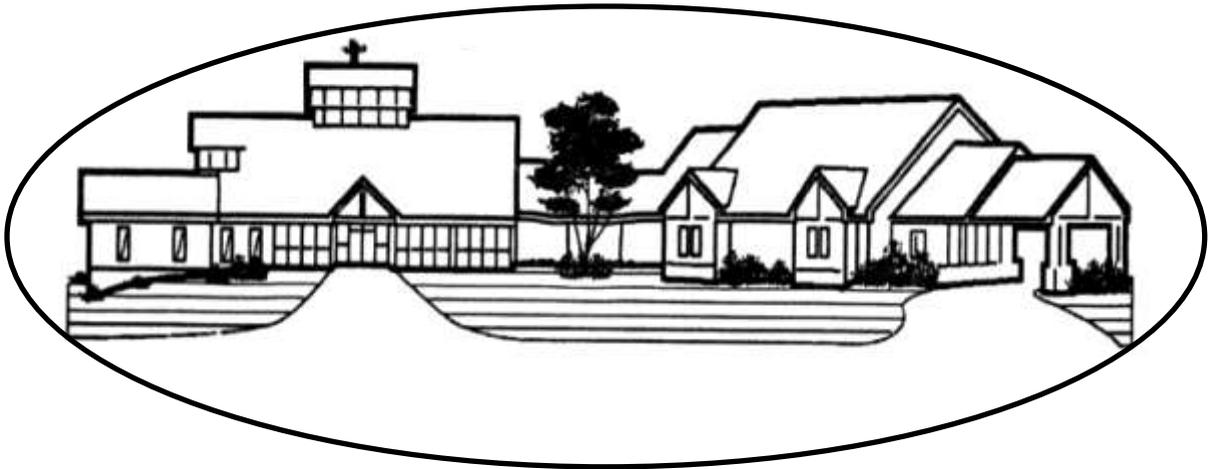


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# Agapegram

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June 2017



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## Barking Up the Right Tree?

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Colossians 3:12 ESV*

Last month we reflected in this space on “keeping your Easter baskets out” in the sense of having and sharing all the good gifts that flow from the Good News of our resurrected Savior Jesus – forgiveness, hope, life, joy, peace, mercy, encouragement, and grace among others. This kind of fruit should be the defining characteristics of our lives as redeemed children of God.

From that baseline, we look for concrete ways to share the love of Jesus both in our personal lives and together as a congregation through the efforts of Eternal Shepherd.

One idea for ESLC to serve and share the Gospel that we have begun to investigate is the ministry of a **Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog** similar to Sasha the dog who visited at ESLC earlier in the year. Because these comfort dog ministries are a significant commitment of time, money, and volunteers, we have taken a very slow approach to the idea as we gather information and learn more. Recently, a survey was taken about peoples’ interest level in having a Comfort Dog to see if we are barking up the right tree with the idea of this ministry.

To me, there were two major pieces of information we learned from this initial survey:

**We have a more than enough interested people** in terms of quantity to sustain such a ministry; although, there is still a question of if we have the right combination of people to fill each needed role. Further questions & conversations would need to be had in this area before moving forward.

**There is some lingering confusion about the ministry.** Not everyone understands the details of the ministry. Some of the mistaken ideas include:

That the substantial one time up-front costs are ongoing annual costs.

That isn't the case.

That we are ministering to dogs. Obviously, a dog would be involved, but the comfort dog is to facilitate our ministering to people in their times of need.

That our ESLC shut-ins would be a primary focus. Certainly a comfort dog could visit our shut-ins, too, but the main focus of the dog would be to go outside our congregation and serve the broader community.

There were, of course, a variety of other thoughts expressed about why not to pursue this. They could be summarized around the ideas of already having enough outreach ministries at ESLC, not having enough money for the ministry, supporting other important causes instead, or that it takes too many people.

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In a strict sense, I'm not sure a congregation can do too much outreach. As long as people are willing to serve others and are finding new ways to bring the love and hope of Jesus, we should give those opportunities serious consideration. The survey results show that we not only have willing hands to further the ministry, but some are members who aren't currently involved in other outreach activities, so it would add more hands to ESLC's work in the community. And, while there are many other important causes that we could pursue in theory, unless there are willing people to organize and support those other causes, we aren't likely to sustain such efforts. It *does* look like we have enough interested people to make a Comfort Dog ministry happen. And where there is interest, the financial support usually follows.

We don't have all the answers or an official decision yet. I certainly think we have enough interested people to ask more questions and do more research.

When I reflect on how other churches are using this ministry, I'm not sure why we wouldn't want to do it. If we have the willing volunteers and if people are willing to cover the costs (a question that still needs to be asked), it seems to offer more than many other outreach efforts we have.

The Outreach Board has banged its head against the wall for years trying to figure out how to better equip and encourage our members to go out to serve and share the Gospel. A Comfort Dog provides those opportunities. A marketing sub-committee is trying to figure out how to best get the name of ESLC out into the community so people finally stop looking blankly when you tell them where you go to church. A Comfort Dog is a non-stop source of advertising. While feeding the hungry and jail visits are good, what does ESLC offer the community that is unique? Little Lambs Preschool. That's about it. Dozens of churches feed the hungry, support the pregnancy care center, and do the other things we do. Not that they aren't worth doing, but if we want to bring something special and unique to the table, we would have it in a Comfort Dog ministry.

Not everyone has interest in every ministry. Some may never be a quilter, and yet, we still have a team that makes and sends quilts to people in need around the world. Not everyone can travel to disaster sites to work, and yet, we are making a difference in the lives of others with our teams and trailer when we do. I'm interested to learn more about the possibilities of a Comfort Dog ministry. If the people and the funds don't materialize, so be it. We can move on and see what else God sets before us to do. And yet, if the interest and support are there, why not send those members to serve and to give a reason for the hope that we have! I'm ready to keep barking up this tree to learn more. I hope you are too.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10 ESV*

*Pastor David*



## *Deaconess Musings*

*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*  
“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.”

With its anacronym (VDMA) imprinted into the front cover of my desk Bible, this Latin phrase is deceptively simple yet packs quite the punch. Daily am I confronted with the Law & my sins, yet I am comforted by the balm of the Word of forgiveness.

This well-loved phrase has its origins in 1 Peter 1:24-25: “*All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.*” *And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

As the world continues its seemingly never-ending maelstrom of confusion and chaos, the bought and baptized Children of Christ have been given an anchor that does not move. The very Word of God, the person of Jesus Christ, in whom we have the forgiveness of sins for eternal life, does not change. He, that very Word, remains our refuge and strength.

When all others turn away and cannot provide that peace and relief we most cry out for, there again comes that *good news that was preached to you*; that although you have stumbled and failed, sinned grievously against your Creator, and have rightly acknowledged your sinful failings, He has redeemed you. Bought you out of that swirling, dark and wretched place at the price of His own blood. Into this world Christ Jesus came, perfect and holy as no other human could ever be, and won you back. Through His death and resurrection, you now have forgiveness.

*...but the word of the Lord endures forever.*

Perhaps with the limited understanding we have on this side of eternity, the scope of the forgiveness of sins and the breadth of the Father’s love for His forgiven children are simply too much to grasp. But there is a beautiful simplicity about the Gospel message that transcends time and ages. What was accomplished for us all those years ago, holds true for this current age, and will always ring clear through the end of time.

For us who still walk this earth, take courage. Know and trust that your Savior has redeemed you. Find relief in His Gospel. Rest in His unchanging and forever enduring Word.

*~Deaconess Holly*

*Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth’s brief journey ends.  
(LSB 829:4)*

# Organ Concert

*featuring David Phillips*

**Sunday, June 25th, at 3:00 pm**



**David Phillips will be presenting an organ concert featuring musical works influenced by the Reformation.** *We would like to invite all our members and the community to come enjoy this special program.* David has chosen a wide variety of pieces by a number of different composers. *Join us here at ESLC in the sanctuary for this special musical opportunity, and please invite your friends and neighbors as well!*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to bring you up to speed with the Comfort Dog Ministry Survey. First, I would like to thank you all for taking the time to let us know how you felt about starting this ministry here at Eternal Shepherd. The yes and no comments were about equally split with approximately 20 families definitely interested in supporting the ministry in some fashion. We reviewed the results with Pastor and decided the next step will be to have a more detailed meeting with the interested families to answer questions concerning the areas they have expressed interest in. We will let you all know when this meeting will be and we welcome all to attend.

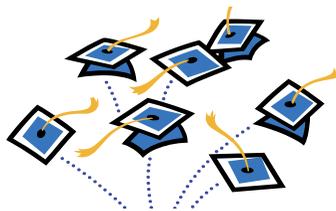
Next, I want to let you all know that Harold and Joyce Krueger have offered to lead the Columbarium Committee. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Ted and Sarah Wanthal for their many years of service overseeing this effort. Unfortunately, Harold and Joyce had a chance to coordinate this process not once but twice this past month, which leads me to my final point. I recently attended the memorials of two wonderful men of our congregation, Dave Schultz and Dr. Vil Griffin. I can only hope that when I am remembered someday my legacy will be of service to the Lord as these men have demonstrated in their lives. I have been blessed to know both men and have been a witness to their love of the Lord and Eternal Shepherd and I know I am a better person for that. May they both rest in the loving arms of Jesus now that their work here on earth is complete.

I would like to wish you all a great summer and safe travels for those vacationing! Let me encourage you to serve the Lord no matter where you find yourself. There are plenty of activities to plug into here at ESLC during the summer months and lots of ways to witness as you travel. Remember, the work of the Lord does not take a break for summer!

*In His service,  
Rudy Carbone Council President*

## **Congratulations High School Graduates Class of 2017**

*James Lusk  
Mac McCrary*



# VBS 2017: SAVE THE DATE!

**MONDAY JULY 17-FRIDAY JULY 21**

**9:00 AM- 12:00 PM**

**Ages 3½-13**

**VBS 2017 is a victory celebration!** In *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us.

**REGISTER NOW!** Your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors ages **3½-13** are invited to share in this exciting victory celebration! **Registration forms are available at the front desk and table in the hallway.** Contact Amy Rebholz at 412-327-7621 or email her at [stamp-ing13@hotmail.com](mailto:stamp-ing13@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**VOLUNTEER!** God's children of all ages will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won at *Mighty Fortress* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, has won the victory over sin, death, and the devil and that God gives us that victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! At *Mighty Fortress* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "In Jesus, the victory is won" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests.

**Snack Leader-** Works with a team to plan and gather the week's snack items.

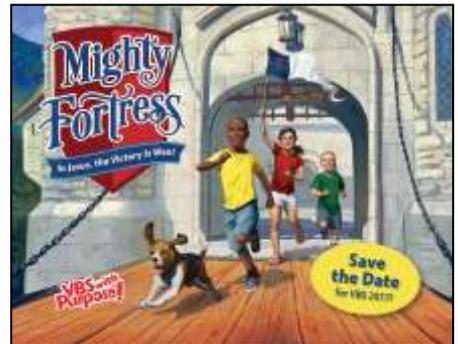
**Games Leader-**Plans and gathers supplies for the games. Leads each group at the game site outside under the portico.

**Music Leader-** Leads the children in music and motions at opening and closing.

**Team Leaders-** Leads a small team through daily lessons and takes the team site to site.

**Team Assistants-**Assists the team leaders with lessons and helping at each site.

**Site Assistants-**Can assist in the kitchen, outside with the games, or with crafts



**To volunteer, complete info below and put in Amy Rebholz's mailbox. Or sign up on the bulletin board!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Volunteer Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We appreciate your prayers** for *Mighty Fortress*, our Vacation Bible School. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior! Ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. ~*Thank you*

# Eternal Shepherd Supper Club

Everyone who participated in the Supper Club has enjoyed the chance to socialize with other members of the congregation. We would like to open up the group to more people, couples or 2 singles, who enjoy entertaining in their home. The food does not have to be fancy or gourmet. The main purpose is fellowship. Here is how the group operates.

The hosts are responsible for calling the other couples assigned to their dinner to set a date. It is best to have several dates in mind (it can be any day of the week, not necessarily a weekend day). If one couple absolutely cannot attend, feel free to invite anyone to substitute.

One guest couple will provide an appetizer (or salad) and the other guest couple will provide dessert. If there are 8 in the group, the third couple will bring salad or wine. The hosts will provide the main dish, drinks and/or wine and the remainder of the meal. We would love to have you join us. Please call Sue Watson if you have questions 885-0113 or respond to me via email.

The first dinner (or brunch, or lunch) will start in August/September, then October/November, SKIP DECEMBER/JANUARY, resume in February/March, then April/May.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS GROUP, or becoming a substitute  
PLEASE CONTACT SUE WATSON (864) 710-0501 OR [susanwatson41@icloud.com](mailto:susanwatson41@icloud.com)



***Faith, Fellowship, Fun w/a side of Food***

## *Echoes in Eternity*

by Kerry Blount

*“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens,  
and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever and  
ever.” Daniel 12:3*

In 2016 our home group in Laurel, Maryland, hosted graciously for many years by Joe and Marilyn Murchison, spent several months studying the life of Daniel and his friends for lessons about living “in the world but not of the world.” During my reading and meditation for that study, I was struck by the words of Daniel 12:3: *“those who lead many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars forever and ever.”* Their recognition by God in the realms of glory will be eternal! That led me to the thought that those who hear the sound of the Father’s voice saying, “Well done, my good and faithful servant” on the last day will bear the high honor of Good and Faithful Servant in heavenly realms world without end!

In the early frames of the movie *Gladiator*, a battle-hardened Roman general encourages his hand-picked cavalry, whom he will personally lead in a crucial flank attack, with the words, “What we do in this life echoes in eternity!” Though the movie makes it clear that Maximus had not heard of the One who gives those words their deepest meaning, his declaration was true nonetheless. We are destined by our Creator for eternity, and what we do in this life has consequences in consonance with that destiny. Examples of this surround us in our daily lives if we look at the world through the eyes of our Lord:

*The Murchison’s steady and sacrificial hospitality for our home group has eternal consequences for those who are drawn by its encouragement and comfort to persevere in walking the narrow way.*

*The carefully chosen words of a dedicated, knowledgeable, and loving Sunday School teacher have eternal consequences for those who are moved by the Holy Spirit to faith in the Christ.*

*The Sunday morning sermon that our Pastor may think was his weakest effort in months has eternal consequences when the Spirit uses those words to call even one of us to confess and repent.*

*The support of a broken-hearted woman sitting on the floor to hold a grieving friend weeping in despair has eternal consequences as her friend is strengthened with a demonstration of the Savior’s love.*

*The daily in-the-world example of deep Christian commitment from a college student has eternal consequences for wandering fellow students disgusted by playing church and longing to see the Truth.*

We are made to dwell with God throughout eternity. As the Father grants us opportunity, may the words we speak and the pattern of life we demonstrate play some small part in leading many to the eternal dwelling place prepared for those who love God. What we do in this life echoes in eternity!

*Most Holy Father, we praise You for Your love for each of us since before we even came to be. We praise You for creating us and calling us by Your Holy Spirit into your never-ending love, making what seems but a vapor on this physical plane into an eternal being that can live with You beyond time. We ask you to help us understand the eternal nature You have bestowed upon us, and to make us willing instruments of Your eternal purpose. In the Name of the Eternal Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen*

## Upcoming Reformation Activities



Your Reformation Committee has been hard at work getting exciting things lined up to help you celebrate the 500th Anniversary. We will be hosting a third showing of the Luther movie in the first half of June (date to be determined) which we'd like to make a real community outreach. So if you know of anyone who still hasn't seen it, this will be their chance!

**Please make plans to attend the Reformation Celebration Special Organ Concert on Sunday, June 25th at 3:00 pm. Please see more details on page 4.**

**Tickets for the Paul Maier Seminar to be held September 16th will go on sale to our congregation members on June 1st.** We will open up ticket sales to other congregations and the general public on June 25th. We are limiting attendance to what the fire code allows us to seat in the sanctuary, so if you are interested act promptly. **A box lunch from Chick-Fil-A will be included, as this is an all day seminar. Ticket prices will be \$20 each, with a special price of \$15 for students.**

**Our Fall Christkindlmarkt will be held here on Saturday, October 14th from 10 am to 4pm.** This is an exciting new venture we are organizing, with lots of high quality vendors. More details will be forthcoming, but for now save that date (and some money!) to come and do some early Christmas shopping. If you would like to volunteer to help out with this event, please see Andrea Toussaint or Kate Wells.



We also hope you are taking advantage of the great teaching Pastor is providing in the Adult Sunday School class. *It's fun to have a 500th anniversary to celebrate, but the real meaning and message of the Reformation is and remains all about Jesus, our Loving Savior, and the grace and forgiveness He won on the cross and gives freely to us.*

# The Crossing Youth News for June 2017



*Please join us Sunday's in room 213 at 9:45am.  
Friends are always welcome!*

Hi there, Eternal Shepherd!

As many of you already know, our youth have chosen a cause to support as their *Walk With A Purpose* project for 2017. The Crossing has set out to help orphans and displaced children, and we're starting with The Calvary Home in Anderson. I have spoken with Ms. Jessie Little, who is one of the staff members at the home, and asked her about how we can best serve them at this time. As it stands now, they are not in need of a service project on-site, so instead she has provided me with a list of items that they are in need of to keep the houses up and running for the children. This is where we are calling on your help! Below is the list Ms. Jessie sent me with all the things they could really use right now. It would be such a blessing if you have the means to help us in our endeavor to fill their need!

**For the month of June, there will be a collection box/area in the narthex with a sign-up sheet above. (\*The list below reflects *total* numbers of items needed, however the actual sign up sheet will list them in groups of smaller quantities in order to make things easier.) Please sign up for anything you can contribute and be sure to make note of it on the sheet so we can keep track of how much is being taken care of and what we may need to get later on. Once the collection is over, we plan to bring all the items we've gathered to the site and hopefully get a chance to meet the staff and visit with the children. We'll also bring the financial gifts we've collected for them and present them to the director when we venture out to the home.**

As we search for more ways to help orphans and displaced kids this year, we appreciate all of your support, prayers, and ideas! Thanks for all you do to help make our youth ministry what it is.

*-- Katie Baumann; HS Youth Leader & Youth Board Chair*

## LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED AT THE CALVARY HOME:

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| 50 Bottles of Pine Sol                 | 30 Hand Towels                     |
| 50 Cans of Lysol Disinfectant Spray    | 30 Kitchen Towels                  |
| 50 Bottles of Clorox Spray with Bleach | 15 Twin Size Sheet Sets            |
| 50 Spray cans of Scrubbing Bubbles     | Hand soap (large/bulk refill size) |
| 30 Bath Towels                         |                                    |

## Who is Christ Central Ministries Oconee?

We are the body of people working together by identifying unmet needs in the community and respond by giving a Christ centered answer. Our vision consists of a heart guided by God. Our program is built on a relationship with Christ and His Love for us. We aim to give guidance in stewardship in finance, time, and devotion. We help those in need through their problem or hurt to see light through the saving power of Jesus Christ. Our passion is to prepare each individual how to live a productive and purposeful life for the Kingdom.



## Resource and Solution Center

The old Oconee County Jail will soon become the Christ Central Resource and Solution Center, a National Pilot Project for public/private response to county wide need for a solution to homelessness. The facility is 11,000 square feet and will be known as Hope and a Future. It will provide the following services:

- Emergency Homeless Shelter for men, women and children
- Transitional housing for men after the recovery program
- Transitional housing for individuals being released from jail or prison
- Ash Tree Stabilization
- Women's Recovery program
- Resource Center
- Classes which will include Certification Classes, GED, Parenting and Relationship Building, Life Skills, Financial Planning, Job Training, etc.
- Community Recovery Groups and Community Certification classes
- Training Classes will be offered to individuals, organizations, and churches

## From the heart of a mother:

*"I want to begin by saying that God's ways are higher than our ways. So many times our minds just don't understand, so we ask, "Why me Lord? Why my son? Why my family?" But in all the loss, heartbreak, and hardship, I can say, "His grace is sufficient", and I do know this. God never fails and there's nobody like our God!*

*I am thankful that the Lord raised up Ash Tree Ministries and other powerful "stepping stones to recovery". I praise the Lord that my son made the commitment to enter Ash Tree Ministries, for this is where the Lord broke the bondages in his life so he could start to live again.*

*The hardest thing I had to do was to "let go, and let God!" Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be the glory!!"*

*Ms. Peggy Gambrell*

Want to Volunteer? Contact us at :  
Address: 112 W Main St, Walhalla, SC 29691  
Phone: (864) 638-3322  
Website: [christcentralministries.org](http://christcentralministries.org)

## **MISSION NEWS**

**Toys For God's Kids:** Our TFGK group from ESLC is beginning its third year of making toy cars for children throughout the world. We distribute a few locally, but the majority goes to missionaries, mission teams, and the military. We have made and distributed over 1100 cars already in 2017. **More toymakers are needed!**

There are many and various opportunities available for those who would like to be part of this ministry.

The car begins as a block of wood so we need gatherers to find the wood.

Various car designs are cut from this wood using a scroll saw.

The cars are then routed and sanded.

Wheels are also made using a drill press.

We then brand the cars with "USA" tag and "toys for God's Kids" on the bottom.

The cars are then assembled with the wheels and axles.

The cars are then dipped in mineral oil to seal the car.

The car is then complete and ready to bring joy to the heart of a child.

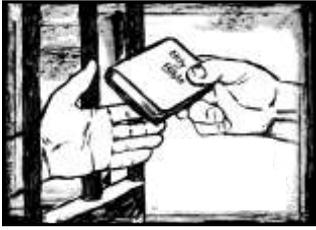
If you would like to assist in this labor of love by performing any of the tasks above, please contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg or Mike Hauser. We would like to meet monthly as a group so that we will have a time of fellowship as well. All are welcome. We are like grandparents, just ask us to show you pictures of the happy kids that receive these cars.



### **HONDURAS MISSION 2018 - FEB. 24, 2018 to MAR.3, 2018** **"SAVE THE DATE"!!!**

If you are interested in a wonderful opportunity to serve God, help people who cannot help themselves, and to be blessed beyond belief; then mark your calendars today. It is time to provide an initial count to the airlines about how many folks we expect to have. They need an estimate at this time—it is not a firm commitment. Please let Pastor Ray Ramsburg know if this might be something that you are feeling called to do or if you have any questions. (904-583-1214)  
*God Bless You!*

## DETENTION CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRY:



**Saturday, June 10th** ESLC is planning a visit to the Men's and the Women's sides of the Detention Center in Walhalla. **We will need cookies for this ministry** (30 baggies with regular cookies – 4 cookies to a bag). These cookies are a small way of sharing God's love and are much appreciated by those who receive the goodies. **We will meet at ESLC Sat., June 10th at 10:00**

**AM** for logistics & prayer and then on to the Center to make our 11:00 AM appointment. *Thank you for your support of this ministry.* Questions, contact Frank Kieninger and **cookie angels please contact Elaine Grotheer.** **The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.**



## GET READY, GET SET....It's coming:

### Operation Christmas Child "Christmas in July" Fundraiser

The forms have been filled out and next month you'll see the Tree in the Narthex, covered with 200 Operation Christmas Child labels like the ones below. (Except they will be in color J)



The Crossing Youth hope to raise enough money to pack and ship 200 Shoeboxes this year, and we need your help!

It costs only \$20.00 to sponsor a box, and we're asking everyone to sponsor one, or more, LOGO Ornaments for \$20.00 each. If we can get all 200 ornaments sponsored, we'll reach our goal of sending the Gospel to 200 children this Christmas.

Please be on the lookout next month for our Tree and Ornaments. We're trusting God to grow this ministry and reach even more kids for Christ. Please consider how God would have you partner with us. Together, with Samaritan's Purse, we can change the life of those we reach with the Gospel. Thank you in advance for your support! ~ *The Crossing Youth*

## HEARTFELT THANKS FROM . . . Jim and Jane Fireovid



To all our brothers and sisters in Christ at ESLC, our deepest thanks for your cards, prayers, communications and meals which have been a great help during my recovery from knee replacement. Jim and I are so thankful for our dear church family which has been such a blessing to us.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** The Griffin Family would like to thank all of you who remembered Vil and us with visits, calls and cards during this trying time. ~*Thank you, Raija, Vicki, Diz, Kristi, Esei, and Edric*

### A HUGE THANK YOU!



A huge THANK YOU to all who made the Bloom Where You Are Planted Fashion Show and Luncheon such a success with almost 100 in attendance. We were able to donate \$750 to the Collins Children's Home. *What a blessing!*

To the committee who did everything from the cooking to decorating; *Donna Lang, Pat Pfeiffer, Teri Massa, Kyra Carbone, Margi McLain, Marilyn Robertson and our always entertaining Emcee, Janet Walker.* To the handsome men who expertly served the lunch (dressed in their specially designed cummerbunds & hankies by Kyra Carbone) AND cleaned up; *Bob Massa, Al Roeder, Rich Hesemann, Pr. David, Pr. Phil McLain, Fred Bell, Pr. Ray Ramsburg, Don Robertson and Josh Hammer.* To our beautiful, talented models; *Donna Lang, Judy Hammer, Deaconess Holly, Colleen Wakeman and Amy Rebholz.* To *Sassy's of Clemson* who brought the most fashionable and fun outfits and beautiful displays for our shopping pleasure! To Thrivent for their Action Team Program that helped fund this event by providing "seed money" and support.

*And, last but not least, to all those who graciously attended, brought friends and family and were so appreciative. Without you the event could not take place!*

## FOOD BANK NEWS:

Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month. These items will help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. Each month we will have a different preferred product featured. **June's** preferred product is "*Canned Fruit*" Please help us overload the collection box (**the big blue trash can marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall**). *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



## Greeting Card Ministry

In need of a card for a special occasion or friend. Need to send a birthday note or words of encouragement. Look no farther than the ESLC card cart located in the main fellowship hall. Plenty of cards to choose from at a very affordable price. *As always we thank you for your support!*



## SCRIP CARDS

Please remember that **Scrip cards make *great gifts* and earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time.** Please see your scrip ladies today or pick up an order form located by the Scrip box in the narthex. *~Thank you for your support.*



## **SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS**

**In *April* the following gifts were given:**

A gift of \$1,110.79 was received from Thrivent Financial

The Altar Care Fund received a gift of \$162.50

The Alaska Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,826.00

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$5,030.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Disaster Relief Fund received a gift of \$200.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$71.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$20.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Lutheran Bible Translators Fund received a gift of \$29.00

The Lutheran Witness Fund received gifts of \$70.00

The Rummage Sale received a gift of \$5.00

The Youth Fund received gifts of \$525.00

and

gifts of \$872.00 from Easter Breakfast



# Little Lambs Tales

*“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20*

As we ended our school year the last days of May, we watched as our 4 year old class marched down the aisle of the sanctuary in their graduation gowns and caps ready to step out into the world heading for kindergarten. We also shared with the other young children the excitement as they anticipate the summer ahead.

With some sadness we shared our final prayer as a staff as we all head in different directions for the summer. We will miss this time of prayer that we have participated in each morning at 8:15 am. We prayed for our Little Lambs families, we prayed for one another, we prayed for friends and family and we prayed for those that have no one praying for them.

Our prayer circle included the teachers, some children of the teachers, sometimes volunteers who happened to be there during that time, once in awhile a Little Lambs family who had to come in early to use the restroom. Whoever was in our hallway those early mornings were welcome to join our prayer circle and we prayed.

We found that by starting our day with prayer, we were able to focus our attention on what our true ministry is; to bring Christ to all of our families at Little Lambs Preschool. During our summer months we will continue to pray. This time we will be praying at 8:45am and our circle will include different teachers and volunteers who will be helping with our Summer Fun program. But we will call upon the same Lord and Savior asking His guidance as we minister to all of our families that join us this summer.

We ask for your prayers as well and perhaps you may find yourself taking a few moments at 8:45 am offering up a special intention for Little Lambs Preschool. On a different note, please be aware that our school will be closed the first few weeks of June and will re-open on June 8<sup>th</sup> in preparation for our first few weeks of Summer Fun Camp! Our camp will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00. Please take special care as you drive around the parking lot as we will spend much of our time outside enjoying the hazy hot days of our summer months!

For more information on our camp, you can find the schedule and application form by going to the church website and viewing the Little Lambs Preschool link.

*Blessings in Christ,  
Gina*

# "Sweet" CARD

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.



## What you need:

- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

## What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.



## ★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★  
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1"

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

## **SERVICE TIMES**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

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