

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Sixth Sunday of Easter) May 14, 2023

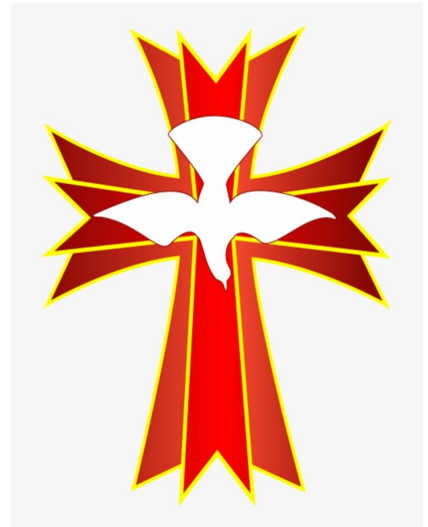
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THE HOLY SPIRIT AS ADVOCATE

by Rev. Dr. Charles Gieschen

(continued from last week)

The shy person?

The Holy Spirit is sometimes called “the shy person of the Trinity” because He is all about testifying to Jesus and not Himself. The Holy Spirit’s primary purpose is to convince us of the truth of who Jesus is, what He has taught and what He has done. Note that the Holy Spirit is so closely aligned with advocating the truth about the Son that Jesus even calls Him “the Spirit of truth”. “When the *paraclete* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf” (John 15: 26; see also 14:16 and 16: 13).

The Holy Spirit is not about giving us some new revelation. Rather, He is all about bringing to mind and being at work in the previous revelation of God in Christ. “The *Paraclete*,” Jesus says, “...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14: 25). Just as the Son speaks and acts in accord with the words and works of the Father (John 5: 19; 3: 34), so also the Holy Spirit testifies to the words and works of the Son. This is what Jesus teaches: “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16: 13-14).

The Advocate at work

So, how does one see or hear the Holy Spirit’s work today? Look to where truthful testimony about Jesus is offered, and you will hear the Spirit of truth at work. What if someone claims that a new truth has been revealed to them by the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit has been active speaking through the prophets, the evangelists and apostles, and has spoken in the ultimate way in Jesus’ preaching and teaching (Heb. 1: 1-2). He does not and will not contradict what He has spoken through these individuals in the past.

A true Christian who is “filled with the Holy Spirit” is not one who speaks about the Holy Spirit all the time, but one who testifies to who Jesus is and what he did. That is the work of the spirit in us. A true Christian congregation empowered by the Holy Spirit is not one that constantly speaks about the Holy Spirit, but one that testifies to who Jesus is and what he did. That is the work of the Spirit in the Church.

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As Jesus taught, "He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you" (John 16: 14). We not only have the Son as our advocate with the Father, but we also are blessed with the Holy Spirit as our advocate for the Son, Jesus Christ, as He works through Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Word of God to unite us in faith to Jesus, through whom we receive the abundant and eternal life that climaxes in the resurrection of the body on the last day.

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LETTER FROM PASTOR-ELECT, THOMAS GOODROAD

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to acknowledge that I have received the call to become your pastor. This will be on the forefront of my mind as I continue to diligently study in order to complete my academic work here at the seminary, upon completion of which I will be able to joyfully notify you of my official acceptance of your call. You will all be in my prayers, and I likewise ask for your continued prayers.

May the Lord of the Church bless and keep you in the one true faith.

Yours in Christ,
Thomas Goodroad



MAY MISSION PROJECT

In December of 2020 Women's Care Center opened in Lincoln, NE on S. 48th St. The center provides counselling, medical care, tangible support, adoption referrals, parenting classes and self-sufficiency training. It also offers free ultrasounds and pregnancy tests. Donations of \$84 support one mom and her precious baby through counselling and an ultrasound. Donations of **new** diaper bags, changing table pad covers, baby toys, baby monitors, baby clothes (sizes newborn—2T), sea bands (to help with morning sickness; available at Walgreens, CVS or on Amazon), and Preggie Pops (available at Walgreens and Walmart) are also accepted. Questions can be directed to the director, Sarah Williams at (531) 500-4981. All donations are tax-deductible.

UPCOMING FAMILY PARK DATES

All families are invited to a park date on May 23, 2023 from 10 am—noon at Mahoney Park off of 70th & Fremont Street in Lincoln. We will meet at the playground equipment.

We plan to hold two park dates each month through the summer. Please keep an eye on the News & Notes for more information.

Contact Elizabeth Moline at (701) 640-7989 or Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327 with questions.





PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (1)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (3)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, as she recovers from surgery for a cochlear implant (1)
- **Maurice Lange**, currently receiving radiation and chemotherapy (5)
- **Al Fox**, father of Nancy Stepp, for healing from health issues (5)
- **Linda Clark**, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery (5)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for a quick resolution to the cause of her eosinophilic esophagitis and that her dietary changes would give her relief from pain (5)
- **Donna Stepp**, mother of Jimmy Stepp, having dizzy spells. Pray that doctors would be able to find and treat the cause. (3)
- **Ken**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, dealing with low oxygen levels in his blood (3)
- **Lula Hinzemann**, 100 year old cousin of Barbara Kumm, who fractured her hip (4)
- **Char Large**, moved to Savannah Pines following a hospitalization (1)
- **Joyce Aupperle**, in hospice care at home (2)
- **Loraine Harnett**, recovering from knee surgery on May 11th (1)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (5)
- **Rick**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, who will be having a hip replacement soon (3)

- **Thanksgiving for the family of Pastor Albert & Gretyl Bader**, that the concerns about issues during the pregnancy have been resolved (1)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Thank you for your partnership and generous support for Lutherans for Life, Good Shepherd's January mission project. Good Shepherd was able to send \$ 2,051.00 to this pro-life ministry to change hearts and lives through the Gospel message of Jesus Christ providing spiritual care to families needing hope and grace.

LWML SCHOLARSHIPS

LWML South District is taking applications for students attending an LCMS University or Seminary with plans to enter a church worker vocation.

Scholarship applications are available at our website [@lwmlinesouth.org](http://lwmlinesouth.org)

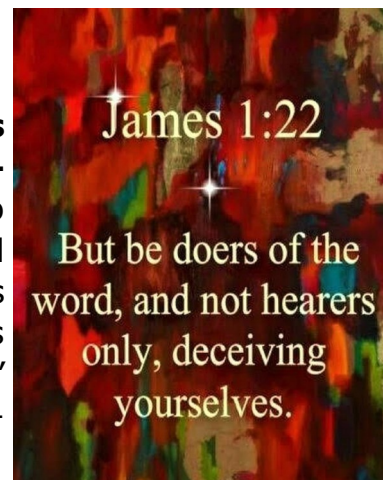
Applications must be **postmarked or received online by June 1, 2023**. Send to Eileen Zentner, 71565 648th Ave., Shubert, NE 68437 or ezentner515@gmail.com.

LUTHERANS IN AFRICA

On Sunday, May 21st, Pastor James May will be visiting Good Shepherd to preach at both services and lead the Family Bible Study between services. Pastor May is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne and is currently the director of Lutherans in Africa. LIA equips Africans to be teachers of the saving faith in Christ Jesus. This is done through training pastors, evangelists, deaconesses, and Sunday school teachers and translating key doctrinal resources into African languages. Lutherans in Africa will be Good Shepherd's mission project in July 2023.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—James 1: 22 “**But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves**” The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. As Luther said, “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” James’ epistle encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance when we are not living out our faith in sincerity.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (May 14— May 20, 2023)

People celebrating birthdays are:

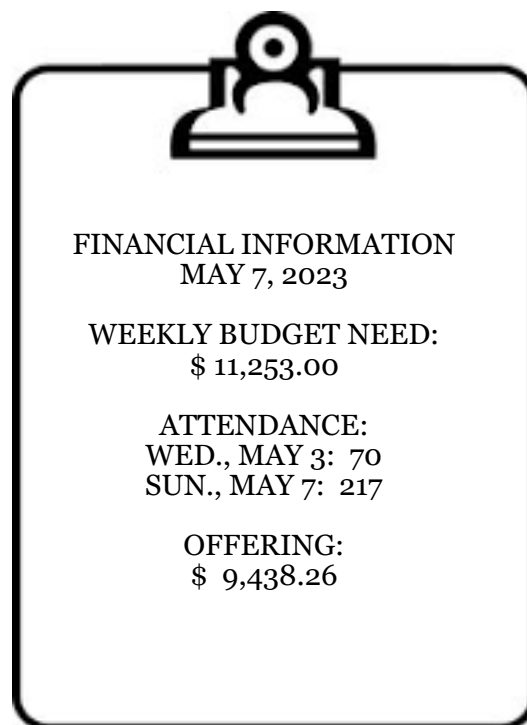
Lucy Pflanz Ty Twarling
Dee Indgjer Kevin Cheek
Brittani Jackson Hannah Schmidt
Dennis Von Busch

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Chris & Paulette Luebbe

SIGN UP FOR BUNCO

We had so much fun in February — we’re going to play Bunco again!!! You are invited to an afternoon of fellowship and fun on **May 20th at 3 pm** in the parish hall. We will be playing Bunco, an easy, fun dice game, no experience required. Anyone age 10-99 is welcome to play! The game requires even numbers of people, so please sign up in pairs, but don’t worry — you won’t be stuck with your partner for the entire game. (If you want to play and can’t find a partner, let Elizabeth Moline know or check out the sign-up sheet.) Limited babysitting will be provided for a freewill offering. Feel free to bring snacks — water and lemonade will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Elizabeth Moline at 701-640-7989 with any questions.



LIFE MOMENT

"We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose."

*Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life
Concordia University, Seward*

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., May 10): Ruth Cheek
(Sun., May 14): 8 am: Tim Higgins
10:30 am: David Perrin

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., May 10): Rich Lichtenfeld
(Sun., May 14): Joel Kaldahl
(Wed., May 17): Joel Kaldahl

USHERS: (Wed., May 10): Huff, Kaldahl, Schmidt, Perrin
(Sun., May 14): 8 am: Brodbeck, Higgins, Sidlo, Graphenteen
10:30 am: Keller, Eckhoff, Von Busch (D & R)
(Wed., May 17): Pfeister, Eckhoff, Klutzes

ACOLYTES: (Wed., May 10): Zach Von Busch
(Sun., May 14): 8 am: Ethan Von Busch
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., May 17): Aaden Von Busch

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., May 10): Ingrid Ehrich
(Sun., May 14): Khloe Bauer
(Wed., May 17): Mayah Stolcpart

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., May 10): Sue Stolcpart
(Sun., May 14): Ella Moline/Haidyn Shubkagel
(Wed., May 17): Karen Huff

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., May 10): Sue Stolcpart
(Sun., May 14): Deborah Grimmerette
(Wed., May 17): Karen Huff

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., May 14): Tim & Jenny Higgins

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT/CALL DAY

At the Special Voters Meeting on Jan. 24, 2023, the members in attendance voted to extend a designated call to our former vicar, Thomas Goodroad. At the Call Day service in Ft. Wayne on Tuesday, April 25th, that call was confirmed. Details about his ordination and installation are pending. In addition, Good Shepherd submitted an application to receive a vicar for the August 2023 — July 2024 vicarage year. However, Good Shepherd was not assigned a vicar for the coming year. Please keep the congregations and the vicars and called pastors-elect in your prayers. If you have any questions about these events and what they mean for Good Shepherd, please contact one of the pastors or an elder.

MAIN STREET LIVING

On Sunday, May 14th Rev. Jeff Bloom, pastor at of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE will be presenting a message entitled, "A Sure Defense". This sermon is based on John 14: 15-21. For those who are unable to join us at Good Shepherd on May 14th, celebrate the season of Easter with Main Street Living, Pastor Bloom and the Main Street Living choir.

GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them. Below is the beginning of an answer to this request. Further developments are in our thoughts.

Ron & Janet Amack (at home)
Joyce Aupperle (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Bob McClellan (Gateway Vista)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (Savannah Pines)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT PARENTAL RIGHTS

What does the Bible say about parental rights?

Truth #1 Children belong to God.

Psalm 127:3 says, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." In order to define parental rights, we must understand that children ultimately belong to God; they are human beings created in His image.

Truth #2 God has entrusted children to their parents.

If children belong to God, to whom has He entrusted the sacred task of raising them? The command for children to honor their father and mother (Exodus 20:12), the exhortation to listen to their father and mother's instruction (Proverbs 6: 20), and the charge to parents to teach their children and "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord," (Ephesians 6: 4) are a few Scriptures showing that **parents** are the ones charged with raising their children. This charge is **not** given to the government.

Truth #3 Parents are accountable to God for the way they raise the children entrusted to them.

The fact that God has entrusted children to parents is not a license for abuse or neglect. The Bible is clear that we are accountable to God for everything entrusted to our care — how much more does this apply to the children entrusted to parents! In *true* cases of abuse or neglect, God has given the state authority to defend that child and "punish those who do evil" (I Peter 2: 14). However, it must not misuse that authority to punish good parents; that is evil itself.

Truth #4 Parents have the right and responsibility to raise their children and direct their education.

Because God has given children to parents, it follows that parents are the primary decision-makers when it comes to their child's upbringing, including their education. While they may choose to *contract* with schools to facilitate their child's learning, they are ultimately responsible for the physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of their child. Decisions about what, how, when, and where their child will be taught, as well as who will teach them, should be theirs to make.

from American Family Association Action