

The *Choice*

From the Pastor
Natacha Kemp

of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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On 16th August, 1977 Elvis Presley, at the age of 42, died of obesity and drug dependency. In spite of his enormous success- Elvis was, according to friends, an unfulfilled and unhappy man. When his wife, Priscilla, was interviewed, she said: "Elvis never came to terms with who he was meant to be or what his purpose in life was. He thought he was here for a reason, maybe to preach, maybe to serve, maybe to save, maybe to care for people. That agonizing desire was always with him and he knew he wasn't fulfilling it. So he'd go on stage and he wouldn't have to think about it." How tragic to go through life and not know what you were here for.

The Bible says in Ephesians. 2:20, "*We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". God created us to make a difference – to DO good works, - and what matters is not how long you live, but **how** you live. The Bible says we're created to serve, we're saved to serve, we're gifted to serve, and we're shaped to **serve**. Whenever God gives us an assignment to do something, He always equips us first. God has uniquely made you and shapes you, for a purpose. And that purpose is identified clearly in 1Pet. 4:10, "*Each of us should use whatever gift he's received to Serve others! Your talents are not for your own benefit. "It's not about us." God gave us gifts, talents, abilities, and experiences for the benefit of other people.**

The good news is that God not only created us for a purpose, He also gave us a model in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, God said, "This is what I want you to do with your life". We were created to become like Jesus, - and do what did Jesus **did**, while He was here on earth. Remember Matthew 20:28, "*Jesus said, 'Your attitude must be like My own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve'.*" We are to be serving with the **attitude** which Jesus had.

As Martin Luther famously asked, "So what does this mean?" It means we are to be **AVAIL-ABLE**. One day Jesus was walking down to Jericho and some blind men start yelling at him. And the Bible says (Matt. 20:30-32): "*Two blind men shouted 'Lord, have mercy on us! Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want me to do for you?'*"

And what did Jesus do? -- Jesus stopped! If you want to be used by God, if you want to serve God, you must be willing to be interrupted. This a hard lesson to learn, because generally, when we are doing something we don't like to be interrupted. If we truly read the Gospels accounts of Jesus' ministry and miracles, they were interruptions. All the people Jesus healed – the blind man, the lame man, the sick people, the paralyzed man, the dead child – all of them were interruptions. Many of us constantly say, "Use me God! Let me be your eyes, ears, mouth, hands, and feet." But, it 'seems' God is overlooking us. Perhaps the reason is that we are not willing for God to interrupt us in **our** schedule. Human nature's tendency is to be self-centered, a perfectionist, and material focused. Or if we do participate in God's ministry, we do it with the

for God to interrupt us in **our** schedule. Human nature's tendency is to be self-centered, a perfectionist, and material focused. Or if we do participate in God's ministry, we do it with the wrong motives.

If our hearts truly want to learn and serve like Jesus, we **MUST** be available. One day we will stand before God and give an account of our lives. God will ask us, "What did you do with the life I gave you? What will our reply be? Will we hear God say (Matt. 25:21) *"Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness."* I am sure every single one of us want to hear those two special words, "Well done"! Realize we are shaped by God to serve others. Let us ask God to help us not be tempted to put a "do not disturb" sign on the door knob of our life. Rather let us see "God-interruptions" as opportunities to serve, and make time for what matters most. God has been and is so good to us. In Response, let us glorify God's name by proclaiming the Gospel in Word and Action. Are we willing to be **AVAILABLE** for God?

HEADLINES

Worship at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday August 29th, 2010

On Sunday, August 29th, the Good Shepherd family will be joining our brothers and sisters of Christ Lutheran Church here in Wichita for worship and celebration. Pastor Mike Clark is retiring after 25 years in parish ministry. Worship at Christ Lutheran Church begins 9:30am. I encourage you to please make every effort to attend as this is a wonderful opportunity to come together and show our love and support for Pastor Mike, his wife Jan, and the Christ Lutheran family as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Church Address: 5356 North Hillside, Wichita, 67219

Phone: 316-744-1242

BEARS 4 VETERANS

Our next major 'BEARing Witness' project is collecting teddies for the Veterans Recognition Banquet to be held November 7th, 2010. The God's Biggest Fans Youth will be making scarves for the teddies featuring each branch of the armed forces. Our goal is to present all veterans at the banquet with a teddy as a way of saying, "We love you". In the near future, I will be asking our fellow Area 5 congregations to also donate teddies for this event. **Right now, our altar room here at Good Shepherd is full, so we are A-OK on teddies at this point. Thanks!!!**

LATEST NEWS

Upcoming Events:



GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL BAKE AND YARD SALE

Our annual bake and yard sale will be held August 5, 6, and 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. Thank you in advance for your support!!!

10th ANNUAL BAKE AND CRAFT FAIR

Good Shepherd's annual Bake and Craft Fair is scheduled for November 6th, 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 church office (316-524-3401) on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 1-5pm to speak with Pam, our secretary. You may also leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

Greetings, colleagues --

I spoke with Nancy Winter, President of Our Saviour's in Mulvane's Council, and she is glad to have this info passed along: The congregation will have a pot luck dinner to honor Pr. Larry Blue on Sunday, August 8, after worship service -- about 11:30 or so. This will be an appreciation event, and all are invited. Our Saviour's, 503 Louis, Mulvane, KS 67110; 777-1691. Nancy Winter is 316-777-1400. Larry, we are glad you will still be here in the area, and pray for God's blessings for you!

Grace and peace to all!

Pr. Sally Fahrenthold

July 27, 2010

TO: AREA 5 Congregations, Ministers, and Staff

Pastor Michael Clark of Christ-Wichita will retire on Sunday, August 29th. There will be a combined service that day at 9:30 am.

You are invited to attend the service, and give Pastor Clark and Jan your best wishes for a long and meaningful retirement.

There will be a cake and punch reception immediately following the service.

On Saturday evening, August 28 beginning at 5:30 pm there will be a dinner and reception for Pastor Clark at the church. You are also invited to that dinner, but an RSVP is required. The RSVP can be made by calling the church at 744-1242 and leaving a message either on the answering machine or with the church secretary. The RSVP needs to be received by Sunday, August 22, 2010.

We need to know how much to plan for, and how to arrange seating since our facility is limited.

We hope that you will join us in wishing Pastor Mike and Jan farewell, and God's blessings for the future.

Thank you,

Donn Bischoff
Area 5 Lay Chair
Christ Lutheran
5356 N Hillside
Wichita, Ks 67219

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

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Thanks in advance
For your support!

Church Picnic
August 15, 2010
Here at the church
10:15 Songfest
Picnic lunch to follow

Come Join the fun!!!!

Treasurer's Report

Actual Income 9432.35
Actual Expenses 10094.74
Difference -662.49

YTD -16028.96

Angel Food

Angel food **Order forms for August** will be in the Church
July 25th, 2010

I will need your order and payment by Thursday August 12,

Distribution will be Saturday August 28th 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



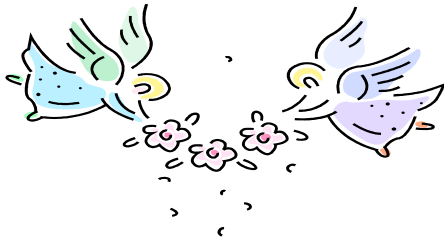
Birthdays in August

- 1 Dolores Haugh
- 2 Bill Johnson
- 3 Allison Amrein
- 13 Caleb Kuhlman
- 16 Dale Rotramel Jr.
- 21 Viola Brozek
- 22 Jeanne Leidheiser
- 22 Paige Cloud
- 27 Emma Amrein
- 28 Kerri Kuhlman



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/04/79 Doug & Ruth Eckert
- 8/08/71 Roger & Anita Brubakken



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

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 CARDBOARD 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.



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Lord of Life Craft Fair
August 7th

Extension Building
21st & Ridge Rd.
Air Conditioned Shopping
Great handmade item
Gift Bags at the Door
Special Offers
Raffle Items
FUN FUN FUN

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.

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		

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2010

Those in attendance: Nelson Haugh, Eleanor Spencer, Pastor Natacha Kemp, and Kerri Kuhlman.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. A correction was made on the spelling of Len Dale's name. Len is short for Leonard so it is spelled "Len." Eleanor Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes with the spelling correction. Pastor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Highs and lows were shared. Pastor led us in prayer.

Nelson handed out the Treasurer's Report. The Capital Expense listed is for the shed. The shed will probably be delivered this week.

Nelson reported the following information. He is going to begin printing out quarterly profit and loss statements as well as year-to-date reports. Nelson does not know of any major expenses coming up in the near future. Coming up this fall, we will have the insurance bill. It will probably go up but Nelson doesn't know for sure yet.

Nelson was going to write something up for the newsletter on our financial situation but wanted the council's feedback before he did this. After checking on the mortgage, Nelson found out we only have two years left to pay on the mortgage. Pastor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Eleanor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor received a call from Len Dale the other day. Len wants to discuss with the Pastor and/or the congregation our financial ideas. Joyce Palmer, who worshiped with us last week was also discussing our financial matters with Pastor. Joyce suggested that we have outside sources come in to help. She asked Joyce about the possibility of coming back and speaking with the congregation. Pastor wants both Joyce and Len to meet with the council. They want to gather ideas and goals from the council and the congregation.

Nelson and Dolores Haugh are currently picking up Irene Henschel and bringing her to service. Pastor called Villa Maria about setting up other transportation for Irene. Pastor was transferred to Social Services. Pastor will also contact Larry Ade to see if he can do anything. (Larry is a son-in-law to Irene.)

Pastor asked whether we wanted pulpit supply or whether we wanted her to write a sermon during her absences. Eleanor suggested that we get pulpit supply. Several congregation members have requested that we use pulpit supply.

Pastor Mark Kreemer called. His foster daughter, Monica, would like to get married in our church on August 14. The council discussed charges for non-members. Suggested prices that we have our \$100 for Fellowship Hall, \$50 for the custodian, and \$75 for the organist. Nelson suggested that we charge a total of \$200 for the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. Charges for the organist would be separate.

The Ministry Team (Jessica Bosarge, Nicki Hansen, Earl McCain, Bob Hanson, Lynn Standrich, and Pastor) has been meeting with Pastor Fulton. They have been discussing a new shorter mission statement. The team has come up with a statement that they like. Pastor did not have the mission statement with her but will get it to the council members to review before it is voted on by the congregation.

Pastor asked for the council recommendation on the Ministry Team calling upon every member of the congregation. Pastor and one other member of the team would meet with all active and nonactive members. This would give everyone an opportunity to share their concerns and discuss goals and improvements for Good Shepherd.

Pastor has talked with some members in the congregation about Pastor Clark's last Sunday at Christ Lutheran Church and about the possibility of Good Shepherd joining Christ Lutheran for that service. Pastor proposed this to the council. The council accepted the proposal to join Christ Lutheran for worship services on August 29. Several members of our congregation have attended Christ Lutheran.

Nelson has asked Art to look into putting a hand rail by the steps in the sanctuary. Nelson has not heard back from Art yet. The new computer is up and running. Another \$200 had to be spent on additional software. This will again be taken out of memorial monies. We need to find a time to dedicate the new computer.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Kuhlman
Secretary

Attention

If you have an email address I would like to have it. We are trying to save paper and printing by sending out the newsletter via e-mail.

Please Help!!!

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 10:15 Worship Baptism of Macyn Mai Cook	2 Pastor's day off 7pm Council	3 7pm Youth Leaders Mtg @ Reformation	4	5 Good Shepherd Sale 7am—5pm	6 Good Shepherd Sale 7am—5pm	7 Good Shepherd Sale 7am—5pm
8 10:15 Worship	9 Pastor's day off	10	11	12	13 Wedding Rehersal	14 Wedding
15 10:15 Songfest Church Picnic here at the church	16 Pastor's day off	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:15 Worship	23 Pastor's day off	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship at Christ Lutheran Pastor Clark retirement	30 Pastor's day off	31				

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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