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# Agapegram

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## Advancing through Adversity



*Rather, in every way we show ourselves to be God's ministers: in great endurance, in troubles, in hardships, in difficulties.... 2 Cor. 6:4 EHV*

Life throws what seems to be an unending stream of trials our way. From medical hardships to relationship tensions and from unexpected financial demands to great acts of evil in government, society, and the world. We sometimes long to leave it all and pray that the Lord whose

Ascension we've just celebrated would "come quickly, Lord Jesus" and descend that final time! And, yet, this broken world is exactly, and purposefully, where the Lord places us for our own spiritual growth.

Tim Hetzner, president of Lutheran Church Charities and creator of the Comfort Dog program speaks to this in his daily email devotional for May 22, 2022:

The Christian life comes with blessings – and battles. You can't have one without the other. Paul describes it this way: *'In everything and in every way we show that we truly are God's servants. We have always been patient, though we have had a lot of trouble, suffering, and hard times. We have been beaten, put in jail, and hurt in riots. We have worked hard and gone without sleep or food. But we have kept ourselves pure and have been understanding, patient, and kind. The Holy Spirit has been with us, and our love has been real. We have spoken the truth, and God's power has worked in us. In all our struggles we have said and done only what is right. Whether we were honored or dishonored or praised or cursed, we always told the truth about ourselves. But some people said we did not. We are unknown to others, but well known to you. We seem to be dying, and yet we are still alive. We have been punished, but never killed, and we are always happy, even in times of suffering. Although we are poor, we have made many people rich. And though we own nothing, everything is ours'* (2 Cor. 6:4-10). God will fight for you on your battlefield, take you through your storm, and turn your season of adversity into a season of advancement. When your faith is under fire it attracts His power and brings His grace into your situation. The Bible says, *'Even Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered'* (see *Hebrews 5:8*). So rejoice, you're not losing – you're gaining!

Jesus places us in this broken world and guides us through these trials so that we might grow in faith, see His work in our lives, and so that we will be His servants – strengthened to be His hands and feet – to bring his blessing to a world that needs God's love, the fruit of the Spirit, and the saving Good News of Jesus Christ.

*After they preached the good news [they] ... strengthen[ed] the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, "We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God."* Acts 14:21-22 EHV

Pastor David

# *Congratulations Graduates 2022!*

## High School

*Josh Hammer*

*Jeremy Johnsonwall*

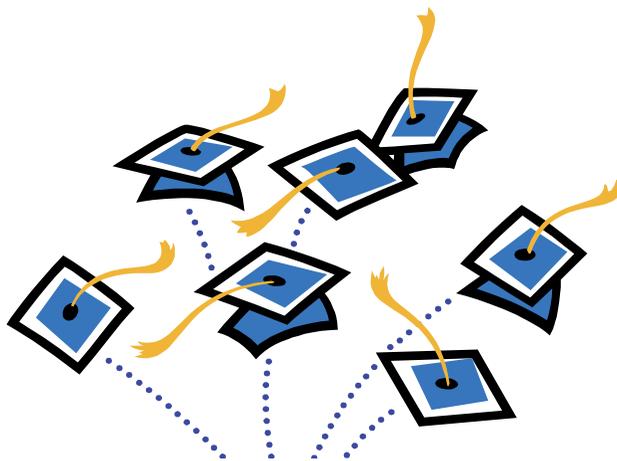
*Kailynne Wood*

*Jenna Zirbel*

## College

*Madison Ranalli*

*Megan Ranalli*



*“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26*



## *Deaconess' Musings*

### **Why are you here?**

“Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?”

(Rite of Confirmation & Reception of Members, *Lutheran Service Book*)

Whoa. Death? Who said anything about dying here?

Hold on a minute. What's so special about *this* confession and why do I need to say that I'm willing to face death for it? That sounds so...unrelenting and inflexible. I mean, I *like* what is said at church. Well, for now that is. Until something more interesting comes up. Then I'm not so sure about this whole *confession* and dying for it thing.

We are not called to live a confession that is mushy or blasé, but one that is sure and confident in the knowledge of the faith given to us by Christ. Even throughout the world as trends and social media hashtags can change faster than winds change, the confession that Jesus is Lord, and what that means, does not and never will.

What does this unrelenting confession that Jesus is Lord mean? It is one that is sure of what is taught clearly in Scripture. For where do we find Jesus? Not in our own thoughts and experiences, but only in the clear words of God's Word. So now knowing that, we confidently seek to read and comprehend more and more, using the brains and understanding God gives us.

We cannot allow ourselves to become complacent in our Christian life. You need to know what you believe and why. Why do you come to a Lutheran church? Because of the food? The fellowship? Or is it because we claim that to be Lutheran is to follow Jesus and proclaim His Gospel message of forgiveness?

Why? Why are you here? Do you only come because it seems like the “right” thing to do, that this is what you've done for as long as you can remember, or has being a Christian Lutheran become something you only are when you *feel* like it?

Or do you come to confess and acknowledge your sins and hear that those sins have been/are forgiven? Do you come to hear the preaching of God's Law and how you cannot keep it, but that Christ came and did what you could not and that He bought you back from sin, death, and the devil with His death and resurrection? Do you come to hear, study, and grow in that faith planted inside you by the Holy Spirit?

Being a Christian, and a Lutheran at that, does not mean we allow ourselves to become apathetic and unmoved by the Word. We boldly and firmly confess that Jesus is Lord. That confession then impacts *everything* about us – including our lives “outside” church.

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So. Why are you here? I am here because I need the word of forgiveness continually spoken over and to me. I need the Law preached to my Old Adam so that I can fully rejoice in the comforting message of Christ's Gospel. I need the forgiveness and strength given at the rail, in the body and blood of our Savior. I am here, not because I want to, but because I *need to*. Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. *Mark 9:24*

*Deaconess Holly*

### **SPECIAL THANK YOU'S:**

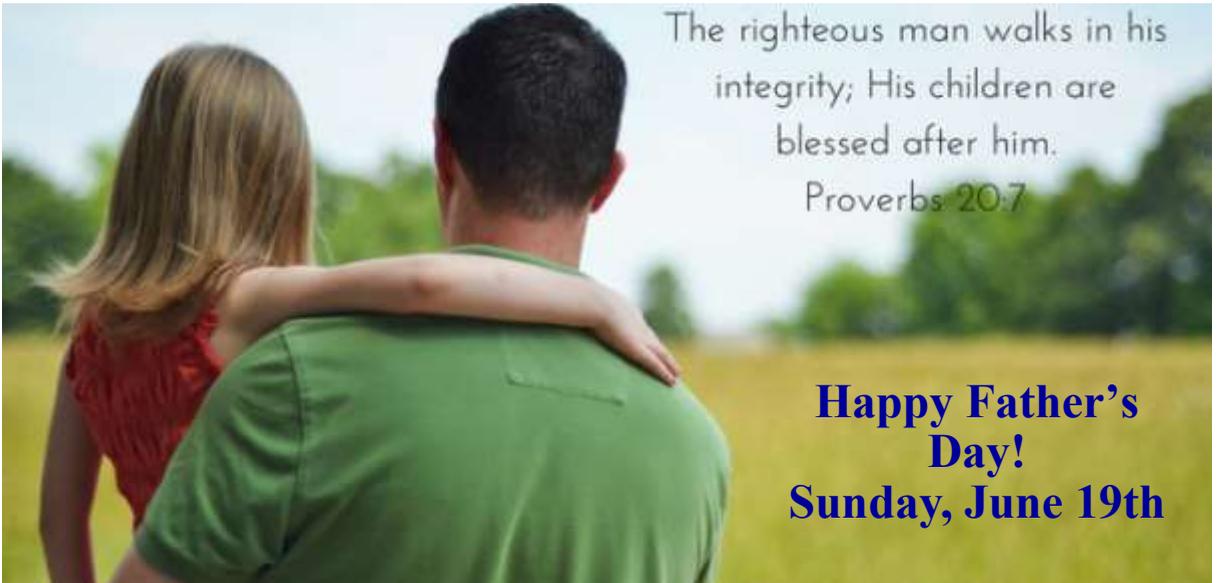
**MANY THANKS FROM THE BECKS** Neal, Cier, Tyler, Alivia, and little Kane send their heartfelt appreciation for all the loving prayers, meals, cards, support, kindness and generosity given during this challenging time for them as Cier has been recovering from surgery. It has been such a blessing! Christ's love shines so brightly through you all. *Thank you!*



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** On behalf of the entire family I wish to thank Pastor, Deaconess, the Hospitality Board, indeed the entire congregation for your outpouring of love following Micky's death. I know she meant much to so many and your support has helped us through a difficult time and we appreciate all of you. *~Joe Louderback*

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.  
Proverbs 20:7

**Happy Father's Day!**  
**Sunday, June 19th**



# Courage of Faith

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

On June 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the 492nd anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession. In 1530, nine years and two months after Martin Luther had been declared a criminal and a heretic, and excommunicated for refusing to recant his teachings, Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, asked Lutheran Princes to present their religious teachings that disagreed with the teachings of the church in Rome. He ordered all rulers of the empire to Augsburg to attend this Imperial meeting (also known as a *Reichstag* or a *Diet*) hoping to finally resolve the controversies of the German churches. Charles hoped to unify his subjects because the armies of the Turkish Empire were arrayed on the eastern border of his empire. He also feared the pope might enter an alliance with the ruler of France and invade his empire from the West. We know how Luther called out the pope and the church, but how did we get to needing a Diet?

By 1526, the Reformation was so widely spread that during an Imperial meeting Lutheran princes forced through a resolution giving them the right to decide religious matters for their territories until the pope could call a General Council of the Church. As a result, the majority of Northern Germany became Lutheran, as well as many Southern cities. In 1529 a second Imperial Meeting was held and the princes loyal to Rome managed to reverse the decision made three years earlier. Those princes loyal to the Lutheran Reformation were joined by other reforming movers and strongly protested the decision issuing a formal written protest and were forever labeled “Protestants”. These actions led to Charles V calling for the Augsburg Diet.

Originally, a document called the Torgau Articles was prepared to present; however, it was scrapped when it was learned that John Eck, Luther’s old nemesis had prepared an inaccurate, slanderous attack on Luther and the reformers. Thus, the Wittenberg reformers prepared a document detailing what they believed, taught, and confessed. They relied on the promise of God’s word, as contained in Psalm 119:46, “I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame.” \* Charles wanted the princes to hand him the document but they insisted on publicly reading the document so those assembled could hear it. Presented as a statement of biblical truth and as a proposal for true unity in Christian faith. Since he had a loud voice Christian Beyer was chosen to read it. This confession has never been withdrawn.



\* Concordia, *the Lutheran Confessions*, p. 25.

# **VBS 2022**

## **MONDAY JUNE 20 - FRIDAY JUNE 24**

**9:00AM-12:00PM**  
**AGES 4—12**



Register your kids at  
<https://vbsmate.com/events/ESLCvbs/23338>  
- or visit our Facebook page to register.

***INVITE...VOLUNTEER...  
SUPPORT... PRAY  
FOR THIS SPECIAL  
MISSION!***



Dearest Friends at Eternal Shepherd,

Along the way ... on this journey called "Life", we have met and loved many people who became friends, and by the grace of God, our souls are connected. With each move to a new place, God brought people into our lives to love us and minister to us.

We know we are blessed because God brought us to this place for ... such a time as this ... and we met you.

This past week, we saw and felt the Early Christian Church stopping by our home.

The Disaster Response Team arrived and built a large ramp which meets our present needs. These Christ-filled men arrived and completed their task. They were full of love for us but more importantly full of love for Jesus.

Our very special thanks to Deek Decker (Supervisor), Pastor Phil McLain, Craig Bergeson, Cecil Murray, Monty Moore, Fred Massa, and Dan Arkfeld.

Everything they did was a beautiful reflection of their love for Jesus. They were / are loving witnesses of His being a part of their lives.

God gets us *through* stuff. *Through* the Red Sea onto dry ground. *Through* the wilderness. *Through* the valley of the shadow of death ... and *through* the deep sea.

When you pass *through* the waters,  
I will be with you;

And *through* the rivers,  
they shall not overflow you.

When you walk *through* the fire,  
you shall not be burned,

Nor shall the flame scorch you.  
Isaiah 43:2



God does not guarantee the absence of struggle and the abundance of strength? Not in this life.

But He does promise to *be with us* during the pain and reweave it for a higher purpose.

He promises to *carry us through* ... and *this time* ... with help from these dedicated men.

Because we are all precious in His eyes ... and because He loves us.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

The joy and the peace of the Lord be with you always.

We love you,  
Jan and Jim Walker

## Meet Our Newest Members

### Welcome Cheryl & Jim Clack

From food service mgmt to floor store mgr, Jim was ready to retire & relocate to SC Lake Hartwell, leaving the colder winters of NC mountains. Both Chicago born, Jim & Cheryl enjoy fishing & camping, thus decided "What better place than Seneca?" They also researched Lutheran churches; after viewing an on-line ES Service, knew this would be their future church home! On a typical weekday Jim normally does his Bible Study & Cheryl heads off to work (home office). After their work day they enjoy TV or dining out.! The best way to start their days off is fishing!

Cheryl is in her 34th year as a claims administrator for an independent insurance adjuster. They have two "senior cat" fur babies. Could their 5 toed felines have influenced their saying that the most interesting place they've visited has been the Florida Keys (with Hemingway's polydactyls)?

### FOOTHILLS CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE IS BACK!

It is time for our annual Baby Bottle Drive to benefit the Foothills Care Center (FCC)! Eternal Shepherd has been supporting FCC for over 10 years with the baby bottle drive and other donations. This year we will not be collecting baby bottles. Unfortunately, our local bank does not want to accept coins. We will be providing an envelope for the donations. **The Baby Bottle Drive will run through Sunday, July 31st.**



Your generosity throughout the years has been greatly appreciated by FCC and the clients that frequent the center for hope, assistance, guidance, and love. Most importantly, precious baby's lives are saved! May you prayerfully consider supporting the Baby Bottle Drive this year.

**Special envelopes have been placed in your church mailbox. Extra envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please make checks out to Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, write "Baby Bottle Drive" on the memo line. If you prefer to donate online, Login into your existing Eternal Shepherd account. Then select the Foothills Care Center tile. Please note you may return your donations in the offering plate or return to the front desk, Thank you.**

We will donate the money collected to the Foothills Care Center after July 31. For questions or more information call Tracy Cochell at 404-433-7338. **Please return donations by Sunday, July 31st. Thank you.**



## **Do You Know About the Prayer Shawl Ministry?**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry consists of individuals, usually woman, who donate their knitting and crocheting skills, time, and yarn to create shawls, lap robes, etc., of any color and any design. While these garments are being created, they pray for the person who will receive the prayer shawls, praying that they will bring comfort and a feeling that God cares about them personally, that He will be there to sustain them, and that they can bring all their concerns to God and He will hear them. We all know that God will hear our prayers whenever and wherever we pray, but sometimes when one is ill or in a difficult situation, it is nice to have a tangible object for assurance.

This ministry started at Eternal Shepherd approximately seven years ago. **We have already given over one hundred forty prayer shawls and we have over twenty that are ready to be given.** These prayer shawls which are a labor of love typically take between 40 and 80 hours to make.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry requests that the members of the ESLC congregation assist in the distribution of these prayer shawls.** You are the eyes and ears of this congregation and you, as individuals, know when someone is hurting and would benefit from this caring gift. Anyone can receive a prayer shawl; they do not need to be a member of ESLC. You do not need to ask anyone for permission to give a prayer shawl.

**If you decide to give a prayer shawl,** you need to go to the self-serve kiosk in the Fellowship Hall near the closets where a prayer shawl is displayed. Beside the shawl are bins. Three bins contain the completed prayer shawls. Select the one that you think the person would like, record your gift on the log on top of the bins with your name, the person that will receive the prayer shawl and the date. We request that if you personally present this prayer shawl that you pray with the person. That is all that is required. There is a list of the people that have already received prayer shawls behind the log sheet if you are interested.

Please include this ministry in your prayers praying that the people who would benefit from them receive them and that there will always be prayer shawls available.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Sue Hauser.

## STARLIGHT AT TAMASSEE

We are a residential program for mothers with elementary age children (8 and under upon admission), who are currently in recovery from substance use with a duration of 18-24 months. We can accept women who currently have their children, are pregnant, or seeking to gain custody of their children. During the program, moms will work through Christ-based curriculum in a faith centered program. The first year will be focused on healing, parenting, and fostering a strong bond with their children. The second year will be focused on education and job skills while moms learn budgeting, save for the next step, and life skills. Children will attend our on-site day care or academy for school aged children.



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## Honduras Mission 2022; November 5 – 12, 2022:

At the present time the country of Honduras appears to be coming out of their COVID lockdowns which means mission teams can begin to travel again. There are still restrictions on what supplies can be brought in and therefore we felt it best to wait until later in the year to send a team. We chose the above date because it is before Thanksgiving and after the Monsoon Season. At that time everything should be fresh and clean, and hopefully we will be able to bring the medicine and other supplies.

Due to pandemic restrictions it has been over 2 years since we last fielded a team, plus we have a good number of members who have joined since we last traveled to Honduras. For those reasons we are planning an information meeting this month to determine the number of people interested in a short-term mission trip. We would like any who are interested to attend so that we have an idea as to the size of the team. For those not familiar with the mission it is Medical with an Evangelistic outcome. All are welcome as most of the jobs do not require any medical background. We should have more information on the cost by meeting time. WGO fees remain much the same however the airline industry appears to be raising their rates in recent weeks but initially the rates look better.

**Meeting Date: June 12, 2022 after the late service.** Please sign up on the bulletin board.

If you haven't done so, please check the **Ministry of the Month** board in the narthex above the water fountain. The **Honduras Mission** is up for **May**.

*Dios te bendiga (God Bless You),  
Pastor Ray*



***The Schools in Haiti, Pas Bonbon / Rocky Road,  
Thank YOU for the Bibles and Luther's Small Catechism  
in both French & Creole.***



Because of the riots and government unrest in Port-au Prince, Haiti, many have moved to the Central Plateau. Work is scarce and so is food. We at Eternal Shepherd are extending the Trinity HOPE School Lunch Program through the Summer. The staff is staying on to hold daily classes in a VBS type of setting and we will cover their salaries. In addition, we are supplying funds for classroom upgrades with the teachers and parents working together to enclose classrooms and change from tarps to wooden ceilings and walls. This summer school and construction is possible through our Budget Funds and individual designated donations. We certainly are Blessed to Be A Blessing! For information on how to get involved in various missions, create a new mission, or participate in our Disaster Response Trips, please contact Lars Helland – text 706-244-4544 or email [Lars.Helland@dgewaterautomation.com](mailto:Lars.Helland@dgewaterautomation.com)

**From Little Lambs Preschool and Board**

The 2022 Little Lambs Spaghetti Supper and Auction fundraiser was a great success. The preschool board is **incredibly grateful** to all who contributed to keep this important 20-year mission of the church going strong. Fifteen take-out orders, 145 eat-in orders, along with additional much appreciated donations and auction items brought our proceeds to approximately \$8,500. Donations will support the program with needed supplies, equipment, and scholarships funds. *Many thanks to the very generous members of ESLC, you have helped grow this local ministry and bring Jesus to the young families of the preschool.*



## *Comfort Dog Ministry News*

The Comfort Dog ministry is in full swing with our regular visits to assisted living facilities, to the Cancer Institute, to Oconee Memorial Hospital, and home visits. Seth is working 6 days a week and is loving every minute!

There are two significant events I would like to highlight this month.

Oconee Memorial Hospital Nursing Excellence Award  
Lutheran Church Charities Southeast Regional Conference

Seth received an invitation to attend the Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony at Oconee Memorial Hospital on May 12. Little did we know that Seth was invited because of his work visiting staff every Monday in addition to special requests when staff needed a little K9 comfort during the pandemic. Seth received an honorary certificate and various gifts in recognition for his hard work at the hospital. It was a surprise and honor to accept this award on behalf of Seth!

The second event was the Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) Southeast Regional Conference held in Marietta, GA on May 20-21. Seth and 10 of his Comfort Dog team members attended the conference and were joined by 7 other Comfort Dog teams from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee in addition to two LCC staff members from Northbrook, IL. The conference consisted of training with the dogs, breakout sessions on various topics relating to the ministry, a trip to Marietta Square to greet the community, devotions, prayer and fellowship. I think I can say for those that attended that it was a great conference - we learned a lot, met some great people, and shared different aspects of our respective ministries. Due to the pandemic, we haven't had this type of gathering in over 2 years so this was such a welcome event. Seth was also very happy to see his fellow Comfort Dogs!

Someone once told me that in this ministry you will meet people you may never have met before, and you will experience amazing moments of God's faithfulness and providence. To quote Martin Luther I am pleased to say, "this is most certainly true."

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



## An Update from the Shoebox Ministry of the Upstate of South Carolina:

Recently Craig and I attended a Shoebox event in Greenville where Natasha Ivanova spoke. Natasha is from Belarus, about 3 hours north of the Ukrainian border. She is 43 years old, and she shared the story of receiving her shoebox when she was just 8.



Natasha was born with a disability, and when she was 7, Belarus passed a law that disabled children could not attend school. So in order to get an education, Natasha's parents had to place her in an orphanage 2 ½ hours away from her home so she could go to school.

During her second year at the orphanage, her life changed when she received a shoebox after lunch instead of a nap. She was one of the seven children who each got a box. They didn't have many things and were told they were getting to keep everything in the box. One of the gifts Natasha received was a bible written in English, which she could not read at the time.

The children at the orphanage had come from families that couldn't afford toys. They might receive fruit or candy, or shoes and clothing if they'd outgrown them, but nothing more. The students had to share all of their school supplies. They had never received crayons before. She said they referred to their world as a "Black & White" world because there wasn't much color in it, so to have a whole box of beautiful crayons of their very own was amazing!

As a result of being born amidst the radiation that surrounded the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant, Natasha was born without a neck. The third year at the orphanage she got to come to the United States for medical care. The Christian family she stayed with introduced her to church and Jesus, and also helped her to learn some English. She was blessed to be able to come to the U.S. for four years in a row and she got to stay with the same family each time. After returning to Belarus she took out the English Bible she'd received in her shoebox 5 years earlier and started studying it. During her fifth year in America she attended a Christian Summer Camp in North Carolina, where she gave her life to Christ.

Natasha finished her speech by telling us this: "While God had closed some of the doors in my life, He had a lot more, and better, doors to open for me." She thanked those who pack shoeboxes for all that they do - not just for the items packed - but for leading kids to the truth.

Here's a glimpse at what God's been up to over the past 3 years in the Upstate:

2019 saw 44,000 shoeboxes packed in the Upstate prior to Covid.

In 2020 that number dropped to 40,000 in the first year of Covid.

2021 saw 52,101 shoeboxes packed, or 8,101 more boxes than before Covid happened!

Half of the 300 shoeboxes we packed last year were sent to Ukraine.

**In 2021 alone, 10,505,155 shoeboxes were sent worldwide. About 9 million of them came from the United States! God is not confined by anything, least of all a virus. He is able to do more than we ask or imagine!**

Operation Christmas Child will be the 'Ministry of the Month' in July. Please stop by the display and learn more about this ministry. Then join us in sending the Gospel to children around the world! Please contact Terri Baumann at 864-882-4386 with any questions.

## CHURCH VOLUNTEER APPEAL FOR BABYREAD

**Volunteers Needed for BabyRead during the Pandemic**  
BabyRead volunteers continue to stay in touch with families by texting, phoning and dropping off books once a month. **We need volunteers more than ever** to provide our moms and babies with books and moral support. **Become a BabyRead 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).



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Habitat For Humanity is in need of volunteers throughout the organization. There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. Find out more about serving with us at <https://www.oconeehabitat.org>.

**ON-LINE GIVING** Remember you can give on-line. Just go to our church website at [www.eternalshepherd.org](http://www.eternalshepherd.org) and click on the On-line Giving bar in the top right corner on the homepage. ~Thank you for your faithful support.



**FOOD BANK NEWS:** Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **June's** preferred product is "**Canned Fruit**" (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). ~Thank you for your generosity and support.



**CARD CART NEWS!** - If you have a chance, stop by the Card Cart Ministry Display in the Fellowship Hall. You might find a card that is just perfect for someone you know! There is a wide variety for all kinds of occasions and the price is perfect!!! \$.50 for all cards and \$5.00 for a box of 12 found on the bottom of the cart.



## Hospitality Happenings for June

6/5 – ???

6/12 – ???

6/19 – ???

6/26 – ???



**Sign up to serve.** For the new members, this means setting out the coffee supplies and making coffee. If you would like, different treats can also be served, whether pre-packaged or homemade is entirely up to you—but not a requirement. **A calendar is located on the bulletin board behind the coffee pot in the fellowship hall for sign up.** Also, if you are not comfortable for the first time, just let Skip and I know, and we will be happy to help you on that day. --*Thank you, Colleen Wakeman*

*If you would like to serve on the hospitality board, please contact me ~Colleen Wakeman*

### June Birthdays

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



### June Anniversaries

- 9 – Jim & Cheryl Clack
- Mory & Marlene Ranck
- Jon & Susan Tyner
- 11 - Rick & Ann Cochell
- David & Beth Phillips
- 12 – Ron & Marilyn Bode
- 14 - Lucas & Lindsay McKay
- 15 – Woo & Lisa Wagner
- 17 - Matt & Jacquie Wilson
- 20 – Walt & Carolyn Lindow
- 22 - Garner & Sarah Sorrell Jr.
- David & Jonette Stupke
- 23 - Harlan & Barb Swift
- 24 - Jim & Pat Jacques
- Keith & Cyra Phelan
- 25 - Dan & Jeanne Arkfeld
- Bob & Glenda Krabbe
- 26 – Don & Chris Worthy
- 28 - Brian & Kelly Bunning



## **SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS**

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

**In loving memory of *Micky Louderback*  
the Sunday School Fund received a gift of \$50.00**

**In loving memory of *June Montgomery*  
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$185.00**

### **Other Gifts:**

**The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received a gift of \$25.00**

**The Disaster Response Team Fund received gifts of \$901.23**

**The Elders Fund received gifts of \$869.23,  
gifts of \$231.00 from hosting Lenten Supper,  
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Giving Thanks Grant**

**The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$24.23**

**The General Fund received gifts of \$5,800.00,  
a gift of \$500.00 from Blessings Shared Grant,  
a gift of \$8,000.00 from St. Louis Community Foundation  
and a gift of \$114.00 from Thrivent Choice**

**The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,229.23**

**The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00**

**The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received gifts of \$384.48**

**The Senior Member Care *Fund (based on Galatians 6:10)*  
received a gift of \$30.00 from Thrivent Choice**

**The Youth National Gathering 2022 Fund received gifts of \$1,116.80,  
and received gifts of \$1,572.72 from Blessings Shared Grant**



# Little Lambs Tales

*“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20*

As we ended our school year the last days of May, we watched as our 4-year-old class marched down the aisle of the sanctuary in their graduation gowns and caps ready to step out into the world heading for kindergarten. We also shared with the other young children the excitement as they anticipate the summer ahead.

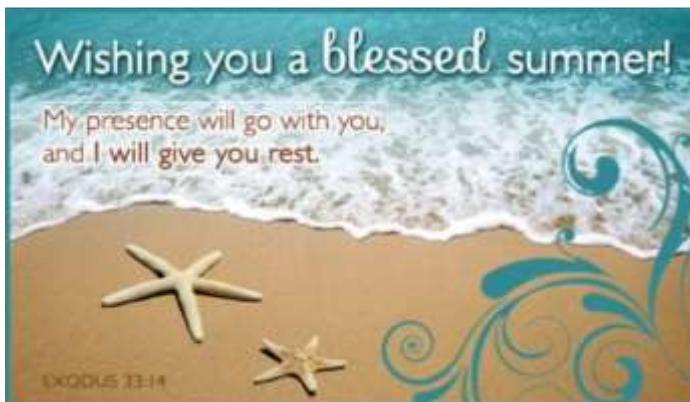
With some sadness we shared our final prayer as a staff as we all head in different directions for the summer. We will miss this time of prayer that we have participated in each morning at 8:15 am. We prayed for our Little Lambs families, we prayed for one another, and we prayed for friends and family.

Our prayer circle included the teachers, sometimes volunteers who happened to be there during that time, once in awhile a Little Lambs family who had to come in early to use the restroom. Whoever was in our hallway those early mornings were welcome to join our prayer circle and we prayed.

We found that by starting our day with prayer, we were able to focus our attention on what our true ministry is, bringing Christ to all our families at Little Lambs Preschool. Little Lambs Preschool will be back in session in August. The teachers will arrive the third week in August to set up their classrooms and our first day of Preschool will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All of us here at Little Lambs Preschool wish you a relaxing and blessed summer!

In Christ,  
Gina

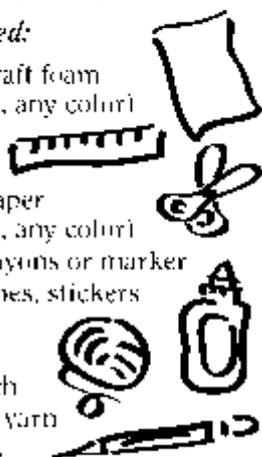


# A Verse Frame

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.

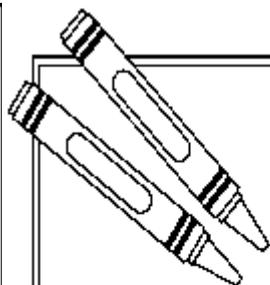
## What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8½" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8½" 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

## Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1 NW

HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!

## **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

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Secretary: Celeste Entrekin

Preschool Director: Gina Cote

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Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland

Organist: David Phillips

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