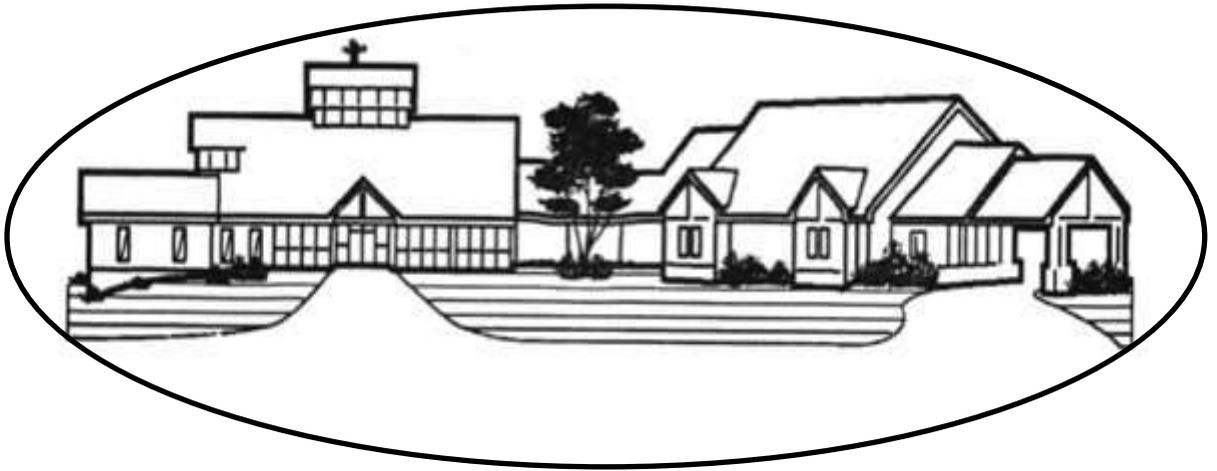


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# Agapegram

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## Understanding and Patience; Faith and Love Part 2 (or Redo)

*“I am making an appeal to you using the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you all express the same view and not have any divisions among you.” 1 Cor. 1:10 EHV*

As states “open up” or remain “locked down”, I’ve noticed a rise in divisiveness. Flippant tones, judgmental aspersions, and ridiculing words for the “other side” (whichever that may be based on one’s personal opinions).

We addressed this problem and it’s solution in our 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Wednesday Bible Study, which actually echoed last month’s article. I think we all need a reminder, especially we the redeemed, Spirit-given, people of God. Let’s let last month’s reflection speak to us anew today:

The way forward involves Understanding and Patience; Faith and Love. First, we must **understand** one another and our various plights. Not everyone experiences this the same way. Some are at high risk of illness, others want to use their health to keep the economy going. Some are financially secure, others are losing what little they had. Some welcome the quiet time at home, others struggle with loneliness, addictions, or household tensions. We must step outside our own circumstances to understand our neighbor’s circumstances and need for help.

We must also be **patient**. No matter what path forward we take, neither the virus nor it’s economic impact will quickly go away. These are our circumstances for now. More than that, regardless of what we think and regardless of what the Lord knows is truly best, we must adjust to the decisions of State & Federal governments that influence us all. Most importantly, we must live each moment in **faith**. Not fearing the times, but trusting the One who has conquered all, secured our eternal future, and holds us each moment in the palm of His loving hand. The Lord is our Shepherd. The Lord provides. The Lord will bring us through.

And, of course, as we journey forward, we **love** our neighbor. Serving them in their respective needs, as diverse as they may be.

Helping the weakest ones near us and pointing them to the One who sustains us all. As we now plan to begin opening ESLC back up, understanding, patience, faith, & love must remain prominent. We may be too slow or too fast. We may be too strict or too loose. We may be able to continue loosening or we may have to tighten back down. We will follow leading guidelines and the current best knowledge and then put the rest in God’s hands. And, all the while, we will love our neighbors, especially those with whom we differ or disagree.

*“God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work.” 2 Cor. 9:8 EHV*

--Pastor David

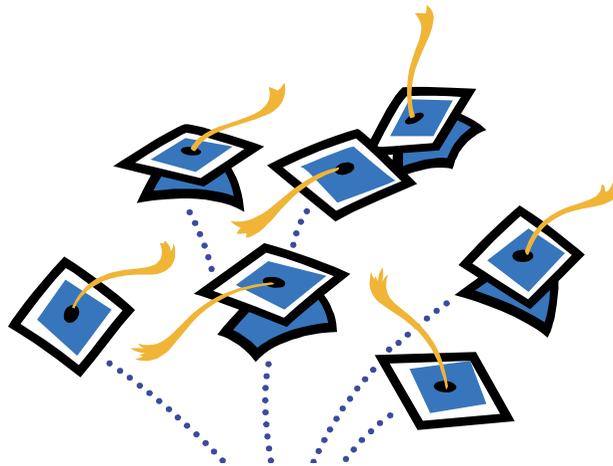
# Congratulations 2020 High School Graduates!

*Helen Clements*

*Lauren McCrary*

*Skylar Wood*

*Abby Zirbel*





## Deaconess' Musings

### Your God

Who is your God? To whom do you cling in times of distress? In a pandemic?

All of us, in some form or fashion, had our collective worlds figuratively and literally shattered due to this worldwide crisis. Amid all this, to whom do you find yourself turning to for the answers?

Government? Health leaders? The newspapers and well-worded authors? The financiers? Yourself? Are you seeing a trend? A problem?

Who is your God? Who are your Gods?

Back in March, when the first signs of life-altering changes appeared, I struggled. Hard.

I was confronted with the loss of my accustomed comfortable routine. I was angry, offended, and quite honestly scared. *"Why should I have to change my way of life? This isn't fair."*

Who was my God in that moment? Not the LORD Almighty. Not the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Myself. I put my trust, hope, and happiness in my routine and life.

Confronted with the hard and sudden reality of breaking the First Commandment (*You shall have no other Gods*) was sobering to say the least. My sin looked me straight in the face and laughed. *"You call yourself a Christian? You can't even bear the thought of being unable to visit your favorite store. Trust? Ha! You have no trust in God."*

I sinned. I continue to sin. It is a constant struggle to place my trust in God for all things and for all time. And I know I am not alone. All people, even you dear brothers and sisters, struggle in truthfully answering "Who is your God." For we are not sinless, therefore we break the First Commandment often and quite easily.

Repent. Often. Daily. Repent and take refuge in Christ's death and resurrection that forgives your sin of misplaced trust. Implore the Holy Spirit to continually keep your eyes focused on our Father who sustains you, even amidst a worldwide crisis.

Turn off the TV, the computer, the smartphone. Pick up your Bible and read. Repent of the sins you know and the sins you don't know. Rest in the merciful grace of Christ. Serve all others in respect and kindness, acknowledging you deserve nothing but have gained everything needful.

Living by God's grace alone, ~Deaconess Holly

**"Dear friend and neighbors** – What an extraordinary event! The drive-by was the most wonderful outpouring of love ever! We are still amazed and overwhelmed!!! We have shared the videos and pictures with our family and friends – and they, like us, were brought to tears!!

We will remember this day always and cherish ALL THE MEMORIES of the BEST neighborhood in the world. We know that it will never be the same.

So, we thank the Lord for YOU and look forward to all He has planned for us going forward.

THANKS to EVERYONE who “made it happen”, *Sally, Jill, Share and Margi* and all the others who participated.

*May the Lord Bless you and keep you always in His care and Grace.*

*Love and Blessings always,  
Charlotte and Art"*



## Sunday School

Begins Sunday, June 7th

for 4 year olds — rising 6th graders  
Please join us for FUN this summer for our  
Sunday School online class  
*We look forward to seeing you!*

## The Things that People Say

Perhaps a better title for this would be “Questionable Things People Say” or “Expressions of Anti-Faith.” But the chosen title is more gentle, though what follows are examples of the latter alternative title.

“Anti-faith” can have two meanings: (i) against faith, or (ii) opposite of faith, e.g., indifference. Expressions of anti-faith can be divided into several categories. First, there are the utterly empty, utterly vapid expressions of complete unbelief. Examples include “happy holidays,” “magic of the season,” “seasons greetings” and other things that some say in the weeks leading up to Christmas that ignore the meaning of Christmas. Christmas is called Christmas because of Christ. One might argue that “spirit of Christmas” does not ignore Christ, but why not just say “Jesus”? Is there some other spirit of Christmas? Other examples in this category include “I’ll be thinking about you,” which is often heard after one relates news about sickness, death of a loved one, or some other sad circumstance. It would be so much better if people would pray, asking God for healing, comfort, mercy, or whatever might be appropriate for a given situation. Thinking about someone is not likely to be useful or helpful without prayer. Another example, often heard at funerals of apparent unbelievers, is “He (or she) is (or was) a good person.” What does it mean? The person did some works? They were never convicted of a felony?

A second category includes things said by those who acknowledge God, but seemingly do not know God. Examples include “I do not have to go to church to worship God” or “I am not religious, but I am spiritual.” While it is true that one can and should worship God daily, even when not in church, most of us risk running astray if we stay away from church too long. When we go to church (even if it is online), we immerse ourselves in a sea of believers, and this surely strengthens our faith. Another example is “I commune with God when I go on walks in the forest.” It is indeed good to marvel at God’s creation while walking in the forest, but one should keep their eyes on the trail to avoid a sprained ankle or worse. Marveling at God’s creation is not the same as worshiping God. Then there is “Of course I believe in God, but that is different from going to church.” Yes, it is different, but if one believes in God, how can one not worship God? And why not worship with others, in church?

Then there are the excuse-givers: “I do not go to church because of what so-and-so did (or said).” Or “I do not go to church because of all the hypocrites,” or “I do not go to church because *those people* are so judgmental.” Note that *judgement* used as a verb is for God (but in some situations, for humans, too), while *judgement* as a noun is good to have (i.e., it is good to know the difference between right and wrong). All types can be found in church. Church is for sinners, not a museum for saints.

A fourth category includes the theologically confused, who say things such as “God did not answer my prayers when so-and-so was sick” or “I do not go to church because the pastor *pretends to be God* when he says *I forgive you for your sins.*” Those who say the former should realize God always answers our prayers, but the answer is sometimes not what we desire. Those who say the latter should listen to the words that precede the pastor’s announcement of forgiveness.

Surely you have heard some or all of these things. Do not be afraid to deliver the gospel message about Christ, kindly and gently, to those who may not believe or who suffer from weak faith. It may not be well received in every situation, but that is OK. We should all pray for those who reject Christ. *Father, give us the words we should say to draw unbelievers toward You. Amen.*

*Paul Wilson*  
**Head Elder, ESLC**

## June Council Update

South Carolina businesses are starting to open, the rate of COVID-19 new cases is declining, and our Lord continues to shine on Eternal Shepherd.

### **Your Tax Dollars at Work!**

Thanks to Fred Munzenmaier for thinking about our applying for the President's Payroll Protection Program (PPP). Through this program, Eternal Shepherd was approved for a non-repayable \$49,000 loan to cover all our employees' salaries and benefits during the pandemic. Employees include Pastor, Deaconess, Celeste, music ministry and Little Lambs staff. Special thanks to Bob Massa, Jim Randles, Roberta Port, Gina Cote and Shannon Cox who worked with Fred sorting out the program details.

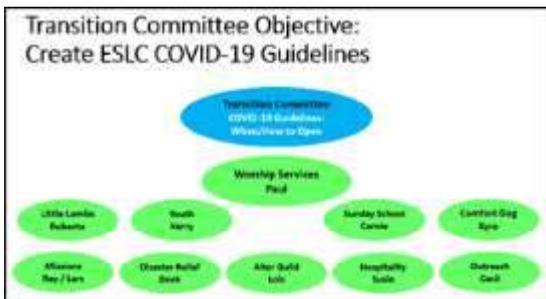
### **The Church Bus is Coming Home**

Thanks to an anonymous member, the remaining balance of more than \$5,000 will be donated to the Church Bus Fund to reach our \$41,000 campaign goal! Thanks again to our anonymous member who donated the Bus, and to all our members who donated to the Church Bus Fund. With this last generous gift, our church bus will soon be coming home to our newly constructed garage.



### **Transition Committee**

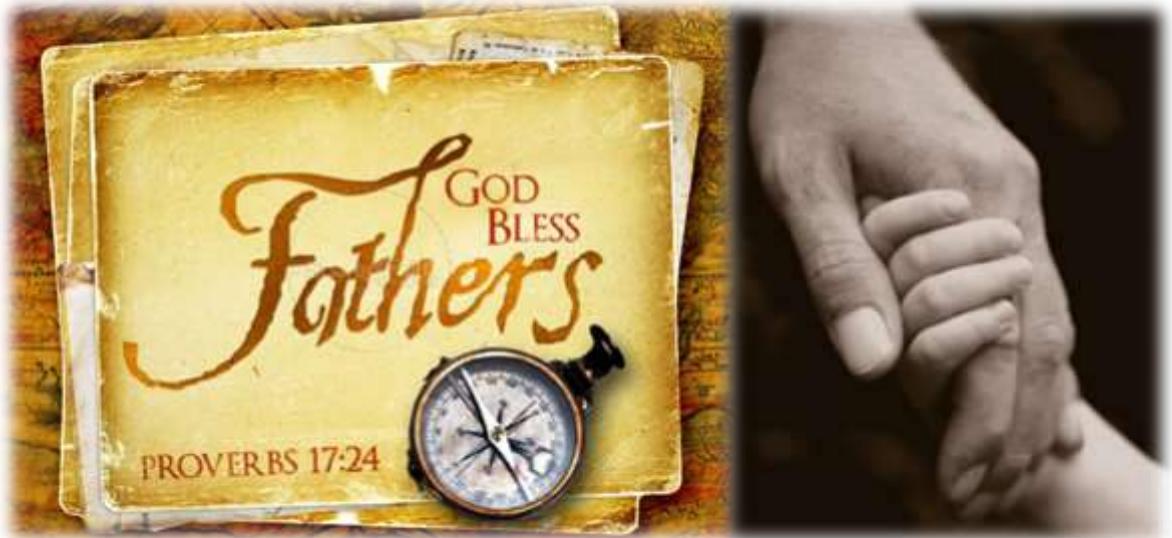
As Pastor recently shared in his service announcements, the Council has approved the formation of a COVID-19 Transition Committee. Committee members include: Pastor, Deaconess, Paul Wilson, Rev. Phil McLain, Ginger Barthel and me (Chair). The objective of this committee will be to create a high-level set of guidelines for when and how to begin worship services and other activities at Eternal Shepherd.



Each of our ministry leads, with their teams, will create a "Come Back to Eternal Shepherd" plan incorporating these guidelines. Each of these plans will be reviewed and approved by Council before implemented. Emphasis will be made on minimizing risk and maximizing health and safety of all members. We plan soon to share these guidelines with all Eternal Shepherd Saints.

The light at the end of this pandemic tunnel could well be our Lord shining on us! Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

*In His service,  
John Cochell*



***Happy Father's Day!  
Sunday, June 21st***

### **Finance Board**

We are almost half-way through the year and as board chair I am beginning to prepare for next years budget. Its preparation will be a bit more challenging given this years pandemic response and local weather challenges. However, during May there were a few positives to give thanks to God. As a church we were able to secure a Payroll Protection Loan/Grant in the amount of \$49, 022 to continue to pay our church staff but more importantly our pre-school staff and teachers despite the loss of revenue beginning in March. Fred Munzenmaier, Pre-school Treasurer and Jim Randles, the church's Payroll Manager were instrumental in obtaining these funds. Grover Stewart, Financial Secretary and Cecil Murray, our IT guru enhanced our on-line giving function by adding the ability to use credit cards as a source to contribute to Eternal Shepherd. Finally, as of Friday May 29, our church bus is on site housed in our new garage. As a church and a congregation we are blest. Estimating 2021's blessings and gifts will be a challenge. *Thank you for your continued support of this church and it's ministries. Bob Massa*



## **“I Am With You Always...”**

by Kerry Blount

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20*

Always is a big word. An expansive one. An encompassing one. When coming from Jesus’ lips, it should be an inexhaustible source of comfort, because when He says “always,” He means ALWAYS. His always has the authority and certainty of an eternal promise.

In the context of the cited verse, He speaks of being present with the disciples as they obey His direction to evangelize and instruct people of every nation to become one with Him through faith and discipleship. But make no mistake. Scripture also makes it clear that His “always” doesn’t stop when we are engaged in activities other than evangelism and instruction in the faith. St. Paul’s letter to the Colossian Christians speaks movingly of our lives being “hidden in Christ,” of Christ being “in all” believers, and of the peace of Christ ruling in our hearts and His Word “dwelling in us richly.” Indeed, Paul says, whatever we do or say is to be done in the name of our Lord Jesus. In every sense that matters, He is with us. Always. (*Col 3:3, 11, 15-17*)

He is with us when the chainsaws are clearing the tangle of tree trunks and branches, and when they are silent and there is opportunity to respond to the anger and sadness of loss.

He is with us when the children are singing happy songs in virtual Sunday school, and when they are noisily running through the house as we’ve repeatedly told them not to.

He is with us when we are deeply moved by a song in our on-line worship, and when we ignore the Bible laying under the newspaper on the end table, awaiting our attention.

He is with us when we act with kindness toward someone without a mask in the store, and when we grumble at the inconsideration of “those young people” who ignore the rules.

He is with us when we sit down to write an encouraging note to a lonely friend, and when we let discouragement cause us to disparage those who we think should have reached out to us.

He is with us when we brim with joy at the birth of a new grandbaby, and when we weep with grief when a dear friend has died and we cannot attend her funeral to say a proper goodbye.

I have often wondered why the phrase “*be with me, Lord*” is so prevalent in our prayers. In the context of His promise, where else would He be? From this perspective, it is my heartfelt prayer that we may grow into a deeper sense of the abiding presence of Jesus. In our thoughts, in our speech, in our work, in our play, in our strength, in our weakness, in our joy and in our sorrow may we recognize His promised presence. He said always. He meant ALWAYS.

*Prayer*

## *Comfort Dog News*

The Comfort Dog Ministry has certainly changed over the last few months, like everything else in our lives due to COVID-19! Nevertheless, we have been using this time to think of various ways we can still reach out to our community. Seth has engaged with his supporters via Zoom virtual visits, facility window visits, outdoor visits and dropping off posters or sending notes to our various facilities and friends. In addition, Seth keeps in touch with his friends on Facebook with frequent posts which often include Bible verses to hopefully uplift and encourage everyone. We are trying to be creative in ways we can still minister and serve those in our community but it has been a challenge!



Have you seen Seth's new dog park behind the new garage at church? Many thanks go to Monty Moore, Julie Moore, Bill Barthel, John Beattie and Wayne Gugel for their help in this endeavor. Also, many thanks to Seth's team who helped clean it out, spread mulch and put wood chips down. We plan on setting up some agility equipment for Seth in the dog park and it will be a great place for him to run, chase a ball and blow off some steam after "working".

Although this time of isolation has been difficult for Seth and his team, God has given us some wonderful blessings. For one, the WYFF4 news featured Seth doing a window visit at Foothills Assisted Living in West Union with Diane Williams, Rudy and me. In case you haven't seen it, check Seth's Facebook Page to view (May 2 post).

In addition, Seth, Jean Dombi, and I received a Points of Light Award for exceptional volunteerism. We were nominated by a lady we work with from Providence Hospice Care. If you would like to read the article, it can be viewed on Seth's Facebook Page also (May 11 post).

In the near future as we gather at church for services once again, please remember that Seth may need a little retraining as he hasn't "worked" inside for awhile. He will be very excited to see you all as well. His handlers will be working hard to make sure he obeys and is the proper gentlemen when greeting our members. We know you will give him and us the grace and understanding needed as we transition back into working mode. Thank you in advance!

We ask for your prayers for this ministry as we move forward. We are not sure when we will be able to visit nor are we sure what we will be allowed to do in the future. But we trust God has a plan as He guides us in all of it!

*To God be the Glory,  
~ Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*

# Wrapped in Love



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

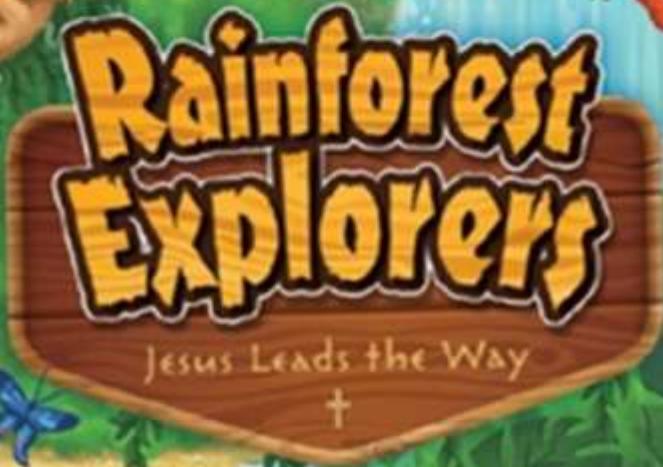
**Do you have a family member or friend that would benefit by receiving a prayer shawl during these uncertain times?**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still active during the times that we are meeting “virtually” instead of in person. We have given eight prayer shawls since February. **If you would like to give a prayer shawl**, please call the church office and they can arrange for church entry. You will find the prayer shawls and pocket prayer shawls in the fellowship hall along the wall with the closets in a self- service kiosk. There are three plastic bins in which the (full) prayer shawls are stored. Select the color and type that you think the person would like. We ask that if you take a prayer shawl that you record it on the log sheet found in the box telling us your name, the date and the person that you are giving it to. The pocket prayer shawls are found in a shoe-size bin. There is no sign log for these; only the number made is being tracked. Remember, we (the Prayer Shawl Ministry) consider the ESLC members are distribution channel. The members of the congregation know the needs of their friends and family better than the people making the prayer shawls. We don’t want anyone that should have one to be missed. Under the sign out log, there is a list of people that have already received prayer shawls. We have given over 100 since we started about five years ago.

This ministry is a low profile, time intensive service of love and concern for our members, their family and friends. Several women in our congregation create prayer shawls and pocket prayer shawls for congregational members to give to family and friends that are hurting in some way. Many prayer shawls have been made because of our “shelter at home” order, not all of them have made it to church yet. But there is an ample supply to choose from.

The prayer shawls come in many different styles and colors. Any member of the congregation can give a prayer shawl. The recipient does not need to be a member of Eternal Shepherd – just someone that you are concerned about and praying for. We ask that if you give the prayer shawl personally that you pray with them as you give it. While the prayer shawl is being made, many prayers go up to our God asking that the recipient will cast the cares, anxieties, etc. on the Lord, that the recipient will feel the support, comfort and care that the Lord is providing as well as his faith being sustained and strengthened.

The pocket prayer shawls are intended for a pocket or purses to remind the person to take all their concerns to the Lord in prayer. Quite often this can be given to someone who is traveling, is anxious about something, or just because. You are invited to pick one up for yourself.

A wooden sign with the text "Rainforest Explorers" in a stylized, bubbly font. Below the main title, it says "Jesus Leads the Way" and a small cross symbol. The sign is set against a vibrant, colorful illustration of a tropical rainforest. In the background, there's a waterfall, a sloth hanging from a vine, a colorful parrot flying, and various tropical plants and butterflies.

# Rainforest Explorers

Jesus Leads the Way



**Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Virtual Vacation Bible**

**School 2020**

**MON. JUNE 22 - FRI. JUNE 26**

You may register your children online at  
[vbsmate.com/ESLCvbs](https://vbsmate.com/ESLCvbs)

# HAITI MISSIONS

## UPDATE ON THE CENTRAL PLATEAU OF HAITI

Last month, we at Eternal Shepherd, sent money to be used for school supplies and for “hygiene products”. Keep in mind most homes do not have running water and Pas Bonbon and Laotchkit only have a running water system after ESLC made the well, pump, plumbing, and restrooms a reality. What the student’s homes of Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road now have is a simple handwashing station (pictured below), with plenty of antibacterial soap. Although COVID-19 is a very serious problem in Haiti, as of May 23<sup>rd</sup> only 10 cases were reported in the Central Plateau! The experts said Haiti will see over 3 million cases.

The sewing machines donated several years ago by our sister church, Mt Pisgah, has been busy making masks for all the members of Laotchikit, Pas Bonbon, and Rocky Road. Pastor Walta also reports how the food is being delivered to each of the students homes through Trinity HOPE. Yes, we at ESLC are a very important part of that food distribution and on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Walta reported the second delivery to each home is taking place. Without our help, many of the people in the Central Plateau would have the virus, and many would die. Your support of the ministry in the Central Plateau, in full fellowship with the LCMS, is greatly appreciated. The students, members of the churches in the Central Plateau pray for all of us at Eternal Shepherd.

We, through Trinity HOPE, are keeping children from starving to death. We, through Eternal Shepherd are supporting the schools through staff payroll and school supplies. Thank you Eternal Shepherd for all the missions you support. For more information on any of our missions including Disaster Response, contact Lars Hellad.

*You are Blessed to Be A Blessing!*



## Missions News continued...

**HONDURAS NEWS:** Honduras like the rest of the world has been locked down with the Coronavirus with all mission trips cancelled. There have been very few cases of the virus in Honduras however, as poor as the country is I would guess that there has not been a lot of testing. Honduras is a beautiful mountainous country slightly larger than the state of Tennessee, so it could be best compared to one of our rural states. Please pray for our missionary friends and Honduran friends that we serve with each year, as well as for all who are affected by this pandemic.

Our planning for the 2021 mission trip will not begin for several months and we will be keeping our eye on what is happening there as well as around the world. The need remains today as in the past and if we are able to safely go and serve, the opportunity will be presented to our church. Now is the time for prayer, the remaining work can come at a later time. May God continue to bless our missionaries and our missionary efforts.

*~Rev. Ray Ramsburg*



**DETENTION CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRY:** Saturday, June 13th ESLC is planning a visit to the Men's and the Women's sides of the Detention Center in Walhalla. **Please note** the county has not yet made the decision to open the center up to visitation groups. We will let you know if we can go on our allotted date and time. If able to proceed with this ministry, we will need cookies. (30 baggies with regular cookies – 4 cookies to a bag). We will meet at ESLC Sat., June 13th at 10:00 AM. If allowed to go and you can make cookies or have any questions, please contact Cecil Murray at (547) 274-9786 or [cwmurray@mindspring.com](mailto:cwmurray@mindspring.com)



**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. June's preferred product is "*Canned Fruit*". Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank located down by the main Fellowship Hall. *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



**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

The hospitality board is eagerly awaiting the return of in person weekly services! When it's possible we are looking forward to fellowship & food during adult Sunday school & after late service.



We are looking for new members who like to bake (or shop) for baked treats, serve fruit, cheese & crackers or any other snacks. If you would like to serve with a buddy please contact myself or Marlene Bell. *Blessings, Susie Williams*

***(The original schedule, if we should find ourselves able to gather in June)***

**6/7 - Alice Ramsburg**

**6/21 - Kate Wells**

**6/14 - Sue Williams**

**6/28 - Debbie Bell**

### June Birthdays

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| 1 - Colleen Wakeman  | 16 - Kelly Bunning  |
| 2 - Bill Barthel<br>Cecil Murray                                 | 18 - Renee Beitz<br>Cash Hamilton<br>Kendall Hamilton             |
| 3 - Roberta Port   | Ben Smith   |
| 4 - Sue Blount<br>Westly Tramble                                 | Diane Schember  |
| 6 - Rev. Art Beyer<br>Shirley Coale<br>Janice Lusk               | 21 - Jody McKibben  |
| 7 - Sue Kunce  | 22 - Judi Graham<br>Sara Gugel<br>Marion Lusk<br>Andrea Toussaint |
| 8 - Alana Madden<br>Tanisha Wood                                 | 24 - Ben Kan  |
| 9 - Debbie Bell<br>Marlene Bell                                  | 25 - Barbara Wilken<br>Lane Wilson                                |
| 10 - Justin Beitz<br>Marilyn Shockley                            | 27 - Harry Hornburg<br>Sarah Wanthal<br>Emily Wells               |
| 11 - Rev. Paul Lautenschlager<br>Maril Robertson<br>Henry Watson | 28 - Ruth Scheiderer  |
| 13 - Jennifer Pahl   | 30 - Andrew Zirbel  |
| 14 - Cassie Davis  |   |
| 15 - Oliver Scott<br>Jane Smith                                  |   |



### June Anniversaries

- 6 - Chris & Ruth Scheiderer
- 9 - Mory & Marlene Ranck  
Jon & Susan Tyner
- 11 - Rick & Ann Cochell  
David & Beth Phillips
- 12 - Ron & Marilyn Bode
- 15 - Woo & Lisa Wagner
- 17 - Matt & Jacquie Wilson
- 20 - Walt & Carolyn Lindow
- 22 - Garner & Sarah Sorrell Jr.  
David & Jonette Stupke
- 24 - Jim & Pat Jacques
- 25 - Dan & Jeanne Arkfeld  
Bob & Glenda Krabbe
- 26 - Pete & Jessica Roeder  
Don & Chris Worthy
- 28 - Brian & Kelly Bunning



## SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

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



In loving memory of *Vera Doran and John Abramovitch*  
the Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$50.00

Other Gifts:

The Church Bus Fund received gifts of \$598.39

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$80.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received gifts of \$60.00,  
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The Disaster Response Team Fund received gifts of \$1,100.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The General Fund received a gift of \$3,000.00 from Schwab Charitable  
Grant, and a gift of \$401.00 from Thrivent Choice

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$500.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Lutheran Witness Subscriptions Fund received gifts of \$20.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$380.00

The Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*)  
received a gift of \$100.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars

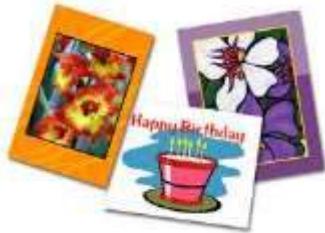
The Video Equipment Fund received a gift of \$500.00

## 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 Baby-Read volunteer by emailing Caren at [babyread@charter.net](mailto:babyread@charter.net).** To learn more about BabyRead, go to [www.babyread.org](http://www.babyread.org).



**SUNDAY FLOWER CHART** - this sign-up chart is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Tiger Lily of Clemson has continued to do a beautiful job with their arrangements without raising the price which will remain at \$25.00 per vase. You can sign up for as many Sundays as you want during the whole year for the dates that have special meanings for you and your family. Directions are posted above the chart.



**Greeting Cards**— Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Cancer/Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! All these cards have been restocked in the cart in the Fellowship Hall. They are \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. Take a little extra time and check them out. *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.  
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# A Verse Frame

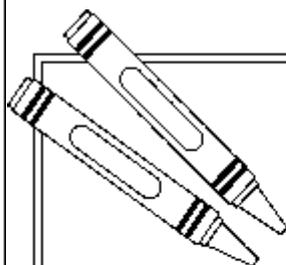
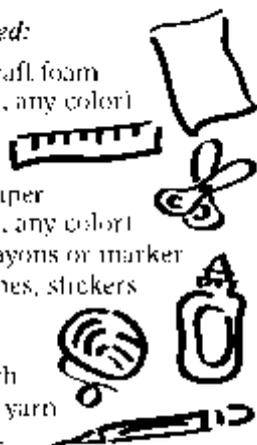
Make this special gift for your dad, uncle, grandfather or father-figure. It is nice to be reminded of our heavenly Father's love for us.

## What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8 1/2" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8 1/2" x 11", any color)
- Pencil, crayons or marker
- Foam shapes, stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn

## What you do:

1. Use your ruler to measure a rectangle inside the piece of craft foam. Draw the rectangle, and then cut it out. Your foam should now look like a frame.
2. Place the piece of paper under the foam frame, and trace the shape of the frame's window onto the paper.
3. Choose a verse to write inside the rectangle on your paper. (Your frame can go horizontally or vertically.) Suggested verses include 1 Corinthians 8:6, Philippians 4:20 and 1 John 3:1.
4. Turn the frame over (face down), and put glue around the edge. Lay the verse face down on the back of the frame, and let it dry.
5. Decorate the outside of the frame with foam shapes, stickers or drawings.
6. Use your hole punch to punch two holes at the top of the frame. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes to hang the frame.

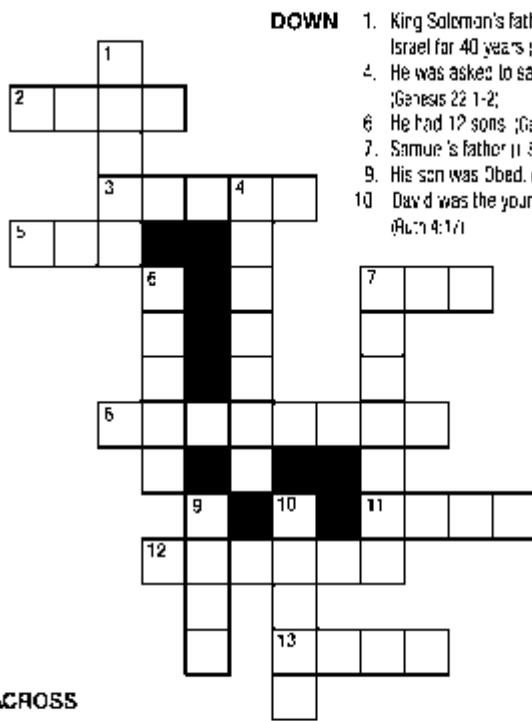


Just for

# KIDS

## FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

God plans for our fathers to play important parts in our lives. Fill in the puzzle squares with names of important fathers from the Bible. Use the clues and verse references below to help.



### DOWN

1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 35:22)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed. (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons. (Ruth 4:17)

### ACROSS

2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark. (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away the birthright of his older son Esau. (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel. They were wicked. (1 Samuel 2:12)
8. David's best friend and father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 5:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus. (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan, he was chosen by the people as the first king of Israel. (2 Samuel 3:6)

## **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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Secretary: Celeste Entrekin  
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Choir Director: Rick Schmidt  
Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland  
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