



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

May 2017

Pastor's Message-

Birthdays and Birth-days

May has always been a special month for me because ever since I was a little girl, my birthday (the 27th) was always “Daphne’s day.” Regardless of the fact that it often falls during Memorial Day weekend, which sometimes has made having parties a challenge, it doesn’t seem to matter how old I am, I always start counting down the days as soon as the month begins. Of course, over the years I’ve learned that I have to *share*: Rachael Carson, Vincent Price, Terry Collins (go Mets!), Hubert Humphrey, Joseph Fiennes and Richard Schiff also were born on the 27th – not to mention all the other wonderful people born in May – my mother (8th), my aunt (15th), and members Mary Lou Knoob (13th), Brenda Samal and Linda Kapitan (16th), Miranda Dinkla (17th), Jonathan Rowold and Lisa Ball- Goodrich (18th), Jim Knoob (20th), Sharon Knoob (23rd), Kristine Gallaher (25th), Susan Hartley (26th), and Christopher Olson (28th). May is a great month to celebrate, all the way around!

May is also a good time of year to reflect upon our faith journeys. Often we are still in the Season of Easter, during which we joyfully remember God’s resurrecting love which overpowers all evil, sin and death. While it’s true that the farther away we get from Easter Sunday, the odder it sounds to sing “Jesus Christ is Risen *Today*,” nonetheless we have 50 days to really focus in on what it might really mean that God loves us so very much! Which makes me think about another important day in our lives when we celebrate God’s love overcoming sin – our baptisms! (May baptisms include Elfriede Fleishmann and Emily Olson (1st), Aoife Weishedel (11th) and Trish Rowold (22nd)).

While our theology and knowledge of God has moved us past the idea that baptism marks our becoming a child of God (aren’t we children of God
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PENTECOST SUNDAY READING!

Can you read Spanish? French? German? Norwegian? Latin? Greek? Gaelic?

The story of the first Pentecost (Acts 2) tells of crowds of people throughout the Middle East converging on Jerusalem for the Jewish holiday of Pentecost (also known as the Feast of Booths). The Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and enabled them to speak in languages of the people from other countries, so that the Good News of Jesus Christ could be proclaimed and heard by all who were there. Luke (who wrote the book of Acts), describes what must have been a chaotic scene – so much so that some of the visitors thought that the disciples were drunk! (Acts 2:13)

Help us re-create the first Pentecost morning!

If you are able to read a language other than English outloud (your pronunciation doesn’t have to be perfect) and will be present in church on Sunday, June 4, you could be a part of the cacophony of languages as we read together Acts 2:1-7, 12-15, 22b -24. If you don’t have a Bible in the language of your choice, check in with Pastor Daphne, who can get you a copy of the passage.

Since the passage will be read (in English) at the microphone by the Reader, congregation members will hear the story in a language they understand, while surrounded by the sounds of languages they may not understand.

Please let Pastor Daphne know if you would like to participate!

Upcoming Events

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| 5/17 | Ingathering Quilts & Book Club |
| 5/24 | Council Meeting |
| 6/4 | Council Installation |
| 6/9-6/10 | Synod Assembly |
| 6/25 | Voters’ Meeting |

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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*



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when we are born?), or that baptism is the only gateway to salvation (wouldn't a loving God still want to save those who were never baptized?), nonetheless, being baptized is one of the most important moments in our lives as Christians.

- ◆ We are (symbolically) washed in water in the name of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From that moment on, we begin a life-long dance with each manifestation of God - creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. Some of us relate to one person of the Trinity more closely than the other two, but we claim and are claimed by this God who yearns to relate to, walk with, and guide us.
- ◆ We are anointed with holy oil (in our case, it has been blessed by a bishop), and "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." Forever. Nothing we can do or say can break the bond God has made with us - because it is God doing the promising, and God is better at keeping promises than any of us, to be sure! One of my teachers used to say that in baptism, God grabs us by the neck and never lets us go - no matter how hard we try to get away. From the moment we are soaked and blessed, whether we walk, run, skip, hop or dance away or toward God, we are still bound for life in God's presence.
- ◆ We are welcomed as members of the church, the Body of Christ. Within this community of saints and sinners, we are invited to grow, learn, make mistakes, forgive and be forgiven, and discern what gifts God has given us which we can share with the world (and, if we are lucky, make a living while we are at it).

I celebrate my birthday one day a year - but I can celebrate my baptism every day of the year! So can we all, and so does God. Our birth-days into the church are a holy-day like no other. Martin Luther advises: "when you wash your face, remember your baptism," and of course, even if

we forget, God never does.

May this coming month be filled with happy birth-days for us all!

Pastor Daphne +



Fellow readers!

We had some wonderful conversations about The Blood of Emmett Till this evening!!!

Our next book is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. "With courage, grace and powerful insight, best-selling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.." *Amazon*

We will be meeting to discuss the book on May 17th at 7pm at the Parsonage. Hope to see you all there!!

Lisa

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

3-Douglas & Barbara Aykroyd	37 years
24-Leonard & Ruth Lye	31 years
30-Anthony & Brianne Papa	8 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-Susan Hartley
 27-Pastor Daphne
 28-Christopher Olson



Baptisms

Elfriede Fleischmann, Emily Olson,
 Patricia Rowold, Micah Sharon,
 Aoife Weischedel



Lutheran World Relief Ingathering
 May 17, 2017
 9:00 – 4:00pm

As we have in the past 3 years, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will serve as an “ingathering” location for Quilts and Personal Care Kits donated by Lutheran churches throughout the area. A (very large!) truck will park in our back lot and we will welcome representatives of churches throughout the area who will be dropping off their donations.

If you have some time, stop by the church, greet fellow Lutherans, and offer to help!



David Goodrich

Graduates May 13 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Melissa Johnson

Graduates from Tunxis Community College in May with a degree in Business. She will pursue her studies at Central Connecticut State University.

May 29, 2017

Pastor and Lisa are having a yard sale on Memorial Day – Monday, May 29. If



you would like to join them, feel free to bring your items over and set up a table! There is some room in the garage if you need to bring larger items over early – but *please do NOT leave anything in the Fellowship Hall*. If it rains, we will move to the Fellowship Hall, but everything must be cleaned out by the end of the day. Happy Recycling!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SECOND ASSISTANT	CANTOR	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
5/7	Jonathan Olson	Linda Kapitan	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	~	Reggie Chang	Goodrich family	Lisa Martinell
5/14	Emma Ingerson	Jonathan Goodrich	Lisa Martinell	~	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	John Downs Lisa Martinell	Lisa Martinell
5/21	Anthony Papa	Linda Kapitan	Sue Hartley	~	Barbara Kuslan	James Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O'Connor
5/28	Aoife Weischedel	Paul O'Braonain	Ken Watson	~	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
6/4	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	~	Reggie Chang	Goodrich family	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!***

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH MARCH 2017

	2017	3/12 of 2017 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2016 thru March
Receipts thru March	\$22,564	\$23,375	(\$811)	\$16,673
Expenses thru March	\$27,368	\$23,375	\$3,993	\$22,947
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,804)	\$0	(\$4,804)	(\$5,274)

Our total Operating giving for March 2017 was \$5,715 and our expenses were \$9,566 giving us a deficit for the month of \$3,851 compared to a loss last year of \$856. As the above shows our giving this year is ahead of last year by \$5,891, thanks to some extra gifts, but behind our budget by \$811. Our expenses thru March are over budget by \$3,993 and over last year by \$4,421 primarily because of seasonal expenses like plowing (\$4,392 this year compared to \$2,400 last year) and heating bills (\$2,034 this year and \$1,466 last year.) April should be about even as we have 5 Sundays in the month, including Easter Week and we should be finished with snow plowing and large heating bills. We still have to watch our other discretionary expenses.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

Council Notes

Council met 4/26. Each month, we will be reviewing a portion of the proposed constitution. (There is a link on our website to view the document.) Pastor is very appreciative of all the work many put in for Holy Week services, flowers, Easter breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt. Confirmation classes are going well and pastor is pleased with student's participation. The financial reports showed a deficit (*as detailed on John's report on page 5*) - but John did not have to borrow from savings in March. There will not be Sunday School May 14 and May 28. The church lawn is growing strong and property committee needs volunteers to join the mowing team. Jim is going to secure quotes to repair certain sections of the driveway and parking lot. Sue Hartley is going to request help following coffee hour to put together the personal care kits so they are ready for the Ingathering on May 17. The parsonage committee met and are reviewing our insurance and how to manage income vs. expenses. The mini-grant committee will set a date soon and the Reconciling in Christ committee will be meeting 4/30 following worship.



Synod Assembly June 9—10

Friday evening, Pastor Daphne will be recognized for her 30 years in ministry and Saturday evening, Lisa Martinell will be graduating from lay ministry.

Congregations are entitled to two lay voting members. Registration is due. If you would like to attend one or both of the days, please speak to pastor or council president, Linda Kapitan.

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The 2017 New England Synod Assembly will be held at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA from Friday, June 9th through Saturday, June 10th. Our theme for 2017, "Get Off Your Donkey...Be a Leader", is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. We will explore the many dimensions of this powerful story from Luke's gospel as we focus on the theme "Get Off Your Donkey...Be a Leader!"

Why this focus? Because leadership matters. Nothing happens without people who have the courage to lead. Nothing happens in the parable of the Good Samaritan if he doesn't take the initiative to climb down off his donkey and help the man on the side of the road. The same can be said for our own lives. Nothing happens if we don't take the initiative and make something happen. Whether that's taking on a new task at work, leading in our congregations, serving in the community, or getting the children up in the morning to go to school.

VOTERS' MEETING

JUNE 25, 2017



As called Christians responding to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), we commit ourselves to nurturing the spiritual growth of our congregation by proclaiming the Gospel, bearing witness to God's saving grace, being stewards of the earth, and serving others, in our congregation, our community, and in all the world.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION STATEMENT**

Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship



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