

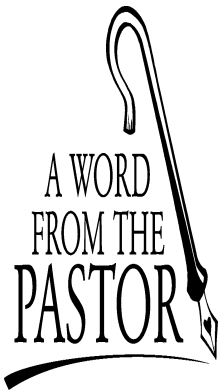
The Staff

The newsletter of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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

IT'S BACK TO WORK!



The three-year ministry of Jesus was a fast-paced, action-packed one of non-stop days. His agenda was full and there never seemed to be enough hours in the day. The needs of the people of his day and the world were pressing. The time was short. The mission was urgent.

Still our Lord did find time in his hectic ministry to "get away." On one such occasion he headed to the far north region of Caesarea Phillipi near the Mediterranean Sea. You might say it was a planned vacation to provide his disciples with some well deserved R & R. Unfortunately, Jesus was by this time a very public and popular figure and the crowds found him out.

Many of us have taken our much needed and well-deserved vacations too. And once again we hear the whistle blow and the call to commence: "Back to Work!" September brings a new start to a new school and new schedules. The pace quickens. Our schedules are filled. The race is on. The need is great.

And so it is with the church. The race is on. The need is great. It's "back to work!" Another page is turned and the history of Good Shepherd waits to be written on yet another page of ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Boards and committees are activated. Plans are put into action. Why? The need is great!

We live in a dying world. We see it all around us. Our Lord Jesus has equipped and empowered us to bring health and healing to the masses. We offer that in so many ways here at Good Shepherd through our deacons, Outreach committee, the Child Care Center, the Mission committee, Christian Education, and all the rest.

Yes, it's back to work and we do so with joy and confidence. We go back to work with our Lord's leading and directing and blessing. It's a pattern that has shown itself and proven itself throughout the history of this church. It is the Lord who builds!

We go back to work with full confidence that God has great things in store for us as a church and as brothers and sisters in Christ!

Pastor Bill Qualman



OOPS

It does not happen every week but occasionally it does occur that the Church receives a check which is refused or bounced at the bank. This is an important reminder that when this occurs the person involved with the account here at the Church will notify you and ask that reimbursement of both original amount and any fees associated with a

bounced check be paid back to the Church. Bank fees can be steep, and they add up if they are not reimbursed by the responsible parties. Whether it be a check submitted for offering, confirmation program, women's ministry, gift cards, or altar flowers, bank fees plus original amount needs to be returned please.

Faith



How many times have you come home from a long day work and stood in front of your freezer wondering what to make for dinner. Being way too difficult on this specific day you shrug your shoulders and call for a pizza.

What if.....you had ordered from Market Day!

Here is an example of something so simple, so convenient and inexpensive, yet still a healthy, balanced meal.

Shopping List

- ✓ ChicNSteaks \$14.59
- ✓ Broccoli Florets \$ 8.49
- ✓ Mashed Potato Patties \$ 7.30

A dinner of 12 servings..... priceless!

Well okay, it's not priceless but it equals about \$2.53 per meal – where else are you going to get something this good for so little.

During the month of September you will even receive a FREE photo tote with qualifying purchase. Log on to www.marketday.com and see what great values are offered this month! Sign up to order online!

Order by September 8th (online) and pick your order up on September 13th @ 8:30 AM.

Hope to see you soon!
Submitted by:
Dani Sloan,
Market Day Chairperson



Free Photo Tote
(a \$19.99 value) with qualifying purchase!
[Click here for details](#)

How Does Money Affect You?

Scripture doesn't tell us that money is evil nor does God's Word condemn anyone for having wealth. The problem is not having money but in loving it. In 1 Timothy 6:10 we read, *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"* God is concerned with how money affects us and what we do with it.

To warn us of the danger of giving money too much importance, Scripture relates the account of the Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:16-22). The Rich Young Ruler wanted to justify himself before Jesus, so he asked Jesus, *"Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"* (verse 16). He told Jesus that he kept all the commandments. Jesus knew that the young man's heart was possessed by his possessions. Discerning the real problem the young man had, Jesus told him to sell all that he had and give to the poor. The young man was unable to give up his wealth for the greater treasure of eternal life, so he sadly departed from Jesus. As this story indicates, it is easy to grow in wealth and find that our security and confidence come from our resources. Jesus warns the wealthy, *"I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."*



Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:23). Like the Rich Young Ruler, we may attempt to justify our worth by what we have instead of by whose we are!

Our attitude toward money is a primary component of our spiritual well-being. In very subtle ways, without our realizing it, money and the things money can buy can become too important. The Apostle John wrote, *"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the craving of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world"* (1 John 2:15-16). God wants us to possess our possessions rather than letting them possess us. If we love money and things of this world, we violate the first and greatest commandment: to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds (Matthew 22:37-38). When we love money, we no longer fear, love, and trust in God above all things (Luther's explanation to First Commandment). By our own strength, we are unable to put God first, to love Him wholly, *"but with God all things are possible"* (Matthew 19:26).

Submitted by Pat Pryor

**"Do you seek any further reward beyond that of having pleased God?
In truth, you know not how great a good it is to please Him."**

Written by John Chrysostom

Groth Report

From the Word: *Though one person may be overpowered by another, two people can resist one opponent. A triple-braided rope is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12*

It's always fun to ride along in Cambodia and see the number of things that are tied to cars, vans and motorcycles. Huge plates of glass, refrigerators and beds are often secured to small motorcycles. Just yesterday as we traveled to Sihanoukville from our trip stateside we saw the back of a vehicle raised and three suitcases tied to the lock opening. Secure cords are a part of daily life here. But secure ties are also part of the everyday life of a Christian missionary. These ties that are part of our security as family and supporters are bound together with Christ in our daily ministry. We thank God for these ties that bind and are not easily broken because Christ is a part of "strapping" us together. Our stateside time always renews these ties for us in special ways.

Current Events: Our first "binding" experience came with our visit to the Indiana District LWML convention. It was a joy to be back in our home district and to renew friendships there. Of course we also made new ties with people who are planning to come with a team to experience Cambodia first hand, as well as people who have found creative ways to supply people's need here in our field through surplus toys and clothes. We rejoiced that we could share what God is doing in His mission in Cambodia. We also rejoice that the Indiana District LWML once again supported our work here through a \$10,000 grant for the work in Battambang.

Another renewal of ties was from members of the ladies' team that visited Cambodia for the Peace retreat. We were excited to see and share again with Julie Prahlow, Alice Farley, Ruth Everson and Jean Janetski. We hugged and talked about the exciting ways that God used their experience. We had the chance to help with a grant proposal going to the International LWML. We also heard the words of encouragement they gave others to "get out of their comfort zone" and become a part of missions first hand via a short-term mission experience.

We were privileged to make new ties and strengthen old ones through visits to TIM congregations at Zion, Decatur IN; Concordia, Greenwood IN; Christ Lutheran, Anderson IN; St. Paul, Webster City IA; and Zion, Humboldt IA. In Humboldt we finally got to meet and hug Ed and Ann Lee who have been our faithful supporters for over eight years. What a joy to see them in person!!!! It was also a renewal of ties as we visited Immanuel, Richton Park IL. It was almost ironic that Chuck's sermon there was on the 33rd anniversary of his first sermon there as Immanuel's pastor. We are praying for partnerships at Immanuel that will bind us together in new ways.

No trip to Iowa would be complete without a stop at Mission Central in Mapleton. What an affirming experience it is to be prayed for, cared for, and sent out again by the loving Christian folks there. We thank God for our ties there and for the "Boss" that we all share, Jesus our Lord.

It is also wonderful to share the ties that bind us together as family. We can't say enough about the joys of being with our grandchildren. What fun to bake cookies together, visit a zoo, put grandchildren together with TIM partner friends the Julie Prahlow and her three boys. What a joy to meet, love and baptize our wonderful new grandchild from China, Silas Charles.

How can anyone express the joy of being part of our daughter Kristyn's wedding to Mark Rupp? As our families visited together and shared good times with the Rupp family we once again thanked our great God that He provided Christian partners for our children in ways too marvelous to imagine!!!!

We were especially touched when one of our special donors, Mrs. Charles Benidt, took time to remember the tie we share by being part of Kristyn's wedding event. What wonderful supporters God provides.

Now we are back in Cambodia. We thank God for the ties that also bind us here as we share and grow in the mission that our great God has planned. We pray for each of you as we thank God for the tie that binds us to you. May the joys and sorrows we share continue to bind us together in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bound with you in Christ's love, Chuck and
Jeanette Groth

An Unforgettable Summer

By Carly Ferreira

Wow! When asked about what I did this summer, I will immediately reply with...“I went on a 10 day trip to Washington D.C. on a Leadership Summit”. This amazing trip was one I cannot stop talking about and thinking about mainly because I met amazing people, learned valuable lessons that I will always keep in my heart and mind, and I took part in wonderful activities that helped me work better with others as a team. So sit back and relax while I share with you about the life-time experience I encountered this summer.

First of all, the people on this Leadership Summit were fun-loving and energetic and were from all over the world! For example, I met people from England, South Africa, Sweden, Italy, Russia, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Canada, Morocco, Germany, Phillipines, and Uruguay! There were also people from all over the United States, such as Wisconsin, Utah, Minnesota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, Washington, Pennsylvania, New York, Wyoming, L.A., and more. It was great to hear about what life was like back home from all of the people who lived out of the country as well as the people who lived in it. It was also fun to hear all of the accents, especially from the British kids. I even began to pick up on people’s accents. For example, I began to say y’all and howdy, without even recognizing it. Lastly, everyone there was outgoing, which made it easy to make friends. For example, once I arrived in D.C., many people immediately said “hi”, smiled, and then asked me where I was from. Then we began talking and became friends. As the week and a half continued, I met other people, and we got to know each other better. I also built ever-lasting friendship with energetic, enthusiastic, sincere, and fun people I will keep in my heart forever.

Secondly, the activities on this trip were awesome! For example, in the course of 10 days,

we went to a high ropes course in Virginia, went to a farm in Virginia and picked vegetables for soup kitchens around the country, went to the International Spy Museum, Smithsonian Museum of Science and Technology, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, received tours of George Washington’s house as well as Thomas Jefferson’s Mt. Vernon and Monticello, attended a workshop on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, visited the White House and received tours of the University of VA, the Capitol Building, and the House of Representatives building. Even though we had a lot of fun doing these activities, we had to work. For example, we had to put together a community service project and present it, and we had to complete our journals each night as well as other work sheets, but they gave us a reasonable amount of time to complete the paperwork, so we did not mind it all that much.

Lastly, we had three motivational speakers come talk to us and I learned many valuable lessons from them. For example, I learned that a leader does not have to be class president, the most outgoing person, or score the winning basket in a championship game. A leader can be someone who asks the kid who has no where to sit at lunch to pull up a seat at their table, or an elder can be someone who simply smiles and talks to someone who is having a bad day. We can all be classified as leaders, even by the “little” things we do in our everyday lives. I also learned that I am the only person who can say “no, I cannot do it” and I have “to be the change I want to see in the world”.

In conclusion, this life-changing trip was one I will never forget for as long as I live and I am so grateful to Jesus and my parents for giving me the opportunity. This truly was an unforgettable summer!

A Busy, Busy Summer!

By Paige Ferrira

Busy is not even an accurate adjective to describe my summer in 2008. Not only did I get to go to Costa Rica, but I also did Junior Counseling at Dorbrook Park, went to Camp Sacajawea for Life Guard Training, and am now currently on my way to Iowa to visit family. On top of all those things, I have been training for cross-county next year at school. I go Tuesdays and Thursdays to Manalapan High School where I meet with my team and we go running at the Manalapan Recreation Center. Even though it is really hard, I am learning to set goals for myself and to never give up, even when my legs are screaming in pain.

Even though Faith described Costa Rica in great detail, I will describe it briefly. Costa Rica is a beautiful country with delicious food, luscious vegetation, and many exotic animals. At every meal, there were rice and beans and the best fruit juices that I have ever tasted. Some activities that we did on the trip was white water rafting, zip-lining, cooking Costa Rican food, dancing, touring insect and frog exhibits, swimming in the Hot Springs, hiking up to the volcano, touring the rain forest and cloud forest, and eating, eating, and more eating! I really had the time of my life and I am so lucky that I got the chance to go. Thank-you Mom and Dad!

The day after I got back from Costa Rica, I went to Junior Counseling at Dorbrook Park. I was a Junior Counselor and I worked with two other counselors. In my group, there were about 15 kids around 7 or 8 years old. They were so cute and I had so much fun with all of them. Some of the activities that I did with the kids were Arts and Crafts, dancing, games, swimming, cooking, going to a Blue Claw's game, and going to the park. At the end of the week, I had to teach a craft to the kids while the supervisors watched and evaluated me. Even though I was a little nervous, it worked out great and the kids had a lot of fun

with the craft. I had a blast working with the kids and it truly was a great experience.

Two weeks after Junior Counseling, my sister, friend, and I went to Life Guard training at Camp Sacajawea. It was a vigorous program but a lot of fun. I learned five different strokes and many different techniques to use if someone is drowning. Also, I learned how to do CPR, rescue breathing, help someone who is choking, and how to use a defibrillator. This program made me realize how life is so precious and how it can be gone in a blink of an eye. This program also made me more confident in saving someone's life and how to protect others and myself in a dangerous situation.

Finally I am on my way to Cleveland, Ohio. It takes approximately 8 hours to get there. Even though my Mom couldn't get this week off, she is still willing to drive us all the way to Ohio. Once we get there, we are going to stay one night over at my uncle's house and then we are leaving the next day for Iowa. What fun staying in the car for 20 hours over one weekend! Anyway, once we get to Iowa, we are going to stay at our uncle's farm for a week. Then on Saturday, it is our Uncle David's 50th birthday party! At the party, we are going to see all of my cousins and most of my Mom's family. I am really excited and I cannot wait to get there.

Even though we only have a month left of summer, I had many great experiences and I learned a lot. In a month and two days, I will be entering Manalapan High School as an innocent, apprehensive freshman. So, I tried to make the most out of this summer and to relax. Anyway, this was one of the best summers that I ever had and I will never forget the amazing trips and experiences. So, Manalapan High School here I come.



Those Recovering

Abby Eaton
Alma Meyer

Those in Nursing Homes

Tom Qualman
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

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*



Lyman Henry Laub 8/30/1926 - 7/5/2008

Lyman was born Aug. 30, 1926 in Markleysburg, PA. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1944 through 1945. Deloris and Lyman met when he returned from WW II service. Lyman's (matchmaking) mother insisted he visit the neighboring farm to purchase milk from Deloris' parents. They married in 1949, and over the next 59 years they were blessed with 5 children, 4 daughters (Shirley L. Jones, Sue A. Rice, Sheila M. Olewine, & Sandy L. Wolven); one son, Charles (who passed away soon after his birth); 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Lyman was one of the charter members of Good Shepherd. He held almost every position in the church. He was President & Vice President of the Admin Board (Church Counsel), Head of Stewardship, Treasurer, and upon his retirement from Metropolitan Life (for whom he worked for 40 years) he was the Chairperson for Building and Grounds. He took care of Good Shepherd & our family in Christ as he did his own family and home.

In the early years of the church, Lyman and others spent every Saturday afternoon and Sunday after services setting up or taking down the chairs, altar, pulpit and organ used during Church and Sunday School...first in "School 18" (now Alan Shepherd school) and later in the cafeteria of Madison Township High School (now Carl Sandburg middle school). It was a wonderful day when the doors to Good Shepherd were opened to welcome all that entered. Lyman's commitment to "helping out" did not end when the building was completed. His continued passion for keeping the church building, school and grounds beautiful and in good working order were deeply seated in his universal belief that each was a gift from God, to be cared for and honored. Lyman's life-long belief that **"You can't out-give God"** kept him busy for many years and gave each of us an example of a life well-lived through God's love and in His Grace.

Submitted by the daughters of Lyman & Deloris Laub

For Your Information



Matthew Ealem	9/26
Gloria Carias	9/27
Steven Humiston	9/28
Anthony Massa	9/28
John Casey	9/29
Robert Kotora	9/30
Kristen Raba	9/30
Kaitlyn Svato	9/30

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Happy Birthday to...

Joan Hullings	9/1
Brian Puricelli	9/1
Ebenezer Mallepalle	9/1
Leah Craig	9/1
Brian Farrell	9/2
Ryan Hall	9/2
Jamie Toth	9/2
Rosemarie Staudinger	9/3
Nicholas Massa	9/4
Adam Toth	9/4
Ryan Flynn-Stead	9/4
Kenneth Lisk	9/5
Randy Seesman	9/5
Katherine Galaro	9/7
Kayla Breitweiser	9/8
David Palmer	9/9
Bianca Medina	9/9
Eileen Arzberger	9/10
Pauline Skrok	9/10
Gail Previte	9/11
Jim Hatcliffe	9/11
Justin Gonzalez	9/13
Robert Allen	9/15
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Annette Olsen	9/16
Robert Shipley	9/19
Emily Jocus	9/20
Ryan McGrade	9/21
Jessica Waite	9/22
John Coluzzi	9/24
Eddie La Flower	9/24
Silvia Herbert	9/25
Laura Allen	9/25
AJ Brown	9/25

Happy Anniversary to.....

Brian & Bonnie Lo	9/1
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John & Sherri Cocklin	9/7
Gail & Joe Previte	9/9
Tom & Joanne Jocus	9/10
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Ed & Yvonne Siclari	9/13
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Thomas & Randi Rutan	9/17
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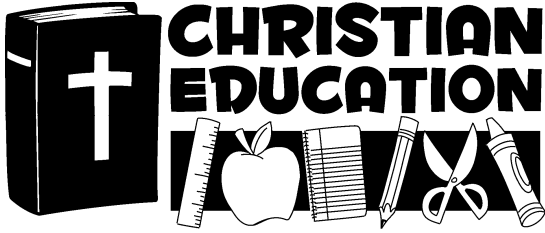
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“Father Knows Best”



by Amber Brown,
Coordinator of Christian Education

At the writing of this article I am nearing the end of my pregnancy with some minor complications and some major discomfort. Any of you brave ladies out there who have carried a human being in your body for nine months (especially through the summer) can certainly attest to the fact that the end of this delightful, glorious and privileged journey is anything but...! ☺ Oh, but isn't the result worth it in the end?!

As I've been struggling the past few months with infections, pain, bed rest and pre-term labor, I have been trying to figure out what the Lord wants to teach me and why. Those of you who really know me might label me as...er, uh...independent...and turbo-charged...and slightly uncooperative in the 'slow down and let me help you department,' I have found myself quite out of character and it has been difficult for me. I have needed to rely on the help of others, which leaves me quite *dependant*, not independent and is something I *really* dislike. I have also found that my body will not and can not do the things that I am demanding it to do...quite a disenchanting predicament for someone who has a really hard time slowing down!


Yet in all of this, I know that the Lord is trying to teach me something and so I sit and ponder and question and criticize Him, because, most assuredly, I don't need to learn anything new right now! Then I recall to mind the passage from Proverbs 3 "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes.*" I know that I do trust in the Lord, but the clincher is to '...lean not on my own understanding.' To me, that means I need to stop trying to figure out whatever He is teaching me

and move on. Why do I need to understand anything He has planned for me? It's not for me to try to figure out! Good grief...haven't I realized that no amount of complaining or contemplation will change the Lord's mind in this current life lesson?! I need to remember not to be 'wise in my own eyes' because His eyes are so much sharper than mine and He can see so much better than me! Then I recall some other beautiful and blessed passages... "*I know that plans I have for you, says the Lord...*" and "*all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.*" Whatever ridiculous issues I am dealing with, I know that I have never left the Lord's care and my prayer should be to accept what I have rather than to try to change, complain or criticize what I have.

Of course, I am not the only one dealing with issues, complaints or trials...and I am certainly not the only one who is under the Lord's tutelage right now. How many of us are struggling with pain or strife or health or financial issues or just the inexpressibly exhaustive minutia of life?! My friends, there are lessons to be learned during all of these days. Our energy should be focused on trusting the Lord, knowing that He loves us far more than we even love ourselves and that whatever the outcome of our life's circumstances, He has it perfectly laid out in the end. Do I like that I sometimes have no control over my state of affairs? NO! But instead of leaning on my own understanding, I know that I would do much better by simplifying my life and just trusting in Him, because, after all, Father, knows best!



*Olivia Morgan Brown
Born August 26, 2008
6 lbs 11 oz
Congratulations to
Amber & Steve Brown*

From the 
 Sunday School
 Superintendent

Submitted by Laurie Burke

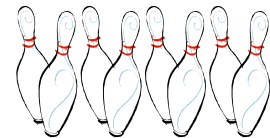
Rally Day – Sunday September 7th at
 9:00 am. Opening Service in
 Sanctuary at 9:15 am. Book fair.



FROM THE ALLEYS

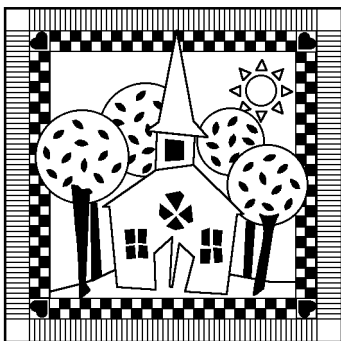
Submitted by Laurie Burke

One spot still open. If you want to join the fun and fellowship you can. We will begin our season on Monday, September 8th at 8:30 PM. We will start with a brief meeting and then “let the bowling begin.” 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).



Family Life & Fellowship Dates for 2008

CHURCH FAMILY



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Upcoming Fellowship Events:

Sunday, October 5th, immediately following the 10:30 service we will be holding our **“Annual” Church picnic**. This year we decided to use the Church grounds instead of Geick park. We will need several people to help set up and clean up. Also, if anyone has a tarp please call Kathy at 732-888-2760.

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

NEW COUPLES BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN THE FALL

A new Bible Study will be starting in the Fall for Couples interested in discovering and applying God's basic blueprints for a stronger, healthier marriage that will last a lifetime. The Bible Study is a seven session study called **HomeBuilders: Building Your Marriage** authored by Dennis Rainey of Family Life Today.

Whether you have been married one month or fifty years, this is the Bible Study for you and your spouse to help you both better connect with each other and learn to accept your husband or wife as God's perfect provision for all of your needs.

The premise of the Bible Study will be to get together with other couples to spend time in fellowship as well as studying God's Word and applying it to our marriages. The Bible Study will be a Cottage Study, so they will take place at couples' homes on an evening once a month, starting in October. This is a new Bible Study, so, of course, any suggestions will be welcomed.

Sign ups will start and continue through the month of September, so that we can get books ordered and homes scheduled prior to our first study meeting. If you and your spouse are interested in joining us, please contact Jill or Tim O'Connor at (732) 928-0178 or e-mail us at timoco@optonline.net. We look forward to getting together and growing in our faith together.



Attention Parents of College Students:

If you have a child who is away at college, please e-mail or give the office their address. Someone from the church will periodically send them a card of encouragement, or just a simple hello from the church family.

Thank you for your assistance.

Marie

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Subject Line: College Student Address.

Good Shepherd Children's Center

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL



Back To School...wow, the summer just flew by. I don't know how it always manages to take so long to get here, and then once it is here, it's over, although I am a big fan of the Fall, there really is nothing like a summer sunset, swimming in the pool and laying out in the sun for a little while. So enjoy the summer while there is still a summer left to enjoy.

As August winds down, it would be a good idea to get you kids or grand-kids reading again if they slacked off a bit while they have been off. Bedtime routines and schedules probably need to resume as well...kids need structure, they thrive on it. It will take a couple of weeks for them to get adjusted to getting up and getting off to school, so the earlier you start the better. Always make sure your child had a breakfast before they leave for school as well, children who eat breakfast, do better in school, they don't lose their steam by 10:30 am. Plan a few more last minute family outings before they get back into the swing of things and everyone starts running off in different directions. Picnics are a great way to stay connected, enjoy the outdoors and each other, a walk in the park, fishing, movie night at home is always a favorite.

I will tell you what I did this summer. My summer was very interesting....in July I went to my sister's house in Syracuse NY and visited with her and her husband and my new niece. My niece is beautiful and amazing all rolled into one and I miss her every day. I also went to the

movies, parks with my youngest son, bowling, concert, beach, amusement parks etc, last weekend we went to the Catskills, in upstate NY and had a wonderful time. My oldest son was not able to go because he is now working at the mall at a job he loves (go figure music and movie store), and he has started his own savings account and is in the process of saving for a car....yes, he is saving for a CAR, that he will probably purchase after the winter is over and gains more experience behind the wheel. Two weeks ago, I took my almost 18 year old son for his permit, that's right, I said permit, my baby now has the power to drive with a licensed driver who is experienced of course, and also will be 18 in September. I have spent a good part of 20 years working with children and advising new families how to help their children and get the most of their education and how to guide them through the milestones and tears. In all my years of training and seminars and schooling, no one ever told me how I was supposed to handle the day I sat in a car next to one of my children and they were in the drivers seat. Oh my, what a sobering experience. My son will learn how to drive over the next six months, and take his test on February 4, 2009. The next chapter of my life has officially begun, wish me luck, so the next time, you see a young kid behind the wheel that's not going quite as fast as everyone else, slow down a bit and have patience because it just may be mine.

*Lorraine Campo, Director
GSCC*



CONFIRMATION I PANCAKE BREAKFAST
For Students, Parents and Small Group Guides
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008
9:00 AM in the FELLOWSHIP HALL



Music Ministry Choir Schedule

Every Wednesday

Beginning October 8, 2008

<i>Little Sheep</i>	4:30-5:00
<i>Heavenly Dove Bell Choir</i>	5:00-5:45

Beginning December 3, 2008

<i>Interpretive Worship Team</i>	5:45-6:30
<i>Shepherd Singers</i>	6:30-7:00
<i>Jubilation Bell Choir</i>	7:00-7:30



Jubilation Bell Choir starts on Wednesday October 8th, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Want to get in shape, but can't afford the gym? Come ring hand-bells with the Celebration Bell Choir!

It's a great way to get those biceps and triceps into shape, and you're praising the Lord, too!

No experience necessary! **Practice begins October 1, 2008**

Call Amber Brown
for more information
732-730-8623

FUTURE EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars Now

September

- September 7th **Rally Day –Back to 8 & 10:30 service schedule**
September 8th Bowling Begins
September 12-13 Women Of Faith – Office Closed
September 20 Coffee House
September 21st Confirmation Kick Off, Breakfast and 1st Learning Event
September 26-28 Confirmation I Retreat

October

- October 4th Prudente Wedding 11:00 AM
October 5th Annual Church Picnic

November

- November 23rd Loyalty Sunday
November 26th Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:30 PM
November 27th **Happy Thanksgiving – Office Closed**
November 28th Office Closed

December

- December 13th Care Center Christmas Program
December 14th Sunday School Christmas Program
December 24th Christmas Eve Service @7:30 PM & 11:00 PM



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Worship Services

Sunday Communion Service

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Adult & Teen Bible Classes – 9:15 AM

Youth Fellowship Meetings—

2nd Sunday of each month

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God's love at work here!