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The Pasture Press

News for the Flock of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *Psalm 23:1-3*

Well, winter is finally upon us! Were you wondering if it was even going to show up this year?

An old grade school friend of mine in N.Y. was boasting how her outdoor geraniums were still blooming in December! Now we are in the freeze – and what do we hear? The first tropical storm in the 2016 season has developed in the Atlantic, in January!! There's no escaping it, the weather has become very strange!

Things at church may seem a little strange as well. Some familiar faces are missing, and some visitors are put off by the emptiness of our pews.

We are a loving church. We need to be an inviting church as well. If you don't want to invite people, ask yourself why. What needs to change for us to feel good about our church? We are very caring; we are ever more involved in the community, which is a very good thing. We wish we had more children, but do we have the people eager to work with the children when they come? Without that eagerness and creative thought, we won't see a change in that department. What are we willing to do to change our attitude to one of optimism? Are we willing to put God first? Are we willing to really commit not only to the habits of faith but to the growing and nourishing of our faith? Faith alive is a busy growing thing!

It may sound trite but thinking of God first and last in every day, praying daily, reading your Bible with structured regularity, and keeping in contact and in action with our brothers and sisters in the congregation—all these things bring life to faith. In February we will have a number of opportunities to be welcoming and caring Christians. Remember that every last Sunday of the month we will be having a pot luck meal after our second service. Be sure to attend; our spirits will be lifted by your presence. That might be a good Sunday to invite people to join us, because they would experience worship and get to experience the friendliness and caring that Good Shepherd has been known for.

On Saturday, February 20th we will be hosting a group that really needs support from the community and which is for grandparents who are raising their grand children. There are at least 140 families of this type in the Hamblen county area. We will be serving some of them and their children a spaghetti dinner and are looking for folks to help prepare and serve and to entertain with some music during the dinner. This will be a God's Work, Our Hands event.

We have been trying to have one God's work, Our Hands event each month so that we grow enthusiasm for service just like Jesus, and so that the community sees our name and our work and gets to know us. February has two such events because the second one couldn't occur in January as we would have liked.

On February 23rd (which is a Tuesday), from 2 -3:30 some of us will be going to the Morristown Housing Authority and demonstrate the making of very inexpensive yet effective detergent for clothing. Our hope is that we will give these low income families a way to save money and begin to develop a relationship with them as well. We will be providing recipes and sample containers of the detergent for people to take home. If you would like to join us in your God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts we could use a few people to be kind and welcoming!

Do you have good ideas for bolstering life and faith practices here at Good Shepherd? Please, come to me and tell me about them. Working and praying and loving together Good Shepherd will have an awesome and grateful future serving and loving others as Jesus taught us to do. Remember that whenever we bring God's love to a neighbor, we are really serving Jesus himself.

Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pr. Leslie".

Pr. Leslie

Good Shepherd Mission Council 2016

Pastor: Leslie B. Wilder
President: Larry Wallingford
Vice President: Betty Lowe
Treasurer: Sandy Kubis
Secretary: Cody Nelson
Peerage: Sue Whiting
Education/Worship: Kathy Muller
Outreach: Mary Anna Potter

Information from the Mission Council:

The following is the reporting assignment of various sub-committees and groups to the three (3) Mission Council Boards. This alignment is for advising whom to contact for requesting funds, authorizations, etc. from the Mission Council. Also, it should be noted that any member of the congregation is welcome to come before the Mission Council to make his/her request. Any questions pertaining to this alignment, please feel free to contact any member of the Mission Council.

Alignment of Mission Council Boards

PEERAGE

Sue Whiting

Peer Ministry

- Member Care
(Shepherd's Fund)

Discipleship

- Stewardship
- Evangelism
- "Discover Your Gifts" Prog.

ELCA Involvement

- Deborah Circle
- Men's Group

Community Organization Involvement

EDUCATION/ WORSHIP

Kathy Muller

Worship & Music

- Altar Guild
- Hymn Selection
- Worship Leaders
- Music Ministry

Fellowship and Recreation

- Fellowship Meals
- Wednesday Evening
Activities

Education

- Sunday School
- Confirmation
- First Communion
- Adult Education
- Vacation Bible School

Youth Ministry

OUTREACH

Mary Anna Potter

Outreach

- Community Services
- Visitor Care
- Pumpkin Hollow
- Neighborhood Response
Ministry
- Greeters
- Community Dinner

Social Ministries (In House)

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Wylene Hinkle, *comfort in sorrow*
Terry & Marcia McKenna, *continued guidance*
Crystal Bollinger, *comfort, strength & healing*
Don Baldus, *comfort, strength & healing*
Betty Lowe, *comfort, strength & healing*
Melody Gordon, *comfort, strength & healing*
Pat Cooper, *comfort, strength and healing*
Caryn Weller, *comfort, strength & healing*
Mark Gilliam, *comfort & peace*
Hugh & Tommye Talley, *comfort, strength and healing*

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

For comfort, strength and healing:

Amy Wallingford, *daughter-in-law of the Wallingfords*
Bob Stolsenburg, *comfort, strength and healing*
Jason Buel, *comfort, strength, and healing*
Jon Wever, *son of Ed & Judy Skorski*
Brad Montee, *friend of Larry & Janet Wallingford*
Stephen McCrary, *Betty Lowe's boss*
Bill Brandon, *friend of the Wallingfords*
Billy Adams, *son of a good friend of Lou Eddleman*
Suzanne McGraw, *friend of Judy Skorski*
The Family of Asa Bennett, *grandson of Terry & Marcia McKenna*
Mia Roth, *daughter of Marcia McKenna, comfort, strength & peace*
Misty Bennett, *mother of Asa Bennett, comfort in sorrow*
Doug Potter, *husband of Mary Anna Potter*
Kathy Haun, *friend of Good Shepherd*
Karen Montee, *friend of Janet Wallingford*
Jeanne Remillard, *sister of Janet Wallingford*
Norma Manger, *mother of Karoline Novilla*
Bette Jasienski, *mother of Melanie Sheaf*
Tracy Doyle, *wife of Tim Doyle*
Jan Eddleman, *daughter-in-law of Lou Eddleman*
Eric Jarrell, *grandson of Jack & Betty Lowe*
Jeanne Konic, *cousin of Alan Anderson*
Keri Konic, *cousin of Alan Anderson*
Dave Whiting, *brother of Jim Whiting*
Kenny Sanders, *uncle of Theron Conklin*
Diane & Neal Thompson, *Amy, Marc, family of the Wallingfords*
Brenda Kerr Hrobon, *sister of Melody Gordon*
Gretchen Hanks, *sister of Becca Hamm*
Joe & Ardis Kabes, *friends of Good Shepherd*
Genie Wallingford & family, *sister-in-law of the Wallingfords*
Father Demetrius, *friend of the Wallingfords*
Mark Werner, *cousin of Chris Thompson*
Megan & Andrew Myer, *daughter & son-in-law of Mark & Dianna Werner*
Dianna Werner, *cousin-in-law of Chris Thompson, undergoing cancer treatment*
Angie Camparda, *friend of Troy & Carolyn Absber*
The Family of Dan O' Brian, *friends of Judy Skorski*
Carol Kubis, *Tom Kubis' mother*

IN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Pauline Stead (The Terrace)
Gil Moore (The Terrace)

Military serving our country stationed around the world; Especially:

Aaron Smith, Son of Brad & Shari Smith
Jeremy Curenton, Grandson of Louise Dyer
Andrew Schlessinger, Son-in-law of Jon Cleveland
Dustin Bultman, Friend of Good Shepherd
Andrew Anderson, Brother of Alan Anderson
Ian Anderson, Nephew of Alan Anderson
Ian McKenna, Son of Terry McKenna
Michael Sweany, Son of David & Debbie Sweany
Noel Zvonar, Nephew of Mike & Chris Thompson
Brannon Neville, Son of Mark & Tina Neville
Mathew McCune, Family of Alan Anderson

Pauline Wallingford, *aunt of Larry Wallingford, comfort
strength & healing*

Judy Anderson, *sister of Alan Anderson, comfort, strength,
& healing*

Sally Wilhelm, *cousin of Alan Anderson, comfort, strength,
& healing*

Family and friends of Ronnie Hyleman, *friend of
Mike and Chris Thompson, - comfort in sorrow*

Diane Miller, *sister of Ronnie Hyleman and friend of the
Thompsons, comfort in sorrow and peace*

Family and friends of Connie Bennett, *friend of Mike
and Chris Thompson, comfort in sorrow*

Joe Bennett, *husband of Connie Bennett and friend of
Thompsons, comfort in sorrow and peace*

Family and friends of Bobby Sharp, *friend of Mike
and Chris Thompson, comfort in sorrow*

Nina Payne, *daughter of Bobby Sharp and friend of the
Thompsons, comfort in sorrow and peace*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Penny Houseright, *comfort, strength & healing*
Linda Wilson, *comfort, strength & healing*

Our Synod, our church, the
Church Universal,
and the World
President Obama, our nation,
and our leaders



February Birthdays



February Baptisms

	Cody Nelson	22	Jeremy Dyer	2	Sue Whiting	14	Bette Crawford
12	Pauline Stead	22	Alicia Dyer	3	Lynn Eggers-Bentley	15	Bruce Keicher
15	Kurt Steudlein	25	Miranda Oxendine	4	Joey Hancock	16	Chuck Dyer
				10	Marcia McKenna	18	Tom Kubis
				13	Christine Martin	19	Theron Conklin
				14	Shelby Crawford	21	Jimmy Garst

News from Deborah Circle

Our January 6, 2016 meeting of Deborah Circle was very well attended. Thank you to each of the ladies who attended.

Lou Eddleman, our treasurer, reported that we raised \$285.00 at the Ladies Annual Christmas Party for a very deserving person, who will receive a Wal-Mart gift card. She also reported that we were able to give to the following organizations during 2015: Food on Foot; quilting group; Angel Tree; first time visitors bags; and free Monthly Community Dinner. We feel very blessed that we were able to support these wonderful outreach programs.

Judy Skorski is going to donate an ironing board to quilting group. Jan Wallingford thanked the congregation and Thrivent for the beautiful new refrigerator which is now in the church's kitchen. Sue Whiting reported that the new letters and punctuation marks for the outdoor sign will be ordered soon. She also said that a new DVD series will be shown during the adult Sunday School class and everyone is invited to come see it. The DVD series concerns Islam. Kathy Muller reported that The American Legion has plans to put up a storage unit for their belongings.

After a devotion we discussed the questions at the end of Chapter 3 of "I Am A Church Member".

We invite all the Ladies of The Good shepherd Lutheran Church and their friends to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church's narthex. We will read and discuss chapter 4 of "I Am A Church Member".

In the unity of Christ,
Chris Thompson
Secretary



Congratulations to Paul Hancock, selected for first chair trumpet at the East Tennessee School Band & Orchestra Association tryouts! He will attend an intensive weekend senior band clinic in Gatlinburg in early February, and this also qualifies him for participation in the All State Band of the Tennessee Music Education Association in April, in Nashville. You can't do much better than this—way to go Paul!

Daylight Savings time is Sunday March, 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night! And, don't forget to change any batteries in your smoke detectors!



Community Dinner

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Time: Serving BEGINS at 4:00 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2435 West Andrew Johnson Hwy
Morristown, TN 37814

Join us for our next Community Dinner in the Good Shepherd fellowship hall.

We will be serving Shepherd pie with dessert, coffee, iced tea and milk.



Any questions, contact the church office at:

Phone: 423.586.1621

E-mail: goodshep@gmail.com

“Getting to Know You”

This is a monthly article designed to help us get to know one another better.

Name: Larry Wallingford

Member since: 2010

Family: Married to Janet for 48 years, 2 grown sons (Stephen and Marc) and 5 grandchildren (Alexandria, Christopher, Abigail, Madison, Morgan)

Background: Grew up in the Walla Walla, Washington area. Baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. College – Walla Walla University.

Where I met my spouse: While going to college. After marriage, we found out that we met once when we were approximately 2 to 3 years old. We lived in the same small town of Athena, Oregon. It wasn't until 19 years later that we met again.

Places I have lived: Athena, Oregon; Walla Walla, Washington; Geneseo, New York; Davenport, Iowa; Salem, Oregon; Lafayette, Indiana; Albemarle, Badin, Shelby and Asheville North Carolina; San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America and Morristown, Tennessee. (Lots of corporate moves)

Past Employment: General Food Corporation for 20 year (factory worker during college) and worked up thru management of systems at plant and corporate level); American Marking Inc. for 14 years (Systems Management); Anvil Corporation for 11 years (Divisional System Manager)

Present Employment: Retired but helping our sons with their company (WaterWise Technologies Int'l).

Favorite activities: Golf, DIY Projects, Travel.

Least favorite activity: Driving at night and in the rain.

Most difficult thing I've done: Keeping my weight down is number 1. However, moving and providing training for corporate Information System (Computers, Applications, and Topology) from Swannanoa, North Carolina to Honduras, Central America.

Time/situation when I've strongly felt God's presence: Many of times have I felt or known God's presence, but the one which stands out the most was after spending a week with very little sleep during Officer Candidate School in Washington State, I was driving home from Olympia, Washington (west side of the state) to Walla Walla, Washington (far east side of the state). I was driving a Korea vintage jeep and taking the route home using White Pass (this winds around Mt Rainer and goes up over 10,000 feet with no guard rails) during the night. Though that was over 45 years ago, to this date I do not remember driving this stretch of road. I only remember driving into Yakima, Washington on my way home.

Favorite place(s) you have visited: Have traveled to many places, but my favorite have been Honduras, Yellowstone National Park, Oregon and Washington coast lines,

Favorite Bible verse: Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Monday night, February 15th is a very special night for one of our congregation members - the culmination of a dream that started when she was just 11 years old! Kari Novilla will be performing Reinhold Gliere's Concerto for Harp and Orchestra, accompanied by the Knoxville Youth Symphony Orchestra at the historic Tennessee Theatre in downtown Knoxville, as a part of the KSYO Winter Concert.

Kari began studying the violin at four, but was smitten by the sounds of the harp after watching a bonus feature on a Barbie DVD of a young woman playing the harp. Soon thereafter, the past president of the American Harp Society opened a studio in Morristown, and Kari was one of the first students to line up at his door. Kari has grown up playing violin, harp and guitar at Good Shepherd worship services. When she was eight, she began playing the violin with the KSYO Preludium ensemble, and at age twelve began playing the harp with the Youth Orchestra, the most advanced group in the organization. Each year the February concert features two winners of the annual concerto competition, and Kari hoped that one day she would win this competition as well.

Kari, the principal harpist of both the Knoxville Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Oak Ridge Community Symphony, has played at numerous weddings, churches, concerts and events in the East Tennessee area, including the Rose Center, performing with the Johnson City Symphony, and the ELCA Synod Assembly in Atlanta. She was also hired to play at the dedication of an outhouse at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend (you know you live in East Tennessee if...) In addition to being a winner of the Concerto Competition this year, in 2015 she won the Rose Center's Bravo award, which recognizes local high school students in the arts, and the Knoxville Choral Society's Young Classical Musician Competition. On February 13th she will be performing with the East TN Harp Ensemble at the Maryville Library at 2 p.m. In May, Kari will perform a harp concert at the Rose Center, with proceeds to benefit MATS and the Rose Center's Bravo Award.

Kari would like to invite her church family to this special night! The February 15th concert at the Tennessee Theatre is free and begins at 7 p.m. - doors open at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the harp concerto, the Youth Orchestra will also be performing a saxophone concerto by Maurice, Carmen by Bizet, and Marche Slav by Tchaikovsky. Rides to Knoxville are available with others from the congregation. For more information, please call the church office at 586-1621 or Kari at 748-4747.



February 2016



Regular Office Hours are 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Monday - Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6 pm Prayer Group	2 6 pm- 9 pm American Legion	3 10 am Deborah Circle 5:30 pm Worship & Music	4	5	6
7-8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	8 6 pm Prayer Group	9 10 am- 12 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm CLUA	10 9:30 am Men's Group 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Community Dinner	11 6:00 pm Mission Council	12	13
14-8am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	15 6 pm Prayer Group	16 10 am- 12 pm Food Pantry	17	18	19	20 4 pm- 6 pm "Grand Family" Dinner
21-8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	22 6 pm Prayer Group	23 2 pm- 3:30 pm Detergent Making in Community (God's Work, Our Hands)	24	25	26	27
28-8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	29 6 pm Prayer Group					



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Return Service Requested

Our vision: *By the grace of God, the Good Shepherd, we are called to grow in faithful stewardship of God's gifts through teaching the Gospel, loving one another, and serving Christ joyfully within the Lakeway Community and the world.*

Regular Worship Times:

8:00 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
(August to May)

Church Office Contact Information:

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Bergen Lancaster, Secretary
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**Have a very happy St.
Valentine's Day from your
family at The Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church!**