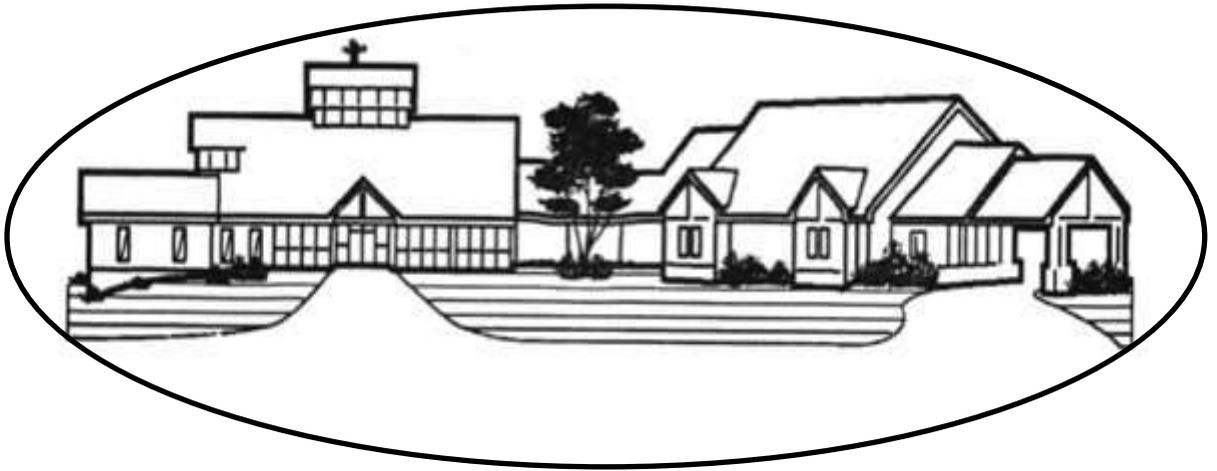


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## Forgiving Sins: God or Man?

*“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” John 20:21-23 EHV*

The topic of our Lutheran practice of the pastor proclaiming forgiveness at the beginning of service has come up in several conversations lately. It’s a 500 year old practice for Lutherans, but it still makes some people wonder, “How does the pastor have the right/power/authority to do God’s job of forgiving someone?” The most direct answer is found in John 20 printed above. The authority exists because Jesus grants that authority. Interestingly, Lutheran author & columnist Gene Veith speaks further on this topic in a recent blog post. He writes:

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*Most Lutherans do their confession and receive their absolution corporately, at the beginning of the Divine Service. After a time of reflection on our sins and a corporate prayer in which we admit that we deserve God’s “temporal and eternal punishment,” we hear these words from the pastor:*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*But only Christ can forgive sins! Right. And He does so by means of vocation. That is to say, “calling.” Just as God gives daily bread by means of the farmer and creates new life by means of parents, Christ gives His Word of forgiveness by means of pastors. According to the Lutheran doctrine of vocation, God is present in and works through ordinary human beings whom He has called into various realms of service to their neighbors. This “calling” is at the heart of what pastors do. (“As a **called** and ordained servant of the Word...and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ...”)*

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In addition to Veith’s comments above about the pastor’s vocation, it’s worth noting that every Christian has the same authority & ability to bring God’s forgiveness to others in their own callings of life.

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You may not be called to forgive sins in Sunday's Divine Service (that's the pastor's calling), but you are called to forgive sins within your family, at work, in your community, and in every area of life. And when you do, it is real. It the forgiveness of Jesus Himself. And it is valid before God in heaven. Because Jesus said so.

*"Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you."* Colossians 3:13 EHV

*Pastor David*

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/geneveith/2018/07/confession-and-absolution/>

**LIFT UP YOUR VOICE:** Choir will begin weekly practice on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30pm. If you plan to sing with us but will not be able to make the first practice please let me know. New members are always to join us. Reading music helps but is not a necessity, just the desire to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" and to be able to carry a tune. ~Rick Schmidt, Choir Director



## **MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

### **Nancy & Rick Stockman**

This Keowee Key couple has lived in Seneca 10 years, having moved here after 40 years on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. When asked if they moved "willingly" Nancy followed up with a definite "yes" "Seneca is less crowded, has four seasons, trees..." Interestingly, the Stockman daughters (4) attended the same Lutheran School in HI at the same time as the children of Pastor Heller, who was then a Navy Chaplain in HI. (Rick & Nancy came to ES during the Heller interim.) Rick tells that he and Nancy met at a Singles Party, and within 30 minutes of their meeting, he knew he was going to marry her! Nancy was an elementary teacher and Rick "played with computers" for 30 years in the Navy. Active in a small HI church, Rick served as President of the congregation for many years. They enjoy the Worship and Bible Studies at ES. Reading is a favorite pastime of both, Nancy also enjoys her card ministry. Together they claim 17 grandchildren and 7 greats. Their "baby" now, a Cavalier Spaniel named Sampson.





## *Deaconess Musings*

### **The End of Brokenness**

*The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

*~Psalm 34:16*

While many contemporary authors and speakers prefer to proclaim that the Christian's life should be one of victory and hardship-free triumph, daily life quite frequently decimates that claim. Completely eradicates it. You know all too well how life is full of twists and turns, and ones that are not always wanted or appreciated. Daily are we reminded of just how broken we are, how broken the world is, and just how very little we can do to stop this brokenness.

Sin entered the world and broke the back of Creation. It broke the perfect, pure relationship with our Creator God, the world, and each other. No longer perfect, the world became a dirty, dangerous place filled with death and sadness. Once perfect humankind now murdered and lied. Stole and cheated. Placed others and themselves above the Almighty God. Pride now ruled in our hearts. So entrenched are we in sin, we do not see just how utterly despondent and powerless we are to stop ourselves from continuing to fail and break God's Will. Brokenhearted and crushed are we. Who will save us from us?

But here shines the realized and revealed Savior, the Christ Jesus, first promised so long ago in the garden. The longed for Savior that was spoken of throughout the desert wanderings of the Israelites and the promise of a greater David that would establish a kingdom for all nations. The Savior that would bind up the brokenhearted and wipe away every tear caused by humanity's sin-soaked brokenness. Christ Jesus, our LORD, stooped down, entered our world, and died to break the back of sin, death, and the devil for you. He rose again to bring salvation and the forgiveness of sins to you. He will come again to finally restore Creation back to its perfect intentions. It is there that we will finally be at total peace and joy, as we stand face-to-face with our Lord, Savior, and Creator.

Perhaps this truth sometimes feels "too blasé" or "too comfortable." But as situations and times arise that causes us to come face-to-face with our own utter sinfulness, this seemingly simple truth shines brighter than ever before. The Gospel message continues to surprise. That the God of the Universe truly cares for your brokenness and crushed spirit, weighted down by sin's overwhelming burden. So much so that He came to save you from that burden and to exchange it for His easy and light one.

Until Christ's triumphant return, this world will continue to be one of sadness and hardship but take heart dear brothers and sisters; our Jesus has redeemed us and will return to right all wrongs and wipe every tear from our longing eyes. Until that Great Day, may we never spurn this simple, yet all-powerful Gospel message and may we cling to it forever.

# LOCAL GROCERIES WILL GIVE US MONEY!

Dear Friends,

We want to share some information about the **SCRIP PROGRAM** here at Eternal Shepherd.

The Scrip Program is a “**win-win program**” which offers easy revenue for ESLC.

The program has been on-going since March of 1999. The Scrip Committee purchases, at a discount, gift cards for groceries. These gift cards are then sold to us at their face value. A \$25 gift card will purchase \$25 worth of goods or services. No pre-ordering is required. The cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 amounts.

One of the best reasons to use the program is that you will **not** be spending any money you would not normally be spending for groceries, and yet the church benefits. Wal-Mart, Ingles, Bi-Lo, and Publix cards are all on hand, and readily available. Food Lion cards can be pre-ordered.

Make your check payable to ESLC Scrip ... hand to committee member ... receive gift card! The transaction takes 15 seconds or less. You use this card like a credit card. The store automatically keeps track of the amount remaining after your purchase. You will not lose a penny.

**It is such an easy way to bring money back to our church.** Each Sunday, the Scrip committee member responsible for the month is listed in the announcements inside your church bulletin. This member is easily seen and is available after both services as well as before and after Bible Study.

**Our special thanks to the members of the Scrip Committee:**

*Elisabeth Baker*

*Libby Dunlap*

*Sue Hauser*

*Beckie Rau*

**The Board of Stewardship and the ESLC Church Council encourage all of you to buy your groceries etc. in this way.**

**With all of us participating, our funds will grow with very little effort.**

*~Board of Stewardship*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Congregational meeting highlights from July 15, 2018.

For those of you who were unable to attend, here are some of the highlights of that meeting. For more details, the Congregational minutes are posted on the bulletin board and you can always request your own copy from the office.

- Rich Hessemann presented the Treasurers report and stated that we are doing very well. Thanks be to God that our financial house is in very good shape.
- Bob Massa presented the proposed 2018-19 Preschool budget for approval. He thanked Fred Munzenmaier for his hard work in its preparation. This budget was already reviewed and approved by the Preschool board and the Council, and was then approved by the Congregation at this meeting.
- Bob also reported on the status of the church sign on Rt. 123. He stated that due to the upturn in the economy, contractors to do the church sign concrete work are too busy to get back to him. He continues to try and secure the contractors necessary to get this sign installed.
- Constitution/bylaw updates are complete and are in the process of being complied by Deaconess Lustila for the congregation to review and vote on at the November meeting.
- Our various mission efforts were reported on by Pastor Hammer. Much progress has been made with our support with the school and kitchen in Pas Bonbon, Haiti.
- Kyra Carbone reported on the status of the Comfort Dog Ministry.
- Pastor Hammer stated that we are moving forward with a future vision plan for the church and have reached out to the Southeastern District for help with how we should move forward.
- Deaconess Holly Lustila spoke about the National Youth Gathering in July 2019 and showed a brief video. The theme is "Real Present God" based on Psalm 46.
- In our continuing due-diligence to ensure the safety of our members, Council has been working on a Child/Youth Safety policy. Council realizes that this is a sensitive subject, but in light of the world we live in, it was felt that this was an area that needed our attention. This new process is incorporating many of the guidelines that have been adopted at the Synod level.
- Pastor Hammer spoke briefly about the Southeastern District Convention held in May. The theme was "Let's Go Fishing" and centered on spreading the Gospel in our communities and beyond.

Janet Walker informed us that the Stewardship Board will be hosting a financial seminar on October 6 from 9am – 1pm. Seven presenters are lined up to speak and lunch will be provided.

As you can see this was a packed meeting with a lot of good information to share. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with me or any of the people mentioned above. After every congregational meeting, I offer my thanks to God for Eternal Shepherd, this body of believers and for His rich blessings showered upon us!

*In His service,  
Rudy Carbone  
Council President*



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT:**  
**“THE CHILD IN EACH OF US” SOLO PIANO CONCERT**  
featuring *Michelle Rowland* on Friday, Sept. 21st at 7:00 PM here at Eternal Shepherd. Please be sure to join us for a night of music during this special family event. All are invited and families with young children are encouraged to sit at the front of the sanctuary. Be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. *More details to follow.*

**ON-LINE GIVING** Bob Massa, Finance Board Chair  
Remember you can now give on-line. After establishing an account, if you have the QR App on a device, you can use this method to contribute each Sunday using the QR code printed in the Sunday bulletin or the monthly Agapegram.



## **Finance Seminar**

**Saturday, October 6**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

***Lunch Included***

***Invite your friends!***

**Details and Sign-up to follow soon!**

***\*\*\* sponsored by Board of Stewardship***

## ***Nehushtan: Choosing What to Worship***

by Kerry Blount

In 715 B.C, a dim corner of the temple grounds in Jerusalem enshrined a tall, wooden pole that appeared from a distance to get larger at the top. Approaching that vertical shaft in the shadowy gloom, you could smell the musky vestiges of incense emanating from the smoke-stained stone of the walls surrounding it. If you came close enough and looked up, as many had done in the desert with desperation in their eyes some 700 years before, you could see in the darkness a metallic serpent wound around the pole, its bronze eyes glittering blankly. Ah, *Nehushtan*, came the involuntary whisper.

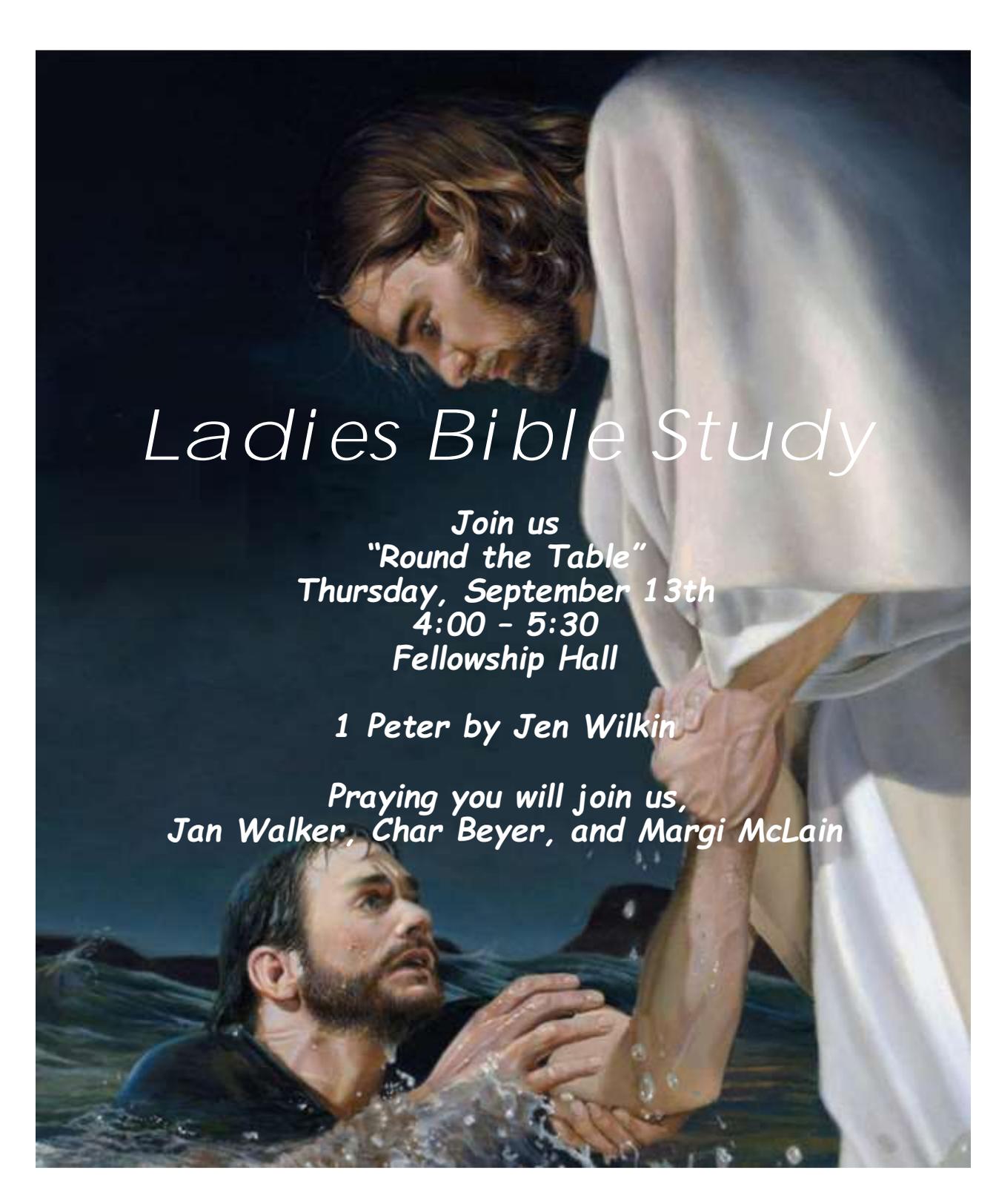
The cult of the snake, so familiar and widespread among the ancient false religions of Egypt, Assyria, Caanan and many other tribes and nations, was thriving in the temple Solomon had built for the Almighty. Perhaps even Solomon himself, swayed by one of his many idolatrous wives and ignoring the gift of wisdom God had given him, had stood in the swirling smoke with upraised eyes as prayers were chanted to this lifeless chunk of cold metal, made lifelike by the hands of Hebrew craftsmen in a makeshift forge in the desert. But unlike the healing from snakebite granted in the desert at God's command, no blessing came. Finally, at the hands of King Hezekiah, *Nehushtan*—once a sign meant for healing and to turn the people's hearts toward God's mercy—was taken from the temple and shattered so it could no longer be worshipped as an idol. (*Numbers 21:9; 2 Kings 18:3-4*)

Almost 800 years later, the apostle Paul wandered the marketplace of idolatry in Athens, where, in addition to idols of Zeus, Ares, Aphrodite, Artemis and Dionysius, the Athenians had raised an altar to the "unknown god," just to make sure they didn't offend one. Shortly thereafter, Paul, Gaius and Aristarchus encountered not snake worship, but the worship of money (in the guise of the silversmiths' commitment to the goddess Diana) as they roamed the streets of Ephesus. Some 1,950 years after Paul's visit to Athens, my 20-something daughter Tanis took one look at Las Vegas and instantly recognized it as a city thoroughly dedicated to the worship of money. In so many ways, so little has changed. We choose the idols we will worship, and then wonder why no blessing comes. (*Acts 17:16 and 19:23-28*)

Given our advanced degree of spiritual sophistication in this *enlightened age*, one might think that very few of us are likely to be foolish enough to resort to snake worship these days. So to what then shall we give honor, reverence and devotion? To what shall we give our time and our treasure, our thoughts and our labor? Do we, like so many others through the ages, elevate money and possessions to our highest place of worship? Professional accomplishments? Academic degrees? Sports? Sexual gratification? Our family? Ourselves? The church? While all of these may have an appropriate place in our lives, that place is not on the staff to be raised up for worship. What then shall we choose?

Jesus' answer to Nicodemus in the Gospel of John, Chapter 3, is also our answer. Our Savior simply said, "*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so also the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.*" The *God with us*, lifted in sacrifice on the cross and raised triumphant from the tomb, is the One on whom we may look for complete healing from the deadly venom of sin and for release from the utter futility of our petty and self-destructive idolatries. Behold God's Grace lifted up on a post and crossbeam so we—yes, you and I— may share in life.

***Real life. Abundant life. Eternal life.***



# *Ladies Bible Study*

*Join us  
"Round the Table"  
Thursday, September 13th  
4:00 - 5:30  
Fellowship Hall*

*1 Peter by Jen Wilkin*

*Praying you will join us,  
Jan Walker, Char Beyer, and Margi McLain*

# Outreach=Reaching Out

## DOT'S KITCHEN

Some of you may have heard of Dot's Kitchen in Westminster. Dot's Kitchen is an organization that helps feed hungry and homeless people of Oconee County. This is similar to what Eternal Shepherd does on a regular basis at Our Daily Bread in Seneca. The incredible thing about Dot's Kitchen is they serve meals to 80-90 people a day, five days a week. I spoke with Joey, the lady that helps run Dot's Kitchen concerning volunteer opportunities with her group, she said her biggest need is in finding helpers to unload the supply truck. The supply truck comes to Dot's Kitchen on the second Wednesday of each month around 3pm and takes about an hour to unload. Please consider helping out with this worthy cause. It's just one hour once a month! I am going over to help, so if you would like to join in then give me a call. For more information contact Don Seigler (864) 903-4558

## ETERNAL SHEPHERD CHURCH

For several years now, we have had a church supper club. As of now, we have 34 members, some couples, some singles. The group is divided up into groups of 6 or 8, with one couple or 2 singles serving as hosts.

### **Here is how the group operates:**

The hosts are responsible for calling the other couples assigned to their dinner to set a date and tell them what to bring. 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. 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 or have questions, please call Sue Watson, at 864-710-0501, or email [susandwatson41@gmail.com](mailto:susandwatson41@gmail.com), ASAP, because we have to get the schedule out very soon.



## Alaska Missions

PRAISE You, Father...PRAISE You, Jesus...PRAISE You, Holy Spirit...for your response to the Alaska Mission Team's prayer partners prayers; and to the prayers for the kids in pictures taken by ESLC kid prayer participants.

137 kids showed up for the first VBS session and very soon joined the team in singing and dancing to Pat's music. They were animated at the Bible verses, Bible stories, skits and very participative in the review Q&A. Our teen leaders, including new team participants, who shared their individual life difficulties, were enthusiastically received by the village teens.

**Please see next months Agapegram for full details on our ESLC Team Alaska Mission Trip.**

### OUTREACH RESTAURANT MINISTRY

Please consider sharing ESLC's reputation for showing love to a member of our community by patronizing a local eatery, sometime during August, and chat with your server/order-taker, taking time to observe their name tag. When leaving the restaurant or when picking up your order write a short thank-you note on the back of an ESLC business card which are on the front desk at the church office. Leave that thank-you card with your tip or hand the card to your order-taker.

One way of participating is if you happen to have young children/grandchildren and you sometimes take them to a fast-food restaurant. After you write the note, children/grandchildren enjoy signing their name to the note, or if they are old enough, they like to actually write the note themselves. May we suggest that you pray about taking that opportunity to participate in this ministry of love!

Finally, use your smart phone, computer, etc. to E-Mail your server/order-taker's first name only (for privacy purposes) to Celeste, our church secretary or Deaconess Holly [office@eternalshepherd.org](mailto:office@eternalshepherd.org) or leave a note on Celeste's desk... or Deaconess Holly at [deaconess@eternalshepherd.org](mailto:deaconess@eternalshepherd.org). Tell Deaconess Holly or Celeste about your witnessing adventure...with the first name of your server/order-taker, and they will include that person in the Sunday Bulletin special prayer section, as well as on the E-Mail prayer chain. We understand that not everyone is comfortable with "public prayer"...so please note that this "show of love" does not in any way necessitate any member to engage in public prayer at the restaurant. *"Love thy neighbor"*

## MISSION NEWS

**Honduras Mission 2019:** We have had a few folks commit to the 2019 trip so far but we have plenty of openings left. I know February sounds like it's a long way off but we have already had to give the airline an estimate of travelers, plus we are just two months away from our first team meeting. So if you have some degree of interest please let me know so that we can make some plans, and so we can pray about your participation. The size of our team has a lot to do with the amount of ministry we can accomplish and we have to plan for that ministry.

There is a cost for the mission and many of the team send letters to friends and relatives requesting prayer and support if possible. Alice and I have gone for eleven years and would not be able to do this without the support we receive. We have sample letters that we give to folks who would like to use this. It simply allows others to be part of the mission who may not be able to travel to the mission field. Again, our mission is medical with an evangelistic outcome. We have doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists, a pharmacy, children's ministry, we install water filters, paint churches & houses, and put down concrete floors, plus we have team times of worship, sharing, devotions and evenings to socialize for those who can stay awake. It is a spiritual week with some truly mountain top experiences. We also have a great time together with folks we have come to know from the other churches that form our team.

*Come, answer Christ's call to "go and make disciples" and experience what it means to be a missionary.*

*Que Dios te Bendiga (May God Bless You),  
Pastor Ray*

### DISASTER RESPONSE



We took the disaster response trailer to Charleston a few weeks ago to work on two houses that desperately needed help. One team worked on a house that we worked on before. This time we were requested to put ceramic tile in three bathrooms and the laundry room of a house of a very mature widow. In the past she and her husband started a house to hold a large family but he died, stopping the progress. Several community organizations are trying to help her get the house completed. We were very pleased to be able to help. We may end up going to this house again next fall. **Our plan for the future is taking three more trips. Those tentative dates are the weeks of Sept. 30th, Oct. 28th and Dec. 2nd** in Charleston, SC or Lumberton, NC or wherever our Lord leads. **Please join us.** Those who have joined so far are *Fred Bell; Kerry & Sue Blount; Deek Decker; Richard Grotheer; Mike Hauser; Lars Helland; Walt Lindow; Monty Moore, and Cecil Murray.*

## MISSION NEWS

**WOOD YOU HELP!!:** The "Toys for God's Kids" Smilemakers here at ESLC are in need of wood to make cars. More specifically wood for wheels which would be 1" by any width you have. For example if you have an old 'wood' bookcase that has seen better days we would gladly repurpose it to make wheels for cars that are given to children throughout the world. Better yet if you know a cabinet maker who will give you some scraps that would be great. We will take 2" wood as well but our critical shortage at present is the 1", preferably without nails. If we can't find the wood we may have to purchase some, but we really don't have a budget. If you would like to donate send it to ESLC with TFGK on the memo line.

We also need more workers for the vineyard/woodshop to help cut and assemble the cars. Join us and become a Smilemaker and bring joy to a child. See Mike Hauser or Pastor Ray Ramsburg for more information. *Thank you for your help.*

**Toys for God's Kids**



*Children in Rwanda who received the toy cars*



**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE  
FOOTHILLS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER  
ALL BABY BOTTLES ARE DUE  
BACK BY  
September 2, 2018**

The Foothills Pregnancy Care Center Baby Bottle Drive is drawing to a close and if you haven't done so already, **please don't forget to return your baby bottle by September 2nd.** There is box in the Narthex lobby to place your filled baby bottle.

Thank you to all who participated this year. Fifty-eight baby bottles were taken home by members back in May and many have already been returned filled with coins, cash or checks. The total contribution to the Pregnancy Care Center will be determined over the next month and will be published in the next Agapegram. Last year we raised \$4253 for this worthy cause so let's try and top this year with your generous donation!

For those of you who have yet to return your bottle, please note that if you plan on writing a check as part, or all, of your donation, **please make out your check to ESLC with FPCC in the memo line.** On behalf of the Foothills Pregnancy Care Center, thank you for your participation, your contributions, prayers and your support. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Cochell at 404-433-7338.



“ROUND THE TABLE”  
LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY  
CELEBRATES SUMMER!

Monday, August 6, 2:00PM  
BINGO, Bible Study, &  
Binge-worthy snacks

RSVP: [janetwalker111@bellsouth.net](mailto:janetwalker111@bellsouth.net)  
864-654-1662

Hostess: Debbie Bell  
810 Gate View Ct  
Seneca, SC

## Hospitality Happenings for August

August late service schedule:

8/5 Ruth Scheiderer

8/12 Janet Moriarty

8/19 Lou Jolley & Katherine Dunlop

8/26 Julie Moore



Please contact Marlene Bell for any hospitality needs from August 3-10.

### 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 August's preferred product is "**Canned Meat**" (Please place items in the big blue trash can marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). ~*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



**Greeting Cards**— Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Cancer/Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! Please be sure to check out the cart in the Fellowship Hall. They are still \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. 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 *June* the following gifts were given:



In loving memory of *Chuck Giordano*  
the Choir Fund received gifts of \$325.00  
and

In loving memory of *Flora Pitts*  
the Choir Fund received a gift of \$25.00

Other Gifts:

The Alaska Mission Fund received gifts of \$600.00

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$160.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$130.00  
and gifts of \$73.89 from the Belk Sale

The Debt Reduction Fund received gifts of \$10,050.00

The Disaster Relief Fund received gifts of \$3,025.00

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$2,025.00

The Haiti Mission Fund received gifts of \$290.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$25.00  
and gifts of \$555.00 in honor of *Rick & Loan Kruse's* wedding

The Hospitality Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Mission Fund received a gift of \$20.00  
and the Special Missions Fund/Shirk Missions received a gift of \$100.00

The Mission Quilt Sewers Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Board of Outreach Fund received a gift of \$8,000.00

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund received a gift of \$2,000.00

The Vacation Bible School Fund received a gift of \$100.00

# Little Lambs Tales

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6*

As we enter into another school year at Little Lambs Preschool, we are reminded of this verse that has been the foundation of the preschool ministry of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our main objective at the preschool is to instill in these little children the love of Jesus and share with them the story of our salvation in Christ. We are hopeful that this foundation in our Christian faith will carry them throughout their lives; in the good times and the bad.

Below are some important dates to be aware of as we start this new school year.

**August 15,16,17: Teacher Work Days**  
**August 20th: Open House 4:00-5:30pm**  
**August 21st: First day of school**

Just a reminder that Little Lambs Preschool operates Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 11:30am.

**Please remember to drive slowly through the parking lot  
as our little children are often outdoors playing.**

Do you shop at Ingles? Do you use a printer? If so, you have the ability to help our school! Connect your Ingles card to Little Lambs. You can do this online at Ingles Tools for Schools or by signing the sheet in the Narthex. Our school ID number is 11415. If you need help with this process please stop by the Preschool Office and I can help you or see Roberta Port after church service for assistance. ***Please be aware that you must sign up for the Ingles Tools for Schools Program every year.***

When your printer cartridge runs empty, bring it to the church and you will find a box to place those in as well.

It is amazing how these little things that you can do provide a great benefit to our Preschool program.

Most especially, we ask for your prayers as we begin this school year. We appreciate all the support you continue to give us and know that it is because of your support that Little Lambs Preschool continues to thrive!

*Blessings in Christ,  
Gina*



Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

#### What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

#### How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



## GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.



**Directions:** First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

**WORD BANK:** is in is at if in as is in with

God \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_  
(dark) (her)

there \_\_\_\_\_ ness \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
(yes) (light) (none)

But \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(run) (dark)

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

(1 John 1:5-7, NIV)

## **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)



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