Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

GOOD TIDINGS

October	20	18
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Special points of interest:

- Preschool News
- Trunk or Treat

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"God proved His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

"Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'" (Matthew 18:32-33)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A couple of months back in a sermon that our brother, David Helfert, preached, we were taught the difference between justice and mercy. Justice means that we get the punishment we deserve. If we commit a crime, justice demands that we be punished. Mercy means that we do not get the punishment we deserve. Nearly every Sunday at our 9:00 worship service, we begin in confession admitting that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We deserve God's anger. So we ask for mercy, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The good news of Jesus Christ is that we not only ask for mercy, but we receive it! Each one of us are recipients of mercy in Jesus Christ. But the story doesn't end there; a quick reading of Jesus' Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35) reminds us that the proper response to God's mercy for us is that we show mercy to others.

As followers of Jesus Christ, how does mercy influence our actions? Where do we see mercy practiced in the world that surrounds us? Where do we NOT see mercy practiced? While justice is an important aspect of life in community, we cannot survive without forgiveness and mercy. The Irish poet, David Whyte, says it well, "By definition, all long friendships are based on mutual forgiveness, because you will always trespass against your friends' sensibilities. You will always say the wrong thing at the wrong time, and they will have to forgive you. That's why they're still friends. You will have to forgive them too." (On Being with Krista Tippett, NPR Podcast, September 10, 2018). We as friends, we as family, and we as nation cannot survive together without forgiveness and mercy.

Whether you are a man or woman, married or single, young or not-so-young, here is a new small group opportunity for you.

Join us as we read together Jack Alexander's book, *The God Impulse: The Power of Mercy in an Unmerciful World.* Alexander's book looks at Jesus' emphasis on showing mercy and thus our call to show mercy to each other and the world.

We will have one meeting per month for men, one for women, one assignment per month done in the home, and one night where you will be encouraged to get out of the house with your spouse or a friend. Here is the schedule for October:

- Thursday, October 4 7:00 Men meet
- Thursday, October 11 7:00 Women meet to discuss the same chapter
- Week of October 18 Assignment via email done in the home.
- Week of October 25 Get out of the house with your spouse or a friend. You choose the night. Tell us how we can help to make this happen for you.

Interested? Curious? Confused? Let me know how I can help (pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com).

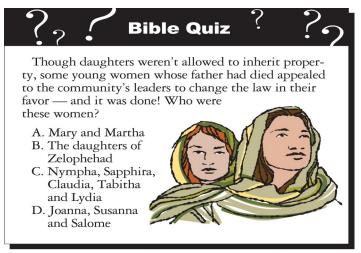
In God's mercy, Pastor Jon

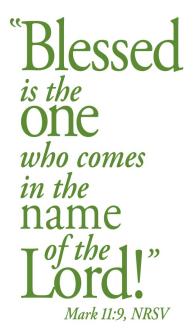


Wow! The thirty students in the four year old program and nineteen students in the three year old program have adjusted well and our busy little learners are ready to explore. Everyone's excited to meet Pastor Jon at Children's Chapel to participate in activities which will teach them more about Jesus. It's time for a trip! The children in the four year old program will be traveling to Pilcher Park on October 9th to see the animals, take a walk in the forest and enjoy a special snack. The firemen will be visiting all the students this month to discuss fire safety. They love to practice how to stop, drop and roll. A visit from Mrs. Jane from the Lockport Library is scheduled for later in the month. The students enjoy listening to her Halloween stories. Halloween is here! Our Halloween family event will be held on Thursday, October 25th. Games, snacks and a Halloween parade will be enjoyed by all.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless, The SOTH Preschool Staff





Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:9, 10). Your generosity to the Nicaragua Pie Social exceeded our expectations. Your donations totaled more than \$2000. Thank you for sharing your blessings with our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua who are living in a very turbulent, unstable existence. Praise be to God!

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I love October. Pumpkin Spice Lattes, football, brisk autumn mornings, MLB playoffs, and of course Halloween. We will be hosting our Trunk-or-Treat on October 20th. This has become a beloved fall tradition at Shepherd of the Hill. Last year we had around 175 kids participate and 25 cars.

Our Trunk-or-Treat has grown over the past few years. We continue to invite and engage the community in the safe and family friendly environment. What I love about Trunk-or-Treat is that we engage the community. Most of the kids we see during the event are there

because of our advertisement through the local schools.

As we continue to pursue this vision of serving the community we have added an element to our trunk or treat. This year we will be having a canned food drive for bags of hope during our trunk of treat. Bags of hope is a non-profit that provides food for low income children by sending them home from school with a backpack of food. Food items can also be dropped off at the Church the week prior to Trunk-or-Treat.

On October 31st our high school youth program will welcome the newly confirmed freshman into our high school group. We will kick this off with a party on October 31st, costumes are welcome. All students who are in high school are welcome. We meet every week from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Mike Markwell

Youth Ministry Coordinator



In honor of Pastor Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

- Accept them as people.
- · Build them up. Say "thank you."
- Communicate with them.
- Defend them when someone tries to run them down.
- Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!
- Family. Allow them to have a family life.
- Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
- Honor them. Don't put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
- Income. Pay them enough so money isn't a concern.
- Judge not! Avoid being critical.
- Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
- Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.

- Nurture. Help them grow in grace.
- Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
- Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
- · Quelch not. Encourage instead!
- · Rejoice in and with them.
- Surprise them in little and big ways.
- Trust them. Believe in them.
- Understand them. Put yourself in their place.
- · Vacation. They need time away.
- Welcome them into your home. Don't wait for an invitation.
- · eXpend yourself, not them.
- Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.
- Zap all gossip!

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Vice President Rick McManis called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

<u>Present:</u> Pastor Jon Pedersen, Rick McManis, Amber Gayhart (Nickel), Nell Pieper, Tom Gustafson, Phil Sleezer, Ken Bobek

Absent: Steve Kirk, Tim Houseward, Pricie Rogan

Special Order of Business / Guests:

George Sanchez (from Northern Illinois Synod)

- Shared his faith journey
- Encourage partnership with Synod and congregation / mission support
- Shared Synod ministries and committees, along with chart outlining contribution allocations
 Officer Jeren Szmergalski (Lockport Police Department)
 - Shared her roles/responsibilities within police department as followed: crime prevention unit and Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) within schools
 - Shared Police Chief's, Terry Lemming, vision of community involvement
 - Shared Calls for Service within the Kelvin Grove Area from September 1, 2017 to September 1, 2018 to show community needs.
 - Believes crime intervention prevention starts with education to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and community.
 - Explained programs such as Citizens Police Academy, program to give the public a working knowledge of the Lockport Police Department / Groundwork, a domestic violence program through Guardian Angels / TRIAD, group to support an exchange of information between law enforcement and older persons / shared pamphlet on Safe Passage Program, supports with addicts and recovery

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

Minutes of the July 21st Council meeting were approved prior to the meeting, via email.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Treasurer Houseward was not in attendance, Monthly Financial Report for August 2018 (shows deficit), while September 2018 thus far (shows surplus)

<u>Pastor's Report (Highlights):</u> Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

- August 20th- Mike Markwell moved to part time (20 hours a week)
- September 5th- Mike Markwell started Ministry in Context (MIC) class, which is seven hours a
 week
- September 13th- New Members class started (about 16 members, including students)
- Sabbath Saturdays will continue, first is September 29th with meal
- October 4th- First Wednesday Night "Sunday School," will be 1st Wednesday monthly
- Continuing with developing "Kingdom Based" rather than "Congregation Based" emphasis
 with local partnerships through Milne (District 91), LPD, Triad, LRC, etc.
- Continue with building family faith habits with Men's/Women's/Couples Ministry

Youth Ministry Coordinator's Report: no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

President's Report: President Kirk's mailbox is empty (meaning no information to share or report).

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Council discussion of Ministry teams:

- Communications (Pricie):
 - No updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- b. Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):
 - Met on 09/16/2018 with Attendees: Rick McManis, Pastor Jon, Sonia
 - Trunk or Treat with be Saturday, October 20th: Will work with Bags of Hope, support local schools with filling bags of food for students to bring home on the weekend, Rick shared their flyer, they will pick up food that is donated, and will be sending out the flyers to the schools this week for approval. We will make the food drive a week-long drive. Need candy donations, face painting, flyer. Sunday, October 21st will be the rain
 - Tutoring Update: SOTH tutoring will be teaming up with Milne to provide tutoring at the school.
 - Future Events/Programs: Family Bunco Night on Saturday, September 29th after service / Looking into Family Dinner Nights at Panera Bread and Sizzles (possibly a Monday or Friday night) / Cancer Documentary-February event with Tom Reddig and daughter for a viewing of the documentary that has been done by Tom's daughter on her battle with cancer and team up for an awareness and fundraiser. / 5K Color Run- April family event, start planning after the holidays. / Easter - start planning for the Easter event in February.
- c. Stewardship (Pastor): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
 d. Learning & Youth (Amber): continuing to work closely with Mike Markwell, no recommendations to council.
- e. Preschool (Nell): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
 f. Property (Phil Sleezer):
- - Preschool shared lighting issue, regarding days with high humidity / cost of fixtures and responsible party to purchase will be identified
 - Roof was fixed and no concerns with repairs, besides more of a diligent effort at cleaning up
 - Parking lot is repaired and striped differently (old way), will investigate future crack filling, 6 handicap spots, 9 feet spacing is adequate
 - HVAC: Committee meeting on Thursday, September 20th at 6:30pm, members are working to collect bids for first two steps in process, the timeline will be identified
- g. Worship (Pastor): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

- Finance/Audit (Tim) no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- Memorial Gifts (Nell) no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- Personnel (Ken) meeting Wednesday, complete part time position vacancy with roles/responsibilities for youth minister coordinator, no recommendations to council.
- Nomination (TBD) –a new Council Treasurer will need to be identified after the first of the year since Tim Houseward will be stepping down, no recommendations to council.
- Endowment (Tom) \$33,000 of funds transferred to ELCA, no recommendations to council.

Old Business:

- Food Truck Friday's: through Will County Forest Preserve at the Prairie Bluff Preserve, three scheduled, will consider involvement next summer.
- Ministry in Context: application will be completed by Pastor and shared with Council via
- Mike's replacement, beginning Summer 2019: process for replacement when transitioning will be developed through Personnel Committee.

New Business:

- Conjoining of Evangelism, Fellowship, and Caring into one Committee: Council discussed renaming to Community Builders and investigated Constitution and By-Laws for clarification on Committee name change
- Budget process: Ken Franz is beginning this analysis and documentation

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:57pm and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30PM.

Amber Nickel-Gayhart / Secretary



We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9. NIV.

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F					
to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
a friend					

the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and



- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

- 1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
- 2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
- 3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
- 4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
- 5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
- 6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.

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Saturday	6 9am—Communicat. Mtg. 5pm—Worship	13 10am—Visitation Group 1-4pm—1st Communion Bread Making 5pm—Worship	20 5pm—Worship 6:30pm—Trunk or Treat	27 5pm—Worship	S S N
Friday	5 9am—Dominoes	12 9am—Dominoes	19 9am—Dominoes	26 9am—Dominoes	A THE S S I
Thursday	4 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Men's Small Group	11 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Executive Committee 7pm—Women's Small Group	18 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5pm—Soderstrom G/S 7pm—New Members Class (Last Class)	25 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 1.2pm—Caregiver Group 5:45pm—Preschool Halloween Carnival	
Wednesday	3 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5:30pm—Community Meal 6pm—Faith Night 6pm—Chancel Choir 6pm—67/8bt Grade Confirmation 6:3077:30 pm—AA 7 pm—9th Grade Confirmation 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	10 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6pm—67/8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm—HS Youth Group 6:307/:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	17 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6:60m—Chancel Choir 6pm—67/8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm—HS Youth Group 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7 pm—9th Grade Confirmation 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	24 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6pm—6/7/8th Grade Confirmation 6:30pm—HS Youth Group 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	319:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6pm—NO Confirmation 6:30pm—NO HS Youth Group 6:307:30 pm—AA 7 pm—NO 9th Gr. Confirmation 7:10pm—Chancel Choir
Tuesday	2 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mfg 7pm—Worship Comm.	9 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mfg. 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board	16 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mfg 6:30pm—Church Council 7:00pm—Deborah Circle	23 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mfg 7:00pm—Ruth Circle	30 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mtg
Monday	1 6pm—1st Communion 7pm—Dartball	8 No Preschool 7pm—Dartball	15 7:00pm—Dartball	22 7:00pm—Dartball	29 7:00pm—Dartball
Sunday		7 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations	9am—Worship 1st Communion 10:30am—Sunday 10:35am—Worship Community Building Mtg. Oktoberfest Beer /N Brats 12pm—NO Reverberations	21 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 3:30pm—Trunk or Treat Rain date	28 REFORMATION/ CONFIRMATION 9am—Worship Confirmation Reception in Narthex 10:30am—Sunday School 10:55am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations



Date	Assisting Minister	Communion	Lay Reader	AV Operator	Counters Weekly
	9am Only	Assistant 9am	9am Only	All Services	
10/6-10/7	Gary Witnersteen	Tina Baker	Jan Sleezer	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Sally Unmisig
1010-1017	Gary withersteen	Jeri Rigoni	oan Sieezei	Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil	Don Lawler
				Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	
10/13-10/14	Jim Forbes	Harold Sager	Susan Mead	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston	Ed Grabenhofer
Oktoberfest		Nancy Baumgart		Sun. 9:00am Aiden Grabenhofer	Chris Toso
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	
10/20-10/21	Kirstin Mack	Bill Bunting	Linda Bunting	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Sharon Grabenhofer
		D. Rothlisberger		Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead	John Yudt
				Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	
10/27-10/28	Dave Helfert	Jan Rauworth	Gary Flink	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston	Sally Unmisig
Confirmation		Kirstin Mack		Sun. 9:00am Phil Sleezer	Don Lawler
				Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	
11/3-11/4	Susan Mead	Gary Haut	Donna Woods	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	Ed Grabenhofer
All Saints		Nancy Baumgart		Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead	Chris Toso
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	
11/10-11/11	Linda Bunting	Harold Sager	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Sharon Grabenhofer
		Tina Baker		Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert	John Yudt
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	
11/17-11/18	Gary Witnersteen	Susan Mead	Tina Baker	Sat. 5:00pm Paul Toso	Sally Unmisig
		Donna Woods		Sun. 9:00am Jerry Listson	Don Lawler
				Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	
11/24-11/25	Jeri Rigoni	Lynn Reed	Gary Haut	Sat. 5:00pm Jake Zacharias	Ed Grabenhofer
	_	Jan Rauworth	_	Sun. 9:00am Aiden Grabenhofer	Chris Toso
				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	
12/1-12/2	Dave Helfert	Nancy Baumgart	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Sharon Grabenhofer
		Dan Gaddis		Sun. 9am Susan Mead	John Yudt
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	
12/8-12/9	Gary Wintersteen	Kirsten Mack	Dan Gaddis	Sat. 5pm Chris Glowczynski	Chris Toso
				Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert	Ed Grabenhofer
				Sun. 10:30am Aiden Grabenhofer	
12/15-12/16	Not needed	Bill Bunting	Not needed	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Sally Unmisig
Christmas	Only 1 Service	Gary Haut		Sun. 9:00am No Service	Don Lawler
Program				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	
12/22-12/23	Susan Mead	D. Rothlisberger	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	Ed Grabenhofer
		Bryan Rauworth		Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert	Chris Toso
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	
12/24	Dave Helfert	Tina Baker	Heidi Habas	5:00pm Bryan Rauworth	Counters????
Christmas Eve		Lynn Reed		5:00pm Nathan Helfert	
(Tentative)					
12/24	Linda Bunting	Jan Rauworth	Jeri Rigoni	10:30pm Bryan Rauworth	Counters???
Christmas Eve		Bill Bunting		10:30pm Jerry Liston	

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Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk President Rick McManis..... Vice President Amber Gayhart Secretary Tim Houseward Treasurer

Council Member

Nell Pieper Ken Bobak Tom Guftafson Pricie Rogan Phil Sleezer

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



"You said dress up as a Bible character ... and my character is Leviathan."



10/3	Sally Hausken
10/4	Nancy Mormann
10/5	Justin Phillips
10/6	Lura Reyes
10/8	Andres Caneva
10/9	Kathy McCarthy, Elyse Zabelka
10/10	Michael Meyers
10/11	Abigail Grabenhofer, Aiden Grabenhofer
	Caitlyn Grabenhofer, Megan Szczepanski
10/12	Fred Grabenhofer Sr., Kevin Helfert
	James Peterson
10/13	Alan Mead
10/14	Hailey Soderstrom, Jacob Soderstrom
10/15	Audrey Larson
10/16	Debra Crosse
10/18	Anthony Kopel, Paul Marolda
10/19	Lois Reil, John Yudt
10/20	Brian Gerrity
10/22	Susan Mead
10/24	Raquel Caneva, Vada Cartwright
	Richard McManis
10/28	Diane Bramlet
10/29	Donna Rothlisberger
10/30	Charles Grabenhofer
10/31	Lisa McManis



10/1	Jim & Nicky Calderaro
10/2	David & Mary Helfert
10/6	Sherry & Sean Aoyagi
	Cean & Anne Magosky
10/12	Bob & Ellen Schroll
10/13	Carl & Abby Larson
10/16	Chip & Judy Lake
10/18	Jeri & Jeffrey Rigoni
10/20	Wally & Ida Lewandowski
10/23	Bill & Joan Butler
10/24	Debbie & (Kevin) Crosse
10/25	John & Fern Kinder
10/26	Alan & Susan Mead
	Troy & Kelly Siewert
10/28	Bill & Beverly Dornick
10/29	David & Dorothy Kuehl



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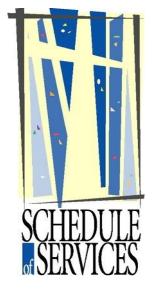
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Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our Community Through Jesus Christ"



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00AM and 10:35AM

Wednesday

Thru August 8th 6:30PM

Our Saturday Service will resume on August 18th

Sunday School

(resumes September 9th)

Childcare Available



PEASE JOIN US!!!

Saturday, October 20th 6:30-8:00pm

Dress in your favorite costume
for Trunk or Treat!
Kids Activities
Refreshments will be served

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

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

"Looking back over a lifetime, you see that love was the answer to everything." —Ray Bradbury

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