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Growing and Living In Christ †



the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Vision Statement....

We envision Good Shepherd preaching the Gospel so that we grow and live in Christ, leading to a congregation that will witness and share the Gospel with our fellow members, our youth, and our community.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on the following stations:

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Wateka WGFA 94.1 FM 8:00am
Danville WITY 980 AM 10:30am & 10:30pm

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From the Pastor:

This month I would like to share this article from the Worship Library of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Worship Library. In this article Dr. Feuerhahn considers the proper role of emotions within the context of Lutheran worship.

Lutheran Worship and Emotions

Author: Dr. Ronald Feuerhahn

Category: Teaching and Practice

Emotions, obviously, are a part of us. The emotional self, along with the physical, intellectual and social, make up what we are. The Scriptures speak of us as body and soul or body and spirit. All these are parts of what makes us the persons we are; all are therefore gifts of God's creation. But all are also under the curse of sin. They are all therefore flawed. When we use our minds, this can serve as a blessing; but sometimes that same intellect can be a will unto itself. Thus when we learn of God's redemption for us, we are thankful that this salvation is not only for our spiritual being, but for our whole being. Thus, for instance, we confess the resurrection of the body.

One occasion, early in his ministry, Dr. Billy Graham was accused of exciting the emotions in his crusades. "The emotions are certainly involved," he replied, "for I speak to people about God's love, and love is an emotional thing!" So when we hear the word of God's gospel in the divine service, we too respond with the emotion of love for him who so loved us. We are grateful for opportunities to use our intellect, our bodies, our whole being in his service. When we come to God's worship, we are there in our whole being. We respond to God's message intellectually and emotionally.

Is Emotion Proper?

But is there an improper way to use our emotions or to give emphasis to our feelings in God's worship? That may be the wrong question, for we don't exactly "use" our emotions, do we? Can we be too emotional, then? Again, that's not the real question. But if we ask whether there is a way in which we expect or desire certain feelings in the divine service, perhaps we are getting closer to a proper concern.

Imagine a scene in which three confirmands have received the Lord's Supper for the first time. It is after the service, and the one girl says to her friends: "Did you feel any different?" One of the friends responds, "I was nervous." "But," persists the first one, "did you feel anything different?" The third girl answers, "the wine burned on the way down!"

The friends laugh. "Well, I kind of thought I would feel something, I don't know, just different, somehow."

Feelings in Worship

We don't say the girl was wrong. Her expectation was quite understandable. But what might be a problem here is that her expectation was misplaced. She was looking for the wrong thing. The important thing is what God has done, has given. When she focused on her feelings, she may have been, and even likely would always be disappointed. Feelings, as we know, can be very unpredictable. Emotions depend on so many different things.

What Is Certain?

But the one thing certain here, the one thing she can always find, no matter how she feels or thinks, is that God is here with his gifts. That's God's promise, a promise given substance in the flesh and blood of Christ here for her. Her Lord is there for her not because of her mood, her understanding, not even her faith; Christ is there because of his will and word. She can come to the Supper feeling happy or sad, bright or blue, but that doesn't matter. God and his gift will be the same. She is assured that she is forgiven, no matter how she feels.

The Danger

One of the greatest dangers of an emphasis on emotions or feelings is that it can imply that the way we feel affects our acceptance with God. That was one of the most spiritually debilitating features of Pietism. It actually caused people to believe that the sign of God's acceptance was whether or not they felt accepted. When the level of our emotional uplift becomes the criterion of worship's effectiveness, then we become prisoners of a very uncertain power.

What Makes It So?

When I come out of church on a Sunday morning and don't feel any different, does this indicate a failure in the service-or even in me? Does the fact that I am not "uplifted" by the sermon or hymns indicate that they were

not up-beat enough? We acknowledge that a sermon or other parts of the divine service might be ill prepared to serve God's holy purpose; our own condition may even contribute to that. But is the blessing of God's action finally dependent on the pastor or myself? No, ultimately the blessing is God's even through weak vessels, by the power of his Holy Spirit. His promise is there through Word and Sacrament, regardless of the pastor's effectiveness or my mood. The divine service is intended to point us away from ourselves to God.

In fact, that is one of the important things about the divine service: it is meant to point us away from ourselves and point us to God, to Christ and his cross. That is important, and it is a fact we need to be reminded of often. As one man observed, "we place ourselves at the center of our projects." To focus on ourselves, for instance on our feelings, can threaten worship. We know that an improper use of our reason can usurp God's will; but so can an improper emphasis on our feelings. When, for instance, we seek to be "moved" by worship, we focus on ourselves rather than on God. But when we begin with the stance of recipients of God's gifts in Word and Sacraments, God is the one who decides the nature of the worship, including its mood.

God Declares It So

When God comes to us in his service, he speaks, he pours water, he feeds. When his law says that we are guilty, we are guilty whether we feel guilty or not.

And when God then declares us righteous, forgives our sins, gives us his promised blessing, we are blessed whether or not we feel good or different. God even calls us saints when we hardly feel like saints (or act like saints!). But when God declares it to be, so it is. Our emotions cannot hide or block the truth of God's word. We can hinder God's word, to be sure, but we cannot change the truth or sureness of his law and promise.

So it's not a question of whether or not our emotions are involved; it's not a matter of whether we "use" our emotions or not. Basically we don't approach God's service thinking about our emotions or our intellect or our bodies. We approach God's service, hearing his invitation and all his words, and receiving his gifts. The emotions and the intellect are involved, but in a way that we don't think about them; we come to the divine service confident and thankful that God is thinking about our feelings and about everything else pertaining to the well-being of our

lives. Then, when we are thankful for God's gracious concern and promised gifts, then the emotions are likely to be very much present in our worship, in our joyful response.

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Rev. James T. Batchelor

When there is inclement weather, please be sure to watch WCIA channel 3 for any Church service and/or activity cancellations. WHPO will also be notified, but it is recommended that you watch WCIA channel 3 because that will be the quickest notification method regarding cancellations.

Great Stuff Found on the Web

This month we would like to draw attention to the page of the Lutheran Witness at:

<http://classic.lcms.org/pages/witness.asp>

The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine for the laypeople of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Content is prepared by the Division of News & Information, Board for Communication Services.

In Our Prayers We Ask God:

to continue to watch over those dealing with various health problems;

**Gayla Comstock Alice Fink Don Ervin
Wendell Ferdinand Jr. Reifsteck**

Rev. Paul Lohnes (father of Dave Lohnes)
Kathy Mcqueen (sister of Paul Teegarden)
James Jimenez (brother-in-law of Ryan Lane)
Nick Nelson (son of Art Nelson)
Rich Comstock (husband of Gayla Comstock)
Vanda Graves (sister of Gayla Comstock)
Kathryn Sanders (mother of Mary Conolly)
Joanne Graham (mother of Jamie Denham)
Drew Reiter (cousin of Joyce Williams & nephew of Diane Rankin)
Delores Brown (friend of Norman Absher)
Barb Hovner (friend of Norman Absher)
Dorothy Casner (mother of Gayla Comstock)
Susie Eells (friend of Norman Absher)
Mike Kirsch (step-dad of Jessica Burke)
Wendy Menschel (cousin of Dean Lingley)
Cheri Fink (sister-in-law of Alice Fink)
Larry Aldag (brother of Phyllis Sturm)
Marsha Robbins (friend of Jennette Lane)
Muriel Jansen (mother of Jennette Lane)
Patty Bleich (wife of nephew of Jean Lackey)
Dylan Harris (friend of the Brown Family)
Ben Leitz (friend of Zachary Tovey)
Bradley Leitz (friend of Zachary Tovey)

to keep those serving in the military safe, especially;

**Jay Kindle Derek Oneal
Joseph Vicari Wayne Baker Jr. Christopher Weinard
Megan Welch** (daughter of Eileen Pollard)
Brock Zimmerman (friend of members)
Chris Archer (husband of granddaughter of Rev. Paul Lohnes)
Mike Schuler (grandson of Paul & Ann Teegarden)
and to be with their families.

to guide Good Shepherd and Pastor Batchelor.

We pray for those who mourn the death of
Mary Ann Mayes (mother of Deanna Lohnes) and
for those who mourn the death of Connie Butzow's **brother-in-law**.



Birthdays:

Kelsey Wright -2nd
Justin Kindle -4th
Emily Trueblood - 6th
Wendell Ferdinand -8th
Cookie Galloway -12th
Kathleen Margevich -13th
Dean Lingley Jr., and Marlene Schultz -14th
Ashton Lohnes and Alice Fink -18th
Loretta Reifsteck -21st
Vivian Ferdinand -22nd
Jacob Bergstedt -24th
Sandy Bray -26th
Sydney Bailey, Wanda Ervin, and Brad Jackson -27th

Anniversaries:

David & Deanna Lohnes -1st
Kevin & Debbie Tyler -16th
Earl & Jean Lackey -18th
Brady & Anna Allison -19th

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Voter's Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Tovey. Pastor Batchelor led opening prayer. Susie Halftown was recognized as a new voting member. Dave Sturm made the motion to accept Suzie, Paige Brown seconded and the motion carried. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Tanya Tovey. Paige Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Laurie Lingley seconded and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Batchelor summarized 2011...1 baptism, 2 confirmations, 4 transfers from other congregations, 3 transfers to other congregations, 4 deaths (2 funerals, 1 committal w/o funeral, and 1 with no services), 141 visits (62 private communions and 18 hospital calls), and substituted at CLHS 9 times. He also reminded the council that Good Shepherd will host the circuit pastors' conference on February 14th. There are 9 pastors of which 2 or 3 usually cannot make it. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and Easter is on April 8th. During Epiphany, Divine Service Setting 3 will be used. Ash Wednesday service will use Divine Service Setting 1; but the confession and absolution will use the litany and the imposition of ashes. The other mid-week services will use the spoken version of Compline that has been used in past years. Sunday services during Lent and Easter will use Divine Service Setting 1.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Burton reported that extra revenue/giving helped catch up bills for the year. He thanked everyone that donated and would like to see more donations during the Sunday service. He is currently dealing with Ameren on a high electricity bill and will report back to the congregation on the outcome. On the financial report, the Memorial Fund will now be noted. This fund is still part of the general checking account, but the money will not be used to pay bills. Suzie Halftown made a motion to accept the report, Toby Brown seconded and the motion carried.

Elders – Dave Sturm reported that the congregation shouldn't rely on WHPO for church cancellations due to weather because they no longer have a person in the studio to announce. Members should look on WCIA Channel 3 for any cancellations. Dave reported that the current confirmation class had approached the Elders about having Pastor

chant during Sunday services. They had discussed it during class and would like to see it implemented. Dave said the Elders would like to see what the opinion of the congregation was. Emily Burton questioned how taxing it would be on Pastor's voice and Pastor Batchelor said that Divine Service 1 & 3 are better for chanting and that it is easier to chant rather than read. Marlene Schultz questioned what would happen if we had a visiting pastor and it was agreed that the chanting would likely be dropped that week. Suzie Halftown asked what differences we would see in the service and Pastor said that there would be no difference for the congregation. Toby Brown mentioned that chanting helps the flow of the service. The voting members in attendance agreed to have Pastor chant during services on a trial basis starting whenever Pastor was ready.

Toby Brown brought the topic of Good Shepherd having communion every week instead of bi-weekly. He made mentioned that communion is such an important gift and he, personally, misses it on non-communion weeks. It would be nice for those that may miss communion Sundays. Laurie Lingley said that she is willing to stay the extra 10-15 minutes each Sunday in order to receive communion each week. Toby read a passage from the Book of Concord in support of taking communion often. The voting members in attendance agreed to have communion become a weekly part of Sunday service.

Todd Bergstedt reported that many of the issues that some members have with Pastor were ironed out during the July voter's meeting. The Elders have heard and taken to heart your comments. Todd said he was moved to do some further research and read a passage that he found (see pages 12-14 of this newsletter). He also asked that if a member had a problem, to come to Pastor and /or the Elders.

The last topic up for discussion was a Catechism Review for all members, beyond the weekly topic during Sunday service. Pastor said that it was healthy for all Lutherans to review the Catechism every 5 years. He offered a 15 week, 2 hour class for all that were interested. He mentioned that this would lend time to discuss points of interest and that it would be a vessel to bring friends and neighbors that do not have a home church. Pastor is willing to teach the class whenever the congregation wanted to do it. It was decided to have 2 separate classes on Wednesdays, one from 2pm-4pm (for those that may not want to be driving after dark) and one from 6:30pm-8:30pm, starting February 1st. The 15 weeks will be split up into 3 sessions due to Lent mid-week

services and summer break. Dave Sturm made a motion, Laurie Lingley seconded and the motion carried.

Trustees – Nothing to report

Christian Education – Paige Brown reported that there are 8 children faithfully attending Sunday School each week. The 4 confirmands meet with Laurie Lingley to review their memory work and the 4 younger children meet with Jenna & Katie Brown.

Memorial Committee – Nothing to report

Public Relations/Parish Nurse – Nothing to report

Dorcas – Marlene Schultz reported that there will be no regular meetings during the months of January, February and March. Dorcas, once again, thanks all those that donated and/or helped during the chicken noodle supper.

Thrivent – Nothing to report

Old Business – The distribution/completion of 'Final Victory' booklets is going slowly but surely. Pastor said that he has handed out several copies and was waiting until after the holidays to follow up. Tanya Tovey requested that the current birthday list be revised as it contains several people who are no longer members of Good Shepherd and have not been for quite some time.

New Business – The district convention delegate will be Todd Bergstedt and Dave Sturm will serve as the alternate. Suzie Halftown made a motion to accept these appointments, Bruce Burton seconded and the motion carried. After some discussion, it was decided that Good Shepherd would support Pastor Olson from St. John's – Buckley for District President. Dave Sturm made a motion, Bruce Burton seconded and the motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Emily Burton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Toby Brown seconded and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tanya Tovey

In response to the July 2011 Voter's Meeting, Elder Todd Bergstedt did some research to find some answers. Following is an article written by an Air Force Chaplain (Lutheran / LCMS flavor) Former USNR Petty Officer, that he shared with the Voter's at the January 2012 meeting:

[Shepherd's Ponderings](#)

Problem with your pastor

From time to time I get questions through my website Lutheran-resources.org concerning various aspects of church and ministry. I usually avoid getting involved in giving advice concerning any particular parish problem because these in my opinions should be handled by the pastor there. However, I received a phone call this evening from someone up north of me who laid out a problem that I thought one aspect of would be worth responding to here. He described the situation to be one of conflict between their young pastor and a number of members of the congregation. It would appear that the pastor's practice is not what some members of the congregation expect. The gentleman who contacted me is an elder in the congregation and wanted some advice considering the following. These group of people upset with the pastor have begun have meetings together outside the church with the express purpose of garnering support to encourage the pastor to leave. He said that when some of these members are asked what the problem is the answer tends to be a disagreement with this particular major church practice and other "personal issues" with the pastor. He also shared that of the members in question, some are coming to church and some are not. The majority of the members who are upset with this pastor have not met with him or talked to him nor will they air their specific grievances with him. The elder shared frustration that these members are already convinced the pastor is closed minded and does not care about them and they just want him to leave.

I think every pastor has had his share of people in the parish who were not pleased with something about his ministry. After all pastors are not perfect and we make our share of mistakes. We make judgment calls which with 20/20 hindsight we might now do differently. Sometimes we are all too human. At this point I think Matthew 18 has some serious applications. Our Lord instructed us that when we have a

problem with someone we should go talk to them in an effort to resolve it. If it is not resolvable at that level, then we take an elder or other official to speak with the person again to resolve the issue. I would suggest that any action to just get someone out or that does not involve speaking with the pastor to try to resolve the issue is likely not God-pleasing. The goal in Matthew 18 for Jesus was to "win the brother". If one's goal is different in dealing with problems in the church, whether the pastor or someone else, I think the course of action should be reconsidered in careful prayer. I truly believe that many problems between pastors and parishioners could be more easily settled if the parishioner would talk with the pastor rather than clam up, leave, or utilize the gossip vine to attack the pastor's reputation or motives.

What about "personal issues" with the pastor. If this is lingo for "private issues" which one plans to use to justify either not coming to church or taking inappropriate action to force a pastor to move on, then I would suggest that such "personal issues" should be reconsidered in light of Matthew 18. Here personal does not mean secret or private or behind the scenes political maneuverings. Secret political maneuverings behind the scene to destroy the reputation of an individual or a pastor's ministry in a place or even a church leaders ministry (such as can take place not only in a congregation but in a denomination as well) do not testify well to the light that Christians are supposed to be in the world. The goal is "to win the brother". Only when every last effort to win the brother has been exhausted and it is clearly provable from God's Word that the brother is in error, can he be treated as a tax collector and shunned. It seems to me the shunning comes way too early in too many cases, cases that could be resolved for the good of all and the growth of church and kingdom, but in the end wind up only causing hurt and discontent because "personal issues" was lingo for "private issues" and I don't want to consider the pastor could be right and I could be wrong. True the pastor could be wrong. Any pastor worth his salt will be willing to examine his practice and beliefs in light of God's Word and be willing to admit it if he is wrong. Actually, any Christian, worth his or her salt should be willing to do the same. If the pastor is correctly interpreting and applying God's Word, he must not deviate and he must teach, with the same goal in mind -- win the brother.

So in a nutshell -- if you have a problem with your pastor -- talk to the man. Don't shut him out. Don't lock it up inside and certainly don't use your problem to justify sinful and destructive behavior. Be genuine.

Don't pretend as if there is no problem on one hand and work against him on the other. Certainly don't resort to gossip or secret meetings with the purpose to utilize surprise and power politics and pretend you are doing the Lord's work. Do talk and seek mutual understanding. And if you and your pastor need some help resolving the issue then seek out assistance. In the case of the LCMS, I have utilized my circuit counselor and even my District President to help resolve issues, especially big ones that relate to a church's major practices. Finally, the more certain you are that you are right, the more you should be willing to listen. Maybe you are missing something. Maybe your pastor knows what he is about. Maybe you are the one who is in error. Or maybe you both are. The goal in the end is faithfulness to the Word of Life and to be sure we are all won by the Holy Spirit to the truth that is found in Christ Jesus. This is truly the win / win situation.

In the worst case scenario, where you just can't see eye to eye, be a person of honor and integrity. If the pastor is faithfully reflecting the church or denomination he belongs to, respect that. If you don't agree with those positions, then don't pretend to be what you are not and seek to gain control of that congregation to force your will upon it. Have more honor than that. If you truly don't support your church's position, then admit that and decide if you can live with it or not. If not, don't seek to turn the church into something that gives lip service to its identity. Maybe for the peace of your own conscience you will have to seek out another church home. That is certainly more honorable than secret meetings, gossip, emails, phone calls, and so forth to push out a pastor who is faithfully ministering according to his vows. If the pastor is out of line, and a personal confrontation is not sufficient to change his practice, then his ecclesiastical supervisor will deal with it -- and this is Matthew 18. If his supervisor and the doctrines and practices of the church at large support his practice -- then I believe the only honorable thing to do, if one truly cannot support that practice in good conscience, is to join another congregation that does practice in line with your conscience. However, one should do his or her homework first, that is only after being convinced by God's Word. You could be wrong. The pastor could be wrong. The whole denomination could be wrong. But the Word is never wrong.

For more information, please visit:

<http://lutheranshepherd.blogspot.com/2005/06/problem-with-your-pastor.html>

Good Shepherd's Revenue and Expenses for 2011

January 2011	
Revenue:	\$5,730.07
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$9,148.03</u>
	-\$3,417.96

February 2011	
Revenue:	\$8,929.50
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$6,733.37</u>
	\$2,196.13

March 2011	
Revenue:	\$5,946.69
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$7,058.18</u>
	-\$1,111.49

April 2011	
Revenue:	\$7,971.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$7,723.10</u>
	\$247.90

May 2011	
Revenue:	\$7,320.05
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$7,981.72</u>
	-\$661.67

June 2011	
Revenue:	\$4,698.80
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$6,672.47</u>
	-\$1,973.67

July 2011	
Revenue:	\$8,142.50
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$7,250.82</u>
	\$891.68

August 2011	
Revenue:	\$8,828.92
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$6,955.68</u>
	\$1,873.24

September 2011	
Revenue:	\$5,496.96
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$7,471.73</u>
	-\$1,974.77

October 2011	
Revenue:	\$8,477.05
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$4,481.15</u>
	\$3,995.90

November 2011	
Revenue:	\$12,217.26
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$6,631.69</u>
	\$5,585.57

December 2011	
Revenue:	\$5,839.36
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$10,759.80</u>
	-\$4,920.44

Catechism Review and Study

Has it been a while since you opened your catechism? You know that little book that was dog eared from use during your 7th and 8th grade year. Maybe you haven't opened it since. Sometimes it's just a good idea to review those teachings. Maybe you have a question that has never really been answered, or you have a friend that you would like to tell about our church, but are just not sure how. This series of classes will help you do all that. We encourage all members to take part in this series and bring a friend if you would like.

They will be held on Wednesdays either at 2pm or 6:30pm each Wednesday according to the schedule below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor or one of the elders.

1-Feb-2012: Christ and the Bible
 8-Feb-2012: God and Creation
 15-Feb-2012: Angels and Sin

Lent Break

11-Apr-2012: The Ten Commandments, Part I
 18-Apr-2012: The Ten Commandments, Part II
 25-Apr-2012: Jesus Christ, Part I
 2-May-2012: Jesus Christ, Part II
 9-May-2012: The Work of the Holy Spirit
 16-May-2012: The Forgiveness of Sins, Justification
 23-May-2012: Holy Baptism

Summer Break

12-Sep-2012: The Lord's Supper
 19-Sep-2012: The church
 26-Sep-2012: Prayer
 3-Oct-2012: Last Things
 10-Oct-2012: Wrap up



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Wanted!

Caution: Heavily armed with kindness . . .
Highly contagious

I'm going behind bars for good!

A warrant has been issued for my arrest! As one of the area's "Most Wanted," I'm going to be "Locked Up" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With your help they may even let me out on good behavior! Contribute to my bail by donating to MDA via check or credit card. Stop by, call or e-mail me your offer to help.

Sentenced to three (3) hours at the Vermilion County facility located at: Buffalo Wild Wings, 3101 N. Vermilion, Danville, IL. Sentence to commence on Ash Wednesday, 22-Feb-2012 at 11:00A.M.

Hoopeston Nursing Home Residents are needing **volunteers for their pie parties** every 3rd Friday of the month. Please call Lisa Wood at (217) 283-8247 ext. 227 to pick a month or two. We ask for volunteers to please bring 8-10 pies for that day. All months are still open except May & Sept. Please respond as soon as possible.

Seminary Student - It was decided to send \$1,000 from the Chicken Noodle Supper to the "Adopt A Student" program at Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis. The seminary student we will be supporting is Joel Eden, son of Brent & Nancy Eden. The Edens were members of Good Shepherd when Joel was a preschooler. Check the bulletin board for information about Joel and his family. Keep this family in your prayers and if you would like to send him a note of encouragement, their address is: 4 Founders Way, Unit B, Clayton, MO 63105.

The Dorcas Society will not meet in February or March. The big Mite Box will be placed in the narthex on February 5th & 12th and March 11th & 18th to receive any Mite money you want to contribute. Remember the end of the fiscal year is March 31st and Mites will need to be mailed so they reach the financial secretary before that date to be included in contributions to the 2011-2012 projects and the convention manual.

St. John's Lutheran School

Carnival and Chicken Dinner PTL Fundraiser

February 19th from 3:30pm-7:00pm

Carnival Hours: 3:30-6:00pm

Chicken Dinner: 4:00-7:00pm

Auction Hours: 4:00-6:45pm

206 Main Street Buckley, Illinois

Come and join for Food, Fellowship, and Fun!!!

Silent Auction, Games for Children, Fun for the whole family!!!

Dinner ticket includes: Fried Chicken, Fries, Salad,

Homemade Desserts, Drink, and entry into the Silent Auction.

Adult Ticket: \$10.00, Child Ticket: \$5.00, Children under 5: free

For tickets contact the school office at 217-394-2422

Baked Potato Dinner and Salad Bar

Sunday, February 12, from 11:30 - 1:00pm

Hoopeston United Methodist Church

Free will donations to benefit

Hoopeston Area Appalachian service Project Youth Group

Good Shepherd would like to have 'paper grocery bags' to use for this year's annual rummage sale. If you would be so kind to request them when you get your groceries, that would be a big help! If you do not have a place to store them at your house, feel free to contact Kim Bergstedt and she will put them in the storage container at the church. Thank you in advance for your help!



Those Who Donated Poinsettias

Roy & Joan Motley

Dave & Deanna Lohnes

*Paul & Ann Teegarden -
in memory of their son Don*

*Kimberly Bergstedt -
in memory of Debra Trimble*

*Lynn Batchelor (2) -
in memory of Donald & Jean Staffeld*

*Alan Smith & Suzie Halftown (2) -
in memory of their parents*

*Joyce Williams (2) -
in memory of Larry Williams and Bill Carter*

*Loretta & Junior Reifsteck -
in memory of son Randy and grandson Adam*

*Dan & Judy Brown -
in loving memory of Oliver Brown and Margaret Strahl
The Lingley grandchildren and great grandchildren -
in celebration of Bob Lingley's 94th birthday*

Congregational Officers for 2012-2013

President: Kevin Tovey

Elders: Dave Sturm (c)
Toby Brown
Todd Bergstedt

Treasurer: Bruce Burton

Trustees: Alan Smith (c)
Jerry Kennett

Christian Education: Paige Brown (c)
Laurie Lingley

Financial Secretary: Marlene Schultz

Congregational Secretary: Tanya Tovey

(c) = Chairperson

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PUZZLE

FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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for _____ you." **COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV**

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

March Newsletter items will be due

Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Please turn your items into Kimberly Bergstedt by emailing church at: goodshepherd@goodshepherdhoopeton.org or by calling the church office at (217) 283-7966.