



# THE STAFF

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

June 2015

### *Drinking Deeply from the Psalms*

Pentecost Sunday (May 24) was the last Sunday in the “regular” Narrative Lectionary Season. During the summer, preachers are given the option of preaching on themes of their choice or those suggested by the writers of the Narrative Lectionary. We will be doing the latter for most of the summer and for the next six weeks, we will be *Drinking Deeply from the Psalms*.

The following are Pastor Daphne’s preaching texts and themes. (If you have time, read the appointed Psalm the week before worship—it will enable you to really “dig in” to the sermon!)

5/31	Introduction to Psalms	Psalm 1
6/7	Psalms of Praise	Psalm 113
6/14	Psalms of Lament	Psalm 69: 1-16
6/21	Psalms of Trust	Psalm 27: 1-6
6/28	Psalms of Thanksgiving	Psalm 40: 1-10
7/5	Psalms of Praise	Psalm 146

The next series will be announced in the July/August newsletter!



**Congratulations!**

Jason Barnes & Nina Celik

On their upcoming marriage  
June 27, 2015

### **Calumet Lutheran Camp & Conference Center**

*(excerpt from letter May 20, 2015)*

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your wonderful gift in the amount of \$670 in support of Calumet’s Campaign For Today (CFT). This gift fulfills your pledge commitment of \$1,000 and increased your total giving to CFT to \$1,487.40.

The CFT is for the purpose of completing four important efforts: the building of four private-bath units of guest housing...winterization of the Lakeside Dining Hall...construction of the Upsala Staff Center...and purchase of a travel coach bus.

### **NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

June 5 & 6, 2015

“Holy Experiment in Progress”

Pastor and Sue Hartley are attending

### **Church Events**

<b>6/7</b>	<b>Voters’ Meeting</b>
<b>6/25</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>6/28</b>	<b>Church Picnic</b>
<b>7/5-9/6</b>	<b>Summer Worship 9:30am</b>

[www.goodshepherdhamden.org/calendar](http://www.goodshepherdhamden.org/calendar)

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**Council Members  
1/1/15—12/31/15**

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Daphne	family
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Lou	Elfriede	Bernie	Victoria
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Joy	Marianne	CindyLu	Pam
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Harold	Arnold	Catherine	Mike
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Rex	Gertrude	Howard	Barbara
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Barnes family	Sue	Amanda	John
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Kathy D.	Linda & Darryl
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*Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound  
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts  
Military personnel*

Holy God, Healer of our every ill,

We pray that you will hold your servant Bernie in your gentle, loving arms. Calm his fears, sustain his faith, and assure him of your power to make all things new in this world and the next. Inspire the doctors, nurses, and caretakers, that they might care for Bernie as they would their own father or grandfather. Be with his daughter Linda and all those who are charged with determining what the next steps in his medical care should be, that all might remember that nothing can separate Bernie from your love and grace.

In the name of Jesus we pray,  
Amen.

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

### Anniversaries

5-Jeff & Cindy Lu Peterson	11 years
15-Carl & Christi Sharon	30 years
27-Christopher & Kristine Knoob	22 years
28-Thomas & Ann-Mae Knoob	12 years

### Birthdays

3-Nicolas Papa  
 4-Barbara Aykroyd  
 11-William Wakefield  
 13-Holly Rosa  
 14-Susan Landino  
 18-Brianne Papa  
 27-Jason Barnes  
 29-Paul Barnes



### Baptisms

Kate Lyn Aykroyd, Justin Barnes,  
 Gunnar Chapman, Jr., Christopher Costa,  
 Sarah DeLong, Anna Olson, Kristin Rosa,  
 Christopher Rowold, Alicia Samal,  
 Aidan Weishedel

\$1,000 raised for  
 Walk Against Hunger

**Book Club**  
 7/8/15

The Language of God  
 Francis S. Collins

## Musical Notes June 2015



Summer Greetings, everyone! The most splendid season is almost upon us! I'm still so surprised how quickly this year went, and what a year it was; so many good things to be thankful for here at Good Shepherd, and elsewhere in our lives. As most of you know, I'm finishing up my first year of teaching in the "real world." I was lucky enough to get this job a week and a half before school started, and it's been one of the biggest blessings in my life. This year has been filled with laughter, tears, and many, many lessons! This has also been a wonderful year for music at Good Shepherd. The choir recently finished what was once again, a wonderful season, and we were also gifted with several guest musicians as well. As we move into the summer, and eventually the fall, I know these musical blessings will continue to follow us.

I myself have one more big blessing coming up soon. I have been accepted to Florida State University's College of Music Master's Degree Program for choral music education! This is a 3-summer degree program, and I will ultimately earn my degree in August 2017. I begin classes at the end of this June, and will finish for the summer in the beginning of August. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to further my education and passion for choral music education. In my absence (June 28th-August 9th), you will have what I know will be a more than qualified guest organist for the summer months. I am currently in the process of reviewing a few résumés and interviewing several people, and I am confident I will find a great fit to take over the organ bench for the summer!

As always, I encourage you to go and seek out new musical experiences to enhance your mind, and sense of spirit. These musical revelations do wonders for the body, mind, and spirit, and will certainly add to your peace of mind during the summer months.

Peace & Blessings,

Tyler

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE**

DATE	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
6/7	Nicholas Papa	Linda Kapitan	Deb Mason	James Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O'Connor
6/14	Aoife Weishedel	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Deb Mason
6/21	Emily Olson	Jonathan Goodrich	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Deb Mason	Chuddy Watson
6/28	Anthony Papa	Paul O'Braonain	Barbara Kuslan	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Liane Moreland
7/5	Jonathan Olson	Mary Lou Knoob	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!*

**“Ingathering” of Quilts 5/27/15**

We received donations from -  
 Immanuel Lutheran in Meriden  
 Trinity Lutheran in Vernon  
 St Paul Lutheran in East Longmeadow, MA  
 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Kingston, RI  
 Immanuel Lutheran in Danbury

The next STAFF will be our Summer Issue— covering July and August.



Please plan ahead when writing your articles.



L- Jim loading one of 95 boxes of donated quilts.

R- Arie Brown from Lutheran World Relief



**Council Notes**



Council met on 5/28. Pastor related her experience at the Festival of Homiletics in Denver. She was enlightened by the speeches and hopes to incorporate what she learned here at Good Shepherd. Our organist, Tyler, has been accepted into a Master's Program in Music Education (see his article on page 3.)

The "Ingathering of Quilts" for Lutheran World Relief was a success. Thank you to Sue Hartley, James Learned and John Downs for volunteering to oversee the dropping off of quilts. 95 boxes were loaded into the truck. Deb Mason will use the social media, Facebook, to post information about our church and worship services. Lisa Martinell will be away many Sundays throughout the summer. Volunteers are needed to host a coffee hour so we

can still enjoy the fellowship time following worship. A church picnic is scheduled for 6/28. Jim Learned has been working hard on the church / property and could use some assistance with lawn mowing. If you can help out, please speak to him. The finance committee is meeting 6/3 at 7pm.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

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**FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH APRIL, 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>4/12 of 2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>Over (Under) BUDGET</b>	<b>Prior year Comparative 2014 through April</b>
Receipts thru April	\$30,511	\$27,617	\$2,894	\$25,428
Expenses thru April	\$31,597	\$27,617	\$3,980	\$32,563
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$1,086)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$1,086)</b>	<b>(\$7,135)</b>

Our total Operating giving for April, 2015 was \$6,854 and our expenses were \$8,882 for a loss of \$2,029 turning our prior surplus of \$943 into a deficit of \$1,086.

Our April expenses were \$8,882 which was over our monthly budget of \$6,904 by \$1,978. This was because of a quarterly insurance payment of \$1,415 and an annual payment of continuing education of \$1,090.

We expect May to be about break even.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

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**

**Holy Communion**  
10:30am

**Sunday School**  
9:30am

**Worship**



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