

The *Choice*

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of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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July 4th is one of our most celebrated holidays here in America. Why? We are celebrating the one privilege many countries only dream about...FREEDOM! One of the major characteristics of America is the appreciation of freedom. The history of our country is a story of the search for freedom. We have not hesitated to fight for it. We now enjoy freedom of press, expression, speech, assembly, and religion, more than most other countries.

Many people think that freedom is the license to do whatever a person wants; this is a great misunderstanding of freedom. True freedom is the ability to do what is right. It takes obedience in order to have true freedom. One pastor describes it this way, *"I can sit at a piano and be at liberty to play any of the keys that I want, but I don't have freedom, because I can't play anything but noise. I have no freedom to play Mozart or even one easy tune like 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.' Why? It takes years of practice and obedience in lessons to be truly free at the piano. Then, and only then, does one have the freedom to play any piece of music."* The same is true of freedom in living. To be truly free, we must have the power and ability to be obedient.

Paul tells us we "were called to be free." Does this mean we can do anything we want to do? Absolutely not! In the middle of the first-century, the Christians in Galatia misunderstood the meaning of freedom in Christ. Many of the Galatians who had begun their Christian life in the freedom of Christ were turning to legalism, trying to earn God's grace by religious actions. And some were abusing their freedom, doing whatever they wanted in the name of freedom in Christ. So Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Galatia telling them to live in the true meaning of freedom.

We tend to think of freedom as freedom from something that constrains, restricts, or bonds us. When we complete car payment or house mortgage, we celebrate financial freedom from debt. Surely, freedom means, first of all, freedom from something. But there is more to it. It's the freedom to be able to do things we haven't been able to do in the past.

As believers in Jesus Christ we are free from the power of sin and death. We no longer need to fear that our sin will lead to eternal separation from God, the ultimate death. We no longer need to be dominated by sin's power in our life.

However, many of us still do not enjoy the freedom that comes from Jesus' death, and resurrection. Many of us still live in bondage to sin, guilt, and condemnation. Paul clearly proclaims what Jesus gives us: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1-2)

Staying within the boundaries of God's covenant, means we really enjoy the freedom of life. If we think that going off the railroad will give us freedom, we will only experience the derailment of our lives. As we seek to serve God, Jesus' perfect truth frees us to be all that God meant us to be. Jesus' sacrifice did not free us to do our own thing, but what God calls us to do.

In Jesus we have been set free. Freedom not so we can live for our own comfort, but so we can serve one another in love. God wants us to have freedom. God wants us to have a life FULL of freedom.

HEADLINES

PRAYER REQUEST BOOK

There is a Prayer Request book on the sanctuary bulletin table. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please write their name in the book so they can be included in the Prayers of the Church for that Sunday. Pastor Natacha will check for names each week. You can also phone in names to our secretary during the weekdays, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-5pm.

BEARING WITNESS MINISTRIES

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Jesus Christ.

~Galatians 6:2

If you know of anyone, family or friend, who could use a Teddy to bring them cheer, a Teddy Log Book is located on the sanctuary bulletin table. Please place their name(s) in the log book to avoid duplication of recipients. Pastor Natacha checks this log book each week so Teddies can be hugged and prayed over during Sunday worship and given to the recipient.



CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The Central States Synod Assembly was held June 3-6, 2010 at the Wichita Hilton -Airport with over 500 people in attendance. Assembly news, highlights, and pics can be found on the Central States website, www.css-elca.org and also in the Area 5 Messenger written and edited by Pastor Sally Fahrenthold. Thank you to Doris Moran who was Good Shepherds voting representative to the assembly.

Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 10, 2010 - Camp Tomah Shinga

Join in this exciting day at Camp Tomah Shinga for our 10th Annual Quilt Auction! The day promises good food, great fun and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of Camp Tomah Shinga. The auction and barbecue will be held rain or shine. Bring your friends and families! Quilts will be on display by 9 a.m. The auction begins at 10 a.m. We will continue until all quilts are sold. The quilts will have numbered cards attached indicating the order in which they will be auctioned. This way bidders can approximate when their favorite quilts will be up for auction. The cards also include information about the quilt donor and the size, type and design of the quilt.

Every quilt, newly quilted or antique, will be sold during our live auction with the help of our faithful friend Harold Mugler at Mugler Auction Services.

You won't want to miss the wonderful lunch with dessert and beverage served at 11:30 a.m. You are encouraged to attend the Quilt Auction so you can see your quilts sold and possibly meet the buyers. If you or someone else from your congregation cannot attend, you may call the camp office at 1-888-656-6254 to find out how much your quilt sold for, or check online at www.tomahshinga.com. Please wait about one week after the auction so we have time to get the results entered into the computer and can then quickly access the information when you call.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A WINGNUTS BASEBALL GAME

When: Saturday, July 24, 2010

Game starts at 7:05pm and FIREWORKS follow the game

Tickets: \$6.00 general admission

TAILGATE PARTY: Tailgate party with hot dogs and hamburgers starting at 5:45pm prior to the game at the far west side of the LAWRENCE DUMONT STADIUM PARKING LOT

NOTE: There will not be any bus transportation this year so please arrange your transportation to the game. Parking is convenient to both the tailgate party and stadium entrance.

Sign up by calling the church office at 316-524-3401 or e-mail at



GOD'S BIGGEST FANS

Area 5 G.B.F. Youth

Wichita, KS

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Flash Forward Newsletter

Jesus Says, "Today!"

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He was sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

~~Luke 4:17-24

VA Hospital Visit a Success!!!

Fourteen youth and 4 leaders from Good Shepherd, Cross of Glory, and Resurrection visited veterans at the Transitional Life Center at the VA Hospital on Sunday, May 2nd. We presented each veteran with a cuddly teddy bear and a Beary May Basket as a way of saying 'Thank You' for their service and to honor the memory of soldiers who died in battle. The veterans really loved our presence!

Peder Eide Concert

Save the date!!! Holy Cross Lutheran Church will host Peder Eide again this year. Peder will have his full band with him which means even more exciting fun. Bring yourself, family, and friends!!!

Date: September 30th, 2010

Tickets are \$10.00

150 is the Magic Number

Who doesn't like sandwiches? Peanut Butter w/ jelly, meatball, ham, turkey, beef, and more!!! G.B.F. Youth have an excellent opportunity to show off their sandwich making skills and participate in a wonderful community service.

Lynne Kreft will be setting up a time for us to help with St. John Episcopal Church's Sack Lunch ministry. We will be making 150 sack lunches and passing them out to people who need some extra nourishment.

Be on the look out for more details!!!

T-Shirt Making Party

We have our G.B.F. Logo! Many of you have asked what date is our T-Shirt Décor party. I'm thinking let's pick a Saturday or Sunday afternoon for this project. We could add in dinner and a movie. Let's look at early August for possible dates.

Family Fun-Tastic BBQ

JP Alpaca Haven Farm & Ranch

Come for fellowship, fun and food!

Bring your Family and Friends...
Everyone is welcome!!!

Saturday, July 17th, 4:30pm
Haven, KS

Bring a dish to
share with others!

Activities Include:
BBQ, farm tour, vis-
iting alpacas, bread-
making, a John
Deere tractor experi-
ence, relay races and
more!!!

Easy to find! Take
96Hwy toward Hutchin-
son. After you pass Mt.
Hope look for Rayl
Road, turn left and go
two miles. You will be
at the driveway.



Building & Church Property Usage

If you use the church facilities please make sure you turn off all the lights and lock all doors when you leave. Even though we do not charge for the usage a monetary donation would be appreciated in light of the treasury deficit. If you wish to use tables and chairs please check with the council vice-president Brent Albright prior to taking them from the church. It needs to be approved first.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Annual Bake/Yard Sale

Good Shepherd's annual Bake/Yard sale will be held August 5-6-7. If you have items you would like to donate, they will be accepted at any time. All left-over items go to numerous places to support their ministry.

Thanks in advance
For your support!

Don't forget your
Secret Heart Sister

Have you told her you are
praying for her
Lately?

Treasurer's Report

Actual Income	9122.33
Actual Expenses	10166.56
Difference	-1004.23

YTD

Actual Income	44,445.73
Actual Expenses	59,812.20
Difference	-15,366.47

Angel Food

Angel food **Order forms for July** will be in the Church
June 27th, 2010

I will need your order and payment by Thursday July 8th,

Distribution will be Saturday July 24th at Good Shepherd
between 10:15 -10:30am

If you have any questions
Call 260-1277 or email me at dmoran27@cox.net

Thanks Doris Moran

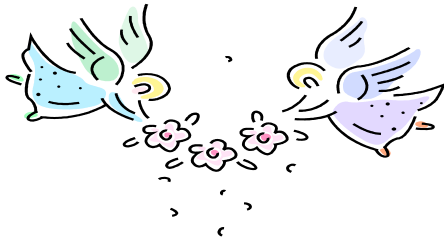


Birthdays in July

- 2 Abbigail Hansen
- 5 Curtis Haugh
- 16 Linda Bernhardt
- 16 Alex Hansen
- 18 Ruth Eckert
- 20 Kaylan Cook
- 21 Earl McCain
- 26 Veta Haugh



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



**REMEMBER TO:
Help with the Newsletter!!
Please send articles, notes of
interest, happenings,
anything to share.
August deadline
July 20th**



Please remember these individuals in daily prayer:

- Pendarvis & Leidheiser family (death in family)
 - Irene Henschel (Nursing Home)
 - Louis Plummer (Nursing Home)
 - Edna Mae Wickland (Rehab for stroke)
 - Mike Howard
 - Loretta Niedens
 - Felisha Brackhahn
 - Viola Brozek
 - Paul Meitzner
 - Mike Vissars
 - Beverly Stroud & Family
- "Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16*

Prayer Support Available

If you have a concern for which you would like much timely prayer support, please call the church office (524-3401). Your concern will be communicated promptly through our prayer chain.

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Attention:

Note: From the Church council the newsletter dead line is to be upheld. I will print the newsletter on time. If you miss the deadline your article will be left out. Please have all information to me by **July 20th** if you want it in the August newsletter.

NEEDS OF THE OAKS INDIAN MISSION

Necessities—ongoing needs

Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap
Tampons
Pads
Disinfectant Wipes
Germ-X
Carpet Cleaner
Lysol
Mr. Clean (All Purpose)
Bleach
Lysol Neutra Air (refill)
Beef & Ground Beef

Home Sweet Home

Pillows
Multiple Toothbrush Holders
Soap dishes

Storage Containers
Laundry Baskets
Clothes Hampers
Area Rugs
Alarm Clocks
Sever Weather Radios
Energy Light Bulbs
Brita Water Filters
Towels
Wash Clothes
Pots, Pans, Bakeware

Medical Supplies

First Aid Kits
Tylenol & Motrin
Cough Medicine
Benadryl
Digital Thermometers

Office supplies

Fax Machine
Computer
Podium
Locking File Cabinets

Recreational Equipment

Band Instruments

Winter Clothes (ages 5-18)

Long Sleeve Shirts
T-shirts (color & printed)
Coats
Hoodies
Jeans
Sweat Pants
Socks (no show ankle)

Large Items

Good low mileage vehicles

Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA met on June 12th at the church. Our bible study covered the three part summer bible study entitled "Pray Always".

We will not meet in July or August. Remember the Bake and Yard Sale August 5-6-7; Arts and Crafts and Bake Sale on November 6.

Our next meeting will be September 11th @ 9:30AM at the church.

We are collecting Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The truck will be in Wichita October 5th.

Any help you can give us on these projects will be greatly appreciated.

Soap for LWR

Any brand soap in it original wrapper:

Bath size preferred (4-5 oz.)

Health Kits for LWR

One hand towel, dark color recommended

One washcloth, dark color recommended

One bath sized bar of soap (original wrapper)

One adult-sized toothbrush (original packaging)

One sturdy comb, remove packaging

One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging

(NO SUBSTITUTE CARDBAORD EMERY BOARDS FOR THE FILE)

Six ban-Aids (or similar brand) preferably 1/2 to 3/4; secured together with rubber band

NOTE: NO TOOTHPASTE

Wrap smaller items in washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the

towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. Do Not enclose kit or items in plastic.



10th Annual Bake/Craft Fair

Our 10th annual Bake/Craft Fair is scheduled for November 6, 2010. We are now accepting applications for booths. An 8 foot table with space around rents for \$20.00, a 6 foot round table with space around rents for \$10.00. To reserve a booth space, call the office (316-524-3401) on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 1-5pm to speak to our secretary Pam or leave a message and your call will be returned.

A Sure Cure



Three Pastors in the south were having lunch in a diner. One said "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away. Another said "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

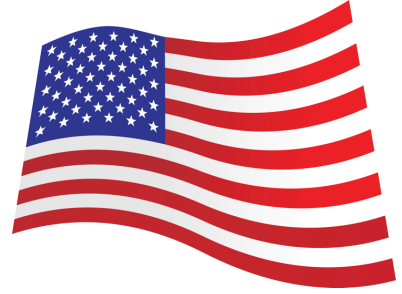
The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... **Haven't seen one back since!!!!**"

Youthville's Wish List

We need your help to provide the following children's items, all listed in order of greatest need. You can drop off all "Wish List" items directly to Newton, Dodge City and Wichita locations with the exception of clothing. The Wichita office has partnered with Open Door Klothes Kloset to provide free clothes for children in foster care. Please take all new and gently used clothing donations to the Klothes Kloset at 228 Ellis Street in Wichita, between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday and 9:00am until noon on Saturday.

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| Diapers (all sizes) | Baby formula | Baby wipes |
| New underwear (all sizes) | Socks (all sizes) | Hair care products |
| \$25.00 WalMart gift card | Personal Hygiene pro. | New car seats (Infant) |
| Rubbermaid tubs | Board Games | Diaper Bags |
| Baby Monitor | Baby Bottles | Baby Shampoo |
| Baby Powder | Baby Lotion | Baby teething rings |
| Body Wash | Disposable Razors | Female hygiene items |
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste | Shaving Cream |
| Shampoo | Powder | Lotion |
| Sheet sets (twin/full) | Bath towels | Washcloths |
| New suitcases | Batteries (All sizes) | Pants (waist 32+/L 30+) |
| T-Shirts (XL-XXXL) | Dish sets (4-8) | Laundry bag |
| Silverware | Cleaning Supplies | Trash bags |
| Brooms | Kitchen towels | Dishcloths |
| Mixing Bowls | | |
| African-American hair care products | | |
| Pink oil and hair grease for females | | |
| Hair "wave" grease for males | | |
| Wave caps (all sizes) for males | | |

Annual
July 3, 2010



Extravaganza

Sponsored by

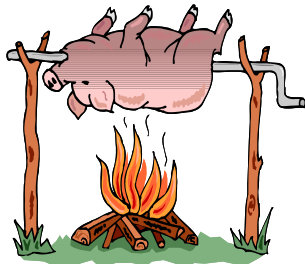
Jack, Pam, Eric, Phillip Young &
JP Alpaca Haven Farm & Ranch

(Not responsible for accidents)

Fireworks



(Starting at dark about 10pm)



Pig Roast

We will serve at 6:30pm bring a side dish to share.

GAMES

Crockett, Frisbee, Boccie Ball, Horse Shoes & More

All Welcome—Come Early— Stay Late

Easy to find: Take 96Hy toward Hutchinson after you pass Mt Hope
look for **RAYL RD, about 3 miles,** turn left or south and go two miles.

You will be at the driveway. Come on in for a great time.

Please bring: Lawn Chair, bug repellent, food to share

Please Wear Shoes

You may bring Fireworks if you want.

Big Display will be put on by the

Guys at the Farm.

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Party time at the home of Jack & Pamela Young</i>
4 <i>10:15 Worship</i>	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>7:00 Council</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>10:15 Worship</i>	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>4:30p Youth to JP Alpaca Haven Farm & Ranch</i>
18 <i>10:15 Worship</i> <i>6p Area 5 Council</i>	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	20 <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>	21 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	22 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	23 <i>Pastor at CSS Women's Convention in Branson, MO</i>	24 <i>5:45 Tailgate Party</i> <i>7:05 Wingnuis Game @ Lawrence Dumont Stadium</i>
25 <i>10:15 Worship</i> <i>Pastor at CSS Women's Convention in Bran-</i>	26 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>5p Wedding Rehearsal</i>	31 <i>4:30 Wedding Stroud/Smith</i>

Men's Fellowship

President: Don Leidheiser
Secretary: Roger Brubakken
Treasurer: Earl McCain

Women of ELCA

President: Dolores Haugh
Vice President: Mary Bryant
Secretary: Willie Cooper
Treasurer: Lorraine Delzer

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Council Members

President: Eleanor Spencer
Vice President: Brent Albright
Secretary: Kerri Kuhlman
Deacon: Tara Brubakken
Elder: Vacant
Mission Coordinator: Anita
Brubakken
Treasurer: Nelson Haugh

*I am the
good
shepherd.
I know
my own
and my
own know
me, just as the Father knows me and I know
the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I
must bring
them also,
and they
will listen
to my voice.
So there
will be one
flock, one
SHEPHERD.
John 10:14-16*

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