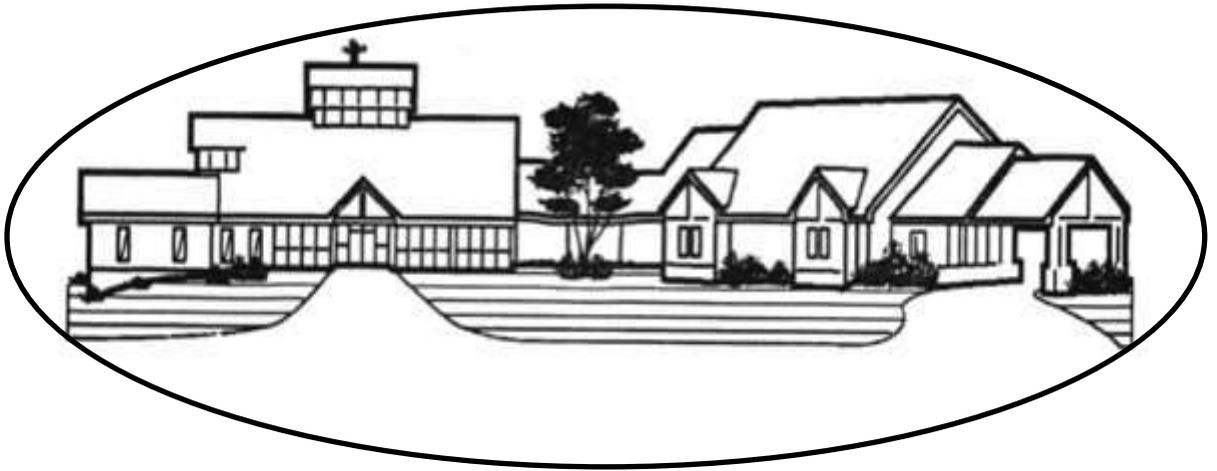

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Colossians 3:16

Is Colossians 3:16 as familiar to you as John 3:16 is to most Christians? If you've been around ESLC for the last few years and you are listening to your pastor's sermons, it should be familiar. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."

The Scriptures are God's word to us: promises of grace, warnings against sin, encouragement, hope, and the only standard for right living. In short, the Bible is where we meet Jesus our Savior and learn to live faithfully as God's people. We need constant and regular doses of that medicine.

To go without the Word of God is to go without the encouragement, guidance, and hope that our Lord intends for us. To go without the Word for too long will lead us into the trap of following the false gods of our own thoughts, the world's imaginations, and the many other temptations of the devil. Jesus showed us the vital necessity of God's Word when He overcame Satan's temptations by means of the Scriptures. For the Word of God to dwell in us richly, we need regular exposure, study, and reflection upon that Word.

In addition to our Bible Study hour on Sunday morning for all ages, there are several other studies and opportunities. The men's Monday morning study continues all year as does the monthly God Loves Moms group. As summer draws to a close, the women's Thursday bible study will be resuming and the next Movie Night will be coming up as we watch portions of the biblical story acted out. For personal study, *Portals of Prayer* booklets are always available at church or I can recommend other resources if you ask. And don't forget that Luther's *Large Catechism* should be considered a must read. He reminds us, "Oh, what mad, senseless fools are we that, while we must ever live and dwell among such mighty enemies as the devils are, we nevertheless despise our weapons and defense, and are too lazy to look at or think of them!"

Let us challenge one another to be increasingly in the Word. If you aren't in a study, join one. Don't worry about waiting for a new study to begin. Just jump in. You don't need to be present from day one to grow and learn. If you attend a formal study, add in the discipline of personal devotions. If you do those, add another or pick a certain passage or teaching to study more thoroughly.

Remember, too, that worship is a key component in filling up our hearts with God's Word. Scriptures and sermon, hymns and liturgies all contain and teach God's Word, reminding us of God's love in Christ and strengthening us in faith. Doing these things *together* in worship & fellowship is summed up in the rest of Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, *teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*" This is God's call to us and His will for our lives so that we might be strengthened and prepared for service as His instruments to bring Christ and His clarifying Word of truth into a confused and deceived world.

Pastor David

Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, August 11th
in the main Fellowship Hall
after the late service*

*Please make plans to attend
this important meeting.*



**Sunday, September 1st
9:45 am**

"Then Jesus said to them,
"Follow Me, and I will make you
become fishers of men."

Mark 1:17

Join us and "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in
your hearts to God." Col. 3:16

JESUS





Deaconess Musings

Real. Present. God.

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This was the theme of the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota last month. Eternal Shepherd saw 9 of her own youth attend, along with 1 Young Adult Volunteer, and 4 adult leaders. It was a packed six-day trip, full of bible studies, a myriad of breakout session topics, evening Mass Event gatherings, servant events, as well as food and fun!

Amongst all the things the group did and saw, the main thrust of the time was directed toward understanding just who this Real. Present. God is and how we fit into His story.

Psalm 46 was our main text for the Gathering, and what a fitting psalm it is.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Ps. 46:1)

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Ps. 46:7)

The world rages and shakes its fists. God does not move. He does not shutter.

Outside forces push and pull us away from His holy Word. He is constant and eternal.

Our own self rebels against God's good and gracious Will. He is with us. He forgives.

The Gathering is always a wonderful time to gather with fellow believers from across the nation and world. A time to see old friends, strengthen current relationships, and forge new ones. When we return from such a great experience, things may seem odd. But now as we continue with daily life and routines, there is this constant and eternal refrain:

We have a real, present God.

Our God is Real: we confess it in the Creed.

Our God is Present: we meet Him in His Word and Sacraments.

Our God is God: we are His and He is ours.

~Deaconess Holly

Please Join Us!

LADIES

Thursday Bible Study – Start-up

You are invited to join us “Round the Table” on Thursdays, starting September 5th, in the main Fellowship Hall. The study will again be held at 4:00 – 5:30 PM each Thursday.

This study, *God of Creation* by Jen Wilkin, includes guided video notes, group discussion questions, and between-sessions personal studies. We will use a Scripture reading plan with it.

Thru Margi’s able guidance, we will learn to comprehend, interpret, and apply these chapters in Genesis 1 - 11. In these first eleven chapters, the Book of Genesis shapes our understanding of the Bible as a whole.

As we apply these verses, we will:

1. Cultivate a worshipful understanding of our holy, Creator – God.
2. Explore Genesis as the “seed plot of the Bible,” the place the redemptive story begins.
3. Walk verse by verse through Genesis 1-11, tracing the themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration.
4. Practice a method that will help you read any portion of Scripture with greater confidence.

If you still need to order a book, here is the Amazon link: https://www.amazon.com/God-Creation-Bible-Study-Genesis/dp/1462748872/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3AQHF1KM644YC&keywords=god+of+creation+-+bible+study+book+a+study+of+genesis+1-1&qid=1562094082&s=gateway&sprefix=God+of+Creatio%2Caps%2C157&sr=8-1

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

The Fall session will begin on Thursday, September 5th and will continue thru Thursday, November 21st.

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

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

Teresa has been married for 4 years to long time member Alec Todd. Both grew up on farms so have lots in common. This former Physical Therapist once had a dream of running an Assisted Living Facility. In spite of her 2 bouts with cancer, God answered, in that she now has living with them, her 91 year old mother(fractured back and arm), plus her 23 year old niece(liver problems). Teresa also has 3 children and 4 grandsons nearby so sees them often. She starts her day with coffee and quiet time. She enjoys Adult Bible Study, and the worship sincerity of the body of believers at ES. Teresa finds time to facilitate a ladies Bible study of the Daniel Prayer at a friend's home. She'd like to sometime learn to play the piano. This busy gal concluded our interview saying, " Life is good because God is good".

CHOIR

It is time for us again to “Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord”. **We will begin weekly choir practice starting on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30pm.** If you are a current member who will be joining us but miss the first practice please let me know. If you are planning to join us for the first time, please let me know in advance so I can have the proper amount of music ready. Rick Schmidt, Choir Director rickschmidt@bellsouth.net



Hospitality Happenings for August

August late service schedule:

- 8/4 - Sue Blount**
- 8/11 - Debbie Bell**
- 8/18 - Kate Wells**
- 8/25 - Ann Cochell**



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

Living Gently in an Ungentle World

by Kerry Blount

*“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am **gentle** and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)*

Gentleness is not much in vogue these days. In the so-called “marketplace of ideas,” it’s hard to find a kind word for gentleness, and sometimes hard to understand its value in our confrontational culture. Where are today’s examples that tell us what gentleness looks like in action? Is gentleness compatible with the strength needed to confront evil? Is there room—or even a need—for gentleness in the world we live in today? Yet the One who called us into His kingdom also called us to gentleness. And He repeatedly showed us what He meant.

In looking for an example of the gentleness of Jesus, my first thought was of the time when a woman who had been subject to bleeding for 12 years surreptitiously touched his garment in hope of healing, and Jesus felt power go out of Him. When He turned to the crowd to identify who had touched Him, the fearful woman trembled to admit that it was her, surely expecting a harsh rebuke from this powerful rabbi. But although He was on the way to serve someone else, His response to her had no trace of harshness or indignation; nothing but gentleness. “Don’t be afraid, daughter, your faith has healed you.” (*Matthew 9:25-34*)

As I pondered the gentleness that Jesus’ example points us to, I recalled His response to a roiling band of accusers and the hapless woman they had seized in the act of adultery. (*John 8: 2-11*) Does He confront the accusers harshly, knowing their intent was to test Him rather than to find justice? No. Without a cross word spoken, His writing on the ground provided a gentle pause for them to “come to their senses” and withdraw from the confrontation. Neither does He berate the sinful woman, but quietly instructs her to leave her life of sin. His response to both was gentle but not weak, challenging the accusers to recognize and repent what they were doing, and the wayward woman to remember the kind of life God called her (and us) to live.

Our Savior’s interaction with Peter on the shores of Galilee after the resurrection (*John 21:4-17*) has always amazed me. After a brutal, curse-filled betrayal like Peter’s in Annas’ house, most leaders of a movement would have angrily dismissed and shunned the culprit. Jesus not only does not banish Peter from the apostles, but restores him to a prominent role of service by reminding him of his love for Jesus and calling him to “feed My sheep.” *That’s* gentleness.

If indeed the Holy Spirit longs to nurture the growth of the fruit of gentleness within us, what is that likely to look like to others? Harsh retorts when we are interrupted on the way to important activities? Scathing denunciations of evilly-motivated stunts and sinful behavior? Dismissive reactions to weakness in the face of temptation? Arrogant and self-centered behaviors we have come to expect from almost every quarter in our society today? Let us choose instead the gentleness modeled by our Lord: controlled presence in the face of the unexpected, restraint in the face of provocation, a willingness to speak the truth in love in every circumstance. Gently.

*“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **gentleness**, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)*

Eternal Shepherd Supper Club

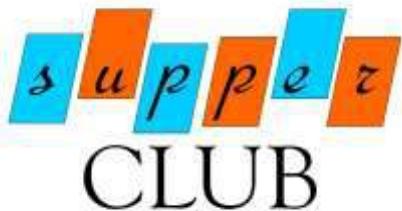
Looking for a chance to meet, socialize, and share good food with new friends and old? The ESLC Supper Club is launching a new season of fellowship in August, and we're looking for additional couples or 2 singles who enjoy entertaining in their home. Participants host one another in groups of 6-8 once every 2 months, sharing the meal prep. Here's how it works:

The first supper (or brunch or lunch!) will be held in August/September (Session 1), the second in October/November (2). We take a break for holiday December/January, and then resume in February/March (3), and finish in April/May (4). The target is to host twice and to participate as a guest twice across the four sessions. The Club secretary (Sue Blount) assigns hosts and guests for each session on a master schedule and communicates that to the participants.

The hosts call the other couples/singles assigned to their supper to set a date during the two-month session. With everyone's busy schedules, it is best to start that process early and have several possible dates in mind. Any day of the week is fine if your assigned group can attend. If one couple can't find a fit with the schedule, hosts should feel free to invite anyone to substitute. It is important that you take your turn to host when scheduled, or call Sue to adjust assignments.

One guest couple will provide an appetizer or salad, while the other guest couple will provide dessert. The hosts will provide the main dish, drinks, and the remainder of the meal. The food does not have to be fancy or gourmet, just something you would enjoy sharing with others.

It's great fun, and we would love to have you join us for this opportunity to deepen our fellowship with one another. Please contact Sue Blount at kerry9464@att.net or call (301) 575-4627.



Seth Comfort Dog Team News



Seth and the Comfort Dog team continue the work God has prepared in advance for us to do and it seems like every week another opportunity arises to share Christ's love with all we meet.

Several team members are going through a vetting process with Prisma Health so we can serve at Oconee Memorial hospital, Foothills of the Hospice and Lila Doyle. Sue and Kerry Blount completed the process and recently visited several areas of the hospital, to offer comfort to the patients and staff. Sadly, a well liked doctor, Dr. Rampey, died in a plane accident recently and those who worked with him and knew him were deeply saddened by this event. The volunteer coordinator felt Seth's presence at the hospital would bring joy and a bright spot into their day as they continue to grieve the passing of this special friend. Seth did what God placed in him to do as evident by the smiles and joy emanating from the faces of the staff (above picture says it all!). We know Seth or the team can't take away their grief but for a moment, he can bring some happiness and joy to their day.

If you know of a place where Seth and his team can serve, please let me know. We are always open to new opportunities and seek to do God's will in all of this!

Please check Seth's Facebook page for updates on his whereabouts throughout the week. Also check out Seth's bulletin board in the hallway heading to the Fellowship Hall for many of his activities. Please pray for us as we venture out to places we may not have gone before. And please pray God uses us to bring the good news of Christ to this hurting world...

*To God be the glory,
Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*

Honduras Mission News

Why Honduras? – World Gospel Outreach, our mission host, speaks as part of it's mission, of the impact such a mission has on the North American believer. I first went to Honduras on a mission trip 12 years ago and I have made the journey every year since. I first went as pastor of a church in Florida interested in seeing if it was something our church should be involved in. Little did I know that my life would be changed by my contact with the people of Honduras. In the lives of the WGO staff, the translators, the people we served at the Brigade sites and the team members—I saw Christ, and I knew that I would keep coming back to share the love of Christ with these new friends. Each year is different with new churches, new people and new team members but the constant is that Christ is always at the center of all that happens. I've asked some of our folks who have traveled to Honduras in this capacity to share how this mission has impacted their lives. Their testimonies follow:

Maril Robertson: "It goes without saying, really, that I came back with a new, deep appreciation for all the gifts God has given me. But as a result of that I find myself thanking God throughout the day, being in constant contact with Him, and this, truly is the ultimate blessing of Honduras.

Other blessings have been the joy of working, playing and praying with our team, who become like my family while I'm there. The connection continues long after we're home. The Hondurans we meet are a warm, genuine people who live with their focus on God, regardless of their circumstances. We reinforce the fact that Jesus Christ alone, through grace, is their free gift. They are an inspiration to those of us who come, believing that we will be an inspiration to them! Anyone hoping to serve God will return from Honduras, knowing that he's done God's work.

Kerry Blount: Among the many areas of my life affected by my trips to Honduras, two stand out. First, the opportunity to work with my own limited but willing hands for the good of others in great need connects me to all who participate (both my fellow servants and those receiving medical care and the Word) with a remarkable bond of love. Second, the opportunity to observe first hand the commitment our Honduran brothers and sisters have for the Lord, and their willingness to sacrifice in so many ways to gratefully serve Him, inspires me, in my comfortable circumstances, to "take up my cross and follow Him." I find that these experiences and the lessons that come from them are more precious the closer to heaven I get.

Amanda Tyler: The mission trip to Honduras made me more aware of God's presence in other places around the world. Poor countries are desperate for God's help. Without the mission outreach they have no one to give them the true hope for life and their eternal future. The trip opened my eyes to the great news for "everyone" to have the privilege to hear the gospel. God's people are from every nation!

Frank Kieninger: Our mission trips, including Honduras, have strengthened our steadfastness to pray God's Word for folks: as we see their expressions when we pray, personalizing God's Word for them.

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Mike Hauser: Honduras has filled a void in me. Although I've been involved in several service activities, the Honduran mission has shown me what service is really about. And the appreciation on the part of the Hondurans for the littlest act of kindness on our part, is overwhelming.

Debbie Bell: Going to Honduras is the utmost Blessing you could ever experience! You are being blessed as much as you are blessing others! The Hondurans are so compassionate to learn about Christ and to travel miles to be able to come to the brigade churches. It was so different than you could imagine. God totally is in control keeping the team safe and comfortable whether you are at the mission house or traveling to the brigade churches. If anyone wants to be part of this mission team, they will never regret it...you truly grow stronger in your own walk of faith, by being a brother/sister in Christ to all nations, glorifying Him!

That's "Why Honduras". Come join us, the 2020 team is forming now and there is room for you! Don't delay, our team meetings will begin in two months. -- Mission Date: Feb. 22 to Feb. 29, 2020.

Dios te bendiga(God Bless You), Pastor Ray



Haiti Mission News



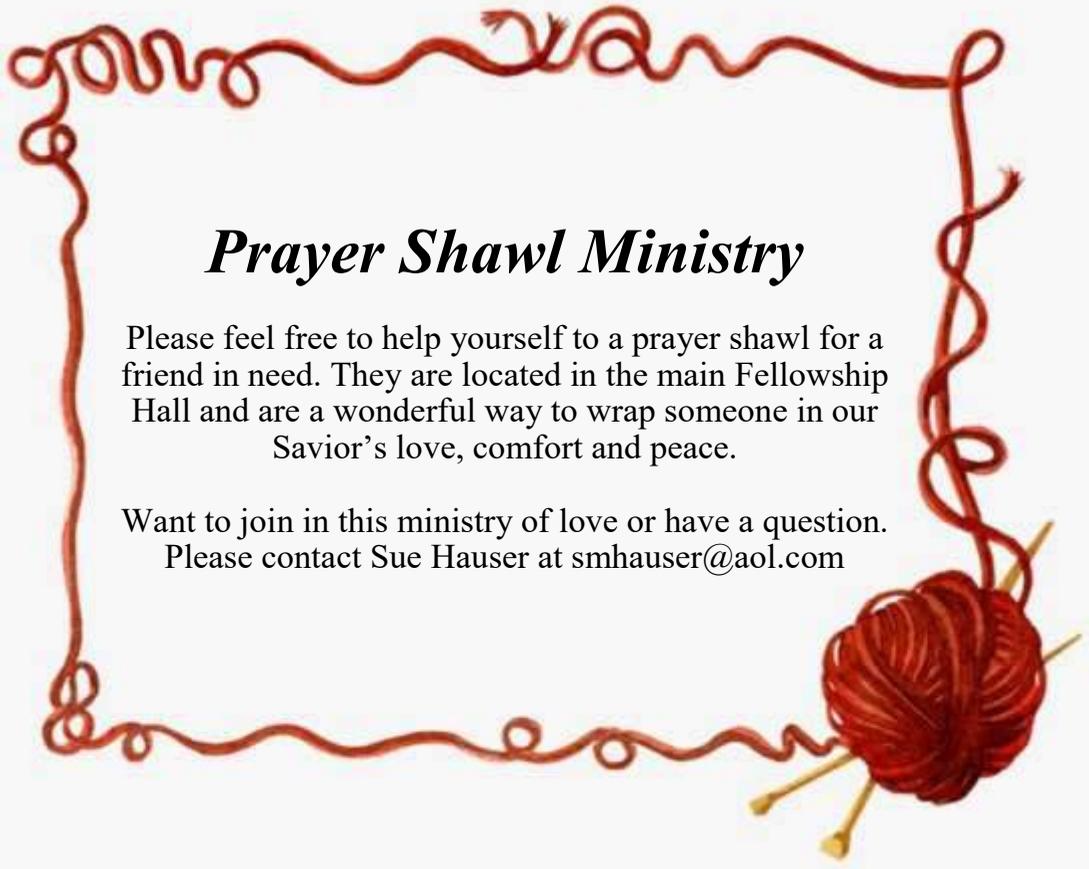
Pastor Walta sent me the following in mid-July: *“My Brother, your church is a fountain of blessings for us in Haiti. We restart last week with the registration for new students in Pas Bonbon. We have 73 new students registered for now. That means, we have 115+73 students. And, we just started with the registration. We continue with the registration. That means, we will have many and many students. About Rocky Road, they had classes last year and they started also with registration for this new year. They started last week also and they have 61 new students for now.”*

There are many churches under the leadership of Pastor Walta. We at Eternal Shepherd have focused on Laotchikit, Pas Bonbon, and Rocky Road. We are currently working with Trinity Hope on continuing our support for feeding each child a lunch. That meal was designed at Vanderbilt University to provide the most nutrition a child can receive in a single serving. For many, that is their only meal of the day. The cost per child per meal through Trinity Hope is 26.5 cents. If you are willing to help with the cost of this meal, please contact Lars or just make a note on a donation “Haiti Trinity Hope”.

We have wire transferred \$2,000.00 in July for use outside of the Trinity Hope needs. \$500.00 of that is designated by one of our members for Pas Bonbon school supplies. This is independent of what we are purchasing in Bibles and Luther’s Small Catechism (French/Creole)

A note regarding the picture of Pastor Walta. Congratulations are in order, as he is now Professor Walta Clercius, achieving his doctorate from the University in Port-au-Prince.

In addition to what we are doing in Haiti, the Mission Committee is also active with our annual mission trips to Honduras, Alaska, and numerous trips through our Disaster Relief efforts. For more information on how you can be involved, please contact Lars Helland.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please feel free to help yourself to a prayer shawl for a friend in need. They are located in the main Fellowship Hall and are a wonderful way to wrap someone in our Savior's love, comfort and peace.

Want to join in this ministry of love or have a question. Please contact Sue Hauser at smhauser@aol.com



Our Mission: Empower.

***WE EMPOWER FAMILIES TO
MOVE BEYOND GOVERNMENT
ASSISTANCE AND INTO THEIR FULL
GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL.***

Please be sure to read their News Letter. You may pick up a copy at the front desk or go to RippleofOne.org for more details or to volunteer.

The following story is about a boy who received one of the shoeboxes Eternal Shepherd packed in 2017. His life, and his family's lives, were changed for eternity because of a shoebox, a soccer ball and the Gospel! God only asks for our obedience. He will do the rest!



Soccer Ball Boosts Evangelism

Throwing a punch in a schoolyard fight nearly caused Ernesto to be expelled from school. It wasn't the first time that the pre-teen had gotten into trouble at his school in Mazatlán, Mexico. If one of the boys at school taunted him by taking his backpack, kicking him, or calling him names, Ernesto would strike back. "I wasn't fighting just to attract attention or get respect, I got into fighting because I felt alone," Ernesto recalled. "I felt sad because I was ashamed of the fighting, but that only caused me to fight more to push the sadness away." Ernesto didn't see an end to his sadness until friends told him about the hope and love of Jesus. Now Ernesto tells others about the great joy of following Him.

Playing soccer with friends in his neighborhood helped distract Ernesto from the trouble he was experiencing at school. Still able to see how miserable he was feeling, Christians within the group began talking with him about God and invited him to church. Wanting to experience the peace of the Lord that he had been hearing about, Ernesto asked Jesus to be his Savior two weeks after starting to attend church. Two weeks after that, the new Christian received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift at the church. The shoebox contained a variety of school supplies, hygiene items, and toys—including a soccer ball with pump. Ernesto was thrilled to have his own ball. He also appreciated the school supplies because for many families the items are expensive, he said. "I was excited when I saw the school supplies in the gift because most of mine were broken or used up," Ernesto said. "They helped me improve my grades." His teacher recognized him as a top student as his grades continued to improve. Not only did his shoebox's school supplies help him with his homework, the soccer ball would play a key part in Ernesto's discipleship as a new believer in Jesus Christ. "Before, I wanted to be like other kids, to join in what they were doing and imitating them," Ernesto said. "Now, I stand apart and ask them to join me and my friends talking about Jesus while playing soccer."

As Ernesto participated in our follow-up discipleship program for shoebox recipients, The Greatest Journey, he learned more about how to follow Jesus and tell his family and friends about Him. Now 12, he still uses the ball he received in his shoebox gift as an avenue to talk with his peers about Jesus in between games at their local field. "After we play soccer, my friends and I invite other kids to church to hear more about Jesus," Ernesto said. "We teach them that He is the best gift that people can get." Ernesto said that lessons he learned in The Greatest Journey three years ago continue to help him to talk with his family and friends about Jesus. "The Greatest Journey had a huge impact in my life because it has amazing stories of Jesus," Ernesto said. "It is where I got excited to learn about Him. Lesson by lesson, I was learning more about Jesus, to know He is real in my life. It is the best gift. Now, as God is helping me to grow, I can help others to grow and know about Jesus, too."

Being discipled to disciple others has made a lasting impact in Ernesto's family. This past year, Ernesto's mother Mirlanda put her faith in Jesus after being invited to church by Ernesto and her mother Alisia.

"I accepted Christ because of Ernesto's testimony," Mirlanda said. "I've heard and seen him pray with his grandmother. I went to church because of him. It has made a difference in my family and myself."

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE FOOTHILLS CARE CENTER



ALL BABY BOTTLES ARE DUE BACK BY SUN., SEPTEMBER 1ST

Please make sure to return your filled baby bottle to the Bottle Return Basket in the narthex or to the front desk by Sunday, Sept. 1st

~Thank you so much for your support!

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 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 or leave a note on Celeste's desk... or Deaconess Holly at 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"*

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.



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. August’s preferred product is “Canned Meats”. 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.



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 card 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 *Theresa Kunkel*
the Elder's Fund received gifts of \$290.00

In loving memory of *Thursa Lautenschlager*
the Elder's Fund received a gift of \$100.00

In loving memory of *Nick Nichelson*
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$400.00,
and the Debt Reduction Fund received gifts of \$75.00

In loving memory of *Bill Schubert*
the Debt Reduction Fund received gifts of \$75.00

Other gifts:

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$200.00

The Choir Fund received a gift of \$30.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$375.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Fellowship Hall Carpet Fund received a gift of \$6,000.00
from the ESLC Scrip Program

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$250.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$3,700.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$50.00

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

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$375.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Senior Member Care Fund received a gift of \$100.00

A Special Gift of \$675.00 was given

The Toys for Gods Kids Fund received gifts of \$36.00

The Vacation Bible School Fund received a gift of \$75.00

The Youth Convention Fund received gifts of \$840.00,
and the Youth Fund received a gift of \$25.00

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 19th & 20th: Teacher Work Days
August 20th: Open House 4:30-5:30pm
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*

BIBLE

Treasure Hunt

Let the search — and the fun — begin!
Try one or both of the variations below,
adjusting for age-appropriateness as
needed.

What you need:

- Bibles
- Self-stick notes or pieces of paper
- Pencil
- Treats
- Boxes (treasure chests)

What you do:

Locations Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention a place inside or outside your house. The location for Matthew 7:8, for example, is a door.
2. Write each verse on a self-stick note and hide all but the first clue. Give the first clue to the player(s).
3. Leave the treats at the final clue destination.

Object Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention objects that can be found nearby. The object for Matthew 16:19, for example, is a key.
2. Give each player an empty box, a Bible and a list of verses as clues.
3. Have players return their collected items for a final prize.



PUZZLE

TRUE TREASURE

The Bible speaks often of “treasure” — where we can find it, who gives it and who can have it.

Directions: Match the puzzle pieces to the correct shape. Then write the letters to learn what Matthew 6:21 (niv) says about treasure. (Younger children can cut out the shapes and glue them onto the correct spaces.)



Matthew 6:21, niv

Answer: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21, 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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