	\$	870.00
Youth	\$	-
Music/Bells	\$	-
Income	\$	1,667.50
Total Income	\$	30,982.54
Expenses		
Salaries/Benefits	\$	14,411.45
Preschool-wages	\$	-
Mortgage	\$	2,571.00
Insurance	\$	1,468.79
Child Care/Hospitality	\$	333.36
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00
Narthex	\$	-
Maintenance	\$	1,601.98
Utilities	\$	1,707.53
NI Synod ELCA	\$	2,260.00
Office Expenses	\$	153.21
WW payment-Elana	\$	125.00
Worship & Music	\$	987.28
Learning/Youth	\$	1,222.67
Audio	\$	314.96
Endowment/Evangelism	\$	-
Total Expenses	\$	27,357.23
Total Income	\$	3,625.31


Bible Quiz

In memorable language in Revelation, God tells the church in Laodicea, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth," because it is metaphorically _____ (fill in the blank).

A. too hot
B. too cold
C. tasteless
D. lukewarm



Answer: D (See Revelation 3:16.)



"Charlotte is always willing to substitute on very short notice."

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

September 17th at 1:30PM

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD

Crop Walk—Dellwood Park

<http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lockportil>

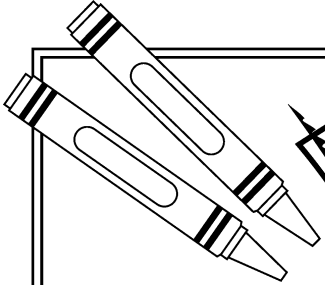
See Fern Kinder for more information



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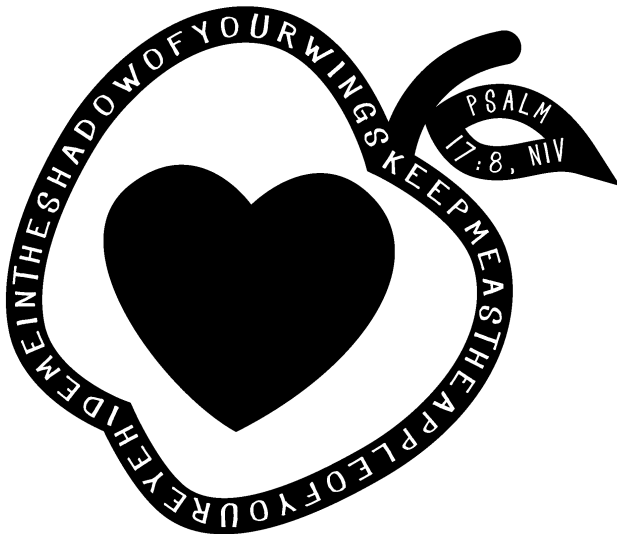


PUZZLE

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



“ _____
 _____;

 _____.”

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.” Psalm 17:8, NIV

APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.


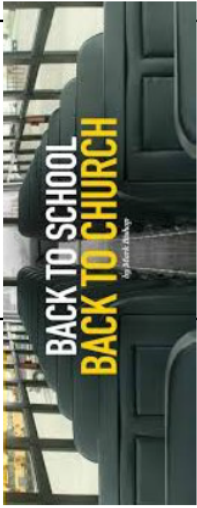
What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9am—Mexican Train Dominoes	2 5pm—Worship
3 9am—Worship 10:35am—Worship	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 4 Year Olds Start Preschool 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh-In/Mtg. 7pm—Worship Comm.	6 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Mom's Group B/S 6pm—Choir Dinner -Narthex 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30/7:30pm—AA	7 3 Year Olds Start Preschool 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	8 9am—Mexican Train Dominoes	9 9am—Communications Committee 5:00pm—Worship
10 9am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School Starts Up 5pm—Nicaraguan Delegation Meeting	11 7pm—Dartball	12 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh-In/Mtg. 7pm—Preschool Board	13 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Mom's Group B/S 9:30am—Small Group 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30/7:30pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	14 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Executive Comm. 7pm—Orientation for Visitation Group in the Narthex	15 9am—Mexican Train Dominoes	16 1-6pm—Dellwood Block Party 5pm—Worship
17 Bake Sale for CROP Walk 9am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School 12pm—Reverberations Pizza, Pop, Polish 1:30pm—CROP WALK in Dellwood Park	18 7pm—Dartball	19 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh-In/Mtg. 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Deborah Circle	20 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Mom's Group B/S 5:30pm—Shepherd Ringers Starts Up 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30/7:30pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	21 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	22 9am—Mexican Train Dominoes	23 5:00pm—Worship
24 9am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School 12pm—Reverberations	25 7pm—Dartball	26 Preschool Trip to Pilcher Pk. 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh-In/Mtg. 7pm—Ruth Circle	27 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Mom's Group B/S 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30/7:30pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	28 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12pm—Caregiver Support Group	29 9am—Mexican Train Dominoes	30 5:00pm—Worship



VOLUNTEERS: VERY VALUABLE!

Helper Schedule
August 26 - November 2017

	Assisting Minister	Communion	Lay Reader	AV Operator	Ushers 9am	Counters Weekly
	9am Only	Assistant 9am	9am Only	All Services	Flink/Gaddis	
8/26-8/27	Jim Forbes	Jan Rauworth	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil
		Donna Woods		Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil		Doug Waldvogel
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		
9/2-9/3	Gary Wintersteen	Lynn Reed	Donna Rothlisberger	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt
		Tina Baker		Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert		Sally Unmisig
				Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead		
9/9-9/10	Dave Helfert	Jeri Rigoni	Jan Sleezer	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
		Nancy Baumgart		Sun. 9:00am Phil Sleezer		Sharon Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston		
9/16-9/17	Harold Sager	Gary Haut	Mickey Callaghan	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	Flink/Gaddis	Chris Toso
		Bill Bunting		Sun. 9:00am Bryan Rauworth		Ed Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski		
9/23-9/24	Jim Forbes	Dan Gaddis	Harold Sager	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil
		Bryan Rauworth		Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil		Doug Waldvogel
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston		
9/30-10/1	Linda Bunting	Dave Helfert	Jeri Rigoni	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt
		Kirstin Mack		Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead		Sally Unmisig
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		
10/7-10/8	Susan Mead	Donna Rothlisberg	Marianne Wintersteen	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
		Harold Sager		Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert		Sharon Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston		
10/14-10/15	Gary Wintersteen	Jan Rauworth	Gary Haut	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	Flink/Gaddis	Chris Toso
		Jeri Rigoni		Sun. 9:00am Kris Glowczynski		Ed Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead		
10/21-10/22	Jeri Rigoni	Susan Mead	Gary Flink	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil
		Donna Woods		Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead		Doug Waldvogel
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		
10/28-10/29	Dave Helfert	Jan Rauworth	Tina Baker	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt
Reformation		Linda Bunting		Sun. 9:00am Bryan Rauworth		Sally Unmisig
1 Service Sun						
11/4-11/5	Harold Sager	Tina Baker	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
Confirmation		Lynn Reed		Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil		Sharon Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:35am Paul Toso		
11/11-11/12	Susan Mead	Nancy Baumgart	Linda Bunting	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler
		Jeri Rigoni		Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert		Ed Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		
11/18-11/19	Linda Bunting	Dan Gaddis	Heidi Habas	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Flink/Gaddis	Lois Reil
		Gary Haut		Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead		Doug Waldvogel
				Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth		
11/25-11/26	Jeri Rigoni	Dave Helfert	Jan Rauworth	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski		John Yudt
		Tina Baker		Sun. 9:00am Jerry Liston		Sally Unmisig
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		

Executive Committee Members

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

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Ken Bobak Rick McManis
Nell Pieper Amber Gayhart
Phil Sleezer

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



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Sept 2 Lilly Mazeika; Donald Skelton
Sept 6 Kathy Rodak; Sally Unmisig
Sept 8 John Anians Jr.; Mariah Dickson
Sept 9 Sarah Mack
Sept 10 Ida Lewandowski
Sept 11 Jonathan Crosse; Abby Larson; Alyssa Leno
Sept 14 Donna Gerrity; Ryan Soderstrom
Sept 15 Ryan O'Grady; Andrew Zacharias
Sept 16 Sandra Shrader
Sept 18 Heidi Martino
Sept 21 Kathy Helfert
Sept 22 Ellen Schroll
Sept 23 Keegan Bramlet; James Waldvogel
Sept 24 Ashley Phillips; Savannah Stanger
Sept 25 Matthew Otis; Matthew Rauworth
Sept 26 Lana Wellsandt
Sept 27 Tina Baker
Sept 28 Charles Retusnic; Nancy Slattery
Sept 29 Michael Meyers II; Daniel Pappageorge
Sept 30 Tyler Bockholdt; Elisabeth Mead



Sept 3 Larry & Tina Baker
Sept 5 Kris & James Retusnic
Sept 11 Scott & Kathleen Likins
Sept 15 Donald & Vada Cartwright
Sept 23 Dwight & Heidi Martino;
John & Marilyn Yudt
Sept 27 Jim & Cheryl Zacharias
Sept 30 Michael & Diana Lewandowski



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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

Starts 9/10/17

10:30AM

Childcare Available

GOOD TIDINGS

God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

Honoring *our* Grandparents



How to Contact Good Tidings

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the team or drop it in the Communications Chairperson's drop box in the Church office. Articles may also be emailed to the kglow72@gmail.com. In order for the article to appear in the next month's newsletter, it needs to be into the drop box by the 20th of each Month. Articles submitted after that date will

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

"Don't worry about failures. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."

—Jack Canfield