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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Although we have a whole month of summer left, the leadership at Good Shepherd is busy making plans for the fall program year. Watch for the many exciting education opportunities this year. Mark your calendars NOW for the following upcoming events!

<b>Blessing of Backpacks</b>	<b>Wed. Aug. 29 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Confirmation Orientation</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 5 6:00 pm</b>
<b>(7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents)</b>	
<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 9 10:30 am</b>
<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal and Fellowship</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 9 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Bedtime Bible Stories</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 12 6:00 pm</b>
<b>(for 3-year olds and parents)</b>	
<b>Sunday School Teacher Meeting</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 12 7:00 pm</b>
<b>First Day of Sunday School and</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 16 9:15 am</b>
<b>Parents Meeting</b>	
<b>Third Graders Receive Bibles</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 16 10:30 am</b>
<b>Senior High Youth &amp; Parents Ice Cream</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 26 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Social Kick-Off</b>	

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### **Weekend Schedule of Events**

<b>Golf Outing</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch @ Eagles' Nest</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Bonfire @ Jurgenson's</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lunch on Lawn</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>

**For more information on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Weekend, see article on page 4.**

### **BLESSING OF BACKPACKS – WED., AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**

All children, youth, and college students are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for a "Blessing of the Backpacks". Invite your class-mates to join us at Good Shepherd and bring their backpacks for a special back to school blessing. We will worship outside and celebrate with s'mores.

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

### “Construction Zone Ahead”

I always let out a bit of a groan when I read those words as I'm driving. Like most people, I don't welcome inconvenience. Whenever I come across road construction and it's subsequent signs for slowing down, taking a detour, making lane changes, merging two lanes into one, or entering into a reduced speed zone, I wonder how long the delay will be and how it will affect me.

Starting in mid-August, Good Shepherd will be a construction zone. For all of us there's bound to be some inconveniences and some delays.

- We will be rerouted to enter the building through the very back door or the kitchen door which will probably also mean that we will have to walk further from our cars to enter the building.
- Once in the building we will need to walk through the music room in order to enter the sanctuary.
- The church office will be in the back Sunday School room (where Carole's office has been) and Carole's office and my office will float around to a table in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Fellowship Hall and Sunday School will remain untouched during this next academic year.
- Adult education may meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings or in a corner in the sanctuary.
- Music for the Sunday School children will have the added distraction of people walking through the music room to enter or exit the sanctuary.
- Items that had been stored in the attic along with other items will be moved off site during the construction. Other items like office supplies, etc. will be moved into the back Sunday School room. I'm guessing that there's going to be at least one item that I want during this construction time that I will not be able to find.
- The most major inconvenience just might be where we will have coffee and fellowship treats following worship (after all that's an important part of church). We may experiment with doing this in the sanctuary or other spaces that are available. Don't worry – we'll work something out.

When looking at these changes that will happen during the construction period, it's easy to focus on the inconvenience and maybe to even want to avoid the inconvenience all together, but this can also be a time for us to consider how our lives are under God's construction and reconstruction. When we don't do things the way we have always done them, there's an opportunity to take a look around and see things from another point of view. What we see as inconvenience is an opportunity to recognize the importance of hospitality and helping one another out through change. It's even more important for us to go out of our way to be there for one another, to welcome those who are visiting, to help someone who needs a little help during this time. This time of construction is a time for us to come together and recognize that we are there for each other regardless of what is happening in the building (and even in the world) around us.

God's peace,

Pastor Krista

## INTERN PASTOR'S NOTE

***“Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.”—Mark 6:31***

This is the Gospel text for a week in late July, but I find it an appropriate theme for summer.

Often times we think of summer as the time of leisure. A time we Minnesotans covet for the warm days and sun. Often times it gets busier in our planning to HAVE FUN! I find myself running kids here or there and forgetting to enjoy the moment.

In the Gospel text Jesus asks his disciples to go and rest. Away from all that distracts them and fills their minds with tension.

Jesus knew then and knows now that we need time to recharge and that we need time to rest and be. To not check our computers or our cell phones but either be by ourselves or be in the moment wherever we are with whomever we are with.

This is what vacations are for, right?

I remember numerous vacations of childhood being with family and having fun together. A time when everyone is present and a time for us to reconnect to those we love. The best vacations are times when we HAVE to put away our phones, our computers, and all other devices that connect us to WORK/Scheduling. A time to disconnect. A time maybe even to disconnect from current events.

I encourage you to take time to rest. Rest by yourself or rest with others by being in the moment and truly with those around you.

The only way we can heed the call of discipleship is to take time for ourselves. This is how the disciples and Jesus were able to minister to the masses that gathered, because they first took care of themselves. We too can tackle the act of discipleship however big or small if we too Rest.

Dear God, help us to rest. Rest in your loving arms knowing that you care for us and abide in us. Help us to reconnect to your will and to our loved ones. Help us to take time to recharge our bodies, so that we too can continue to heed your call. In your Holy name. AMEN

Blessings,

Vicar Nicole

# CONGREGATION NEWS

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### **Golf Outing - Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Tee Times starting at 10:00 am

Sign up at :

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q3aq0scGEgTLX71zXK2dxqmjN0TMDyzArjZac-cC8BA/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Lunch at Eagles' Nest in Plainview - Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

After golfing (or even if you don't golf), show up at the Eagles' Nest for Lunch – 12:30 p.m.

### **Bonfire at Mark and Karen Jurgenson's - Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Bring snacks to share and your own beverages

### **40th Anniversary Service of Worship - Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

On what is normally Ebenezer Sunday, we will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will look back over the past and look to the future 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

### **9:30 a.m. – Alumni Children's Choir Practice (see page 9).**

#### **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.

### **Lunch following worship and activities (bounce house and games) for the kids**

Grilled chicken, potatoes, and root beer floats provided for lunch

Congregation members are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert to share.

We also can use people to help set up, serve, and clean-up.

Sign up at:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zck-q\\_TmkwaWU5ppUS1BmLWCKDqiYAlq\\_LpqWKM670/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zck-q_TmkwaWU5ppUS1BmLWCKDqiYAlq_LpqWKM670/edit?usp=sharing)

## **CONGREGATION NEWS** CONTINUED ...

### **GOOD SHEPHERD FLOAT FOR PLAINVIEW CORN ON THE COB DAYS**

On Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Good Shepherd will have a float in the Plainview Corn on the Cob days and we are looking for people to join us in riding the float and/or throwing candy. If you are interested, sign up in the Gathering Space or contact the church office. All children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

### **LOOKING FOR PACKERS AND MOVERS**

Prior to demolition and breaking ground for the renovation and construction project, we are looking for a rental unit to store furniture and some other items in for approximately 6 months. Also, volunteers are needed to help pack some things up and to move furniture, etc. off site. We hope to do the moving in the course of 1 day and will let you know when that day has been decided. If you think you may be able to help with packing and/or moving, please let Pastor Krista or the office know.

### **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS**

Each year Good Shepherd matches our recent high school grads with a prayer partner for the next academic year. Prayer partners remember this person in their own personal prayers and reach out to the person four or more times during the year to check in and let the person know they are being prayed for. If you are interested in being a prayer partner, contact Pastor Krista.

### **THANK YOU**

I would like to express my "heart-felt thanks" to all who reached out to me in any way following the death of my mother -- through emails, verbal condolences, cards sent, attending the visitation or funeral, memorial donations, flowers, and most of all, ALL THE GREAT HUGS! I love being a part of this Good Shepherd family because of all the caring/loving ways you reach out to others. THANKS TO YOU ALL!

Lynn ("CS")

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## SUMMER READING

Here is a list of what the Good Shepherd Book Group will read for the next program year. If you are looking for a book to read this summer, try these. Then talk about it with other Good Shepherd book lovers at **6:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.** All are invited!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
September 19	<i>Origins</i>	Dan Brown
October 10 (or 17 – MEA)	* <i>Small Great Things</i>	Jodi Picoult
November 14	* <i>The Martian</i>	Andy Weir
December 19 (or 12)	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i>	Celeste Ng
January 16	* <i>The Bookshop on the Corner</i>	Jenny Colgan
February 20	* <i>The Room</i>	Emma Donoghue
March 20 (Lenten time change ?)	* Stella Bain	Anita Shreve
April 17 (or 10 – Holy week)	* <i>Crimes Against a Book Club</i>	Kathy Cooperman
May 15	<i>Still Alice</i>	Lisa Genova

\*Library book bag.

## MILESTONES MINISTRY

### Baptism

Blessings to Beau Lee Lyons, who was baptized on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Beau is the son of Adam and Kim Lyons.

Blessings to Beau William Bussmann, who was baptized on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Beau is the son of Monica Schneider and Noah Bussmann.

Blessings to Elias Alfredo Mena, who was baptized on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Elias is the son of Roger & Lisa (Fick) Mena.

Blessings to Dawsyn Mary Murphy, who was baptized on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Dawsyn is the daughter of Amanda Hippe and Adam Murphy.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Ten high school youth traveled to Houston, TX for the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer. Hear their stories about the adventures with 30,000 others and how they grew in faith through the experience when they tell about the trip on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am worship service. A special thanks to Franny Schwantz and Carole Joyce who were adult leaders for the trip.

# EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It's time to register for Sunday school! We will need **ALL** children to be registered **prior** to attending the first day of class on **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. All children who are 3 years old (by September 1<sup>st</sup>) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to sign up. To help with the scheduling process, we would appreciate **all forms be turned in by August 31<sup>st</sup>**. To register:

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

*Only one child per form please.* Thank you for your help as we continue updating our policies to help keep our children safe!

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE – YOU ARE NEEDED!

Do you love children and youth? Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Are you willing to wonder about faith in your life? If so, teaching, helping with Sunday school OR mentoring with Confirmation might be just what God is calling you to do. You are invited to be a caring adult in the lives of our children and youth.

The following Sunday school classes need people to help team teach: Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. **Each class will have more than one teacher so you have flexibility and can be gone or attend adult classes on the other weeks.** High school students who would like to help or teach are welcome too.

We always need Sunday school helpers and substitutes as well. Contact Carole Joyce at 269-9374 or [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) or the church office if you have questions or would like to serve. Remember we may set out to serve, but it is the kids who teach us and help us to grow!

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

**Confirmation Kick-Off will be Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade **students and parents** will gather at 6:00 p.m. for a meal. We will order in a main dish and ask you to contribute toward the cost. **Please bring a side or dessert to share and a beverage.** We will look ahead at our year together.

## GOOD EARTH VILLAGE DAY CAMP

Eight children from Good Shepherd attended camp at Good Earth Village this summer. Thank you to the congregation for your financial support for each of these students.

## EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

### BEDTIME BIBLE STORY NIGHT FOR 3-YEAR OLDS AND PARENTS: SEPTEMBER 12 @ 6:00 P.M.

Children who turn 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup> and their parents are invited to get ready for starting Sunday school. **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 pm** will kick-off the next step in your faith journey with Bedtime Bible story night.

Students are encouraged to come in pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal and “blankie”. We will enjoy a bedtime Bible story and become familiar with your Sunday school classroom, have a treat, and tour the church. (This will prepare the children to begin Sunday school this fall on September 16<sup>th</sup> when activities will begin for parents and children at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.)

All students also will be presented with their own Beginner's Bible that evening. The Beginner's Bible is a wonderful tool for sharing stories of God's love. We encourage you as parents to read Bible stories daily with your child. This can be a great bedtime tradition.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### COME SING A SONG

It is hard to believe that soon we will start our Children's Choir program year. As you start planning for school, I hope that you will also start planning how you can share your gifts with the Good Shepherd music program. God has blessed all of us with gifts and our gift to Him is how we decide to use those gifts.

If you are in grades K-6 you are invited to come and sing with the Good Shepherd Children's Choir. All voices are welcome – experienced and new! We practice every **Wednesday** night from **6:30 to 7:30** and we participate in the worship service approximately twice a month. We try to mix learning with fun. The children will learn how to use their voices properly, what it means to be a worship participant, good music literature and some things about reading notes and feeling rhythms. When time allows we play a musical game.

Our **first gathering** will be **September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm rather than 6:30**. This meeting will be used as a sign-up time for those who haven't already signed up and a time to fit robes as well as our first rehearsal of music. We will use the **first half hour for robe fitting and start rehearsal at 6:30**. The children will be given the practice schedule and Sundays we sing schedule that evening as well. **We will practice until 7:30**.

**“One voice can make a difference.”** Parents - please share this information with your eligible child and encourage him or her to share the gifts God has given them. If you have questions, please call Gloria Keseley, 534-2147.

**“Music shared plays forever.”**



Gloria Keseley. Children's Choir Director

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC CONTINUED ...**

### **GOOD SHEPHERD ALUMNI CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Preparations are underway for Good Shepherd's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration worship service. The Children's Choir has always been an important part of our worship services and there are many children who over our 40 years together have sung in this choir. Of course, those children have now become adults.

If you have ever sung in the Good Shepherd Children's Choir, you are invited to join the current Children's Choir for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration worship service. The service will be on **September 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM**. If you are the parent of someone who has sung in this choir, please let your grownup chorister know of this invitation.

Good Shepherd has only had two choir directors in its 40 year history. Whether you sang under the direction of Anita Gransee or Gloria Keseley, please join us!

We will practice at **9:30 AM, an hour before the service begins, in the Music Room**. Have no worries about being able to sing the song. It is easy and one of Good Shepherd's favorites! Please spread the word to others you remember singing with in the choir whether it is by phone, email, text or Facebook.

I can't wait to see and hear lots and lots of Good Shepherd's past choristers. Together we will make a joyful sound to the Lord! Imagine the sound we will get when we combine our current children's voices with the children's voices who have now become adult voices!

Past Children's Choir members, please come join us, reconnect with some of your Good Shepherd Family from the past and stay for a delicious meal after the service. No need to let me know. Just show up!! Mrs. Keseley

### **HELP WANTED - WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Many of our worship assistant groups are getting pretty small. It takes a large number of people to do a Sunday morning worship service (approximately 20 worship assistants per service on a communion Sunday). These jobs aren't hard and training will be provided, so please consider signing up for an area (or two or three) that you have an interest in. Just fill out a "Count Me In" form or contact the church office. Our schedulers for each group will work with you to accommodate the time and date of the services you would be willing to help out with. Just let them know which dates will or will not work for you and which service you prefer to help out with and they will schedule you accordingly.

### **GROWING IN FAITH AND PASSING ON THE FAITH! THIRD GRADE BIBLES**

During worship on **September 16**, we will celebrate the milestones of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24 and October 1 to help them get more familiar with their Bibles.

# MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is the time to begin buying school supplies for your children and for those Operation Christmas Child boxes that we will be filling this fall. It's amazing how thrilled children in Third World countries are upon receiving pencils, notebooks, etc, in a box just for them. Right now my "stores" have a lot of crayons, not that they aren't always welcome, but I am short on pencil cases/pouches, pencil sharpeners that hold the shavings and pencils, Also appreciated are inexpensive calculators, glue sticks, large scissors and block erasers. We can't send glue bottles since they are liquids. I find really good prices at Menards when their school supplies go on sale. They don't usually have limits either. I will have a box at church for supplies. Thanks for your generosity and caring. Ginny Mielke

## GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Teams of 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders served in the community during June. We played BINGO at St. Isidore's, stained decks at Good Earth Village, baked and bought food for Food for All, worked at the Food Shelf, painted bowls for Channel One, sewed tag blankets, emptied the church attic, and inventoried books at the library. Thanks to the adults and youth who served! We had lots of fun too. Who would have thought emptying the attic would be so fun!?!

High school youth helped frame houses for families in Houston who lost their home in the hurricane. They delivered the books purchased by VBS students to Houston. They spent a day working at Kashmere High School pulling weeds and picking up trash as part of the service day in Houston. A highlight was getting to know and working alongside youth from TX.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

Good Shepherd has 25 spots available for people to pack meals on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm at Lincoln High School, 300 S Garden St., Lake City, MN. If you (or you and your family) are interested in packing meals, contact Pastor Krista at [krista.goodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:krista.goodshepherd@gmail.com). Children must be 5 years old or older to pack. Every day 6200 children die of starvation. Feed My Starving Children and its volunteers make a difference in ending hunger. Nearly 1.2 million volunteers packed more than 333 million FMSC meals in 2017. Join us in making a difference.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Donations of school supplies are needed for our local PEM schools. A collection box is in the Gathering Space at church.



# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>08/01</b>	Kaitlin Weinrich	<b>08/18</b>	Erika Patzer
	Skylar Beckel	<b>08/19</b>	Betty Fahrenz
	Jane Folkert		Betsy Munsch
	Rachael Grover-Anderson	<b>08/20</b>	Tessa Flies
	Parker Matti		Max Breuer
<b>08/03</b>	Todd Schwantz	<b>08/21</b>	Linda Tesmer
	Conner Schumacher		Reid Ihrke
	Karen Back	<b>08/23</b>	Garrett Olson
<b>08/04</b>	Stephanie Amos	<b>08/24</b>	Brady Sveen
	Rachel Ferkin	<b>08/25</b>	Jan Nienow
<b>08/06</b>	Kurt Schumacher		Lori Holst
<b>08/07</b>	Barb Peck		Brady Patzer
	Karen Jurgenson	<b>08/27</b>	Al Schwantz
	Christian Dunn		Alyvia Engler
<b>08/08</b>	Elaine Tesmer		Isaac Pfeilsticker
<b>08/10</b>	Joseph Goettl	<b>08/29</b>	Koren Melcher
	Jacob Munsch		Dawn Suntken
<b>08/11</b>	Mary Applen	<b>08/30</b>	Lonnie Yust
	Kadence Ihrke		Bernie Klennert
<b>08/12</b>	Sue Tangen		Hannah Schneider
<b>08/13</b>	Calen Kraemer	<b>08/31</b>	Luke Ferkin
<b>08/14</b>	Parker Ramthun		Peyton Bigalk

## Anniversaries

<b>08/01</b>	Jason & Kristy Folkert	<b>08/22</b>	Merlin & Ginny Mielke
<b>08/05</b>	Don & Jan Fiskum	<b>08/24</b>	Jaime & Sarah Wolf
<b>08/08</b>	Jason & Erika Patzer	<b>08/25</b>	Steve & Peggy Erwin
<b>08/09</b>	Mitchel & Cassie Crary		Don & Deb Weinrich
<b>08/16</b>	Dustin & Becky Wehrs		Paul & Diane Fick
<b>08/17</b>	Todd & Tina Wangen	<b>08/26</b>	Dave & Angie LaBare
	Marc & Koren Melcher	<b>08/27</b>	Lennie & Lori Holst
<b>08/18</b>	Ron & Tammy Peterson	<b>08/28</b>	Wayne & Ellen Miller
<b>08/20</b>	Andy & Brandi Yust	<b>08/29</b>	Joe & Kaitlin Weinrich

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

### ***FOOD FOR THOUGHT***

**God doesn't want you to fall down,  
but He does hope you will be brought to your knees.**

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**VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**N**otice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.  
**E**ducate all from cradle to grave.  
**W**orship in thankfulness and joy.

**V**alue all generations in passing on the faith.  
**I**dentify and affirm the gifts of God's people.  
**E**nergize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.  
**W**elcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

**The submission deadline for the September 2017 Newsletter is**

***TUESDAY, AUGUST 22.***