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# Agapegram

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## Designed for Prayer

*Be persistent in prayer, and as you pray, be alert and thankful.*

Col. 4:2 EHV

Tim Hetzner of Lutheran Church Charities wrote a daily devotion for April 26, 2023 entitled, *Science Recognizes the Power of Prayer*. He writes:

God's Word clearly tells us to 'pray about everything' [Phil. 4:6]. Today, science is beginning to recognize the value and the power of prayer. Researchers investigating the role of faith in health are discovering evidence that's hard to refute. For example, a 2014 study conducted by *The Mind Health Report* confirmed that people who engage in private prayer, intercessory prayer, and church activities are healthier and live longer. Here are some additional benefits:

1) Florida State University researchers found that praying for somebody increases your readiness to forgive them. When a group of men and women prayed for the well-being of a close friend every day for four weeks, they were more willing to forgive not only the friend but people in general. Forgiveness is associated with better overall health and satisfaction with life.

2) University of Miami researchers discovered that prayer and religious practices improve your ability to pursue and achieve long-term goals. Prayer affects regions in your brain that improve self-control, and people who view their goals as sacred are more determined to attain them.

3) A research study conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison concluded that victims of abusive relationships recovered a positive self-image and reduced their emotional pain when their lives included prayer.

4) Columbia University researchers found that people who value religion and regularly attend church are 90 percent less likely to suffer from depression than their non-religious peers.

God doesn't instruct and invite us to pray merely for His own sake or for us to beg for what we want but because it is good for us to pray. We are designed to be in communication with our Creator. And, yet, because of our sinful nature, we don't always go to the Lord. Professor & counselor Edward T. Welch in his article [Learn to Say "Help" to the Lord](#) writes, "We need to pray (but we resist it)." He continues:

In C. S. Lewis's book *The Horse and His Boy*, Shasta endured a long journey in which nothing seemed to go right. As all hope was fading he noticed a quiet presence, breathing "on a very large scale."

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The barely audible breathing was Aslan's, the God figure in the book, who had been accompanying the boy through many of his difficulties.

"Who are you?" asked the boy.

"One who has waited long for you to speak," responded Aslan.

It is not always easy to talk openly to the Lord. We need help, but it is difficult to actually ask God for it. Why is it so difficult? Why do we sometimes resist speaking to him?

Take anxiety as an example. Anxious people know they are needy, but their instincts are to worry their way through doomsday scenarios so they can be prepared. Meanwhile Scripture urges us to pray rather than to feed anxiety (Phil. 4:6).

Our inclination is to live self-sufficient lives. When there is trouble, we first try to figure it out, then we worry, as if there is no one who cares or hears. Or maybe we give God the cold shoulder because he didn't give us what we had hoped for, or we hide from him because we cherish sins in our private world. There are probably dozens of reasons why we resist calling out to the Lord. ...

God indicted all of Israel by saying, "They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds" (Hos. 7:14).

Wailing on our beds is easy and natural. But crying out to the Lord is spiritual—it is a gift from the Spirit—but it is also the most human thing we can do. Real life begins with, "Help, I need Jesus."

Confession of our sins, faith in our living Savior Jesus, and the confidence that "*the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words*" (Rom. 8:26), puts us back on the path of prayer. And that's just where God wants us. Both because He designed us to do so and because it is where He is ready to respond!

*The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.* Ps. 145:18 EHV

*Pastor David*





### **From Little Lambs Preschool and Board**

The 2023 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 mission of the church going strong. Total dinners served were 142 along with additional much appreciated donations and auction items, brought our net proceeds to over \$8,000. 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. We are also very thankful for the wonderful volunteer team who cooked, chopped, sliced and buttered, poured, served, and cleaned up the kitchen. Many thanks to the volunteers who organized, documented, arranged, and transported auction baskets, and those who kept track of all the orders and incoming donations. A huge thanks to the very strong teacher's husbands who transported and set up all those heavy old tables for the auction items. *~Little Lambs Love to All!*



Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church  
VBS 2023  
MONDAY, JUNE 12 – FRIDAY, JUNE 16

9:00AM - 12:00PM  
AGES 2yrs. – 6th Grade



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at <https://eslcvbs.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom>  
or visit our Facebook page.

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Join us for a week of fun and adventure.



*Foothills Care Center is the faith based, non-profit pregnancy resource center serving Oconee and Pickens Counties! Thank you so much for your past and ongoing support. Our current center needs include: volunteer advocates to meet with women one on one (we will train you) and larger size diapers (pullups 2t-6t). You can fill out a volunteer application form on our website [foothillscarecenter.org](http://foothillscarecenter.org), click the "support us" tab and it will pop up.*

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Main Center: 207 Main St. Seneca | Clemson Center:  
107 Wall St. Ste 2 Clemson

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family, It has been a little over a year ago since we learned of my cancer diagnosis. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and encouragement from our church family. The phrase church family aptly describes our congregation. During this year we have been supported in prayers from so many, reported to us through phone calls, cards, emails, visits, gifts of food, candles, books, quilts, prayer shawls, flowers, and blankets. In this time, our Disaster Response Team has used their talents to build a handicap ramp at our home to help me navigate easy access to our car for doctor's appointments. Pastor Hammer has offered us small group weekday communion services as well as church services online. We want to thank all of you for all the love shown to us during this past year. Most importantly I want to convey how our church family is walking in Jesus's footprints and keeping his command to love one another. Thank you!



*~In Christ's Love, Colleen Hesemann*

# Musings

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

May is the month we celebrate Mother's Day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Bible critics have negative comments concerning women and their status in the Bible failing to account for the culture of the times. However, the Bible has numerous pericopes about women and two books dedicated to women.

The OT chronicles at least five Prophetesses and their kingdom work. Miriam, the sister of Moses, Deborah (do not forget Jael who earned the glory destined for Barak), the mother of King Lemuel, Huldah, and Isiah's wife. The NT mentions several Prophetesses: Anna, the Temple widow, the daughters of Philip, and Paul's mention of the Prophetesses at Corinth.

The OT starting with Sarah details mothers of strength and strong faith. Leah and Rachel, Jacob's wives, Rehab who hid the spy's, Hannah, Samuel's mother, and Ruth and Esther who have their own books of the Bible. There are others who the scriptures chronicle favorably. The NT also has positive female role models, Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother, Mary our Lords mother, Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus's sisters Martha and Mary are the easiest to recognize and remember.

On the fourteenth of the month when we rejoice with our mother's or reflect on those who have reached their eternal home lets also reflect on these women of the Bible.

*Happy Mother's Day!*



# 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 11 years with the baby bottle drive and other donations. We will provide an envelope for the donations. **The Baby Bottle Drive will begin on Mother's Day, May 14th and run through July 31st.**

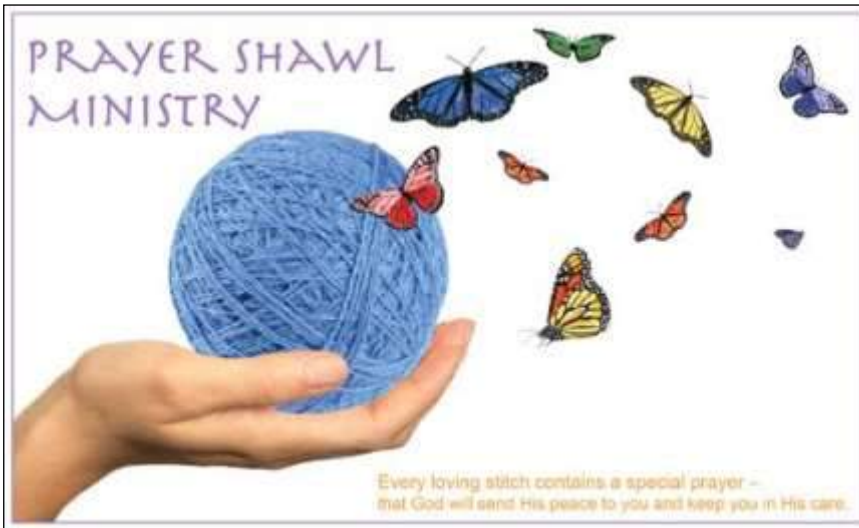
Your generosity throughout the years has been greatly appreciated by FCC and the clients that frequent the center for hope, assistance, guidance, and love. Most importantly, precious baby's lives are saved! May you prayerfully consider supporting the Baby Bottle Drive this year.

Special envelopes will be placed in your church mailbox. Please make checks out to Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, write "Baby Bottle Drive" on the memo line. If you prefer to donate online, use your existing Eternal Shepherd online account. Then select the Foothills Care Center tile.

We will donate the money we collect to the Foothills Care Center after July 31st. For questions or more information call Tracy Cochell at 404-433-7338.







## **DO YOU KNOW THAT ETERNAL SHEPHERD HAS A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?**

**We have given nine prayer shawls so far this year and more than 150 since this ministry began!** These prayer shawls have been made by women in this congregation. They are either knitted or crocheted, come in many different sizes, patterns and colors. These prayer shawls are a labor of love that will usually take between 40 to 80 hours to make. During this time the women are praying for the people who will receive them.

Do you know someone that is struggling from illness, grief, or any other difficulties? Are you concerned about them? Are you praying for them? Then they are candidates. They do not need to be a member of Eternal Shepherd to receive a prayer shawl.

All you have to do to give a prayer shawl is go into the Fellowship Hall. In the back by the closets, there is a prayer shawl displayed with bins beside it. This is the self-service Prayer Shawl Kiosk. Two bins contain prayer shawls that are ready to give. Please select the one that best suits your friend or family member. Please sign out the prayer shawl by entering your name, the date and the person that you are giving it to on the log sheet.. No permission is needed. There are so many people that should be shown love and concern with these prayer shawls that are not receiving them. **We need you help in seeing that they reach the people in need.**

There are also pocket prayer shawls that you can hold in your hands. They are great to include in cards or for yourself as reminders to pray. Please help yourself. No sign out is needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Susan Hauser.

## *Comfort Dog Team News*

March and April of this year have been extra busy months for Seth and the Comfort Dog Team, and I think we all are looking forward to things settling down a bit in May! We had several extra events in addition to our normally busy schedule which involved a lot of coordination and team participation to accomplish! Seth as always rises to each occasion with patience and steady endurance, thanks be to God. His team also faithfully and willingly volunteers to participate whenever there is a need, again thanks be to God!

Every event was a blessing and worth mentioning but to be brief I would like to highlight one that was unique and new for us. Oconee Christian Academy (OCA) contacted me a few months ago to see if Seth and team could come alongside the students to participate in their annual “Serve Day”. On “Serve Day” students leave the school grounds and visit various facilities to share Christ with their neighbors.

Our part involved three visits with Seth and 7 female OCA students. First stop was to our Little Lambs Preschool whereby the OCA girls acted out the story of the “Ugly Duckling” and sang a few songs to our precious preschoolers. The children enjoyed the story and loved singing along with the big kids! After some visiting time with Seth, the group moved on to Residences at Park Place Memory Care Unit. A repeat of the story and songs entertained the residents and enlisted participation on their part which is such a blessing especially in the memory care unit. Moving on, the group paid a home visit to a WWII veteran in hospice care. The students and veteran sang songs together followed by the students asking some interesting questions to learn more about his experiences during his service to our country. Afterwards, they all shared a meal together for a time of food and fellowship. Although I wasn’t there to witness this wonderful day as Rudy and I were in Florida, I heard from those who participated that it was a joyful and meaningful day. We look forward to working alongside OCA in the future!

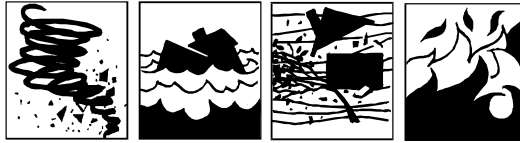
I think I can speak for all on our team that the Comfort Dog Ministry has opened doors and different experiences for us in so many wonderful ways. Some of these experiences are unexpected, uncomfortable, and even scary at times but with God in the lead, we go, and HE blesses us beyond measure. Again, all I can say is Thanks be to God!



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

**WWII Veteran and OCA Gals**

# DISASTER RELIEF



*Help those in need*

## MISSION DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

**We are going back to E. Kentucky for the week of May 14th.** We served a three generation family there last month that needed a replacement back door. There was a one inch gap at the bottom of the old door because the base had rotted away. We also did major rehab work on the master bedroom bath, removing everything, replacing the rotted subfloor and installing vinyl flooring, and new vanity and medicine cabinet as well as repairing both supply and drain water plumbing. Y'all come too! For more info or to help please contact Deek Decker or Lars Helland.

## Honduras Mission News

### **Honduras News: "SAVE THE DATE" February 24, 2024 to March 2, 2024!**

These are the dates for our 2024 Honduras Mission Trip. We have a few more openings for this upcoming trip so please pray about it and contact me as soon as possible if you would like to be part of this outstanding opportunity to share the love of Christ with the people of Honduras. As before it is a medical mission with an Evangelistic outcome. No particular skill sets are needed for most areas, just a loving and caring heart and a willingness to share the Gospel. Medical doctors, dentists and nurses are always needed and welcomed. Check the glass case beside the main doors to the sanctuary for pictures of our serving or contact Pastor Ray or other team members for more information.



God Bless You,  
Pastor Ray Ramsburg

## **DROP-OFF CENTER UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:**

It's Official! Our application has been accepted by Samaritan's Purse, and all the online training has been completed. Eternal Shepherd has become one of two new Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Centers in Oconee County this year. The other new center is Holly Springs Baptist Church in Westminster. Both new centers will join with New Hope Baptist Church on Keowee School Road to offer new, more convenient options for dropping off shoeboxes to the residents, and churches, of Oconee and Pickens Counties.



ESLC will begin our new area of service through this ministry THIS YEAR during National Collection Week which will be November 13-20, 2023. If you'd like to help us with this, we are looking for 3-5 people, or more, to join me who would be available during Collection week to help take in and cartonize the shoeboxes we receive.

So we don't conflict with the Preschool, our tentative operating hours will be as follows:  
Monday 11/13 – Friday 11/17 we'll be open from 5-7pm  
Saturday 11/18 10-Noon.  
Sunday 11/19 2-4pm  
Monday 11/20 12-2pm  
(Paul Frederickson has volunteered to help me transport all our cartons to Rock Springs Church in Easley after 2pm On Monday)

If you want an easy way to help, then this might be just what you're looking for. We simply need to pack any shoeboxes we receive into cartons, while keeping records of what we take in for Samaritan's Purse. That's it! Volunteers will need to be available throughout Collection Week during the times we're open. The number of volunteers that sign up will determine how often everyone needs to be here. I volunteered at New Hope Baptist last year and we had a great time with wonderful fellowship. It really is a time of Good News & Great Joy! This is also a great opportunity for any of the youth who need Beta Club Service Hours.

I truly love the Shoebox ministry, and if you also love it, please think about joining me for the next big thing that God is doing. Let's come together to help send the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Call me to sign up, indicate your interest, or even if you just have questions:  
Thank you!!

~Terri Baumann, OCC Project Leader  
(864) 882-4386



# Haiti Mission News

## News from Trinity HOPE

*This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep our supporters informed about our activities. Trinity HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is shared daily.*



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## Looking Through a Different Lens

*Lars Helland, Mission Committee Chair  
Eternal Shepherd LCMS Seneca, SC*

The children in this photo attend Pas Bon Bon, the school sponsored by my church. When I think about how important it is for the children of Haiti to have proper meals, I picture them really trying to work hard on their studies in school. I know they can't concentrate on an empty stomach, and Trinity HOPE is making a difference in their lives. These schools we all support are Christian based schools, and the children who are here learning the Gospel are the future leaders of Haiti.



In my business world, I often take customers out for lunch or dinner and try to make their day enjoyable. Recently we went to a restaurant that had a very difficult to pronounce Italian name. The menu was just as difficult to understand, and the prices started at "high" and went up. Looking around at what others were having, I noticed the plates were very small. The waitress came over and explained that typically everyone at the table will select one or more items and share.

There were four of us and each serving was delivered to make sure we each got an equal portion. Because each of us selected 2 items they delivered 8 different meals. The word gluttony came to mind. Scripture warns us about this in Ezekiel 16:46. My mind was focused on the fact that we were consuming more than those Haitian children would eat in a month.

Then the bill came, and with the tip, it was just under \$300.00. Doing some quick easy math, I came up with that amount would feed 1200 children lunch in Haiti at \$0.25 cents a meal. The waitress got a tip equal to a month pay for the person preparing the Trinity HOPE meal every day for the school in Pas Bonbon. The next day I had the opportunity to explain how we support the lunch program to the children of Haiti and encouraged them to check out the website. What we do and how we compare it to what others have can certainly be eye opening. Thank You Trinity HOPE. You are blessed to be a blessing!

*"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy."- Ezekiel 16:46*

CONTACT DEEK DECKER AS THERE ARE MANY PROJECTS & FEW VOLUNTEERS. HANDICAP RAMPS ARE LOCAL AND TORNADO AND HURRICANE OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND.



Lutheran Emergency Response Team LERT Training is available in various locations in both the SED and GA/FL District. For information on being part of LERT and the ESLC Chainsaw Crew, Contact Pastor Bill Barthel



## **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](http://www.babyread.org).*



**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. **May's** preferred product is **"Rice or Spaghetti Noodles"** (Please place your items in the containers marked Food Bank down by the Fellowship Hall). *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



**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.*



**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*



**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 May

5/7 – Woo & Lisa Wagner

5/14 – Delane Dukes & Cara Murray

5/21 –

5/28 –



**Hospitality is going forward full speed since the conclusion of the Pandemic. We have provided for Memorial Services and Sunday Bible Study. We always remain committed to our church and are always looking for new members. This requires as little or as much as you would like to help with: providing food, set-up, serving and clean-up. All these are helpful and needed.**

**If you are new to any of these, please contact me at 864-784-0421 and I will gladly help. ~Colleen Wakeman**

### May Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Diane Williams  | 21 – Carole Bluhm     |
| 2 – Vendo Toming    | 22 – Caroline Scott   |
| 4 – Jean Feldt      | 23 – Teri Massa       |
| Mildred Harth       | 24 – Vicki Tramble    |
| 5 – Debbie Krueger  | 25 – Joyce Dittmer    |
| 6 – Marlene Ranck   | Cindy Gibson          |
| Thomas Wood         | 26 - Pat Jacques      |
| 7 - Don Del Priore  | Lydia Wolber          |
| 8 – Harold Koeplin  | 27 – Mike Dittmer     |
| 9 – Alice Mercer    | Lynne Smith           |
| Larry Miller        | 29 – Betty Terry      |
| 10 – Lauren McCrary | 30 – Rowan Bunning    |
| 11 - Cara Murray    | Barb Swift            |
| 14 – Jill Roeder    | 31 – Katherine Sitler |
| 15 – Paul Sherman   |                       |
| 16 – Kathy Bergeson |                       |
| Chris Gibson        |                       |
| Kyle McKibben       |                       |
| Laura Thoma         |                       |



### May Anniversaries

- 4 - Grover & Delores Stewart
- 5 - David & Laura Broderdorf
- 8 - Jim & Jane Fireovid
- 9 - Bob & Teri Massa
- 14 - Richard & Elaine Grotheer
- 16 - Craig & Terri Baumann
- 19 - Craig & Kate Wells
- 21 - Mark & Sandy Kunkel
- 22 – Tom & Karen Eckersley
- 23 – Brian & Tracy Keefer
- 27 – Barry & Peggy Voeltz





## **SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS**

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



**In loving memory of *Chris Worthy*  
the LWML received a gift of \$40.00**

**In loving memory of *Don & Chris Worthy*  
the General Fund received gifts of \$510.35**

### **Other Gifts:**

**The Altar Care Fund received gifts of \$239.75 from Lenten Supper**

**The Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$24.06**

**The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$1293.46**

**The Elders Fund received gifts of \$266.16**

**The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$24.06**

**The General Fund received a gift of \$800.00 from Blessings Shared Grant,  
a gift of \$8,000.00 from St. Louis Community Foundation Grant,  
and a gift of \$284.00 from Thrivent Choice**

**The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,472.23**

**The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$385.00**

**The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received gifts of \$338.93**

**The Lutheran Witness Magazine Fund received a gift of \$15.00**

**The LWML Fund received gifts of \$225.07**

**The Property Contingency Fund received a gift of \$600.00  
from CCCF Giving Thanks Grant**

**The Senior Member Care Fund (*based of Galatians 6:10*)  
received a gift of \$626.00 from Thrivent Choice**

**The Wheelchair Ramp Fund c/o Outreach received a gift of \$500.00**

**The Youth Fund received a gift of \$24.07,  
and gifts of \$258.00 from Lenten Supper**

# Little Lambs Tales

*Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. Matthew 24:32*

Summer is near! It is hard to believe that we are in our last month of school at Little Lambs Preschool!

From awaiting the transformation of our caterpillars into butterflies and spending our time admiring God's beautiful creation in the varying colors of all the landscape surrounding the church; the children and staff at Little Lambs are enjoying this time of year!

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring our special ladies (mom's, grandmoms, aunts) and hosting our muffins with moms in our classrooms. This will occur right after drop off in the morning and the children will share some snacks and drinks with their special person before they head on their way!

**We also will be having our "water days" with each class on May 11th, 12th, 15th and 16th! The children will be enjoying all sorts of water activities outside in our parking lot! Please know that the parking area will be closed off to car traffic during these times. If you drive towards the preschool and see orange cones blocking the drive, just loop around toward the front of church to exit. Thank you!**

**Our last day of school is on May 17<sup>th</sup>!** On this final day we will be celebrating the end of our successful school year with a picnic for our families. **Our picnic will be held outside at Little Lambs Preschool! Please be aware that between 10:00-12:00 the lower parking area will be closed off to car traffic.**

**On May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am we will be sending off our 4's as we hold our annual Graduation program.** As these beautiful children of God fly their wings into kindergarten, please join us in congratulating them! We pray that God continues to watch over them in their faith journey through life.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our preschool ministry! All the staff at Little Lambs Preschool feel blessed to be here surrounded by such a loving and faithful community of faith.

We wish all of you a blessed and peaceful summer!

In Christ, Gina



# Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.

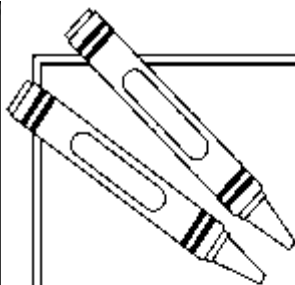


## What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

## What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



Just for

# KIDS

## A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1 "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2 "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3 "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4 "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6 "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7 "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

\_\_\_ Caring      \_\_\_ Godly      \_\_\_ Prepared  
\_\_\_ Hardworking      \_\_\_ Hearty      \_\_\_ Priceless  
   Kind

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. kindly

## **SERVICE TIMES**

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

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

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



## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor: David Hammer

Deaconess: Holly Cox

Secretary: Celeste Entrekin

Preschool Director: Gina Cote

Choir Director: Rick Schmidt

Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland

Organist: David Phillips

## **MISSIONARIES**

Joanna Johnson, Taiwan

Nate Esala, Lutheran Bible Translators

David & Dr. Arianna Shirk, Kenya

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