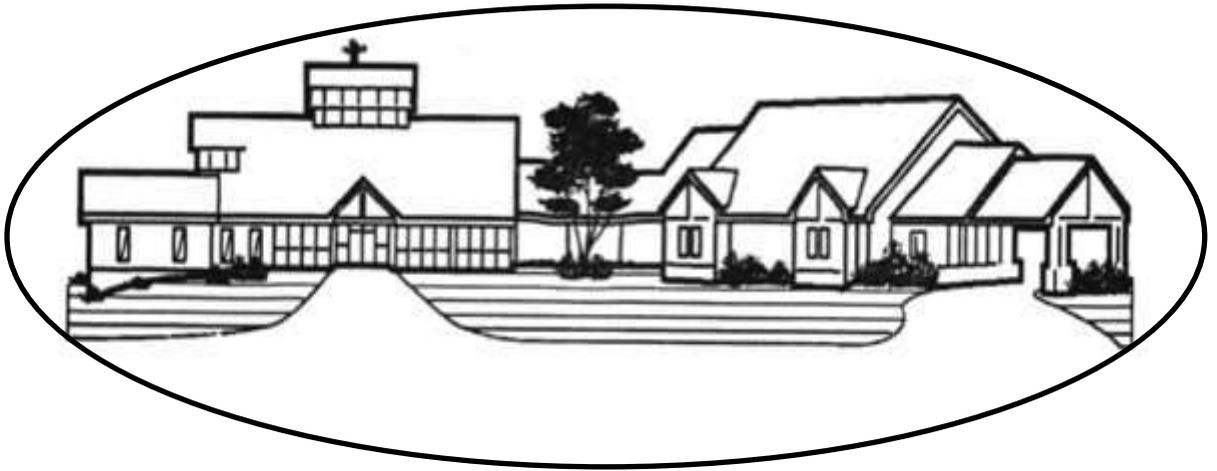

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The Freedom of Grace

This month we celebrate the Reformation and its emphasis on the Good News of forgiveness and salvation in Christ. Accordingly, we'll give Luther voice through some excerpts of his 1520 writing, *The Freedom of the Christian*, which highlights the way of life of those who have been saved by grace:

A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone.

... They are both the statements of Paul himself, who says, "Though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all" (1 Cor. ix. 19),...

To this end he brings forward Christ as an example, saying, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant... He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death" (Phil. ii. 5-8)...

Thus, when Paul had taught the Philippians how they had been made rich by that faith in Christ in which they had obtained all things, he teaches them further in these words: "...Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. ii. 1-4).

In this we see clearly that the Apostle lays down this rule for a Christian life: that all our works should be directed to the advantage of others, ... and his whole life remain over and above wherewith to serve and benefit his neighbor of spontaneous good works... All this he should do freely, and with regard to nothing but the good pleasure of God, ...

... Though he is ... free from all works, yet he ought to empty himself of this liberty, take on him the form of a servant, ... serve, help, and in every way act towards his neighbor as he sees that God through Christ has acted and is acting towards him. All this he should do freely, and with regard to nothing but the good pleasure of God, ...

I will therefore give myself as a sort of Christ, to my neighbor, as Christ has given Himself to me; and will do nothing in this life except what I see will be needful, advantageous, and wholesome for my neighbor, since by faith I abound in all good things in Christ...

Thus from faith flow forth love and joy in the Lord, and from love a cheerful, willing, free spirit, disposed to serve our neighbor voluntarily, without taking any account of gratitude or ingratitude, praise or blame, gain or loss...

We conclude therefore that a Christian man does not live in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor, or else is no Christian: in Christ by faith; in his neighbor by love. By faith he is carried upwards above himself to God, and by love he sinks back below himself to his neighbor, still always-abiding in God and His love...

Pastor David

FLORENCE DISASTER RELIEF

We will be going to Lumberton, NC. The week of October 7th—12th to respond to various needs. The date for this trip is preliminary expecting that roads and conditions will be acceptable on that date. We have an on the ground coordinator (Pastor Ortega who we have worked with before) in Lumberton, NC. He has jobs lined up, materials, housing and food already for those willing to help. For questions contact—Deek Decker, Lars Helland or Monty Moore. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Thank you for your help and support to those in need. Some people lost everything let's show them our Lord's love with our helping hands.*





Deaconess Musings

Our Anchor for the Soul

Autumn arrives and the world outside soon changes and prepares for winter-time, whether we wish it to or not. And as we move out of summer's long, hot days and into fall's cooler, colorful ones, this time of transition never fails to bring a certain time of contemplation and introspection.

The main thought: change.

It is a word that could invoke many a thought and attitude. It is a thought pattern that frightens the best of us. It is inevitable and something that will touch each one of us – no matter our age or stage of life.

We all experience various changes within our lives, whether it be a new marriage, the arrival of a new child, graduation, job promotions/losses, moving, death of a family member or spouse, death itself, etc... But while all people on Earth experience the very same things, the redeemed child of God remains anchored through unpredictable waters.

Our Lord God remains our constant source of life and hope. He is our anchor, in whom we find “strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us” (Hebrews 6:18, 19a). No matter the change we will face in this life, God proves a most trustworthy and ever-present companion who is “the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). And even though for a time, our lives be mired with change, sorrow, distress or tears, we hold an anchored hope in Jesus Christ and lean on His never-failing grace and forgiveness. For through every change and season of our life, we rejoice in the future that has yet to be revealed when all will be made perfect and complete through Christ.



Until that day, we take comfort and rest when we face the multitude of changes in our unchangeable, immovable, ever-present Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

~Deaconess Holly

You're Invited!



Travel the road to financial freedom.

**To a Finance Seminar on
Saturday, October 6
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Free Lunch is included.
Invite your friends.**

PLEASE sign-up on Church Bulletin Board.

*****Sponsored by your Stewardship Board**

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 7th: Celebration of Pastor Hammer's 10 Years of Service. Please be sure to join us at 12:30 pm in the main Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Pastor Hammer's 10 years of service to our Lord at Eternal Shepherd.

Sunday, October 21st: Commitment Sunday

Saturday, October 27th: Lego Robotic League 8am—12 pm in the main Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 28th: Reformation Sunday —Communion Both Services

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am still amazed at the beautiful piano concert performed by Michelle Rowland on the evening of September 21. Although I knew Michelle was a talented musician, the concert gave her the opportunity to bless us with beautiful piano selections which showed her amazing artistic talent and ability as a pianist. Thank you Michelle for sharing your gift of music with us!

Kyra and I brought our neighbors to the concert and they also were very impressed with Michelle's talent and enjoyed every minute. During intermission I showed them around our facility, pointing out our mission board and all the areas we serve both locally and aboard. I also mentioned the various Bible study opportunities offered and that many members partake of hearing and studying the Word of God. I was proud to share Eternal Shepherd's many ministries with these friends.

Along those lines, I just finished reading a document written by Pastor Matthew Harrison, President, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod entitled *Joyfully Lutheran, A message to the Church about the challenges we face and how to face them*. In one section, President Harrison was asked by the interviewer, 'What do healthy congregations look like?' As I read through his answer, I was very excited to realize our church is doing many of the things a healthy congregation would be doing. President Harrison made the following points:

1. Congregations that are healthy have a focus on global, national and local missions. They provide opportunities to serve through mission trips, district mission endeavors and communities.
2. The pastor does the work of an evangelist, engaging the community, and is involved in the lives of the members of the church. He must also be a student of the Word and preach well.
3. A congregation must be in the Word through Bible study and service.
4. A healthy congregation is one that fosters an atmosphere of excitement and joy!

In essence a healthy congregation is what our Mission Statement says:

Eternal Shepherd is an instrument of God for carrying out Christ's commission of making disciples of others and ourselves through worship, education, witness, stewardship, service, and fellowship. And although I know we don't do everything perfectly, I do feel our focus is on target. We are so blessed to be members of God's family and members of a healthy congregation called Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church. Of course this is not of our own doing but is a gift from God as He leads us in all we do. May we all be *Joyfully Lutheran* as we learn, serve and give of ourselves in the various ministries offered to us here at ESLC! And in all we do may we glorify Him!

Rudy Carbone
Council President

FINANCE BOARD

The board has begun the process of preparing the 2019 church budget. In the next several weeks board members will be meeting with the individual board chairs to prepare the budget requests with the goal of completing this step in the process by October 15, 2018. We will compile these estimates and compare them to our anticipated revenues for 2019. We will then make necessary adjustments and discuss them with the appropriate board chairs to finalize the 2019 budget to be presented to the voters at the November meeting.

On a somewhat related topic one area we will analyze for the 2019 budget is whether to continue with our on-line giving program through Vanco, Inc. Currently six individuals regularly use this program; however, because of the low usage the costs are much greater than the benefit gained. Should the number of individuals using the program continue at the current level the board is prepared to recommend discontinuing on-line giving for the congregation but continuing the program for Little Lambs Pre-school.

There are two ways to participate in the program. You can go to the church web site and click on the on-line giving link and follow the instructions and drop down boxes to establish an account. You will be given the choice for how often you wish to give and what amount you want to give. Also, you can establish where you want your monies to go, i.e., general fund or a particular fund, or both. Each Tuesday you will be emailed a receipt detailing your gift for your records. You can also participate by using the “QR” code printed in the bulletin below the “Offering” header.

Individuals utilizing this method of giving find it easy and convenient (no last minute writing of checks) and cost efficient it is one less check written. Another benefit is: when you travel or are sick your tithe still is received.

Prayerfully consider this giving option.

~Your Finance Board

ON-LINE GIVING Bob Massa, Finance Board Chair
Remember you can 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.



A Father's Love

by Kerry Blount

*“Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.” Psalm 25:16*

I heard a moving story many years ago, only the essence of which has remained in my memory. With my apologies to the original author, my memory of that story is what I offer to you here, for this is what made its mark on my heart.

Late one afternoon in a small town not too far from here, there was a terrible accident. A young mother on the way home after work slid off an icy road, rolled down an embankment, and was killed in the crash. Her husband, notified by the police and having identified his wife's body, informed those who loved her—none of whom lived in town—in several short but heartrending conversations. Then he picked up their four-year-old from daycare, took him home, and tried to explain as gently as he could why the boy's mom would not be coming home.

The two of them shared many tears together that night; tears of denial, tears of confusion and anger, tears of grief. When night had fully come, both were exhausted with their outpouring of emotion. At the father's insistence, they both dressed themselves in their pajamas, and then lay down facing one another on the big bed. When the boy was settled and seemed to be sleeping, the father turned out the light. The room was very dark and very quiet.

After a few minutes of silence, the child said, “Daddy, I can't see you. Are you there?” “Yes, son, I'm here right beside you,” and he reached out in the darkness and began to gently stroke his son's hair. They lay together in the stillness for a long time.

“Daddy, is your face towards me?” the little boy whispered. “Yes, son,” he whispered back in a husky voice. And he reached out, took his son's small hand, and placed it on his face, which was once again wet with silent tears.

“Then I can sleep now,” said the child, and almost instantly feel asleep, his fingers still caressing the damp trails of his father's grief and love.

That's all of the story I know. And for me it is enough. Because at that point, somehow I know that love will conquer loss; love will conquer grief; love will even conquer death.

Our hearts celebrate the love in this simple story, and rightly so, because it is a lovely but distant echo of a much greater love. How much more should we treasure and celebrate the love that guided the creation of all beauty? The love that whispers comfort on the darkest of your earthly nights? The love that forsook glory to come down and lay His very life on the line for you in a last-ditch battle to save your soul? The love that prepared a place for you in eternity?

O Lord, if Your face is towards me, I can endure all things. I rest secure in Your unending love.

Amen

Friends,

The month of October in our church has often been considered Stewardship Month. This year, you will again be receiving a form in your mailbox, giving you an opportunity to pray about and then commit or pledge an amount of personal giving for the following year.

On Sunday, October 7, the forms will be available for you. Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, October 21. You will then have the opportunity to place your own pledge in the box that resides on the shelf behind our altar.

Please approach your decision with prayer and reflection. Reflect on God's grace and goodness in your life and then seek His will. Ask God to guide you in the privilege of giving.

Individually, and as a church, we further the mission and ministries God has entrusted to us.

In addition to giving monies, as God's stewards, we have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference by serving the Lord. There are so many opportunities to serve in our church, our community, and our world. God empowers us to faithfully use our gifts and our talents in serving Him.

Share your love of Christ with others ... and give Him the glory as you serve.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever.

~ 1 Peter 4:10-11

In thankfulness to God for our love for Jesus ~ by serving Him and others,



~Board of Stewardship

Welcome Our Newest Members

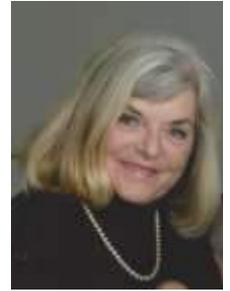
We Welcome Mark Ashton

Guantanamo Bay, Germany, AZ, CA, KS, ME, VA are among the places Mark has worked and/or lived. He is a retired US Air Force officer having mainly worked logistics & nuclear missiles. He has taught HS level ROTC in GA & WV, and once taught ROTC at Clemson; The family liked this area so much, they desired to move back someday. He and Cathy have three children and eight grands, all living within a two hour drive! Walking with his dogs, gardening, chess, playing card games & Monopoly with his grands fills in many of his happy hours. Mark enjoys the men's Bible Study & is most appreciative of receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. Welcome back!



Hello Carolyn Messenger!

A resident at Chickasaw Point since 2004, previously Annapolis MD and Cary NC prior to that, where she served as Sr High Youth Adviser in an ELCA cong. for over a decade.. She was widowed almost a year ago. She has two children - John who lives in NC, and DeEtte in CA who gives her two grandchildren, one in college, one HS. Carolyn has been a Commercial Real Estate Property Manager (of 12 office bldgs for over 20 years) and, what she claims her "best job ever", - Leasing Agent for ground to air, air to ground and ground to ground radio equipment rooms in airports, for 5 years. (She is the only person I know who has those credentials!) Current activities are golf, pickle ball, walking & fishing & she enjoys reading, crochet & knitting along with a former pastime of writing children's books. When asked where her areas of interest are at ES she quipped "I can't sing so the choir is out!" ...but I am interested in the canine comfort ministry. Welcome, Carolyn!



Meet Judi Graham!

Judi & husband moved to Seneca 3 years ago when Roy accepted the maintenance mgr. Position for the Serenity Place senior community, where they also reside. Judi is a retired Registration Coordinator for Clemson and a Habitat for Humanity and Serenity Place volunteer. She looks forward to the many volunteer service opportunities at ESLC. Only son Richard lives in Chesapeake VA with wife and 2 sons who are "definitely the apple of her eye." Judi expresses her thanks to the people of ES for her warm reception. (And I quote), "My only regret is that I didn't realize sooner that I was a "Lutheran" all along!"

Meet the Scotts!

2, 4, 6, 8, whom do we appreciate? Our physicians and our teachers! Mike the former (ER@Oconee) and Laura the latter (English@Easley). The preceding numerals list the ages of their children, the older two attend OCA. The Scotts come to us from Indiana, Mike is a lifelong Lutheran, Laura joined the faith 6 years ago. Laura is interested in Hospitality or any congregational activity offering comfort & joy such as meal preparation. Their favorite activity is Family Fun Night...all love reading and enjoy travel. Example,(again by numbers), the Scotts once visited 9 zoos in 8 different states in 6 months! Welcome aboard!

Welcome Our Newest Members

Meet Kathy & Craig Bergeson

FedEx was the 1st service industry to receive the prestigious US Malcolm Baldrige Award for Excellence ...could it be because a couple of our new members worked there? Craig was in management over Flight Control operations, working closely with the pilots and serving on airline consortiums in Wash., DC. Kathy was the Corporate Process Improvement Advisor at Express, and later named as a Baldrige Judge by the Secretary of Commerce. Born and raised in Seattle, meeting at ages 16 and 18, they've come to us



from the Memphis area and moved to Greer to be near their four year old grandson and his parents. The first time they visited ES they found it "a good fit", appreciating the Spirit-led message and the education provided. In former congregations, Craig has served as head elder, chairman, and led various committees, while Kathy served as church pianist/organist and involved in LWML leadership. Craig likes to fish and hunt and has as his goal to climb the high points in all fifty states - so far, he has completed 39. Both are readers, and prolific travelers. Kathy has also chaired various non-profits, including children's services, and Huntington's Disease. Craig is on the list for possible disaster assistance thru ES and they presently attend Bible studies; daily activities and the distance they live from ES may determine future participation. Welcome, Bergesons, to the flock!

MISSION NEWS



Pastor Walta and an Update On Haiti

Although Pastor Walta lost everything of value in his vehicle, the robbers did not harm him and he is now rescheduled to come to the Upstate November 1st through the 5th. He would like very much to meet with everyone at Eternal Shepherd, and extend thanks from the people of the Central Plateau we have so graciously helped. Lars will be reserving the fellowship hall where we can meet Pastor Walta, review all that has been done in the last year, what is currently under construction, and how we can assist in the coming year.

We at Eternal Shepherd have supplied 24 beds and mattresses in the orphan housing at Laotchikit. We have delivered quilts for some of those beds and our Quilters will have more ready to ship in January. By congregational vote, we used \$5,620.00 to start the school in Pas Bonbon and pay the salaries of the teachers and cook for the 2018-2019 school year. That school opened in September with 98 students. Member donations have funded the construction of a kitchen and storage area, drilling of a well, construction of restroom with showers, 200 gallon water tank with pump for restrooms/showers, Bibles in French and Creole and instituted the Feeding Program through Trinity HOPE. In Laotchikit a duplicate kitchen and storage building is being constructed, and a pump with 200 gallon tank, is being installed over the existing restroom/showers to make them functional for the orphans. The number of Lutherans joining the ranks is exponential. Your help is greatly appreciated.

MISSION NEWS



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Dear Friends:

We join you in praying for victims of Hurricane Florence.

When disaster strikes, Christians are among the first to look for ways to help those in need, whether it means lending a helping hand or making a monetary donation.

In addition to relief efforts your church may be involved with, Thrivent members and others can help hurricane victims in the following ways:

- **Donate.** Make a personal donation. Thrivent will match individual personal donations – up to \$1 million – made through Thrivent.com to assist specific disaster relief organizations.* Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars®.

Volunteer. Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a volunteer Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities.

We thank you and your church for continuing to keep those who suffer in your prayers and support them as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

**Thrivent will pay the processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation, up to \$100,000 or Dec. 31, 2018, whichever comes first.*

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE PRAYER SHAWLS, BUT DON'T KNOW HOW TO CROCHET OR KNIT?

Your opportunity is here! Crochet classes will be held before the Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 3 pm on October 11th, 18th and 25th in the Fellowship Hall. Three sessions should get you started, but additional assistance will be available before Women's Bible Study though out the study session.

If you want to participate, please let Sue Hauser know or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. There is nothing that you need to bring to the first class – crochet needles and yarn with instructions will be provided. If you already know how to crochet and would like to assist Sue in teaching, please let her know also.

The prayer shawl ministry provides prayer shawls and pocket prayer shawls to those are experiencing difficult or stressful times as a representation of our Christian concern and love. Anyone from the congregation can give a prayer shawl to anyone that they are concerned about.

The prayer shawl ministry works as a self-service kiosk in the fellowship hall. There are plastic bins located by the closets. We request that if you take a prayer shawl for a friend or relative that you enter your name as well as theirs into the log provided in the bin. We also request that you pray with them if you hand deliver the prayer shawl.

Pocket prayer shawls are available in a smaller bin. You are welcome to select one of them for anyone as well as yourself. We only keep track of the pocket prayer shawls that are made and not those given.

If you are not interested in making prayer shawls, how can you contribute?

First, pray that the prayers shawl will be comfort to those who receive them, that the recipients will take their problems to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in prayer, that their faith will be strengthened and that they will find the peace and support that they seek. Secondly, pray that prayer shawls will be available when they are needed.

Provide unused yarn that you may have. There are yarn bins available for the yarn within the self-service kiosk area.

Knitting lessons are being planned in the spring again before Women's Bible Study. If you are interested, watch for more information in January.



"CALL FOR SERVANTS" We need help in all areas: acolytes, greeters, **ushers** and readers. It's always a party if you serve! If you can serve please contact Celeste in the front office or contact Lane Wilson. ~*Thank you*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of additional volunteers for the Prison Ministry. The Prison Ministry Team makes visit inmates at the Oconee County Jail every 3 months to pray for them and give them bibles. If you are interested please contact Frank Kieninger or Cecil Murray.

MISSION NEWS

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! – Before October ends we need to send a deposit to World Gospel Outreach for each person traveling to Honduras as part of the ESLC Mission team that will be serving there from Feb. 23 to Mar. 2, 2019. There is much that needs to happen before this team of 35 missionaries from ESLC and partner churches travels to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to serve approximately 3000 Hondurans, bringing them medical services, medicine, children's ministry and most importantly the Gospel of our Lord. We need to know who is on board so that team meetings can begin and we can prepare ourselves to go and serve—to go and make disciples.

If this is something you have been considering and are new to ESLC, contact me so that we can discuss this opportunity. The cost is \$1759.00 which includes everything; airfare, lodging, transportation, translators, & meals. This can be a life changing experience for many. Contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg or any other team member (see the team pictures on the bulletin board).



Look for the “**HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS**” glove drive in November to raise money for medicine and supplies for our mission trip.

OPPORTUNITIES KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR!

It is always a good thing for the church to become involved in their community.

Here are some ways to connect Oconee County in the name of Eternal Shepherd, L.C.

Foremost assist a child at **Fair-Oak Elementary School** in the Oakway area. You can read, help with spelling and math in order to give a student the one on one they need. You can do this one day a week on your own schedule. You will have to have a background check at no expense to you. This will be the most fun you've ever had volunteering.

Debbie Cobb at the Oconee County Senior Center is in need of **Meals on Wheels Drivers**. This can be once a week or once a month to fit your schedule. It usually takes an hour to deliver meals to Shut-Ins and elderly ladies and gentlemen in Seneca.

Dots Kitchen in Westminster serves meals Monday — Friday to anyone needing a nutritious and free meal. All of the food served at Dot's Kitchen is donated. The need is for food preparation, serving and cleanup. You can help once a week, twice a month or once a month. The choice is yours. It generally takes four hours for this opportunity.

Each Tuesday at 7pm until 8:30 pm there is a community **Oconee Bible Study at Seneca First Baptist Church**. This is a class room, homework and lecture study. This year we are studying Matthew. O.B.S. is a non-denominational multi-cultural mix of all creeds and colors. God loves the Human Race.

Please consider at least one of these opportunities. For information on any or all of these worthy programs, call Don Seigler at (864) 903-4558.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels Program. We are in need of volunteers for the 2nd and 5th Fridays of the month. Anyone interested can contact me on my cell phone at (512) 363-7280. ~Thank you, Lane Wilson



TOYS FOR GOD'S KIDS is a ministry of ESLC that makes wooden toy cars to send to the mission field with missionaries and to areas where our military deploys. There is a group of folks who come together to assemble the cars that some of the other folks cut out. All are known as Smilemakers for the smiles they bring to the faces of children. In the next six months we already have requests for over 2500 cars and more will come in. We need skilled and unskilled—those who want to put a smile on the face of a child. Contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg or Mike Hauser if you would like to help with this ministry. It's a lot of fun to be a Smilemaker.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Habitat For Humanity **is in need of volunteers throughout the organization.** Due in a large part to longtime volunteers moving away. There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. If you have any questions contact Henry or Sue Watson.

Hospitality Happenings for October

October late service schedule:

- 10/7 - Colleen Wakeman
- 10/14 - Sue Blount
- 10/21 - Harriet Murphy
- 10/28 - Debbie Bell



Thinking about joining the hospitality board? Please see myself or Marlene Bell with any questions. *In his service, Sue Williams*

FEEDING THE HUNGRY OF SENECA, SAT. OCTOBER 13TH

On **Saturday, Oct. 13th** we'll be serving our hungry friends in Seneca. We'll plan to meet behind the Market Basket in downtown Seneca (or at Our Daily Bread depending on the weather). Please come and join us the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you're planning on helping prepare the food, meet at church at 9:45am. If you just want to serve, arrive at 11am behind the Market Basket in downtown Seneca. Any questions, call my cell at (770) 331-1300. *Thank you all for sharing your love with our neighbors.*
~John Cochell



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 **October's** preferred product is "**Peanut Butter**". Please place items in the one of the trash cans 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 *August* the following gifts were given:



In loving memory of *Barb Hornburg*
the Elder Fund received a gift of \$50.00

In loving memory of *Greg Krabbe*
the Elder Fund received gifts of \$400.00

In loving memory of *Flora Pitts*
the Elder Fund received a gift of \$50.00

In loving memory of *Don Robertson*
the Elder Fund received a gift of \$50.00

Other Gifts:

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$230.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$1,268.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$600.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Haiti Mission Fund received gifts of \$5,000.00

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

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$120.00

The Youth Fund received gifts of \$205.00

Little Lambs Tales

“The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, blesses us” Psalm 67:7

As we head into the month of October, we are thankful for the cool mornings and the wonders that God reveals to us in the season of autumn.

We spent the first weeks of school getting to know one another, learning new routines and of course sampling some fresh apples as we learned all about the letter A!

The children continue their chapel time where they heard All about Me, All about the World and Noah and the Flood. Thank you to Pastor David and Deaconess Holly for sharing the Good News of our Faith with these young children.

On September 19th, the “Farm” came to Little Lambs Preschool! Mrs. Sara Foster, a parent from our school, brought sheep, chickens, a duck and her honeybees to the preschool! She also brought her tractor and the children loved it! Senora Kate Wells once again brought her horse, Rowdy, which was a favorite. We appreciate these women and the effort it took to bring their farm animals to our school; certainly a labor of love. We all ate homemade muffins and breads, assembled a scarecrow, searched for the hidden apples in deer corn, and learned some square dancing as we listened to music mixed by our very own DJ! A fun day was had by all!

Toward the end of September we celebrated our dads and grandfathers as we enjoyed Donuts with Dad. It is always a fun morning as the children share the blessings of Little Lambs with their special guest.

We will be taking our annual trip to the Little Cane Creek Pumpkin Farm on October 17th where we will be visiting the pumpkin patch and taking a hay ride! Always a memory to be treasured!

We continue to ask for your prayers as we go through our autumn season! The sniffles have begun so we ask for prayers of health and wellness for all our children as well as our teachers. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!



*Blessings,
Gina*

COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

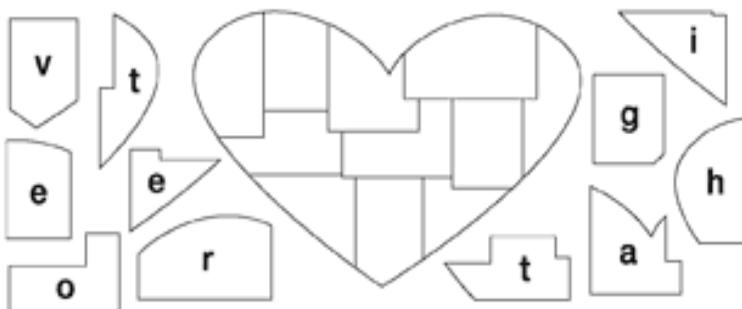


How to give

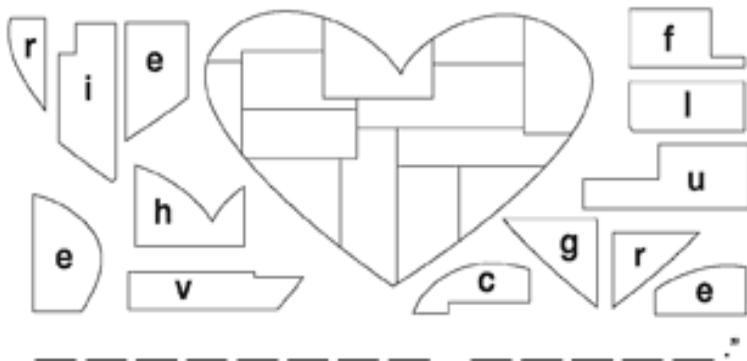
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

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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