



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

May 2015

Pastor's Message

For the past few weeks we have been hearing about the response to the death of Freddy Green, an African American who was arrested and died at the hands of the Baltimore police. It is all too easy to shrug our shoulders and say, "well, that's all about them, not about us."

Oh, if it were only that simple! For decades – more than a century – people of color have been enslaved, persecuted, eliminated, forgotten and subject to the kind of prejudice few of us could ever imagine facing. Freddy Green is not the first black man to be abused by the police – nor, I fear, is he the last --- in part because good hearted Christian people like us prefer to think that racism is someone else's problem.

I wish that it were so!

The reality is that we all participate in the racism that permeates our culture. Except when we are doing something we know we shouldn't be doing (such as driving over the speed limit – a sin to which I must confess almost daily!), very few of us have a visceral reaction of fear when we see a police officer walk or drive by. Not so for our black brothers and sisters, who regularly get stopped simply because they are driving in the "wrong" neighborhood. Few of us have been questioned simply because we look as though we are up to something. Too many of us have expressed consternation when we think a person of color has received something (such as college admission or a job) that we believe that we were entitled to get.

When I was the Chaplain to the University of Richmond, my office participated in a number of campus-wide conversations about the realities of racism and the need for diversity and conversations about its challenges in all aspects of our life together. One of the things I learned was that I will never really "get it." I receive all sorts of accommodations that I am not even aware of which are simply not available to people of color. My favorite example of this was when, on the way to a conference, I realized

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PASTOR ON CONTINUING EDUCATION LEAVE May 11 – 15

Part of my calling as your pastor is to keep learning! This year I am excited to be going to Denver for the "Festival of Homiletics," a 5 day conference about preaching. I am particularly looking forward to attending a workshop offered by Professor Rolf Jacobson, one of the creators of the Narrative Lectionary - and then returning to share with you new ways of sharing the Word of God!

WHEN PASTOR DAPHNE IS AWAY: If you have a Pastoral need or concern, please contact Pastor Kari Henkelmann Keyl at 601-533-5274.

Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger

5/17/15, 1:00-3:00

East Rock Park, New Haven



We had such a good time walking on the Northampton/New Haven railroad line in April that we're going to continue walking together in May—but for a cause! We'll be meeting in East Rock Park at 1:00 on Sunday, May 17 for—you guessed it—the **Walk Against Hunger!**

Our goal is to raise \$2000 and we're on our way to that goal. Paper applications will be in the Fellowship Hall, and/or you can go online and sign up:

http://ctfb.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1123&pg=entry is the New Haven Walk link, and follow the instructions to "Join a Team"

If you won't be able to walk, please make a donation! Your check should be made out directly to Connecticut Food Bank (not the church). Please put it in the offering plate or give to Pastor Daphne.

What could be more fun? Walking + Fellowship+ Raising Money to end Hunger and a cool t-shirt if you raise at least \$30! **Hope you can join us!**

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*Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts*

Military personnel

Pray for the mission of the church

CONGRATULATIONS, EMMA!

Emma Barnes graduated from Gateway Community College with a degree in Liberal Arts and Science this year! We're going to celebrate with a party during Coffee Hour on May 10. Before you go out to lunch with your families for Mother's Day, take a moment to congratulate Emma on this great accomplishment!



ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR HOSPITALITY!

Lutheran World Relief “Ingathering” of Quilts
 Wednesday, May 27
 11:00am – 6:00pm

As you may know, quilters all over the country donate hundreds of thousands of quilts annually to Lutheran World Relief, which are distributed all across the globe to people in need.

LCGS will be the site of the “Ingathering” of Quilts on May 27. **Could you help by volunteering** to greet fellow Lutherans, offer them a cup of coffee or a bottle of water, and, if necessary, help load the quilts into the van?

Our Hospitality is one of our many gifts. Here’s a chance to share it!

Please speak to Sue Hartley or Pastor Daphne if you can help!

(“An ‘Ingathering’ is regional event-coordinated by local volunteers-where Quilters and Kit-makers drop off their donations to be shipped to LWR’s warehouses.”)

CONFIRMATION

Christopher Olson and Jonathan Goodrich have completed 3 years of confirmation classes and will be confirmed on Pentecost, May 24, during our regular 10:30 worship service. These young men have participated in our BERGS (Bethesda, Emmanuel, Reformation and Good Shepherd) confirmation cluster and studied the Old and New Testaments as well as Lutheran Heritage and Thought. Following their confirmation, communion and a contribution of record, they will be full voting members of the congregation and can serve on the Council, represent us at Synod Assembly, etc.

We welcome them and will celebrate with a party after worship!

MAY CELEBRATIONS**Anniversaries**

3-Douglas & Barbara Aykroyd	35 years
20-Lou & Barbara Kuslan	20 years
30-Anthony & Brianne Papa	6 years

Birthdays

13-Mary Lou Knoob
 13-Christopher Rowold
 16-Linda Kapitan
 16-Brenda Samal
 17-Miranda Dinkla
 18-Lisa Ball-Goodrich
 18-Jonathan Rowold
 20-James Knoob, Sr.
 21-Joseph Costa
 23-Sharon Knoob
 25-Kristine Gallaher
 26-Sue Hartley
 27-Pastor Daphne Burt
 28-Christopher Olson

**Baptisms**

Eldriede Fleischmann, Emily Olson,
 Ricky Rosa, Patricia Rowold, Micah
 Sharon, Aoife Weischedel

**Book Club
5/20/15**

The next read for the book club is:

Always Looking Up: The
 Adventures of an Incurable
 Optimist

Michael J. Fox

NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 5 & 6, 2015

“Holy Experiment in Progress”

Pastor and Sue Hartley are attending

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
5/3	Aoife Weishedel	Paul O’Braonain	Deb Mason	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Liane Moreland
5/10	Emily Olson	John Downs	Barbara Kuslan	James Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O’Connor
5/17	Aidan Weishedel	Paul O’Braonain	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Deb Mason
5/24	Nicholas Papa	John Downs	Ken Watson	Deb Mason Ken Watson	Chuddy Watson
5/31	Anthony Papa	Paul O’Braonain	Barbara Kuslan	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Liane Moreland
6/7	Jonathan Olson	Linda Kapitan	Deb Mason	James Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O’Connor

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule.
Thank you for your service!*

CAN YOU READ A SECOND LANGUAGE OUT LOUD?

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of [the disciples]. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2: 3-4)

On Pentecost Sunday we read about the Holy Spirit enabling the disciples to speak about the mighty acts of God in the different languages of pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem from all over the Middle East. To get a sense of what that might have sounded like, we will read the story from Acts in as many different languages as possible. Can you read German, Italian, Irish, Spanish, Latin, or French out loud? If so, please volunteer to be one



of the readers on Pentecost. We’d like to have at least 4 languages (other than English) represented in our service. If you’ve never experienced it before, you’ll discover that the sound of many languages speaking the word of God is awesome!

DON’T FORGET TO WEAR RED

on Pentecost (May 24)! Because the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as tongues of fire, our altar is decorated in red on Pentecost - and we try to follow suit by wearing red as well. Don’t wait - check your drawers and closets NOW to find those red shoes, socks, bowties, blouses and hats!

Council Notes



Council met on 4/30. Pastor and Sue Hartley will be attending the Synod Assembly on June 5-6.

Pastor has been making visits to the homebound and members of the congregation. She will be away at a conference for 5 days in May. We have some exciting activities in May - the "Ingathering" of quilts, Walk Against Hunger, Rite of Confirmation and a graduation celebration. The financial reports were encouraging for the month of March. Contributions were greater than expenses. The Sunday School children are enjoying the new curriculum because there is more activities. Unfortunately, Emma stated that attendance is down.

Jim will be posting a sign-up sheet for lawn mowing. Other jobs he plans to work on are cleaning up the handicapped ramp, finishing trim work around the new windows and making the Blue Room doors into one-half doors. The Worship committee met and discussed memorials funds. They compiled a list of needed worship items. The sign out front is in need of some maintenance and the committee also felt it should be repainted in a lighter color to make it more visible.

Next council meeting: 5/28/15
 Voters' meeting: 6/7/15.



Sunday School is in need of old magazines for collages.

Please drop them off with Sunday School teachers, Emma Barnes or Victoria Keating.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

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FINANCIAL RESULTS - MARCH, 2015

	2015	3/12 of 2015 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2014 through March
Receipts thru March	\$23, 658	\$20,713	\$2,946	\$17,078
Expenses thru March	\$22,715	\$20,713	\$2,003	\$26,037
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$943	\$0	\$943	(\$8,959)

Our total Operating giving for March 2015 was \$11,197 and our expenses were \$7,035 for a Profit of \$4,162 turning our prior deficit of \$3,219 into a surplus of \$943.

Our March expenses were \$7035 which was a little higher than our annual budget divided by 12 which is \$6,904

We hope April will be about break even.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES-**Cheshire Community Chorus**

The Cheshire Community Chorus (CCC) will present its 2015 Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, May 9th at 7:00pm at Dodd Middle School, 100 Park Place in Cheshire. Tickets are available at the door.

Adult admission is \$12.

Students and Seniors receive a \$2 discount

Children under 5 are admitted free.

The program will feature selections from "The Great American Songbook".



At the event, this quilt, which was lovingly crafted by members of the CCC, will be raffled. Tickets are \$3 each and the winner need not be present.

For more information, contact
lechowicz@calcagni.com or 203-631-7622.

Or for tickets for either the concert or the quilt, call Fran Liedke (feliedke@sbcglobal.net) or 203 265-5639.

Relay of Life of Hamden/North Haven

The American Cancer Society is planning the 15th annual Relay For Life of Hamden/North Haven on June 13-14, 2015 at Hamden High School.

Dollars raised during Relay For Life help support cutting edge research, education, advocacy and patient service which include providing free transportation to hospitals, helping to prevent youth smoking, publishing lifesaving literature and developing a new generation of weapons to fight cancer.

Consider helping by gathering a team of your fellow parishioners, family members and friends. Or, volunteer our time and talent to ensure this year's Relay For Life event is a success.

To register, volunteer or for more information, call Ericka Galey at 203-379-4836 or email at ericka.ganley@cancer.org.



Special guest speaker
Rosanne Haggerty
President &
Chief Executive Officer
Community Solutions

An internally recognized leader in developing innovative strategies to end homelessness and strengthen communities.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
8:00-10:00am
370 Davenport Avenue,
New Haven

Continental breakfast will be served.

R.S.V.P. by May 11, 2015 at
203-777-7840 or email:
reply@ccahelping.org.

Parking available on Davenport Avenue

Happy
Mother's Day!

Nepal Area Earthquake

The Situation:

Sections of the city's historic center lie in rubble. News reports indicate that more than 3,500 people have died and thousands are injured in the valley surrounding Kathmandu. The death toll is expected to rise as people are believed to be trapped under rubble. Deaths have been reported in neighboring India, Tibet and Bangladesh. The tremor also set off a deadly avalanche on Mount Everest.



Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Nepal, as rescue efforts and assessments continue. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has launched an immediate large-scale emergency response with its emergency team in Kathmandu at the LWF offices, which have escaped the worst impact of the quake. The ELCA is the only U.S. member church of the LWF. We are also working with Lutheran World Relief and church partners from ACT Alliance to coordinate the response, which includes the distribution of immediate life-saving supplies such as water, food, shelter and medication to people injured.

What Can You Do?

Pray:

Pray for people affected by the earthquake and its aftershocks, especially as they grieve the loss of loved ones and property. Pray for the LWF and Lutheran World Relief emergency teams on the ground, who are standing with people and communities affected.

Give:

Your gifts designated for the "Nepal Area Earthquake" will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted. Gifts from people like you allow us to continue our response.

You can make your gift through your giving envelope—mark that it is for Nepal and Good Shepherd will forward it to the Synod.

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that my car was running out of gas and I had absolutely no money with me. I pulled into a gas station, explained my situation, and asked for a gallon of gas, which would get me to where I could get some money. I promised I would return and pay when I could. Not only was I immediately believed, but the gas station attendant gave me two gallons of free gas. I don't know what that man would have done if I had been a person of color, but when I have shared that story with black friends and associates, they are always dumbfounded.

The news these past few days has been puzzling (why are people destroying their own neighborhoods?) frightening, and terribly sad. As Christians we are challenged to not brush all of this aside as a problem specific to Baltimore. News reports of violence against people of color provides us with the opportunity not to give thanks that we are subject to such abuse, but to reflect on how we might make things different in our lives and the lives of others.

As we reflect on the realities of racism throughout our country, we have a responsibility to ask ourselves, over and over again, "do I have ANY idea what it is like to be in that situation?" If not, perhaps we can find a way to learn – by choosing to listen to the voices of those who suffer and live in ways we simply can not imagine. This may mean going into New Haven and sitting in a McDonalds and listening to the conversations around us – with an open heart (and for the more extraverted among us, we might meet someone we feel we could ask directly). Perhaps we need to search online for the words of those who are most closely affected by these tragedies, and read and listen carefully to what is being said – and what is not being said. Or perhaps we can just keep the radio on rather than changing the channel when someone is sharing their experience of something we would just rather not talk about.

One of the greatest blessings we can share with anyone is the hope and promise that, just as Jesus rose from the dead, we are committed to working together with those who are different from us to make our neighborhoods – and our country – a place that is safe for all. In the midst of troubling news and violent actions, I pray that we might be renewed in our commitments to justice and peace.

Pastor Daphne +