



The Good Shepherd News

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A Word from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We need to make way for the Gospel! That's the point of our politics. Your Christian faith informs your politics, right?

Recently I saw an interesting video of a lecture by John Stemberger, President and General Counsel of the Florida Family Policy Council. He's not a Lutheran. Yes, FFPC is considered by many a hate group. Take a look anyway (<https://youtu.be/zB8pRyWxzPw>). It's worth your time.

God's blessings!

Pastor Bruce



Lent services continue on Wednesday's at 11:00, through March 16th. We will continue our traditional "Lenten Lunches" following the 11:00 service, homemade soups, breads and desserts. Everyone is invited and we hope that you will join us for lunch and fellowship during this special time of our church year. Please take some time to look in the narthex at the sign-up sheet for an opportunity to bring one of these food items for all to enjoy. Evening services will be held at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there.



LWML will be meeting March 12, 2016 9:30 am in Sanctuary Meeting Room. All women welcome. Watch for information regarding the Spring Rally in April, 2016 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Palm Bay. It's a great time to become Spiritually recharged, network and meet new friends.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour earlier.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER



FINANCES FOR JANUARY 2016(\$)

FOR Fiscal Year 16

MONTHLY ACTUAL

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND INCOME	19,261	154,450
OTHER INCOME (SAVINGS)	0	10,725
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	22,548	174,134
GENERAL FUND NET INCOME (LOSS)	(3,287)	(8,959)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL BALANCE (including all liabilities and building fund savings): **6,020**

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

JANUARY 2015

JANUARY 2016

WORSHIP SERVICE TOTALS (AVERAGE) 147 137

LWML NEWS



WONDERING WHAT TO DO with empty inkjet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, laptops (include power cords) digital cameras, e-readers, tablets, GPS systems, and Scientific Calculators? Here's a suggestion-donate them to the LWML. We will collect them and redeem them for cash to help fund the LWML's 2019 National Convention in Birmingham. Ask your family, friends, neighbors-even the place where you work- if they would like help disposing of their empty ink jet and laser cartridges or other recyclable items. Then, bring them to the church and drop them in our collection box in (meeting room in church or the gathering room in Shepherd's Hall. We'll appreciate your help....and so will the environment! **Remember to purge any personal information on your donation. (Please no monitors, computer towers, keyboards, fax or copy machines)**

Thank you very much LWML.

Lunch Bunch



March lunch bunch will be meeting @ The Great Outdoors, Plantation House Restaurant, March 24th. At 11:30. Please sign up if you plan to come as we have to get a number to make reservations. Come join in the good fellowship good food...good fun. Everyone welcome. Any questions call peder or karen @ 269-9134. Thanks a bunch!!

There will be no RGOH March 24th, 2016 during Spring Break and Holy Week. Please mark your calendar. Many thanks to all the RGOH volunteers. We continue to Tutor and Mentor 10 to 15 students weekly. The RGOH sign has been responsible for recruiting a number of students for our program. Thank you to those who have made this possible.



April Newsletter articles will be due no later than March 17, 2016. Please email your article to office@titusvillelutherans.org or leave it in the church office by Thursday, March 17. Thank you to all who contribute every month.

FROM YOUR HISTORIAN



It is still February as this is being written, and we want to devote some space to a beautiful lady who grew up in Good Shepherd (although she is now a grandmother, lives and works in Tallahassee). She told about her very serious heart attack two years ago in a video made in connection with the February emphasis Heart Ball in Tallahassee. Some of us were privileged to receive the link to the video and appreciated seeing and hearing “our” Kim Eichin (Barnhill) on our computers and, along with her family, are grateful to the Lord for sparing her life. She was stricken a short while before her father, member Al Eichin, was in Parrish Medical Center, surrounded by family, expecting death momentarily (and he is still very much alive as of this writing!). Kim’s brother, Kurt (with ongoing cancer as noted in our Sunday Bulletin prayer list each week) picked her up, and they drove into the night to be with the family group gathered at the hospital. It was a risky trip in view of Kim’s condition, but the Lord was with them and got them here and back) safely.

Your historian has known Kim since she was a little girl of five or six when the family moved here from Niagara Falls, New York, in 1960, when Al entered the Mercury (missile) program as part of Grumman Aircraft (for whom son Mark works today commuting from Merritt Island to Melbourne). They did have to move back to New York State for a while, and Kim was concerned about her Sunday School papers reaching her (they did!). Back then, our class met in the church (there was no education building yet, it being built around 1965) using folding chairs and a long table placed under the balcony on the right side. Another group met across the aisle, and there were classes upstairs on the balcony as well as two groups in what is now the pastor’s office. Four classes with portable dividers met in the space now shared with the Food Pantry. That’s why an education building was so desperately needed!

Kim’s mom, Elaine just returned from a family funeral in Niagara Falls' minus 13-degree weather and was thawed out enough to supply more information about the Eichins as well as several others in the congregation which shall have to wait for April’s Newsletter space. Watch carefully, and you’ll see Kim from time to time at our 8:30 service when visiting her folks. Say “Hi” to her and tell her you read about her!

March blessings from your historian.

Easter Breakfast and Fellowship



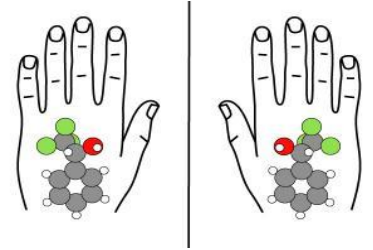
Everyone Is Invited To Celebrate The Resurrection Of Our Savior, Jesus Christ At Easter Breakfast Immediately Following The Easter Sunrise Service. Donations for this event are needed. If you would like to donate to the cost of food for the Easter breakfast, please indicate “For Easter Breakfast” and place it in the offering plate. We also need volunteers to cook breakfast, do set up/clean up, and create table centerpieces. Please talk to Joe or Helen Laberge about volunteering or contact the office at 267-4323.

CREATION / EVOLUTION

Evolutionists have even more hurdles to prove their position and it gets worse by the day. Molecules, the very basic building blocks for anything, have a very peculiar way they are built. It has been known for some time that many if not all molecules, can be assembled with different configurations. Same kind and numbers of atoms but arranged differently, but they make the same molecule. Some call them left handed or right handed molecules. The chance for either is 50/50. As it turns out ALL the molecules needed for life have the same ability, to be left or right handed, but molecules for life are ALL left handed. If even 1 molecule, is assembled in the wrong configuration, or is right handed what you get is DEATH.

So evolutionists believe, a myriad of molecules stewing in a 50/50 mix, left and right handed, assembled themselves with only 1 type, avoiding the other, into a chain hundreds of molecules long, in a precise order and a spark of life came from evolution!?! And they think our belief that ALL life came by the way of a Creator is silly?!?

Joseph Laberge



News from the Shepherd Quilters

Hooray! This month we delivered 21 boxes of quilts and health kits to Melbourne, from there to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. We sent 76 quilts and 32 health kits, thanks to our congregation for your help and support. We especially thank our snowbird friend Pearl, who all year at home sews us quilt tops and brings us 30 or more tops every year. With all these tops we really need sheets to back the quilts, so we keep on asking for your help to look for them when you go to garage sales or thrift stores.

Also if anyone would like to join us, many say they don't sew, but we can use people to cut squares, really simple, you can even take material home and cut for us, it takes a lot of squares to make a quilt. We have a good time on Monday mornings, come and join us to cut and chat!

Sue Dillingham



DO YOU NEED YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED?

Good Shepherd has been blessed with several nurses, as well as other healthcare workers who will be happy to check your blood pressure any Sunday at the 8:30AM service. If you have a concern about your blood pressure, or if your medication has been changed and you want to make sure it is working well, just ask one of us for help.

Barbara Gullikson
Nancy Hamlin
Margaret Hoffman
Betty Kogok



Joy Vandyke
Beverly Torbert
Connie VanFossan
Sue Dillingham



Helpful Health Hints By The Congregation Nurse



Everyone looks forward to a relaxing trip where you can get away, relax, and see new places. Sometimes our travels take us to destinations in our own country while other times we travel to another country. Either way we need to make sure we plan beforehand to make sure we have all our needs covered, especially our medical needs.

Preparation is important to ensure that health concerns do not interfere with travel. Even people who are healthy need to plan for the unexpected when away from home. Proper preparations are inexpensive when you consider the cost of getting sick in a strange city or country.

TRAVEL KITS – should contain first aid supplies, pain relievers such as Tylenol and anti-inflammatories such as Motrin or Aleve, decongestants, antacids, and an anti-diarrheal such as Imodium. Written medical information including vaccinations and medications may be invaluable in an emergency.

HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE – make sure you know the limitations of your health insurance coverage. Do you have coverage for emergency care away from home? International travel poses more problems – Medicare doesn't cover cost of treatment outside the United States and many domestic carriers are not recognized in foreign countries. Be sure to check with your carrier before you leave. Travel health insurance is available through many travel services and credit card companies. Coverage varies so be sure you have all the details before you buy. There are directories listing English-speaking doctors in foreign countries and of course the US consulates can help identify and find emergency medical services.

VACCINATIONS – especially important when traveling out of the country. Some countries require certain vaccinations before entering and some vaccinations take several months for full immunity. It is your responsibility to know what is required. The Health Department or the CDC can help. Of course you should be up to date on the normal vaccinations such as Tetanus, Diphtheria, flu, and pneumonia. Taking a record of when you were vaccinated is a big help and a necessity if the country you are visiting requires a certain immunization.

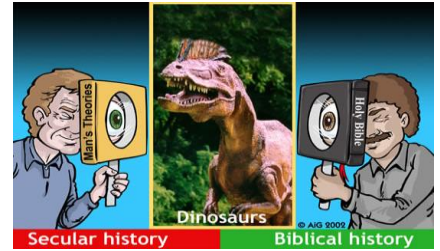
TRAVELING WITH A MEDICAL CONDITION –requires special preparation. A written summary of your medical history, including names and dosages of medications is invaluable in an emergency, as is a medical identification bracelet. A doctor's note explaining the need for medication can avoid problems with customs or security, especially if you need syringes to administer a medication. Always carry proof of medical insurance. Meds should be in original bottles and generic names are better than brand names since brand names differ among countries. It is better to carry your meds in your carry-on in case luggage is lost or delayed, and don't forget to take extra medications in case you are delayed.



Enjoy your trip, don't forget the sunscreen.

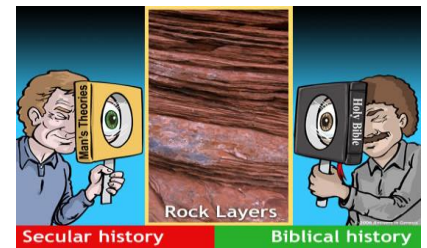
THE FLOOD / DINOSAURS / MAN

In Texas and a few other places on Earth are footprints of man and dinosaurs side by side in the same strata. Anti-flood and anti-creationists have for years claimed them to be fakes, frauds or misconceptions but not proof. Now, with the evidence under extreme scrutiny, many scientists, former evolutionists have changed their minds because what they see is proof. In Texas, are consecutive foot prints, at least 14 uncovered so far, left, right. Showing a person walking. In the same layer, the obvious footprints of a large dinosaur, also treading in the same river bed or mud, with even more footprints, left, right.



The data shows a sedimentary layer, part of that same strata, in some places more than 1 mile thick, blanketed the Earth, in a very short period of time. Also in that layer are the remains of trillions of once living things. It is being confirmed with more data that this worldwide layer is of the same period of time. Thousands of years ago, not millions. Evidence for a catastrophic event that reshaped the landscape and killed most life on Earth. THE FLOOD.

Joseph Laberge



March Birthdays

1 st	Brian Theobald	16 th	Barbara Gullikson
1 st	Tom Lau	17 th	Patty Kranz
1 st	JoAnne Rhodes	17 th	Garry Coleman
2 nd	Andon Morales	19 th	Paula Minor
4 th	Carol Steller	22 nd	Summer Stokely
5 th	Ruth Johnson	24 th	Jackson Nix
6 th	Bob Fisher	27 th	Gloria Mackey
13 th	Kathy Del Monte	29 th	Carrie Lutz
15 th	Bill Craig	30 th	Jean Dehne
15 th	Terry Jones	30 th	Jared McCain



March Anniversaries

- 16th Scott & Nancy Bray
- 21st Ralph & Fran Clouser
- 23rd Bruce Jr. & Jennie Chastain



We join in thanking God for His blessings in the past. We ask Him to keep you in His Grace and love in the future. If your birthday or anniversary was not listed correctly, please contact the office.



Good Shepherd Early Learning Center

March 2016



Playing In The Sandbox – March 19th Due to the generosity of Thrivent Financial, the ELC has a \$250.00 gift card to use to spruce up the facility. Mark your calendar to come and help redo the sandbox, spread mulch, touch up paint inside, and do some deep cleaning. There's a free t-shirt in it for you to spread the word as being part of a Thrivent Action Team. There may even be some pizza and cold drinks to keep up your energy level.

Youth Service Opportunities- Our youth have been asked to help set-up and put away chairs for Easter Sunday. So, if you can lift a folder chair, please consider lending a helping hand. If you can help out with any part of this 3 step process, please show up and pitch in. See details below.

Step 1—Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. load the chairs on the trailer. This takes about a 1/2 hr.

Step 2—Easter Morning, 1 hour before service, help set the chairs out and wipe them off.

Step 3—Easter Morning right after the service, before breakfast, help unload the chairs and put them back into the shed. This takes less than a half hour with lots of hands to help.



We are thankful for each of you here in our congregation and for all the generous support you have shown us as we prepare for the National Youth Gathering.

National Youth Gathering FUN Raiser Update

Date	FUN Raiser	Amount Raised
9/15	50/50 flea	\$ 118.50
On going	Sponsor a Youth	\$ 742.00
10/15	Initial Student Commitment Deposit	\$ 400.00
10/15	October Silent Auction	\$ 375.00
11/15	Car Wash	\$ 293.65
12/15	Dec. Movie Night	\$ 49.25
12/15	Sonny's BBQ night	\$ 600.00
On going	Papa John's --No report	- no report
1/16	Great Gatsby Gala	\$ 451.50
2/16	Chili Cook-off	\$ 656.00
	Total raised to date 2/14/16	\$ 3,685.90

WANTED

Thrivent Action Team Partners

Silent Auction Baskets
Community Service Event

Good Shepherd Youth are looking for Thrivent members to partner with us on an Action Team to fund silent auction baskets as well as to fund a community service event. If you are a member and would like to help us out please contact Kelly Fredericks @ 321.593.2283.

We will do the leg work for you.



In Christ Alone

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING - NEW ORLEANS - JULY 16-20, 2016

We Stand

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:1-6

This verse from Philippians 1 is one of our favorite verses, so you can imagine how excited we are that the theme for the National Youth Gathering in 2016 is centered around Paul's letter to the Philippians and the JOY we have in Christ Alone. In preparation for the gathering, our studies will focus on this JOY as we explore the gathering subthemes of:

Humility-There is joy in living out humility in Christ alone.

Community-There is joy in the community created in Christ alone.

Identity-There is joy in our identity in Christ alone.

Bible studies for youth from 9th-12th grade—We began meeting February 7th and will meet every other week as the church schedule allows. Our next meeting will be February 28th, at 9:45, in the JR High room, if available, otherwise we will meet in the quilter's room. All youth 9th-12 grades are encouraged to join in.

Our next bible study will be "Voodoo and Christianity" by Rev. Ken Babin of St John Lutheran, New Orleans. This study is a brief discussion about the background of voodoo and the practice of voodoo in New Orleans as well as a look at what the bible says about the practice of false religions.

Youth service highlight— On February 20th Kaitly Fredericks, Andon Morales, Adelle Paltin and Jelena Schumacher gathered together to clean out the ramp room to the right of the stage. Once the books for the book sale were removed, we cleared the room, removed all unwanted items, sorted and organized props and costumes and hauled off the debris. It looks amazing-check it out!

Sponsor a Youth/Adult Leader— We want to call attention to our on-going sponsor a youth/adult leader program. Simply place any contribution you would like to share in the envelopes labeled sponsor a youth/AL that are in the back of most pews. **We also want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of you who have already made a donation.** We are overjoyed by your generosity! You have donated \$742.00 for this program thus far. Thank you for supporting us.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our youth group as we are preparing for the gathering! We are praying for you too-In all our prayers, with JOY, as we remember you.

Joy in Christ ,
Kelly Fredericks