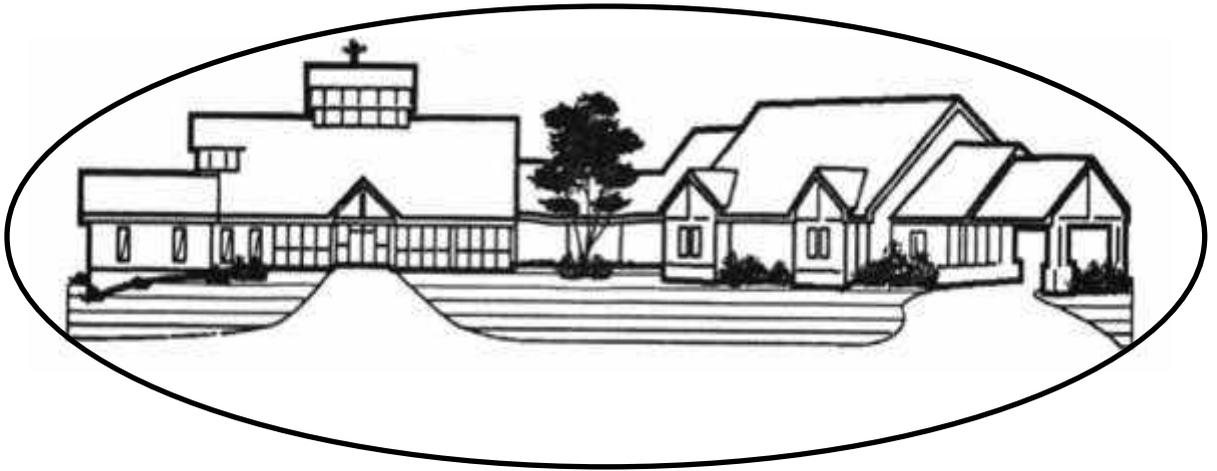

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The Great Danger of Covid-19



“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it is the road to death.” Prov. 14:12 EHV

Covid-19 is a greater risk to you than anyone has said. It is doing more damage than is being reported. We’ve heard about the harm of severe cases. We know many have suffered financially and even psychologically from lockdowns. A few people are even experiencing long term or permanent health damage following their infections. Yet this isn’t the whole story of Covid-19’s damaging impact. There is more and it is worse than all these things. Covid-19 is doing damage to Christian souls by harming faith.

This isn’t about missing out on attending church and gathering with the body, although that is an obvious impact of our current circumstances. Christians in every age have dealt with plague, famine, isolation, and even limited access to gathering for worship. In many cases, those hardships strengthened faith, not weakened it. This is about *spiritual* distance, not physical distance. Whether someone attends on-site or makes use of our virtual opportunities, the old habits have been broken. Habits that were designed to consistently & systematically feed us with the Word, give us opportunity to encourage the saints, dialog over our study of God’s Word, and work together on Kingdom projects. Even as we try to adjust and continue these activities, they aren’t as polished, efficient, or frequent as they once were. Are we developing new needed habits during this time to strengthen our faith?

Covid-19 has led to fewer of our people in church and bible study. We do have online bible study, but we are seeing around 30-35 people participating. Some watch after the fact, but compared to 65 in Sunday morning classes, do we really have another 30+ people watching at home? Sunday school is also seeing less participation. We can look at worship services, too. Sunday had around 90 on-site between both services. YouTube shows 44 distinct household that watched from home. Even if we assume each household averages about 2 viewers, that’s less than 200 in “attendance” and some viewers are non-members. That’s low for us. Some ESLC members who used to come just aren’t participating in church.



I’ve heard it most in conversations with members of other churches (who are probably more forthcoming than people would be with their own pastor). “The online services aren’t the same.” “The kids can’t sit still when the distractions of home are present.” “The on-site services aren’t reverent enough.” “Masks are a too uncomfortable.” Whatever the complaint or excuse, they often result in the same bottom line: “We just aren’t doing it.” We would be fooling ourselves to think the same isn’t happening at Eternal Shepherd.

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While the old routines are broken and the challenges feel new and different to us, the solution to our spiritual distance remains the same. Jesus Christ is still Lord of His church. Our eyes are still to be upon Him each moment of each day. He still sends His Holy Spirit with the strength needed for each new day and with every temptation, “he will also provide the way of escape” (1 Cor. 10:13). Let us not be distracted by what is different in our lives or what isn’t the way we prefer it to be. Let us remember our baptisms and our connection to Jesus Christ. Let us redouble our commitment to the Lord. On-site or at home. In worship and in prayer and in bible study, group or personal. The call remains the same to those who have been gifted with the saving grace of forgiveness regardless of our circumstance:

- *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.”* Prov. 3:5
- *“Come near to God, and he will come near to you.”* Jam. 4:8
- *“This Book of the Law must never depart from your mouth, and you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you will act faithfully according to everything written in it.”* Josh. 1:8
- *“...in humility consider one another better than yourselves.”* Phil. 2:3

Even more, we know that these things do not depend on our own power. We *can* adjust to new routines. We *can* develop new habits. We *can* grow in faith and love. We can, because *God* is at work in us. He provides the power. Let us look to His faithful provision so that Covid-19 becomes for us, not a danger, but one more example of God working all things for good (Rom. 8:28).

“In fact, it is God who is working in you, both to will and to work, for the sake of his good pleasure.” Phil. 2:13 EHV

~Pastor David

Past-ESLC Member Called to Glory

I was informed that Steve Stroul died from CoViD-19 on July 22. Steve and Becky were members of ESLC before moving to the other side of the upstate in Sept. 2018. Please keep Becky in your prayers during this time of loss. Becky Stroul, 14321 Stonewater Cr., Indian Land, SC 29707.



Deaconess' Musings

"It's about Jesus for you...for them."

How many times have we heard the familiar passage of John 3:16 throughout our lives? Countless times, perhaps.

*For God so loved **the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (ESV)*

This is all well and good, and to this we should all say, "Amen! Thanks be to God!" We hear, read, and sing these beloved words and rejoice in the knowledge that you and I have been given this amazing gift of forgiveness and pardon. But, just how often do we consider the pervasiveness of Christ's saving grace? Often, in our own limited understanding, we sometimes truly only consider those similar to us (i.e., Christians) to be the ones for whom Christ bled, died, and rose to save. Christ died and rose again for all. All people. All people of every time, race, age, and location. **The world.**

Jesus Christ died and rose again to save you and me, wretched and hardhearted as we are. He died for your parents, siblings, children, even for that cousin that always takes four pieces of pie at Christmas dinner. He died for those living down the street, in the apartment unit below yours, and for that neighbor that sometimes mows the lawn at the crack of dawn. He died for our nation's leaders, and leaders of all countries. He even died for those who are persecuting our fellow Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Jesus Christ truly died and rose again to save **the world.**

Now, not all people acknowledge or even know of this amazing, mind-blowing grace. We, as the Church, do not push them to the side and claim ignorance, nor do we "throw the Bible" at them and brutally condemn all to the Lake of Fire for all eternity. We stand firm on the Word of God, and proclaim the saving grace of Christ, for **the world.** We cannot allow ourselves to feign acceptance of sin, but we cannot allow the Word of God to go unspoken and "hidden under a bushel." *For God so loved **the world**, that he gave his only Son...in order that **the world** might be saved through him. (ESV)* Do not hide this astounding gift and keep it close. Rejoice in your salvation and Savior. He desires all to know him.



"For God so loved the world" John 3:16a

~Deaconess Holly



As all of you know I like to write thank you notes but I can't do that for all of the things left in my box church. I don't know who you are but thanks for the candy that has been there on every occasion since my husband died and for all of the cards and stamps left for me in boxes. I am so blessed and please know how much I appreciate all you do for me. We have such a loving church family and I love each of you. Also, thanks for all of your prayers.

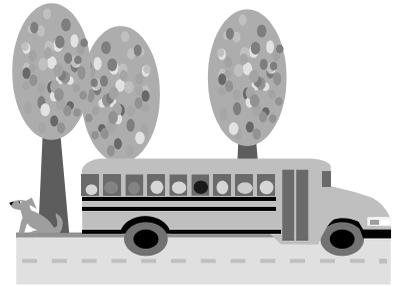
Love, Gloria Shealy

THANK YOU! Thank you, Eternal Shepherd, for the wonderful cards, gifts, and congratulations as I celebrated 5 years of Commissioned work as a deaconess. Your thoughtful words and touching memories are something I'll always treasure and hold dear to my heart. Thank you for letting me be your deaconess and thank you as always for your prayers on my behalf. Here's to the many blessings our Lord has granted us His saints here at ESLC, and to the hopeful many more as we continue this journey together!

With much love and gratefulness, Deaconess Holly Lustila

PLEASE NOTE

Little Lambs Preschool classes will begin August 19th. **Please make sure to drive slowly when driving around the church between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Monday through Friday.** Thank you for helping keep our Little Lambs safe.



HOW YOUR ONLINE OFFERING GETS POSTED TO YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER:

When you set up your online giving account, Vanco issues an ID number for your account. The Financial Secretary, (FS), receives an email each time a new member, or non-member, creates an account. The FS logs on to the Vanco site and changes the system assigned ID to your church envelope number. The FS receives an automatic report each Saturday with the offering for the week and simply posts the offering for the week to the member's envelope number from this report. Every member who gives online reduces the workload on the Tabulators who must process all offerings each Sunday afternoon. *The Tabulators thank you.*

An Ode to Grandparents

Many of you are blessed with grandchildren. Let me tell you about my grandparents---Claude and Sue---my Grandpa and Grandma. Grandma died 51 years ago. I was 10. Grandpa died two years later, when I was 12. I miss them every day. I would not be writing this without their influence.

Grandma came from a wealthy family. Her grandfather owned a large plantation, with land, livestock, and yes, slaves. In 1863 the U.S. Army burned the house, barn and other buildings, burned the crops in the fields, and killed the animals they could not take with them. The family (and the former slaves) faced starvation and pestilence. I learned this from Grandma and her sister, my great aunt, as they were recounting what their father (who was 12 years old when these things happened) told them. Grandma's family was suddenly poor, but by the time she met Grandpa, they had recovered somewhat through God's grace and hard work.

Grandpa's ancestors arrived in Texas several years before the revolution in 1836. His great-grandmother---Sarah Jane---received a grant of 5,000 acres from the Mexican government. The file at the General Land Office in Austin contains the statement of a character witness, who testified that Sarah Jane was a “widow of good morals, with 11 persons in her household.” Her husband died in Alabama, on the way to Texas. She raised a family in a wilderness. Grandpa's grandfather and great uncles fought the Comanches. When Grandpa was 4 years old his father was killed by an Indian, leaving Grandpa's mother with seven sons and two daughters in Indian Territory. In one of Grandpa's early diaries he lists the household inventory when they moved yet again. There was a cup, two or three plates, a chair, a bible, not much else.

Grandpa's diaries (he kept diaries from age 15 to 40) describe Sunday School lessons, sermons, and hard work on random jobs until the next Sunday. Grandma was similarly of strong faith. When they married, neither of them had money, but they had faith in Jesus Christ and they had each other. They lived through two world wars, the Great Depression, Korea and Vietnam, and social unrest in 1968. They never accumulated much financial wealth, but I never heard them complain, and I did not know they were poor until much later. They loved me dearly. They talked to me, listened to me and shared their faith with me.

Grandpa taught me many things. He taught me how to use a hammer and saw. He taught me to play dominoes and checkers. We read books and taught each other to play chess. Grandpa taught me patience and gave me a thirst for learning. I remember him telling me about the first time he saw a light bulb and a car. We sat up late together to watch the first man walk on the moon. He and Grandma faced many difficulties in their lives, but kept their eyes on Jesus and taught me to do so.

I was devastated when Grandma died, then again when Grandpa died. I had no doubt then, nor do I now, that they are with God, but I still miss them both. I have no doubt God used Grandpa and Grandma to make me everything that I am today---a believer in Jesus Christ, a husband, a father, your head elder, a moderately successful professor. My life changed greatly when they passed, but I carry their influence with me today.

Those of you who are grandparents may not realize how much influence you have on your grandchildren. You may not see your effect now, but if you spend time with your grandchildren, you will influence them. *Oh Lord, thank-You for faithful grandparents. Amen.*

*Paul Wilson
Head Elder, ESLC*

August Council Update

ESLC Council reviewed & discussed the following In our latest meeting:

Safety Committee: This team led by Tom Eckersley and Dan Arkfeld is making steady progress. Thanks to a generous contribution from Woo and Lisa Wagner, Eternal Shepherd has secured the consulting services of Captain Washington. The Captain currently leads the Oconee County Sheriff Department's Narcotics and SWAT Team. Additionally, the Captain has a security consulting business. We have an agreement with him to create a detailed security analysis of Eternal Shepherd. His analysis and report will lead the committee in making an initial recommendation to the Council in either August or September. Special thanks to Nicole Beattie for discovering Captain Washington and documenting meeting minutes.

Bus Ministry: I am pleased to announce that Gene Kunkel will lead this new ministry. Bob Massa will be his deputy assistant. The Mission of the Bus Ministry is "Supporting ESLC in carrying out its mission 'to be an instrument of God by carrying out Christ's commission to make disciples of others and ourselves through worship, education, stewardship, service, and fellowship'." They will achieve this by supplying transportation to church services for Eternal Shepherd members. The bus's lift gate and wheelchair handling capabilities allow handicapped members transportation beyond personal vehicles. Additional uses for the bus may include: youth trips, comfort dog needs, and Disaster Relief Team needs. Contact Gene or Bob if you'd like to be involved or have a need for this new ministry.

Live Streaming Online Services: Over the past few weeks, live streaming of the 8:30am services have been offered. Live streaming allows members to worship on Sunday mornings during our traditional timeframe. If you've participated in these early live stream services, you've noticed that the audio and video isn't as sharp as previously recorded services. Equipment has been ordered to remedy this situation and we hope to have it implemented in the coming weeks. Special thanks to Cecil Murray for helping Pastor look and sound good in our future live streaming services.

Little Lambs 2021 Budget Remote Vote: By the time this AGAPEGRAM edition is published, the congregation will have been asked to participate in a remote vote to approve the Council's 2021 Little Lambs budget. I mention this as there is a good chance our upcoming November Congregational meeting will need a remote component to accommodate our members who can't attend personally. In our upcoming November meeting, the Council's goal is for all ESLC members to have access to information, the opportunity to ask questions and participate either in person or remotely. This evil virus won't change what we do, but it will change the way we do things! Stay tuned for more details on how we will implement the upcoming November congregational meeting.

*In His service,
John*



On Sunday, July 26, we honored our beloved Deaconess Holly! The definition of a deaconess, according to Webster is "a woman chosen to assist in the church ministry". How blessed our church is to have Holly Lustila as our Called Deaconess. Her joy, eager manner, beautiful smile, and willing hands have touched our church in many ways during her six years with us, first as an intern and then, as our called worker. On the 26th, we honored her service to us as we celebrated the Anniversary of her Commissioning and Installation.

Deaconess Holly exudes God's grace quietly but confidently ministering to all of us, here at Eternal Shepherd and the community around her. Youth have benefited greatly from the care and planning of weekly Bible Studies and events: She has orchestrated participation in National Youth gatherings and mission trips, while always making time for meaningful individual encounters. Shut-in visits, prayer requests, technical expertise and theological wisdom have enriched the lives of our congregation while her natural love of the Lord is an inspiration to us all.

On a Sunday morning, she seems to be everywhere, singing in the choir, or playing in a worship band, assisting with worship elements or leading our youth.

She does all of this while encouraging us with a radiance and purpose that comes from the faith which God has given her. We are blessed to have Deaconess Holly Lustilla as a leader, servant, and friend.

We thank God that He has placed her in our midst "for such a time as this."

Loving Heavenly Father, thank You for Deaconess Holly. Give her godly wisdom day by day as she serves You and our body of Christ here at Eternal Shepherd. Keep her from becoming discouraged in her many duties but fill her with Your strength and wisdom. Father, thank You for filling her with You as she rests in Your love and is always open to Your voice. May she continue to grow in grace with her eyes focused on You, Jesus, and may she always love You, with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength. May all be done to the glory of God. Amen

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.

MINI BUS READY TO ROLL

Beginning in the month of September we plan to utilize the churches minibus to transport individuals to and from both Sunday services. The bus can accommodate 12 riders and two wheel-chair passengers. However, initially to practice social distancing we will be limited to six riders and two wheel-chair passengers. Should you be interested in utilizing this service to attend Sunday services please contact Gene Kunkel (864-944-1960), Bob Massa (803-447-9894) or Celeste at church by August 25, 2020.



When I Consider the Heavens

by Kerry Blount

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.” Psalm 19:1-4 EHV

It will soon be August in South Carolina, and I think it is quite logical to be thinking of cooler climes and crisp, bracing breezes as an antidote to local weather conditions. But while my mind has been lingering above the Arctic Circle, it has not been dwelling on the temperature. Instead, my thoughts, my heart, and even my “mind’s eye” have been on the heavens. Just eight months ago, I stood in a frigid, remote, snow-filled forest in Lapland at the stroke of midnight and looked up. And though I could name only a handful of the brightest stars that proclaimed their Maker’s glory, He knew the name of each of them and gently led them out into the velvet darkness of a cobalt sky to bless me with their ethereal light. With my face turned silently to the sky, I bathed in starlight, suffused with praise and joy as each star gave witness to the power and majesty of a God who knows my name, just as He knows theirs.

No matter what time of year, it is often very hard to see the brilliance of God’s starry expanse here in our little town of Seneca, South Carolina. Man-made illumination of all kinds and from thousands of sources obscures the night sky, diminishing the brilliance and purity of the celestial lights and, in a sense, competing with them by attempting to glorify the works of created beings rather than the works of their Creator. I’m sure it doesn’t worry God, and it certainly doesn’t diminish Him in any way, but it can definitely be distracting to our mortal eyes, robbing Him of the praise He deserves and us of the joy He continually offers from above.

So I long for, and seek out, places where His voice in Creation is loud to my human ears. Like camping on Long’s Peak in mid-July, when the moon rises at midnight like a lighthouse beacon over the summit of that 14,000-foot peak. Like floating in a deep desert canyon on the Green River at sunset, when the sky quickly blackens to reveal ten thousand silently shouting stars above the canyon rim. Like wandering the moist sand just before dawn at Wrightsville Beach, when the gulls skim the whispering waves as the sun slowly inches above the horizon behind them. Like looking across the beaver dams where Gore Creek begins, when the first rays of the morning sun set the tips of the tall, golden grass alight as they peek between the ridges sheltering the secluded valley. Where He sheds His light, by day or night, I hear voices.

I hope you hear voices. It is my prayer that you have heard and thrilled to the voices of creation that need no interpretation. For they invariably speak of the One who made both them and all else in this wondrous physical universe that we are so privileged to perceive. If you have not heard these voices, seek them out, for they are begging for discovery. They were made for you to hear. I have heard them in a dark Finnish forest and on a bright Colorado mountaintop. You may hear them elsewhere, and maybe, if you listen carefully, in your own back yard.

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!” Psalm 8:1

Comfort Dog News

Seth is now a three year old pup as of July 10! To celebrate his birthday Seth and his Comfort Dog siblings Zillah and Jared had a Zoom visit with one of their faithful supporters, a gentleman named Terry. Terry loves the Comfort Dogs and even volunteers at Lutheran Church Charities in Northbrook. Terry's birthday was also on July 10 so it was the perfect time to celebrate all of their birthdays! Regrettably, Terry who is only 42 years old has had three bouts with cancer. Presently, he is undergoing chemotherapy for the most recent cancer. Terry is a faithful believer of Christ and such a sweet man. Would you please say a prayer for him as he undergoes his treatment? Thank you!

Did you know that Seth was one of 9 pups? Seth, Zillah and Jared were selected to be Comfort Dogs based on behaviors they exhibited at about 8 weeks old. The rest of the pups were sold as pets to various people. We are in contact with one of the owners who have Seth's brother, Finn. Finn is the smitten image of Seth – it is incredible. The picture below shows the pups early on and is about the cutest picture ever!

Regrettably, things continue to be slow for us due to the COVID19 pandemic. We continue to bring Seth to a few window, porch or outdoor visits which seem to brighten everyone's day. We have also visited some of our members who are unable to attend church, to chat a bit and let them know we care and have not forgotten them.

Recently Bob Massa's son said there was a little autistic boy and elderly couple in his neighborhood who would benefit from a visit from Seth. It turned out to be a wonderful visit for all. Maybe this is where God is calling us to serve especially while we are limited with our routine visits due to the pandemic. So if you know of anyone who could use some cheering up or comfort, please call me and I would be happy to arrange a visit!



To God be the Glory, ~ *Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*
Call (864) 932-8308

Mission News

HONDURAS UPDATE: Your Honduras Mission Team would normally be beginning preparations for a trip in February 2021. With the COVID-19 pandemic this date seems highly unlikely. In talking with the Mission House Missionaries, who are all back in the States, it appears that there is no travel into the country at this time. The airport is closed and no tourists are allowed into the country. No access to Honduras means no Serve Teams traveling there to help the people. We will continue to monitor this closely to determine the time when we can safely return to serve and to spread the gospel.

Our host organization, World Gospel Outreach, presently is working with multiple priorities of; continuing to serve and evangelize the poor, the safety of their staff and serve teams, and the long term preservation of the ministry. A crisis financial plan has been developed and implemented after much collaboration from the CEO, Executive Chairman and Board Members. The organization is confident that once again they will see a time when the ministry initiatives that the Lord has brought to WGO will be in full swing and impact the faith of even more believers while simultaneously showing the love of God to His precious people in Honduras and Belize.

If you would like more information on helping WGO's efforts to continue to serve please visit their website wgoreach.com and click on the COVID-19 update. Financial assistance is always welcome but especially at this time. This can be done directly through the site or through our church if so desired. *Thank you for caring. Rev. Ray Ramsburg*



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Haiti Missions

Pastor Walta: “In Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road, we do not have money, but we have Christ”.

The price of rice and beans in Haiti has doubled in the last 4 years and many people have nothing to eat. In the Central Plateau and the families of Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road, food is available through Trinity HOPE as noted in the July Agapegram. We recently sent \$1,500.00 to Pastor Walta for the purpose of purchasing seeds and plants. As Pastor Walta noted, *By this project, you will not give them fish. But, you show them how to fish.* The goal is to not only provide for the families, but to be able to produce enough to eventually sell and make money.

Shown at the bottom of the page is Rocky Road Lutheran Church and School. Seminarian Belizaire tells me that Rocky Road is not ready yet for the next school year. They are facing difficulties for the teacher’s payroll. They are praying for 450 USD/ month to resolve this problem. With this money, he tells me that he will be able to educate 198 children, paying teachers, principal, gate keeping, paying fees for the feeding program. This is a challenge I (Lars) am currently working on. The two churches we at ESLC support are growing. Many more members are coming. Pastor Walta concludes with, “God helps us to share the Words and the Sacraments in these areas. Many people ask baptism.” If you are interested in helping to support the mission the Central Plateau of Haiti, our mission team to Honduras, the Shirks in Kajabe, Africa or a special mission you would like to introduce, please contact Lars Helland or any member of the Mission Committee. *Here am I Lord, Send Me.*



RESTAURANT MINISTRY OUTREACH

Please consider sharing ESLC's reputation for showing love to a member of our community by patronizing a local eatery, sometime in August (when current restrictions are lifted), 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 in 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 at 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"*

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 located down by the main Fellowship Hall. ~*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



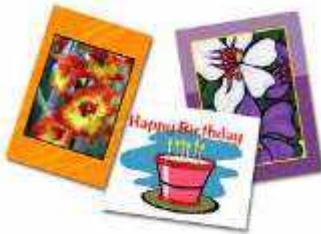
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Habitat For Humanity is in need of volunteers throughout the organization. Due in a large part to longtime volunteers moving away. There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. If you have any questions contact Henry or Sue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

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

Scrip Cards are now available and make *great gifts* as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. For orders please contact Beckie Rau by phone 944-6096; or by email at cbrau@charter.net. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Please note we will not be handling this directly person to person in the interest of safety. *~Thank you for your support.*



Hospitality Happenings for August

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



August Birthdays

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| 1 – Jeff Williams | 16 – Nicole Beattie |
| 2 – Marie Schmidt | Beverly Zwahlen |
| Laura Scott | 17 – Nancy Hucker |
| 3 - Jim Andrews | Herb Schmidt |
| Alice Ramsburg | Peggy Voeltz |
| 4 – Amelia Bunning | 19 – Ginger Barthel |
| Cassidy Ray | Kory Keefer |
| 5 – Angie Hamilton | Lois Kieninger |
| Glenda Krabbe | 20 – Dian Opfer |
| Rev. Phil McLain | 24 – Alec Todd |
| 6 - Joshua Madden | Denise Zirbel |
| 8 – Phyllis Wells | 26 – Barton Wyatt |
| 10 – Joshua Hammer | 27 - Matt Wilson |
| Michael Johnson | 28 – Mac McCrary |
| 11 – Tracy Keefer | 29 – Anthony Wilson |
| 12 – Garrett Davis | 30 – Jason Stupke |
| Janet Moriarty | Ray Wyatt |
| 14 - Steve Christensen | 31 – Brett Lucas |
| 15 – Rev. George | |
| Coffman | |
| Rick Lucas | |



August Anniversaries

- 2 – James & Arline Ray
- 3 – Bill & Joanne Smith
- 8 – Chris & Cindy Gibson
- Ben & Joan Kan
- 9 - John & Tracy Cochell
- Leo & Amy Rebholz
- 12 - Wayne & Sara Gugel
- Jim & Beverly Zwahlen
- 15 – Ralph & Pat Milz
- 16 – Rick & Nancy Stockman
- 17 – Pastor Art & Charlotte Beyer
- 20 - Mike & Laura Scott
- 21 - Bill & Ginger Barthel
- Jim & Jody McKibben
- 23 – Jon & Barbara Wilken
- 26 – Eric & Karen Schmidt
- 27—Chad & Angie Hamilton
- 28 – Frank & Lois Kieninger
- 30 - Skip & Colleen Wakeman
- 31 – Jim & Janet Walker





SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In June the following gifts were given:

The Alaska Mission Fund received a gift of \$10.00

The Church Bus Fund received gifts of \$5,439.29

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$50.00

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 a gift of \$48.48

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$10.00

The Foothills Care Center Baby Bottle Drive received gifts of \$399.03

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$600.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Lutheran Witness Subscriptions Fund received gifts of \$50.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$500.00

The Property Board Fund received a gift of \$6.00

The Safety Fund received a gift of \$2,500.00

The Toys for God's Kids Fund received a gift of \$100.00

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*

Little Lambs is going back to school!
Yippee! Yahoo!

August 19th!

School Hours are 8:30-11:30 am



Be aware that **All** children will be going through car line for drop off and pick up this school year. 3's and 4's will line up under the portico and 2's by the side door by big playroom. **If you plan on being at the church during these times, please take extra caution.**

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 contact me (882-3202) 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 know that this school year may be a challenging one, so we appreciate your prayers for the health and safety of the staff and students of Little Lambs Preschool. It is because of your support that Little Lambs Preschool continues to thrive!

*Blessings in Christ,
Gina*

Make a Postcard Puzzle



What adventures did you have this summer? Share your travels with your friends and family.

Here's what you need:

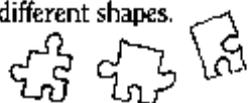
A postcard or picture from your summer adventures

- pencil or pen
- scissors
- envelope
- pieces of paper



Here's how to make it:

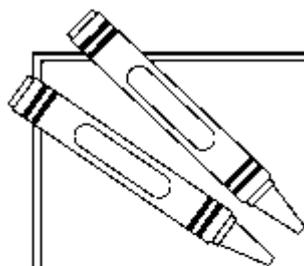
1. Cut your postcard or picture into 8 or 10 pieces of different shapes.



2. On a piece of paper, write a note telling about your trip or draw a picture of your favorite part of your summer.

3. Put the puzzle pieces and the note into an envelope.

4. Mail or give the envelope to a friend or family member. If you need to mail it, make sure you have the right address and the correct postage stamp. (A grownup can help.)



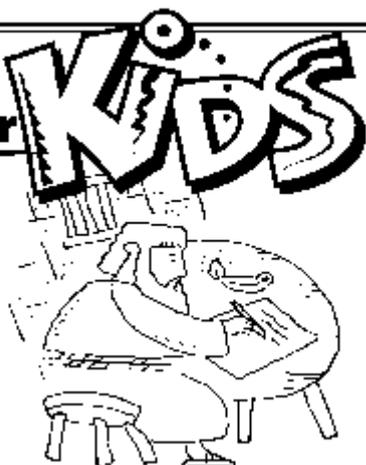
Just for KIDS

Postcards from Paul

The Apostle Paul went on many journeys. He wrote many letters to his friends and to churches he had visited.



Unscramble the letters to find some of the places Paul visited.



WORD BANK

ANTIOCH
ATHENS

CYPRUS
EPHESUS

TARSUS
ROME

PERGA
PHILIPPI

CORINTH
ICONIUM

G R E A P H I P L I P P I C H A N T I O



R I O T C H N S E S H U E P Y U S C P R



M O N I C U



R U S S A T



T H E N A S



M E O R



What did Paul do on his journeys?

"_____ the kingdom of God, and
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_____ those things which concern the
 △ △ ☆ ♥ ♡ ○ ✻ □
 Lord Jesus Christ"

— Acts 28:31. KJV

Answers: PERGA, PHILIPPI, ANTIOCH, CORINTH, EPHESUS, CYPRUS, ICONIUM, TARSUS, ATHENS, ROME, PREACHING, TEACHING

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

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