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God's Promises



So he said, "I will certainly be with you.".... Exodus 3:12 EHV

As you read this, another year's VBS has been brought to a close, but as I'm typing, we're right in the middle of Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride. Many thanks are due to all our servants and volunteers who helped make our VBS possible and blessed all the children who were in attendance. Day after day, these dedicated servants gave up half a day of their time (and a full day's worth of energy!) to point young lives to our faithful God and to the forgiving grace of Jesus.

While the lessons and games of Splash Canyon are geared toward young children, the themes that we have shared this past week are messages about which all of God's people, young and old, need to be reminded. To truly know and trust that God has always promised to be with His people from the days of the Exodus when he first formed a people for Himself all the way until today when the Lord has assured us that *"And surely I am with you always until the end of the age"* (Matt. 28:20) is enough to transform our attitudes about every situation and our actions in every day.

The promises of God, don't stop with His presence among us. Like our VBS attendees, we too need to be reminded that God has promised us life. Not only has He prepared a life for us to live here in this world full of opportunities for good works that bless others, but He promises a life that continues into an eternal and perfect future in the age to come. God does not lie (Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2; and always keeps his promises. All of them! And those promises are answered in Jesus. All who have faith in Christ have the assurance of God's ultimate "Yes!" *In fact, as many promises as God has made, they have always been "Yes" in [Jesus Christ]. For that reason we also say "Amen" through him to the glory of God.* (2 Cor. 1:20) Spend some time searching Holy Scripture to identify the promises He has made to His saints throughout the Bible. Especially as you get into the New Testament Epistles, it's difficult to get through a page – sometimes a paragraph – without finding more trustworthy promises from God.

And that means that no matter how trying or painful the wild ride of life might be, we have hope of the eternal future promised by God and delivered by the saving work of Jesus Christ.

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Because God wanted to show the heirs of the promise with even greater certainty that his plan was unchangeable, he guaranteed his promise with an oath. He did this so that, through two unchangeable things (in which it is impossible that God would lie), we, who have fled for refuge by taking hold of this hope that is held out to us, might have strong encouragement.

(Heb.6:17-18) In whatever your circumstances may be, search out the promises of God and know that in Christ, He will fulfill His pledges to you until He brings to fruition the great and final promise that Christ has purchased for us:

And this is what he promised you: eternal life. 1 John 2:25 EHV



Pastor David

Independence Day!
Monday, July 4th

Happy 4th of July!

Church Office Closed!



One Nation under God!



Deaconess' Musings

Summertime Servin'

Summertime, and the livin' is easy.

While I love Gershwin, I'm not so sure his opening lyrics to "Summertime" always ring true, at least it feels like that looking at my own calendar. Often, the Summer season feels just as full of activity as the other three seasons of the year. From family vacations to VBS to summer conferences to camps, it seems like the easy livin' Summertime is few and far between.

In the Church year, we now find ourselves not even halfway into the green "summertime" of the Church, the Season after Pentecost. We practically just finished up the Easter Season, with its 50 days of celebration that clothed the church in glorious whites and festive reds. And before then it was Lent, full of its somber and heavy reflections. And before then, it was Epiphany...and before then, Christmas/Advent! Each season and color taking on a different tone and timber of its own.

So even in the Church year, during our green colored summertime after Pentecost, we don't slow down. The year progresses and brings us back around to the accounts of Jesus' life and His miracles, as we study how the God-Man broke into lives of fallen and desperate humanity. We see how Christ healed the sick and broken; how He called the first disciples; His reprimands and consolations; His parables and teachings; His mercy and compassion in the feeding of the various multitudes... We see how our Savior served His own creation and lived the perfect life we could never dream of fulfilling even one iota.

We see how He prepared His disciples for the coming reality that would be His crucifixion at the hands of those whom He came to save, and, of ultimately, His resurrection that would forever right what was broken... The total of Man's sin, the very wrath of God, was placed upon Jesus Christ. He died, taking your and my place, rose from the dead on the third day and accomplished that thing most needful: the forgiveness of the world's... of **your** sins.

Christ, the God-made-flesh, is what/whom it's all about; even amid a busy summertime or wintertime or springtime or autumn. Each season of the Church year continually points to Christ, and so too should we.

So, while the "green time" of the Church year will last for a little while longer, take joy in knowing that it means we still seek the opportunity to serve those around us. For we are called by the Gospel, and in that calling, we are called to work and serve those around us. From the words we speak, the acts of mercy we provide, may the brilliant light of Christ shine through us, now and always.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ~Galatians 5:13

July 2022 Council Update

The Council Team met on June 14th. Following are some updates from your Church Council:

Church Sign on Carson Road:

Elaine Rich led a group to analyze how to improve the sign. People like the basic structure of the sign but would like to see it freshened up with new paint, update the area with words, and then remove and improve the landscaping around the sign. Thanks to Elaine for leading this effort!

Leadership Safety Meeting held June 18th:

29 Eternal Shepherd leaders (Elders, Ushers, Sunday School Teachers, Council members...) attended training created by the Safety Committee led by Dan Arkfeld. The format was how to lead our congregation members in the event of an emergency. Emergency situations discussed were fire and tornados, unstable people, active shooting situations and medical emergencies. Feedback was very positive with potential future meetings every 2 years. Special thanks to Dan and the entire Safety Committee for holding this important session.

Financial Audit/Assessment:

Jim Zwahlen thanked David Broderdorf and Elisabeth Baker for their hard work on preparing this report. They presented nine recommendations to the Board of Finance, which that Board has reviewed.

Summer Council Schedule:

The Council will not hold meetings in July and August. If a special vote is needed, we will use remote votes or call an emergency meeting. Council Chairs will still create and send in monthly reports. We will convene our regular meetings on September 13th.

*In His service,
John Cochell*

IMPORTANT CHURCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please note **starting July 2022 the Church Office will be closed on Fridays.**
Office Hours will be Monday—Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Why

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

Prior to the Covid outbreak and the resultant changes in worship and gatherings at Eternal Shepherd congregational leadership became concerned about member safety and property security. These concerns led to a formation of a Safety and Security Committee to assess the safety and security of individuals while attending services, meetings, or being on the grounds of Eternal Shepherd. We were led in this endeavor by Captain Ken Washington of the Seneca Police Department, Dan Arkfeld and Tom Eckersley Co-Chaired this committee. The committee identified numerous weaknesses and developed corresponding recommendations to mitigate or eliminate the noted deficiencies to enhance the safety and security of our members.

Recommendations implemented but are not limited to:

- A network of security cameras located throughout the site.

- Protective window covering for all ground floor windows preventing the glass from being shattered.

- Creation of “Shelter in Place” rooms secured with dead bolt locks.

- A safety patrol team whose members monitor and patrol the building during Sunday School and Adult Bible School.

- Improved exterior lighting.

Recently these improvements continued with two noticeable changes. The first being the resurfaced, restriped parking lot. It has a few fewer parking places and new designated “No Parking” areas because of recommendations of the Fire Department. They noted vehicles parked at the top of the hill on the left would prohibit their trucks from being able to turn down to get to the lower portion of the building. They also indicated that these lost spaces were parallel to the street fire hydrant and a parked vehicle might impede their ability to run hoses. The second notable change is the locking of church doors before, during, and after services. Again, this change is for the security and safety of all attending services and Sunday School.

For early service the church doors will be opened by 7:50 AM and will be locked around 8:45 AM. If you are coming to early service and the door is locked gently knock on the door and an usher or elder will exit the sanctuary to let you in. We are in the process of determining the feasibility of having a blinking light in the sanctuary that can be activated by using the doorbell to alert the usher to someone being at the door. After service once the ushers have cleaned and arranged the sanctuary, they will again lock the front doors. The building can be entered via the Portico/Fellowship Hall Doors.

For late service the front doors will be opened at approximately 10:40 AM and after service starts all doors will be locked about 11:15 AM. Recent events nationwide clearly highlight the necessity for these changes and our necessity to remain proactive.

FOOTHILLS CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE **ENDS SUNDAY, JULY 31ST!**

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 end 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 file. 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 your Envelope donations by Sunday, July 31st. Thank you.**



Comfort Dog News

On June 11-13, we were invited to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC to share the Comfort Dog Ministry with the congregation and their Comfort Dog Team as they await their own Comfort Dog. Rudy, myself, and Seth attended three church services, the children's Sunday School class, an LWML meeting and three Assisted Living visits. We shared our experiences and blessings of serving in this ministry at each church service, during Sunday school and at LWML. Seth was amazing through a very busy schedule and took it all in stride. It was such a joy for us to share what we know and have experienced serving alongside Seth. To offer encouragement to their team was a blessing we passed on to St. Stephen's as we were in the same place when Sasha Comfort Dog came to Eternal Shepherd in March of 2017 to help us as we pursued the path of securing our own Comfort Dog.

Seth continues to serve in our local community almost every day of the week. His schedule of visits is quite full, but he seems to enjoy the busy schedule.

On Sunday, July 10, Seth will be 5 years old! The Comfort Dog Team will be hosting the Coffee Hour that Sunday between services in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to come, grab a bite and wish the big boy a Happy 5th Birthday!



Pastor Shea and Vicar Jake
at St. Stephen's



St. Stephen's entry to Sanctuary



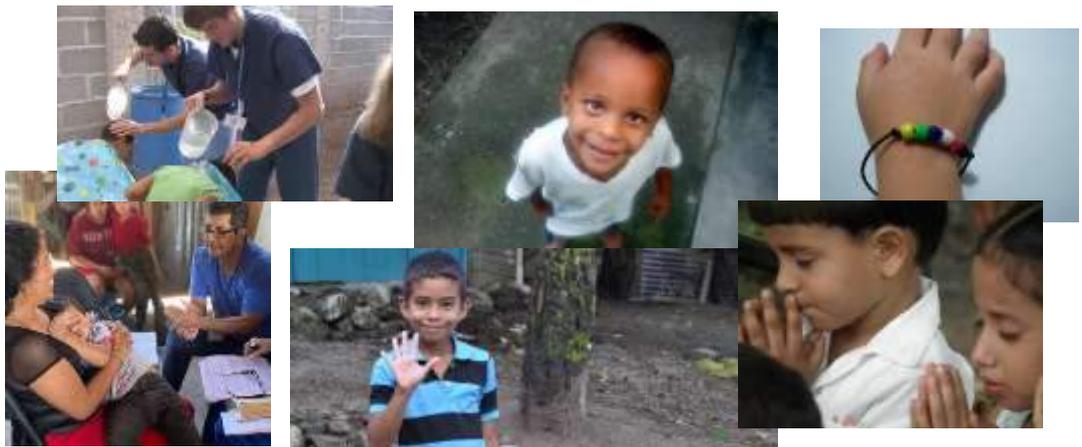
St. Stephen's Sunday
School Class

Honduras Missions

Our next mission to Honduras is upon us and it is time to start planning. We are scheduled to travel to Honduras for the week of **Nov. 5 to Nov. 12, 2022** to once again serve the people of Honduras. The country is starting to open back up and World Gospel Outreach has hosted several teams this year with three more coming in July. Covid restrictions are lifted for returning to the US so if you have ever thought about a mission trip—***now is the time!!*** We need more people to step forward and commit to this mission or we will not be able to go. We need 15 missionaries to do the ministry scheduled for a team serving for a week in Honduras. If you have not made this trip before; Saturday's are travel days, Sunday we worship, Monday/Tuesday & Thursday/Friday are brigade days when we do our work, and Wednesday is a free day when we get to sight-see a bit. The mission includes medical, dental, pharmacy, children's ministry, water filters, and evangelism so there is plenty to do. Doctors and nurses are needed but if you are not in that category there is much more work to do. It's a busy week and you will return tired, ***and*** you will be a missionary. Contact Pastor Ray or any member who has made this trip before if you need more information or if you are committing to go.



You are not taking God to the people of Honduras—God has been there all along—He's only been waiting for you to come and participate in ***His Mission!***



UPDATE ON OUR SCHOOLS IN HAITI

The following is from Pastor Walta on June 17th:

*Effectively, we were facing a big problem in Rocky Road: The teachers plan to leave the area and plan to go to the Dominican Republic because we do not have the possibility to give them a monthly salary. My heart was broken by this situation because I know that many children would not be able to continue with their school. I was praying for them. This morning, with Pastor Almage Riche, Pastor Samuel Simeus and other members of the boards of Central-Plateau, we found the solution to this problem. Our Leader in the Lutheran Church closest to “Rocky Road” will receive all the children for us. Praise God! All our children will be in the “**Reformer school of Nan Fombrun**”. Please, if possible, for you, you can make this change. Brother Lars is so happy to learn that his children will not stay home. Brother Lars, with Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, is a fountain of blessings for hundreds of children in Central-Plateau. We really appreciate their blessings.*

I will be working with Keith Logan and Trinity HOPE in supporting in part the school lunch program at Reformer School of Nan Fombrun. The church and the school at Pas Bonbon continue to grow. We at Eternal Shepherd made it possible for the staff to continue to be paid through the summer as they conduct VBS classes throughout the day. They will also be buying supplies to improve the classrooms – or actually build classrooms, since many of the students meet outside under tarps. Teachers, parents, and some of the students will be the work force. Trinity HOPE does not supply meal ingredients during the summer, so we are funding the lunch that will consist of spaghetti, beans, and rice. Enrollment for the 2022-2023 has begun and there are many new students. All of the Lutheran Schools of the Central Plateau will help generate the future of Haiti. We at Eternal Shepherd are instruments of God’s Love and making a change in that nation. For more information on how you can support our missions contact Lars Helland. If you want to be part of the Honduras Team going in November 2022, contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg. Interested in being part of the Disaster Response Team going to Waverly, Tennessee in July, contact John Beattie. If you are interested in our mission to Chevak, Alaska in conjunction with Concordia Austin and the trip in July 2023, contact Lars. Interested in starting a new mission team, contact Pastor Bill Barthel, Richard Grotheer, or Milo Bell. Eternal Shepherd is an instrument of God for carrying out Christ’s Commission!



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child (“OCC”), is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, which is a Division of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Eternal Shepherd began supporting Operation Christmas Child in 2008.



If You’re New - A Little History on How OCC Began:

"Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God." Bob Pierce wrote these now-famous words in his Bible after visiting suffering children on the Korean island of Koje-do. This impassioned prayer is what guided him as he founded and led the ministry of Samaritan's Purse in 1970. Based on the Biblical story of ‘The Good Samaritan’, his mission for the organization was "to meet emergency needs in crisis areas through existing evangelical mission agencies and national churches."

In the summer of 1973, Bob Pierce met Franklin Graham, his eventual successor. Franklin had a growing heart for world missions. Intrigued by his many stories from the field, Franklin began to spend more time with the seasoned Christian statesman. In 1975, he accompanied Bob on a life-changing tour of some of the world's neediest mission fields. Franklin saw the poverty of pagan religions and the utter despair of the people they enslave. God had captured his heart for missions. Bob Pierce died of leukemia in 1978, and a little over a year later, in 1979, Franklin Graham became the President and Chairman of the Board of Samaritan's Purse.

From Small Beginnings, OCC Grows:

During the summer of 1993, Samaritan’s Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking his help on behalf of children in Bosnia who were suffering because of a brutal civil war. The Englishman specifically asked for shoeboxes filled with gifts to deliver to these little ones at Christmas. Samaritan’s Purse was already working in Bosnia, and Franklin had been there three times in the previous year, so he was eager to help. Christmas, however, seemed a long way off, so he put this request aside. Not long before Thanksgiving, he received a call back from the man in England. Quickly reminded of his promise, Franklin assured him he was working on it. Franklin then called his friend, the late Ross Rhoads, who was serving as senior pastor of Calvary Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He asked if Ross and his wife Carol could fill a shoebox with items for a child, show it to their congregation, and ask them to do the same—in order to share the true meaning of Christmas with the children of Bosnia.

Ross and Carol were eager to assist, and the response was overwhelming. Shortly after Thanksgiving, Ross called Franklin to report that 11,000 shoebox gifts were now lining the hallways of his church!

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Pastor Ross and Carol Rhodes pass out Shoebox gifts to children in Bosnia

Today, through the countless prayers of many and the service of thousands of volunteers around the globe, the project has grown to include eight shoebox-packing countries in addition to the 160 that have received them.

“When I agreed to send shoebox gifts to Bosnia in 1993, I never dreamed it would grow into the project it is today,” Franklin said. “We praise God for allowing us to touch the lives of so many children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ over the past 29 years.”

The OCC Ministry Here at Eternal Shepherd:

Initially, ESLC only provided the shoeboxes for members to take home, fill with gifts, and return. We usually collected about 50 boxes each year that we would drop off at the collection site in Oconee County. That all changed in 2016 when God prompted Terri Baumann, the Project Leader at ESLC, to step out in faith and host our first ever “Shoebox Packing Party.” That year we packed 125 shoeboxes. Since starting, the ministry has packed and shipped over 2,000 shoeboxes! Now, every November, ESLC hosts a Shoebox Packing Party and the entire church is invited to participate. All of the items to be packed are assembled ahead of time and members help fill the boxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. Every box also contains the Gospel message, which is added at the Collection Center in Charlotte, NC. “Christmas in July” is the month we focus on Ministry Awareness and fundraising so the items can be purchased. In 2021, the cost to pack and ship 301 shoeboxes was \$6,300.00. Shipping costs were \$2,700.00 of that total. With adjustments for inflation, shipping costs have gone from \$9.00/box to \$10.00/box in 2022. We are again preparing to pack and ship 300 shoeboxes this year, so we’ve set a goal to raise \$7,000.00 this year. Shipping costs alone for 300 boxes will total \$3,000.00. We hope you’ll join us in this worthwhile mission to bring the Good News to children around the world this Christmas. Please stop by the display table in the Narthex to learn more, and contact Terri Baumann at 864-882-4386 with any questions you have. THANK YOU!

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HERE'S A LITTLE INSPIRATION:



Felisha (Pictured at age 17, now 25) and her entire family accepted Jesus Christ & worked to plant a church in their town. This is her story:

“It Changed My Life”

One Christmas, an 8-year-old girl named Felisha on the island of Trinidad received a shoebox gift packed with a doll, stationery, colorful socks, and a teddy bear.

“I didn’t know anything about Jesus because I had never been to church before, so I was really curious,” Felicia said.

As a result of her shoebox gift, she began attending church in a neighboring village with a friend. When her sister received a shoebox gift the following year, her father said, “I was amazed at the love I saw in those boxes.”

Since then, each member of their family has accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Together, they worked to plant a church in their hometown—aptly named Hardbargain.

Felisha knows that her shoebox was more than a collection of toys and useful items: “It made me learn about God, it helped start this church, and it changed my life.”

Felisha is among countless children whose lives have been changed forever through the power of God’s love, demonstrated through simple gifts.

**CATCH THE PASSION FOR PACKING SHOEBOXES.
IF YOU LET IT, IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR THE BETTER,
AND IN WAYS YOU CANNOT YET IMAGINE!**



What We Do

“BabyRead is a free program for Oconee County families. We accept families with babies and toddlers up to three years old. At BabyRead we are not teaching the child how to read. We provide free hardboard books, healthy snacks and age-appropriate magazines. We encourage and support families/caregivers in reading to their babies and toddlers. We discuss the importance of reading to your child daily. In addition, we are teaching families good practices that foster brain development such as reading effectively, cuddling, reciting nursery rhymes, singing songs, performing finger plays, and describing your activities while performing daily tasks. We read with moms, dads, grandparents, guardians – any caregiver. You don’t need to be able to read well to be a BabyRead family. We will help you.” Visit www.babyread.org.



Our Mission

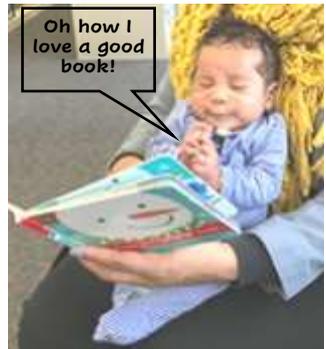
Encourage & support families to read to their babies from birth to 2 years old. Demonstrate effective reading, singing, playing and other bonding activities to parents/caregivers.

Improve the community’s awareness about the importance of reading to children from birth.

Partner with Oconee County organizations that are dedicated to improving children’s readiness for school. *Help break the cycle of poverty in Oconee County. For more information or to volunteer Visit www.babyread.org.*

Volunteers Needed for BabyRead

*BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read one-on-one to moms and their babies or toddlers at public venues twice a month for one hour each time. Covid options are available which don't require face-to-face contact. We are, also, looking for volunteers in management, leadership, and administrative positions. To become a **BabyRead** volunteer, call (864) 643-8083 or visit 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 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. July's preferred product is "Macaroni & Cheese" (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 July

- 7/3 – Kerry & Sue Blount
7/10 – Comfort Dog Ministry Team
7/17 – Alice Ramsburg & Paula Rigoni
7/24 – Vendo Toming & Sue McCart
7/31 – ???



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. **Sign-up on the calendar which is located on the bulletin board behind the coffee pot in the fellowship hall.** 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

July Birthdays

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| 1 – Betty Brueggeman | 17 – Lucille Koeplin |
| Mary Coffman | 18 – Griffin Eslinger |
| 3 – Rick Schmidt | Dan Franzen |
| Sam Woike | 20 – Dylan Chamberlain |
| 6 - Jane Fireovid | Don Seigler |
| 7- Julie Gambrell | 21 – Marilyn Bode |
| Barbara Willbrant | Sue McCart |
| 8 – Stephen Beitz | James Wells |
| Emilie Hammer | Stephen Wells |
| 9 – Jenna Zirbel | 22 - Curt Dombi |
| 10 – John Munro | 23 - Alivia Beck |
| David Phillips | 25 – Karen Findlay |
| 14 – Marian Abramovitch | 26 – Katie Baumann |
| Paul Fredrickson | 27 - Julie Moore |
| Beth Phillips | Elaine Rich |
| Janet Walker | 28 – Charlene Seiff |
| 15 - Mike Kunce | 29 – Brian Keefer |
| 16 - Tracy Cochell | Vivienne Scott |
| Walt Lindow | |



July Anniversaries

- 1 - Dennis & Jean Hippchen
(Pr. Justin & Jennifer Pahl)
5 - Steve & Chris Christensen
6 – Rudy & Kyra Carbone
8 – Phillip & Carol Welte
9 – Bob & Kristin Morriss
10 - Rev. George & Mary Coffman
14 – Tom & Joanne Markley
15 – Ken & Sue Schneider
16 – Al & LuWanna Johnson
22 – Stephen & Renee Beitz
26 – Fred & Elaine Massa
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 *Sami Johnson*
the General Fund received a gift of \$25.00,
the LWML Fund received gifts of \$75.00,
and the Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*)
received a gift of \$50.00

In loving memory of *Micky Louderback*
the Elders Fund received a gift of \$25.00,
the General Fund received a gift of \$50.00,
the Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$25.00,
and the LWML Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Sue Rysinski*
the General Fund received gifts of \$1,575.00

Other Gifts:

The Altar Care Fund received gifts of \$72.00 for it's Lenten Supper

The Board of Christian Education received a gift of \$200.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$43.86

The Disaster Response Team Fund received a gift of \$2,500.00

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$654.93,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Giving Thanks Grant

The FCC Baby Bottle Drive Fund received gifts of \$1,567.95

The General Fund received a gift of \$500.00

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,080.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received gifts of \$121.80

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received a gift of \$170.00

The Pastor Discretionary Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Youth Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Youth National Gathering 2022 Fund received gifts of \$352.03

Little Lambs Tales

Little Lambs Preschool
hopes you are
having a great summer!

Mark your calendars.
Little Lambs Preschool classes begin
Monday, August 22nd at 8:30am

Open House is August 18th
from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.



REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

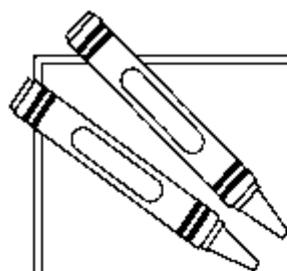
What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.



Just for

KIDS

The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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19+4 10-2 10+5 10-5 18+4 1+4 20-2 8+1 12+7

18+2 1+7 10-1 20-2 18-1 20-0 26-1 6+6 5-0 10+10

4+4 8+1 8+5 1+2 10+5 15+2 1+4 0+1 7+7 1+3

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Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." (Revelation 22:17, NIV)

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



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