

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

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## A PLACE TO STAND

"If I had a place to stand," said Archimedes, "I could move the world." The great Greek engineer was referring to the wonders of the lever, that simple yet astonishingly powerful machine whose properties Archimedes was discovering. He realized that, in principle, the capability of the lever was unlimited. An ordinary weakling could move a boulder the size of a house. All he needed was a fulcrum, a pole strong enough so that it would not break and long enough to multiply the force. That, and a place to stand. The force-multiplying physics of the lever are a function of distance. The heavier the object or the weaker the person trying to move it, the longer the pole you would need and the farther away from it you would have to stand. But with the right fulcrum, the right bar, and the right distance, all you would have to do would be to push the lever down, and the boulder, no matter how heavy it was, would move.

Theoretically, with the right fulcrum, bar, and distance, you could put a lever to planet Earth and move the world itself. If, of course, you had a place to stand. That, naturally, is the rub. You can't move the world because you cannot get out of the world. You are in it, so it becomes impossible to step outside the world so as to move it or even change it.

Archimedes did not know about space travel, nor did he realize that the world is

moving on its own, though we cannot perceive it. But his point holds, and not just for physics.

Try to change the universe. You can't. You are part of it. You have no place to stand.

Try to change the culture. Social reforms are maddeningly frustrating because the people making the reforms tend to be part of the problem. They themselves have been shaped by the culture they are trying to shape. Even conservatives trying to change the post-modern culture often find that they are conservative in a distinctly postmodern way. They have no place to stand.

Or, for an even more difficult challenge, try to change yourself. The problem is, you *are* yourself. You can work as hard as you can to get rid of that bad habit, that persistent sin. You might make some progress if you have enough willpower. But what if the source of your sin is precisely your will? How can willpower correct the weakness of your will? You have no place to stand.

*~taken from A Place to Stand: The Word of God in the Life of Martin Luther by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. (Cumberland House Publishing, Inc., Nashville, TN) 2005, introduction.*

*(continued next week)*

## KRANZ INSTALLATION

Good Shepherd member, Pastor Mark Kranz will be installed today as pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior Springs, MO at 3 pm. We rejoice with him and his family in completing his journey to becoming a pastor.

## WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

How often we have heard this phrase in the past few months. The Red Cross is operating to bring people who need blood together with people willing to donate some of theirs. On Friday, Aug. 14th from 11:30 am —5:30 pm Good Shepherd will be hosting a blood draw in the fellowship hall. If you would like to participate by scheduling an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Good Shepherd Lutheran to schedule your appointment.

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Orphan Grain Train is rolling into Lincoln this September at the new location: 4817 N. 56th Street, Ste 10, Lincoln. OGT is looking for support in many ways including volunteers, leaders, and donations. During the month of August, volunteers will be trained and the facility will be set up for the grand opening in September. If you would like to get involved, please contact Grant Schmidt at [gschmidt@ogt.org](mailto:gschmidt@ogt.org) or Bruce Sutherland at [bruce@ogt.org](mailto:bruce@ogt.org) or call toll free 877-371-7393.

## GOLDEN MOVE

In case you missed a chance to say farewell to the Goldens and want to send a card or note, their new address is 5224 N. Stony Run Lane, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825.

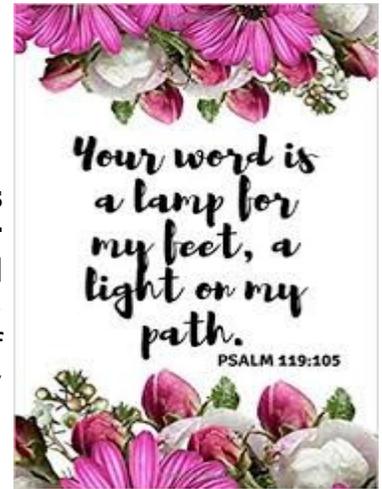


## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

- **Ron & Janet Amack**, with severe memory issues (Janet) and medical issues (Ron)
- **Dick Large**, in rehab at Southlake Village.
- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues.
- **Vern Jansky**, husband of Adrienne, recovering from surgery.
- **Robert Moline**, father of Pastor Adam Moline, recovering from surgery.
- **Andy Ingwerson**, friend of the Indgiers, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- **Julie Szalawiga**, friend of the Heckmans, dealing with longtime lung disease.
- **Deryl Travis**, hospitalized.
- **Sherrie Sapp**, mother of Lori Reinke, recovering from a fall.
- **Jeff Luebke**, nephew of Gary & Myrna Heckman, recovering from a heart attack.
- **The father of Pastor Mark Schlamann**, in hospice care.
- **Craig**, brother-in-law of Marc Huff, diagnosed with heart issues.
- **David**, neighbor of Karen Kammann, dealing with a brain tumor and possible stroke.
- **The family of Mary Myers**, sister-in-law of Luverne Myers, who was taken to her eternal home on Aug. 1st.
- **Long-term Care Prayers:**
  - Sheldon Wolff**
  - Victoria Sample**
- **William Scheidler**, friend of the Poppes, recovering from open heart surgery.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Luke 16: 8b** — “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Often, unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than we Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday, won’t that effect how we use our money?



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK (August 9– 15):**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Maurice Lange     Bob McClellan  
Rich Lichtenfeld     Abigail Durr  
Madison Jones     Shirley Green  
Kevin Christiansen  
Brenda Erickson     Adam Poppe  
Mark Fitzsimmons     Jerry Kohl  
Michele Leising     Matt Duchek  
Desiree Pelc     Sandy Prenosil

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Pastor Lance & Kimberly Berndt  
Pastor John & Karen Schmidt  
Jim & Aimee Baumann  
Dick & Char Large

**LIFE MOMENT: Trinity IX** — Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol “Death” draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death’s allure is so great it even tempts Christians to bow before it. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: “God is faithful” (I Cor. 10: 1-13). Christ our “Rock” never leaves us (10:4) We can trust in Him.

## **CHOIR**

Rehearsals will begin this Wed., Aug. 12th following the 6:30 pm service. If you are a midweek student or older and enjoy singing, please come and add your voice to the harmony.

## **MISSION PROJECTS**

For the month of August 2020, mission offerings will be given to our own radio station: KNNA 95.7FM. In the past several months KNNA has been invaluable as our services were broadcast and as people tuned in to hear God’s Word during these disturbing times. As you find that you need a change from the media chaos in our world, tune in to KNNA at 95.7 FM or on the internet at [www.thecross957.org](http://www.thecross957.org). God’s promises can calm your troubled heart.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
WEEK OF AUG. 2, 2020

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED  
\$ 10,740.00

ATTENDANCE: 198

OFFERING: \$ 3,671.00  
JULY VANCO: \$3,795.00  
JULY PAYPAL: \$ 575.00

TOTAL: \$8,041.00

## **FAMILY BIBLE STUDY**

Starting Sunday, July 19, Family Bible Study will be available in-between services. The fellowship hall has been redesigned and approved by pastors and elders, in order to accommodate current social distancing guidelines.

- The entire family is invited! One family unit per table in chairs facing the direction of the pastor at the podium.
- We have 22 tables set up properly, each distanced at a minimum of 6' from other tables in every direction.
- The tables can accommodate up to 5 people each. Come and see the new arrangement in the fellowship hall!
- We have 110 chairs to accommodate the Bible Study, which is 50% of the capacity of the fellowship hall.

Stay tuned for forthcoming information on our other weekly Bible studies. We give thanks to God and look forward to sharing more of God's Word with you!

## **REGARDING THE MAYOR'S MASK MANDATE**

Our pastors and elders met on the evening of July 21 to discuss the July 20, 2020 update to the Directed Health Measure from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

The pastors and elders unanimously agreed that our current practices and procedures fall within the Mayor's mandate without requiring masks.

- *From our pastors: The Mayor of Lincoln has issued a mask mandate for all public gatherings in Lancaster County July 20—August 31. There is much debate on whether this qualifies as a 4th Commandment issue. It is not our vocation to debate or enforce such mandates, but rather to preach and teach God's Word in its truth and purity and administer His precious sacraments according to His command and promise. You are free in the Gospel to follow the mandate if you wish. Our policy at Good Shepherd remains the same: masks are encouraged but not required. Let your conscience be your guide. Please continue to follow the 6-foot social distancing guideline so that we may continue to ease back to normal as the DHMs allow.*
- *Our return to a Sunday Bible Study for families on July 19 was a success! Plans are being made to ensure the continued safety of us all.*
- *Sunday Bible Study for families will continue until further notice. Many of our Sunday School teachers are in at-risk categories, and we do not want to burden their consciences.*

**DOORKEEPERS TODAY: 8 am: Joel Kaldahl  
10:30 am: Peg Olson**

**ELDER TODAY: (Aug. 2) Mark Reinke**

## **CONFIRMAND FAMILIES**

Remember: A composite picture and a CD of photos taken after the confirmation service are available in the church office for each confirmand. Please stop by and pick up your copies.