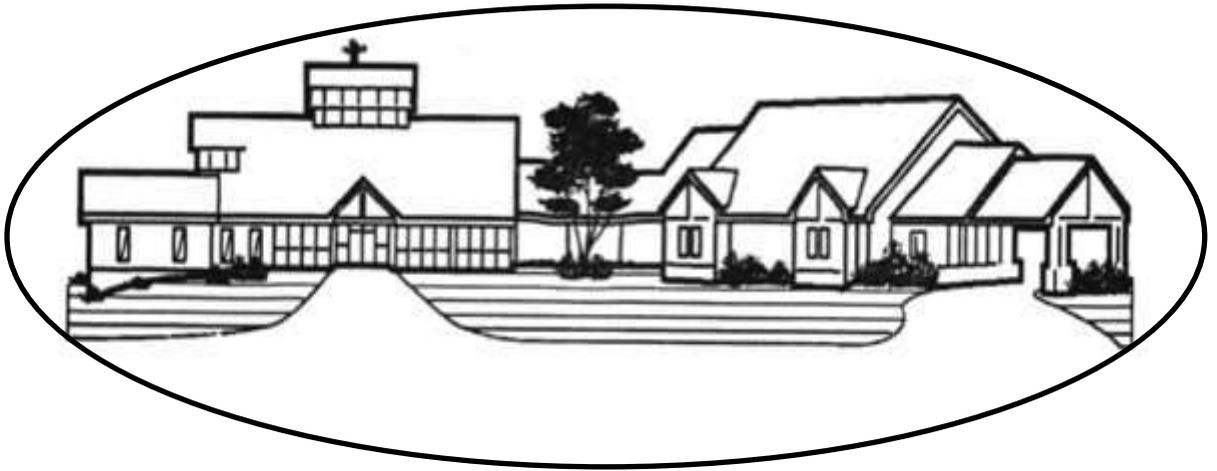

Agapegram

July 2020



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Good News? Bad News? What's Next?

“I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough.” Phil. 4:12 EHV

Here we are: half done with 2020! And, how do we even describe where we are? A good place? A bad one? Do we rejoice? Do we lament? A novel virus (bad); not as bad as it could have been (good); but still dangerous to some people (bad); our area was spared the brunt of it (good); yet all areas have felt the economic & psychological impacts (bad); lately things are opening back up (good); now we're seeing cases rising here, too (bad); but more of those cases are in young people who shrug it off, so maybe we'll get closer to “herd immunity” (good); but we won't get there before flu season (bad); at least church is open (good); but not all can come and we don't fellowship (bad); and on and on the ping pong match goes...

Honestly, we mere human beings don't know where we stand in all this. We don't have a God's eye view. We aren't the One who orchestrates time and eternity. Yet, we do know that He works all things together for good (Rom. 8:28) and that He will guard & grow His church through it all (Jn. 17:15 & Mt. 16:18). So, where does that leave us in the face of such strange times? Right where God put us: with Christ! And, ready to be reminded of the verse that comes after Philippians 4:12. *“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.” Phil. 4:13.* All things means all *these* things we face, whether it was Paul's own circumstances or the ones that we currently face. We don't have the answers. We don't know what's next. We don't know if bad or good is ahead or even if the current moment is bad or good.

We do, however, know we are safely in the hands of our loving Savior who gave His own life to make us His own and bring us into His protective care. We know He will work these things for our good. And, we know that by His strength and protection, we can face anything that comes our way.

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St. Paul said it earlier in the same chapter: *“Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*

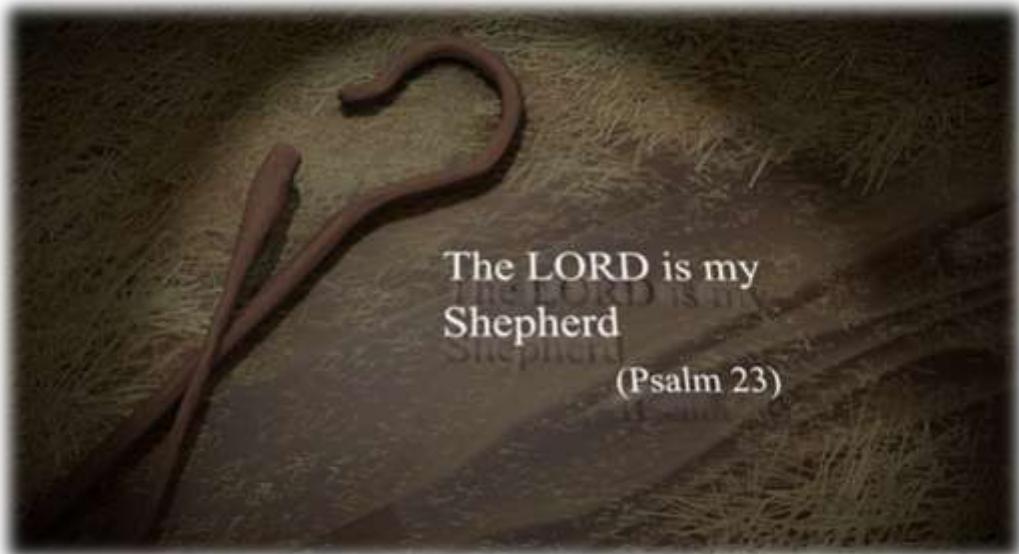
Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” Phil. 4:4-6.

What to do today?

What to do whatever this year may yet bring? Rejoice. Give thanks. Ask, “how may I serve?”

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:7 EHV

--Pastor David



***For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Psalm 23:4b***



Deaconess' Musings

My Least Favorite Question

2010: “Where do you see yourself in 5 years?”

Pre-deaconess Holly Lustila: “Probably in the middle of working on a PhD in Historical Musicology somewhere.”

Enter going to Seminary after graduating from Florida State University in 2012.

2015: “Where do you see yourself in 5 years?”

Newly fashioned Deaconess Holly Lustila: “I can’t wait to hit my five year mark! I’ll know a lot more!”

Well...I certainly have learned a few things!

“Where do you see yourself in 5 years?”

Lord only knows!

The end of July always brings about the anniversary of my Commissioning into the office of Deaconess in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and causes reflection on the promises made that day. This year is a little more special to me, as it marks 5 years of Commissioned work.

Similar to the vows made in the ordination rite of men into the Holy Ministry, the deaconess publicly declares her belief and confession in the canon of Scripture to be the inspired Word of God, “the only infallible rule of faith and practice.” She states her belief and confession of the three Ecumenical Creeds “because they are in accord with the Word of God,” and in turn rejects all heresy they condemn. Then, as a Lutheran church worker, she takes on the confessions of the doctrines contained within the Book of Concord and makes them her own “because they are in accord with the Word of God.”

Finally, the deaconess makes two promises foundational to her service to the Church. I write them in full below:

From the Rite of Commissioning & Installation of Church Workers, LSB Agenda, pg. 220:

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Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God's people in your office in accordance with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

Yes, I promise, with the help of God.

Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

I will, with the help of God.

Powerful and heavy words of promise. I cannot say that I have kept those as perfectly as I should, but I rest on the unwavering grace and mercy of Christ and your prayers. As the years go by and I see all that has transpired here and abroad, please know that I am wholeheartedly blessed to be your deaconess and to serve you.

Thank you for the past five years as your deaconess. May God grant me as many more as He sees fit to grant.

*Your *still learning* deaconess,*



Saturday, July 4th

First the Pandemic, and Now, This

Everyone is tired of the on-going corona virus pandemic. Its cost in terms of lost productivity has been incalculable, and many lives have been lost. Could it be any worse? One should be careful with questions such as this, because the answer is usually “yes.” And so it has become worse. The virus is still with us, and now in addition we have entered a period of social unrest triggered by the seemingly senseless killing of a black man by white policemen in Minneapolis on 25 May.

We do not yet know the full story behind what happened, and one should be careful to rush to judgment based on a video. But have you watched the video? Have you noticed the calm unconcern of the white police officer who remained with his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck, not just for a minute, not for two minutes, but for almost eight minutes? There are many things one might say at this point. Some of the protests have gone much too far and will accomplish little good and will harden many hearts. Politicians on all sides are seeking to use this to their advantage, and some proposals that have been made for future public policy are truly remarkable for their abject stupidity.

Nonetheless, does anyone think that black people have been, are being, treated fairly? Does anyone not think that some, perhaps many, dislike, despise, even hate black people for being black people? An often-used counter argument to such questions is that the black community has many problems that need to be addressed by those in the community. While this may be partially true, it is not the point here and evades the fact that some hate black people for being black people.

Jesus was asked (Mark 12:28), while being challenged by the chief priests, scribes and elders in the temple in Jerusalem, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” And Jesus answered (Mark 12:29—31), “The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.” With these words---which appear also in Matthew 22:37--40---Jesus wonderfully distills the ten commandments given to Moses (each of the ten commandments involves doing one or the other thing that Jesus gave as his answer to the scribe in the temple). In both the account given by Mark and the one given by Matthew, Jesus is asked for *one* commandment, but answers with *two*.

Can one love God, and not love his neighbor? “When God created Man, He made him in the likeness of God” (Genesis 5:1; see also Genesis 1:26--28 and 9:6). If one hates his neighbor, harms him, steals from him, otherwise mistreats him, for whatever reason, does he not do the same to God? South Carolina is a poor state in large part because the state legislature more than one hundred years ago decided to not educate more than half of the state's population. *Love*, as used in Jesus' answer to the scribe, is a verb, not a noun. As such, it requires action, which is different from inaction. An important aspect of *loving* someone is to listen to them, and this is true both for loving God and loving our neighbor. To be clear, a lot of the clatter we hear today is rubbish. But not all of it is, and some of it is important. Sin exists. Evilness exists. We are all sinners, and we all need to repent. We have not loved our neighbors, and by this, we have not loved God.

The problems our country faces today have no easy, obvious solutions. But loving our neighbors would be a good start. If we listen, we might find a way forward. *May God lead us to love our neighbors. Amen.*

Paul Wilson
Head Elder, ESLC

July Council Update



In a recent sermon, Pastor shared thoughts from Saint Paul in Romans 6 where he said, “ we are slaves to our God”. Pastor softened that thought by explaining we are servants to our Lord and His word. While this continued COVID -19 Pandemic has changed most things in our lives, your Council has continued to serve you and our Lord over the last 3 months. Following is a list of items led and completed by Council and committees since the March 15th “social distancing” order was initiated:

- 16 virtual only services through May 31st. First service was on March 18th, developed in 3 days! Service viewership has increased and is now seen internationally.
- With “social distancing” and health guidelines, worship services resumed on Sunday, June 7th.
- Agapegram has gone electronic.
- \$80,000 church roof replaced for \$3,000 cost to Eternal Shepherd.
- New sanctuary HVAC system installed.
- Numerous outdoor landscaping projects completed (block walls, drainage systems installed, trimming, planting...).
- Multiple outings for Eternal Shepherd’s Disaster Relief Team who helped local Seneca residents' clear trees and debris from the tornado.
- Virtual Sunday School was implemented.
- Virtual Youth meetings have started.
- Virtual Bible Studies (Women's, Men's, Wednesday evenings) are being held.
- Online giving had 18 accounts on March 15th, 63 accounts as of Saturday, May 30th.
- Eternal Shepherd was approved for \$49,000 from the Payroll Protection Program.
- Seth’s dog run was cleared and the perimeter fence installed.
- Bus garage construction started and completed.
- Eternal Shepherd’s new bus has come home. Bus fund goal of \$26,000 completed!



The Evil One can attack us through terrible things like a pandemic, but he can’t stop His Saints at Eternal Shepherd from serving!

In His service, John Cochell

Unchangeable Foundations

by Kerry Blount

“I, the Lord, do not change.” Malachi 3:6

As we continue to assess the seemingly innumerable coronavirus impacts on our society, our economy, our neighbors and ourselves, a variety of insistent voices tell us that “everything has changed.” All that we have known as foundational, reliable, and immovable is being forced to change, they say. Those voices, some benevolent and some with sinister motives, often sound convincing, well-meaning, and sometimes even hopeful. But despite all their reasoning and various appeals to cataclysmic “evidence,” they are wrong in one critical aspect. Many things *have* changed, and many more *will* change—even as a result of factors entirely separate from the current coronavirus crisis—but not “everything” has changed.

In this turmoil of seemingly endless change, it would be a disastrous mistake to fail to acknowledge that which has not, does not, and will not change. For those changeless things—the attributes of God Himself—are the bedrock foundations of our very existence, of the potential for love, for hope, for beauty, and for joy, both in a mortal and an immortal context. They are the foundations of the things that make this life more than the purposeless biological functioning of cells in an organism destined for destruction and decay, and the regenerated life more than a childish vision of singing hymns and strumming harps on a puffy cloud.

The love of God does not change.

The mercy of God does not change.

The justice of God does not change.

The power of God does not change.

The patience of God does not change.

The knowledge of God does not change.

The faithfulness of God does not change.

Skeptics may ask how one may know these assertions to be true. The simple answer is that He told us; and, indeed, He asks us to make it known to everyone. The cumulative writings of the Old and New Testaments—contributed by leaders, judges, prophets, historians, and messengers over more than 1,500 years and attested by their survival and impact for another 2,000 years—bear witness to the unchanging solidity of every one of these foundation stones. Change surrounds us, we admit. But take heart. The One who is changeless knows your name.

“For His mercy overwhelms us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.”

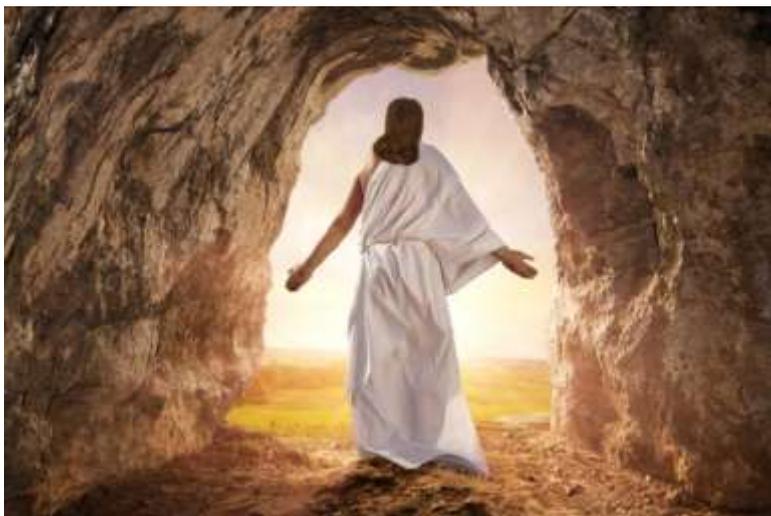
Psalm 117:2

FOOTHILLS CARE CENTER (VIRTUAL) BABY BOTTLE DRIVE IS BACK!



It's time for our annual Baby Bottle Drive to benefit the Foothills Care Center! Eternal Shepherd has been a generous supporter of the Foothills Center for more than 10 years with the baby bottle drive and other donations. This year due to COVID-19 and the safety of our members, we will not use baby bottles to collect donations. Instead, we'll use a "virtual baby bottle"! **The Virtual Baby Bottle Drive** has begun and will run through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 6th.

Contributions can be made to the **Virtual Baby Bottle Drive** by using Eternal Shepherd's Online giving site or by mailing a check to church and designating "Foothills Care Center" in the memo space. The "Online" option accepts all major credit cards.



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Comfort Dog News

Seth is doing well after a copperhead snake bite at the end of May. The snake bit Seth near his eye but fortunately was about ¼” from his eye ball so his eye sight was not affected. It was quite a traumatic day for us but we are thankful for the care he received at Magnolia Emergency Vet in Anderson. Seth was given anti-venom, antibiotics and anti-inflammatory meds during his stay at the facility. Thankfully he was back to his normal energetic self within a day and you wouldn't know anything happened unless you looked at his eye area or shaved part of his leg where the IV was inserted. It was a terrible thing to happen but we are grateful to God that Seth received good care and has recovered well. A word to the wise, watch out for those copperheads, they blend in well with leaves and the ground and can strike within seconds.

Seth's new dog park is now complete. Seth's team spread wood chips throughout, agility equipment was set up, a new bench donated and an artistic sign was installed. Thank you to all who helped with this endeavor! Seth will enjoy this new area where he can unwind, play and practice agility skills. And please note, although the sign may say “Seth's Dog Park” all members' dogs are invited in to play and romp around!

Things continue to be slow for us due to the COVID19 pandemic. All assisted living facilities are closed for visits but we have done a few window and porch visits which seem to brighten the resident's day. Recently, Seth was invited to a car parade at Easley Place Rehabilitation. We decorated the car and waved hello to the residents. It was a fun event for all!

We continue to seek new and creative ways to reach out to the community and if you know of a place or person we can visit, please let me know. Meanwhile, we pray and ask God's help for our future plans.

Lastly, Seth will turn 3 this month on July 10! We are so blessed to celebrate another birthday with him among us!

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



Wrapped in Love



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PRAYER SHAWLS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO GIVE.

As some of us are able to come together again to worship at ESLC, the Prayer Shawl Self Service Kiosk is available near the closets in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone who would benefit from the gift of a prayer shawl, please do not hesitate to select one for them. There are the full size prayer shawls as well as pocket prayer shawls. The pocket prayer shawls with an embedded cross worked into them are ideal to include in cards or carry in a pocket or purse.

The full size prayer shawls come in many different colors and styles. They may be knitted or crocheted, but the important part is that the crafter prays for the person that will receive the prayer shawl. They may take from 40 to 80 hours to make and are a labor of love. We have received many thank yous expressing the love the recipient feels when they receive this gift and the comfort that it brings them. When anyone is going through a difficult time, no matter the cause, knowing that someone cares about them lifts their spirit. We want them to feel that God is on their side and will sustain them through this difficult time. As I said earlier, if you are concerned and praying for someone, please feel free to give them a prayer shawl. They may be a family member or a friend; they do not need to be a member to Eternal Shepherd. You do not need any approval to give one, but we do ask that if you give it to them personally, that you pray for and with them as you give it.

When you select a full size prayer shawl from one of the three bins, we request that you complete the sign out sheet which should be in the top bin. It simply requests your name, the person you are given it to and the date. There is a list behind the sign out sheet of the people that have already received a prayer shawl. ESLC has given nearly 100 (full size) prayer shawls since this ministry has begun. If you take a pocket prayer shawl, no sign out is necessary.

Thank you for helping cover others with His comforting love.

~Sue Hauser



Almon Robinson: The Road to a Ripple Graduate

Hi my name is Almon Robinson and I'm a Ripple of One participant. I hope sharing my story with you will give you faith, strength and courage to continue striving towards your goals. I genuinely want to inspire others to make a better future for themselves

and their kids! Before I joined Ripple of One I was extremely overwhelmed. I found myself always approaching a dead end when it came to finding a job. I jumped from one restaurant job to the next with little or no stability, or consistency. A single mother of three kids, no high school diploma, no GED, no job and transportation. I had little support and I felt stuck. I had a number of obstacles to get over. I just didn't know how to go about conquering them.

Before Ripple I never saved money and I never even thought about having a savings account, or creating a budget. I am so blessed to have such an encouraging financial coach. With his help and my self-discipline, I now have an official savings account! Because of the Ripple of One program and the things I have learned, I definitely feel more confident! They always taught me how important it is to have money saved up for bills and for emergencies! I can attest to not being okay without a savings plan in place.

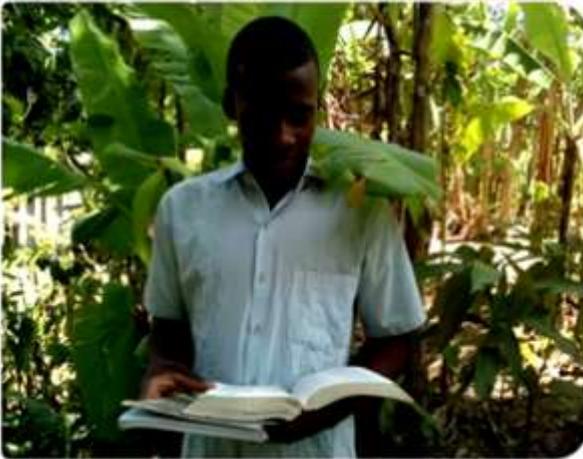
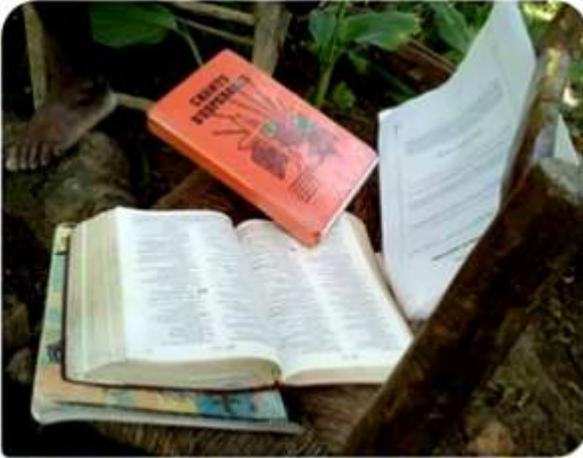
Ripple of One has not only taught me how to save and believe in myself but, the program has also helped my kids, thanks to the Lil' Rippers program. The Lil' Rippers program has taught my eldest daughter how important it is to save money and pay her bills on time. My youngest two have learned how to socialize and share with other kids! They love the Lil' Rippers program just as much as I do! It has been a blessing to us all.

I would like to let others know that it's never too late to set goals and achieve them. Knowing is not enough, you must apply. Being willing is not enough, you must do it! If you repeat what you've always done, you'll always get the same results. Everything starts within you. My Ripple of One Family has been by my side in such a profound way and I could not have done it without their support! My family and I will be forever changed because of this program!



Haiti Missions

CENTRAL PLATEAU OF HAITI IS DOING WELL



The leader of Rocky road thanks you again for the creole Bagay bibles. Many blessings !

Pictures on the left are from Pastor Walta. The Leader of Rocky Road is Seminarian Belizaire. Under the direction and training of Pastor Walta, he has formed the Bible Study Group and conducts the worship service at Rocky Road. The seminary is now located in Laotchikit, which is about a three hour walk for Belizaire each day. The path to Rocky Road is too dangerous for horseback or motorcycle, most of it very steep and lots of boulders. We supplied the Bibles and Luther's Small Catechism to Rocky Road in Creole. French is the language in Pas Bonbon and Laotchikit. We have also supplied the Washing Stations and hygiene kits to these churches. There are no cases of COVID-19 at any of these churches – and they are so very thankful to Eternal Shepherd for helping to make that possible. The schools will open in August this year, and next year they will return to opening in September. We at Eternal Shepherd also support Trinity HOPE feeding program. Copies of the article sent out by Trinity HOPE regarding our church are on the table in the Narthex. In July we will be sending

funds for additional Washing Stations and school supplies. Contact Lars Helland for more information on all the Missions we support! Do You have a Mission you want us to work on? Let us know.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY OF SENECA, SAT. JULY

11TH: Due to the continued concerns over the Covid-19 Pandemic we will continue social distancing for our Saturday service date in July. At this time, the Our Daily Bread building will not be open for gatherings. Serving this Ministry however will continue. As the organizers of this Ministry we feel it is easiest for us to make bagged lunches to hand out at the door of Our Daily Bread. Our Ministry has been blessed with many volunteers who have been willing to gather to prepare and serve lunches for our hungry friends in Seneca. We know that many of you would like to get back to normal and would be willing to volunteer for this service date. We ask that you understand that under current conditions we feel that limiting this activity is the most prudent way to keep our members safe. Rest assured that if things change regarding Our Daily Bread guidelines, we will be in touch by group email to those that have supported this Ministry. Please be in prayer for this important Ministry and for the individuals it touches in our community. We are looking forward to gathering soon, we miss you all! ~Colleen and Rich Hesemann



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. **July's preferred product is "Macaroni & Cheese". 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.

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.



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.** To learn more about BabyRead, go to 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.
~Thank you for your support.



Hospitality Happenings for July

No in house hospitality happenings at this time due to current restrictions.

As always we thank you for your support and look forward to the day we can once again join together at ESLC in fellowship.

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



July Birthdays

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| 1 – Betty Brueggeman | 15 - Mike Kunce |
| Mary Coffman | 16 - Tracy Cochell |
| Claire Giordano | Walt Lindow |
| 3 – Rick Schmidt | 17 – Lucille Koeplin |
| Sam Woike | 18 – Dan Franzen |
| 6 - Jane Fireovid | 20 – Don Seigler |
| 7- Julie Gambrell | 21 – Marilyn Bode |
| Barbara Willbrant | James Wells |
| 8 – Stephen Beitz | Stephen Wells |
| Emilie Hammer | 22 - Curt Dombi |
| 9 – Jenna Zirbel | 25 – Karen Findlay |
| 10 – John Munro | 26 – Katie Baumann |
| David Phillips | 27 - Julie Moore |
| 12 – Wayne Dieter | Elaine Rich |
| 14 – Marian Abramovitch | 28 – Charlene Seiff |
| Paul Fredrickson | 29 – Brian Keefer |
| Beth Phillips | Vivienne Scott |
| Janet Walker | 30 – Sami Johnson |



July Anniversaries

- 1 - Dennis & Jean Hippchen
(Pr. Justin & Jennifer Pahl)
- 5 - Steve & Chris Christensen
- 6 – Rudy & Kyra Carbone
- 9 – Bob & Kristin Morriss
- 10 - Rev. George & Mary Coffman
- 14 – Steve & Becky Stroul
- 15 – Ken & Sue Schneider
- 16 – Al & LuWanna Johnson
- 22 – Stephen & Renee Beitz
- 23 – Marion & Janice Lusk
- 27 – Glenn & Carolyn Croteau
- 28 – Harold & Joyce Krueger
Henry & Sue Watson
- 29 – Jeff & Diane Williams



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In May the following gifts were given:



In loving memory of *John Abramovitch*
the General Fund received a gift of \$2,000.00

Other Gifts:

The Church Bus Fund received gifts of \$370.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$630.00,
and a gift of \$131.00 from Thrivent Choice

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The Disaster Response Team Fund received gifts of \$320.00

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$1,200.00,
and a gift of \$2,000.00 from AEF Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$500.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00,
and a gift of \$100.00 for Help us, Help them Fund

The Lutheran Witness Subscriptions Fund received gifts of \$50.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$775.00

The Property Board Fund received a gift of \$52.00

Little Lambs Tales

LLPS Upcoming Events

**LLPS 2019-2020
Graduation Ceremony
4 yr olds class
Aug. 7th at 9:30 am
in the ESLC Sanctuary**

**LLPS Open House
Aug. 18th from 5pm to 6pm**

**LLPS Classes Begin
Aug. 19th at 8:30 am**



MAKE A "SUMMER ADVENTURE" JOURNAL

If you take a vacation trip this summer, make a book to record all the places you visit or the places you'd like to visit someday.



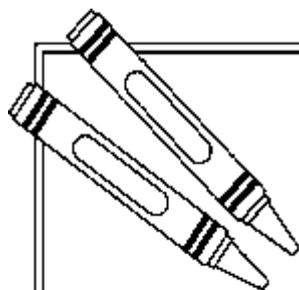
Here's what you need:

- 5-10 sheets of white paper
- 1 sheet of heavy construction paper
- paper punch
- ribbon or raffia
- pen and/or markers



Here's how to make your journal:

1. Fold the construction paper in half. This will be the cover.
2. Stack the white paper, fold it in half and place it inside the cover. Trim the edges if they stick out.
3. Use the paper punch to punch 2 or 3 holes through all the paper (including the cover) near the folded edge. (You may be able to punch only a few sheets of paper at a time. In that case, use a pen to mark where the holes should be, so they will all line up.)
4. Pull the ribbon or raffia through the holes to hold the pages together, and then tie a bow.
5. Decorate the cover.
6. Fill in the pages with notes, pictures and memories about your trip.



Just for KIDS

Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

BETHANY
BETHLEHEM
BETHSAIDA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI
CANA
CAPERNAUM
DECAPOLIS
EGYPT

EPHRAIM
GALILEE
JERICHO
JERUSALEM
JORDAN RIVER
JUDEA
MAGDALA
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PEREA
SAMARIA
SIDON
TYRE
WILDERNESS

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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)



THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor: David Hammer
Deaconess: Holly Lustila
Secretary: Celeste Entrekin
Preschool Director: Gina Cote
Choir Director: Rick Schmidt
Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland
Organist: David Phillips

MISSIONARIES

Joanna Johnson, Taiwan
Nate Esala, Lutheran Bible Translators
David & Dr. Arianna Shirk, Kenya
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“The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.” Psalm 103:19