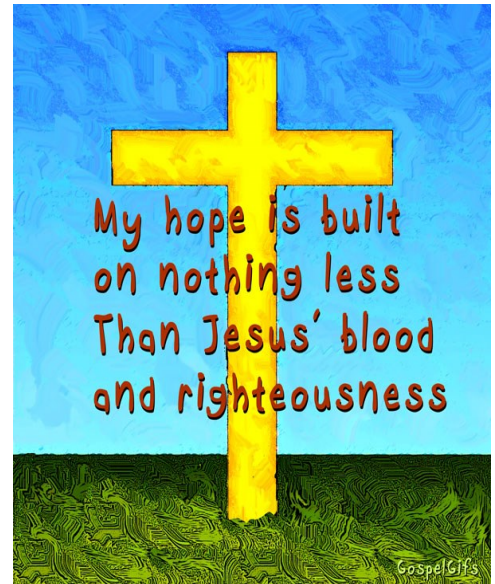


Good Shepherd News & Notes

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THE 'GENIUS' OF LUTHER'S THINKING

by Robert A Kolb & Charles Arand

Two Important Insights (continued)

God has set both dimensions of our humanity in place through His Word. He first did so through His creative Word as it shaped human life. He then re-established our humanity through His re-creative Word that comes in Christ and is delivered to us through the Word. This Word takes shape in our proclamation and witness, in Scripture itself, in other writings which repeat and echo biblical teaching, and in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. God is by nature a creating God, and He creates through speaking. Thus, His human creatures only know Him as He comes to converse with them. The Word Made Flesh (John 1: 14) came to us as both "gift" and "example," Luther taught.

A New Identity

Through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, God bestows a new identity on us. When God's Word calls us away from basing our lives on something He has made (the temporal things of life) rather than on our Creator Himself, Christ takes us with Himself into His tomb. This death to sinful ways happens decisively when the Gospel of Christ first claims us, whether that happens when we are listening to a friend's witness or being baptized as a baby. Through the Word, Luther taught, God lays our old sinful identity in Christ's tomb. Through the Word, Christ also gives us new birth (John 3: 5) and unites us with Christ in His resurrection. The promise of a new life through Christ now determines our new existence. We are raised to walk in His footsteps (Rom. 6: 4). For Luther believed that Jesus not only reveals God to us (John 1: 18), He also reveals what it means to be human. That means following His example.

Therefore, Luther had two goals when he mounted the pulpit: He wished to teach and admonish. By teaching, he sought the application of God's Law (that demands our righteousness) and the application of God's Gospel (that delivers us from sin and delivers God's promise of new life in Christ to us.) By admonition, he sought to move people to trust in Christ as their Savior and to live like children of God who had the assurance of His promise. Teaching brought God's conversation about new life into his parishioners ears. Admonition translated God's promise into the daily lives of God's people as they lived out His love for others.

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As he and his students proclaimed this message of Jesus Christ to their parishioners, the spirit, the "genius" of Luther's twin insights into the nature of God and human nature, guided and supported their interpretation of God's Word in Scripture. Luther discovered who he was as God's child when he discovered who God was when God went to the cross and reclaimed His human life through His resurrection. In Christ, Luther came to the realization that he was God's own child. Therefore, he was determined to live under Him and under His rule, and to serve Him in the everlasting peace and joy that comes from knowing he belonged to God through Christ Jesus.

The Lutheran Witness (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) October 2008, pgs. 13-15.



UPCOMING FAMILY PARK DATES

We had a blast at the park dates in June and July, and will be wrapping up our summer park tour in August.

All families are invited to a park date on August 8, 2023 from 10 am to noon at Holmes Lake Park. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.

We will be ending our summer park tour with one last hurrah on August 22, 2023 from 10 am to noon at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. All families are invited. We will meet at the indoor playground in The Secret Jungle and go on from there. There are tables located throughout the zoo. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch. If you arrive late, please call or text for our location within the zoo.

Thank you for joining us on our summer park tour. Please keep an eye on the News and Notes for future play date during the school year.

Contact Elizabeth Moline at (701) 640-7989 or Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327 or Amanda Civic at (402) 304-6620 with questions.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER THANK YOU

Words cannot describe how grateful I am for your kindness and generosity. Aside from the beautiful blankets, preggie pops, and other tangible items you have sent our way, you collected over \$2,500 for us. This money enables us to love and serve women and their families every single day. We are very blessed to have so many people looking out for us and we feel humbled that you were willing to assist us in such a tremendous way.

It was a great blessing having the opportunity to present our mission to you and tell you a little bit more about what is going on just down the street from you! Please continue to send your neighbors, friends, and family our way. We would love to serve and care for them. Please also keep us in your prayers and know that you are in mine.

God Bless,
Charlie Williams

MEET GRANDY FROM KENYA

In February, our congregation generously gave through the Mission Project of the Month to Christ's Care for Children in Kenya. Now, we have heard from one of the children who attends one of the schools funded by this organization. Grandy's picture and letter are on the LWIM table in the narthex. Take a moment and read what he has to say about his life in Kenya. Thank you for supporting these children and sharing Jesus' love with them.



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 (6)
- **Joyce Thompson**, recovering from a hospitalization (1)
- **Alan**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, dealing with cancer in his thyroid (1)
- **Gary**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for God to strengthen his faith (6)
- **Rita Lichtenfeld**, mother of Rich, recovering from surgery (5)
- **Marlene Smith**, grandmother of Beth Huff, hospitalized (4)
- **Monique Grotrian**, friend of the Bauers, battling cancer for the second time (4)
- **Elaine Egnor**, recovering from eye surgery for glaucoma (5)
- **Ruth Brisbois**, needing further treatment for eye issues (3)
- **Teri Firestone**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from foot surgery (6)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (1)
- **Karen Huff**, recovering from aortic valve replacement. (3)
- **Maureen Marshall**, dealing with a coming shoulder surgery (1)
- **Peg Dolphens**, sister-in-law of Corie Christiansen, struggling with her faith (3)
- **Hayden Higgins**, friend of the Knauses grandson, struggling with complications of muscular dystrophy (2)
- **Thomas Carr**, son of Jim & Marilyn Carr, recovering from a stroke (2)
- **Tish Loomis**, recovering at home from a hospitalization. (2)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for healing from her celiac disease. Prayers that her new medication will promote healing where it is needed. (1)

- **Alberta L'Ecuyer**, grandmother of Marlyse Goodroad, with medical issues (3)
- **Jan Stehlik**, for healing from foot and rib injuries and recovery after being hospitalized for a kidney infection (2)
- **Dawn & Ton Vontz**, sister & brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer, awaiting approval for a kidney transplant for Tom. Dawn will be donating a kidney in exchange for the kidney Tom will be receiving. Please pray that all goes well (2)
- **Francine Poppe and the family of Barb**, a cousin of Francine who was taken to her eternal home recently (2)
- **The family of Ted Von Kampen**, friend of Lavern & Beverly Obermeier, who was taken to his eternal home recently (2)

AUGUST 6 EVENTS

Pastor Poppe will be preaching his last sermon at both the 8 am & 10:30 am services on Sunday, August 6th. At the beginning of the Bible study between services will be a vote to release both Pastor Poppe and Pastor Russert from their calls to Good Shepherd. Then we will gather again at 4 pm for a Vespers service which will include the Dedication of the Corpus and a Farewell and Godspeed to a retiring pastor. Following the service will be a catered meal and some presentations to celebrate Pastor Poppe's 26 years of faithful service to Good Shepherd and to His Lord and Savior, Jesus. If you have not yet sent in your reservations for the meal, please do so in the next few days so that we will know how much food to order. Questions regarding the service? Contact one of the pastors. Questions about the meal, reservations or volunteering? Contact Sarah Kaldahl at 660.238.7327.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Jeremiah 23: 17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, the say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you’.” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (July 30 thru August 5)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Dan Alexander	Jacob Wiest
Aaron Boucher	Cade Cover
Michael Fredrick	Cole Cover
Paul Schmidt	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Derek & Rachel Wortmann
David & Jerika Perrin
Nate & Kim Keller

LIFE MOMENT

Our Lord loves to take the tiniest as His treasured possession (Deut. 7: 7-8). Their insufficiencies only accentuate how great is His compassion (Psalm 125: 2). “Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.” Does this include gestating embryos and unborn babies? Does it include bodies limited by age or ailment? Yes, Jesus loves them just as much as He loves me.

RETIREMENT PARTY DISPLAY

Photos with or of Pastor Poppe will be included in a digital display for his retirement party in August. Please e-mail any digital photos you may wish to submit to fellowship@goodshepherdlincoln.org. The more pictures, the merrier! Questions? Contact Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

There will be a special voters meeting on Sun., Aug. 6th between the first and second services before Bible Study. The meeting agenda is a vote on releasing Pastors Poppe and Russert from their calls to Good Shepherd in advance of their upcoming retirements.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
JULY 23, 2023**

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,253.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., JULY 19 65
SUN., JULY 23: 206

OFFERING:
\$ 5,495.00

**OUR OUTSTANDING
MORTGAGE: \$ 1,741,589**

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030

We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Last week we received
\$ 575.00
in principal only gifts.

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., July 26): Peg Olson
(Sun., July 30): 8 am: Tim Higgins
10:30 am: Terry Fitzgerald
(Wed., August 2): Loraine Harnett

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., July 26): Joel Kaldahl
(Sun., July 30): Rich Lichtenfeld
(Wed., August 2): Rich Lichtenfeld

USHERS: (Wed., July 26): Kaldahl, Huff, Von Busches (D & R)
(Sun., July 30): 8 am: Kaldahl, Wilkens, Brodbeck,
Graphenteen
10:30 am: Perrin, Keller, Novaks
(Wed., August 2):

ACOLYTES: (Wed., July 26): Gabe Moline
(Sun., July 30): 8 am: Aaden Von Busch
10:30 am: Sam Perrin
(Wed., August 2): Kyler Cover

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., July 26): Abigail Durr
(Sun., July 30): Adelaide Ehrich
(Wed., August 2): Adilyn Damme

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., July 26): Marilyn Meyer
(Sun., July 30): Wendy Stepp
(Wed., August 2): Karen Huff

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., July 26): Marilyn Meyer
(Sun., July 30): Suzie Znamenacek
(Wed., August 2): Karen Huff

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., July 23) Marilyn Meyer, Corie Christiansen



DEBT-FREE BY 2030

Good Shepherd is embarking on a project to pay off our mortgage by 2030. There is a letter on the bulletin table written by Pastor Moline on how this could be accomplished. It is entitled, "Be Ready For A Favorable Wind." There has been some confusion about how to contribute to this effort . We have created a label to attach to some plain white envelopes to be used for donations to this project. The envelopes are labelled "Principal Only Mortgage Reduction Fund" and are located in a basket on the bulletin table. You are encour-

aged to use these envelopes and to put your name or envelope number on the line at the top of the envelope so that your donation will appear on your contribution statement at the end of the year. Funds in the green-bordered envelopes that are labelled "Mortgage Fund" will be used to make our monthly mortgage payments. Please also include your name or envelope number on these.

LOST

There are three glass pans waiting to be taken home. Check and see if they might belong to you. They are located on a rolling cart in the narthex.

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)
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)
Arylss 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)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. **We currently remember Bob McClellan who will celebrate his birthday and Jim & Marilyn Carr who will celebrate their anniversary. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., August 2nd.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



MESSIAH LUTHERAN RESPITE CARE

Are you caring for someone with dementia and needing a break? We are here to help! Our mission is to provide a caregiving break for you, the caregiver, while providing engaging activities for your loved one and ongoing support options for you. This service is free, however, pre-registration is appreciated. Services are provided on Saturdays from 10 am — noon. The next scheduled dates are July 29th and August 26th. Go to <https://messiah.us/our-ministries> and click on the Respite Care Project to pre-register. For questions contact molliegeorge@unomaha.edu.

JULY MISSION PROJECT: LUTHERANS IN AFRICA

Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of July is Lutherans in Africa. There are many who call themselves Lutheran in Africa but have never heard of Luther's Small Catechism or the Lutheran Confessions. Rev. James May, founder of Lutherans in Africa, has been invited by many of the Bishops to teach their pastors and catechists historic Lutheranism. One of the best ways to educate them is to provide good Lutheran materials. And so, translating the Small Catechism, the Book of Concord, Good News magazine, etc. into the various languages spoken in Africa has become a substantial part of the work of LIA. They also do evangelism and mission work among people who have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace through faith. Your donations to the July mission project will be used to teach and to produce translations of above materials.

