



# THE STAFF

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Summer Edition 2015



Our Synod Assembly representatives-  
Sue Hartley and Pastor Daphne



Sue and Rev. Kuck

### *Pastor's Message*

#### **Talking about Racism, White Privilege, and Taking Action**

As President Obama said in his eulogy for The Rev. Hon. Clementa Pinckney, "God works in mysterious ways." Instead of starting a race war, the killer incited "a thoughtful introspection and self-examination that we so rarely see in public life. Blinded by hatred, he failed to comprehend what Reverend Pinckney so well understood – the power of God's grace."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/06/26/transcript-obama-delivers-eulogy-for-charleston-pastor-the-rev-clementa-pinckney/>

We Lutherans talk about grace all the time. Now we are given a chance not just to talk about it, but also to live into it, share it, learn from it, and be changed by it.

One place to start is to recognize that just as grace is unmerited, so are the privileges we have as white

people. Consider this condensed list, from the 1988 article by Peggy McIntosh entitled "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Backpack" of some of the privileges that we simply don't see. (from a list of 50)

- When I am told about our national heritage or about "civilization," I am shown that people of my color made it what it is.
- I can go into a music shop and count on finding the music of my race represented, into a supermarket and find the staple foods which fit with my cultural traditions, into a hairdresser's shop and find someone who can cut my hair
- I do not have to educate my children to be aware of systemic racism for their own daily physical protection.
- I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race.
- I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.

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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*

**Bernie Kapitan  
Passed 6/5/15**

Holy God,

We are so very grateful for the life and presence of Bernie Kapitan in our community throughout the years. We have learned from him, worked with him, laughed with him, and wept with him. We are grateful for having known him, and our hearts are lifted up with the knowledge that he is now in your company with all the saints.

Bring peace to all who mourn the loss of their friend, father and grandfather, that their memories might lighten their grief.

We ask this prayer in the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ our Savior and friend. Amen

## Musical Notes Summer 2015



Summer greetings, everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the warm sunlight, and the occasional cool breeze! By now, most of you know that I am in Florida starting my graduate degree in music education, and I could not be more excited; this is a real treat for me!

In my absence, we are welcoming a wonderful musician to the organ bench; Ms. Polina Mann. Ms. Mann holds advanced degrees in music performance and history from The Hartt School, and has served as an organist in several congregations throughout the New Haven area. She simultaneously maintains an active teaching schedule. I know you will all welcome her as warmly as you did for me, and I hope that together you can share some wonderful musical moments!

This summer, we are told that there is a time and place for everything (Ecclesiastes), and for me, that means there is always a time and place for change. Change, in any form, is inevitable. Whether it be a small change in our daily routine, or perhaps a larger change in life, the changes that we encounter help mold the people we are, and in turn, help shape the world in which we live and the people we encounter. When I arrived at Good Shepherd in September 2013, it was a big change; for both of us. I was new to the Lutheran faith and this worshipping community, and you were new to me. Together, we started a new relationship of exploration & experimentation. I had promised that you would hear new music, and experience an enhanced sense of being during worship services. And, in your own way, you had promised to support me, guide me, and be kind to me throughout our journey. I believe that we have both accomplished what we had set out to do; new music, new faith, new experiences. Our work of continuing these experiments of newness is never ending. However, sometimes it must continue on its own. With that said, it is with a very heavy heart that I announce my last Sunday at Good Shepherd will be August 16th. I have accepted another position in a Lutheran congregation in Southington, and look forward to continued growth in my music ministry with them. I want to thank each

and every one of you for welcoming me so warmly almost two years ago, and for your continued support and faithfulness throughout our time together. We have made some wonderful musical moments together that I believe have truly enhanced our worship experiences at Good Shepherd, and I know I will remember these moments forever.

Bishop Hazelwood challenges us to experiment with our methods and means of worship and service. I believe that the experiment you and I started almost two years ago upon my arrival was successful, but now it's time to start a new experiment. In the time ahead, remember to always be open to new music, new faces, and new experiences. Again, I thank each and every one of you for your warm welcomes, and smiling faces. I wish the entire Good Shepherd community the absolute best in its time ahead. Until we meet again!

Peace & Blessings, Tyler

## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Council had a video training session at their retreat in February, 2015. A committee comprised of Pastor, Linda Kapitan and Deb Mason prepared a Safe Church Initiative Policy as required by our insurance company and New England Synod.

The next phase is to have all Sunday School teachers and anyone who interacts with the children have a background check done early this summer.

When Sunday School commences in September, the congregation will be updated on Good Shepherd's Safe Church Initiative Policy progress.

## FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Thanks to all who have been willing to sign up ahead of time to be responsible for coffee hour in July. I will not be available to coordinate any after worship fellowship events in August. I hope that our spirit of hospitality will encourage others to share the leadership as well as participate in our wonderful fellowship time when I am away. *-Lisa*



**Coffee Fellowship**

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
9:30am 7/5	~	Mary Lou Knoob	~	Sue Hartley James Learned	Starr O'Connor
7/12	Nicholas Papa	David Goodrich	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Liane Moreland
7/19	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Ken Watson	Ken Watson	Chuddy Watson
7/26	Aidan Weishedel	Paul O'Braonain	Barbara Kuslan	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Starr O'Connor
8/2	Anthony Papa	Mary Lou Knoob	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Sue Hartley James Learned	Liane Moreland
8/9	Aoife Weishedel	John Downs	Barbara Kuslan	Goodrich family	Starr O'Connor
8/16	Nicholas Papa	Jonathan Goodrich	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Liane Moreland
8/23	Aidan Weishedel	Paul O'Braonain	Ken Watson	Ken Watson	Chuddy Watson
8/30	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Ken Watson	Sue Hartley James Learned	Chuddy Watson
9/6	Anthony Papa	Mary Lou Knoob	Barbara Kuslan	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!*

The Worship Committee is looking for help. We could use more members to usher, read, be worship assistant and prepare the altar (Altar Guild). It takes a few extra minutes and really helps. Please see Pastor or Ken Watson if you would like to help.  
No experience necessary!

**FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH MAY, 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	5/12 of 2015 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2014 through May
Receipts thru May	\$37,968	\$34,521	\$3,447	\$29,607
Expenses thru April	\$36,846	\$34,521	\$2,325	\$38,487
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	\$1,122	\$0	\$1,122	(\$8,880)

Our total Operating giving for May 2015 was \$7,457 and our expenses were \$5,249 for a gain of \$2,207 turning our prior deficit of \$1,086 into a surplus of \$1,122. This compares to a deficit of \$8,880 last year. At the June 7th voters meeting we increased our Operating Budget by \$488.10 per month increasing Pastor Daphne's hours to 25 per week. This will add a total of \$3,173 over the next 6 1/2 months. We will incur an increase of \$244 for June (1/2 month effective June 15) This will bring our monthly budget to \$7,392. We expect June to be about break even to a small deficit.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

**Lisa Martinell to Attend Lay School of Theology**

From the website: *“The New England Synod School of Lay Ministry is an opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship and learning together.”* After hearing about the School from some of its graduates, I decided to “take the plunge” and learn more about the church and the Bible!

It’s a two year commitment – in the first year we study Lutheran theology, and in the second we study the Bible. Each year begins and ends with a retreat, and then I’ll meet with a group of students who live close to me throughout the year.

I don’t expect to graduate knowing everything, but I’m excited to know more than I do now! The first retreat is in September. Please keep me in your prayers!

Lisa

**Council Notes**



Council met on 6/25. Pastor started her 25 hour work week on 6/15. She made some home visits and is working on meeting with other clergy in the area. John stated that the finance committee is still looking at ways to save money for the church. Lisa M. expressed her appreciation for all the help for the luncheon following Bernie’s memorial service.

Volunteers are needed for coffee hours in August. John offered to deliver the bags of food to the Hamden Food Bank.

The worship committee is meeting 7/1 and will discuss Tyler’s resignation. A motion was passed to reduce the asking monthly donation from the Green Pasture Church to \$100/month. They only use our sanctuary on Wednesday evenings for prayer service.

The next council meeting is 7/23 at 7:30pm.

**JULY CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

5-John Wright  
 9-Mike Dube´  
 9-James Learned  
 10-Robert Knoob  
 11-Katelyn Rowold  
 27-Jeffrey Peterson  
 29-Thomas Knoob



**Baptisms**

Barbara Aykroyd, James Knoob, Sr.  
 Mary Lou Knoob

**AUGUST CELEBRATIONS**

**Anniversaries**

6-Brian & Liane Moreland 27 years  
 10-Joseph & Tracy Costa 13 years

**Birthdays**

4-Frank Podgwaite, III  
 8-Emma Barnes  
 12-David Aykroyd



**Baptisms**

Jason Barnes, Pastor Daphne, Mike Dube´  
 Lisa Ball-Goodrich, Linda Kapitan,  
 Owen Keating, Robert Knoob, Brianne Papa,  
 Jonathan Olson



**RECONCILING WORKS  
 LUTHERAN FOR FULL  
 PARTICIPATION**

Before the 2009 decision of the ELCA to welcome and honor the ministries of GLBT clergy and recognize same-sex marriage, the organization “Lutherans Concerned North America” worked tirelessly to educate and advocate for the full inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Lutherans Concerned is responsible for the creation of the “Reconciling in Christ” network, an international listing of Lutheran congregations who publicly welcome and include GLBT people. Lutherans Concerned has now united with several smaller organizations and become “Reconciling Works.”

This summer, Pastor Daphne and Lisa Martinell will be traveling to Minneapolis to attend the Reconciling

Works Assembly entitled “Until ALL are Free.” It promises to be a time of celebration and learning and they’ll have lots to share when they return!



**ReconcilingWorks Assembly 2015**  
 & Reconciling In Christ Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 July 31–August 2, 2015  
 Pre-events begin July 30

**Summer Worship Schedule**

9:30am

7/9/15 - 9/6/15

*(Pastor's Message — continued from page 1)*

- I can be pretty sure that if I ask to talk to the "person in charge", I will be facing a person of my race.
- If a traffic cop pulls me over or if the IRS audits my tax return, I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race
- I am not made acutely aware that my shape, bearing or body odor will be taken as a reflection on my race.
- I can worry about racism without being seen as self-interested or self-seeking
- I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having my co-workers on the job suspect that I got it because of my race.
- I can chose blemish cover or bandages in "flesh" color and have them more or less match my skin.

<http://amptoons.com/blog/files/mcintosh.html>

I had the good fortune to attend a workshop given by the author a few years ago. It was during the Bush administration and Barack Obama was a senator considering running for President. "One thing you can be sure of," she said, "is that if George Bush says something wrong, or pronounces a word incorrectly, or makes an unpopular decision, no one is going to accuse him of ruining the possibility for any other white man to be the President!" I had never thought of that. All the African Americans in the room just nodded.

Recognizing privilege is a first step; working to bring about systemic change is next, and we can't do it by ourselves. We have to partner with our African American brothers and sisters, get to know them, hear their stories, and ask how we can work together to solve the problems about which they are most concerned.

To understand racism, white privilege, and our part in this system does not mean that we are bad people or suggest that we hate black people. We can't shed our skin any more than we can change our DNA. It does, however, require us to constantly question the assumptions that we and others make, so that we can learn the truth about the genuine humanity and real concerns of our brothers and sisters of color.

It was suggested at our last voter's meeting that we should increase our involvement with Resurrection Lutheran Church in New Haven. I think this is a great idea! We are tied to them historically, since our congregation is a mission start of Zion Lutheran, which met in the building that now houses Resurrection. The neighborhood which Resurrection serves is the poorest in New Haven, and is almost exclusively populated by people of color. Our Church council voted to provide a meal for the counselors of Resurrection Day Camp, and you'll find a list of needs for the camp in another part of this newsletter. *(See page 8)* Let's continue to think creatively about how we might connect with one other!

As you know, my theology is that God makes a flower garden grow out of a pile of manure. God doesn't send us the manure – we make it or fall into it ourselves. Certainly the events of the last year, from Ferguson to Baltimore to Staten Island to Charleston are providing God with plenty of opportunities to create some beautiful flowers. Let's help that garden grow!

*Pastor Daphne †*





## 2015 SYNOD ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

## Resolution on Eco-Reformation

WHEREAS, 2017 will mark observances of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which addressed fundamental threats to human well-being and all of God's creation in theological, social, and political ways; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 ELCA Social Statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* affirms that, "we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth;" and

WHEREAS, in 1993 with *Caring for Creation* we realized the urgency was already "widespread and serious, according to the preponderance of evidence from scientists worldwide [of] dangerous global warming, caused by the buildup of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide" from the burning of fossil fuels, and that "action to counter degradation, especially within this decade, is essential to the future of our children and our children's children. Time is very short;" and

WHEREAS, in the 1999 ELCA Social Statement *Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All*, this church declares that "Too often the earth has been treated as a waste receptacle and a limitless storehouse of raw materials to be used up for the sake of economic growth, rather than as a finite, fragile ecological system upon which human and all other life depends;" and

WHEREAS, the Statement of Vision and Expectations for Ordained Ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) stipulates that "the people of God are called to the care and redemption of all that God has made. This includes the need to speak on behalf of this earth, its environment and natural resources and its inhabitants. This church expects that its ordained ministers will be exemplary stewards of the earth's resources, and that they will lead this church in the stewardship of God's creation;" and WHEREAS, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton wrote in a pastoral letter on September 19, 2014: "Daily we see and hear the evidence of a rapidly changing climate. Glaciers are disappearing, the polar ice cap is melting, and sea levels are rising. Incidents of pollution-created dead zones in seas and the ocean and toxic algae growth in water supplies are occurring with greater frequency. Most disturbingly, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rising at an unprecedented rate. At the same time we also witness in too many instances how the earth's natural beauty, a sign of God's wonderful creativity, has been defiled by pollutants and waste... The present moment is a critical one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as faithful individuals and churches in solidarity with God's good creation"; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran World Federation has already, with its three-fold theme "Salvation: Not for sale. Human beings: Not for sale. Creation: Not for sale.", signaled its intention to include creation at the center of global 2017 anniversary commemorations; be it therefore

RESOLVED that the New England Synod search for ways to enact the 2013 Churchwide Assembly action to "support and encourage synods, congregations, members, the churchwide organization, and agencies and institutions of this church to adopt and advocate for policies that reduce energy use, and with it our dependence on fossil fuels, as an expression of this church's commitment to address climate change and to care for God's creation" and "to re-examine lifestyles and environmental footprints as they relate to the climate crisis and to improve their stewardship of energy resources and promote care for God's creation;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New England Synod commits itself to participate with the ELCA in becoming even more faithfully a denomination that embraces creation care throughout its life and mission.

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**  
**9:30am**  
**Summer Worship Schedule**  
**7/5/15—9/6/15**

**Worship**



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