



The Good Shepherd News

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A Word from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“That which we obtain too easily we esteem to lightly.” So said Thomas Paine. It was true 250 years ago. It is true today.



I suspect that one of the reasons our nation is failing is because we have several generations of Americans who've had life too good and have learned to take their freedom for granted. They have not had to fight for freedom of speech, proper judicial process, the basic human right to bear arms and defend themselves (even from their own government), or to be able to redress the government in the first place. It bothers me greatly to see many of our politicians and civic leaders openly declaring the Bill of Rights to be obsolete and no longer applicable to society. The fact that these people feel comfortable saying this and that the nation is not in an uproar when they do seem to indicate that we have been way too comfortable for way too long. I fear that we will soon lose our basic American freedoms and become servants of wealthy globalists, the very people our Founding Fathers sought to free us from.

I also believe that Mr. Paine's observation is true of salvation. Do we really understand the true value of Christ's death on the cross?

We live in a world that doesn't believe in sin. Everything is permissible in our culture as long as no one gets hurt. The funny thing is, someone always ends up getting hurt. It's just a question of whether or not we acknowledge the personhood of the victim.

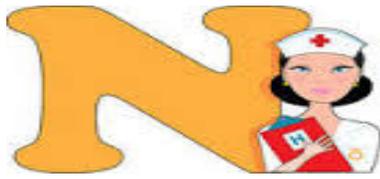
In this environment we are lead to believe that we are basically good people. Jesus is not a savior from sin so much as he is a teacher who shows us how to chill out and relax. (And we wonder why no one takes Jesus, Christianity, or anything religious very seriously!) In the midst of this kind of environment, it seems very easy to take the grace of God for granted. The consequences for doing so are similar to our political situation. We end up, once again, in the very slavery our God would have us free from.

Unlike the Bill of Rights, however, Scripture is endued with supernatural power. The Word of God achieves the purposes for which he sends it. Often that word is a word of comfort. When necessary, that word is condemnation of sin. Whatever is necessary at the time, God's word speaks.

Do not shy away from God's Word even when the message hurts. His message for you is for your healing. Feel the weight of condemnation, if necessary, and then look to the cross. The forgiveness of Christ will seem much sweeter. And you will begin to understand the full value of Christ's sacrifice.

In His love,

PASTOR BRUCE



HELPFUL HEALTH HINTS BY THE CONGREGATION NURSE



Labor Day signals the beginning of Fall and we know that in the next few weeks we may begin to feel some cooler weather. The weather will happen, hot or cold, and we cannot do anything about it, but **Financial Health** is different.

The Bible has a lot to offer us on the topic of financial health. Since the beginning of time, people have struggled with finding healthy ways to handle their resources. In Ecclesiastes we find "Whoever loves money never has money enough; ...As goods increase so do those who consume them" (5:10-11). Two thirds of Jesus' parables deal directly with teachings on finances and material resources. "So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Mt. 6:31-33).

The following principles have been adapted from the work of Larry Burkett and Ron Blue. **GOD IS THE OWNER OF ALL** (1 Tim. 6:7).

All that we have, hope to have, our very selves belong to the Lord. This is the foundation for how we manage God's gifts to us. We believe this but struggle when applying it in our financial planning.

LIFE IS A PROCESS... SO PLAN AHEAD (Lk. 14:28; Pr. 13:18). Our time on earth is limited, but God gives us material resources to (1) provide for our daily needs, (2) teach us about ourselves and how to depend on Him, and (3) enable us to be a witness to Him. We do not know what the future holds, but we do need to develop a stewardship plan for today as well as the rest of our tomorrows.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL PLANNING (Pr. 14:15). Experts agree that many family financial problems are related to a lack of understanding of things such as (1) basic bookkeeping skills, (2) the long term cost of raising children, owning a house, cars, increasing cost of living, and (3) what is needed in terms of insurance, as well as short and long term savings.

CHRISTIAN FINANCIAL PLANNING INVITES A FAITH RESPONSE (Mt.25:24-30). Christian stewardship invites us to handle our material blessings in a way that is pleasing to God. By integrating our financial planning into our Christianity we demonstrate God's ownership of our lives, money as a means rather than an end, and our Christian witness. Budget a plan that includes God, make it a necessity, and spend less than you earn. Simply stated, it is better to earn interest than to pay it. We are aware of these simple Biblical principles but need God's help in living them day by day.

Barbara

(adapted from Seasons For Wholeness)





FROM YOUR HISTORIAN

"Tis now bright September; our class has gathered in. There's work for each member. We're ready to begin." Those were the words sung at the beginning of a new school year back in the 1930's. Perhaps Max, Albert, Robert and Ernest Jabs (along with our Anita Erling Klepps) were singing something like that as they started classes at Immanuel Lutheran School in Bristol, Connecticut. Their teacher was Oscar Wulff.

Janet Bailey, Mary Ann and Don Kalwat are also members at Immanuel even though they spend some of the winter months worshiping and serving here at Good Shepherd.

Although this is only the 499th anniversary of Luther's Reformation, it is actually the 100th anniversary of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, eventually becoming "Lutheran Hour Ministries," named for the world-renowned Lutheran Hour broadcasts, dating back to the early 1930's. The current issue of "The Lutheran Layman" is dedicated to its parent organization and informing the Lutheran world of the global mission work it sponsors.

Back to the Jabs Family: As members of Immanuel, they and others were faithful followers and financial supporters of the weekly broadcasts, and a small photo of them is shown as they stopped whatever they were doing and all sat around the radio listening to the Sunday broadcast. Maybe some of you readers are also Lutheran Hour listeners. I remember listening at an aunt's home. We all filed into the living room and took our places. Seven-year-olds can soon become restless, and I remember focusing on the tall, highly varnished plant stand with its many Boston fern branches trailing down. Remember, this was 1934, and the farms northeast of Detroit were just getting electricity needed for operating the radios. Many called the new electricity service "the Edison." Went on line recently and found lots of information about the Jabs folks, starting back in Poland where one Mrs. Jabs gave birth to 21 children!
End of September History lesson!



Your Historian

Adopt a Grandparent Program

School is back in session so we are again thinking about and praying for our little children in Good Shepherd's ELC. As the parents sign up we will need volunteers from our church to mentor these children. Please call me if you need more information or talk to Anne at the ELC.

His peace be with you,
Sharon Bohlmann 321-267-0254



Jesus Please return!

The borders are wide open, unvetted migrants are pouring in by the thousands, the national debt is out of control. Riots and terrorism is in the news daily. Parts of the country are drowning while other parts are burning and our President finds time to golf! Good is bad and bad is good! People get fired for saying bad things but DO bad things and people want to vote for you! We used to be a nation of laws but now there are no laws. Are we in the times just like Noah? Drunkenness, sexual immorality, lovers of self. Disrespectful of parents and authority. Wars and terrorism all over the World. Crazy weather. Earthquakes, famines and pestilence. Now scientists are confirming a Polar Magnetic Shift as we speak, that will expose the Earth to deadly solar radiation. Can it get any worse? Just as it was in the days just before the Flood, it can and it will.

The Bible tells us of a coming tribulation where no human will remain alive unless Christ shows up.

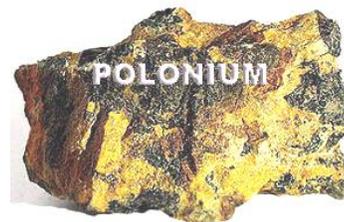
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Joseph Laberge



Creation/Evolution

An uncontested, scientific proof of Creation has been found. This discovery was over 20 years ago and since its discovery it has been published and reviewed in many peer reviewed publications.



Polonium Radio Halos. Granite rock, supposedly billions of years old, contains a secret proving it to be less than 10,000 years old, Polonium Radio Halos. Polonium is a very short lived element. The reason is, it is very unstable and decays quickly into a form of lead. The halos deep in granite also cannot be there if the granite were billions of years old. As the Polonium decays, it gives off a burst of energy and creates a halo. Imagine a bubble in water. How would you capture it? You would have to quickly freeze the water. In Granite you would have to solidify the Granite very quickly. As the Granite solidified, bursts of energy from the decaying Polonium etched itself as a permanent marker deep in the deepest rock formations.

It has been more than 20 years since the discovery. The science behind it is very strong. Many have tried to find an alternative answer but have failed. The scientific community knows of the finding but largely ignores it because of the obvious and profound implication that the Bible is correct. No evolution just amazing Creation!

Joseph Laberæ

RGOH--CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS, TUTORS, AND MENTORS

RGOH Is Starting Up Again! The regular tutoring/mentoring will begin Thursday, September 15, 2016 6-8 pm. We are looking for new volunteers to tutor/mentor, assist with activities, and assist with food/prep/serving/cleanup. Looking forward to seeing you there!





Dear Church Family

Thank you for your thoughts, cards and especially your prayers over the last several months while I have been having health issues. Upon going to Mayo Clinic the doctors diagnosed the cause of my severe headaches and double vision. My recent surgery has cured my headaches but the double vision continues and probably will for some time to come.

God Bless You All
Gloria Makey

The Holy Spirit Reaching Out

Recently I was working with an inmate who asked what church I attended. I told him Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Titusville on Garden Street. He asked "is that the church with the partial second story in the rear?" He also asked me to thank the people who mentored and tutored his children and fed them every week. He also asked me to express his appreciation for the food his wife got at the Food Pantry while he was incarcerated.



Richard Heinemann

Lunch Bunch

We are starting up the Lunch Bunch again in September. Lunch bunch will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month. Our first meeting will be September 22. Please join us for some good food and wonderful fellowship at Pistilli's Bistro & Pizzeria (Formerly Café Chocolate) Please sign up if you plan to come. A Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Come join in the good fellowship...good food.. good fun. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Gary Gullikson.



September Birthdays

5 th	Kaity Fredericks	26 th	Claire Held
7 th	Ray Schwartz	27 th	Vera Beck
13 th	Jeri Jones	29 th	Bill Makey
24 th	Corey Hall	29 th	Orin Melby
26 th	Betty Rowett		



September Anniversaries

3 rd	Ernest & Alice Stoltenberg
13 th	James & Dianne Kemp
25 th	Rick & Debra Hall
28 th	Jim & Sheila Houle



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.

October Newsletter Articles will be due no later than Monday, September 19. A big thank you to all those that contribute to the monthly newsletter. Please email articles to office@titusvillelutherans.org or leave a hard copy on the desk in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

July 2015

July 2016

WORSHIP SERVICE TOTALS (AVERAGE)

96

100

Election 2016



Are you going to vote? Why does it matter? If you don't vote you are letting your values die! If you are pro- anything but you don't vote the anti- anything vote wins. If you are pro- life but don't vote for a pro- life politician, you just signed the death warrant of a baby, or many. Now pro-abortion advocates are talking about AFTER birth abortion! You heard that right! They want to extend abortion to AFTER the baby is born. To torture and murder a baby all in the name of women's rights. Is it not time we all got off our collective hands and demanded and shouted. "ENOUGH!"

Are you a Christian? In name only? Are you going to go to your grave doing nothing? At least vote! If that is not enough call or write your Congressman. If you want to do more, volunteer at the church level and help build our core values.

Complacency is a self- inflicted disease. The cure stares us in the face every time we look in the mirror. Do something about it!

I make this statement all the time. "To make no decision to make a decision, by default, you have made a decision to make no decision!" You have become the frog in the pot.

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Joseph Laberge

FLEA MARKET SEPTEMBER 24 – 8AM TO 2PM

We are starting to organize the items donated for the sale. You can bring any donations to the Hall and leave them on the stage in back of the curtain so we can sort items and put them into the right areas. Call the office to make sure the Hall will be open. (321-267-4323)

We are offering tables to rent to the public for \$10.00.

We can use all size bags, newspapers and wrapping materials for delicate items. We also can use help to transport large items with trucks and dolly's. Contact Jackie Elmore if you can help 269-4551.

