

Announcements

Shepherd of the Hills
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Romans 8:12-25

As part of the culmination of his argument, Paul wrote about the community's invocation of Christ's Spirit during times of suffering. Here Paul introduced the imagery of children: even though the baptized are God's slaves, they can pray as if they are God's children. "Abba," an Aramaic term found here and in Mark 14:36, was apparently used in prayer also by Greek-speaking Christians, and is generally thought to be an endearment of "Father." Paul assumed that the end of the world was imminent when God would re-create the world, of which Christ's resurrection was the beginning.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Within Matthew's third discourse is again a parable that is later explained to the disciples in allegorical terms. The parable of the wheat and the weeds suggests that some early Christians wished to expel sinful members from the community. Granting the hope for the apocalyptic arrival of the Son of Man at the end of time, who will come to judge evil-doers, the evangelist urged patience and restraint within the community.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

We will be highlighting a verse(s) here for memorization that captures the main idea of the month's scriptures. July's verse:

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Over the past several years we have sponsored The Roth Family at Tokyo Lutheran Church. They completed their service in June. In discussions with the church council, social ministries committee and ELCA Global Church Sponsorship we have decided to sponsor Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Lynn Swanson in Tanzania. They are both involved in the care of children at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha. The Northern Illinois Synod has a companion relationship with them, the hospitals and Tanzania. One of their home-base state is Minnesota so we committed to providing a contribution of \$2,000 per year to sponsor them. If you would like to make a donation to them, just indicate "missionary" on the designated amount on you offering envelope. More information on their ministry will be provided as it becomes available.

MOVIE OFFER

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting a special one-time screening of the new Martin Luther movie "**A Return to Grace Luther's Life and Legacy**" on **August 8, 7:30p.m.** at the **Millennium Cinema, Platteville, WI**, and we would love for you to come.

There are two ways to purchase tickets. You can visit the Tugg Event Page:

<http://luthermovie.link/platteville>. Tickets are \$10 plus a \$1 handling fee. Or you can order tickets by calling me at 608-642-0850 or St Paul's at 608-349-6776. We are offering tickets for \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children under the age of 12. We must have your ticket order by Aug 6. You can pay for the tickets by sending a check to St Paul's Lutheran Church at 200 Broadway, Platteville, WI 53817.

MEN'S STEAK FRY

The Men's Steak Fry will be coming up soon, Saturday, September 9th. We will be passing an envelope for groceries - these donations really help offset the cost of groceries! Also, if you would like to donate a silent auction item that would be great too. Thanking everyone for their support of this exciting event!

PASTOR WILL BE ON VACATION

Pastor and Nancy will be on vacation from July 17 to July 31. If you have an emergency and need a pastor, please call Kari Gehrts or Terry Crandall or Babette Krug and they will contact the minister on call for our church.

FUNDRAISING OPTION

Poopsie's recently started a program called "Stop & Shop" to allow them to work with groups and individuals in the community that are in need of funding for one thing or another. The group would get a 2 week window at Poopsie's and the group promotes having family and friends come into the store or shop online during their 2 week window. They mention their group code and then Poopsie's donates 20% of that sale back to the group. The council approved the opportunity to shop Poopsie's from Nov. 5 - 18 to allow SOTH a 20% amount to support the Youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer, 2018. This is a great way to support our youths and get some great gifts for those on our Christmas lists.

Week of July 23rd

Sunday

Worship Services with
Communion 8:00 and 10:00 AM
Open Forum @ 9 a.m.
"Christmas in July" @ 2 p.m. at
Midwest Medical Center, Galena

Monday

LWR Quilting @ 9 a.m.

Tuesday

Text Study (Midwest Medical
Center in Galena) 9 AM
Celebration Arts (Midwest
Medical Center in Galena) 10:15
AM

Wednesday

Shepherd's Table
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday

Office Open 9:00 AM - 12:00
noon

Friday

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday

Sunday

Worship Services with
Communion 8:00 and 10:00 AM
Noisy Change Sunday

UP Coming Events

Summer Brunch

August 6 - Sunshine Center

**"A Return of Grace Luther's Life
and Legacy" -- August 8**

**Northwest Conference Summer
Retreat -- August 17**

Men's Steak Fry Meeting

August 27

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE SUMMER RETREAT -- WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Northwest Conference Summer Retreat will be held at Prince of Peace, 2700 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL on Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are due by calling Judy Castle at 815-233-2425 or 815-291-1928 by August 10, 2017. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the entry for more information.

OPEN FORUM

There will be an open forum on today, July 23, 2017 at 9 a.m. -- between the two services.

JULY IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH

Norma Schwartz from the Elizabeth Food Basket will be joining us on Sunday, July 30, to share with the congregation information about how the Elizabeth Food Pantry works. Norma coordinates the Elizabeth Food Basket with two other ladies. They currently oversee 18 volunteers and serve over 30 families each Monday. She will be at both services and available to answer questions during fellowship between services. We will have refreshments. All food donated during July will go to the Elizabeth Food Pantry, so please start bringing food to fill the grocery cart for Norma to take with her that Sunday.

ATTENTION MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS

Choir music for the coming year will be chosen on August 7 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to come and give input during the meeting or feel free to talk to us before if you cannot make the meeting. *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.* - Psalm 100:1-2 KJV

LORD OF LOVE CHURCH PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

Lord of Love Lutheran Church's presents "Christmas in July" this afternoon, July 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Midwest Medical Center in Galena. There will be four Christmas plays and an incredible Silent Auction, in addition to Cookie Decorating for the children, Christmas Carols and Refreshments. The proceeds will benefit the Pastor Dennis Hill Scholarship at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque.

Admission is free, but please bring a food or cleaning item to donate to the Galena Food Pantry or The Mop Shop.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

It's July already, but seems like summer just got here, right? Then how can there possibly be school supplies already lining the store shelves? It seems like they make their appearance earlier and earlier each year. Well, it can be a good thing for those of you who wish to participate in the Lutheran World Relief collection of School Kits. July and August are good months to watch for sales and help assemble a kit or two for children less fortunate. You might ask ... Why school supplies?

To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few require supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And, when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority ... yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development.

The following is a list of items needed. Please consider assembling a kit or two or contribute some items to the collection boxes found in the entrance area of church. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and compassion.

- Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper; NO loose-leaf paper
- One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pen sharpener.
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- Five **UNSHARPENED** #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (No gel ink); secure together with a rubber band.
- One box or 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 2 1/2 inch eraser.

One sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (No standard backpacks). Pre-made backpacks are available in the entrance area to church.

LAST DAY TO DROP OFF YOUR SCHOOL BAG ITEMS OR COMPLETED BAGS AT THE CHURCH IS **SEPTEMBER 10, 2017.**

SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEWS AND NEEDS

The kid's song "Get on Board" reminds us of our Shepherd's Table Ministry. More & more people in our church & the community at large are volunteering their support in a variety of ways. We thank Bill Gehrts for carrying out the council's directive to explore the best way to cover our extensions cords safely with rubber electrical cord covers to prevent tripping hazards and for finding the mats to prevent slips on wet floors.

PRAYER LIST

DR. STEPHEN J. and JODI LYNN SWANSON, missionaries in Tanzania.

MILAN BLAHO

BOZKA BLAHOVA, Familywife of Milan Blaho's cousin

KEITH FOLKS, father of Rich Folks

JOANN HESSELBACHER

DEBBIE HILBY

JERRY HOMB

BETSY HURBREGTSE

GAIL ISRAEL

CAROLINE ELIZABETH KRUG, granddaughter of Jim & Babette Krug

JIM KRUG

MEN AND WOMEN serving in the Armed Forces

KARRON MILLS

PEACE IN THE WORLD

DORIS SCHAIBLE, niece of Laura and LaVerne Grebner

KATHY LEWIS SCHELKE

BEN SPENCER, son-in-law of Karlie White

MIKE SPILLANE, nephew of Karlie White

BARRETT STADEL

ALLEN STEINKE

LEDORA WILLIAMS

SERVING US July 30th

Greeters/Ushers/Readers

8 AM: Jim & Barb Hansen

10 AM: Rich & Terry Crandall

Assisting Minister

8 AM: Barb Hansen

10 AM: Terry Crandall

Communion Set Up/Clean Up

July - Mary Circle

Tellers

Jim & Barb Hansen



As many of you heard in church last Sunday, Jen Anderson let us know of an on-going donation by Aunt Beez Greenhouse (Bridget Zucher) of her weekly leftover vegetables to Shepherd's Table. Be sure to check out her greenhouse. Just the drive there is an adventure that is well worth the trip to see the beautiful things she grows & sells. Thank you Bridgette!

We still need a few basic kitchen timers and helping hands to prepare the meals as well as new summertime recipes. So grab a group of friends for a wonderful way to give to those who need a good meal and/or conversation. We need folks who will visit with our guests to ward off the loneliness that is a struggle for many.

UPDATE ON GARDEN

Thank you to all who have helped with putting up the fence and maintaining the garden this week.

Thanks to Larry Cording and Louis Hesselbacher for installing our fence.

Thank you to Ron Schultz and Keith Hesselbacher for donation of fencing materials.

Anyone who would like to get involved with the garden should feel free to do some weeding.

The exterior marigolds could also use a little dead-heading. Please use caution when approaching the garden as the exterior white wire is electrified. If you want to work in the garden, be sure to turn off the electricity at the solar cell and turn it back on again when you leave.

We can expect some harvesting to come in the next two weeks. Tomatoes, peppers, and green beans will soon be ready.



QUILTER'S REQUEST

The Lutheran World Relief Quilters are in need of old flat sheets. Please ask your friends, neighbors, and relatives if they would like to donate to this worthy cause. Give to Kay Hesselbacher or leave in the quilter's closet in the basement. They would welcome your donations at any time of the year and invite anyone who knows how to tie a knot to join them every 3rd Tuesday. Thank you!

STEAK FRY ENTERTAINMENT

Our church will be providing entertainment in the sanctuary during the Steak Fry while people wait for open seating. There will not be a signup sheet this year. Instead, we'll be having an "Open Mic" where anyone can share their talents at a time that's convenient for them. Keeping in mind that we are in a church sanctuary, we invite sacred & secular music. Have fun with this! Kazoos anyone? We will fill in empty times with hymn singing, piano solos or the 7 hours of music that came with our new digital piano. The only thing your accompanists ask is that you be sure we have the music at least a week or 2 before the Steak Fry so we can give you our best support & be relaxed so we can have fun with this too! Our church clown is already on board to fill in between other talents....singing, playing musical instruments, telling short humorous stories, reciting light poetry, telling jokes (church appropriate!!!), demonstrating an interesting skill, etc. We are looking for people of all ages to share in the entertainment. Parents...we'd love to have you brainstorm with your children ways they might volunteer to support this fundraiser for area food pantries. Be thinking of ways we could incorporate multi—generational entertainment....several ages participating together. We welcome & appreciate all who share in this event! God's Work, Our Hands, Our Voices, Our Hearts.... If interested please see Pam Ohms so we can be ready with the appropriate setup for mics, podium, chairs, etc.



SUMMER BRUNCH THANKS

In addition to enjoying a delicious brunch once a month hosted by our council members, your free will offerings have been able to help support local charities. In June your donations of \$283.00 went to Hospice of Northwest Illinois which provides compassionate care to families coping with illness. In July we received donations of \$275.00 for Tyler's Justice Center for Children in Stockton, a non-profit organization, providing services for children who are victims of sexual or severe physical abuse.

NOISY CHANGE OFFERING THANKS.

Thanks for your generosity! Your monthly contributions to the noisy change offering for God's Global Barnyard have reached \$755.00. That means we have enough to purchase 1 family farm (1 cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training and support). Perhaps we can surpass that goal! Just remember to empty your pockets of change (bills are also accepted) and fill our buckets to help fight hunger and transform lives on the last Sunday of each month.