

The Shepherd's Staff

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The Spirit of Pentecost-

Where will it move you?

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New Summer Office Hours:

The office will be staffed from 8 am – 12 noon, Mon-Fri, beginning June 22 until August 31.

Once again, the season of Pentecost is upon us. This year, the day of Pentecost is on May 31st. On the day of Pentecost, we begin the longest season of the church year. It will be Pentecost until Advent rolls around at the very end of November. That's a long time. Including the one day of May, Pentecost will last through seven different months. And Pentecost will last for 182 days. That's half a year long. Pentecost is certainly a very long season.

This year, as we mark the day of Pentecost, and enter again into another long Pentecost season, we once more hear the familiar story from Acts, about the experience the Ancient Church had with the Holy Spirit. And on the day of Pentecost, as we are reminded, once again, about the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit, we are also again strengthened and emboldened with the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit that gathers us in, and it is the Holy Spirit that sends us out in the name of the triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that moves in our hearts to strengthen and affirm our faith, and it is the Spirit that moves in our hearts to strengthen, and affirm the ministry of our church, and our involvement in the ministry of our church. It is the Spirit that calls us to live faithful lives, living out the teachings of Jesus, in our daily lives. And it is the Spirit that calls us to be the Body of Christ, together, in our community.

The time of Pentecost is sometimes referred to as ordinary time, and during the Pentecost season, much of what the Gospel lessons focus upon, is what Jesus taught to us. During the Pentecost season, we will hear many of the parables that Jesus told to us. And during the Pentecost season, we gather at the feet of our Lord, and Savior, and listen to our Lord and Teacher. During the Pentecost season, we will be taught by Jesus, and then strengthened and sent by the Holy Spirit, we will take our best shot at living out all that Jesus has taught to us.

During the season of Pentecost, we are gathered together around water and the Word, and around bread and wine, and then sent out into our world filled, renewed, and strengthened to do God's work. And during the season of Pentecost, we respond to the Spirit's call to faithful living, and to the Spirit's call to live out the teachings of our Great Teacher, in our daily lives, and in our daily living. Pentecost is certainly a very long season. But there is much that the Holy Spirit calls us to, and there are so many ways for us to live out all that Jesus teaches to us. Thankfully, during the long, long, long, long, long, long, long Pentecost season, we have plenty of time to hear and respond to all that the Spirit calls us to.

Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

June 2009-Special Days

<u>Birthdays:</u>	Irving Childs	2
	Kyle Jepsen	4
	George Lengel	6
	Sophia Engelhardt	7
	Chris Steuer	7
	Linda Cray	9
	Kerry Jepsen	14
	Nicholas Jepsen	14
	Walter Borchert	18
	Ruth Juve	18
	Matthew Anderson	22
	Tory Goodheart	28
	Jane Jepsen	30
	Jill Sarno	30

Thoughts and prayers to Sally Nelson on the passing of her beloved, 13-year old, Persian cat.

Special Notes of Interest

Daytime Bible Study with Pastor Dave on June 4:
Classes at 10 a.m. and 2 pm. *Please note: no 3rd Thursday Bible Study this month.*

Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Rob Tacker:
Pot luck meal begins at 6:30 pm followed by Bible Study until 8:15 pm. Come for one or both!

Do you have some extra key chains lying around? The office could use a few!

Quilt Silent Auction:: Originally planned for May, the auction for the beautiful quilt will take place in June. Bid high & bid often! Read on for more info.

Mowers needed! Can you take a turn mowing the property once or twice a month? Contact Rob Tacker if you can help out.

Spaghetti Dinner/Movie Trivia Night on June 6th:
Fundraiser for CATCH; 5:30 – 8 pm ; See Page 4 for more info.

“Green” Tip for June:

The summer travel season is here, and with it comes road trips to friends and family. Make sure you tighten your gas cap until it clicks 3 times. Each year in the United States, 147 million gallons of gasoline literally evaporate into the atmosphere because of loose, damaged or missing caps. Drive responsibly....and don't forget the seat belts!

Prayer Requests

George Lengel, LaVona McCowan, Marie Forsberg, Abby Greene, Mark Engelhardt, Jerry Kent, Rev. Rob Robb and Carolyn Robb, Betty Wiedenheft, Claire Teichmann, Christian Nelson, Fran Keith, Michael Yopp, Christine Hardy, Jan Daigneault, Patty Miller, Rita Taylor, Don and Dot Evans, Dot and John Leitch, Bob and Harriet Meade, Les Hibbert, Simone Fortin, Meghan McCarthy, Gayle Price, Malcolm Kdonian, Kay Wallace, Jennifer Balzotti, Carol Remy, Robin Imhoff, Elsie Ivester

Reverend Seminarian Mark Tonnesen – Congratulations on his graduation from LTSP!
Rev. Papa Myles-Aikens, Mike & Rachele Sleep
The Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We are thankful for those in uniform: Ryan Allard, Daniel Anderson, Matthew Anderson, James Bascom, Martin Cisneros, Tom Considine, Jeffrey De Lemus, B.J. Dellinger, Jonathan Ferrelli, Kambra Juve, Christian Randall, Beth Steele, Billy in Iraq

Committee News

Property: Thanks to those who participated in the Spring Clean-Up on May 16th. The numbers were few but the results were grand! Take a look at the windows in the Nursery/Multi-Purpose room- the cutest curtains you ever did see. Thanks to new member Marlene Harvey for helping to bring the sunshine into the room! Committee meeting date: 1st Tuesday of the month – please join in!

Good Shepherd Supply: Tell your friends & co-workers that quality office (& occasional household) furniture is available from us! Call the church office for “open” days & times. Can you help by taking a turn showing folks around? Assistance is needed. Please contact the office. A June 26th & 27th yard sale (here at G.S.L.C.) will help move some excess inventory. Hot dogs will be sold to those hungry shoppers by the Youth group. Yum!

Stewardship: Next meeting date: June 8th (2nd Monday of the month) at 6 pm. While Spring has just arrived, the Stewardship Dinner is already being planned for Nov. 8th here at Good Shepherd. Details from Chair John Olmstead in the coming months.

Website: Would you like to go “green” & receive The Shepherd’s Staff online? Contact the office & get on our electronic distribution list! Chair John Olmstead updates our website frequently to include all the latest news from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! Also, would you like to learn about website design? All you need is a computer and an hour or two a month...John could use your assistance!

Fellowship & Summer Happenings: A pot-luck anniversary celebration of 40 years as an ordained Lutheran minister will be held on July 12th for Pastor Richard Learned. Can the Fellowship Committee count on you to bring a dish to share? Contact Chairs Grita Olmstead and Donna Garnett for details.

Saturday, August 8th is the annual Church picnic at Carolyn and Joe Bascetta’s. Details to follow in the July newsletter.

Finance: This committee’s goal is to evolve to a “fund” type of accounting system in 2010 to simplify tracking income and expenses. A big undertaking! *Help Wanted:* Do you have a knack for numbers? Any accounting experience? Please join the Finance Committee. See Ron or Pastor for details.

Reach The Beach: Sept. 18 & 19 will see 400 teams jog down our roads & be refreshed by the G.S.L.C. team. Teams are fund-raising for Alzheimer's research and domestic violence prevention. Do you have 4 hours to be a part of the team? See team liaison Lee Engelhardt for details.

CATCH: Community Advancement through Camping & Helping can change kids lives. This year, there is are significantly more applications than funds. Can you help a child on this journey? Please consider one of the following contribution levels:

Director Level	\$1,000 +
Counselor	500
Counselor In Training	250
Staffer	100
Camper	50

Camp Calumet & White Mountain Ranch have been so generous again with scholarships—let’s take full advantage; jump aboard & help a needy child on his/her life’s’ voyage. Help us send even more kids to summer camp. Donations to G.S.L.C./CATCH.

Worship & Music: Don’t miss A Joyful Noise—their summer is a busy one! Performance dates:

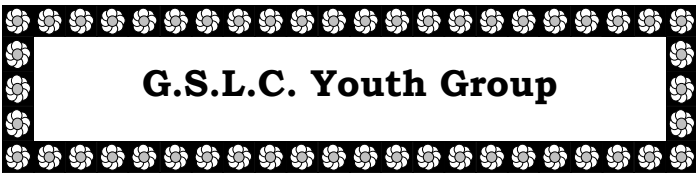
August 9 Camp Calumet at the 10 am Worship Service

August 16 Meredith Neck Church, 10 am Worship Service

August 23 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10:15 Worship Service

The New Horizons Band is also planning a few performance dates. Stay tuned for details!

Remember: Equal Exchange Coffee is available for purchase. See the coffee basket on the credenza in the Narthex—help promote fair trade worldwide.



G.S.L.C. Youth Group

Grab Your Towels!

Come splish, splash and slide your way to fun, giggles and fellowship at the **Family Pool Party** on June 7th from 12 – 2:30 p.m. at Steel Hill Resort in Sanbornton. And...sausage or pepperoni on your pie? Pizza will be served to all those hungry swimmers – yum! Think it's still too cold to swim yet? Have you seen the fabulous hot tub? The views are heavenly! Don't miss this one! See Julie Nelson for additional details or to sign up!

The Flock Youth Newsletter

Want to know more details about the Youth programs? See Julie Nelson, or stop by the office for your copy of the Youth newsletter.



Silent Auction for Quilt — Proceeds benefit Hearts &

When you visit the Fellowship Hall during the month of June, you'll notice a beautiful quilt hanging on the wall. Jim Nelson, a frequent visitor and friend of Good Shepherd, has offered it as a Silent Auction item, proceeds of which will benefit the Food Pantry and Youth Group.

Originally planned for May, it will now run in June. Jim's mom was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Katherine, North Dakota. As part of the quilting group, her weekly meetings produced many beautiful quilts for friends and hospitalized children. As Jim prepares to move, his donation of his mom's beautiful handmade quilt will generate food money for needy families as well as benefit the youth group and its various programs.

Bid high and bid often! Thanks to, and God Bless Jim for his gracious gift to those in need.



Warehouse Yard Sale June 26 & 27

Mark your calendars! The Yard Sale is fast approaching. This annual event will help to generate funds to support this ministry. It is also a big undertaking, and Dave Anderson could use your help!

Volunteers are needed at the following times:

<u>Friday</u>	8 am	Table set-up, empty trailers
(6/26)	12 pm – 5 pm	Customer assistance
<u>Saturday</u>	8 am – 3 pm	Customer assistance
(6/27)	3 pm +	Table breakdown and reload trailers

Items to donate for the sale? Drop off at the church on Thursday, June 25 (after 2 pm) or Friday, June 26 (8 am). *And remember to tell your friends...clean out those attics for a good cause!*

Perhaps it's been awhile since you've heard what GSS has been up to. Recent activities: helped 6 refugee families with furniture & general household items; donated 8,000 pairs of reading glasses to Lions Club; donated equipment to area churches and the Boys & Girls Club, in addition to selling items to businesses, non-profits and individuals.

Pasta..., with Purpose! Spaghetti Supper to benefit CATCH

If you've read the CATCH summary on the preceding page, you'll know that the number of applications for needy children to go to camp exceeds the available funds. Lisa Nelson has organized a Spaghetti Dinner and Movie Trivia Night for Saturday, June 6th, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Join in the fun as you dine on scrumptious pasta, then test your knowledge of movie tunes from years' past. Your donation of \$12/family or \$5/individual gets you a great night out. Hmm...no cooking, no cleaning, fun for the whole family, *and* proceeds benefit a very worthy cause. A better excuse for a night out will never be found! See or call Lisa for additional information.

Graduation from LTSP for Mark Tonnesen

Dear Congregation of Good Shepherd,

Can you believe it? Four years have passed since I said goodbye to Good Shepherd and began my formal seminary education. Well, on Sunday, 17 May 2009, I graduated and said good-bye to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia [LTSP]. This transition is, a kind of a small death, marked by the end of classes, and farewells to friends and colleagues, professors, staff, and community at LTSP. But, it is also a birth into a new and exciting period of discernment and call to ministry.

On May 19 I left to serve at Luther Springs, a summer camp, in Hawthorne, Florida until August. In June, I meet with my candidacy committee (approval panel for ordination) for the New England Synod. Please keep me in your prayers. As you may know, my children, Elke and Gunnar, live in Saint Cloud, Florida, and so I will be looking for a call here.

Though we have been separated by distance there is one thing that is certain: I would not have been able to walk or finish my faith journey without your prayerful, physical, and financial support. Words fall far short of the gratitude I feel in my heart for the Christian presence Good Shepherd has been to me on this journey. You have encouraged, inspired, and been a part of my daily preparation for ministry. Good Shepherd is a blessing to my family and me.

I will keep you informed as I continue to discern my call and find out what Synod has in store for me. Regardless of where I am, you will never be far from me because you are in my heart.

Blessings and thanks,

Mark R. Tonnesen

Bible Translation Around the World — Update from Mike and Rachele Sleep/Wycliffe Translators

Mike and Rachele embarked on a wonderful journey in March. After moving from Alton, NH to Waxhaw, NC (where they began their training), they began technical training in such things as IT programs where they furthered their education on areas such as technology and translation. Then, just a few weeks ago, they were re-assigned to Southeast Asia! While they cannot share their exact location/specific country at press time, they can tell us that their destination is 9% Christian. It has many beaches, is about the size of New Mexico and the people are peaceful and friendly. They hope to begin their ministry there, make their home there and begin a family there. They say that Southeast Asia seems like where God wants them..., and they feel like it's a good fit in many, many ways. God Speed and God Bless Mike and Rachele as their journey begins.

As a reminder, one-third of Good Shepherd's monthly coin offerings is forwarded to Wycliffe Bible Translators for their venture. It is our hope that our contribution will help this venture flourish and be fruitful for His glory.

You can follow the Sleep's journey at: www.Wycliffe.org/Pray/PrayOn/HowtoPrayfor/Missionaries.aspx

Updates from Camp Calumet

Giant Church Fair: August 23rd is the day you want to mark on your calendar. This is the best of summer time ... and the best of family entertainment in a classic Lutheran setting. The days' line-up will include:

10 am: Worship and Music: Led by Don Johnson, the worship service will include music from past & present Calumet musicians.

12–2 pm: Spectacular Barbeque: Visiting Calumet Chefs from the past and present will join the camp chefs to prepare a special treat!

11:30 am–4 pm Giant Craft Fair: Don't miss the opportunity to shop for early Christmas presents or birthday presents (even a gift for yourself)! Any crafters here at Good Shepherd interested in setting up a table? Contact Betsy at Calumet (ph: 539-3223 x219).

2 pm Town Meeting

3:45 Musical Jam Extravaganza

All Day Long: Kids crafts & activities, Moon Bounce, pontoon boat rides, swimming and lots & lots of friends. Isn't this what Summer's all about?

Upcoming Camp Events:

Golf Weekend for Men: From Sept. 11-13, enjoy a weekend of fun with other Christian golfers. You'll play Indian Mound, The Wentworth and Ridgewood Country Clubs. Weekend Chaplain is our own Pastor Dave!

Columbus Day Weekend: Oct. 9-12, families and adults can enjoy the beauty of autumn in the White Mountains by carving pumpkins, picking apples, making cider, short hikes and leaf-peeping!

A Choral Weekend: From Oct. 30-Nov. 1, join Pr. Edna Van Saun, who's been making choirs and worship experiences remarkable for 20+ years!

There's so much more! See the Calumet flyer posted in Fellowship Hall for a full listing or call the office.

News From New England Women of the ELCA

As you'll no doubt remember, the New England Women of the ELCA met here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 2nd for the Annual Spring Gathering. A special thanks to Grita Olmstead and Linda Cray for the hours at meetings and preparation to set-up this program. Also a special thanks to Bob Cray and John Olmstead for the delicious food! And many thanks from the 24 women who attended from seven New Hampshire churches!

We hope to see all ELCA women next Spring at Christ the King in Nashua, NH.

P.S. We fixed the Oreck vacuum cleaner!

Book Discussion Group Forming

Have you read the best-selling book, THE SHACK, by William P Young? Pastor Richard Learned is organizing a book discussion group. Filled with Christian love and forgiveness, it's a book that will make for great conversation. What time of the day or evening works best for you? Contact Pastor Learned at email wiseguy@metrocast.net or call him at 279-4039 to learn more.

Save The Date!!

The **Annual Good Shepherd Summer Picnic** will be on August 8th, beginning at 12:30 pm. Joe & Carolyn Bascetta's, 34 Heights Rd. (Varney Point), Gilford. Please bring a dish or dessert to pass!

Items Needed for Nursery

A few "finishing touches" are needed. Can you help? New children's books, coloring books, crayons and markers (child-safe, non-toxic, washable, of course), and new child-safe, age appropriate toys needed. New, age appropriate (up to 3 years) only, please. Contact Property Committee chair Rob Tacker with questions or donations. Thank-you.

Thanks to:

Irv Childs, for repairing the tractor.

From The Council President

A reminder of who the Committee Liaisons are:

Ron Garnett – Finance, Special Funds and Constitution
Marcia – Worship & Music, and Property
Amy – Outreach and Good Samaritan
Julie – CATCH and Youth
Chuck – Fellowship
Bob – Auditing
John – Stewardship, GSS and the Website
Lee – Reach The Beach
Paul – Christian Education

Most of these committee/teams need your help. All teams could use additional help. Some of the teams have only one or two people on them. Which team would you like to serve on? Please let the Council Liaison know you are interested. What great things are in store for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Council also wants to build up these teams so that they are more in line with the mission of the church. The Nominating Committee can be used to help in this process. A Council Task Group is looking to define Council's expectation of each of the teams as well as the mission focus of each team. Annual planning calendars are becoming increasingly important so every one knows well in advance what is taking place at GSLC. Council will be asking each team to start thinking a year ahead wherever possible. For example, we already know when Reach the Beach is going to be, there are a number of weddings being planned for the summer and fall, the Blessing of the Animals should be on the Worship Calendar, as well as Easter services etc. All this activity needs to be put on a calendar and published in the newsletter so everyone knows the schedule. The annual picnic date, stewardship dinners, property clean-up days, the annual required child safety training, etc., can all be put into a planning schedule and should already be well into the planning process.

The nursery/multi-Purpose room flooring has been installed (thanks to Ron Nelson) and the furnishings and equipment have been ordered and soon should be in place. The process has started to make this a family friendly space open to nursery needs, as well as to serve as a small conference space (when the nursery is not in use). Council has voted on a Usage Policy regarding this room. Ask someone on Council for a copy.

Previous I have discussed some of Kelly Fryer's ideas about what a church is and should be doing. The Executive Committee of GSLC has met and started the process of setting goals for Council to consider in moving forward. Some of the goals mirror some of the ideas expressed by Kelly Fryer. Therefore I have included some of the material for your review and consideration.

In her book "Reclaiming the 'C' Word-Daring to be Church Again", Kelly Fryer tells us the church needs to be a new kind of church. "A church where the pastor does not sit at every table, because ministry is something all of God's people do; where people are free to act because there is a willingness to risk messing things up; where the most important thing is not what happens in here but, rather, getting people ready to be church out there. We need a new mind set. And that means being able to break free from the church traps we have fallen into." Put another way every thing we do as a church in here should be for the sake of equipping and setting people free to be church out there.

Kelly Fryer put in nicely in the following statement. We start by "recognizing the church traps of institutionalism and hierarchy and clericalism and obsessive attention to good order---and overcoming them." The congregation is not the center of attention but instead is the way to affect the community and world around us.

Some of the theological principles coming from the Protestant Reformation that we hold as foundations to our church are 1) Jesus is Lord, 2) Everyone is welcome, 3) Love changes people, 4) Everyone has something to offer and, 5) The world needs what we have. Your current Council is looking at these five basic principles.

God's Peace and Love to all.

Ron

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Rev. David Dalzell, Pastor

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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Preach, Teach and Reach

Our Mission:

God's gracious love calls us to follow Christ's example and teachings.

Our Vision:

To worship, to witness, to support one another
and to reach out to others.

Nellie's Notes

This wonderful quarterly newsletter of the women in the
New England Synod is now available online at:

http://www.nesynod.org/partners/elca_women.php

I am careful not to confuse excellence

with perfection.

Excellence I can reach for;

perfection is God's business.

— Michael J. Fox

TO:

June 2009 - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Worship & Music, 3:30	2 Quilting, 6:30 Property, 7:00	3 Confirmation Class @ Kehr's, 6:30 – 8:15 pm Evening Bible Study & potluck meal, 6:30- 8:15 <i>Outside Group: 3-5</i>	4 Bible Study, 10 am and 2 pm	5	6 Spaghetti Supper & Movie Trivia Night- Fundraiser for CATCH: 5:30-8 pm
7 8 & 10:15 Service Youth Pool Party/Steel Hill Resort, 12-2:30	8 Stewardship, 6 :00	9 Quilting, 6:30	10 Finance Com. 5pm Final Confirmation Class @ Kehr's, 6:00 – 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15	11	12	13
14 8 & 10:15 Service	15	16 Council, 6:30-8:30 Quilting, 6:30 July Newsletter deadline	17 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15 <i>Outside Group: 3-5 & 5-8</i>	18 <i>No Bible Study</i>	19	20 <i>Outside Group 10-1</i>
21 8 & 10:15 Service Coin Sunday Father's Day	22	23 Quilting, 6:30	24 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15	25 Yard Sale Drop off, 2 pm +	26 Yard Sale: set up & trailer unload, 8 am Yard sale 12 noon-5pm	27 ----Yard sale Continues 8 am – 3 pm 3 pm+: Breakdown & trailer re-load
28 8 & 10:15 Service	29	30 Quilting, 6:30				

GSS: Open by appointment

July 2009 - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15 <i>Outside Group: 3-5</i>	2 Bible Studies, 10 am and 2 pm	3	4 Independence Day
5 8 & 10:15 Service	6 Worship & Music, 3:30	7 Quilting, 6:30 Property, 7:00	8 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15	9	10	11
12 8 & 10:15 Service !!! Pastor Learned Celebration !!!*	13 Stewardship, 6 :00	14 Quilting, 6:30 Council 6:30-8:30	15 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15 <i>Outside Groups: 3-5 & 5-8</i>	16 Bible Studies, 10 am and 2 pm	17 August newsletter deadline	18
19 8 & 10:15 Service Coin Sunday	20 ---Pastor Dave -----	21 Quilting, 6:30 --- on vacation ---	22 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15 ---Pastor Dave -----	23 --- on vacation ---	24 Wedding Rehearsal ---Pastor Dave -----	25 Wedding --- on vacation ---
26 8 & 10:15 Service ---Pastor Dave -----	27 --- on vacation ---	28 Quilting, 6:30 ---Pastor Dave -----	29 Evening Bible Study & potluck, 6:30-8:15 --- on vacation ---	30 ---Pastor Dave -----	31 --- on vacation ---	

* Potluck

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