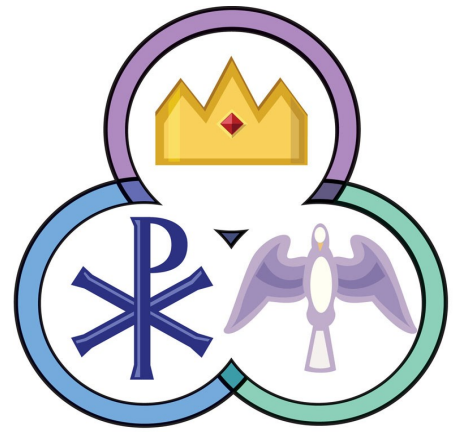


Good Shepherd News & Notes

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THREE IN ONE

"PRIEST" VS. "PRIEST" ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Vicar Jacob Garrison

I Peter 2: 9 says that all Christians belong to a "royal priesthood." Does this mean all Christians can consecrate communion, preach publicly, absolve sins, and are responsible for overseeing everyone else? There has been some confusion in the last 30 years or so concerning who is and isn't given the right to carry out the Office of Holy Ministry within the church (see the Small Catechism "Confession"). It is likely that you have seen different practices even within different LCMS churches. Some of the confusion has come from a vocabulary misunderstanding about the word "priest" and its use in I Peter 2: 5-9. With a look at the text of the New Testament, this part of the confusion can be cleared up.

In the New Testament there are various titles given to those in the Office of the Ministry. According to how you count, there are upwards of 15 different titles and terms used. Here's a short list: "overseer/bishop," "elder/presbyter," "minister/deacon," "teacher/doctor," and "shepherd/pastor." (I Peter 5: 2, Titus 1:5, I Cor 3:5, Eph 4:11). While there are distinctions between these titles, they all indicate someone within the Office of the Ministry.

Ironically, out of the 15 possible titles or terms, "priest" (which means someone who makes sacrifices) is not used in the NT to refer to the Office of the Ministry. It was sometime in the first three centuries that the term "priest" (Greek and Latin *ιερευς/sacerdos*) became the common title for those within the Office. This may have happened for a variety of reasons: perhaps due to pagan religious competition or due to its indication of someone consecrated for service to God. Whatever the reason, the term was adopted by the Church, and that's ok. The Church has a right to call ministers what they wish. The only problem is that it's created confusion concerning the role of ministers as well as who is in the Office of minister.

Once the term "priest" was adopted, it ended up becoming a replacement for the actual NT title "presbyter" (which means elder). In fact, the word "priest" first came into English from the Greek *πρεσβυτερος* and Latin "*presbyter*" when the New Testament word was first translated (you can even see how the words look the same between the three languages), and originally the word "priest" in English meant "elder." However, due to the Latin "*presbyter*" otherwise being replaced by the Greek "*ιερευς*" and Latin "*sacerdos*" (which both mean someone who makes sacrifices), "priest" in English quickly lost the meaning of "elder," and took on the meaning of "someone who makes sacrifices." That's why our English New Testaments translate "presbyter" as "elder" instead of "priest" today. This is kind of confusing, but long story short is that there is a complicated history concerning the word "priest" in English. The word now indicates someone who makes sacrifices, which the New Testament does not use for those in the Office of Holy Ministry. (over)

When the title of "ἱερεὺς/Sacerdos/priest" does show up in the New Testament, it's in reference foremost to Jesus. In Hebrews 4: 15, Jesus is called our high priest. Jesus is the only priest needed in the New Testament, because His sacrifice is sufficient for the sins of all people. Those in the Office of the Ministry do not make sacrifice to God for this reason: instead, their job is to declare and distribute the benefits of Jesus' priestly work through Word and Sacrament. With Jesus understood as the high priest, the New Testament uses the title for us as well. Peter states that all Christians belong to a "royal priesthood" (I Peter 2: 9). We belong to this priesthood insofar as all of us can ask God for forgiveness and enter the holy of holies as priests on behalf of Christ's sacrifice. All Christians certainly are priests in this way. However, the title of "priest" here, as already noted, has nothing to do with the Office of the Ministry. So, while there is a "priesthood of all believers," this indicates our ability to receive forgiveness of sins, not our ability to consecrate communion, absolve sins, and publicly preach. Appealing to the "priesthood of all believers" in regard to carrying out the duties of the Ministry contradicts the New Testament understanding of the terms.

Satan will use whatever he can to obscure God's word, and in this instance, he has used various meanings, history, and uses of the word "priest" to undermine the Office. Even though the title "priest" is now used to refer to those within the Ministry, the New Testament never uses the word in that way. And so, duties of the Office of the Ministry only belong to those who have been examined, called, and ordained. This is crucial and should not be obscured because Jesus Himself instituted the Office of the Ministry as the means by which He will be with us unto the end of the age (John 20:21, Matt. 28: 18-20). When we need a sure word of forgiveness for particular sins, when we need God's truth preached clearly, when we need godly wisdom in our lives, and when we need the medicine of immortality found in the Sacrament, we should go to the pastors Jesus sends into our midst to receive these gifts from God.

KNNA PROGRAMMING: MAJORING IN THE MINORS

With our Wednesday evening services here at Good Shepherd, we have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate many of the "minor festivals" on the church calendar. One of the many original programs produced by KNNA-LP 95.7 The Cross is Proclaiming the One — Majoring in the Minors. Each episode briefly recounts the history of the festival, feast day, or occasion, and then provides an in-depth look at the Scripture readings appointed for the day. If you are not able to receive KNNA on your radio, you can listen via the internet at www.thecross957.org. Thanks for listening!



MAY MISSION PROJECT: APPLE OF HIS EYE MISSION SOCIETY

Rev. Jordan Peiser introduced us on Sunday, May 5th to one of Good Shepherd's newest mission projects. In order to witness effectively and lovingly, it is important for non-Jewish people to understand the foundation of what Jewish people believe today. Check out the website at www.appleofhiseye.org.

ACELC CONFERENCE

You are invited to register for the ACELC Conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in **Kansas City, MO on June 18-19, 2024**. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Check the ACELC (Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Churches) website for updates on speakers and topics and for registration details.



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 (5)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (2)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her maintenance treatments would be successful (6)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (6)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (5)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (3)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (5)
- **Linda**, healing for health issues (2)
- **Karen**, daughter of Barb Kumm, dealing with health issues (2)
- **Georgia Deubler**, recovering from shoulder surgery (5)
- **Shirley Kalina**, experiencing health issues (6)
- **Cherie Travis**, dealing with heart issues (4)
- **Rachel Wells**, sister of Hannah Swor, with ongoing health issues (4)
- **Pearl**, sister of Loraine Harnett, with ongoing health issues (3)
- **Dan Novacek**, grandfather of Jack, Alaina and Nolan Novacek, recovering from open-heart surgery (3)
- **Sarah Stepp**, thanksgiving that issues regarding Rx insurance are resolved. Pray that her new prescription would be effective for her EOE. Pray also that her celiac disease would continue to be responsive to just a gluten-free diet (3)
- **The family of Sally Lacy**, who was taken to her eternal home on Sunday. Her funeral service will be/was at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osmond, NE on Friday, May 24th at 2 pm. (1)

- **Thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniversary of Greg & Shelley Kurtzer (1)**

SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER PARK TOUR

Information about future summer park dates will be disseminated by text message. Please contact Amanda Civic at (402) 304-6620 with any questions, or to be added to the summer park dates text message group.

RIDES TO CHURCH

Periodically there arises a need for transportation for someone wanting to attend worship services. If you are interested in being called on occasion to fill this need, please contact the church office so that we can create a list of willing helpers. Thanks!

FLOWERS

Greg & Shelley Kurtzer will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1. They have graciously provided flowers to celebrate the "50 glorious years full of God's blessings".

SCAM ALERT

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be one of our pastors, (and it really sounds like one of our pastors) asking you to purchase a gift card for a member who is needing assistance, please disregard this call as a scam. If a need arises at Good Shepherd, Pastor Moline or Pastor Goodroad will talk with you **in person**.

BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

On Sunday, June 2nd at 2 pm will be an opportunity to bring your favorite board game and come to the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. You may bring a snack if you wish.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— John 3: 6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (May 26 thru June 2)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Gail Stachura Chris Peters
Maddy Wagner YunMi Kort
Paulette Luebbe Alayna Peters
Kacy Totenhagen Nolan Beal
Braxton & Brynlee Jones
Marc Huff

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Rich & Megan Lichtenfeld
Kiel & Katie Buhr
Mark & Sara Nispel
Greg & Shelley Kurtzer

LIFE MOMENT

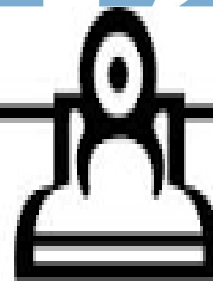
The truth of Father, Son, and Spirit proves that God loves relationship, family, and community. He gives these blessings no matter how young or old (John 3: 4-5), even inhabiting the womb or entering the tomb. The One who creates, redeems, and calls every human being reigns as Lord over life and death (Acts 2: 36). Abortion and assisted suicide are idolatrous, and Jesus has come to save from it (John 3: 17).

LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

Good Shepherd is collecting toiletry items for the Lutheran Food Pantry in the brown box located on the round table by the south balcony stairs. Items needed are:

Toothpaste (family size & travel size)
Shampoo (family size & travel size)
Soap (family size & travel size)
Toothbrushes (no battery or electric)

Thanks for your assistance in helping to fill this need for our community.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
MAY 19, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED, MAY 15: 66
THURS: MATINS: 25
SUN., MAY 19: 224

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 8,828.71

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-
GAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030. We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan 1 & May 19, 2024
We have received
\$ 31,848.04
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — May 19,
2024:
\$ 24,781.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., May 26): 8 am: Brodbeck
10:30 am: Perrin
(Wed., May 29): Olson

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., May 26): Joel Kaldahl
(Wed., May 29): Joel Kaldahl

USHERS: (Sun., May 26) 8 am: Higgins, Brodbeck, Indgjers
10:30 am: Novaks, Keller, Perrin
(Wed., May 29): Stehlik, Kaldahl, Eckhoff

ACOLYTES: (Sun., May 26): 8 am: Cole Walker
10:30 am: Zach Von Busch
Wed., May 29): Nolan Keller

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., May 26): Lucy Pflanz
(Wed., May 29): Brittani Jackson

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., May 26): Deb Burow
(Wed., May 29): Arlene Nelson

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., May 26): Christine Brugger
(Wed., May 29): Arlene Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., May 26): Harnett, Stepp



OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house for those who would like to view some of Linda Reigle's irises. She has over 200 differently named specimens and you are welcome to drive by to see them any time. Her address is 2445 Jameson Ct. From Old Cheney turn north on 27th St. At the first stoplight (by Zion Church) turn west on Jameson. Go about 1 1/2 blocks and turn into the cul-de-sac. The irises are in the front yard along the school fence. So beautiful. They are truly God's hand at work.

JUNE MISSION PROJECT: VBS IN VENEZUELA

Our project for the month of June will be to collect funds to purchase materials and food for Vacation Bible School in Venezuela. The children will be provided with materials to learn about Jesus and food to nourish their bodies. For more information, talk with Ramon Marcano. It is hard for us living in American to imagine how difficult life can be in some other countries. Please pray about this opportunity to share what we have with others who are not so fortunate and to teach them about a God who loves them.

NARTHEX/SANCTUARY/FELLOWSHIP HALL PAINTING PROJECT

The interior painting project has begun. You may have noticed that the narthex has been refurbished recently. Ramon and his crew have done a great job. The total cost for all three areas will be approximately \$14,500. We have received some donations but so far the cost for Part One — The Narthex — has not been covered. There are some envelopes labelled, "Donations for the Painting Project" on the bulletin table if you would like to donate towards the cost.

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.

Ron Amack (at home)	Anita Armitstead (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)	Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Joe Burke (Bailey Pointe)	Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)	Georgene Duer (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)	Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)	Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Janet Kniep (at home)	Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Tish Loomis (at home)	Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Dorian Merritt (at home)	Brent & Cherie Travis (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)	Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)	Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Woodlands)
Alice Urbach (at home)	

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. Beginning on **May 8** there is a card available for **Alice Urbach** as she celebrates her **92nd birthday** and **Janet Kniep** as she celebrates her **75th birthday**. These cards will be available to sign until **Sunday, May 26th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



MEET TREVOR FLANICK & FAMILY

Trevor Flanick was raised on a small farm in Maryland along with five brothers. He was baptized, catechized, and confirmed in the LCMS and was homeschooled throughout high school. After graduating, he attended Messiah College in PA, where he studied Criminal Justice and Psychology. Trevor also participated in Army ROTC to prepare for a military career; he met his bride, Rebekah, in college.

After marrying and graduating college, Trevor was commissioned as an active-duty Infantry officer in the Army. In the following nine-and-a-half years, they traveled and lived throughout the country. Stationed in Georgia, Alaska, and Kansas, Trevor spent some time overseas for deployments and training. In 2022, he left military service, moved the family to Ft. Wayne, IN and began the MDIV program at CTSFW. Trevor was blessed to serve as fieldworker at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School the last two years.

The Flanicks have 3 sons: Gideon (6), Theodore (Teddy) (4), and James (2) and just welcomed twin girls — Constance and Caroline (5mo) — this past November, bringing the family up to 7.

Trevor will be completing his vicarage at Good Shepherd during the Aug. 2024 — July 2025 year. Please include Trevor & Rebekah and their family in your prayers as they transition to Lincoln, NE and Good Shepherd.