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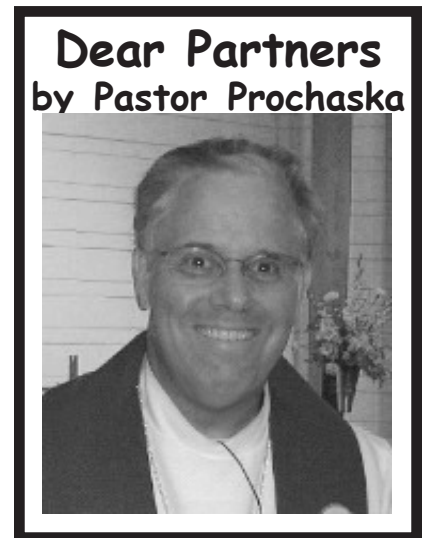
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AT THE CROSSROADS

[Peter reported to the believers in Jerusalem who criticized him for allowing Gentiles to be baptized:] “And as I began to speak [to the Gentiles], the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remember the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same spirit that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’ (Acts 11:15-18)

The early church’s story in Acts is a story at the crossroads. Time after time, followers of Christ found themselves in contexts that were different and unknown. Time after time, their understanding of neighbor, church, and God was challenged and stretched. Time after time, these believers in Christ would STOP LOOK, LISTEN, and GO.

- STOP** to pray for God’s guidance
to celebrate blessing among us
- LOOK** to Scripture and the Lord’s teaching
to understand the church’s mission
- LISTEN** to the needs of the community
to one another to establish goals
- GO** to communicate the Good News of Jesus
to our community and to the ends of the earth



The constitution task force has completed a preliminary draft of the new constitution for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The preliminary draft has been presented to the Church Council. Informational meetings will be held this month as members stop, look, and listen as they read and study the proposed constitution leading to approval of the new constitution. We thank the task force for their hard work. We look forward to the process as it involves the congregation leading to approval and implementation.

I have recently been interviewed via phone concerning The Gospel in Our Culture Network. I anticipate that Good Shepherd will soon be involved in this Special Program with the Southern Ohio Synod and the national leaders, including the Luther Seminary staff in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Good Shepherd stands at the Crossroads of some important ministry and life-changing events. Actually, that is where the church has and will always stand—at the intersection of past blessings and future hopes, of past understandings and future insights.

As Good Shepherd stands at this place in time, we are blessed with the same power bestowed upon the early church, the power of God’s Holy Spirit. This Spirit given to us in baptism is, “the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord and the spirit of joy in [the Lord’s] presence.” (LBW p. 124).

It is that spirit that has led Good Shepherd to this point and place; and it is the same Spirit, which will lead Good Shepherd through this time and through all time to come. Trust in that Spirit. Go. Be Christ’s witness to the ends of the earth.

-Pastor Prochaska

Member News

Birthdays

- 3 Dorothy Gerken
- 4 George Kellogg
- 6 Gerald Schmidt
- 8 Ron Hershey
Joyce Shaffer
- 9 Eldridge Schilling Jr.
- 11 Richard Moore
Duane Wicks
- 12 Danny Huelsman
- 14 Audrey Laughter
Jane Seibert
- 15 Marguerite Olt
- 16 Callie Rehrig
- 17 Dick Caton
- 18 Cydney DeVilbiss
- 19 Hank Dodson
- 20 Gary Horton
Todd Weiner
- 21 Ausma Erickson
- 22 Brian Drozd
- 23 Mark Schlagheck
- 24 Hazel Reel
- 26 Lisa Connelly
Michael Putney
- 28 Jane Ireton
- 29 Benjamin Williamson
- 30 Amy Baumann
Bruce Benbow

Thank You

Thank you so much for opening your doors to our ministry. It was such a blessing to spend time in this place praising Jesus with you. May God continue to bless this congregation and community. We will be praying for you. Thanks again for all of your support.

*Because of Christ,
Captive Free West Lakes
Lutheran Youth Encounter*

Synod Assembly Delegates Named

Kate Steininger and Floyd Seim have been appointed by the Church Council to represent Good Shepherd at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly. The Assembly will take place at Wittenberg University, May 19-21. Don Bennett and Pastor Prochaska will also be representing Good Shepherd. *We thank Kate and Floyd for serving Good Shepherd in this important way.*

Get Involved in the Big Read

The entire community has been reading Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich since February 27. Librarian, Diane Miller will lead a book discussion of this book on Wednesday night April 20. A Soup and Sandwich dinner will begin at 6 pm followed by a discussion of the book. You may buy the book at all area bookstores or you can find a copy at all public libraries. It is a fast read. Mark your calendars, get the book, read it, and see you in the lounge on April 20.

Grace Matters Brings New Format for ELCA Radio

The Rev. Peter W. Marty is the new host for a radio program called Grace Matters (formally Lutheran Vespers.) A new aspect of this radio ministry of the ELCA is that it can be heard via internet. Go to website at www.gracematters.org and check it out.

Proposed Constitution Ready for Review

The Proposed New Constitution for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is available in the Narthex for all members to read and study. The Church Council has set **Sunday, May 1, at 12:15 pm** as the date and time for a **Congregational Meeting to approve the new Constitution. Informational meetings** for reflection, sharing, and feedback are set for **9:45 am** and **12:15 pm** on **Sunday, April 10 and 17**, as well as, **Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 pm**, dinner followed by an **informational session at 7:00 pm**. Please take a "draft copy" with you to study and read. The Constitution Task Force also is working with the Synod.

Our goal is to have our new Constitution approved and in place by, September 1, 2005.

Diversity Of Worship

As we prepare for Easter, I am once again astounded by the generosity with which the Good Shepherd family shares its many talents and gifts. Most of the members of our music teams and groups share their talents in multiple capacities. I remember a song from camp called "God loves a cheerful Giver". There are so many cheerful givers at Good Shepherd!

Anyone who has read my resume knows that through many moves, I have been involved in over 10 churches. Some of them were large parishes, and some were very small, but nowhere did I ever see such a family of church members where people were so bonded to each other as God's people who constantly give of themselves for the purpose of serving God and each other.

Our Worship Services have established themselves into their own identity. If you are accustomed to going to the same service each week, you may be unaware how unique each service has become.

The Sunday Classic Praise Worship at 8:30 focuses on the traditions of the Lutheran church. While we may use newer worshipful music and liturgical settings, the style and order of service remain traditional.

On Saturday evenings at 5:30, the Saturday Evening Vespers service often uses an evening

Music Notes by Kimberly Conway

prayer setting. It is an opportunity to worship in a smaller more intimate setting where the people gather around the altar for prayers and communion. It also provides an option for people who prefer to worship on Saturdays.

At 7PM on the second Saturday of each month, Good Shepherd has its Celebration Service. The service is led by our band Called, who do an awesome job! Unfortunately, not many Good Shepherd members are taking advantage of this fellowship and worship opportunity. Quite frankly, you are missing out! This service is not designed to replace Sunday worship. It is a time to join with Good Shepherd family and friends for fellowship, contemporary music, God's Word and a meditation on the chosen reading. It is a time to have fun worshipping our awesome God with the company of our great Christian family. (Not only is the music great, but the meditations are fantastic! I often reflect on the terrific talks. Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Saturday of each month and make it part of your family's plans. You could easily go out to dinner or a movie before or after, as the service (which lasts about 45

minutes) will not take up your whole evening. On April 9th, our Shepherd Ringers and Singers will be joining Called. I hope to see you there!

The Contemporary Celebration Service at 11:00 on Sundays is designed to be in a simpler style. Often it will focus on one or two readings, and some of the music is drawn from more recently composed Praise and Worship songs. While the prayers and worship may be spoken more freely and not always printed in the bulletin, all the elements of worship centering on Word and Sacrament are there. The service also includes some classic hymns and songs keeping in mind the diverse preferences of our wonderful congregation. For variety and a simpler style, join us for a worshipful time at 11:00!

The many worship opportunities offered at Good Shepherd would not be possible without the generous giving of time and talent. It is an honor to work and worship with all of you. It is so exciting and humbling to be working where God is so present! His love is everywhere at Good Shepherd!

Happy Easter, and may God bless you!

Kimberly Conway

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SA
April 2005						
3 8:30am Classic Praise 9:45am LLL 11 am Contemporary Worship 6pm Huddle Team Meets	4 10am Staff Mtg. 4:15pm GS Troop #746 6pm Cub Scouts	5 7pm Alzheimer's 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Executive Board	6 7pm Chancel Choir	7 6:30am Bible Study (Bob Evans) 7pm Shepherd Bells	8 4:15pm Ringers & Singers 8pm Sq. Dancing	9 8am Bic 10am M 5:30pm Vespe 7pm Cel Servic
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24 8:30am Classic Praise 9:45am LLL 11 am Contemporary Worship 5pm Confirmands meet with Pastor 6pm H2H Meets	25 10am Staff Mtg. 2:45pm Brownie Troop #647 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Bethel Bible	26 7pm Alzheimer's 7pm Boy Scouts	27 7pm Chancel Choir	28 6:30am Bible Study (Bob Evans) 9:30am HIS Day 7pm Shepherd Bells	29 4:15pm Ringers & Singers	30 8am Bic 5:30pm Vespe

Graham Crackers

by Bea Graham

Herb and Kate Steininger, of Kettering are very active members who love to serve Good Shepherd. (They are also close neighbors.) They have been married almost 55 years, and have six children, living in Seattle, Florida, Colorado Springs and the Dayton area; also two great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. Herb was born in Goshen, Indiana and later moved to Dayton where he was a Draftsman for DP&L. He joined NCR in 1951, working in engineering, marketing, sales, sales support and was also a Trade Show Coordinator.

Herb retired from NCR after 42 years. He served in the Air National Guard for four years. He volunteers at the Schuster Complex, the Montgomery County Historical Society, where he works with NCR archives. He loves to sing and has sung with a Barber Shop Chorus for 20 years. Herb sings in our choir, and puts up the hymn numbers for the first service.

Kate was born in Miamisburg. She attended Sinclair College, received her B.A. at Miami University and her Masters at The Ohio State University. Both of these degrees were for Nursing. Early in life, she worked at DP&L for two years, where she met Herb. After she received her nursing degrees, she did nursing and was a Psychiatric Clinical Specialist nurse. Her hobbies are cross stitching, quilting, walking, and reading. She volunteers at the Dayton Art Institute, and has been a member of the Child Conservation League since 1960.

Herb and Kate enjoy traveling and have visited Europe, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, and the Holy Land. Soon, they will be on their way to Ireland and China in the fall. Kate is President of WELCA, a member of Women's Council, Mary Circle, represents WELCA on the Church Council, and helps with the Soft-bag Ministry for kids. Both are greeters and in training for the Altar Guild. Herb and Kate joined Good Shepherd in 1998 and attend the early service.

Simply Giving

You are invited to consider a new modern-day way of stewardship to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church through automated fund transfer (EFT) directly from your regular checking or savings account. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has developed a program called *Simply Giving* to assist congregations and their members. Response from other congregations suggests many of you will be interested

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- No extra charge to you or our Church.
- Electronic transfers are made either; weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly (your choice of dates).
- Can easily increase, decrease, or cancel your giving amount.
- You will continue to have your regular church envelopes to use, if you desire, for additional or other donations.
- Quarterly and yearly giving statements will be mailed to you from Good Shepherd, for your personal financial records.
- You can easily track your transfers by reviewing your own bank statements that you receive either in the mail or on-line.
- In the event you are ill, on vacation, or for some other reason cannot attend church, your contributions continue to be a blessing for Good Shepherd.
- No need to write 52 checks a year.

Currently we have a number of Good Shepherd members using this program. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider your tithing to Good Shepherd by giving of your "first-fruits".

If you feel that you would like to use this program, there are forms and information brochures located in the rack in the church connector. You may also contact Floyd Seim (church coordinator) at 294-1145 or see Jackie Huelsman (office manager).

Bulletin Board

WELCA Notes

Circle meetings will not be held in April, but all Good Shepherd women are invited to a Saturday, April 16th Bible study led by Pastor Prochaska.

We will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible study will be "Outrageous Generosity" - the parable of the prodigal son from Luke 15:11-32. A salad and sandwich luncheon will be served following the Bible study. Bring your questions and ideas about this most interesting parable along with your LWT (to share). *See you there!!!*

Treat yourself to a night of local talent at **Jeremiah's Letter's First Annual Emmy Award Extravaganza** to be held Friday, April 22nd from 6:30 to 11:30 pm, at *Epiphany Lutheran Church*, 6430 Far Hills Avenue. The event will be hosted by Jen Maienza, the entertainment hostess for the Dayton Dragons, with a special appearance by HEATER or JEM!

Advance tickets are \$25 for singles, \$45 per couple, and \$75 per family, and can be purchased in the church office or by calling 331-9440. Tickets at the door are \$30 per person. In addition to an evening of fantastic entertainment, your ticket entitles you to a wonderful gourmet, catered dinner, the opportunity to view and bid on original artwork by local Dayton artists at a silent auction with proceeds to Jeremiah's Letter. Also, come learn through live and written testimonials about how Jeremiah's Letter has touched the lives of so many needy people, all made possible by your generous to donations to Jeremiah's Letter!

Please call 331-9440 with any questions or for advanced ticket sales. Tickets are limited so book early!

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