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The War on Our Creator



...the Devil... was a murderer from the beginning and did not remain standing in the truth, because there is no truth in him. John 8:44 EHV

What follows is an article by Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer posted at the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. It delves into the political more than I often do, but the political sphere is increasingly being used to push anti-biblical, anti-Christian views. Dr Scaer writes:

Our problems are centered on Genesis, that is the beginnings, who we are as people created in the image of God. Darwinism denies anything essentially sacred in our creation, though to talk about it may seem impossible, as every learned person is a scientist, who knows that evolution is true, even if they can't walk you through the process of how single cell organisms developed wings and flew, much less the irreducible complexity of the eye.

But now it's hitting home with our sons and daughters. Remember when they laughed that we were afraid that our children would change sexual orientation simply because the topic was being taught? Well, now it's not simply orientation, but it's the very idea of boys and girls, which is, we are told to believe, simply an idea, with no rooting in that old biology that Darwin said he relied on.

We are living in momentous times. Let the historians say what they will, but there has never been a time like this. Emperors may have dressed up, but there has never been a time when we weren't able to answer the question, "What is a woman?" But then, that question is closely related to what is that living thing in the womb of a woman, or, as they add now, in the womb of a man. It is a war against reality, pushed by the kind of people C.S. Lewis described in his novel *The Hideous Strength*. These people are NICE.

Of course, NICE can be pretty nasty. We see it as churches are targeted by the pro-aborts. Not just the Roman churches, but even Joel Osteen, whose sin, I suppose, is not offering pro-abortion sermons. What the Left recognizes is that we are not engaging in merely a series of battles, but a war. The transgender phenomenon is simply the extension of the abortion mentality, one kills, and the other mutilates so that no more life can come from that person. Same-sex marriage likewise is an assault on children, who are guaranteed not to have a father or a mother.

These things are not hard, though we have been complicit in our silence. Abortion has long been the easy one to speak against, though we like to do it in ways that make us sound nice (that word again), without ruffling feathers. But now that Roe v. Wade didn't survive the chopping block, the demons are showing up and unmasking. We have come a long way from saying that abortion is an agonizing decision.

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Now, it's simply my body (no, it's not actually your body, it's the body of a baby), my choice. Even more, it's shout your abortion.

Now, none of what the secular left is pushing holds true. That's the nature of lies. They fall apart rather than cohere. So, a boy is said to be transitioning into a girl, but how so? By taking on all the stereotypical aspects that feminism once decried: pretty hair, dresses, make-up and the like. Women's rights were a thing, but we don't know what a woman is. It is best not to look into an ultrasound at all, because what you will see is a child, and that's a problem. Critical race theory is an escape, a way for some Christians to side with the secular cultural elites, while ignoring the true tragedies, and staying about the fray.

What to do? I think nothing more than read the first three chapters of Genesis. Read them at our youth group gatherings. There is no celebration of Christmas without a vigorous defense of children in the womb. And there is no salvation apart from the God who became a man, yes, a man. And if you don't know what a man is, you are out of luck. So also, the story of marriage, a man and a woman, and now I speak of Christ and His bride the Church. And as Satan hates the groom, he hates the heavenly Father of the groom and with that all fathers. Make no mistake. It's all on the line now. The end looks like the beginning, and Revelation looks like Genesis. Heaven is not simply a place of puffy clouds; it is the restoration of all things in Christ Jesus. As Christians, we do not seem to understand this, at least not as well as does the devil. Christ is the good physician who brings healing. The doctors of this evil age end the life in the womb and pull the plug on the feeble. They give damaging puberty blockers and hormones to those whose life-giving organs they aim to cut off. It's life versus death. At least now, it's out there in the open.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer is chairman and professor of Exegetical Theology and director of the M.A. program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. <https://lclrfreedom.org/index.php/component/k2/item/317-news-from-the-center-friday-digest-july-22-2022-the-war-on-our-creator>

The battle remains the same: Humans rebel against God, His Word, His design, and His Will. That battle does, however, seem to be intensifying. Yet the war has already been decided and it is Jesus Christ who is victorious over all! Hold fast to Him, trust His Word, follow His design, and walk in His ways.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Cor. 15:57 EHV

Pastor David



Deaconess' Musings

Never Me.

“It’s not about you.”

Words that, while perhaps a bit blunt, are a daily necessity. And in reality...it’s quite true.

It’s not about me. It’s never been about me. It’s never going to be about me.... or you.

It’s all about *Jesus*.

What does it say that “it’s all about Jesus” change for us, in us, and from us?

(I’ll give you a hint, but it should be quite obvious.) *Only everything changes.*

I think, as good Christians within the Lutheran tradition, we are quite confident in saying Jesus did it all for me (or you) and that we bring nothing to the “table” in terms of deserving/earning salvation and forgiveness. On account of Christ’s death and resurrection, we now stand fully forgiven and made right in the sight of God our Creator. Eternal life was granted to us through the waters of our baptisms and we now live in the full hope of the world and age to come.

So, what? What’s the big deal about all of this?

It’s no longer about us (it never was about us to begin with, being dead in our sins and all – Romans 6:23), but about what Jesus did *for* us. And now we live our lives... *for others*.

So, what? What about others?

Your life – actions, words, behaviors – now becomes a witness to the world around you. This world, full of sorrow, pain, brokenness, confusion, anger, apathy, does not know the Jesus that set you free. This world sees no need for the Christ who paid the steep price for its very sin. This world does not understand why. They see evil and call it good. They see the good and call it evil.

But you, dear brother and sister, know why. You have seen the difference Jesus makes. You know and rejoice in the Lord who will one day wipe away every tear and make all things new (Revelation 7:15ff). You rest in the blessed assurance that your sins are forgiven.

Show them. Show the cold, unbelieving world that this Jesus, whom has claimed you and whose name you claim, makes a difference in your life. Show them that this Christ, the God made Man who dared to love the world that He *died* for it. That He did not stay dead, but rose back to life for *them*. Not just you. Not just your family. Not just your church. *For the world.*

It’s not about you. And that’s ok. It’s about *Jesus* for you and for you to show to the world.

While we yet breathe, we have work to do. Confident in our Savior’s saving forgiveness, we turn to a world lost within its own self and proclaim Jesus in our words and in our daily actions.

May it always be all about Jesus and never me... or you.

~Deaconess Holly

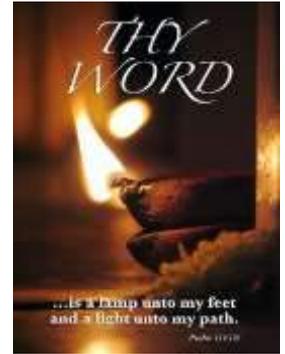
Ministry of the Month:

The Board of Christian Education

What do Vacation Bible School and the church library have in common? What do the wonderful Sunday School teachers and the Men's Bible Study have in common? How about the Thursday Women's Bible Study, the Adult Sunday School Class, children's worship bags, the nursery, the Family Christmas Eve program, and Advent Workshop? You guessed it! They are all under the care of our fantastic Board of Christian Education!

Each month the board prayerfully meets to plan, improve, and carry out these important events and classes, with a large emphasis on the children's programs. Be sure to check out our display board and see how our programs touch the lives of our church family!

The Board of Christian Education meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 10 a.m., and we would love for you to join our team! If you have any questions or would like more information about the Board of Christian Education, please contact Amy Rebholz at 412-327-7621 or stamping13@hotmail.com.



Ladies

*Blessed be the Lord,
Who has delivered you.
Exodus 18:10*



Thursday Bible Study – Fall 2022 - Start-up

ROUND THE TABLE

**September 8th
3:00 – 4:30**

PLEASE JOIN US!

***** SEPTEMBER 8TH — NOVEMBER 10TH *****

The Jen Wilkin Studies have been well received and we are excited to offer another. On Thursday, September 8, we will start the first half of **EXODUS: GOD OF DELIVERANCE**.

The exodus of the Israelites shapes our understanding of the whole Bible, its themes reverberating all the way to Revelation. Exodus is the birth narrative of a nation unmistakably guided by the great Deliverer, our Lord and God.

God who delivered Israel also delivers all of those He loves. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with Him and worship Him as the one true God.

We hope you will join us as we grow in the Word and in our faith.

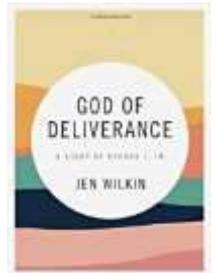
Books are available:

Amazon (\$18.99 with free shipping / Amazon Prime)

Christian Book Distributor (\$15.99 plus shipping)

Lifeway (\$15.99 plus shipping OR Bible Study Book with Video Access \$24.99)

Any religious store or bookstore.



Questions? Call or e-mail: *Margi McLain; Jan Walker;
Jeanne Arkfeld; Deaconess Holly Cox
or Tracy Cochell*

The Power of Prayer

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

This verse and many more must have been etched in the memory of Jeramiah Denton, a Navy POW during the Vietnam War, as he spoke to James Lamar. Denton was a POW for more than a year when Lamar after being shot down arrived at the infamous Hanoi Hilton Prisoner of War compound. Denton and seven other POW's including James Stockdale were being sent to a camp named “Alcatraz” because they were continually trying to escape and encouraging others to do the same. At this new camp Denton would spend 4 years in solitary confinement in a 3.5 feet by 9 foot cell with no windows and usually in ankle cuffs. Lamar was struggling and asked Denton, “How can I survive?” Denton answered, “Pray, have faith in God, country, and family.” Both men survived and were freed in “Operation Homecoming” in 1973. Denton after being a POW for 8 years was the first POW off the plane followed shortly by Lamar who was a POW for almost 7 years. Both men after retiring from the military had successful careers and I believe it was because of their strong faith in our God and their equally strong prayer life.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12

“Continue Steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with Thanksgiving.” Col. 4:2

“And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” James 5:15

Note: Both men have remarkable stories and I suggest more in depth reading of their lives.



Help Support Our Littlest Lambs:

Each year Ingles provides free school supplies to Little Lambs Preschool (LLP) through their **Tools for Schools** Program. This only happens with your help by linking your Ingles Advantage card number to LLP. You can do this yourself by going to <https://www.ingles-markets.com/tools-for-schools-link> and entering Little Lambs Preschool in the *Search Term* box, then click *Search*, **OR** you can share your Ingles Advantage card number (12 digit) with Jane Fireovid, 864-722-5289.

When you make purchases using The Ingles Advantage™ Card, Ingles will give back to the school a portion of those sales. The school can use this portion to purchase computers and valuable school supplies. We may already have your Ingles number from the past. You can check a list of names that have already signed up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We also recycle printer cartridges. When your printer cartridge runs empty, bring it to the church and you will find a basket to place it in (the basket is on the shelf of the small wooden stand near the open stairwell).

It is amazing how these little things that you can do provide a great benefit to our Preschool program. ~Thank you



A SPECIAL THANK YOU: Little Lambs Preschool classes started, Aug. 22nd, and we would like to thank the following faithful volunteers for helping us get our playground and building ready for the new school year. **Monty Moore; Wayne Gugel; Dan Arkfeld; Bill Barthel; Cecil Murray; Rick Cochell; Kenny Bell; Jim Clack; Jon Tyner; Jane Fireovid; Jody McKibben, and our ESLC Youth.** *Thank you so much. We could not have done this without you. ~Little Lambs Preschool Staff and Students*

Thank you from Little Lambs Preschool

The preschool board and staff thank all the volunteers who helped spread the mulch on the two playgrounds behind the church in August. You all did a wonderful job and we appreciate your time and hard work to make these areas safe and usable for the children and adults. An additional thank you goes to Monty Moore, Bill Barthel, and Wayne Gugel who devote unlimited hours on the beautiful grounds of ESLC!



God Rewards our Disaster Response Team

Waverly, TN straddles a narrow stream that sparkles as it flows over a rocky streambed. But, on Saturday, August 21, 2021, heavy rains upstream caused a railroad embankment to collapse and within 15 minutes the little stream changed into a raging torrent 10-15 feet above its banks.



Twenty Waverly residents drowned in the brief but violent flood. Over 700 homes were damaged or destroyed! Our Disaster Response team has visited twice to help with the rebuilding. The work is always rewarding, but our visit last month was a special blessing for the team. God introduced our 6-man team to a homeowner who humbled us all.

Shelly is a widow with a 14-year-old daughter. They live in a small one-story home in a quiet neighborhood about 100 yards from the stream. On the day of the flood, Shelly left her home to go to the grocery store. Her daughter stayed home, sitting on her bed playing video games.

When the emergency sirens sounded, Shelly rushed out of the store to her truck. The rushing water almost sucked her under the truck before she was able to drive to higher ground. When her daughter heard the sirens, she hopped off her bed into 6 inches of water. By the time she got to the living room the water was to her knees and continuing to rise. With the rush of water outside, there was no escape.

Shelly immediately called a neighbor for help. The neighbor tied a rope around his waist and waded into the water upstream for Shelly's home while others held onto the rope. As the torrent swept him downstream, he managed to grab the side of Shelly's home and crawl through a window. With Shelly's daughter in hand, the others pulled them to safety!

All this happened in less than 20 minutes!

When we met Shelly at her damaged home, most of the clean-up and repair work had been completed. Shelly hoped to finally move back home in 3 weeks. Other teams had done a lot of work, but when pressed, Shelly admitted that she had done much of the work herself. "When I finally got back to my daughter that night, I looked at the mess and said: 'You need to get back in this house as soon as possible'. I didn't know anything about repairing a house, but I could work, and I could learn. I hauled debris and started watching how-to videos. Please don't judge my work too harshly; I'm still learning."

For 4 days our team worked to complete the repairs. Shelly came by to help every afternoon. When asked, she would tell her story – no complaints or whining, just thankfulness. On our last day, she brought freshly baked pies and homemade cookies. There wasn't a dry eye among our team of 6 crusty old guys (average age 78), as they listened to this committed, courageous lady thank us and thank the Lord. It's clear that God gave more to the team that week than the team gave Shelly!

The Disaster Response team goes out 6 times a year. If you would like to share this experience, please contact Lars Helland or Deek Decker. All skill levels are needed.

Reintroducing Wonderful Wednesdays!



We are excited to reintroduce, this September, a program called **Wonderful Wednesdays!** We're inviting the entire congregation to come together for regular potluck dinners on Wednesday evenings. We are scheduling these so that our rising confirmands can attend class and then fellowship with other church members for dinner. This will also allow choir members to come early for dinner then attend rehearsal. Confirmation Class will be from 5:00-6:00, Fellowship from 5:30-6:30, and choir rehearsals from 6:30-7:30. The third Wednesday of each month, we'll be hosting Youth Conversations where members of our congregation speak and teach members of Youth about various topics.

Consider joining us for our first get together on September 7, 2022. Our first dinner will be special as we will have an opportunity to pack care packages for our college students. We will be including candy, a Portal of Prayers and a small notebook to serve as a prayer journal. We are connected to 14 college students who could use a hug of support in the form of a note and small gift to remind them that we are thinking of them with love. *Please join us!*

HONDURAS NEWS: "PLEASE NOTE" – We have had to postpone our Mission Trip to Honduras scheduled to depart on November 5, 2022. There were just not enough people to make up a team at that time. We have requested February 18 – 25, 2023 for next year and that has just been confirmed by WGO. ESLC has made seven trips to Honduras since 2014 but the need is still there for us to travel again bringing medicine and the Word of God to the people. A handful of teams have made the trip this year and they have had rewarding and meaningful experiences serving the people of Honduras.

Honduras is a country of over 10 million people and is one of the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. The largest city and capital is Tegucigalpa where we live and serve when there. 66% of the population live below the poverty level with the nations per capita income sitting at about 600 US dollars. In the rural areas the farmers live in extreme poverty at or below 180 dollars per capita income. Honduras has been plagued by corrupt governments for the past half century however a new president took office in January 2022 so hopefully things will change. Xiomara Castro Sarmiento is the first woman to serve as president of Honduras.

If you look up Honduras' history I believe you will readily see why help is needed for the poor of the country and that is where we come in as one of many teams to travel there. **If the above week in February works for you please contact the office or Pastor Ray for more information. We will have to begin team meetings by mid-November to be ready for the late February date. Please pray about going to serve these beautiful people.**

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

Comfort Dog News

Veteran's Last Patrol (VLP) is an organization whose mission is to serve veterans by bringing new friendships, honor ceremonies, and emergency assistance while they are in hospice care. We are so blessed when we come alongside this organization with Seth and our team for the veteran honor ceremonies. The volunteers of VLP, the veterans that are being honored and their families are always grateful to have us and Seth present at those events.

Recently, VLP has expanded their honor ceremonies to include WWII veterans. Typically, honor ceremonies are held for veterans in hospice care but since our living WWII veterans are up in years, they now offer these ceremonies to any WWII veteran. If you know of a WWII veteran who would be blessed by an honor ceremony, please see me and I will connect you to the right contact at VLP. Each honor ceremony is different, but I can assure you they are very inspiring and moving as the veteran is honored by other veterans and those who support them.

A month or so ago, several team members and Seth attended an honor ceremony for a WWII veteran in Seneca. At the ceremony, we learned about his experience serving in the Army and how God protected him through various circumstances. Typically, at honor ceremonies, a patriotic quilt is given to the veteran. At this ceremony, a patriotic quilt was not available. I was thrilled to have a patriotic prayer shawl made by Sue Hauser in the trunk of my car. So, at the right time in the ceremony, I was able to present this patriotic prayer shawl to this veteran (see picture). He was so touched to receive this special gift that was made with love and prayers. What a wonderful way to combine two ministries of Eternal Shepherd –the Prayer Shawl Ministry with Comfort Dog Ministry at one event!

Unfortunately, Seth had a slight injury August 10 whereby he tore his toenail on his right foot while playing. He was immediately treated at Seneca Animal Hospital and put under anesthesia to repair the toenail and nail bed area. As of this writing, he is doing very well, and the wound is just about healed. Thankfully, he was a good boy throughout his recovery and took all his medicine (antibiotics and anti-inflammatories) and tolerated the foot baths and foot bootie like a trooper!

We have several upcoming events we have been invited to in addition to our regular visits:

- September 24 - Suicide Awareness Hike for Hope sponsored by Seneca High School
- October 8 – LWML Western Carolina Zone meeting in Anderson
- October 12-14 Southeastern District of the LCMS Educators Conference in Williamsburg, VA.

We appreciate your continued prayers as we serve God and our neighbors near and far!

To God be the Glory, Kyra Carbone, Top Dog



Good News – Great Joy! Update:

Last month I brought to your attention the ministry of “Days for Girls” which is working hard to provide reusable feminine hygiene items to women and girls across the world that lack access to such products. After attending the meeting of the Westminster group, and seeing what they do firsthand, I wanted to let all of you know that this is an amazing ministry, as well as a wonderful volunteer opportunity if you’re interested in helping. You can see the full story of this ministry on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjjsH2Go2Cc>. Below is some additional information:

In 2008 UNICEF reported that **1 in 10 schoolgirls in Africa miss classes or drop out completely due to their period.** The lack of available and affordable sanitary products for girls and women keeps them at a disadvantage in terms of education when they are young and prevents their mobility and productivity later as mature women. The lack of clean and healthy sanitation such as toilets and running water at many schools means that girls often do not have anywhere to change or dispose of pads safely and in privacy. In some areas even female teachers had no choice but to use thorny scrub, in plain sight of the classrooms, as a toilet. The taboo nature of menstruation in many areas prevents girls and their communities from talking about and addressing the problem. **In these areas the drop-out rate was 1 in 5.** Raising awareness and education to eliminate the stigma of menstruation is a large part of the battle.

In a 2009 article in the NY Times, it was reported that enrollment in primary schools in rural areas of Sub-Saharan Africa was a little over 60%. UNICEF reported there were 8% fewer girls than boys in the primary grades. By 5th or 6th grade 9% more girls than boys drop out.

One of the World Bank’s lead analysts reported in 1999 that “There is a connection between economic growth in Africa and gender equality. It is of great importance but still ignored by many.” The World Bank contends that if women in Sub-Saharan Africa had equal access to education, land, credit and other assets like fertilizers, the region’s GNP could increase by almost 1% each year.

In countries like Guinea, Nigeria, and Ethiopia where UNICEF has been building latrines at schools and bringing in water, drop-out rates for girls in those schools have gone down. However, in Ethiopia (2009) more than half that country’s schools lacked water or latrines or both. Those with latrines may have just one for as many as 300 students.

As toilets are being built and privacy becomes more widespread older girls will have the opportunity at school to take care of personal hygiene during menstruation. But they will still need the feminine products whose availability we take for granted. Efforts at devising inexpensive ways to produce sanitary products for low cost to consumers are being pursued there, but success has been limited. Even if they were available in the cities, girls in rural areas would not be able to purchase them or even have a place to dispose of them given the taboos that surround the whole subject.

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International in scope, DfG has distributed over 2.4 million kits to girls and women in more than 144 countries since its founding in 2008. Each kit contains 2 shields, 8 liners, 2 pairs of panties, a terrycloth wash cloth, a small bar of soap and a moisture-proof “carry pouch” (for soiled liners) all in a cloth drawstring tote bag.

Founded by Celeste Mergens who saw a particular need, and then discovered that the need was not confined to the situation that she personally encountered, Days for Girls has grown to involve 70,000 volunteers from all over the world. Days for Girls Int’l is headquartered in Mt Vernon, WA, and is truly an international effort with 796 teams of volunteers from Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Canada, the UK and the USA. Every state in the USA, as well as Washington DC and Puerto Rico, has team(s) that sew components and contribute items for the kits. South Carolina has teams in Conway, Easley, Hartsville, Seneca, and Westminster.

More information can be found at www.daysforgirls.org

While the kits that Days for Girls assembles are too big to go into Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, their mission and goal is wonderful and commendable. I intend to be at the September 14th meeting of the Seneca Team to help them in their efforts. If you’d like to accompany me, please give me a call and we can ride together. I hope to see you there! Call Terri Baumann at (882-4386).



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. For more information contact us.



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Needs Mentors!

Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty.

Mentors are needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and share life changing skills with our children!

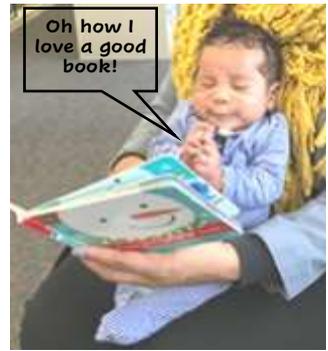
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Habitat For Humanity is in need of **volunteers throughout the organization.** There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. Find out more about serving with us at <https://www.oconeehabitat.org>.

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.*



Scrip Cards are available and make great gifts as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. Please note we have Publix, Ingles and Walmart gift cards available. For orders please contact **Beckie Rau** at (864) 944-6096. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser**. ~Thank you for your support.



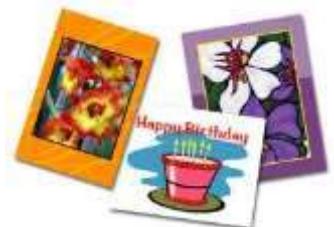
ON-LINE GIVING Remember you can give on-line. Just go to our church website at www.eternalshepherd.org and click on the On-line Giving bar in the top right corner on the homepage. ~Thank you for your faithful support.



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. **September's** preferred product is "**Canned Vegetables**" (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 September

9/4 – *The Johnsonwall Family*

9/11 – *Jim & Carole Bluhm*

9/18– *Sue McCart & Vendo Toming*

9/25 – *Kerry & Sue Blount*



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

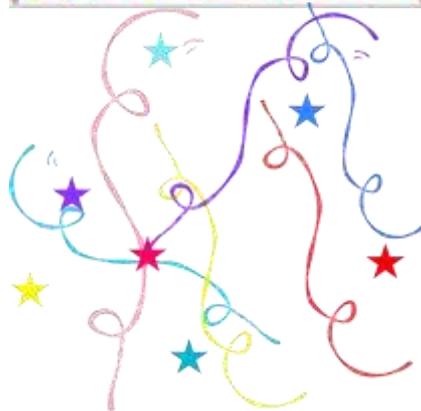
September Birthdays

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| 1 – Kerry Blount
Laura Broderdorf | 16 - Kay Raasch |
| 2 – Jim Clack
Katrina Madden
Ted Wanthal | 17 – Lucas McKay
Evelyn Seigler |
| 3 - Ann Cochell
Carole McIntyre | 18 – Carrie Haenggi
Sam Hamrick
Mike Scott
Phillip Welte |
| 5 – Carl Sitler | 19 – Judy Hammer
Ann Miller |
| 8 – Pat Milz
Jerry Seiff | 20 – Chris Christensen |
| 9 – Pete Thoma
Paul Wilson | 21 – Scott Robirds |
| 10 –Terri Baumann | 22 – Katie Getchell |
| 11 – Frank Kieninger | 23 – Keith Phelan |
| 13 – Raz Rysinski | 24 – Jacob Zirbel |
| 14 – Kaylee Phelan
Scott Toussaint | 27 – Kayla Fireovid |
| 15 – Karen Eckersley
Scott Krueger | 29 - Don Del Priore III
Jean Hippchen |
| | 30 – Kailynne Wood |



September Anniversaries

- 1 – Kim & Sue Wennermark
- 7 – Alec & Teresa Todd
- 17 – Carl & Katherine Sitler
- 21 - Fred & Debbie Bell
- 23 – Pete & Laura Thoma
- 29 – Lar & Ann Miller
- 30 – Phillip & Beth Cornine



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In July the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *Lillian Grace Bartle*
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received a gift of \$100.00

In loving memory of *Alex Richards*
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received a gift of \$250.00



In loving memory of *Bill Richards*
the Organ Fund received a gift of \$2,000.00

Other Gifts:

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$736.13

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$150.00

The FCC Baby Bottle Drive Fund received gifts of \$4,897.92

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$47.72

The General Fund received a gift of \$500.00 from Blessings Shared Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,285.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$483.87

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$96.80

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$3,578.49

The Youth LCMS National Gathering Fund received a gift of \$97.14



Little Lambs Tales

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

It is August 15th as I write this article and our school year is about to begin! We start this new school year with 44 students! Wow! It is so exciting to be back with a full school and full staff!

As we enter our school year, I would like to introduce our staff! I will continue to be the lead teacher in the 4's and will be working with Mrs. Jessica Wiltgen. Jessica started with us last year and we are thrilled to have her continue! In the 3's classroom, we have Mrs. Gayle Steele as the lead, and she will be working with Mrs. Jacky Schweizer. Jacky is a new teacher with us, and we are excited to have her join our Little Lambs staff. Mrs. Melissa Lambert continues to work in the MWF 2's class but this year she is taking on the lead position while Mrs. Cyra Phelan is on sabbatical. She will be assisted by another new teacher, Mrs. Lisa Bewley. We added a TTH 2's class where Mrs. Beth Hendrickson will be the lead teacher and Mrs. Laura Abernathy will be her assistant. Beth worked with me in the 4's class last year and Laura is a new teacher! Although we have several new teachers, these ladies are not new to Little Lambs! All of them have had or still have children enrolled in our school! It is a testament to how wonderful this ministry is when we have most of our staff as former or current parents!

In the month of September, we plan on continuing our tradition of hosting Farm Day! This day is filled with fun activities related to being on a Farm: eating fresh baked bread for snack, visiting with farm animals, doing a little square dancing, and stuffing a scarecrow.

Please note that all these events will be held outdoors on September 21st so the driveway and parking lot outside of the preschool will be closed that morning between 9-11 am.

We are also having an event on September 30th called Donuts with Dudes! We are asking all our special men (dads, uncles, stepfathers, grandfathers, etc) to join their student for donuts and juice and allow the children to share their classroom with their special person!

We appreciate your continued support and prayers for all of us at Little Lambs Preschool as we begin this new school year! Your kindness and love for our ministry never goes unnoticed!

Blessings,
Gina Cote

Easy Applesauce Muffins

This healthy recipe will make a great start to your day, a great snack or a great gift for your teacher and classmates.

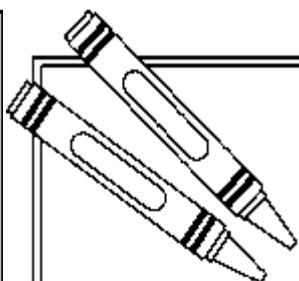
What you need:

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups chunky applesauce
- Baking cups



What you do:

1. With an adult's help, heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with baking cups and set aside.
2. In a small, microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter on high for about 30 seconds; set aside to cool slightly.
3. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in to a large mixing bowl.
4. In another large bowl, whisk together the eggs and brown sugar. Stir in the applesauce and melted butter until the mixture is smooth.
5. Pour the apple mixture over the flour mixture. Stir with a wooden spoon just until the flour disappears. (This will produce muffins with a nice, crumbly texture.)
6. Fill the baking cups about two-thirds full with batter. (For mess-free muffins, use an ice-cream scoop to spoon batter into the baking cups.)
7. Bake for 20 minutes or until light brown. Test for doneness by inserting a toothpick in the middle; if it comes out clean, the muffins are ready to eat. Makes 12.

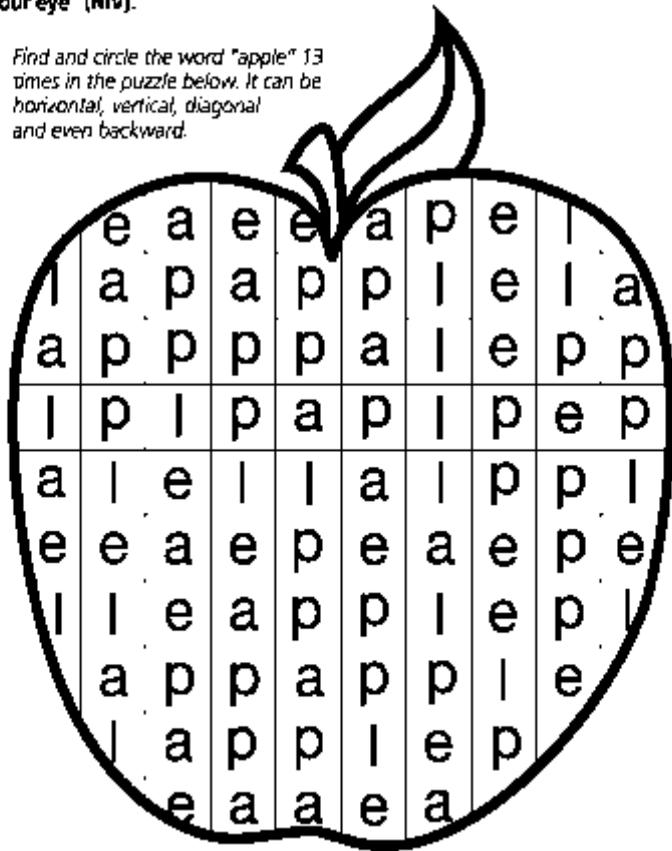


Just for KIDS

Apple of Your Eye

When something is said to be the "apple of your eye," it means it's precious to you and you would protect it as you would your own eye. With school starting up again, we should remember God's instructions in Proverbs 7:2: "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye" (NIV).

Find and circle the word "apple" 13 times in the puzzle below. It can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and even backward.



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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