



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

October 2015

Pastor's Message

HOLY GROUND

"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5

It seems to me that we should all be walking around in our stocking feet – for each time we encounter a creation of God – a flower, a corgi, a friend, a stranger, we are in the presence of God – as much as Moses was when standing in front of the burning bush.

What could this mean? What might it be like if we walked gently and deliberately, knowing that at any moment we would find ourselves confronted with God? How would we treat the creation? How would we behave toward the four – and more – legged ones? How might we acknowledge the holiness of each person we encounter?

Is the person whose political views are diametrically opposed to ours holy? Yes. How about the person who thinks we are going to hell because of who we love or who we welcome? Yes, they are holy too. The abusive father, the embezzling treasurer, the rapacious developer, the petty thief and the kid who is a bully – all are as holy as the wag-tail puppy, the gurgling baby and the recently betrothed. Let us take off our shoes and remember.

And while we are at it, it's worth remembering that we are holy too – no matter what sin we may have committed or person we have hurt – we nonetheless bear the presence of God with us wherever we go. *(continued on page 3)*

HYMN SERVICE NOVEMBER 22!

Once again we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday (November 22) with a service composed entirely of verses from your favorite hymns! Start making your list now!

REFORMATION SUNDAY! October 25 – Wear Red!

October 31, 1517 is the date that Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, sent 95 theses, or points of dispute, to "Archbishop Albert of Mainz and Magdeburg, who was in charge of the indulgence sales, and to the bishop of Brandenburg, the superior of Luther at the time." Luther's intent was to initiate a "scholarly debate" – which ultimately led to his excommunication and the founding of the "Evangelical Church" (later called "Lutheran" because Luther's theology was centered in the truth of the Gospel.). While other people think of Oct 31 as "All Hallows' Eve" (or "Hallowe'en"), for Lutherans and other protestants, Oct 31 is celebrated as Reformation Day.

Since the day after Reformation Day – November 1 - is also a religious holy day (All Saints' Day), the celebration of Reformation Sunday either falls on Oct 31, if that is a Sunday, or the Sunday before the 31st. This year we celebrate the Reformation in worship on Sunday the 25th, and with a fabulous Octoberfest gathering on the 24th (see article on page 5). The altar paraments will be red, the color of martyrs (which Luther was not) and the Spirit (by whom Luther was inspired).

Upcoming Events

- 10/18 Confirmation with Pastor
- 10/24 Oktoberfest
- 10/28 Book Club
- 10/29 Council

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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

JEREMIAH BROWN TO SING OCTOBER 11th

We will have a special guest musician with us on Sunday, October 11. Jeremiah is a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and a student in the BERGS Confirmation Cluster. He attends both Amistad High School and ACES Educational Center for the Arts. Recent among his many concerts are performances at Inspired Turkey in New Haven and singing the National Anthem for the opening of the Pearl Harbor Bridge. Recently he has been appointed by New Haven Mayor Toni Harp to work with the New Haven Police Department in the Community and Police Relations Task Force. Jeremiah will be using his honorarium to finance a trip to China with a group from ACES this summer.

Welcome and thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Jeremiah!

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What could that mean? What would it be like if we treated ourselves gently and deliberately, knowing that we bear the presence of God with us? How would we behave toward ourselves? How kind might we be to ourselves if we really believed that we, too, are holy ground? We, too, are as holy as the chirping bird, the smiling grandmother and the astronaut seeing the earth from space. Let us take off our shoes and remember!

Your bare-footed Pastor,

Pastor Daphne †

WELCOME CAROLINE HENRY, Our New Music Director!

The Music Director Search Committee is delighted to introduce to you **our new Music Director, Caroline Henry**. Caroline lives in New Haven, teaches French at Staples High School (Westport), gives private piano lessons, and has served as interim musician/choral director at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Meriden) and substitute teacher. She holds a Masters of Science in Education from UNH (2013), is certified to teach English as a Second Language (2010) and has her BA in Music (Piano Performance) from Houghton College (2008).

We will plan a welcoming reception for Caroline later this month, and in the meantime hope that everyone will make it a point to welcome her personally!

REQUEST FOR CLOTHING

We have received a request for XXL men's clothing for a man who is homeless. He needs sweatshirt and pants, regular pants, shirts, socks, underwear and size 10 1/2 shoes. Please see Pastor Daphne if you can help.

OCTOBER IS NAME TAG MONTH!



One of the challenges of visiting or belonging to a small church like ours is the assumption that “everyone knows everyone else.” In fact, some of us (like your Pastor) need lots of time to learn everyone's names, and name tags make it easy for us to speak to each other by name rather than be embarrassed when we find it difficult to remember.

In order to welcome our new Music Director and help her get to know us, let's all wear our name tags for the four Sundays in October. Please let Pastor Daphne know if you need a new one (everyone takes them home by mistake from time to time), and if you have two, please return one so that it can be re-used for someone else.

PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON WILL BE IN NEW ENGLAND!



Elizabeth Eaton, the presiding Bishop of the ELCA, will make two stops at New England congregations in October, in conjunction with her visit to this year's Bishop's Convocation. She is scheduled to preach at University Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MA, on Sunday morning, Oct. 18, at UniLu's 10:15 a.m. worship service. University Lutheran is located at 66 Winthrop St., Cambridge, MA. On Oct. 19, Bishop Eaton will preach at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT, at 7 p.m. Emanuel is located at 311 Capitol Ave. in Hartford. Both events are open to the public.

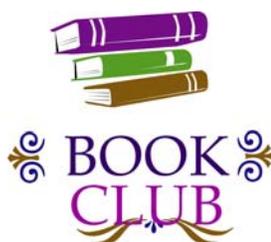
Bishop Eaton will meet with rostered leaders at Bishop's Convocation Oct 19-21, which Pastor Daphne will attend. In addition to Bishop Eaton, “Community Change,” a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote racial justice and equality by challenging systemic racism and acting as a catalyst for anti-racist learning and action, will be leading a workshop for all attendees of the convocation on Tuesday afternoon.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
10/4	Aidan Weishedel	Jonathan Goodrich	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Liane Moreland
10/11		Linda Kapitan	Linda Kapitan	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Chuddy Watson
10/18	Elizabeth Ingerson	Paul O’Braonain	Ken Watson	Dottie Podgwaite Ken Watson	Starr O’Connor
10/25	Emily Olson	Mary Lou Knoob	Barbara Kuslan	Sue Hartley James Learned	Liane Moreland
11/1	Aoife Weishedel	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodich	Goodrich family	Chuddy Watson

*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!*

There are several opportunities for people to serve our congregation. We need more ushers, worship assistants and persons to serve on Altar Guild. See Pastor or Ken Watson if you are interested.



Our next book is Killers of the King: The Men who Dared to Execute Charles I - by Charles Spencer. We will be meeting at the parsonage to discuss the

book on October 28 at 7pm, so it is not too late to pick up a copy and start reading!

If you have any questions or would like to join the group please see me after worship or call me at 203-213-5971. New readers are always welcome!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Wouldn't you like to join together with 10 other members of the congregation and meet once a month to guide the congregation in its financial, worship, fellowship, service, stewardship, property, evangelism and education programs? The Nominating committee is looking for people who cherish this congregation and are willing to commit to a year's service. If you are ready to share your gifts in this way, please see Linda Kaptian, Pastor Daphne, Ken Watson or Linda Ball-Goodrich. If they get to you first, please prayerfully consider their suggestion!

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH AUGUST, 2015

	2015	8/12 of 2015 ADJUSTED BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2014 through August
Receipts thru August	\$54,714	\$56,453	(\$1,739)	\$53,117
Expenses thru August	\$56,149	\$56,453	(\$304)	\$57,671
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,435)	\$0	(\$1,435)	(\$4,554)

Our total Operating giving for AUGUST 2015 was \$5,075 and expenses were \$5,260 giving us a deficit of \$18—increasing our prior deficit of \$1,252 into year-to-date deficit of \$1,435. This compares to a deficit of \$4,554 last year. With a monthly budget of \$7,392 it appears that we will be short of budget with only \$5,788 received for September.

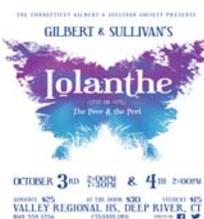
John E. Downs, Treasurer

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Thanks so much for all who came to see Iolanthe! We hope you enjoyed the show and it meant so much for us to see you there. Special thanks to John Downs, who organized everything, and to all who drove carpools.

-Lisa and Leila (Pastor Daphne)

PS – if you weren’t able to come, we’ve ordered DVDs of the performance and we’d LOVE to show it to you!



Yay! It’s that time of year again. Chilly nights, falling leaves and delicious food at our very own church!!

Come and enjoy German food and fellowship on

**Saturday, October 24
5:00pm
Fellowship Hall**

Please invite your family and friends—all are welcome!

VOTERS’ MEETING

12/20/15

Following worship

Thank you everyone for your contributions to the Reach the Beach Run for the Camp Calumet Scholarship Fund. (*The run is a 2 day, 200 mile race across New Hampshire.*) So far they have raised over \$65,000.

I would also like to thank everyone in the congregation for their own unique gifts and talents that support our congregation.

Sue Hartley, Stewardship

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

8-Leo & Lisa Goodrich	27 years
11-Sean & Korinne Leary	7 years
17-Michel & Kathy Dube	28 years
20-Paul & Stacy Barnes	25 years

Birthdays

7-Lisa Martinell
8-Joy Downs
14-Christi Sharon
14-Suzanne Boor
18-David Goodrich
18-Dorothy Podgwaite
27-Cindy Lu Peterson



Baptisms

David Aykroyd, Suzanne Boor, Sue Hartley
Christopher Olson

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN!

The BERGS (Bethany, Emmanuel, Resurrection and Good Shepherd) Confirmation cluster had its first meeting on Sunday, September 27. Class meetings for the rest of the year are listed below. We will be hosting at least one of these classes!

November 22
January 31
February 28
April 24
May 29
June – picnic?

In addition, 5th and 6th graders are invited to meet with Pastor Daphne after church every other week starting October 18 for our own congregation's confirmation classes. Class days are:

October 18
November 1 (during Sunday School hour)
November 15
November 29
December 13
December 27 NO CLASS

Council & Voters' Notes

There was a voters' meeting on 9/20,  followed by a council meeting on 9/24. At the voters' meeting, Pastor encouraged everyone to pick a congregation members name and write a short note of appreciation. This was part of Bishop Hazelwood's Crazy Stewardship Plan. Another part was the call to be grateful—which is why there is reminders posted around the fellowship hall. There are extra copies of Ask, Thank, Tell to borrow and read. Financial reports showed receipts lower than expenses in August. Thank you to the Goodrich family for maintaining the flower gardens, and Ken W., Lisa M., Reggie C., and Jonathan G. for helping with mowing. Jim has been working on the parsonage roof, handicap ramp and blue room door. A new mower has been purchased. A welcoming reception for the new organist is planned for 10/25. Council meets again on 10/29.

ALL ABOUT WATER

Wonder why we are no longer using bottled water? Aside from the fact that tap water in the U.S. is the cleanest in the world (and it's easy to get filters for the faucet), according to the Pacific Institute (<http://pacinst.org/publication/bottled-water-and-energy-a-fact-sheet/>), it takes 3 liters of water to make 1 liter of bottled water, and more than 17 million barrels of oil to produce the plastic for American consumption. And that's before the plastic ends up in the landfill! Water will always be available during the Fellowship Hour – look for the pitcher or the large orange container. A reusable BPA-free bottle is a good investment and helps our fragile environment.

***NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY PARTY!**

**October 11
4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Pastor Daphne and Lisa Martinell invite you to join them for a celebration of National Coming Out Day on Sunday, Oct 11, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the parsonage.

Rainbow-themed treats and drinks will be served.

*National Coming Out Day was established in 1988 as a day for all lesbian and gay people to “come out” of the closet and celebrate their gifts of sexual orientation and gender identity. While it has generally maintained a LGBT focus, **all people** who have been hiding a gift or orientation (such as a musical talent, political party, language, country of origin, etc.) are welcome to join in the fun and celebrate being their authentic selves!



YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE! REQUEST FOR A KIDNEY DONOR

Two of our neighbors stopped by the church a few weeks ago to drop off the following information. If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact them:

Needed: A Healthy Person

-My brother has kidney failure and is desperately seeking someone to come forward and be a Volunteer Life/Live Donor for transplant at the Kidney Transplant Centers of Yale New Haven and Hartford Hospitals.

-My family is solely dependent on him to support us financially. He has always led a good, clean Christian life and now needs a “friend” to get him through this medical crisis.

-There is absolutely no cost/expense for the Live Donor. All medical costs are covered by my brother’s insurance.

-If you can help or know someone please contact Francine at 203-464-5990 or email at RMLBELLAMIA11112@att.net.

Thank you!

Don’t miss this Calumet opportunity!

(from Knute Ogren, Director of Development)

We have an exciting Men’s Weekend coming up October 23-25. I hope that you will consider joining us for thought-provoking discussions, recreation, service projects, great food, comfortable accommodations and inspirational worship. It’s going to be AWESOME!!

Theme: “Planning Your Impact”

Chaplain: Pastor Bryan Leone, retired. He served in congregations in RI and CT

Session Leaders:

*Gary Anderson, Director of the Easton Planning Department in Easton MA

*BJ Hill—”Walk Across Massachusetts” and “Walk Across America”

Guest Musicians: John Christianson and David Piper

For more information or to register, call Alice at 603-539-3223 ext. 220.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
November 1

November 1st is celebrated as All Saints' Day, a day to remember and give thanks for all who have been our mentors and guides in the faith. Traditionally we mention by name those who have died within the past year, as well as other friends and family members who have been saints to us. Please use the tear-off form in this newsletter or a bulletin insert if you wish to invite the congregation to celebrate and remember with you.

All Saints' Sunday is celebrated on Sunday if November 1st falls on a Sunday, or on the next Sunday following. In this way Lutherans are able to celebrate both Reformation and All Saints' days on Sundays, even though they fall right next to each other on the calendar.



YOUR NAME: _____

Please join me in thankful prayers for the life and witness of:

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO ME: _____

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO ME: _____

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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.

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MISSION STATEMENT**

Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship



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