GOOD TIDINGS

October 2019

Special points of interest:

- Preschool Happenings
- Endowment Information
- Trunk or Treat

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Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

These past three months have been the busiest three months that I have ever had at SOTH. In these last three months we have envisioned and implemented a new Wednesday children's ministry called *WOW!*, we have launched a revised Sunday school program during our 10:35 Sunday worship service, we have begun our $6^{\text{th}}-9^{\text{th}}$ grade confirmation classes, we have chosen contractors for major improvements for our heating-A/C system and siding, we have applied for financing of said improvements, we have organized a *Habitat for Humanity* build day with eight SOTH volunteers, we have completed one book study and will be starting two more, and we have begun our fall music programs. (Throw in four weddings and three funerals for good measure.)

Oh, yeah, and on September 10th Vicar Sue Hoff began her tenure at SOTH and, as was suspected, she has been fantastic! God has called, gathered, and equipped us to make a difference in this community and Vicar Sue will play a major part in God's calling, gathering, and equipping.

I turn over the rest of my newsletter space to Vicar Sue as she shares her impressions of her first three weeks at SOTH. Thank you, SOTH, for your warm welcome of Sue and her family.

Pastor Jon

From Vicar Sue:

Wow! October 1 marked the beginning of my third week at Shepherd of the Hill and it has been amazing in so many ways, from the warm and gracious welcomes my family and I have received . . . to the tremendous ministry I have seen in just two short weeks.

Up until September, my "church" time was limited to weekly worship, visitation and council meetings, bible studies, congregational meetings and service or fellowship events. But now I am spending much more time at SOTH and the amount of activity is tremendous. Here is a part of what I have been exposed to in just the first two weeks!

Visitation and Prayer Shawl Ministries – Two groups of great people dedicated to bringing comfort, companionship and communion to elderly and/or unwell members of our church who cannot be here.

Building Committee Ministry, Office and Cleaning Staff – dedicated volunteers and staff who care deeply for this church and care for the systems and structures of this beautiful place throughout the year.

Christian Education Ministries – Pre-school, Confirmation, Sunday School, bible and book studies and WOW, all bustling with activity each week, supported and administered by the hands and feet of God (that is YOU), and actively engaging God's young people to learn, to love and to serve.

Music Ministry – I have heard the choir, praise band and handbell ministries practicing, practicing, practicing . . . it is no wonder that their songs of God's love resonate and stir our souls.

Puppet Ministry – How cool is that??? These puppets and hard-working puppeteers delightfully "Rock and Roll" to spread the good news! **Fellowship & Food** – Dartball? Dominos? Oktoberfest? Food for Rally Day? What??? These folks put the FUN in **fun**damental fellowship!

Dinner Ministry – A **new** ministry born out of love and hospitality and aiming to help feed people in need . . . once again our hands and feet doing God's work in the world at large.

I am SO excited to be here and look forward to learning much more about this warm and welcoming group of people ... getting to know each of you better. It is my hope and my prayer that while I complete my theological education I will also grow in ministry and learn well how to serve as a pastor both inside and outside of our church walls. I am well beginning to understand that God has put me in a place where that will happen as I am shepherded not only by Pastor Jon, but with and by a congregation of people that is alive in the Holy Spirit and in whom Christ lives. God is at work here, residing in our souls and compelling us to action. It is evident that God is saying "GO" and we are going.

Vicar Sue



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Good Tidings

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, September 17, 2019

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

<u>Present:</u> Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Amber Nickel, Kevin Helfert, Ken Bobek, Nancy Baumgart, Dan Rogan, Cheryl Zacarias, Tom Gustafson <u>Absent:</u> Rick McManis, Nell Pieper

Special Order of Business / Guests: Officer Kevin Brauch - Triad

Supports for senior citizens (55 years old or older) through Will County, Romeoville, and Lockport. Develop connections and/or friendships Getting information out there and putting a face to a name Encourage attendance to a monthly meeting Township Building off of Farrell Road and held on the third Tuesday monthly at 9am. Contacts are: kbrauch@lockportpolice.info / jszmergalski@lockportpolice.info / 815-838-2131, ext 2219

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

Minutes of the July 20th and August 27th Council meeting were approved via email by Council members.

<u>**Treasurer's Report:**</u> Treasurer Baumgart shared the monthly financial report for August 2019, including income and expenses was shared.

Pastor's Report (Highlights): Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following: Aug 14, 21, 28, Sept 4 & 11 – Beta Test for Wednesday evening Sunday School

Sept. 10 – Vicar Sue Hoff begins (25 hours per week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday)

Sept. 11 – WOW! Children's Ministry officially begins

Oct. 5 – Financial Peace University begins

Oct. 10 – 1st Congregational Habitat Build

Oct. 20 – 1st Communion

Nov. 3 - Confirmation

President's Report: President Kirk's mailbox was empty.

Council discussion of Ministry teams:

Communications (Dan): Saturday, September 14th meeting was cancelled so no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):

District 91 staff was extremely appreciative of the gift cards. We raised enough for every staff member to receive a \$25 gift card each.

Truck or Treat date and time, along with a rain date- TBD

Family Dinner Night/Day fundraiser will be at Sizzles or Culvers- date and time are TBD

Stewardship (Pastor): looking into five-week segment on promoting stewardship without it only being monetary, no recommendations to council.

Learning & Youth (Rick/Amber): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Preschool (Nell): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Property (Kevin): no updates to report since next meeting is Wednesday, September 18th / no recommendations to council.

Worship (Pastor): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Building Security (Amber): working with Lockport Police Dpmt to discuss safety assessment of our facilities and awaiting a meeting date and time / a quote was shared from ADT for eight cameras for the entrances and placed outside but tabled until assessment is completed

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Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

- **Finance/Audit (Nancy)** no updates to report due to meeting once a quarter, no recommendations to council.
- Memorial Gifts (Cheryl) no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- **Personnel (Ken)** no meeting since July 25th, redefining the job description for parish administrator, youth minister, and for the intern (Vicor Sue), no recommendations to council.
- Nomination (Phil Sleezer, September) Steve Kirk will reach out to Phil Sleezer, no recommendations to council.
- **Endowment (Tom)** last meeting included the following; how do we promote or encourage involvement and next meeting is in November, no recommendations to council.

Old Business:

- a. New Church Directory: scheduled for October 9th through 12th and currently have 44 spots left of the 108 spots allotted.
- b. Sunday School structure for '19- '20: addressed in Pastor's report
- d. Property Capital Expenditures (vote to approve the contracts: chiller, operating system, siding, landscaping)

Chiller/Operating System: Discussion of bids from Stanton and Progressive

- Siding: Discussion of bids from Alpine and paint from Bob Tracy
- Landscaping: decorative landscaping will be cap of \$5000 / the restructuring with water drainage is still in process of obtaining bids
- Motion to move forward with the contracts for chiller/operating system and siding was passed, including the bid from Stanton for \$75,372 (\$55,332 for chiller and \$20,042 for operating system) and the siding from Alpine for \$12,500 plus \$1,300 for paint by Bob Tracy made by Dan Rogan / Ken Bobek (2nd)
- e. Youth Ministry plans to move forward: a work in progress

New Business:

- a. Remove Finance Committee: move to December Congregational Meeting
- b. Capital Expenditures financing: approval was for the combination of the first two options: take out an additional advance on our present mortgage and fundraise, using the proceeds to repay the principal of the advance that we borrowed. Fundraising ideas and focus groups / sub committees are welcome to begin brainstorming.

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:14pm and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on October 15, 6:30 pm

Amber Nickel-Gayhart / Secretary



God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.

Rick Warren (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)

A prayer for pumpkin people

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book The Pumpkin Patch Parable, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

• While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)

• While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)

• While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)

• While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)

• While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)

• While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)



After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)





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Saturday	5 5pm—Worship	12 Lifetouch Pictures 10am–Visitation Group 5pm–Worship	19 1-4pm—First Communion Bakes Bread 5pm—Worship	26 5pm-Worship 6:30-8:30pm-Trunk or Treat	Concorded and and a second and a
Friday	4 9am—Dominoes	11 Lifetouch Pictures 9am—Dominoes	9am—Dominoes	25 9am—Dominoes	
Thursday	3 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	10 Lifetouch Pictures 9:30am-Prayer Shawl 6pm-Executive Committee 7pm-First Communion	17 5pm—Soderstrom G/S 6:30pm—Paint Nite Fundrais- er for Preschool at VFW#5788 7pm—First Communion	24 9:30am—Prayer Shawl	31 9:30am—Prayer Shawl
Wednesday	2 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5:30pm—Supper w/ WOW: Children's Ministry 6:00pm—Chancel Choir 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	9 Lifetouch Pictures 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5:30pm—NO Supper w/ WOW Children's Ministry 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—NO 6/7/8 Conf 6:3077:30pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	16 9:30am-Small Group 9:30am-Prayer Shawl 5:30pm-Supper w/WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm-Property Meeting 6pm-Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm-6/7(8 Confirmation 6:3077:30 pm-AA 7:10pm-Chancel Choir	23 9:30am-Small Group 9:30am-Prayer Shawl 5:30pm-Supper w/ WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm-Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm-6/7(8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm-AA 7:10pm-Chancel Choir	30 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5:30pm—Supper w/ WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir
Tuesday	1 5:30/6pm—Weight 7:00pm—Worship Comm.	8 Lifetouch Sets Up—Directory 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mrg 6:30pm—Attar Guid 7pm—Preschool Board	15 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mfg 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Deborah Circle	22 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In Mtg 7pm—Ruth Circle	29 5:30/6pm—Weigh In/Mtg Watchers Weigh In/Mtg
Monday		7 7pm—Dartball	14 Columbus Day No Preschool 7pm–Dartball	21 7pm—Dartball	28 6-8:30pm—AAUW Georgia Alberico 7pm—Dartball
Sunday		6 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 2pm—9th Gr. Confirmation	13 OKTOBERFEST 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship Community Bulders Mtg 11:30pm—Oktoberfest Begins 12pm—Reverberations 2pm—9th Grade Confirmation 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	20 First Communion 9am-Worship 10:30am-Sunday School 10:30am-Book Study 10:35am-Worship 12pm-Reverberations 2pm-9th Grade Confirmation 5:30pm-Allegro Bells	27 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:30am—Book Study 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 2pm—9th Grade Confirmation 3:30pm—Trunk or Treat Rain Date 5:30pm—Allegro Bells

Helper Schedule October - December 2019

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion	Reader	Audio Visual	Counters	
	9am Only	Assistant 9am	9am Only	All Services		
10/5 - 10/6	Jim Forbes	Bill Bunting	Gary Flink	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Eric Krause	
		Dan Gaddis		Sun. 9am Andy Neil	Ed Grabenhofer	
				Sun. 10:30pm Phil Sleezer		
10/12 - 10/13	Kirstin Mack	Harold Sager	Dan Gaddis	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Susan Krause	
Oktoberfest		Jeri Rigoni		Sun. 9am Jerry Liston	Don Lawler	
				Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth		
10/19 - 10/20	Gary Wintersteen	Bryan Rauworth	Heidi Habas	Sat. 5pm TBD	Cheryl Zacharias	
		Dave Helfert		Sun. 9am Phil Sleezer	Don Lawler	
				Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski		
10/26 - 10/27	Jeri Rigoni	Susan Mead	M. Wintersteen	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Sharon Grabenhofer	
		Linda Bunting		Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert	John Yudt	
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston		
11/2 - 11/3	Kirstin Mack	Nancy Baumgart	Gary Haut	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso	Sally Unmisig	
All Saints/		Dan Gaddis		Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth	Cheryl Zacharias	
Confirmation				Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer		
11/9 - 11/10	Harold Sager	Tina Baker	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Chris Toso	
		Donna Woods		Sun. 9am Susan Mead	Susan Krause	
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston		
11/16 - 11/17	Jeri Rigoni	Jan Rauworth	Susan Mead	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Eric Krause	
11/16-11/1/	Jen Rigoni	Kirstin Mack	Susan Meau	Sun. 9am Phil Sleezer	Ed Grabenhofer	
		KIRSTIN Mack			Ed Grabenhoter	
				Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth		
11/23 - 11/24	Dave Helfert	D. Rothlisberger	Nancy Monken	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso	Susan Krause	
		Gary Haut		Sun. 9am Andy Neil	Don Lawler	
				Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead		
11/30 -12/1	Linda Bunting	Bill Bunting	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Jim Zacharias	
		Harold Sager		Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert	Don Lawler	
				Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston		
12/7 - 12/8	Gary Wintersteen	Lynn Reed	Jan Sleezer	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Sharon Grabenhofer	
		Jeri Rigoni		Sun. 9am Andy Neil	John Yudt	
				Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack		
12/14 - 12/15	N/A	Susan Mead	N/A	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	Sally Unmisig	
Christmas		Dave Helfert		Sun. 10:30am Bryan Rauworth	Cheryl Zacharias	
Program				No Other Service On Sunday		
Date	Assisting Minister	Communion	Reader	AV Operator	Countors	
Date	-	Assistant 9am		All Services	Counters	
	9am Only	Assistant 9am	Sam Only	All Services		
12/21 - 12/22	Nancy Monken	Linda Bunting	Donna Woods	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski	Chris Toso	
		Dan Gaddis		Sun. 9am Susan Mead	Susan Krause	
				Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth		
12/24	777	Jan Rauworth	222	5pm A/V	Count during week	
Christmas Eve		222		5pm A/V	222	
					222	
	777	777	Jan Rauworth	10:30pm A/V		
		777	san keuworth	10:30am A/V		
12/28 - 12/29	Jeri Rigoni	Nancy Baumgart	Dave Helfert	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias	Eric Krause	
		Jan Rauworth		Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert	Ed Grabenhofer	
				Sun. 10:35am Paul Toso		

Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk	President
Rick McManis	Vice President
Amber Gayhart	Secretary
Nancy Baumgart	.Treasurer

Council Member

Ken Bobak Tom Guftafson Dan Rogan Cheryl Zacharias Nell Pieper Kevin Helfert Tom Guftafson

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

Monthly Financial Report

	Month - Year	
Income		Aug
	General	\$ 29,904.75
	Loose Offering	\$ 970.25
	Simple Give Contribution	\$ 255.00
	Simple Give Expense	\$ (18.38)
	Vanco Contribution	\$ 600.00
	Vanco Expense	\$ (6.00)
	Special Envelopes	\$
	Income	\$ 31,705.62
	Preschool etc. Utilities	\$ 2,105.00
	Preschool Salaries IN	\$ -
	Fish Pantry	\$ 200.00
	Special Property Projects	\$ 480.00
	Endowment & Memorial	\$ -
	Flowers	\$ 75.00
	Parking Lot	\$ -
	Pastor Appreciation	\$ -
	Total Special Gifts	\$ 2,860.00
	Total Income	\$ 34,565.62
Expenses		
	Salaries & Taxes SOTH	\$ 14,121.05
	Salaries & Taxes Preschool	\$ -
	Portico / Benefits	\$ 3,056.19
	Mortgage	\$ 2,571.00
	Child Care / Hospitality	\$ 168.17
	Fish Pantry	\$ -
	Building & Grounds	\$ 8,142.07
	Maintenance	\$ 474.79
	Utilities	\$ 2,176.42
	NI Synod ELCA	\$ 3,715.31
	Office Expenses	\$ 387.75
	Worship & Music	\$ 850.00
	Youth & Adult Education	\$ 113.49
	Endowment & Memorial	\$ -
	Advertising / Audio	\$ 39.00
	Community Outreach	\$ 593.25
	Total Expenses	\$ 36,408.49
	Net Income	\$ (1,842.87)



- 10/26 Alan & Susan Mead, Troy & Kelly Siewert
- 10/28 Bill & Beverly Dornick



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

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<u>Mission</u> "To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

<u>Vision</u> "Transforming Lives, Families And Our Community Through Jesus Christ"



Saturday 5:00PM

<u>Sunday</u> 9:00AM and 10:35AM

> Sunday School 10:30AM

Childcare Available

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Aw-fall!

Share some laughs – or groans – with these autumn-themed jokes:

• What did the tree say to autumn? "Leaf me alone!"

- What did one autumn leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you."
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.

• Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the fall they "let it go" and in the spring they "turn over a new leaf."

• How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles.

•What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

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