



The Good Shepherd News

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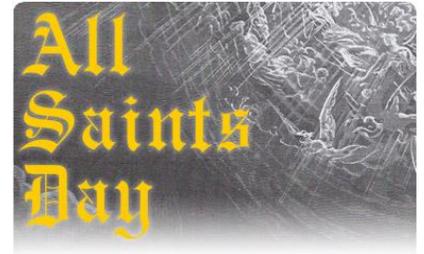
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A Word from the Pastor



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's coming! That time of year when people turn their attention to the un-living. A time of specters and speculation. (I'm proud of the alliteration in that last sentence, by the way.) A time when we reflect upon realms beyond this world; realities lying just outside our sight. Yeah, All Saints Day is coming! And you thought I was talking about Halloween.

Well, there's a reason these two holidays are so close together. Throughout the history of Europe, people have considered the end of October a sacred time. The coolness of the air. The long shortening days and long shadows. These things seemed to indicate a fundamental shift in reality, as if the visible and the invisible worlds were co-mingling. Spirits could walk upon the earth! Taking a wrong turn in a dense mediaeval forest could land you in an entirely different reality. (Well... that's probably still true today... if you know what I mean.)

Needless to say, with so much thinking of unseen realms it seemed appropriate for our ancient brothers and sister to celebrate the lives of those who've gone before us in the faith. All Saints Day was therefore formed. Since that time the church, too has celebrated communion with its dead, not in the form of candy or trick-or-treating, but in prayerfully contemplating the communion of the saints. We believers are a part of a much bigger reality that extends well beyond the visible world. The end of October, beginning of November, seems as good a time as any to contemplate this holy truth.

When you see the jack-o-lanterns and hear the scurry of little feet as they approach your door, be generous with the candy. Take time also to contemplate life in the world to come.

In His Love,



BRUCE ALBERTS

Free Handyman Services



Beginning October 3, 2016, I am going to start a free handyman service. Every Monday from 9 AM until 1200 Noon, the goal will be to offer to do minor repairs for church members. We won't replace roofs or A/C units. BUT if you need something checked out or done, we will do it. It will cover labor only. If God so wills it, put a little extra in the plate on Sunday. If it is beyond our scope we will examine the problem and offer solutions. We will be developing a list of respected and trustworthy area business people. Our request to them would be that they be very honest with us and if all goes well for them to consider sending the church an amount good for them and God. All donations have to be voluntary.

I think it is time for this church not to just be a church on Sunday but to also help each other out and act like a church on the other days of the week. Any free times 9 to 12, we will spend doing handyman services at the church. Anyone that would like to help in this cause call me at home. 321-268-3465

leave a message. Or call the church.321-267-4323

Joseph Laberge

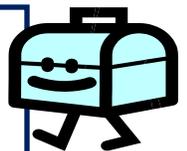
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VOLUNTEERS

Thrivent News:

To all of you who are Thrivent members, remember that you can apply to Thrivent Financial for up to two Action Plans per year. Each Action Plan will be funded with a \$250 Seed Money gift card. October is here, and there are only a few months left to claim your 2016 Action Plans. An Action Team can be formed for a fund-raising activity or a service project. In the past year we have received \$250 Seed Money gift cards to help with the Youth Group, the Early Learning Center, the Food Bank, the Book Sale, and others. See Carol Steller, Judy Bross, or Jackie Elmore for help in applying for yours. Don't let the money stay with Thrivent...it's their donation back to us!



Our next Lunch Bunch Will Be Meeting at the Blue Herron Restaurant at thr Great Outdoors RV Resort on Thursday October.27th @ 11:30. Come And Join Us For Good Food And Fellowship. Any Questions. Call the Gulliksons at 267-0777. Please see the signup sheet on the board in the Narthex or on the table in the back of Shepherd's Hall to sign up.



FROM YOUR HISTORIAN



Another month has passed so quickly, and our historical information starts off with news sent by Lois Bengtson several months ago. Most of you remember Earle Lalley who used to attend church quite regularly and sometimes read the scripture lessons of the day from a seated position (on the concrete) just outside the church entrance doors as worshipers were arriving. He also attended the adult Bible study quite often. Then he injured his foot or ankle (and the complete details are forgotten), and his life became more difficult at that point (previous to which he used a bicycle for transportation). It was rumored that he lived "under a bridge" somewhere in the area. Lois does try to keep in touch with his mother or we wouldn't have any news at all! Before the Bengtsons moved to Oviedo, they lived at The Great Outdoors and did many things for Earle, assisting with broken and stolen bicycles for instance. Continuing with Lois' notification:

"I wanted to be sure that you had some current information on him as well as the correct "old" info. I recently called his mother and she gave me the latest news--but nothing has really changed. His mother calls him "Buddy". He was a graduate of Titusville High and worked a couple of years as a security guard until he fell asleep while on duty. He has been homeless since then and is now 48 years old. His mother used to be in Titusville till Public Aid moved her to an Assisted Living Facility in DeLand. He is better off near her. He cannot eat where his mother lives, but he does see her, does errands for her and they occasionally play cards. He routinely gets his tent stolen. This last time the person left him a pair of boots in its place. There is a group that will occasionally give the guys shaves and haircuts, food, sleeping bags, etc. He also goes to the Catholic Church (somewhere in Volusia County) for a Sunday meal. This is a typical lifestyle of the chronic homeless."

Thank you, Lois, for this update. We've been wondering, and we shall remember Earle in our prayers. The list gets longer and includes you and others who have had to move away or just can't get out to church anymore.

Your historian also wants to give special thanks to the Congregation Nurse and the Education Director who came to her aid, rescuing her and taking her home after a minor health episode in the church narthex. These ladies are super efficient, and thanks be to God that they were present at just the right moment! They are a blessing to Good Shepherd congregation.

Till next month, Blessings from Your Historian!

November Newsletter Articles will be due no later than Tuesday, October 18. 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 AUGUST 2015 (\$)

FOR Fiscal Year 2017

MONTHLY ACTUAL

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND INCOME

24,546

42,858

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME (LOSS)

OTHER INCOME (Savings)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL BALANCE (including all liabilities and building fund savings):

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

AUGUST 2015

AUGUST 2016

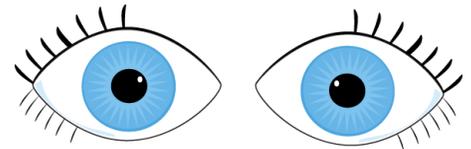
WORSHIP SERVICE TOTALS (AVERAGE)

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Helpful Health Hints By The Congregation Nurse



I am not sure how many of you may be asking yourself, or your eye professional, the same question I am asking, "When should I have a cataract removed?"

Cataracts are the clouding of the eye's clear lens, like a window that is "fogged" with steam. When the lens becomes cloudy, light rays cannot pass through it easily and your vision becomes blurry. When a cataract is first forming it may affect only a small area of the lens, and may not interfere with your eyesight. As the cataract grows your vision becomes more impaired and you may experience:

- Cloudy or blurred vision
- Seeing halos around lights
- Difficulty adjusting to bright light
- Poor night vision
- Frequent changes in your eyeglass prescription

Age-related cataracts affect more than half of all Americans 65 years and older.

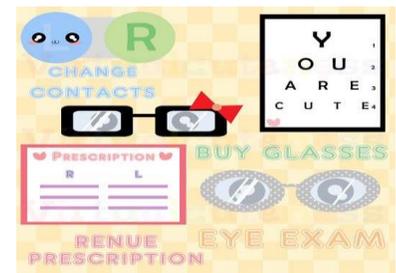
Currently, there are no medications that will prevent or cause cataracts to disappear, but if they do not interfere with your life you don't have to do anything about them. When they begin interfering with your daily activities such as driving, reading, knitting, or card games, it is time to consider surgery.

Cataract surgery is one of the most common surgeries performed in the United States and more than 95% are considered successful. With the advancements in surgery the lens can be removed at any stage of cataract development. It is the patient who must make the decision as to when the time is right, and the doctor's responsibility to educate the patient so that they make a well-informed decision.

Hope you are all enjoying the Fall and some cooler weather.

Barbara

(adapted from Vision Aware)



LWML NEWS



Our October meeting will be held October 8, 2016 at 9:30 am in the meeting room of the Food Pantry. There are many things to discuss so hope to see you there. We will discuss the upcoming rally.



THE FALL LWML SPACE ZONE RALLY

Fall Rally October 22, 2016 held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 724 Big Tree Road, South Daytona, FL 32119 the theme is

Love Works

Love was born on Christmas Day--Love gives Hope--
Love gives life--Jesus loves us --Love is Powerful--For God so
loved the world that He gave His only begotten son.....

Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am.
\$6 per person - Communion Worship at 9:30 a.m.



PLEASE RSVP WITH NUMBER ATTENDING BY OCT 8, 2016 386-756-3267 or
386-238-0938

"IN GATHERING"

Items for our food pantry :Canned food of every kind, peanut butter, cereal, rice, soup, meat, fruit, vegetables, cracker, all non-perishable food. We serve people from the whole Daytona Beach area. Your donations will help keep the shelves full.



Creation/Evolution

Creation/ Evolution why does it even matter?! Even the Catholic Church and the Pope believe it probably was evolution. Evolution but inspired by God. That implies God had to practice making things to get it right. Why would God have to practice? Especially in front of us. He had forever to figure it out. Read the Bible. Believe the Bible. It is very explicit with the order in which he made things. Some people say the order in the Bible is not possible. Really!! The God of the Universe, Who made all things. Every atom, planet, star and Galaxy, didn't follow the rules? How does one tell God He did not follow the rules? How does that even become a question in ones mind? If God wants the planets to spin backwards, He can! HE makes the rules. We just get to view them with awe and wonder. The ENTIRE human race cannot make 1 atom. He made them all. We really need to drop the man created subject of evolution and return to the God created subject of Creation.



Joseph Laberge

October 30, 2016 - 11:00 AM

OCTOBERFEST

Come join us for a Fall celebration! Church, family and friends. Everybody is welcome!

Bring your favorite dish and enjoy a great time with all.

The day starts with 1 service at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary and ends with a great meal and wonderful friendship's in Shepherd's Hall.



Mark your calendar and plan to be there.

Don't worry if you cannot make a dish. We will make sure there is plenty of food for all.

October Birthdays



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| 3 rd Vivian Hirschert | |
| 11 th Charles Collins | 19 th Elaine Eichen |
| 11 th Saydey Hall | 21 st Jana Walker |
| 14 th Ginger Dixon | 23 rd Dick Steller |
| 15 th Lorae Bremer | 25 th Carol Rector |
| 16 th Carol McDougal | 25 th Anne Dobbins |
| 16 th Mary Karrick | 26 th Linda Francis |
| 18 th Michael Fredericks | 30 th Al Bremer |

October Anniversaries



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| 10 th Sam & Bev Torbert |
| 10 th Joe & Helen Laberge |
| 11 th Brad & Riva McCain |
| 15 th Pastor Bruce & Suzanne Alberts |
| 17 th Clain & Jana Walker |
| 31 st Charles & Carolyn Tuck |

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.



Please Vote

I have followed politics since Kennedy and have voted in every Presidential election that I could. Never voted the Party always the person. I have never witnessed an election where the choices are so opposite. Only going to examine the relative positions on things and vote accordingly.

For me abortion is a big one. How can anyone call themselves a Christian and vote for someone that agrees with due date abortions? If the baby is due today, their position is that it is the law to allow that baby to be killed!

Secure borders. The US needs to help the world's poor but it cannot help anyone if it gets overrun with people. We need to secure our borders, get basic law and order back in place and then help them straighten out the countries they are fleeing. Get them to love where they live.

I don't even own a gun. Don't want one. The day they make it illegal to own one, I will go buy as many as I can. The 2nd Amendment has NOTHING to do with hunting. It has all to do with protecting US from the government. The government is supposed to be us but it seems that the Establishment thinks it more to be them and not us.

Joseph Laberge

