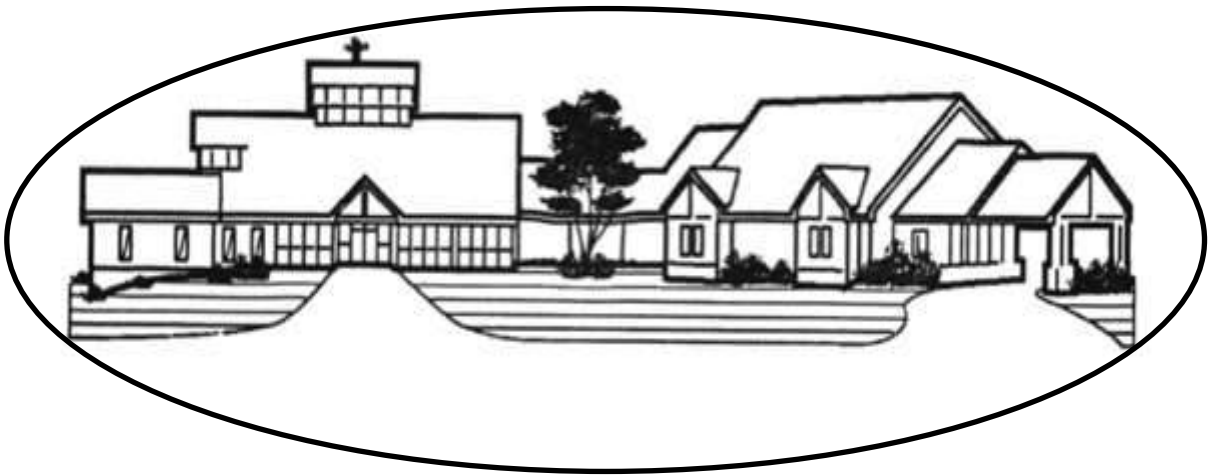


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# Agapegram

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## New Tech & Classic Methods



*Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Matthew 10:16 EHV*

Religious researcher & pollster, George Barna who was quoted here last month in his [interview](#) with The Christian Post, also addressed the growing topic of AI:

*One trend Barna said he's also concerned about is the potential negative impact artificial intelligence (AI) will have on the Church.*

*"We're already seeing an impact on sermons across the country," he said. "Pastors, because they want to do well, in some cases, because they're lazy, are realizing AI is a means of getting perhaps a better sermon.*

*"There are other ways that we're going to see it impact us in terms of fundraising, in terms of media presence," he continued. "As the Body of Christ, we've got to be very suspicious of and careful about anything that even labels itself 'artificial.' It's probably not good for our mental health, our physical health or our spiritual health. I just encourage genuine leaders to be very cautious about inviting any of that into our lives, and particularly into how we're going to take that and then influence other people's lives."*

*Barna also advised parents to approach AI and other media with a strategy of monitoring, minimizing, mediating and moralizing content to ensure it aligns with biblical values.*

*"Parents are the gatekeepers. Act like a leader, take the lead, and make the tough choices," the Raising Spiritual Champions author said. "Make those tough choices in relationship to the vision that you have for what it means to be a parent of a spiritual champion."*

*Barna said that today, he's focused on worldview development and cultural development more than ever before. The Church is at a critical juncture, he warned, and the path to a thriving Christian community lies in returning to the core biblical principles, the empowerment of parents as spiritual leaders and the intentional discipling of the next generation.*

*"All the other stuff is noise," he said. "If we don't do those things, we're going to lose even more in this war ... this is our moment, we've reached a time of Christian invisibility in our culture. What I'm seeing now is that we're getting to this place where the typical American ... will not have anyone in their circle of influence who has a biblical worldview. You're not going to be influenced with God's truth.*

*"The consequence of that is that the elites in our culture will have the opportunity to shut down spiritual freedom," he stressed. "We will no longer be allowed to go to churches; we'll no longer be allowed to buy and read Bibles, we'll no longer be allowed to speak in public about our faith. Why? Because it all traces back to disciples not making disciples. So this is our moment. We either will put up or shut up. And I would suggest that we put up."*

Barna isn't wrong that new technologies like AI will come with a price to pay. At the same time, like all new technologies, wise, biblically-informed use of such technologies can be used to benefit the saints and the work of the Great Commission. But none of that will replace the most important tool the Lord has used to bring the Gospel to new souls: "the intentional discipling of the next generation" as Barna reminds us.

*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15 EHV Pastor David*

# ESLC Anniversary Celebration

## October 13, 2024 at 3:00 pm

*“These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything.”  
Deuteronomy 2:7b*

**Join us, Sunday, October 13th!  
3:00 pm Service of Celebration  
Fellowship Meal to Follow**



**We'll have the morning services as usual, and a special celebratory service at 3pm, at which Pastor Graudin, ESLC's first called pastor, will be speaking! A lovely catered meal will follow the afternoon service, with a short program.**

If you know of any former members who might like to attend, please help us reach out to them as well!

Check your weekly announcements for other developments and activities that we're planning, and if you have suggestions let anyone on the committee know.

*Thanks be to God for His abundant blessings!*

## Youth National Gathering

**Youth National Gathering**—It's that time again! Time to plan and prepare for another national youth gathering! **The next Gathering will be in New Orleans July 19-23, 2025!** The first meeting will be an informational and registration session on Sunday, September 15th in the Fellowship Hall. All interested youth and a parent are encouraged to attend!

As a congregation, please be on the lookout for the youth's fundraising events! These fundraisers will help to offset all of the costs of travel, meals, and more. Please keep the youth and leaders in prayer as we look forward to all of the tasks ahead!





## *Deaconess' Musings*

### *Our Anchor for the Soul*

Autumn arrives later this month and the world outside soon changes and prepares for wintertime, whether we wish it to or not. As we move out of summer's long, hot days and into fall's cooler, colorful ones, this time of transition never fails to bring a certain time of contemplation and introspection.

The main thought: change.

It is a word that could invoke many a thought and attitude. It is a thought pattern that frightens the best of us. It is inevitable and something that will touch each one of us – no matter our age or stage of life.

We all experience various changes with our lives, whether it be a new marriage, the arrival of a new child, graduation, job promotions/losses, moving, death of a family member or spouse, death itself, etc... But while all people on Earth experience the very same things, we remain anchored through unpredictable waters.

Our Lord God remains our constant source of life and hope. He is our anchor, in whom we find “strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us” (Hebrews 6:18, 19a). No matter the change we will face in this life, God proves a most trustworthy and ever-present companion who is “the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). And even though for a time, our lives be mired with change, sorrow, distress or tears, we hold an anchored hope in Jesus Christ and lean on His never-failing grace and forgiveness. For through every change and season of our life, we rejoice in the future that has yet to be revealed when all will be made perfect and complete through Christ.



Until that day, we take comfort and rest when we face the multitude of changes in our unchangeable, immovable, ever-present Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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\*This is most likely my last Agapegram article for the next few months, as Shannon and I anticipate the birth of our son later this month. We again thank you for your prayers and support given as we prepared for his arrival.

\*After his birth, I will be on personal leave for some time. We will still attend church as we are able, but it will be as a fellow church member and not as a professional church worker. Please understand if I do not keep up with church business as much as I do now.

\*The Prayer Chain will continue through my leave, but with some changes. Those changes are being discussed and will be announced at a later time.

\*Thank you for your understanding as I look to begin this new part of life as a mother. I remain your deaconess, and you all remain in my prayers.

*Deaconess Holly*

# Discipline

Written by Dr. Kari Vo. for Lutheran Hour Ministries  
Edited by Scott Krueger, Head Elder

Hebrews 12:5-6 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives."

Many people have had terrible tragedies in their lives, and they fear that this is a punishment from God. They ask with tears in their eyes, "Did the car accident happen because of my sin? Did God let me get cancer because I did something wrong?" The tragedy is bad enough, but now they are also worrying: Is God angry at me? Do I have to carry this alone, without His comfort and strength?

Absolutely not. Listen to the Holy Spirit in this passage when He is talking about real discipline: He says, "God is treating you as sons ... He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness." Discipline is something you do to people you love, and you do it for their good. It is limited, not destructive, and it has a goal—"the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

A life-destroying accident that happens with no rhyme or reason is not discipline. No loving parent would cause such a thing, and no child would benefit from it, either. No, these horrors are things that happen because we live in a broken world, and God grieves with us when we suffer. He wants us to turn to Him for comfort and strength.

If you are worrying about this subject, it's a good time to talk with Pastor, or your Elder. And above all, keep in mind that the Lord who laid down His life for you and rose again to make you His forever is not someone who enjoys punishing people or who does it in a confusing way, so that people never know where they stand with Him. If you are going through great suffering, turn to Him for mercy and comfort. He will welcome you with open arms.



**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** For over 100 years Lutheran Hour Ministries has been committed to sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it. Today, LHM energizes, equips, and engages Christians to share the Gospel throughout North America and around the globe. We are able to offer many free or low-cost resources because people like you have already joined our mission. Learn more about how you can get involved at [lhm.org/discoverlhm](http://lhm.org/discoverlhm).



# Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church History

## Our Beginning-the Next Twelve Years

**“These forty years  
the LORD your God  
has been with you.**



**You have  
lacked nothing.”  
Deut. 2:7b**

In the next 12 years we see how the Lord continues to bless Eternal Shepherd. There were building expansions, mortgages paid off, Little Lambs Preschool began, staff increased, and Pastor Hammer arrived.

Below are more dates to remember. And more reasons to be thankful!

**October 6, 1999** – Mortgage dated September 18, 1991 originally in the amount of \$323,611.29 was paid in full.

**March 26, 2000** – Congregation approved plans for facility expansion at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000.00.

**May 18, 2000** – Groundbreaking held for expansion.

**April 29, 2001** – Dedication of new Fellowship and Sunday School building.

**March 17, 2002** – Dedication of Memorial Garden.

**August 2002** – Little Lambs Preschool opened for 3-year-olds.

**January 2003** – Preschool begins second year with 3- and 4-year-olds.

**August 2003** – Preschool starts with a Kindergarten class.

**October 2003** – Church library reorganized and opened with Pictorial Archives added. “Clowns for Christ” Ministry became an authorized branch of Outreach Ministry, directed by Chris & Annabel Christiansen.

**February 2004** – Twentieth Anniversary Celebration held in expanded facility. Sermon by first pastor, Kevin Graudin, with Pastors George M. Coffman, Ken Schamens and Geary Bird serving as liturgists. Members of our sponsoring church, Abiding Savior of Anderson, were honored guests.

**August 8, 2004** - Installation of Jodene Baker as our Director of Discipleship.

**June 26, 2005** – Congregation agreed to re-carpet, repaint the sanctuary, build step-up risers for the choir and relocate the sacristy.

**November 9, 2008** – Pastor Hammer welcomed.

**December 14, 2008** – First Christmas Live Nativity.

**June 4, 2010** – Intern Dan Huth started work.

**August 2011** – Vicar Justin Pahl arrives to begin one year of service.

**November 13, 2011** – New Organ purchased, sanctuary remodeled, and moved the pulpit to inside the chancel.

**In the October edition of the Agapegram will cover the next thirteen years.**



## **Lutheran Liturgy: Invocation**

### **“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”**

We will begin with this Invocation which because of its brevity is quickly passed over almost without notice. But its brevity is hardly to be understood as insignificance.

This calling upon the unmistakable name of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in fact contains the entire content of Christianity. What’s in a name? In this name – everything! The world’s and our creation; our salvation and our sanctification are herein contained. This unique Triune identification sets Him apart from every other named deity and from the generic identification – “God”.

This name is God’s revealed identity in the Holy Scriptures. He is present in 3 persons in the Scriptures. God the Father created the world through His Word (Jesus Christ the Word later to be made flesh) and the Holy Spirit who “hovered over the waters”. The designation Father was the father of Israel His chosen people. The Son was prophesied throughout the OT as the coming Messiah beginning with the Gospel spoken in Gen 3. But it is in the NT that God’s 3 in 1 nature was fully revealed.

By His gracious self-revelation we know beyond any doubt who God is even if He is a mystery and wonder beyond all knowing and explaining. And while there has always been a multitude of “gods” (idols), there is only one true and living God who can be invoked, that is called upon to hear, and respond to His beloved people.

Now here comes the intriguing part. In knowing who the only true God is we know our true identity for His divine name was pronounced and given to each of us in our Baptism and we became in Christ His beloved washed and new born children. In these few words of God’s holy name we know Him and in so knowing Him we know who we are – HIS!

The fullness of our Baptismal identity in Christ is found in the third chapter of Matthew. Baptized into Christ we are cleansed by His blood-bought forgiveness of all of our sins; in Christ by faith we received the Father’s affirmation and favor as sons; and in Christ, the Holy Spirit made His descent into our hearts empowering us to believe and live the new life of faith active in love for others like unto His passionate love for us so gloriously displayed at the cross and victoriously confirmed at the empty tomb.

The Invocation is a few words said in a few seconds. Yet it is God’s revealed holy name and each believer’s full and eternal identity. More than enough said to enter into our every worship service.

## *Comfort Dog News*

The Seth Team is excited to return to Midtown Atlanta this November for our 3rd annual Lutheran Towers visit. Lutheran Towers is a HUD facility and home to 200+ very low-income residents. Since opening its doors in 1972, Lutheran Towers has always had the same core passion for providing for Atlanta's most vulnerable population. Today, it continues to carry out the mission of providing safe, quality, and affordable independent living within a caring community. They focus on 8 dimensions of health and wellness including:



- Physical Wellness
- Intellectual Wellness
- Occupational Wellness
- Social Wellness
- Environmental Wellness
- Spiritual Wellness
- Emotional Wellness
- Financial Wellness

On Friday, November 22nd, the Seth Team will load the ESLC bus and head to Atlanta for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We'll be joined by Hope Comfort Dog from Faith Lutheran Church in Marietta, GA. The ESLC Mission Quilters are once again generously donating 60-80 quilts. These beautiful handmade quilts are sure to warm the hearts of the residents.

As low-income seniors, many residents struggle with some of their most basic needs. The Seth Team will be assembling 100 holiday bags for men and women filled with personal care items. They will be handed out during our visit.

**Here's how you can help! Each bag costs approximately \$20.00. Your generosity is sure to help ensure this vulnerable population has something to smile about during the upcoming holiday season.**

**Look for the display located in the Narthex along with specially marked envelopes for your donation. We will be collecting your gifts throughout the month of October.**

The residents look forward to spending time with Seth and Hope Comfort Dogs and words of encouragement from the Comfort Dog teams. Our visits bring a little joy to their lives, and it does the same for us.

*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."  
Proverbs 19:17*

*~Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*

*~Sue McCart, Lutheran Towers Board Chair*

***Please Note: There will be a second Top Dog/Comfort Dog Informational Meeting held after late service on September 29th in Room 301 (please note this change in date). If you have any questions or want to know more about what the Comfort Dog team does or perhaps are interested in becoming the Top Dog for a possible 2nd dog, please come and learn more about it! And if for some reason, you can't make the meeting, I am always willing and available to share my experience with you! ~Kyra Carbone, Top Dog***



# LWML Carolinas District Convention September 20-21, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
100 Lochmere Dr. West, Cary, NC

Focus: "Be still and know that I am  
God" Psalm 46:10

Guest Speaker: Deb Burma



## WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE CAROLINAS DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION?

- It's a gathering of other LWML sisters in Christ
- To participate in Worship and Communion to honor our God
- To hear and vote for the Mission Grants. (LWML stands for Lutheran Women in Mission, which was the initial purpose in organizing the Lutheran women.)
- To enjoy fellowship and singing, always singing to honor our God
- To participate in Bible Study with Deb Burma, a nationally well-known author of Bible studies
- To bring offerings for Gifts of the Heart to help others In need
- To "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!"  
Psalm 100:2

Please put **September 20 & 21st** on your calendar in **PURPLE**. It's an event you should not miss.

Guest speaker Deb Burma has spoken at national and regional conferences across the country, as well as retreats and ministry events. She has led workshops and sectionals for the Best Practices for Ministry (BPM) Conferences, the Women's Leadership Institute's National Conferences, and more. Her ministry travels have taken her to 27 states and Canada, aboard a Caribbean cruise ship, and continue to lead her down the street to her home church.

Cost is \$65.00 and discounted hotels are available. For more information please contact Kathy Bergeson (901) 508-0936 or [bergesonemail@gmail.com](mailto:bergesonemail@gmail.com)

Also, you may visit the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)



LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

## **C.A.R.E. Scholarship** Compassionate Assistance Response Effort

The Little Lambs Preschool's Board has established a special scholarship program to be used for tuition assistance to aid students whose family has experienced a catastrophic and/or life altering situation. Funding for this effort will be through your donations to a special Little Lambs account, which will be used solely for this effort.

In past years some LLP students' families have experienced significant loss of income, and/or extraordinary increases in expenses due to situations such as cancer, fire, natural disasters, divorce, and death in the family. Without assistance, a family would not be able to afford tuition. Fortunately, so far, other students' families have stepped forward and paid their tuition, or the Board has found other ways to support the students.

The C.A.R.E Scholarship effort will be available to immediately address these special circumstances. This will help to ameliorate the stress on the family as they strive to recover. This program started in August as the new school year got underway.

Funding for this special program will be through your donations to the Little Lambs **C.A.R.E.** account. Special envelopes are available in the pocket on the **C.A.R.E. posterboard** located by the mailboxes, or on the wooden table in the narthex. If you prefer to donate through the ESLC website ([eternalshepherd.org](http://eternalshepherd.org)), click on the Online Giving button located at the upper right corner and select the Little Lambs C.A.R.E. tile/button. For questions or more information call Jon Tyner at 513-600-1329.

**Dinner @ 6:00:** Please join hosts Gary & Patty Smith for **Dinner @ 6:00 on Tuesday, September 24th at the Copper River Grill.** Join us for a time of great food and fellowship. **Please use the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex.** *~We look forward to seeing you there.*

The Copper River Grill is located at  
514 By Pass 123  
Seneca, SC 29678



## Honduras Mission News

It's a rainy morning as the 25 missionaries board the bus at La Casa de Esperanza, (the House of Hope) the World Gospel Outreach mission house in Honduras. They are headed down the mountain into the center of Tegucigalpa for their first day of serving. They began their day with devotions, enjoyed breakfast and now are ready to begin their work. There is a bit of apprehension as to what lies ahead, especially for those on their first trip. The road winds down the mountain with valleys opening up on both sides. As they round a bend, a valley opens up on the right side of the bus and there, what seems like only a few feet away, is a beautiful, brilliant rainbow, more brilliant than any had ever seen before. Suddenly all of the apprehensions of the day are gone as this WGO Serve Team is touched by the Hand of God as they travel to do His work in the city.

This account is true and though it does not happen on each trip down the mountain, I believe when you talk to a missionary who has served with WGO they will say that during their week of serving they were truly touched by the hand of God. This is why many return year after year to Honduras. God has touched their hearts and called them to bring hope to His people.

Going on a short-term mission is a way to learn about the incredible world and humanity God created. But remember, God's "bigness" includes the fact that He's already been to Honduras, Africa, Europe, and Asia. In fact, He's been to every place in the world. You are not taking God to them; God has been there all along.—He's only been waiting for you to come participate in *His Mission*.

The Serve Team is still forming for the 2025 Mission Trip, (Feb. 22 to Mar. 1, 2025). There is room for you so please get on your knees and talk with God about how He would have you serve. Let Pastor Ray or John Cochell know when you get your answer.

### Toy's For God's Kids – Your ESLC “Smilemakers need your help!

- I.e., we need more helpers, otherwise known as “Smilemakers”. Since our inception here at ESLC in 2015 we have sent out 20,000 small toy wooden cars. These were all cut and assembled by members of our group. At present we only have 2 or 3 people cutting the cars, sanding, drilling and stamping. On assembly day we have 8 – 10 folks who come to help assemble the cars. This activity occurs throughout the U.S. at TFGK locations in many cities. The toy cars are distributed to missionaries, military and to Shoebox ministries as requested.



The members of our group are also involved in many other ministries at ESLC and in the community making it difficult to get enough people together to do the work at times. If anyone has a scroll saw or a drill press we



**Turning Scrapwood  
Into Smiles**



could use your help in getting everything ready to assemble. If you can put a round peg in a round hole and tap on the wheels we need your help as well. Consider becoming a “Smilemaker”. Contact Mike Hauser or Pastor Ray Ramsburg for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to others with the love of Christ.

## Operation Christmas Child

This month Eternal Shepherd will host the Project Leader's Workshop in the Fellowship Hall on Sat., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30pm. The Workshop is meant to teach and encourage new or prospective Project Leaders in their efforts to bring the Shoebox Ministry to their churches.



The goal of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is always to "Pack One More Box", in an effort to send the Gospel to as many children around the world as possible. In 2023, OCC sent out over 11,300,000 shoebox gifts to children in over 120 countries! This year they hope to send out 12,000,000 or more!

If you would like to learn more about Operation Christmas Child and the many opportunities to be involved, feel free to attend the Workshop. Dinner will be served, and a lesson from The Greatest Journey Discipleship Program will be taught so you can see some of what the children learn through that program.

### Save the Date:

**Our church-wide Shoebox Packing Party will take place on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Please plan on attending this wonderfully fun fellowship event and help us pack 300 shoebox gifts!**

*~ Contact Terri Baumann for more information on OCC*



**HAVE DINNER at Your Pie Dockside and benefit Little Lambs Preschool!** Visit between 5:00 and 10pm on Tuesday September 17 and LLP will receive 20% of the evening proceeds. It's a giant fellowship event so bring your friends and family and have some great food - custom pizza, wings, hot pasta dishes, and dessert! *See you there.*



## Wonderful Wednesday's Have Returned!

Please make plans to attend our Wonderful Wednesday Potluck Dinners. It is always a great time of fellowship and good food. Please bring your favorite dish to share. *~We look forward to seeing you there.*



## MISSION COMMITTEE - OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Eternal Shepherd Seneca is blessed in so many ways, not the least of which is our involvement in Missions. Our Board of Christian Outreach is focused on Oconee County and our Mission Committee Disaster Response is focused on the Southeastern District of the LCMS, including Oconee County. As a committee, we have specific Missions outside the district, and actually outside the United States.

Note the following:

**Honduras Mission** – typically calendar week #8 each year. During the week they will see approximately 2000 Honduran citizens, sharing the Gospel after helping with their basic needs. For a great summary see the August 2024 Agapegram article. For more information contact Pastor Ray or John Cochell.

**Disaster Response** – September 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> a rebuilding project in Duluth, Georgia about 1-1/2 hours from Seneca. We need about 15 to 20 volunteers to help out during part or all of that week. The August 2024 Agapegram article gives details on what needs to be done and all expenses are covered. Contact John Beattie.

**Disaster Response Chainsaw Basic Training** – Class offered September 27-28 and details from Pastor Bill Barthel [22barthel@gmail.com](mailto:22barthel@gmail.com)

**Haiti** – Pas Bonbon Lutheran Church and school. We provide a meal for each child at noon, year round. Today there are 320 students from Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also cover the salaries for the staff – Teachers and cook. The civil unrest has been in the capitol city area of Port au Prince. The schools are in the Central Plateau about 3 ½ hour drive and very safe. The possibility to return for a VBS week may be open in the Spring of 2025. This would be in conjunction with our SED LCMS Mt Pisgah team in Hendersonville, NC. For more information contact Lars Helland.

**Alaska** – In years past we had a team going to Chevak for a week of VBS and senior youth fellowship. This was in conjunction with a team from Concordia Austin, Texas under the leadership of Pat Fick. Pat also was our leader for trips we at ESLC took to Saltillo, Mexico. We currently need a leader to head this mission trip tentatively set for July 2025.

**Special Missions** – we send financial support when funds are available to Nathan Esala translation coordinator for Lutheran Bible Translators; David and Dr. Ariana (McLain) Shirk and their girls serving in Kijabe, Kenya ([Shirkadventure.com](http://Shirkadventure.com)) and our Mission Quilters.

**Your Mission** – The Mission Committee is open to learning new mission opportunities. If you have a mission you want to head up and get help organizing it, let us know. Contact Lars Helland or Richard Grotheer for details. [Here am I Lord, Send Me.](#)

**Lars Helland, Mission Committee Chair**



**Hospitality continues as an important ministry in our church since our church believes that fellowship with other Christians is vital. We always remain committed to our church and are always looking for new members.**




We are increasingly utilizing this ministry more and more with each passing day. We would love to have more people involved: 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 interested in joining our ministry, please contact Colleen Wakeman.

On Sundays, we are involved with treats for Bible study between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> services. This again can be as much or as little as you want. Providing the coffee and any treats that can be homemade, store bought or packaged. If you sign up and are not sure how to proceed, just let me (Colleen Wakeman) know and I will help you learn the ropes (which is not difficult). It will allow you to get to know more people and is great fun.

In addition to addressing problems between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> services, I have offered a remedy to getting specific pumps with the pumper pots. They are now color coated. Match color to color and they will work.

We are currently working towards the 40<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration for our church. In the future, I will be putting a sign-up sheet for different things for hospitality to participate in on this special day. Be looking for it!

Thanks to all who do so much to further our "hospitality" ministry.  
*Blessings, Colleen*

A photograph of a woman with dark hair and a young child, both smiling. The woman is wearing a red top and the child is wearing a light blue shirt. They are sitting in front of a decorative archway.

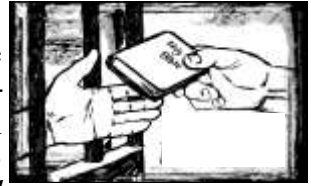
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## **DETENTION CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRY:**

**Saturday, September 14th** ESLC is planning a visit to the Men's and the Women's sides of the Detention Center in Walhalla. **We will need cookies for this ministry** (30 baggies with regular cookies – 4 cookies to a bag). Please have your cookies to the church by 9 am Sat., Sept. 14th. *These cookies are a small way of sharing God's love and are much appreciated by those who receive them.* We will meet at ESLC Sat., September 14th at 10:00 AM for logistics & prayer and then on to the Center to make our 11:00 AM appointment. *Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you are interested in serving our Lord in the important ministry, or have any questions please contact Ann Miller at (864) 637-8353 or asjohn315@gmail.com.*



## **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 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.*



**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>.

**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 pick up an order form from the Scrip Box or 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.*



## Hospitality Happenings for September

9/1 — ???

9/8 — ???

9/15 — Joan Callahan, Carol Nichelson &  
Linda Nichelson

9/22 — ???

9/29 — David & Laura Broderdorf



Hospitality is going full speed. We provide 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 interested in any of these, please contact me at 864-784-0421 and I will gladly help. ~Colleen Wakeman

### September Birthdays

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|---|--|
| 1 – Kerry Blount<br>Laura Broderdorf                          | 15 – Karen Eckersley<br>Scott Krueger    |
| 2 – Jim Clack<br>Katrina Madden<br>Ted Wanthal                | 16 – Mike Scott                          |
| 3 – Ann Cochell   | 17 – Lucas McKay<br>Evelyn Seigler       |
| 5 – Carl Sitler   | 18 – Carrie Haenggi<br>Sam Hamrick       |
| 7 – Lisa Hill   | Phillip Welte                            |
| 8 – Pat Milz<br>Jerry Seiff                                   | 19 – Judy Hammer<br>Ann Miller           |
| 9 – Pete Thoma<br>Paul Wilson                                 | 20 – Chris Christensen                   |
| 10 – Terri Baumann<br>Kenny Bell                              | 21 – Scott Robirds                       |
| 11 – Frank Kieninger  | 22 – Katie Getchell                      |
| 13 – Raz Rysinski   | 23 – Keith Phelan                        |
| 14 – Juliette Johnsonwall<br>Kaylee Phelan<br>Scott Toussaint | 24 – Jacob Zirbel                        |
|   | 27 – Kayla Fireovid                      |
|   | 29 – Don Del Priore III<br>Jean Hippchen |
|   | 30 – Kailynne Wood                       |



### September Anniversaries

- 1 – Kim & Sue Wennermark  
7 – Alec & Teresa Todd  
17 – Carl & Katherine Sitler  
21 – Fred & Debbie Bell  
22 – Dave & Mary Compton  
23 – Pete & Laura Thoma  
24 – Tony & Sandy Alford  
29 – Larry & Ann Miller



## **SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS**



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

**In loving memory of *Susan Goeckel*  
the Flower Fund received a gift of \$60.00**

**In honor of *Bill Barthel*  
the Disaster Response Team Fund received a gift of \$96.71**

### **Other Gifts:**

**The Alaska Missions Fund received gifts of \$300.00**

**The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$369.25**

**The Disaster Response Team/Ramp Builders Fund received a gift of \$1,500.00  
from Southeastern District Grant for a Tractor Grapple**

**The Elders Fund a gift of \$100.00**

**The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$245.73**

**The FCC Baby Bottle Drive Fund received gifts of \$2,482.13**

**The General Fund received a gift of \$800.00 from Blessings Shared Grant**

**The Haiti Mission Fund received gifts of \$200.00**

**The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received gifts of \$135.12**

**The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$970.26,  
and a gift of \$500.00 from Vanguard Charitable Grant**

**The Pastor's Discretionary Fund received a gift of \$100.00**

**The Safety Committee Fund received a gift of \$48.13**

**The Special Missions Fund received a gift of \$100.00  
and a gift of \$1,000.00 for Shirk Adventure, Kenya**

**The Youth Fund for Youth Retreat received gifts of \$796.94**

# Little Lambs Tales

*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12*

As I write this article we have finished our first full week of preschool. It has been a good start! Our school is bustling with activity, and we are all so happy to be back in session.

Watching and observing the children, I am once again reminded how even though our preschool children are so young, they set a great example for us on how to live as Christians.

They love one another without bias. They speak words of kindness to one another and encourage us to likewise use encouraging words. As they listen to the Chapel message, they listen with an open heart, trust, and have faith in the message they are hearing.

We are blessed here at Little Lambs Preschool to be using the Concordia Press Curriculum materials which will guide our lessons through the messages we hear during our Chapel time each week. How fortunate to be able to base our academic lessons on our Christian faith. It is such a gift, and we love to share this gift with our beautiful children.

## **Some dates to keep in mind for September:**

- **Sept 2 Labor Day (no school)**
- **September 12 Farm Day**
- **September 15 Teacher Commissioning 8:30 am service**
- **September 17 Your Pie Fundraiser at Dockside 5:00-10:00**

Please be mindful when driving through the parking lot during our school day and watch your speed! We want to make sure we keep all our Little Lambs safe! Thank you!

As we begin our school year, we ask for your continued prayers for all of us at Little Lambs Preschool. We appreciate all the support you continue to give to us and know that it is because of your support that Little Lambs Preschool continues to thrive!

Blessings in Christ,  
Gina



***Thank you for your support!***

# 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.*

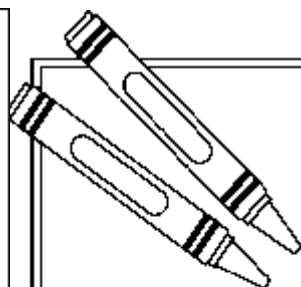
## What you need:

- 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
- 1/2 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.

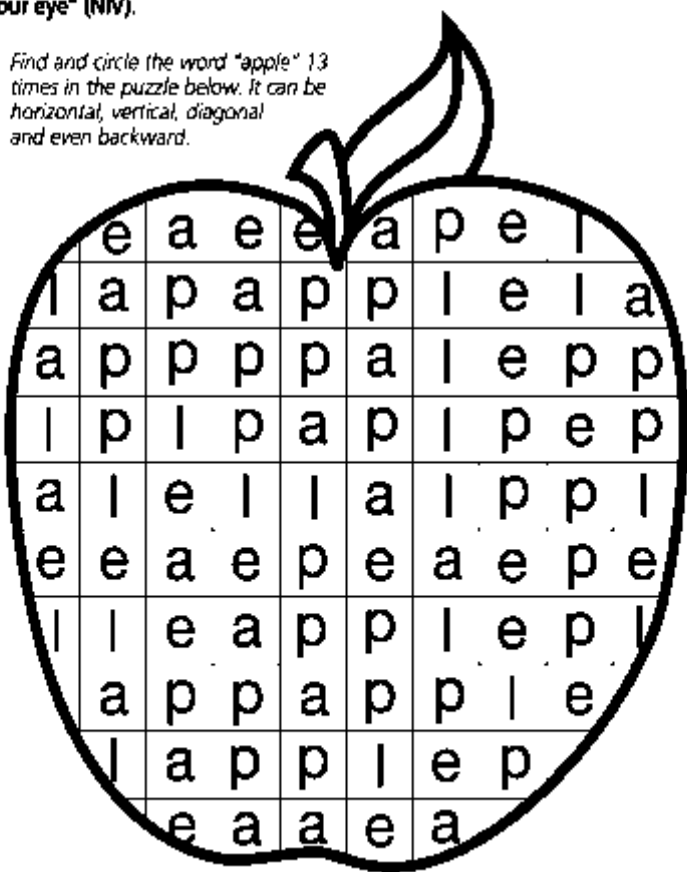


# Just for KIDS

## 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

Deaconess: Holly Cox

Secretary: Celeste Entrekin

Preschool Director: Gina Cote

Choir Director: Rick Schmidt

Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland

Organist: David Phillips

## **MISSIONARIES**

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