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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH IS EBENEZER SUNDAY!

10:30 a.m. One Worship Service of Thanksgiving
12:00 p.m. Share a meal together on the Front Lawn
Bounce House (weather permitting)

**This will be a time of giving thanks for what God has done.
(See article on page 4 of this newsletter.)**

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Mark your calendars NOW for the following September events!

Confirmation Orientation (7 th /8 th grade students and parents)	Wed. Sept. 6 6:00 pm
Children's Choir	Wed. Sept. 6 6:30 pm
Ebenezer Sunday Worship	Sun. Sept. 10 10:30 am
Ebenezer Meal and Fellowship	Sun. Sept. 10 12:00 pm
Bedtime Bible Stories (for 3-year olds and parents)	Wed. Sept. 13 6:00 pm
Sunday School Teacher Meeting	Wed. Sept. 13 7:00 pm
First Day of Sunday School and Parents Meeting	Sun. Sept. 17 9:15 am
Third Graders Receive Bibles	Sun. Sept. 17 10:30 am
Senior High Youth & Parent Cook-Out	Wed. Sept. 21 6:30 pm

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Who was your favorite teacher?

What teacher made a difference in your life?

Who taught you something important?

All of us have benefited from the people who took the time to teach us. Sometimes we were taught by the example of someone else. Sometimes another person sat down with us to explain or show us what we needed to learn. While there are some things in life that come naturally, there are many, many things that need to be taught to us by someone else: everything from tying our shoes to driving a car to learning to read.

Martin Luther was one of the great teachers of the faith. He wanted everyone to know the grace and love of God. Through his translation of the Bible, writing the catechism, developing the German mass, and through his hymns, sermons and other writings, Luther used these different means to teach the people that God's mercy and grace are freely given to all people through Jesus Christ. This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by giving thanks and remembering these great teachings. We also remember and give thanks for all who have taught us about God's love and shown us that love of God in how they live their lives.

On Sunday, September 10th, Ebenezer Sunday, we once again take time to remember that we have come this far by faith. We raise our stone (Ebenezer) in thanksgiving to God the work God has done in our lives to bring us to this time in our lives. This year I invite you to especially think about the teachers who have made a difference in your life. Use this day and this service to say "thank you" to someone whose teachings, whether it was formally or informally, had an impact on you. If that person lives nearby, invite that person to join us for worship and/or lunch. If the person lives far away, send an email or note in the mail. If the person is no longer living, say an extra prayer of thanksgiving to God.

Martin Luther wrote, "I must read and study the catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism, and I do it gladly" (Luther's preface to the Large Catechism). We have all benefited from some good teachers in our lives, and in turn hopefully we are living our lives as good teachers for others. May we be life long learners and life long teachers!

In Christ,

Pastor Krista

INTERN PASTOR'S NOTE

Internship Committee meeting Wednesday September 20th at 5:30 pm

School starts! I have mixed emotions as we say goodbye to summer and hello to fall, and the beginning of another school year. I LOVE summer -- it is seriously my favorite season. However, I am ready for schedule and routine to return.

This year as my kids head back to school (2nd, 4th, & 6th grade), I too will head back to class work as I start my last class at seminary. This fall semester, starting September 5th, I too will hit the books. My class is Prophets and Poetry with Prof. Rolf Jacobson.

I have taken classes on Job and Jeremiah, both full of laments and wonder. These two classes have been two of my favorites. There is such a rich poetic verse to these books and I am eager to learn more. Laments were some of my favorite discoveries. My professor for the Job class would tell us laments are as if you are shaking your fist at God with one hand and holding God close with the other. I know many of my friends, when going through terrible times in their life and couldn't even find words of their own to use would open to a lament found in the Bible and just start yelling. The fact that you are yelling and yet holding God so close provides the comfort needed in such times.

Some laments can be found in:

Psalms 6,44,60,74,79,80,85, & 90,

Job 4,9,11,12,19 & 22,

Jeremiah 11:18-23, 12:1-13, 15:10-18, 17:14-18,18:18-23, 20:7-13 & 14-18.

The prophetic calling found in Jeremiah has often left me in a sense of wonder. How are we called in this world? What would a prophetic voice look like? How could one be an effective prophetic voice? In studying Jeremiah one verse does stand out and I believe it offers so much for today, for when we ask how long? When we ask, what shall we do? God says; "*It will be a long time; build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat what they produce.*" -- Jeremiah 29: 28 **God says Live!**

As we move into the next season, as we look at the world around us and see hate, lament. Use your own words or words that have been around for centuries, but then live. Live into the future, build houses, plant gardens. Live and do not be afraid. Live and love.

God's blessings.

Vicar Nicole

BISHOP DELZER'S NOTE

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?
How long will you hide your face from us?
How long must we bear pain in our soul,
and have sorrow in our heart all day long?
Consider and answer us, O Lord our God!*

These words from Psalm 13 keep pouring from my lips as I reflect on the senseless act of violence and racism demonstrated by white supremacists and neo-nazis in Charlottesville last weekend.

Right up front I will say it, "RACISM IS SIN." That is made clear both in Scripture and in our ELCA social statement "[Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture](#)" which states: "Racism—a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice—is sin, a violation of God's intention for humanity. The resulting racial, ethnic, or cultural barriers deny the truth that all people are God's creatures and, therefore, persons of dignity. Racism fractures and fragments both church and society."

As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton [stated](#): "We recognize that the kind of violence we witnessed in Charlottesville last weekend is very real and affects all of us. We need to stand up firmly against racism and anti-Semitism, show up for and advocate with others. Jesus, who makes visible those who are invisible, is already there. We need to show up, and we need to listen in each of our communities."

So, what do we do in response? Here are some of my thoughts:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to intentionally seek some way every day to be an instrument of God's peace in what you say, or in the way you think, or in what you write, or in what you post on Facebook or Twitter, or in what you do, or in the way you treat another person.
2. Make your outrage at racism known. Each will do that differently, but do it.
3. Consider participating in interfaith rallies and organized events.
4. Encourage and participate in conversations about racism and its effects.
5. Educate yourself about racism and white privilege by reading and listening. As a staff and synod council, we are currently reading "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving. I recommend you read it, too.
6. Celebrate God's love for all people, and celebrate our love for one another.
7. Pray, without ceasing, pray . . .

As I did in June of last year, I invite you to join me in a prayer vigil for the next 40 days. Please let me know if you are willing to join me in this prayer vigil by emailing me at: delzer@semnsynod.org.

Each morning pray the prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

BISHOP DELZER'S NOTE CONTINUED ...

Each evening pray these prayers of intercession from the Service of Healing:

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety; in your great mercy, hear us, O God.

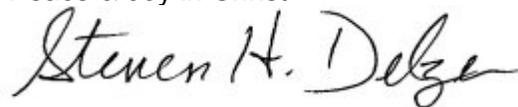
God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of our world, especially, violence, terrorism, war, racism, and their causes; in your great mercy, hear us, O God.

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregations, our communities, and the world; in your great mercy, hear us, O God.

Faithful God, we bring these intercessions before you, trusting that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

May our prayers, our words, and our actions bring healing, hope, joy and peace to our communities and our world.

Peace & Joy in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven H. Delzer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Bishop Steven Delzer

GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of the August council meeting, pledges for the capital campaign total just over \$350,000. Thank you to everyone who is participating! If you haven't had time to make your pledge yet, please do so by September 24th. By the end of September we will need to make a decision on how to best proceed. Our goal for the capital campaign is \$500,000 in pledges in order to accomplish the needed repairs of the building, as well as setting up our physical space to provide actual rooms for Sunday School, a kitchen for potlucks as well as making meals for others, a large enough gathering space for us to build community, a fellowship space to be utilized by both the community and church and that can be used during the Sunday School time. Take a look at the website for details or contact the church office.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

Weddings

Blessings to Annie Weinrich and Brady Rahman, who were married on August 11th.

Loss of Loved Ones:

Our sympathies go out to Mindy Drenckhahn and her family for the loss of Mindy's brother, Robert Drenckhahn, who passed away on Sunday, July 23rd.

Thank You: Thank you for all your prayers, visits, and cards following my knee surgery. Your kindnesses were very much appreciated. Karen Back.

FINANCE

We have both **Simply Giving and On-Line Giving systems** all set up for easy and free access – just let us know how we can assist you. Please feel free to contact the church office or Tom Anderson directly (507-993-8326).

Good Shepherd Lutheran Financial Summary Notes ---- July 31, 2017

General Account	\$ 13,090
Restricted Accounts	\$ 22,693 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	\$ 250,169
Loan Receivable	\$ 2,405
Total Short Term Assets	\$ 288,000
Fixed Assets	\$ 903,554
Total Assets	\$1,194,316

Mortgage Balance	\$ 31,831
Equity	\$1,154,067

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH IS EBENEZER SUNDAY! (in other words "God is our Stone of Help")

10:30 a.m. -- One Worship Service of Thanksgiving
12:00 p.m. -- Share a meal together on the Front Lawn

Ebenezer Sunday is a day Good Shepherd has set aside to look back over the past year and remember all the ways God has helped us to grow in our ministry. We have many things to be thankful for and on September 11th we will name those things and recognize that our ministry isn't finished yet but we have come this far because the Lord has helped us. This year we will also include a special thank you to teachers (see Pastor Krista's article). **Truly these people are God's hands in our world.** Join us and invite your family, neighbors, and friends as we raise our "Ebenezer" or "stone of help" and give thanks to God who is our "help" not only in times of trouble but always.

Ebenezer Sunday Checklist:

- ✓ Take time to reflect on what God has done in your life and at Good Shepherd.
- ✓ Bring a stone as a symbol of what God has done for you.
- ✓ Come ready to give thanks to God at the 10:30 a.m. worship!
- ✓ Continue the celebration with a noon meal under the big tent on the front lawn.
- ✓ Children come ready to jump in the bounce house (weather permitting).

Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, there will be a potluck meal on the front lawn. In the case of rain, the meal will be served indoors. The Church will provide the grilled meat, coffee and lemonade.

Just like we did for our Wednesday night Lenten services, there is a link to the "Ebenezer Sunday" spreadsheet file. Just click on that link to sign up to bring potato or vegetable salads, fruit or fruit salads, white or chocolate milk or desserts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dawn Breuer, Lynn or Pastor Krista. We will be glad to assist you.

Click on this link:

Ebenezer Sunday -
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VmVggyM5iQlwn1We0DBAAZwQnoBAm-mA0Lw7oohsFx4/edit?ts=59939a31#gid=0>



EBENEZER SUNDAY FUN!

We celebrate all that God has done on Ebenezer Sunday—September 10th. The Building Committee is providing a bounce house so our young people can celebrate too. We give thanks for the many people who have already pledged to expand our building to serve the community. Building team members will be available to answer questions about where we are in the process.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK GROUP

Calling all book lovers. You are invited to join the Good Shepherd Book Group as we read, discuss, laugh, and grow! We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. New people are always welcome! These are the books we will be reading during the 2017-2018 school year in case you can't wait to get started!

Our first meeting will be at church on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss *The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. If you haven't read it yet, beg, borrow or buy a copy and show up on September 20th.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
September 20	<i>All the Lights You Cannot See</i>	Anthony Doerr
October 18	* <i>Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Janie Ford
November 15	<i>The Lilac Girls</i>	Martha Kelly
December 20 (or 13)	* <i>Wonder</i>	RJ Palacio
January 17	* <i>Go Set a Watchman</i>	Harper Lee
February 21 (Lenten time change)	* <i>Orange is the New Black</i>	Piper Kerman
March 21 (Lenten time change)	* <i>Where'd You Go, Bernadette</i>	Maria Semple
April 18	* <i>A Slave in the White House</i>	Paul Jennings
May 16 (or a week earlier?)	<i>We Are Going to Pick Potatoes</i>	Irene Berman

*Library book bag.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN HOUSTON, TX June 26-July 2, 2018

Information Meeting Wednesday, August 30th at 7:40 pm (right after worship)
Registration forms plus a \$150 non-refundable deposit due September 10th

Now is the time to register! Students currently enrolled in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend this incredible event that only happens once every three years. Talk to Pastor Krista or Carole Joyce to receive a registration form or to get more info. And yes, your friends can join us.

EDUCATION

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Group is looking forward to start meeting again on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m., which will be September 5th. This year they will continue using the book "*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*". These books are available at Amazon for \$8.62. Anyone who is interested in joining the Bible Study group is certainly welcome to do so. If you have any questions, you can contact Donna Tesch at donna.tesch@gmail.com.

BEDTIME BIBLE STORIES

Beginning Sunday school at age three is an important milestone in a child's life! Parents and three year olds (who turn three by September 1st) are invited to Bedtime Bible Stories on **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m.** Children receive their own Beginner's Bible, meet their Sunday school teachers, and get a tour of the church. Parents will join in the activities, meet other parents, and think more about their role in their child's faith journey. All three year olds are welcome! Come in your pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We give thanks to God for the awesome leaders who will be teaching Sunday school this year! Please keep them in your prayers as they commit to sharing stories of God's love with our children and youth. We still need partners to work with teachers already committed to the Kindergarten and 3rd grade classes. (Team teachers share the job so they don't teach every week.) We are also looking for a teacher for the 5th/6th grade class. Talk to Carole Joyce to volunteer or find out more!

Do you know anyone who would like to be a helper? High school youth and adults are welcome. Talk to Carole Joyce to find out where helpers are needed.

All Sunday school teachers and helpers will meet on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. This is an important time to learn about students, curriculum, and the year. Most important, we will pray for our children. Please plan to attend this meeting. Contact Carole Joyce at 269-9374 if you have questions.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:15 am in the Youth Room

Starting September 24th

Topic: And Who is My Neighbor?

This fall we will start off with a study entitled "And Who is My Neighbor?" This is the question a lawyer asks Jesus and then Jesus proceeds to tell the story of the Good Samaritan. The study we are using was written by seminary professor, Dr. Eric Barreto who has been our Bible study leader the last two years at synod assembly. Since the Samaritan is someone of a different race, this study digs into the timely issues of race and racial equity while also exploring scripture. We will use Dr. Barreto's study as a spring board for conversations and questions about who our neighbor is and what it means to be a neighbor to others.

EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

All children age 3 through 8th grade are invited and encouraged to participate in Sunday school and Confirmation at Good Shepherd. Confirmation orientation for parents and students is **September 6th**. We have a service project on September 10th and regular classes will begin on September 17th. Confirmation normally runs from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

If you haven't registered yet, do it today!

- Register on-line at <http://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/sunday.html>
- Or pick up a registration in the church narthex.
- Or complete a form emailed to parents with a valid email address on file.

We need ALL children to register so we have current information. We ask you to do this as soon as possible so our teachers can be prepared and ready for the kids who are planning to attend Sunday school.

New students are always welcome! Invite a friend or neighbor and invite their children to participate too.

Kick Off the Sunday School Year Sunday, September 17 at 9:15 am

- Meet your Sunday school teacher & class!
- Join in some fun & games and crafts.
- Important parents meeting for ALL parents!
- All are welcome so bring a friend.



Please join us on **Sunday, September 17th at 9:15 a.m.** for the Sunday School Kick-off event. Parents will start out in the sanctuary for information and fellowship. Kids will start out in the sanctuary too but will be dismissed by grade to their Sunday school classes.

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to be a part of Confirmation. We meet on Wednesdays for food and faith from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. After a simple meal provided by parents, the youth meet in large groups to study the Small Catechism and small groups to talk about faith in everyday life.

Confirmation Kick-Off will be Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. All students AND parents will gather at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck meal. Plan to contribute \$4 per person for the main dish. If you would like, bring a salad or dessert to share. We will look ahead at our year together. A few parents are needed to help with set up. Contact Carole Joyce at carole35@charter.net

EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

WORSHIP AND TEN COMMANDMENT STUDY

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 in the sanctuary we will be doing an education-worship experience around the Ten Commandments and their meanings. Join confirmation students, adults, and families for a worship and educational experience.

PASSING ON THE FAITH! THIRD GRADE BIBLES

During worship on **September 17th**, we will celebrate the milestones of 3rd graders receiving Bibles from their parents. The Bibles are a gift from Good Shepherd, and are presented by parents to children. This is one step of fulfilling the promises we made at baptism. Third graders and their parents will take part in **two special class sessions on September 24th and October 1st** to help them get more familiar with their Bibles.

MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Thanks for the amazing response for school supplies for kids who need them in the PEM district.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

Start gathering the following items. On October 22nd the whole congregation will work together to pack these kits and do other service for our community and world.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

** Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHOIR BEGINS

The Plainview Community Choir starts rehearsals **Sunday, September 11th in the high school choir room at 7:00 p.m.** This will be the 20th Annual Community Choir concert and it will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. So gather yourself, friends and relatives, and bring the talent to a good choir and share your God given talent with the community. If you have questions, call Jan at 507-534-2747.

SEASONS HOSPICE VETERANS GRIEF GROUP **A Journey to Honor the Losses and Sacrifice of Our Veterans**

Program Description: An eight-week psycho-educational group focused on the theme of grief, loss and change. This group will be led by two Vietnam Veterans, with Timothy J Haskamp, LICSW, Bereavement Counselor. Any veteran is welcome to attend.

Goals of the Group: A peer psychosocial-educational group focusing on themes of grief, loss and change; an attempt to experience the power and wisdom of one's grief journey; an opportunity to learn from one another with the hope of creating an environment of growth. Good listening can help transform suffering; to provide an atmosphere of understanding where you can share your thoughts, feelings and behaviors related to losses in your life whether it is related to personal/family losses or from your experience in the military.

The Veterans Grief Group will occur in the fall of 2017/September 12 – October 31, 2017. **For more information or to sign up, contact Timothy J. Haskamp, LICSW, Bereavement Counselor Seasons Hospice/Center for Grief Education and Support, 1696 Greenview Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902; (507) 285-1930; thaskamp@seasonshospice.org.** Confidential individual consultation and counseling available at (507) 285-1930. All services are made available through donations.

THE CHURCH'S JOURNEY IN ART AND SONG: A HYMN FESTIVAL

500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Join in a celebration of Lutheran music, from ancient to old favorites to contemporary, with members of ELCA churches throughout SE Minnesota. Highlights include: Mass choir led by Daniel Kallman, including a newly composed hymn, organists Erik Floan and Kristy Giere, and a contemporary worship band led by Rev. Carl-Eric Gentes.

The hymn festival will be held November 12th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Zumbro Lutheran Church (624 3rd Avenue SW, Rochester).

The planning committee of the SEMN Synod's Reformation celebration invites your congregation to be involved in a mass choir that will sing during the hymn festival on November 12th. The director and composer will be Dan Kallmann. Choir members will need to arrive at Zumbro at 2:00 p.m. on November 12th for a rehearsal. Interested choirs/individuals would need to purchase "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" by Dan Kallmann, MSM 50-8815 from MorningStar Music Publishers for \$1.90 per copy.

If you are interested in participating, email kristygiere@zumbrolutheran.org or call 507-288-2649 by October 30.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

09/01	William Dunn	09/15	Pat Hanson-Haack
09/03	Allen Breuer		Parker Shanks
	Dave LaBare	09/18	Kaylee Hutchison
09/05	Jennifer Matti	09/19	Jason Engler
	Adam Lyons		Sage Grover
09/06	Tina Erickson	09/20	Mike Kobler
09/07	Tony Crudele	09/21	Jay Schmidt
	Tim Rahman		Amber Kingsley
09/08	Cameron Bluhm		Joseph Sackreiter
	Kyle Hanson	09/22	Kelly Nesler
09/09	Les Berning	09/23	Adalyn Castle
	Joanne Melbostad	09/24	Levi Folkert
09/11	Tami Sawyer		Owen Wilhelmson
	Conner Ramthun	09/25	Mindy Drenckhahn
	Tygh Madsen		Nicole Engler
09/12	Nathen Nesler	09/26	Dawn Breuer
	Raelin Ellinghuysen	09/29	Dar Weaver
	Addison Grant		Brooklyn Young
09/13	Jennifer Gusa	09/30	Mike Hutchison
	Andrea Fick		Blake Hassig
09/14	Jason Patzer		Rebecca Hassig
09/15	Ava LeVan		Angie Beckel

Anniversaries

09/03	Cheryl & Steve Schneider	09/16	Nate & Alicia Pfeilsticker
09/07	Scott & Kathy Rohlik	09/17	Gary & Linda Tesmer
	Mike & Kathy Sveen	09/18	Stan & Donna Tesch
09/08	Neil & Dar Weaver	09/20	Les & Carla Berning
09/09	Kurt & Trisha Schumacher		Ryan & Andrea Castle
	Jason & Kelly Engler	09/21	Terry & Lonnie Yust
09/10	Dan & Linda Schmitz		Wayne & Michelle Wendt
09/13	Jason & Erin Bluhm	09/23	Bob & Barb Petit
	Quintin & Sarah Wilhelmson	09/26	Dave & Pat Haack
09/15	Lynn & Eugene Eversman		John & Jane Potter
	Nate & Kelly Nesler		Mark & Laurie Timm

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS
OR CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.**

*NOTE: Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the newsletters are now being limited to adult members and their college aged and under children. If you have questions and/or concerns with this, please contact the church office.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Friend: A person who goes around saying nice things
about you, even behind your back!**

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VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move forward with a NEW VIEW:

Notice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.
Educate all from cradle to grave.
Worship in thankfulness and joy.

Value all generations in passing on the faith.
Identify and affirm the gifts of God's people.
Energize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.
Welcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

The submission deadline for the October 2017 Newsletter is

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.