

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

July 2020

“Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me.” It’s a classic statement, and by this I mean it is prevalent in every generation. Everybody is familiar with it. I heard it many times growing up. I know that my father and mother heard it, as well as my grandparents. And today it is used whenever children are together. Someone gets upset and says something nasty to another, and the response, “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me.”

“Sticks and stones...” We say this to nullify the pain of an insult. We are saying, “You might be able to hurt me physically, but your insults mean nothing. They’re like water running off a duck’s back.”

The problem is words have a powerful impact on our minds and how we feel. Words cause greater suffering than stick and stones. But words can also provide positive encouragement. It’s all in how we use them.

Proverbs 12:18

*“There is one whose rash **words** are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”*

Proverbs 16:24

*“Gracious **words** are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”*

Often times, when things seem pointless, when you’ve face to face when failure, or your being bullied, it can seem as though it’s the end. It can seem as though no matter how hard you try, the life that you want will always be just out of reach.

July Church Events

- 7.12 Church Council Meeting
- 7.14 Mission Committee 6:30 pm
- 7.20 Worship Committee 4:00 pm
- 7.26 Quarterly Congregation meeting after Worship.

During these times, some positive words of encouragement can help you shift your focus. How we feel is many times is determined by what we focus on. **“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”** (Philippians 4:8). And what is more noble, righter, purer, more lovely, more admirable and praiseworthy than God’s Word? In God’s word we learn of His great love for us in that while we were yet sinners His Son, Jesus, died for us. We learn that we are priceless in God’s sight and that He cherishes us and cares for us.

God is perfect and good, while the world we live in imperfect and corrupt because of sin. In the world people are constantly confronted with words of bullying and harshness, which hurt and cause pain. This is the reason we focus on God’s word, for it is the light of truth shining in the darkness of this world.

We need to hear words of encouragement, and the people around us need to hear them. As Christians we should be conscience of the words we speak and of the words spoken around us. While we put our focus on the eternal truths of God’s word, we should constantly practice what is **true... right... lovely... and praiseworthy**, speaking words that give encouragement and restore peace.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Kriete

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts

Thank you for adopting one or more boxes so gifts can go to children in other countries that have never received Christmas presents. This is a wonderful way to share God’s love. Although we don’t know who the recipient will be, I ask you to pray for them throughout the year asking God to show them love and to keep them safe.

It costs \$9 for shipping. If that is too much for you, please do not let that stop you from adopting a box. We will take up a collection at the end of the year.

July emphases – Notebook, Pencil & Stickers



Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.

Open Wednesday 2-4 & Saturday 9-12

Or by appointment, contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)



PET Project

At this time please do not bring any jugs or cans to church for the recycling project. Mobility Worldwide is not making carts at this time. Please feel to recycle them on your own. I will let everyone know when things start back up again.

<p>July 2020 <i>Calendar is subject to change</i></p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 
5 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service Church Council Meets 11:30 Children's Church Via Zoom	13	14 Christian Growth/Mission Committee 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	20 Worship Committee 4:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service Congregation Meeting to follow Worship Service 11:30 Children's Church Via Zoom	27	28	29	30	31	

July Birthdays

Gillian Smith	7.1
Eric Walters	7.2
Kristin Walters	7.4
Betty Warden	7.6
Kaelyn Walters	7.13
Katie Hoek	7.15
Kody Walters	7.16
Kim Rainey	7.20
Sandy Harlan	7.22
Alane Gronefeld	7.25
Jenny Truesdell	7.28
Karen Richterkessing	7.29

July Anniversaries

Terry & Kim Decker	7.3
John & Jenny Briggs	7.15
Bob & Brenda Moss	7.23



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

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July 5

"Unhelmed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between?

(Matt 6:1-18)

July 12

"Perfection Welcomes Failure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness.

(Matt 6:19-34)

July 19

"The Jesus Protocol"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Matthew 7)

July 26

"Reflexive Mercy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Conclude Exodus Series

(Exodus 32)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm



July Calendar

- July 5: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 11:25-30
- July 12: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 13:44-52



Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd.

Sign up and register at
www.churchupdates.org

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

Fellowship Hall Worship



Matt and Danny Hoek installing the new projector screen

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June 2020 Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #11 — Touching the Living Word Lutheran Braille Workers — \$100,000

The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is to passionately reach out to people who are blind and visually impaired with the Good News of Jesus Christ as their Savior. In the United States, there are nearly 11 million people who are blind or visually impaired and over 36 million people worldwide. Of this number, it is estimated that more than 94 percent are unchurched. The braille Bible has 37 volumes; each volume has 90 pages. A zinc plate is produced via a plate embossing device (PED) which enables pages to be printed. Multiple plates are needed to print one Bible. The mites raised for this grant will help LBW to purchase a new PED to produce the zinc plates. With the new equipment and new technology, LBW will be able to better meet worldwide demand for Bibles in multiple languages. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-11.



City of Centralia-Avenue of Flags

The Avenue of Flags will be proudly displayed during the July 4th holiday at the Centralia City Cemetery. The flags will be raised **Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and will be lowered **on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help raise and/or lower 497 flags. Please meet at the Veterans Memorial Flag Display at 5:00 p.m. to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem before setting up the display. Please observe social distancing. We are asking all volunteers to please park on the side streets along the cemetery instead of in the cemetery to allow room for the truck and trailer to drop the poles for the flags. We appreciate your continued participation and support.

For additional information please contact City Hall 573-682-2139 or Dennis Mills 573-682-3166.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

We cleaned up our adopted spot east of town along Hwy 22 on Saturday, June 20 from about 9:00 to 10:10 am. Six church members split up to work each side of the road from both ends of the mile-long stretch. Members helping out were Aaron, Gary and Ann Seider, along with Vickie Chism and Alane Gronefeld.



FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

May 31
Attendance **48**
 Current \$ 1,505.00
 Building \$ 296.04

Total **\$ 1,801.04**

June 7
Attendance **51**
 Current \$ 2,350.00
 Building \$ 310.00

Total **\$ 2,660.00**

June 14
Attendance **48**
 Current \$ 1,322.00
 Building \$ 195.00

Total **\$ 1,517.00**

June 21
Attendance **53**
 Current \$ 1,461.00
 Building \$ 90.00

Total **\$ 1,551.00**

June 28
Attendance **46**
 Current \$ 1,215.00
 Building \$ 296.04

Total **\$ 1,511.04**

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were divided this way:

One-half to MO District LWML Mite Goal \$592.75
One-half to Rainbow House \$592.75

Checks were mailed on June 4th.

Other May/June Deposits		
May 31	Senior Youth Group	\$ 9.00
June 7	Operation Christmas Child	\$ 10.00
June 21	Senior Youth Bunnies Sales	\$ 132.50
June 28	Ministerial Alliance	\$ 100.00
June 28	Operation Christmas Child	\$ 20.00

Current
 10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building
 100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks with **Randy and Catherine Simmons** for the gift of a grandson born at 2:24 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. **Klaus Cash Doyle**, weighed 4 lb. 13 oz and 17 inches long. He was born at 34.5 weeks and will be in NICU to be monitored. Both baby and mother are doing fine.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Phil Hulen – His infection seems to be getting better, once that is under control, he will be able to have his Gall Bladder surgery; **Karen Richterkessing** – recovering at home from Hip Surgery ; **Bob Moss**; **Martha Blevins**; **Mary Brechler**; **Susan Harris**; **Jane St. John**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** son of Ed Ramsey

Community: Father Mike Coleman, the priest at Holy Spirit Church is undergoing treatment for Cancer; **Misty Williamson**; **Pastor David Hartgrove** and his wife **Cheryl Hartgrove**; **Sharon Janke**.

ARMED FORCES

Chris Chism, U.S. Navy – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Armand & Barbara Fischer; **Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**; **Justin Thurston**.



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