



The Good Shepherd News

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A Word from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The election is upon us. All the ads are negative. It's hard not to be negative when you look at whose running, and more importantly, whose paying for the campaigns. I don't have the energy at this writing to spell out the crass corruption in our government. I do feel compelled, however, to share this passage with you:



I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-15 NIV)

It needs to be noted that the governing official were just as wicked, sinful and perverse in St. Paul's day as they are in our own. Google Nero and Caligula, for example. You'll see what I mean. Nevertheless, Paul exhorts us to pray for our leaders.

Let us do so with great vigor. Our God is the one who raises up and topples nations. He is in absolute control. We should take note of this and pray for our leaders. They surely need it!

God's blessings!

BRUCE ALBERTS

Pastor



Don't forget to "fall back" an hour on Sunday, November 6th.

LWML NEWS



The LWML continues the RECYCLING FUND RAISER PROJECT FOR THE 2019 LWML CONVENTION IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

TURN TRASH INTO CASH! It's not magic, it's a project of your LWML to raise funds for its 2019 National Convention and do something good for the environment! All you have to do is donate your **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.**

We'll collect them and turn them into a company-for cash-that will safely recycle them. It's easy and it's the right thing to do. Just bring your contributions to the Food Pantry meeting room or the Gathering Room in Shepherd's Hall and put them in the LWML recycling bin any time. LWML will thank you and so will the environment. Remember to purge any personal information on your donation.



Thank you Bev



Creation/Evolution

I want to expand on the little trucks scientists discovered on ones DNA that I mentioned in the January Newsletter. More is being learned about them and what they do is amazing. These little trucks, ride the rails of your DNA looking for errors and fixing those errors. How do they know what to look for? Where is the information stored? What instructs them? What governs how many there are? Do they have intelligence? How many are there? Why are they needed? How many types are there? What powers them? Do they use any mechanical equipment? How many parts do they have? What controls their being built? Where are they built? How long do they live? The variables are almost infinite making their creation by way of evolution impossible. Evolution declares that with enough time evolution is possible but that is a nonsensical answer. Not enough trucks = death. Wrong information = death. What purpose would mindless evolution have?

The problem is so daunting, just with these little trucks that the belief it could have happened by chance becomes ever more remote.

Estimated thousands of little trucks running around on every strand of your DNA is really incredible and shows the mark of superior design by THE Designer Jesus Christ!



Joseph Laberge



Helpful Health Hints By The Congregation Nurse



November is here and the holiday season is just around the corner. That also means that flu season is coming up. So..... Have you had your flu shot this year?

I would like to spend a few moments to make sure those of you who are over 65 years of age know that there are flu shots specifically for you.

It has been known for years that people over 65 years are at greater risk of serious complications from the flu, because immune defenses become weaker with age. Between 71% and 85% of flu-related deaths occurred in those over 65, and flu-related hospitalizations in that same age group were between 54% and 70%. The flu can be quite serious for people 65 and older.

The high dose vaccine is stronger; it contains 4 times more antigen to create better protection. Those 65 and older have the option of getting the higher dose shot.

This year there is also an adjuvanted flu shot available that helps create a stronger immune response to the vaccination. It has been used in Canada and in their studies found it to be 63% more effective than the regular dose vaccine.

The flu vaccine is composed of inactivated flu virus. It cannot make you sick but you may experience side effects such as muscle aches, fever, headache and fatigue. The chances of side effects are greater with the high dose vaccine and the adjuvanted vaccine.

the flu vaccine must be given annually. The flu virus changes and the vaccine is adapted to be effective against the current virus.

So talk to your doctor and then decide which flu vaccine is best for you. Just make sure you get one of them.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Barbara



(adapted from CDC)



Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm. Please join us!

FROM YOUR HISTORIAN

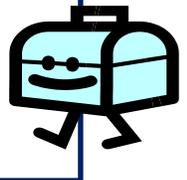
By the time this is in print Good Shepherd's annual Reformation service and Oktoberfest shall be taking place as we look forward to our annual All Saints' Memorial the following week. The annual national observation of Pastors' Appreciation Month is just about over, and we haven't even thought about it yet, at least not in print. Belated thanks and honor to Pastor Bruce who is really God's blessing to Good Shepherd and whose excellent sermons are appreciated every Sunday (in addition to his and his family's love shown to us all year around!).

Also want to mention our great joy in receiving Jim and Karen Patterson into Good Shepherd's membership back on September 14. If any others have been overlooked, please notify your Historian via the church office! Sadly, we lost Gladys Bartley who went to be with the Lord. We do have others who are ill or confined to their homes, most recently Anita Klepps who suffered a stroke at the home of a granddaughter in Sarasota where she was staying during Hurricane Matthew. She's doing very well in therapy and is expected back in Titusville by the time this reaches you. Rickey Hall also lost his dad after a long and difficult (especially for his family) illness. Karen Larson is doing well after carotid artery surgery in Minnesota. May God comfort and strengthen all families!

Was delighted to hear recently from Kelly Harrington and Stephen Baumbach, well remembering their first-grade antics in Sunday School over 50 years ago; and they have kept up their friendship with each other down through the years, a wonderful blessing.

See you at church and special celebrations. The Historian.

Lunch Bunch is going again, full force. Look for the signup sheet for the November lunch bunch time and place meeting. The signup sheet will be made available on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary and in the gathering room of Shepherd's Hall. Make your plans to join us for good food, good fun and fellowship! See you there!



LWML

LWML- Our next meeting will be November 12, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Food Pantry/meeting room of the Sanctuary. See you there. All women are invited. Please come join us.

December Newsletter Articles will be due no later than Wednesday, November 16. A big thank you to all those that contribute to this monthly newsletter. Please email articles to office@titusvillelutherans.org or leave a hard copy on the desk in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 (\$)

FOR Fiscal Year 17	<u>MONTHLY ACTUAL</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL</u>
GENERAL FUND INCOME	23,567	66,425
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		
GENERAL FUND NET INCOME (LOSS)		
OTHER INCOME (SAVINGS)		
GENERAL FUND TOTAL BALANCE (including all liabilities and building fund savings):		

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

	<u>SEPTEMBER 2015</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 2016</u>
WORSHIP SERVICE TOTALS (AVERAGE)	102	101

Hurricane Matthew

Hopefully everyone survived Matthew with little damage. It could have been much worse as the forecast was for it to be a CAT 4 and possibly a 5! The area braced for the worse. Hours into the peak I drove around Titusville and witnessed downed trees, power lines across the road and hundreds of power outages.



Later I pulled into the Churches parking lot and the road was almost impassable. You really could not see the road. The debris was that extensive. On Monday I came and spent a few hours with my little tractor clearing the road and parking lot. Anne and her little munchkins and crew were working hard to clear things. I had to stop as my tractor tossed a belt making me retreat back home for a new belt. I had barely put a dent in it. A couple of days later I returned. Miraculously almost the entire yard had been picked up! Huge piles of branches, twigs and leaves. I figured the lawn company had come out but fell over when I heard that Anne and her crew had done it!!!

My compliments to Anne and her crew as what they did saved the church a major expense and a mess cleanup by doing that work. Thank you Anne!!

Joseph Laberge

November Birthdays



1 st	Betty Kogok		
1 st	Brandy GW Taylor	20 th	Paul Maurer
1 st	Barbara Allison	20 th	Ruby Edlund
1 st	Sophia Alberts	21 st	Donna Thomas
6 th	Muriel Schwartz	23 rd	Gary Gullikson
8 th	Judy Bross	23 rd	Elaine Bray
8 th	Rich Good	23 rd	Malarie Daniels
11 th	Evelyn Johnson	24 th	Jim Murphy
13 th	Bobi Johnston	26 th	Michelle Muelke
19 th	Jeremy Good	27 th	Scott Bray

November Anniversaries

10 th	Bill & Gloria Makey
22 nd	Bud & Connie Van Fossan
28 th	Wayne & Lesley Lundberg



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.

Handyman

I would like to extend the offer to church members for either doing handyman works or receiving handyman works. Right now a few church members have come forward and offered to help and a few church members have come forward to get things done. Everyone needs a light bulb changed once in a while but all members cannot do it and conversely many can change one and would be willing to help someone get it done that needs it. We are not going to replace AC units or replace roofs BUT I will be willing to come out and advise what might be needed. The cost is free. If one wants to put a little extra in the plate on Sunday, that would be fine. It will be between you and God.

The plan is to meet every Monday between 9AM and Noon to work on the church. Right now we have church yard work and handyman jobs at people's homes, painting a ceiling, installing a ramp, crushed rocks and building a bench.

Anyone in the church that has a business or can reference a business will get first chance at doing jobs beyond the scope of handyman. The request for them is that they just do good work and charge a fair price. To get something going contact the church or call me direct at 321-268-3465 and leave a message.

Joseph Laberge



Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags

We will be making special Thanksgiving bags for our food pantry patron's. If you can help by donating items that you would have on Thanksgiving, it would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions would be canned sweet potatoes, boxed dressing, boxed potatoes mix, cornbread, canned hams, gravy mix cranberry sauce, etc. anything you would serve to complete a Thanksgiving meal. Donations can be brought into the meeting room in the Sanctuary and left on the long table. Thank You for your continued support!

