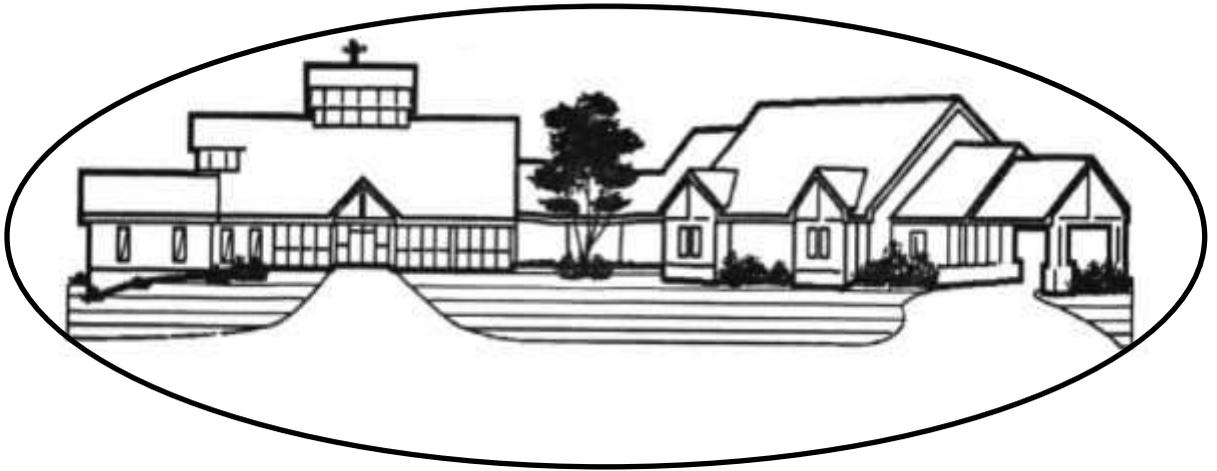

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Ancient Reflections: Epiphany “Nations will walk to your light...” Isaiah 60:3 EHV

With a later Lent and Easter this year, we find ourselves in a longer season of Epiphany that reflects upon the revealing of **Jesus’ nature and purpose**. **Leo the Great, who lived in the 5th century AD**, speaks to the significance of what Epiphany celebrates:

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. ...

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. ... let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

... This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. ...

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. ...

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

We, too, are heirs of God’s forgiving grace for Christ’s sake and welcomed from “the nations” (Gk: *ethnos*: nation, culture, or ethnicity) into God’s people. As Eternal Shepherd joins in the ancient and ongoing work of proclaiming and sharing the Gospel, join with us in sharing that saving Word with others, whether by participating in missions and outreach efforts directly or keeping those efforts in your prayers so that all people may find their hope in Jesus.

“...and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.” Isaiah 60:6 EHV

Pastor David

Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, February 10th
in the Sanctuary
after the late service*

*Please make plans to attend
this important meeting.*





Deaconess Musings

Mastering the Basics

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

~1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Pre-Deaconess Holly, the clarinet player, knew/heard/tried-but-not always-followed this phrase: “Know your scales and arpeggios, and you can play just about anything from sight.” Did I always listen to the sage advice of my teachers? Nope. I thought to myself, “I know the basics. I don’t need to keep going back to those. Let me at the Mozart Clarinet Concerto!”

Time after time, and lesson after lesson, it was obvious when I did and didn’t practice my basic foundations of clarinet – it showed when it came to the pieces that I was required to perform for testing. I wasn’t really ready to take the time to really get those basic patterns under my fingers and was never truly able to master the instrument.

To be able to master anything, be it a musical instrument or martial art form, the basics – that foundational work – is key. To everything. From those basic scales or movements flow the more complex passagework and precise techniques.

It is the same with our faith. It is probably not a good idea to jump right into Francis Pieper’s *Christian Dogmatics* with the Communication of Attributes (of Jesus Christ), without first understanding *who Christ is*. The Communication of Attributes may never be a thing you really desire to read (totally fine by-the-way), but you can know *who Christ is*. You can know and learn, and then know and learn some more, the crazy importance of why we sinful humanity needed this *incarnate God-Man* to be born, suffer, die, rise from the dead, and reign as ascended King of Kings.

You may never desire to dive deep into the finer, more intricate points concerning the doctrines of the Trinity, but you can hear and learn, and hear and learn again – that you are not God, even though you want to be/act/speak as Him. You can hear and know about the good gifts God the Creator has granted you – simply by being born and given into a family. You can hear and know that even though you think you’re happy, deep down we all struggle with discontent, heartache and sin.

It may seem basic and simple, but the beautifully simple-complex nature of our faith is that Christianity is all about Jesus...*for you*. That the Christ, this Jesus of Nazareth, is both God and Man...*for you*. That this Jesus, the only begotten of the Father, was born, suffered and did not fall to sin, and died...*for you*. And that this Jesus Christ, Savior long-foretold, broke those chains of death, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father, and reigns as Ruler of All...*for you*.

We confess it daily. This simple combination of words. But in them, we find all that we need to know, now and forever. Sometimes a return to the basics is needed. You know them...keep knowing them.

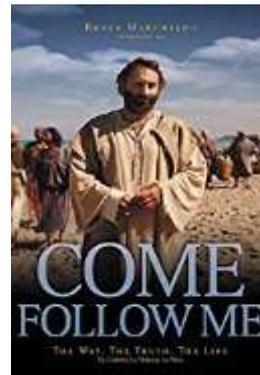
Deaconess Holly

Please join us and bring a friend to Movie Night at Eternal Shepherd..The Movie..Come Follow Me

When: Tuesday, February 19th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

The Church will be serving soups and sandwiches starting at 6:00 pm.

Come Follow Me is a movie that depicts what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus. Based on the Bible, the movie recounts the experience of Peter, one of Jesus' most prominent disciples. But the way of discipleship is difficult as the life of Peter proved. He had doubts and fears, and even denied knowing Jesus, an action that shamed him and burdened his conscience with guilt. The comfort for Peter was Jesus who assured his disciple of his loving forgiveness through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. And the way for Peter to be a faithful follower of Jesus was found in the power and promises of Jesus' true word—in the same way as it is for us.



Please us the Sign-up sheet in the hallway to let us know that you plan to attend.

Please let Nicole Beattie know if you would like childcare.

ESLC Youth Adopt-A-Mile Fundraiser

Help us fly to Minneapolis, Minnesota

for the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering.

\$1.00 = 1 Mile

July 11-15, 2019 over 20,000 Lutheran Teens and Adult Leaders will gather in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the **2019 LCMS Youth Gathering!**

For more information or to make a donation please see the display board in the narthex or talk with Deaconess Lustila.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ESLC Council held the first meeting of the new year on Saturday, January 19th. Key objectives included: regular business items, disposition of 2018 excess funds and getting to know one another better in order to work better as a team. I'm pleased to share that your Council is a dedicated, gifted and God-loving team.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 10th, when there will be a short congregational meeting in the sanctuary directly after late service. We plan to have two items on the agenda: approval of two new elders and disbursement of the 2018 excess funds which total \$65,159. The Council unanimously approved the following proposal for these excess funds:

Missions: Haiti School	\$7,700
Additional Mortgage Pay Down in 2019	\$24,000
Allocation to Capital Repair/Asset Replacement Fund	\$23,800
Remainder of Hwy 123 Signage Fund	\$9,659
Total	\$65,159

Another item from our meeting was the appointment of Kerry Blount to lead the implementation of our new Child Safety Policy. We couldn't have a better person lead this important policy; the Council unanimously approved this support for Kerry's efforts.

Lastly, please check your mail boxes for an updated version of Eternal Shepherd's organization chart. This chart shows all council members, their positions and any sub groups. If you have any question about a specific group within the church or are interested in serving in a particular area, please contact the appropriate board lead.

*In His service,
John Cochell*

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. ~Thank you for your faithful support.





**Little Lambs Preschool
Spaghetti Supper
&
Silent Auction**

**Saturday, March 2nd
4:00 - 6:00 pm Dinner at 5pm
at
Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church
220 Carson Road Seneca, SC 29678
in the main Fellowship Hall**

For Tickets or information
contact Roberta Port, Gina Cote
or any preschool board member



Tickets: \$8.00 Adults and \$3.00 Children
Lots of fun, great auction items.
All proceeds help support our Little Lambs

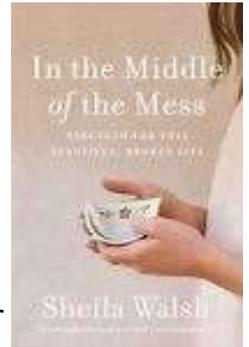
Please Join Us!

LADIES

**Thursday Bible Study – Winter / Spring
Start-up**

You are invited to join us “Round the Table” on Thursdays, starting February 21st. The study will again be held at 4:00 – 5:30 PM each Thursday.

This 6 week study, “In the Middle of the Mess” by Sheila Walsh, includes guided video notes, Bible exploration, and in-between session study materials.



Are you afraid your mess is too big for God? The trials we face in this life can feel overwhelming. Life often seems broken – shattered into a million pieces – and at times we may wonder if our mess is simply “too big” for God. We can convince ourselves we are too far away from God’s grace for it to reach us where we are. God’s power can be made perfect in our weakness. He promises to love us and carry us through to the end.

If you need to order the Study Guide, here is the Amazon link: https://www.amazon.com/Middle-Mess-Study-Guide-Beautiful/dp/0310089433/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1543566551&sr=8-2

(The words: “Study Guide” are located at the top of the cover – left side).

Please **SIGN-UP** on the bulletin board at church. If you are a member of another church, just let us know, if you plan to join us.

The Winter / Spring session will begin on February 21 and will continue thru Thursday, May 9, with Holy Week / Easter Break.

Questions? Call or e-mail: *Janet Walker*
Char Beyer
Margi McLain

From the Board of Stewardship

How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? Did you make any? Did you make any faith-based resolutions? If you made resolutions, did you set definite goals? Don't be discouraged if you felt like you have not lived up to your own expectations. Over 90% of the year still remains for you to work on these goals.

Did you include any resolutions to donate your time, talents, and gifts to the church or community? If not, why not add them now. Just a little of your God-given gifts may mean so much to someone else. **God has given each of us so much, why don't we show that we are His children by sharing.**

The Women's Bible Study Group discussed Spiritual Resolutions just last month. Their discussion included these five guidelines:

Pray to the Lord for wisdom regarding what resolutions, if any, you should make.

Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you.

Rely on God's strength to help you.

Find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you.

Don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further.

Remember, resolutions are not made just for the New Year. They are appropriate anytime.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

~Sue Hauser, Board of Stewardship

Hospitality Happenings for February

February late service schedule:

2/3 - Rosie Caprio

2/10 - Debbie Bell

2/17 - Congregational Meeting

2/24 - Sue Blount



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

Thinking about Grace

by Kerry Blount

His name was Barry Grace. He was a “man’s man,” a soldier and a hunter; but he was a “woman’s man” as well, gentle and affectionate to Joan, his wife, and to their children. I actually remember his warm self-introduction at my first social event in the British Officers’ Mess at Ashford, England. His friendly, welcoming voice preceded his outstretched hand, “Hello, I’m Barry Grace, and we’re so glad you’ve come.” Gracious indeed, I thought, not knowing then that a pattern had been demonstrated that would intrigue me ever after.

Colonel Grace and I were members of the same “shoot,” and shared a love for being afield whether we took a shot or not. One fine fall day, as several of us were hunting pheasant and woodcock, Barry made a beautiful shot on a distant zigzagging bird. As several of us congratulated him, another member of our shoot who had taken a shot a moment behind Barry’s exclaimed, “That was my shot!” Barry startled us with his quiet response as he broke his gun to reload, “A well-made shot indeed. You’ll want to retrieve the bird, I’m sure.” He uttered not a word of protest, nor was it ever brought up again at subsequent hunts, of which there were many.

On Remembrance Day each year, volunteers from the British Armed Forces take turns reading the names of those who have given their lives in Britain’s wars at a special service in village churches all across England. That event in 1985 was a moving—and lengthy—service, made enduringly memorable for me as I watched Colonel Grace comforting the weeping, aged widow of a fallen WWI soldier with rare gentleness and patience. Then, as his turn to read came, he rose from her side quietly and moved with soldierly precision to the rostrum, reading in a strong, clear voice fifty names of those remembered, without faltering.

Barry’s heart was tender, but not soft. Like many British military families, the Graces often entertained at home, and we were frequently invited to share in their wonderful hospitality. At one otherwise genial evening, one of the members of the civilian staff with a reputation for not guarding his tongue made a particularly inappropriate comment to one of the ladies present. Overhearing the remark, Barry rose from his seat and, calling the name of his offending guest, said “You’ve upset my guest and me with that cruel and thoughtless remark. For your sake, I’ll lay the blame on too much wine, and ask you to make your way home now.” His steely voice left no doubt among anyone present that such unkindness was not welcome at the Grace’s table.

Barry never quoted a passage of the Bible to me; he never invited me to attend church with him. Instead, he consistently and steadfastly demonstrated his love for the Lord in his unwavering commitment to integrity, in how he spoke to every person with respect and genuine interest, in his fairness and reasonableness in enforcing military regulations, in his firm kindness to young soldiers and junior officers who were still learning their craft, and in his loving and considerate treatment of his family and friends. His daily example of a life of grace and integrity filled many of those who were around him, including me, with a desire to be better men than we had been before. Given his humble heart, I’m quite sure that would surprise him.

Titus 2:7, 11-14

I haven’t seen Barry Grace since 1986. I think of him more often than one would expect after more than 30 years. I look forward to seeing him on the other side. I look forward to walking the fields with him again, and I hope he gives a dinner party.

ANNUAL ALTAR CARE MEETING

It is that time of year again, and Tracy and I are looking forward to seeing you at our annual meeting. We will meet on Sunday, February 17th, 2019 in room 300 (in the new wing), after the late service. Please feel free to grab a cup of coffee and some treats before heading to the meeting. We will start as soon as everyone is assembled.

As in the past, it should be a short meeting, but we do have a few important things to cover. If you have any items of concern, please let us know and they will be added to the agenda.

I personally want to thank Carrie Haenggi as she steps down as Vice Chair and welcome Tracy Keefer as her replacement. Tracy and I would also like to sincerely thank all the faithful and dedicated Altar Care ladies that retired in 2018.

We also want to take this opportunity to invite any new members to join us at our meeting. Each month we try to have at least three ladies scheduled but four is optimal. As our ladies retire, we hope to welcome many new faces to serve with us. In the past, we have had several husband and wife teams, so let us know if that works for you.

We only have one meeting a year, and we look forward to our time to answer questions and share new ideas with our wonderful Altar Care Ladies. As I always say, "We Couldn't do it without you"!

See you at the meeting.

*Lois Helland, Altar Chair
Tracy Keefer, Vice Chair*

News from Mt Pisgah's visit to Haiti in January

Pastor Jon Christensen, Mikki, Kaitlyn, Vicki, and Kim went to the Central Plateau visiting Laotchikit, Pas Bonbon, and Savanne Plate. Pastor Jon was teaching the seminarians and the others went with Pastor Walta for the purpose of offering medical assistance - basic physical exams and prescription drugs as needed. In addition, they reported all that has been done in Pas Bonbon by Eternal Shepherd – The school, the Kitchen, the Well, the Restrooms, and all the Teaching Materials. They met with the school staff regarding the exponential growth of the school – currently at 110 students and growing to 300 by the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The staff is going to be increased, the Trinity HOPE Lunch Program will be tripled, and classrooms will be added.

Displays will be set up in the fellowship hall in the near future showing all that we are working on. If you want to learn more about the opportunities ahead, contact Lars Helland.



MISSION NEWS

Honduras Team News:

We are just a few weeks away from our departure for a week of serving our Lord in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. We have been preparing since August when we began forming our team and we are in the home stretch with only a few things left to do. Our trunks will be out until Feb. 10th to collect children's hair supplies and medicine so if you have not had a chance to participate there is still time. Look for the list of needed medicine in the envelope on the trunk.

Another opportunity to be part of this mission will be Feb. 10th after the Congregational Meeting when we will be making "Salvation Bracelets" to give to the children we see (about 500). Come and join the team in making these gifts that we use to tell the story of Jesus.

Our last activity before leaving will be the packing of our trunks with all of the medicine and supplies that we were able to purchase and collect with the donations we have received from this congregation.

This amounts to about \$13,000 in medicine, plus toy cars, crayons, and coloring books for the children. In Honduras we will also install water filters and concrete floors that we have purchased. There is a lot of packing to do and we welcome the help.

If you would like to SEE all that we will be taking....



....we will begin packing at 10:AM on Saturday Feb. 16th in the Fellowship Hall. A short team meeting will follow if you would like to stay and listen in on our final preparation, we would love to have you join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a bit of an idea of what such a mission is about should you be considering it in the future.

The team will then be commissioned on Sunday, Feb. 17th at the late service.

*Thanks again to all who have been part of our mission trip.
Dios te bendiga (God Bless You) Your Honduras Mission*

RESTAURANT MINISTRY OUTREACH

Please consider sharing ESLC's reputation for showing love to a member of our community by patronizing a local eatery, sometime during February, 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. 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 or leave a note for prayers on Celeste's desk... or Deaconess Holly at deaconess@eternalshepherd.org.



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

Your opportunity is here! Knitting classes will be held before the Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 3 pm on February 21st, 28th, and March 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Three sessions should get you started, but additional assistance for both crocheting and knitting 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 – knitting needles and yarn with instructions will be provided. If you already know how to knit 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 who 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. We were able to make 28 prayer shawls in 2018 and gave the same amount.

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 as well as the date 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. These are perfect for enclosing in a card or letter expressing your concern for someone's well-being. You are welcome to select one for a friend or relative as well as for yourself. We only keep track of the pocket prayer shawls that are made and not those given.

We request that the ESLC congregation pray with us that these prayer shawls will be a 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. We also request that they pray for the people making them and that prayer shawls will be available when they are needed.

~Sue Hauser

MISSION NEW



Harvey Aldt, Bill Barthel, Craig Bergeson, Wayne Gugel, and Monty Moore spent the week in New Bern, NC on “Chainsaw Disaster Relief Projects”.

Most of the work was done in Fairfield Harbour, an area that received a ten-foot swell during the last hurricane. At the very first job the home owner said he had 5 feet of water in his downstairs. Another job involved a ninety-four year old WWII Veteran, who had a tree leaning on his property. The pictures on the Narthex Monitor show a cedar tree at the home of a ninety-two year old widow.

Accommodations vary on every trip, from staying in a church, retreat cabins, or hotel. This remote location had nothing available, so VROB was contacted and a house rented at a very low rate. The team was able to have a gathering room for fellowship and each person took a turn and was responsible for prayer and devotions for a day.

If you are interested in Disaster Relief Projects, please contact Monty Moore or Deek Decker. The next trip is the week of February 24th and will most likely be in Lumberton, NC doing inside walls, floors, and/or ceilings. Want to learn how to sheet rock, plaster, paint, floor molding? On the job training is free and the memories are priceless.

The sign-up sheet for our next servants trip on Feb. 24th is on the bulletin board along with the work schedule for 2019. Join us in helping make a difference.

Comfort Dog News

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.”

2 Thessalonians 2:16

Thank you for your prayers concerning the Skype interviews held in January for potential handlers for the Comfort Dog Ministry. Each member interviewed did a wonderful job answering questions posed by Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) and the interviewers were very impressed with each and every one of them. I am happy to report that the following members have been approved to continue in the process to be a handler for our future Comfort Dog.

Handlers: Ginger Barthel, Sue Blount, Jean Dombi, Rudy Carbone, Carrie Haenggi, Bob Massa, Diane Williams, and Kyra Carbone

Primary Caregiver: Rudy and Kyra Carbone

The next step is waiting for LCC to schedule our training in Northbrook, IL which we expect will happen in early spring. Please keep the team and this ministry in prayer as we move forward that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit “to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those hurting and in need” (LCC mission statement).

On February 10, the team will have a meeting at the Carbone’s house to discuss vicarious trauma. This topic will be presented by member Ginger Barthel who has extensive training in this area. We are blessed to not only have Ginger’s previous experience as a handler for Comfort Dog Jewel in Loudon, TN but also her expertise as a Critical Care Nurse where she witnessed firsthand vicarious trauma among caregivers and family members. She was also involved with designing an educational program for hospital staff to help them deal with the effects of vicarious trauma. In the Comfort Dog Ministry, we may experience this type of trauma from time to time as we minister to others so it will be helpful to know how to offer compassion without personally taking on the burden of those we minister to.

In the next month, we hope to firm up the team by confirming with those who have expressed interest in serving as Ministry Partners and those prayerfully considering it so we have a better idea of the members of the whole team. In the meantime, thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support! Exciting and challenging days lie ahead of us but we know God is with us and will guide us every step of the way.

~Kyra Carbone, Top Dog

FOOD BANK NEWS:

Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry’s shelves. **February’s** preferred product is **“Canned Soup”** (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*

***Please Note Sunday, Feb. 3rd we will be celebrating Souper Bowl Sunday so please be sure to bring your soup cans for this event and place your donations in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank* down by the main Fellowship Hall ~Thank you**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BABYREAD

BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read to moms and their babies or toddlers at public or school libraries twice a month for one hour each time. **Become a BabyRead volunteer by emailing Caren at babyread@charter.net.** To learn more about BabyRead, go to www.babyread.org.



THE 2019 FLOWER CHART is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. There is also an eye-catching, yellow information sheet above the calendar which hopefully will answer any questions you have about how it all works. Please check it out and feel free to sign up on any of the Sundays listed through the end of the year. *Thank you!*



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 *December* the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *Shirley Eckersley*
the Elders Fund received gifts of \$475.00
and the Honduras Missions Fund received a gift of \$150.00

In loving memory of *Evelyn Fredrickson*
the Haiti Missions Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Warren Kluckman*
the General Fund received a gift of \$100.00

In loving memory of *Alex Richards*
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$1,100.00

In loving memory of *David & Esther Williams*
the General Fund received gifts of \$4.00

Other Gifts:

The Alaska Missions Fund received a gift of \$300.00

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$400.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$723.80
and gifts of \$958.00 from Dog Biscuit Sales

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Disaster Response Team Fund received gifts of \$5,250.00

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$225.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The FPCC Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,362.00

The Hospitality Fund received a gift of \$200.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$500.00

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

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$360.00

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund received a gift of \$500.00

Little Lambs Tales

*"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."
1 John 4:16*

We begin the month of February with love in our hearts as we remember that God is love. The children at our school are true witnesses to the love of God. Not a day passes by where we do not see the children sharing their toys with one another, speaking kind words and lifting each other up through acts of kindness and love. When there are squabbles, the children are quick to admit their errors and give a humble sorry and a warm and loving hug to their friend who they have wronged.

Just by watching these beautiful children of God, we are reminded that God created us to be there for one another through the gift of His love.

In the month of February we begin our Registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Currently enrolled families and church members will begin registration February 1st and then on February 15th Registration will be open to the public. If you have any questions about Registration or what our Preschool program is all about, please stop by the Preschool office at any time and I would be happy to assist you!

As we close out the month of February, our children will be getting ready for warmer weather, longer days and preparing for March and Dr. Seuss Day!

Save the date for our annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction that will be held this year on March 2nd on Pastor David's Birthday! The silent auction will be held from 4:00-6:00 pm with dinner served at 5:00 pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

All of us at Little Lambs Preschool thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry of our church. We continue to bless God for giving us the opportunity to care and love these beautiful children and watch them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

~Blessings to you and your families! Gina Cote

PIECES OF LOVE



Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

What you do:

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.

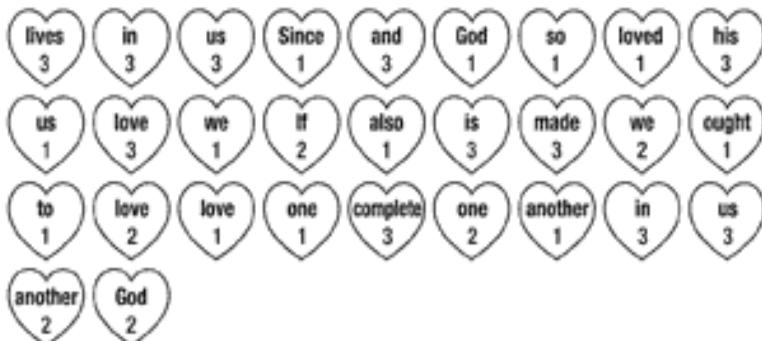


PUZZLE

A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.



1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God loves in us and his love is made complete in us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God loves in us and his love is made complete in us.

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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