

The Staff

The Newsletter of the Lutheran Church
of the Good Shepherd

Our Mission:

To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word!

July 2011

ROLES LUTHERANS PLAYED IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Here are some little-known facts about the important roles Lutherans played in the founding and early history of the US as compiled by Pastor Harvey Krueger:

- Lutherans were in America seven years before the Pilgrims.
- The first book translated into any American Indian Language was Luther's Small Catechism.
- The first "Stars and Stripes" was made by Sara Austin and the Ladies Aid Society of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. It was presented to John Paul Jones and received the first salute granted to the Star Spangled Banner in Europe. It is now in the National Museum in Washington, D.C.
- Our Statue of Liberty was made by a French Lutheran, M. Frederic Bartholdi.
- It was a Lutheran boy who called a Lutheran sexton to ring the Liberty Bell.
- The Liberty Bell was hauled from Philadelphia to Allentown, PA, by a Lutheran, Fredrick Leiser, in 1777. The bell was then hidden under the floor of Zion Lutheran Church.

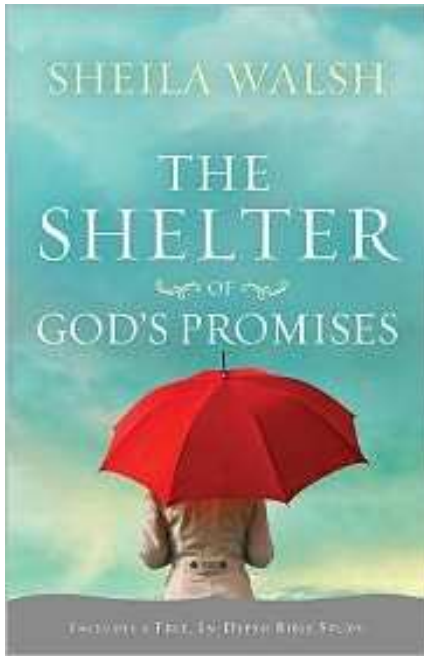
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Six-week Bible Study, "Healthy Summer Living", as we learn to "give ourselves to each wonderful moment of the summer and really drink in all of the delights of this special season, as we keep our mind, soul, strength and body in balance. Let your ultimate source of delight be found in God. Always keep Him in the center of your life. Let your thoughts rest on Jesus Christ, and let your soul rejoice in all his goodness." (quotation from the book)

We will meet on **Wednesdays, starting on July 13 at 7 p.m.**
Let's continue our Healthy Living through the Summer with this six-week Bible Study.

In His Service,
Jill O'Connor





**ENJOY SOME SUMMER READING & AND
JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER FOR
BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION!**

In a world of uncertainty, pain and struggle, where do you find solid assurance and unshakeable truth? Gifted Bible teacher and inspiring Women of Faith speaker, Sheila Walsh, offers powerful, heart-filled teaching on ten bedrock promises of God, providing the foundation for daily confidence, joy and hope.

In *The Shelter of God's Promises*, Sheila searches Scripture for what God has promised us, what God's promises mean, and how encounters with Christ are the eternal fulfillment of His unrelenting commitment to us. In this riveting walk through some of the Bible's most compelling stories, Walsh unveils ten foundational promises of God that secure our lives during even the most difficult times. Sheila weaves her hallmark storytelling, inspiring personal experience, and Scripture to help readers gain a trust in God that will sustain them for a lifetime.

I've already ordered my copy, since Kathy Hogan will be starting off the **Book Club** on **September 20 at 7 p.m.**, in the Library of the Church. Won't you order your copy today and join us in September for some great discussion, coffee and fellowship.

Jill O'Connor, Christian Ed Chair.



Sunday School News

Well we have reached the end of the Sunday school year and enjoyed an exciting program mixed with music and drama. Now it is time to take a break during the hottest months of the year, enjoy vacations, and prepare for the coming year which promises to be even more exciting.

We decided to enjoy a school wide last day of Sunday school and come together with our youth group and Pastor Ben to enjoy an hour of music, drama and snacks bringing together the work of the past year as well as incorporating a few new skits! A fun time was had for all.

I want to wish all the Sunday school teachers, the class aids, my Sunday school assistants and the students a fun filled and safe summer. I look forward to seeing each of you back next year!

Our first day of school will be September 11, 2011 – we will have registration and start classes. On September 18th, we will celebrate Rally Day and the Sunday School Teachers will be installed.

Anyone interested in volunteering to teach, become a classroom aid or willing to substitute periodically please let me know. We are always looking for additional help and I know you will find it most rewarding!

Thank you to all the parents that have faithfully brought your children to Sunday school. Statistics show that the foundational years are the most critical! I look forward to seeing you at worship services on Sundays until the new school year begin.

Yours in Christ
Lorraine Morrison

MARK THESE DATES

JULY 2011

Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – July 9, 16, 23, 30
NO Saturday Service on July 2nd

July 3 – September 4, Worship Service at 9:00 am

July 4	Church Office Closed
July 12	Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 PM
July 21	Admin Board Meeting – 7:30 PM

AUGUST 2011

Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – August 6, 13, 20, 27

SEPTEMBER 2011

Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – September 10, 17, 24
NO Saturday Service on September 3rd

September 4	Last week of Summer Schedule 9:00 am service
September 5	Church Office Closed
September 9 – 10	Women of Faith - Philadelphia
September 11	Sunday School Begins – Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
September 18	Rally Day -- Installation of Sunday School and Care Center Teachers

OCTOBER 2011

Sunday October 2, 2011
50th Anniversary Gala Event
NO Sunday School
One worship service
Dinner @ Palms Plaza at 1:00 PM
Coffee hour before service to welcome guests!



Those Recovering

Joe Kotora
Bill Sabino
MaryAnn Turk
Rose Sydor
Gloria Carias
Michael Junco
Christine McGrade

Those in Nursing Homes

Jerry Bosco – Brother of Rosemarie Staudinger
Emmy Moore –sister of Katrina Clapsis
Leela Mallepalle

Those who are Shut-in

Marion Morgan
Joan Brenner
Josie Schubert –mother of Mary Artache

Those with Other Needs

Jack Kaplan – nephew of Marie Bergfeldt
Michele Carlson
Nicole Stacy
Olivia Rae Vargas – niece of Sue Hawley
Gloria Carias
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

Those Struggling with Cancer

John Smith – brother of Joanne Louth
Tony DeLuca – friend of the Bergfeldt's
Ed Siclari
Vinny Campo – husband of Care Center Director
Elaine Bosco, sister of RoseMarie Staudinger
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

Those in the Military

Ron Rutan – nephew of the Rutans – USS R. Reagan
Chrystal Rutan – niece of the Rutans – USS Preble
Andrew DePasquale – nephew of June Hullings
Matthew Walczak - friend of the Kim's
Jason Lefkowitz – friend of the Bergfeldt Family
Nelson Junco – nephew of Millie Junco (in
Afghanistan)
Patrick Grimes – grandson of Joan Brenner
Jeff Borkowski
Dustin Brown
Jeff Kotora
Guy Kotora
Brian Borkowski –nephew of the Borkowski's
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

For Your Information

Happy Birthday to...

Haley Flynn-Stead	7/01
Kevin Hullings	7/02
Tyler Waite	7/04
Don Cole	7/04
Scott Messler	7/04
Carol Cunningham	7/06
Kevin Hullings	7/06
Alexis Stemming	7/07
Dominique Gouamba	7/08
Michael Palomba	7/08
Eamonn Brace	7/10
Michelle Magazzu	7/11
Sean Hullings	7/11
Christine Bleistein	7/11
Taylor Flynn-Stead	7/13
Kimberly McClue	7/14
Audrey Durando	7/16
Nelson Junco	7/16
Clement Durando	7/20
Adam Guzman	7/20
Dennis Scanlon	7/20
Brian Burniston	7/20
Michelle Schmitz	7/21
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
Catlin LaFlower	7/27
Shannon Sabino	7/28
Dominick Pate	7/28
Alyssa Dlugosz	7/30
Eileen Sabino	7/31

Happy Anniversary to...

Dean & Marilyn Olson	7/01
Janet & Stephen Schuster	7/03
Barbara & Joe Dimaggio	7/09
Don & Beth Van Handel	7/14
Patty & Angelo Morton	7/16
Robert & Roberta Ohliger	7/17
Julio & Mary Artache	7/21
Eric & Brigitte Meitzner	7/26



Congratulations to
Dean and Marilyn
Olson.
Married on July 1,
1961.

Congratulations to our Mom & Dad
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Dean & Marilyn Olson were married on
July 1, 1961 at Emmanuel Lutheran
Church in Beresford, SD. On May 29th,
2011, our family came together at that
same church and celebrated this
milestone with our South Dakota
relatives. Please join us in
congratulating our parents on their
Golden Anniversary.

*With love: Mark, Nana, & CJ, and
Scott, Rachel, and Stephanie Olson.*

Flowers on the altar on July 3rd are given
in celebration of Marilyn and Dean's
Anniversary given by their family.

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Baccalaureate

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the Scholarship recipients:

*Kelly E. Doran Emily Jocus Adam Van Handel
Jessica Nathanson Alyssa J. Sardone Sabrina R. Yoniak*
Thank you to all those who contributed to the scholarship fund.

College Graduates: *Jessica Caban Susannah Rutan Caleb Rutan*

(If you know of someone who has graduated, and are not listed, please let the office know so they can also be recognized.)



THANK YOU:

2010 - 2011

Choir Director: Greg Ricca

Good Shepherd Choir Members:

*Mary & Julio Artache Marie Bergfeldt Laurie Burke Alicia DeSena
Kelly Doran Joy & Tommy Doukas Emilou Eck
Sonya & Tony Hansen Emily & Joanne Jocus Joe Kotora Beth Meyer
Toni Pryor Randi, Tom, & Susannah Rutan
Sandy, Jessica & Robert Shipley*

Joshua's Trumpet

*Drums – Dave Dill Keyboards – Marianne Krawiec
Vocals: Mary Artache, Marie Bergfeldt, Tom Rutan*

Celebration Bells

*Mary Artache Laurie Burke Kelly Doran Emily Jocus
Sandy & Jessica Shipley*

Also Thank You to Gayle Ferreira and Tony Hansen for their talents and time spent at the Golden Living Care Center and for adding music to the Saturday Worship Services.

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES:

Feature of Pastor Johnston's Summer Preaching Schedule at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd's Summer Schedule, began on June 26th. All the Sundays in July (5), August (4) and the 1st Sunday in September, will have worship at 9:00 AM.

Working with the Administration Board, the 6 Sundays on which Pastor Johnston leads worship and preaches will feature a Summer Preaching Series entitled:

"The Biblical Foundation of TRUE NORTH: Key Passages of Holy Scripture to Help Reveal Our Reason for Existence and Our Sense of Mission."

The Biblical foundation of your life is like TRUE NORTH, the point of reference by which all things are measured. You can clarify true north for yourself with the following three steps:

1. Reflect on those verses of Holy Scripture that have clarified your sense of purpose in the past.
2. Review some of the Bible passages that have been meaningful for other Christians.
3. Capture your sense of your Biblical foundation in your own words.

As Pastor Johnston has done that exercise for himself, he has developed a Preaching Series he will share according to the following Summer Worship Schedule here at Good Shepherd: (Following each sermon title is noted the Biblical Foundation Verse with the context of verse noted in [].)

June 26: "The Power of God's Intended Good" Genesis 50.20 [15-21];

July 10: "You and Such a Time as This" Esther 4.14b [6-17];

July 24: "Serve? Do I Have To? No! Serve Because of Who You Are!" Matthew 20.28 [24-28];

August 14: "Nothing Else Pleases God Like Faith" Hebrews 11.6a [1-6];

August 28: "The Unconditional Gift of Faith" Ephesians 2.8-9 [1-10];

September 4: "Sole Cause of Christ's Death and Our Lives" Romans 5.8b [6-8].

With this information provided you can plan your schedule accordingly and prepare yourself also for worship each time you come on the Sundays Pastor Johnston is preaching.

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Worship Services
Sunday at 9:00 AM
6/26 – 9/4

Saturday Evening Service @ 5:00 PM
No Saturday service on 7/2 & 9/3

Youth Fellowship Meetings 1st Sunday of
each month at 6:00 PM

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God's love at work here!