

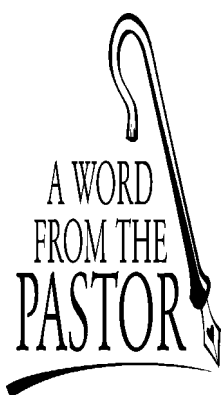
The Staff

The newsletter of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

July 2008

Our Mission: To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word

The Summer Challenge – Are You Ready?



realized, and a staff to be supported.

Questions often abound: can we survive financially, especially with considerably less support from our Child Care Program? What will happen if we fall short in our goals and efforts?

The truth is that congregations that are focused on maintaining the status quo are operating in a survival mode. Growing churches ask mission and ministry questions. "What would the Lord have us do to be more effective in living and sharing the Gospel? How can we better minister to the community, our families, the elderly and the young?"

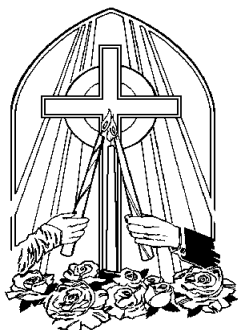
When we ask ministry questions we are people who have a great deal of confident faith and trust that God is indeed behind everything we do; that if we move forward in prayer and commitment for the glory of Jesus Christ, God will be with us and bless our every effort! This is the confident faith that has been so evident over all the years that Good Shepherd has existed and it is no different today!

We have a God whom we are eager to serve – a God who risked the very best that he had on each one of us – his Son, Jesus Christ! We are therefore confident that when we risk for his sake, the Good Shepherd of the sheep will not let us fail.

We move boldly ahead knowing that the Lord of the Church will provide through each of us all that we need to accomplish his purpose. Through it all, God is glorified and shared!

May God bless and keep each one of you in his care and grace during these months and may he renew in you his strength for the good of his kingdom.

Pastor Bill Qualman



Lisa Marie Gergasko & Eric Lloyd Waterman

request the honor of your presence on Saturday, August 2nd, 2008 at 10:30 AM as they celebrate the love they've found, and will be united for eternity in Christ. Please come and share their joy on this very special day.



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Again we find ourselves so very grateful for the love and support you have given us over the last few months. Getting prepared for Jake's surgery in Boston was both overwhelming and terrifying but you all did so much to ease our anxieties. The cards and pictures that were continually sent really helped brighten Jake's spirits. It was so exciting for him to get his mail each day and pick out the perfect spot on the wall to hang his notes! A big Thank You to AJ and Amy Ford for the wonderful DVD that was made upon Jake's arrival home. It is one of his favorite DVD's to watch as he usually watches it at least 2-3 times a week.

Most importantly, we are thankful for each and every prayer that was said for Jake. Although we had an incredible long wait the day of his surgery, we both had a profound sense of peace. We knew the operating room was filled with the love of God and the love that came from each and every prayer you lifted for Jake. We lift you all in our prayers as we celebrate life, love and faith and look forward to seeing everyone in person when we come up in June.

In Christ,
David and Jo Ellen Johnson



She Did what She Could

In Mark 14:1-9, we are told of a woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume. Responding to the disciples' criticism of the woman using such expensive perfume, Jesus said, "*She did what she could*" (verse 8a). To honor Jesus, she shared what was most dear and precious to her. This was not a meaningless gesture. She was not giving leftovers. She gave her best.

In light of this story, we might want to ask, "What do we have that we could use to honor Jesus?" If we take inventory, we find we have a lot to use and to give. First of all, we can give of our time. Being good stewards of our time implies that we will not be wasting our time but using it for God-pleasing purposes. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote, "*Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity . . .*" (Ephesians 5:15). Using our time in the service of others is a wonderful way to use what we've been given in service for Jesus.

We can also serve Jesus with our talents. Whether God has given us many or few abilities, we can, with God's strength, be of help to others. Peter encourages this service in 1 Peter 4:10-11: *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*"

We can also do what we can with our money. Through the giving of our money to the needy and to extend God's kingdom, we are honoring Jesus. When we hear how Jesus commended the woman who anointed Him as a way to honor Him, we are also encouraged to do what we can.

Submitted by Pat Pryor

Groth Report - June 2008

From the Word

Make your ways known to me, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me because you are God, my savior. *Psalm 25:4-5*

Current Events

Perhaps paths and roads are at the forefront of my mind. We have just returned from a trip to one of the most remote parts of Cambodia, Ratanakiri. Let me tell you about rugged paths. The first miles from Phnom Penh to Kratchie were relatively easy. Now, I don't mean superhighway, divided road easy, but they were over a paved road, and while the usual cows, motorcycles, pig carriers and fast buses took their share of the road at least there *was* a road to share. The next section of road was a little poorer in quality but still drivable. Then came the real challenge. We faced eighty miles of poor, pure dirt with more holes than flat space and only small fast traffic. This section of road took us about four hours. At the end of the first hour the air-conditioner went out so we continued with the windows down and dust flying. About midway into this section of travel a passerby pointed out that we had a flat tire. No problem, we had a spare and two willing Cambodian friends to help us. The luggage was unpacked and sure enough someone had stolen the jack and wrench. Now what?? No emergency road service. In the next hour about four cars stopped but none had the correct wrench. The fifth helpful person had the wrench and jack and finally the tire got fixed. On we went and arrived in Banlung safely.

The purpose of our trip was to ask the Lord to guide our way as we met with some leaders of the Jarai ethnic group. They had a representative at our training and wanted to hear more about Lutheranism and the possibility of branching out to develop some training and programming there. The meetings went well, and Pastor Kosal from Battambang and our assistant Jesse guided the discussion as we attempted to find ways to share the Gospel and work within the structure of the Cambodian government. The next day saw us returning home, but yet another car problem

challenged our path. Our car kept overheating; so with no air-conditioning and a crippled car we inched our way back to Phnom Penh. When we stopped for our overnight I got a bad stomach so I laid low while the men attempted to find a garage that would service the car. None available so we slowly took the path back to Phnom Penh. After one unethical mechanic (?) who charged \$400 for not fixing it we finally got a fix at another garage. Chuck went back to Sihanoukville, and I stayed in Phnom Penh to greet a visitor. We drove the car to a bunch of sites and through errands and all seemed well. Sure, the next morning when we started for home the air-conditioner went out again, so it was back to the garage and a four-hour wait to replace the compressor. This is one of those times it is great to know that God is in charge and teaching us His paths!

Chuck had men and women from many paths come to Open Gate Christian Fellowship for a worship workshop. About forty people were in attendance and they learned about what makes Lutheran worship, Lutheran. The participants were really involved and eager to learn more about the path of worship. They watched with interest a DVD of a Lutheran worship service from a congregation in Illinois.

I did a preschool workshop on transportation for Open Gate's preschool teachers. We used the story of Jesus riding on the donkey and Noah's ark to discuss transportation in Bible times. We played get on board by the color choo-choo and created shape buses. The best part was next week's return visit and seeing the great transportation pictures on display. These young teachers are truly pursuing the path to excellence.

I am also excited about a new path that I will be getting involved in. There is much interest in teaching Khmer Christians to produce their own Christian materials. I am thrilled with the opportunity to do writers' workshops on devotional writing.

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I will have my students for three days for the initial seminar and then do a day a month for six months. In that time we pray that God will lead us to create a marketable Khmer devotion book. This is truly a new path for most Cambodian Christians.

We are delighted that Lutheran teaching on infant baptism is leading parents on the path of bringing their children to receive this wonderful gift. It was special that our worker Jesse and wife Naomi had their children David and Jonathon baptized in our home. If you remember I wrote previously about the young pregnant woman at our women’s retreat on peace. She had asked questions about infant baptism, and we had a great discussion on this topic. She took some water from her first trip to the ocean and thankfully chose to have Pastor Kosal

baptize her newborn daughter Lena. What a blessing to see parents choose the path of life and salvation for their children.

What paths has the Lord led you on this month? Do you see and seek His direction in your life? Praise God that He has led you to know Him as your Lord and Savior and ask Him to lead others on this same path.

**Following His direction,
Chuck and Jeanette Groth**



Pastor Kosal baptizing Lena.

Our Schedule in the States

- June 20-22 Indiana District LWML Convention in Fort Wayne IN
- June 23 VBS at Christ Lutheran, Anderson IN
- June 24 Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur IN
- June 25 Concordia Lutheran Church, Greenwood IN
- June 29 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Richton Park IL
- June 30 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Webster City IA
- July 1 10 am Zion Lutheran Church, Humboldt IA
- July 1 7 pm Mission Central, Mapleton IA



Those Recovering

Pat Bowen
Tom Qualman
Gayle Ferreira

Those in Nursing Homes

Dorothy Palmer
Emmy Moore –sister of Katrina Clapsis
Leela Mallepalle

Those who are Shut-in

Marion Morgan
Joan Brenner
Irene Inneo
Josie Schubert –mother of Mary Artache

Those with Other Needs

Gloria Carias
Les Ebersole
Gunhild Nelson –mother of Carol Hahl
Evelyn Kotora
Ruth Gunderson –mother of Lynn Hughes
Ray Monel –father of Barbara Di Maggio
Jake Johnson –grandson of Pastor &
Georgeann
Gregory Pryor –brother of Patrick Pryor
Vincent Siclari, Jr. –brother of Ed Siclari
Terry Hayes –mother of Laurie Burke
Eric Brown –son of Amber and Steve
Dylan Brown –grandson of Hatcliffes
Margaret Wrigley –suffering with arthritis

Trudy Conway

Those Struggling with Cancer

Lloyd Lee – Uncle of Tony Hansen
Laurie Burke
Kathy Hogan
Laurie Troutman – daughter of Child Care
Teacher
Marie Giacomini – mother of Bill Burke
Peggy DeMarco – friend of the Kotora
Family
Joseph Spinelli – friend of Toni & Pat Pryor
Debbie Pryor – cousin to Toni & Pat Pryor
Kathy Hill – friend of Pryors
Ruth Cousens – mother of Don Cousens

Those in the Military

Chris O'Shea –nephew of Addie & Les Ebersole
Jeff Borkowski
Brian Farrell
Rob Farrell
Dustin Brown
Jeff Kotora
Guy Kotora
Joseph Puoplo –nephew of Clines
Brian Borkowski –nephew of the Borkowski's
Ashley Welsh –niece of Mary White-Stevens
Fabian Lopez –friend of Russell Domis
Darrin Brown –co-worker of Beth Meyer
David Haczyk –friend of Siclari's
Elizabeth Roslak –friend of Siclari's
Jon Griswold –brother-in-law of Heidi Griswold
Marc Artache –nephew of Julio & Mary Artache
Robert Bracero –nephew of Julio & Mary Artache

And our Missionaries :

Rev. Chuck and Jeanette Groth in Cambodia
LINC – NJ

Please check this list. If someone can be removed, or someone needs to be added, please call me in the office and let me know.

Thank you Marie

For Your Information



Happy Birthday to...

Haley Flynn-Stead	7/1
Matthew Arnold	7/2
Lori Hahl	7/2
Kevin Hullings	7/2
Juliann Gryszka	7/2
Jon Sereda	7/3
Don Cole	7/4
Victoria Arnold	7/5
Carol Cunningham	7/6
Kevin Hullings	7/6
Frank Tietchen	7/7
Catherine Dlugosz	7/7
Sarah Qualman	7/7
Jeffrey Kotora	7/8
Dominique Gouamba	7/8
Eamonn Brace	7/10
Michelle Magazzu	7/11
Sean Hullings	7/11
Christine Bleistein	7/11
Pat Prudente	7/12
Anthony Evegan	7/15
Audrey Durando	7/16
Kristine Anemone	7/16
Nelson Junco	7/16
Clement Durando	7/20
Adam Guzman	7/20
Dennis Scanlon	7/20

Brian Burniston	7/20
Victoria Artache	7/23
Daniel LoDrago	7/23
Trevor vanRiemsdyk	7/24
Wayne Krawiec	7/26
Anthony Puricelli	7/27
Michael Cistone	7/27
Adrianna Salzer	7/27
Barbara Ebersole	7/28
Shannon Sabino	7/28
Dominick Pate	7/28
Danielle Matthews	7/29
Kenneth Dolinick	7/29
Alyssa Dlugosz	7/30
Eileen Sabino (Loughman)	7/31
Taylor Flynn Stead	7/31
Erin Flynn-Stead	7/31

Happy Anniversary to.....

Dean & Marilyn Olson	7/1
Danielle & Lionell Matthews	7/3
Janet & Stephen Schuster	7/3
Barbara & Joe DiMaggio	7/9
Don & Beth Van Handel	7/14
Julio & Mary Artache	7/21
Eric & Brigitte Meitzner	7/26

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From the 
Sunday School
Superintendent

Submitted by Laurie Burke

Rally Day – Sunday September 7th at
9:00 am.

Have a safe and healthy summer.



FROM THE ALLEYS

Great! The food, the company, the fellowship. Just what a bowling banquet should be. You already know who won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 10th place (if not please go to your June Staff), but others were also recognized for their achievements.

High Average:

Men: Wayne Krawiec (200)
Women: Carol Hahl (163)

High Series:

Men: Don Cousens (695)
Wayne Krawiec (727)
Women: Doreen Humiston (548)
Carol Hahl (576)

High Game:

Men: Ron Humiston (277)
Women: Beth Stefanelli (206)
Carol Hahl (235)

Most Improved Bowlers:

Men: Danny Onorato (15.51)
Women: Marie Bergfeldt (10.29)

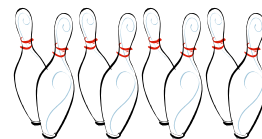
Congratulations to all of you!



Another year in the record books. Remember if you want to join the fun and fellowship you can. We meet at Strathmore Lanes on Route 34 in Matawan on Monday nights. You can talk to any of the officers (Carol Hahl, Bob or Sandy Shipley or myself, Laurie Burke). Or you can talk to any of the bowlers you've read about this year.

Enjoy your summer!

Submitted by Laurie Burke



Family Life & Fellowship Dates for 2008

Upcoming Fellowship Events:

July 19 – Strawberry & Ice Cream Festival-starting at 1 PM

Please call Kathy Hogan @ 732-888-2760 for more details.



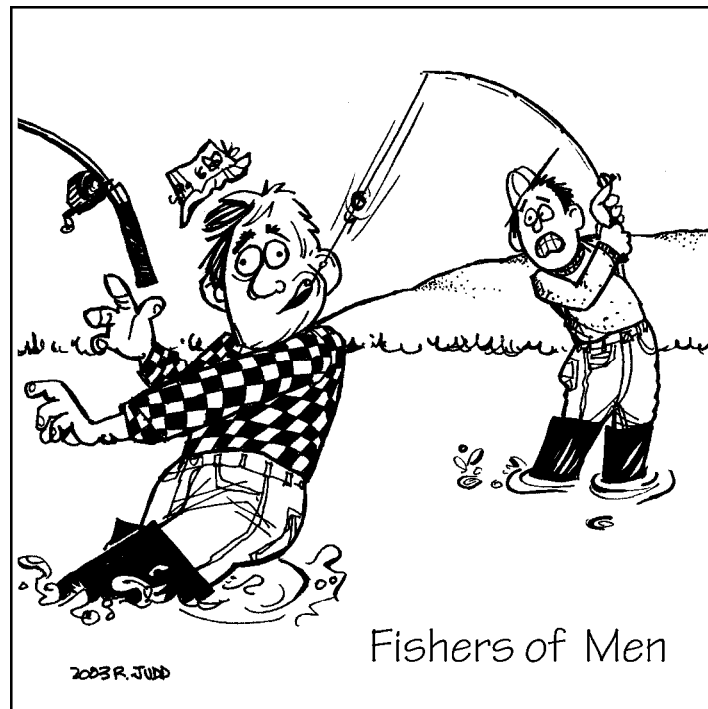
Thank you to those who helped at the garage sale:

Set-up Crew:

Bill Sardone, Alyssa Sardone, Tony Hansen, Kathy Hogan, Paul, Cathy and Christine Jordan

Clean-up Crew:

Bill Sardone, Pat Breitweiser, Kathy Hogan, Colleen Domis, Pat and Toni Pryor, Allison Van Riemsdyk, Leslie Green, Abby Eaton, Tony Puricelli, Adrianna Salzer



Good Shepherd Children's Center



WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL

The summer is here and in full swing. I feel compelled to talk about summer safety, especially for children.

When you are out and about, going to the beach and backyard parties, please remember the sun-block for the little ones. It's so important to protect their skin and lips. Yes, lips can get sunburn. Find a chap-stick with sun protection in it to avoid sun burn and blisters.

Make sure there is always someone watching very small children, especially around water. Baby pools and buckets can pose a danger to small children that are still learning how to walk or the ones that are quite new to that milestone. Keep kids hydrated, even though kids seem to have an endless supply of energy and don't seem over-heated, they can get dehydrated quickly. Best remedy for that is water or a Gatorade type drink, steer clear of the juices that are loaded with sugar, or cut juice with 90% water and 10% juice for a splash of flavor.

Now that all of that stuff is out of the way, the summer is a great way to kick back and relax, and enjoy the longer daylight hours. Even though kids are not in school, keep their brains sharp by visiting the library once a week, a book a week can make a huge difference in the upcoming school year. Most children have summer packets to complete, break it up so that it lasts most of the summer without being a burden, so that by the time September rolls around, their little brains aren't too much like mush. Get plenty of exercise, go to the park, take a stroll after dinner, and yes take time to smell the flowers, and talk to your kids or grandkids. You may just get a kick out of the answers you get.

Enjoy the upcoming July 4th holiday!!!

Remember why we celebrate it in the first place, and may God bless our troops overseas.

Oh yes, I almost forgot, don't forget the bug spray.....

Lorraine Campo, Director
GSCC



The Good Shepherd Care Center is looking for a teen to be an afternoon assistant for the 2008-2009 school year. Hours would be from 3 – 6 pm.

REQUIREMENTS: Must LOVE kids, mature minded, energetic and reliability is absolutely necessary. For more information, please contact Lorriane Campo, 732-679-8887

FUTURE EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars Now

July

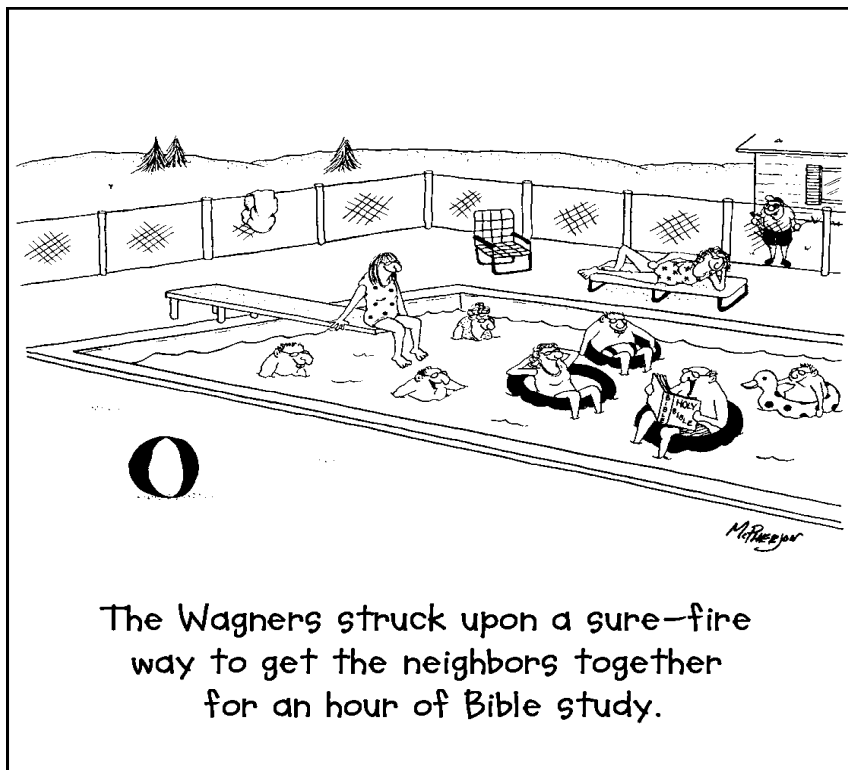
- July 4th Office Closed
- July 14 -29 Pastor on Vacation
- July 19th Strawberry & Ice Cream Festival

August

- August 31st End of one Church Service @ 9:00 AM

September

- September 7th Rally Day –Back to 8 & 10:30 service schedule
- September 21st Confirmation Kick Off, Breakfast and 1st Learning Event
- September 26-28 Confirmation I Retreat



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God's love at work here!