



The Good Shepherd News

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A Word from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



THANK YOU
ALL
VERY MUCH



Thank you so much for the "sheet cake" reception for my tenth anniversary. I also very much appreciate the cards and the gifts. You have been a tremendous blessing to me and my family for the past ten years. I'm looking forward to see how God uses us for the next ten years!

I've already allocated some of the gift money you gave me for a pet project I've been talking about for a couple of years now: Hebrew. I've started relearning the language. It's coming back to me in fits and spurts. I'm grateful for what I can remember, and I'm having a great deal of fun reading selected passages from the Old Testament.

Don't be surprised, however, if you see me walking around babbling to myself or scribbling the same illegible characters over and over again on a scratch piece of paper. It's all part of the process. I'm losing my mind. (Yet!)

One of the things I'm looking forward to seeing unfold in the next few years is the work of our "Worship" Committee. We'll, we've focused less on worship and more on sharing the Gospel in the community. So we may just have to rename it the "Giving" Committee, or something along those lines. Either way, the good news is that we have a group of people that are passionate about sharing the Gospel in Titusville.

Our congregation has a number of wonderful opportunities before it. POBLO will be here October 20th and 21st. Our speakers will be telling us about Islam and how Christians can interact with it. Please prayerfully consider who you might invite to the events of that weekend.

Before that, we will be hosting a picnic for our preschool families September 19th. This is an opportunity to show love and appreciation the families who let us bring Christ into their homes through their children. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this. It should be fun!

God's richest blessings!

PASTOR BRUCE





FROM YOUR HISTORIAN



The month of September is here, and the monthly newsletter has been missed long enough to create some thought on what should be discussed in this new season. Some former topics have been “worked to death” and we’ll not try to kill anyone nor anything. Since ongoing history is the continuing subject, history really depends on names and events, and that shall be the emphasis throughout. Your historian hopes that there will be new names and events to tell about from time to time (and you can help with that!). Have checked my new Church Directory, and see fairly long names next to each other: STOLTENBERG and STUEHREBERG. The PABST name is tied in with STOLTENBERG because a PABST son married a STOLTENBERG daughter many years ago. (Obviously they met at church.) The STUEHREBERGS have cousins who were listed on the daily prayer list at the LCMS Florida-Georgia District office till recently. Retired Pastor DARRYL STUEHREBERG is recovering from his surgery, while his sister (Sonja Wuerffel) passed away as was anticipated due to the seriousness of her illness. May the Lord comfort all survivors as they await the eventual Heavenly reunion.

And while we’re on the subject of names, I’d like to tell you about two co-directors of Vacation Bible School one year, except I can’t recall the name of one of them although it was rumored that she was a member of the BENKE Family, one of whom was the LCMS president for many years (of course, her married name was different.) She, with her husband and several young children, came to the area from Texas, living in Port St. John while here. She was a good mother and brought peanut butter sandwiches along for the children so that they could eat lunch immediately at noon after climbing into the van as they headed home, (and were probably fast asleep when they got there). She was a “strawberry blond,” and the children looked just like her. The other director was JILL KEIM, and that family eventually returned to the St. Louis area. Another BENKE was one of the keynote speakers at the Lay Leadership Summit held recently in our district.

Have heard from or of Janet Bailey, Jean Dehne, Pearl Held, Shirley Kaiser, Anita Klepps, Karen Larson, Carrie Lutz and Jean Theobald. Clair Held has been hospitalized several times in Pennsylvania.

Blessings In the Names of the Holy Trinity, God the Father,
Son-Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
Your Historian.



October Newsletter Articles will be due no later than Friday, September 14. 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.



HELPFUL HEALTH HINTS BY THE CONGREGATION NURSE



Fall is right around the corner and then we can begin thinking about the Holidays and parties. When we party there are also snacks and alcohol, and this month I would like to talk about alcoholism and its effects on a person's life.

Alcoholism is defined as a strong, often uncontrollable, desire to drink. It may be difficult to spot the signs of alcoholism as alcoholics can be secretive about it and can become angry if confronted. Some signs of alcoholism are:

- A lack of interest in previously normal activities
- Appearing tired, unwell or irritable
- Appearing intoxicated more frequently
- Anxiety, depression or other mental health problems
- Becoming secretive or dishonest



There may be reason to be concerned if you or a loved one are drinking too much or if drinking is beginning to have a damaging effect on your life.

Alcohol is a diuretic, increases blood pressure, increases blood sugar, and affects sleep. Physically it has been linked to Pancreatitis, an increase in colon cancer, liver disease, and an increase in breast cancer. It can also contribute to depression making stress harder to deal with.

In the family alcohol distorts relationships, can cause isolation and confusion and families are unable to work out problems effectively. They develop unhealthy behaviors because they learn "not to trust". Alcoholism has been associated with neglect and abuse in the home also

If someone is showing signs of alcohol addiction it may be hard to know what to do. You may be worried about them, frustrated with them, afraid for them, or of them, and all these feelings are normal. Persuading them to see a physician, being supportive and non-judgmental can make them feel safe.

There are also groups that can help here in our community, Alcoholics Anonymous or Al-Anon for families. Both offer real help from people who have overcome the disease. There is an Al-Anon group that meets here in our church weekly. Reaching out takes a lot of strength but it is worth it to enjoy your life and family again.

Focus on your health, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual, "one day at a time".

Barbara

(adapted from Seasons of Wholeness & Drinkaware.co.uk)



September 2018

From the Elder's Corner:

This month we continue with our study of the Lutheran Order of Service:

Sanctus

If any part of the service has been recognized as providing a glimpse of heaven, it's the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

This is the eternal song of the angels who hover over the throne of God in the vision of heaven that was given to Isaiah (Is. 6:1-4). Such was the splendor of their song that the very foundations of the threshold of the temple trembled at the sound.

At first glance, these words appear to be out of place at this point in the service. Nevertheless, the reality is that there is nothing in this entire world that compares with the miracle of Jesus' bodily presence to feed his people.

In this meal God is breaking into our world to give us life. No wonder our repeated cry is "Hosanna in the highest," for what is more needed in this dying world than the Lord's salvation?

The second half of the Sanctus contains a statement as bold as the first. Here we have our own little Palm Sunday. Just as the crowds cried out to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, so do we declare, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Mt. 21:9; Ps. 118:26).

Heaven continues to break into our world as Jesus, our humble king, comes riding into our midst in the Lord's name. This confession in the Sanctus of Jesus' real presence is so significant that Luther proposed moving the Sanctus after the Words of Institution in order to highlight the reality of the words we sing.

God's blessings to you until next month.
Dick Steller



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 at 321-267-0254 if you need more information or talk to Anne at the ELC 321-264-1069.

His peace be with you,
Sharon Bohlmann



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

WORSHIP SERVICE TOTALS (AVERAGE)

July 2017

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July 2018

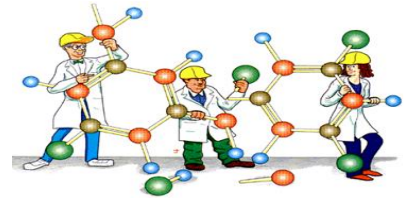
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Creation/Evolution

The hits against the belief in evolution keep on coming. New research has discovered “molecular motors”. Motors so small a

researcher made the statement that there are more of these motors in the tip of ones finger than all the man made motors on earth! So small they are literally made up of only molecules. Without these motors life could not exist. They literally transport nutrients back and forth in a very precise and controlled manner looking very much like a product of design and not a product of mindless evolution. Evolutionists have a big problem explaining all the steps needed for evolution to come up with these motors. The quantity, the position and the purpose for their creation. Their end result is your muscles work. How would evolution decide that the next step was for them to make a muscle move? Watching animations depicting as close as possible to what researchers see, amazes even the most hardened evolutionists and the deeper researchers dig the more complex life appears. Exactly opposite of what Darwin expected. Evolutionists say it all evolved. We know better. Creation by THE Designer, Jesus Christ!



Joseph Laberge



Victory in Christ

The Victory in Christ team would like to thank all those who were able to attend our Introductory Bible study sessions in July.



We hope you have been able to put into practice some of the activities we shared. If you have questions or need any support, please contact us – we are here to encourage one another!

If you were not able to attend and would like to view the presentations and handouts (independent study), you can find them at: <https://vicjohn836.weebly.com> Whether you attended the live sessions or completed them independently, we'd love to hear your Victory Stories! You can submit them anonymously directly from the website on the Victory Story tab.

Please contact us if you would like paper copies of any of the materials.

Blessings from your Victory in Christ Team
Pastor Bruce, Cookie, Miriam & Tim

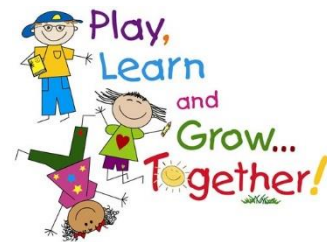




SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 5PM-7P CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC

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2073 GARDEN ST. TITUSVILLE, FL 23796
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MEET OUR PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS, THE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS, SEE THEIR CLASSROOMS AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP WITH NEW SCHOOL FAMILIES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A DISH FOR THE OPEN HOUSE IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED! THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX. COME AND SHOW OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES THE LOVE THAT CHRIST HAS FOR US AND HIS CHILDREN.



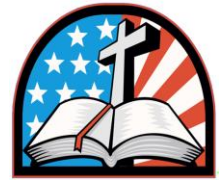
Lunch Bunch

We are starting up the Lunch Bunch again in September. Lunch bunch will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month. Please keep looking for the announcements in the bulletin for the first one. Place, date, and time will be listed then. Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board at that time.





VOTE



Not going to tell anyone how to vote or for whom but I implore all Christians to vote for candidates that oppose abortion. Since abortion was made legal more than 60,000,000 Americans were never allowed to be born and it is such an evil act! I agree a woman has her rights but so do innocent babies to live. Pro-abortion Christians claim the word "abortion" is not in the Bible and they are right because the word abortion had not been penned when the Bible was written. The modern word for murdering a baby is abortion but God Himself commented how wonderfully woven we were while in the womb. He meant that also for the babies murdered in the womb. Make your Christian values shine. Let's just vote for prolife politicians. Please vote.



Joseph Laberge

September Birthdays

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| 5 th | Kaity Fredericks | 26 th | Claire Held |
| 7 th | Ray Schwartz | 26 th | Betty Rowett |
| 7 th | Joshua Wyatt | 29 th | Bill Makey |
| 13 th | Jeri Jones | 29 th | Orin Melby |
| 24 th | Corey Hall | | |



September Anniversaries

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| 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.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

