

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Created, Saved, and Gifted by God, We are Called to Seek, Serve, and Share Jesus Christ



### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church WORSHIP TIMES

#### Saturday

5:00 pm ~ Holden Evening Prayer

#### Sunday

8:30 am ~ Traditional Service

11:00 am ~ Contemporary Service



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## Mission Statement ~ Revisited

by Don Bennett

***"Created, Saved, and Gifted by God,  
We are Called to Seek, Serve, and Share Jesus Christ"***

This is our Mission Statement. It is on our letterhead, our bulletins, our website, and on the heading of this newsletter. It is about twelve and one-half years old. I know this because I was blessed to be part of the group that put it together, and I remember that we voted on it at a congregational meeting when Dr. Max Culver was our interim pastor. I thought it might be time to revisit the meanings of it while we are again in an "interim" time.

**Created by God** – We are created by God in his image. We are his people, made for his glory, the work of his hands. We are precious to him, so precious He gave his Son to die on our behalf. "For we are what he (God) has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." Ephesians 2:10

**Saved by God** – We have been saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a gift of grace to us, not something we can earn or decide. This is a good place to recall three of the five

"Solas" that Martin Luther taught:

- " Sola Gratia – Grace alone
- " Sola Fide – Faith alone
- " Solus Christus – In Christ alone



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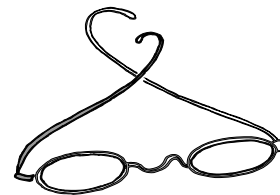
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## Editor's Corner

by Linda Newcomer



The times they are “a-changin’!” Lots of things around GSLC are in transition, but it’s beginning to feel like it will be a positive change for all of us.

Some articles in this issue talk about familiar things we’ve done well for many years (mission statements, VBS, benevolence, youth happenings...) These things continue without interruption. Other articles reflect on what lies ahead (interim pastor, call process, demographic studies...) One thing is for sure: in the midst of change we all like to “keep on keepin’ on.”

### Database Changes and Membership Updates

One of the things I have been working on with Duane Wicks and Mary Ann Sauer is to perform long-needed closeouts and cleanup of information stored in our database. Since we first installed the Shepherd’s Staff 7 software in the mid-1990’s all of our critical information about membership, attendance and contributions has been entered each week and permanently stored in this powerful database. However, from time to time we need to review the information, make sure our membership rolls are current, and ensure that all information stored for each household and person is accurate.

During July and August, I will be working with Duane to do just that. I will review the records for each individual in our database and contact some of you to get additional information, and ask you to validate critical information, such as address, phone, email, etc. We will fine-tune the way we categorize individuals so that we can understand very specifically who is in our database, and thus who is worshipping with us at GSLC. For example, what is the predominant age group, how many members do we have vs. visitors, how many of our congregation are now homebound and require home visitation, etc. I will be sending out emails, the Parish Life and Response commission may be making phone calls, and we hope to do a congregation-wide annual census sometime this summer so each of you can see exactly what information we have for all the members of your household and allow you to provide updates where appropriate. This will help us tremendously throughout this transition period and selection process for a new Pastor. We ask you to help us when we call to gather this information.

Once this clean-up is complete and revisions have been made, we will be in a better position to use the database to help us minister more effectively. We can not only track attendance and patterns, but also visits to our shut-ins and homebound. We can be more in-tune with the folks already attending GSLC according to their special interests and needs, and better able to reach out to our community. ☺

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# Welcome to Pastor Glenn Bengson!


by Debbie Kempf



Pastor Glenn Bengson has been selected as the Interim Pastor for Good Shepherd and will be supporting us three days a week beginning the weekend of July 16 – 17. His three-day schedule will typically be divided between Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday evening, and Sunday. However, his schedule will be flexible to meet the needs of the congregation. For example, in the fall, he may attend the Fellowship Dinner and schedule meetings on Wednesday evening in exchange for less time on another day.

Just as Pastor Bengson will be flexible in meeting our needs, we will also be flexible in working with him. He has previous commitments on several upcoming weekends this year and early next year. During these times, we will arrange for supply pastors for the worship services and also ensure that another pastor in the area is available in case of any emergency needs.

As the Interim Pastor, Pastor Bengson's focus will be on pastoral duties such as worship, worship planning, Bible study, visitation, being available if someone needs to talk, funerals, and other similar needs in the congregation. The congregation is completely responsible for the call process to select a new Senior Pastor (*see article beginning on this page*); an Interim Pastor does not participate directly in the call process.

A reception to meet and greet Pastor Bengson will be held on Sunday July 24 between services. 



## The Call Process

by Debbie Kempf

Pastor Ed Williams, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod, met with the Council, Commissioners, and other interested members of the congregation on June 8 to review the call process.

### Ministry Profile

The first step in the process is to complete a Ministry Profile. This document includes:

- " General information about the congregation such as language, race/ethnicity, age distribution, and number of paid staff
- " Information about the community we serve
- " History of the congregation
- " Current programs
- " Goals and top priorities for mission
- " Financial status and available compensation
- " Other information that we deem helpful

The Vision Team has begun work on the Ministry Profile and will be meeting weekly in order to complete the Ministry Profile as quickly as possible. The Vision Team includes the Council and Commissioners plus Gerry Harte and Bob Dittmar. Watch for opportunities to discuss and provide input to this important work.

### Call Committee

Once the Ministry Profile has been completed and reviewed with Pastor Williams, the Council will elect a Call Committee. Per our constitution, the Call Committee is to consist of six people. This group must represent a broad mix of people with respect to characteristics such as age, gender, and length of membership at Good Shepherd. To form the Call Committee, the Council needs a large pool of members from which to select this diverse group of six people. If you are willing to be included in the pool of candidates for the Call Committee, please let

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## Call Committee

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a member of Council know as soon as possible. Council members are not eligible to serve on the Call Committee.

The Call Committee is responsible for interviewing candidates provided to us by Pastor Williams. The candidates may include those identified by the Bishop, those who have asked for consideration, and names forwarded to the Bishop by members of Good Shepherd. Direct contact between Good Shepherd and a potential candidate to determine whether there is any interest is strictly prohibited; both parties must work through the synod. Good Shepherd is responsible for all travel expenses associated with interviewing.

During the selection process, confidentiality is of utmost importance. All discussions are between the parties directly involved, e.g. the Call Committee, Pastor Williams, and the candidates. Only general status information such as the number of candidates that have been interviewed will be made available to the Council and congregation during this period.

The Call Committee must have good consensus and be sure beyond a reasonable doubt about a candidate before recommending the candidate to the Council. The Council will then interview the candidate, negotiate compensation, and make sure there is agreement on both sides before recommending the candidate to the congregation.

The congregation must approve the candidate by a two-third majority vote of those present and must approve the compensation package in a separate vote by a simple majority. A congregational “meet and greet” can be scheduled before the congregational vote, but a trial sermon is not recommended. The candidate normally has thirty days to respond to the call and sixty days to move to the new call. The candidate is expected to live in the service area of the congregation and Good Shepherd will be responsible for the moving expenses. ☀

## Mission Statement

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These teach that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. We are not saved by being good, by praying a special prayer, or by coming to church. Nothing we think, say, or do can save us, only faith in Christ. Martin Luther, while expounding on John 3:16, said: “God gave his Son to the lost so that they might be saved. Then what should you do? Nothing! Don’t go on pilgrimages. Don’t do this or that good work. Instead, simply believe in Christ alone.” Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—not by works, so that no one can boast.” So then, how do we get this faith? It is a gift given to us by God through the hearing of his Word. Romans 10:17 says, “So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ.”

Many are the books that have been written explaining this teaching and for good reason. We must constantly fight against the idea that we had/have something to do with our own salvation. We don’t. It is completely a gift of God. As Paul tells us again, in Romans 5:8, “But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”

By the way, the other two “Solas” are:

- Sola Scriptura – According to Scripture alone
- Soli Deo Gloria – For God’s glory alone



**Gifted by God** – God has blessed each of us with unique gifts, which we are to use in the furtherance of his Kingdom. There is a whole chapter in 2 Corinthians (Ch. 12) devoted to explaining the gifts of God. Paraphrasing it quite a bit, we each have gifts. My gifts are not your gifts and your gifts are not my gifts. All the gifts are needed or else God wouldn’t have blessed us with them. Suffice it to say that God has given each of us gifts and it is our responsibility to use them wisely. Not using them is not wise.

**We are called** – By saving us, God has called us into his Kingdom. Peter tells us, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s

own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:9-10) God has done this for "his own purpose and grace" (2 Timothy 1:8-9b) "by his own glory and goodness." (2 Peter 1:3)

By being members of God's kingdom, we should live according to our calling. Doing so won't gain us anything; we've already been saved. What it will do is bring God glory and reflect the light of Christ to the world.

"I (Paul) therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:1-5)

### ***What are we called to do?***

**Seek** – We are called to seek. We ran into some theological debate on this when we ratified the mission statement. On the one hand, we are told in multiple places to seek God or his face (1 Chronicles 16:10-12, 28:9, Psalm 105:4, 119:1-3) There are many places in the books of the prophets where the people are chastised for not seeking after God.

On the other hand, we know that, on our own, we are simply unable to seek after God. As Isaiah says, "We

have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth." (Isaiah 64:6)

How do we come to terms with this and what does it mean for us? On our own, we are unable to seek after God. But when we have been saved and Christ lives in us, then we are able to and we will, if only to better understand the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ's, death and resurrection.

How can we do this? Read and study God's Word. Participate in the life of the church, come to worship and take communion. Attend Sunday school and Bible studies. Read books about Christianity. We

try to provide ways to make it possible to do these things, offering three different services, various Bible studies, and opportunities to pray.

Doing these things pay dividends for us and our spiritual lives. Jesus himself tells us in Matthew 6:31-33, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." In

Matthew 7:7-11 He tells us, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

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**Serve** – We are called to serve. Again, there are many places in the books of the prophets where the people of Israel are chastised for not following the Lord or for following other gods. It was assumed that if you were a follower of God, you would serve him, just as it's assumed that if you are married, you will serve your spouse.

There are, however, several verses where it is made plain that we should follow the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:13 tells us, "Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name." The prophet Samuel, speaking to the Israelites said, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you." (1 Samuel 12:23-25)

Jesus is our example in this. He spent his whole earthly ministry giving his time to and serving those around him. He healed people. He fed people. He washed the disciples' feet as an example of servanthood. In Luke, Jesus tells the disciples, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:25-27)

At the end of His earthly ministry Jesus made the ultimate act of servanthood. He died in payment for our sins. For this, He will be eternally honored. When we serve God, we will be honored also. John tells us that Jesus said, "Anyone who loves his life will lose it, while anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." (John 12:25-27)

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How can we, as mere humans, serve God, the creator and sustainer of the universe? Jesus gives us a clue. "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw


you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40)

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**Share** – This is why we were created, saved and gifted, called to seek and serve: that we might be able to share. The Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20 tells us we are called to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” We strive to do that in our congregation by offering Sunday school and worship opportunities to all who enter. Some of us support missionaries who go to other countries to share God’s word. Some of us actually go! Amy Hartmann is going to Kenya this summer to do mission work.

We need to do more than these things, however. We need to share the Good News with our neighbors, our co-workers and our friends. This is not easy to do, but it is vital to our spiritual growth, both individually and corporately as a congregation. We cannot expect our congregation to have any real growth if we expect to get it by being hospitable to strangers who happen through our doors. Fishermen don’t catch many fish by waiting for them to jump into the boat with them. Real congregational growth will only come if we go looking for people to invite here. We don’t have to be Bible scholars; we just need to be bold enough to invite people.

Let us make this interim time a period of personal and congregational growth by each of us living out the words of our mission statement, Soli Deo Gloria.

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and share Jesus Christ.*** 



## Emergency Numbers

***Print out and keep with your Bible  
– in case of emergency!***

When in sorrow	call John 14
When men fail you	call Psalm 27
When you have sinned	call Psalm 51
When you worry	call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger	call Psalm 91
When God seems far away	call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring	call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful	call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical	call I Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out	call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest	call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance	call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel	call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish	call Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task	call Joshua 1
When you think of investments and return	call Mark 10
If you are depressed	call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty	call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people	call I Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind	call John 15
If discouraged about your work	call Psalm 126
If self pride/greatness takes hold	call Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful	call John 15
For understanding of Christianity	call II Corinthians 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity	call Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow men	call Romans 12
For Paul’s secret to happiness	call Colossians 3:12-17

### **ALTERNATE NUMBERS:**

For dealing with fear	call Psalm 34:7
For security	call Psalm 121:3
For assurance	call Mark 8:35
For reassurance	call Psalm 145:18

# Demographic Data for Kettering

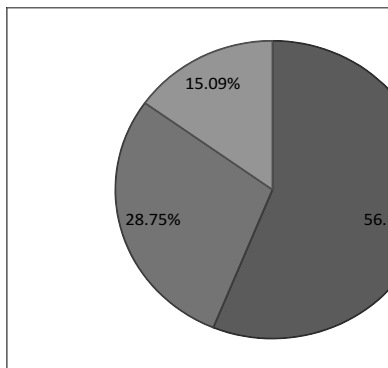
by Debbie Kempf

Defining our goals and priorities for mission is a critical input to discerning the characteristics and strengths needed by our next process. As we define our goals and priorities, the synod emphasizes that we need to study the needs of the community immediately surrounding our church. How can we serve and reach our immediate neighbors for Jesus Christ? What are the needs in our community?

To that end, the synod provided a demographic report for our immediate area in Kettering. The area included in the report is bounded by Dorothy Lane, Wilmington Pike, Far Hills Avenue, and Rahn Road. Although many of our current members live outside of these boundaries, the synod believes this is the area where we are most likely to serve our neighbors and attract new members.

Some of the demographic data is not surprising; for example, that this area is 95% white and that English is overwhelmingly the primary language. However, other data suggests that our current community is quite different than Kettering was twenty, thirty, or forty years ago. The following data is based on 2014 projections for our community.

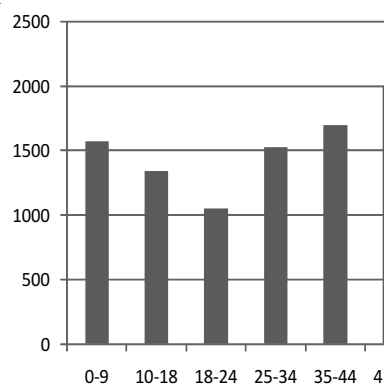
First, the population of Kettering is older and there are fewer families with children.



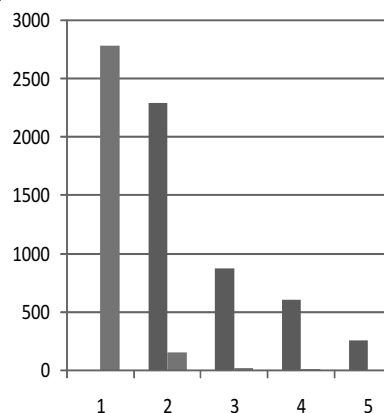
Beginning with the PRIZM Lifestage Groups (above), approximately 15% of the households in the area are families focused on child-rearing.

On the other hand, over 50% of the households are classified as “mature,” ranging in age from new empty-nesters to seniors. The remainder of the population is young singles and couples without children.

The PRIZM Lifestage data is fairly consistent with the more detailed data about age (below)



and number of people per household (below).

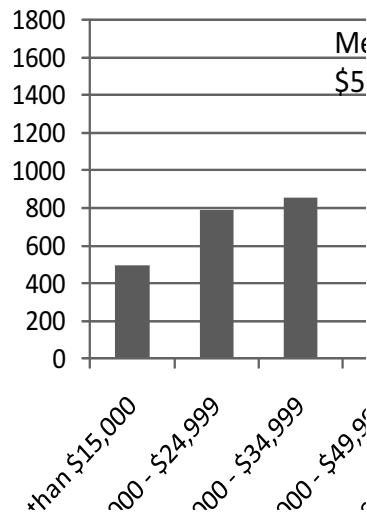


The average age in our community is approximately 45, so half of our immediate neighbors are in their mid-forties or older. The number of people per household is fairly low with the majority of households consisting of only one or two people.

Kettering is not an affluent community at this time. The median household income (on next page) is just under \$51,000 per year. (In statistics, “median” is the midpoint of the data. So this means that half of the households have an income greater than \$51,000 and the other half have an income less than \$51,000.) The mean or average household income in Kettering is slightly higher at over \$64,000. However, both are

below the national median income of \$56,581 and national mean of \$76,521.

What does this mean for our ministry at Good Shepherd? In what new directions will the Holy Spirit lead us so that we can reach out to our current community? 🌸



## Hunger Statistics True/False Quiz

### Questions

- 1) Approximately one billion people in the world (out of 6.7 billion) live in extreme poverty, earning less than one dollar per day.
- 2) The United Nations Food Program estimates that it will cost an additional 100 billion dollars a year to provide basic health care and nutrition to meet the needs of the world's poorest people.
- 3) Americans and Europeans spend about 13 billion dollars a year for pet food.
- 4) The number of severely malnourished people in the world is about the same as the combined population of the US, Canada, and the European Union.
- 5) The reason the hunger crisis deepened in 2008 was a result of widespread drought in Africa.
- 6) About half of the more than 850 million chronically hungry people in the world are receiving health care or nutritional assistance.
- 7) Of the 11 million children under 5 years old who will die this year, most will die of hunger-related causes.
- 8) The biggest single cause of hunger in the world is the insufficient amount of food production on the planet to feed the growing population.
- 9) Very few children in America experience hunger regularly.
- 10) In 2006, 25% of the clients of food banks in the Feeding America (formally America's Second Harvest) foodbank network were children.

**Check your answers on page 12.**



# Benevolence Giving Report for October 2010 ~ March 2011

by Roger Bauser

Project / Recipient	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	TOTAL
Southern Ohio Synod ELCA	\$1432	\$1291	\$2723
Quarters Hunger Project	211	20	231
Global Health Ministries	180	318	498
We Care Arts	205	368	573
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries	235	318	553
Missionary Support	221	318	539
Jeremiah's Letter/Project Blessing	452	329	781
Undesignated / Not yet spent	181	318	499
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TOTALS	\$3117	\$3280	\$6397

Significant gifts have also been made in cash or in kind to:

- " Greenmont-Oak Park Food Pantry
- " "SOUPER" Bowl Project
- " Compassion International
- " Christmas Adopt-A-Family
- " First Lutheran Monthly Breakfasts
- " Day of Caring Pancake Breakfast
- " Quilters and Crocheters Gifts
- " Lutheran World Relief Projects
- " Support For Our Military Gifts
- " LYC Giving



Thank you, Good Shepherd, for your generous support of these benevolence projects. 🌸

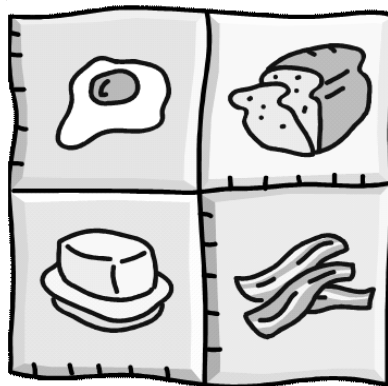
# Witness & Outreach

by Roger Bauser

**Food Pantry Sunday** – Is the first Sunday of each month and collections of non-perishable food items may be placed in the collection box in the narthex. During the rest of the month the collection is kept in the fellowship hall. All of the food supports the work of the Greenmont-Oak Park Food Pantry which last year served nearly 4000 people of all ages and distributed special Christmas Holiday baskets to 150 families. Thank you for remembering the Food Pantry with your generous gifts of non-perishable food on the first Sunday of the month.

**Offering Prayer** – In our offering prayer each week we ask God to nourish us with his gifts of bread and wine that we may be signs for the world of his gracious presence in Jesus Christ. It is helpful to remember that through our outreach gifts and ministries we can do just that.

**First Lutheran Church Breakfast** – First Lutheran Church, downtown at the corner of First and Wilkinson, has developed a wonderful early Sunday morning breakfast/worship ministry for the homeless. Because First's membership is small and the needs are great, Good Shepherd provides volunteers to help in cooking and serving this meal one Sunday a month. It involves eight to ten people being at the church from about 6:00 am until about 9:00 am to cook, serve, and clean-up. Currently, we are serving about 100 people per Sunday. If you might be interested in this ministry, please contact Roger Bauser at 299-5186 or Mary Ann Sauer at 439-9742.



## ELCA Hunger & Disaster Relief and Lutheran World Relief

What do malaria kits, quilts, water wells, HIV/AIDS projects, and integrated agricultural projects have to do with each other? They are all part of world-wide programs of the ELCA and Lutheran World Relief to help people who have suffered from disasters or are suffering from disease and malnutrition. Your benevolence dollars through the ELCA Hunger and Disaster Relief Fund or through Lutheran World Relief help fund some of the most effective programs known. You can find out more online at [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger) or at [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

As an example of the work of LWR, in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake disaster of January 2010, LWR provided:

- 25,545 quilts to warm those forced to sleep outdoors
- 77,585 health kits to help maintain basic hygiene
- 1500 layettes to help parents care for their infants
- 35,700 school kits to help children continue to learn
- 39 large tents to help set up temporary schools
- 17,500 tarps to provide temporary shelter for families
- \$1.1 million to local partners to help provide food, water, shelter, and sanitation services
- health and hygiene training for over 10,000 people
- 253 collective and family latrines
- cash-for-work programs for over 8000 people
- seeds and tools for thousands of farmers
- stock for community stores in twelve isolated rural communities
- extensive treatment and supplies to help deal with the cholera outbreak

REMEMBER: Your contributions to **Good Shepherd's Quarter-Canister** project can help reduce the dire effects of poverty in our country and overseas. Just 25 cents a day can make such a huge difference. The ELCA Hunger and Disaster Relief fund receives all of this money. 🌸

## Answers

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- 1) True. (World Development Indicators, 2007, World Bank)
- 2) False. The 2006 estimate was 13 billion dollars.
- 3) True. (Bread for the World)
- 4) True. (UN World Food Program)
- 5) False. The food crisis is a result of multiple factors including increasing food costs, the sinking dollar, increasing transportation costs caused by spiraling gas prices, as well as climate/weather changes responsible for floods in some areas and drought in some farming regions. (Jordan Dey, UN World Food Program)
- 6) False. Only about 10% receive any help. (Jordan Dey, UN World Food Program)
- 7) True. About 60% of children will die from hunger-related causes including malnutrition. In addition, lack of clean water, sanitation, and medicine will cause illness and death from diarrhea, acute respiratory illness, malaria, and measles. (Diet, Nutrition and the Prevention of Chronic Diseases; a Report of a Joint WHO/FAO Expert Consultation Document 916)
- 8) False. The earth can produce enough food for everyone to have adequate nutrition. People lack access to food due to poverty. Poverty is the number one cause of hunger. People living in poverty do not have enough money to buy or produce enough food for themselves and their families. In turn, they tend to be weaker and cannot earn enough to buy more food or produce their own. In short, poor people are hungry and their hunger traps them in poverty. (UN World Food Program)
- 9) False. 12.6 million children a year experience food insecurity in America.
- 10) False. Of their estimated 25.3 million clients served in 2006, 36.4% – or almost 9.5 million – were children. 🌸

## GSLC May 2011 Financial Results

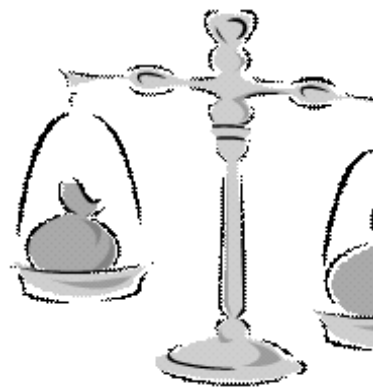
### Net Income

Through May 2011, we have a positive net operating income of \$17,318. The positive results are the result of spending less than budget in the Parish and Resource Commissions; however some of this favorable spend is related to timing and we expect some catch-up of expense spending over the next two months.

Total offerings year to date are \$200,568 which is in line with the budget of \$200,000 through May. Offerings include contributions made directly to the Heritage Fund of \$2,942 which are helping to repay the parking lot note. Total expenses were \$183,250 which is favorable to a budget of \$190,527.

### Assets

The ending current cash balance is \$85,561, including \$11,380 designated for the Memorial Fund. Also included in this cash balance, the church has past donations of \$9,800 to the church for the future screen project, \$3,330 in the General Scholarship Fund and \$13,686 in a bequest. We have approximately \$47,000 available for operating expenses. 🌸



# “Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn

by Roger Bauser

“One of the world’s greatest hymns!” This was the exclamation of Alfred Lord Tennyson when he first heard this hymn. It was written by a minister named Reginald Heber (1783-1826).



The story is told about Heber that, being born to a minister and his wife in England and growing up there, he went on to be educated at Oxford. It was there, at Oxford, that he apparently found that he excelled at poetry and that he became good friends with Sir Walter Scott.

After graduating, he succeeded his father as vicar of the church, where he went on to serve for sixteen years. During this time, he felt increasingly dissatisfied with the Anglican music, and he tried to introduce newer hymns by Newton and Cowper. He even wrote some himself. His background in poetry gave him a deep-seated interest in hymnody, and a knowledge of how a change in the type or style of the music could provide a profound *positive* impact within the church. But the Bishop of London wouldn’t have any part of that.

Heber did continue to write hymns – 57 in all. One of his hymns was called “*India’s Coral Strand*,” which actually served to illustrate his burning desire to visit India. He felt that God was calling him to become a missionary there. Then, in 1822, at the age of 40, he was appointed to become the Bishop of Calcutta, where he was assigned to oversee all of the Church of England’s ministries throughout all of India.

As the story goes, no matter where he was – in England, India, or elsewhere – he was always

concerned with the prevalence of vice and worship of false gods. It was because of this that his knowledge and impression of the holiness of God became profound. And it seems as if that might have been his inspiration for the third stanza of this piece. “Only **Thou** art Holy,” he wrote, “There is **none** beside Thee... Though the eye **made blind by sin...**”

Going back to our original story, where we left Heber in Calcutta, there were some interesting situations. It seems that, shortly after he arrived in Calcutta, he started on a sixteen-month tour, visiting station after station of the area over which he was in charge. Some time later, he started on another tour. Then the story turns tragic in the city of Trichinopoly on April 3, 1826. It is told that on



that day, he preached to a very large crowd in the hot sun for an extended period of time. Apparently after that service, for relief from the heat, he dived into a pool of cool water...and suffered a stroke...and drowned. After his

death, his wife was going through a trunk and discovered the 57 hymns that he had written. She successfully published “*Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Service of the Church Year*.” “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” was in that group.

The tune he used was “Nicaea,” named after the Church Council which met in 325 AD, and during which the Nicene Creed – which affirmed the doctrine of the Trinity – was formulated. This hymn is based on Revelation 4:8-11, a part of which says, “and the four living creatures ...never cease to sing, ‘**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty**, who was and is and is to come!’ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks...the twenty four elders **fall down before him...**” 🌸

# VBS Is Almost Here!

by Deb DeVilbiss

Yep! The time has almost come for our trip to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. The dates have been set for July 18 – 22, and the excitement is building! Just in case you haven't heard, this year's Vacation Bible School will center around time spent



with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and we'll experience what it might have been like for Jesus as he was growing up. The boys and girls who travel with us will spend time in the Nazareth marketplace buying food and making crafts, they'll guard the

fields with the town shepherds, they'll take part in something called "Operation Kid-to-Kid," and they'll enjoy learning songs and playing games! It's going to be a week filled with fun and excitement!

ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE PREPARATION IS FINISHED, THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING WE NEED: **WE NEED YOU TO HELP US FIND OUR TRAVELERS!** On Sunday June 26, invitations were handed out in church so that all members could be involved in inviting a child to be a part of this fun-filled adventure. Why not ask one of the children in your family – perhaps a grandchild, a niece, or a nephew? How about a child or two from your neighborhood? Maybe the children of someone at work, or the grandchildren of a friend or co-worker? Any child who would benefit from time learning about Jesus, and time being with other kids who are learning about him, too, would be the PERFECT child to invite! Our VBS, unlike many of the other area programs, is free, and if transportation is a problem, why not consider offering to provide it! VBS this year is our opportunity at Good Shepherd to reach out to the children of our community and to

spread the news of Jesus, who he *was* and who he *is*! Yes, there's a sign in the church yard, posters have been hung in public areas like restaurants, grocery stores and libraries, over seventy-five postcards have been sent, and we are distributing fliers to 1000 homes in the Good Shepherd neighborhood. Still, the best form of publicity is a personal invitation – the kind only YOU can give! Won't you seize this opportunity to be a disciple and help us spread the news of our Savior?

So mark your calendars now for **July 18 – 22**, 9:00 – 11:45 am each morning! There will be plenty of room in Nazareth, so **INVITE AS MANY AS YOU WANT!** If you would like to come along on this trip, call the church office or call Deb DeVilbiss at 866-0096, and we'll be glad to find something fun for you to do! Oh, and mark your calendars for the Sunday AFTER Bible School, too. There will be a special presentation that Sunday at both services to give you the opportunity to travel to Nazareth, even if you can't be there during the week! You REALLY won't want to miss that! 🌸



# Youth Happenings

by Don Bennett

## Lutheran Memorial Camp

As I (Don Bennett) write this, I'm preparing for a week of Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Memorial Camp. As you read this, I'll either be finishing up or already back from it. This year we have at least two kids signed up for the confirmation program and three kids signed up for other programs. Going to church camp gives a huge boost to a child's faith development. Being immersed in the Word of God every day with other believers in a fun, outdoor setting changes a person, whether young or old. If you know of a young person who might benefit from this camp experience, it's not too late to sign them up for a week. If you have some unused vacation time, you might be interested in the Family Programs held at the various camps. There still may be openings for those also. For more information and to register visit the website at [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org)

Speaking of family programs, on **October 14-16**, join the Camp Luther staff as they transform Camp Luther into a family-friendly, harvest-themed Camp Boo-ther! Activities include caramel apple making, cabin decorating, jack-o-lantern carving, bonfires and more. Camp Luther has family-friendly cottages and is located on the shore of Lake Erie near Conneaut. For more information and to register visit their website at [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org), or call Camp Luther at 440-224-2196.

## Summer Lunches

Our summer lunch program is one of the ways we attempt to reach those in the neighborhood around Good Shepherd. We serve lunch to the neighborhood youth and then conduct some kind of activity for them, ranging from watching movies when it rains, to playing whiffle ball in the church parking lot. This summer so far, we have eleven kids who have participated, and a kitchen crew of five who prepare and serve the meals. If you'd like to support this program, which is unbudgeted, by sponsoring

the meal for a day, please contact Don Bennett at the church office or Mary Ann Sauer at 439-9742.

## Mission Trip

We have a great youth mission trip planned for this summer. Fourteen youth have signed on, along with Brenda Thieman and Don Bennett, who will be chaperoning. We'll be traveling to Benton Harbor Michigan from **July**

**24-29**. While there, we will be working with elementary-age youth in a VBS-like program called "Kids' Club."



We'll also be doing some painting or minor repair work on people's houses who are unable to do it themselves. In the mornings we'll share devotions and in the evenings we'll enjoy large group and church time.

We might even slip in a visit to some sand dunes at a nearby state park.

Please pray for our safe travel up and back, for safety on the work sites, that we might be a blessing to the kids in "Kids' Club," and that God would use this trip to make an impact on our lives and on the people of Benton Harbor.

## Jonah's Kids

It has been decided by the Church Council that the Jonah's Kids youth (Grades K-5) should have their own room, similar to what the LYC and H2H kids have. The room will be located on the lower level in one of the two rooms across from the LYC room. We have a couch and a loveseat already donated for it. Along with the room, we are planning to repaint the lower level hallway with a more cheery color, and possibly a mural in the hallway and in the lower connector as well. Watch for more information on this project designed to make our church more friendly to those with young children.

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**Rally Day**

People of ALL ages are invited to this year's Rally Day on **Sunday September 11**. That day will begin the new Sunday School year at Good Shepherd. We will meet from 9:45 to 10:45 am for several activities, songs, and of course, refreshments. This is the perfect time to begin coming to Sunday School and to start the church and school year off right!

**Holiday at Home**

Labor Day will be here before we know it, and it's time for the high school youth (LYC) to begin planning for their refreshment stand at the Holiday at Home Parade on **Monday September 5**. The



money netted is used for future retreats and mission trips. To make the most profit, we are asking that the congregation donate the items that are sold. We need Pepsi products such as Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain

Dew, and Sierra Mist. We also need bottled water, individual packages of chips, and hot dogs. Items can be dropped off any time in the office from now until September 4. Thank you for your help! 🌸

**Church Picnic**

Our annual picnic will be held on **Sunday July 17** at the Paw Paw Shelter in Hills & Dales MetroPark, 2655 S. Patterson Blvd.



Paw Paw is a large covered shelter with convenient parking and modern facilities. Grilled metts, brats and hot dogs will be provided as well as the drinks and table service. Please bring a side dish to share. You can arrive as early as 1:00 pm to play cornhole or take a walk down to the pond. We plan to eat at 2:00 pm. Call Carol Wade at 434-7775 with any questions. 🌸