



Shepherd's Link

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Mission

We are called to encourage and equip each other to give of ourselves daily—serving the Lord Jesus, each other, and our community.

Vision

We fulfill our mission when we teach each other to "live under the SHEPHERD" - to Shepherd for the Shepherd."

Discipleship

Following the "SHEPHERD"
We are equipped to be
God's Frontline Servant

- S - stewards (time, talent, possessions)
- H - hands on service
- E - education
- P - prayer
- H - hospitality
- E - encouraging others
- R - regular participant
- D - devotional life



ELW Worship Resource

By Pastor Dave Sonnenberg

Worship is so incredibly important. It reminds us where we've been, who we are, and who we are called to be. Every week, no matter what the style of worship, we experience a common worship pattern that could be summarized with 4 words: 1) Gather 2) Word 3) Meal 4) Sending. We **gather** as a community of faith to hear the **Word** of God. We share in the **meal** of the community of faith that strengthens us, empowers us, and encourages us. Finally, we are **sent** into the world to represent Christ on a daily basis as his disciples, or as I like to say, "his frontline ministers".

One of the great joys at Good Shepherd is being a part of the ongoing worship life. Our musical heritage is so strong at Good Shepherd. It's a great gift that we have a strong singing church that is able to utilize multiple settings for our liturgy. Music stirs us and affects us in profound ways. The various settings and music we use in our worship services set different moods and allow the Spirit to reach out to us. Some settings are designed for festive celebrations whereas others are designed to be more contemplative. Each offers a real gift to those who worship and it is a blessing to be able to utilize them.

Over the last several years, congregations throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) were involved in a process of discussing, exploring, reviewing, and engaging new worship materials. The outcome of those many discussions was the publication of a new and updated worship book called, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (a cranberry book, hereafter called ELW). What is exciting to see with this new resource is how it incorporates "the new" with "much that is familiar". For example, the LBW has 3 liturgical settings. The two that we use most often are incorporated in the new ELW with 7 more settings. Two new rich and beautiful traditional settings are introduced that are very "sing-able". A Spanish

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Building Committee Update

Ernie Kessler – Building Committee Chair

At the beginning of 2007, Pastor Dave likened our building process to a hurdle race. He challenged us to run the race and do whatever it takes to cross the hurdles that we meet along the way. We have just crossed a major hurdle! A construction contract has been signed with Total Construction Services, Inc. of Ellicott City, Md. The construction phase of our "Growing in Ministry, Building to Serve" campaign has begun.

During construction, the monthly Building Committee reports will include a list of what has been accomplished during the past month and a list of what is likely to occur during the coming month. We will keep you informed about unexpected problems and how we plan to solve them. Several sub-committees will be making decisions concerning building finishes (carpet choices, stained-glass windows, lighting fixtures, security system, etc.) in the coming months. If you have a particular interest or expertise, please contact me ASAP.

Since the congregational meetings (June 10, July 22) and the Groundbreaking Ceremony (July 8), the preparation of the Fellowship Hall for demolition has proceeded with all deliberate speed. Pastor Dave has temporarily located his office in the soon to be torn down music office. Our music ministry has been relocated in the fireside room. The playground has been removed and stored to allow installation of the storm water management system. The soda machine and the refrigerator have been moved to the youth room. The salvageable kitchen appliances, the round tables, older rectangular tables, the communion railings, Christmas decorations, fireside room furniture, etc. have been moved to storage. Our shed is being rehabili-

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The first trailer is installed!

Secret Agents & VBS

Secret Agents

Last week our secret agents were Harley Heath (our Sunday School Superintendent) and the Church Council. This week we will be sharing two photos with you again. Team Bubbles travels across the nation to help rebuild a community that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The second photo is Agent Glamorama who spreads joy and God's word to our teens.



Do you know their true identity?



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

By Carolyn Miller

Beginning Monday, August 6, there will be a lot of splashing and water fun taking place as our VBS gets underway. This year's theme is Take the Plunge and focuses around the many activities one might find in a water park. The Bible stories all involve water as well. We have way over 100 children and dozens of teens and adults lined up to lead us on this slip-sliding journey.



Pending demolition any moment, Mill Creek Parish on Muncaster Road in Derwood has been gracious to allow us the use of their educational and worship space for this week. A big round of applause to our VBS Director, Stephani Eaton, who has tirelessly guided us to be prepared this year. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces and learning about their wild adventures!

BIBLE Travel Games

Try one or all of these games when you travel with your family this summer.

Missing Books of the Bible Game

One person recites the books of the Bible in order starting with Genesis. The person leaves out a book on purpose. Be the first person to guess the missing book. See how long it takes before the others guess the missing book.

20 Questions

One player thinks of a person, place or thing from the Bible. The other players take turns asking yes or no questions. See if you can guess the mystery person, place or thing in 20 questions or less.

3 Things in Common

One person names 3 objects, 3 people or 3 places that have something in common. The other players take turns guessing what that something is. For example, Jesus, Saul and David (answer: all were kings) or Egypt, wilderness, Promised Land (answer: places where Israelites lived).

"I'm Going to ..."

Choose a place in the Bible, for example, Jerusalem. The first player says, "I'm going to Jerusalem and I'm taking a tent." The second player repeats what the first player said, but adds another thing to take. Each person takes a turn repeating the entire list and adding something to it, until someone misses.

Name That Tune

Hum a hymn or Sunday school song that everyone knows. See who can name the song first. After the name is guessed, sing the song together.

Updates

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tated to provide on-site storage. Comfortable chairs have replaced the back pews.

Within the next few weeks, the administrative staff will be relocated into two office trailers that will be anchored next to our wooden fence. New doors will be cut into our sanctuary and the sanctuary lighting and sound controls will be relocated. Temporary sewer, water, telephone, and internet lines will be installed so that we can continue to operate when our Fellowship Hall is demolished. The storm water management trench will be completed and the playground re-installed in time for the start of our fall pre-school term. We anticipate that demolition will occur in late August to early September.

Expect to see more and rapid changes in our church building during August. More help is needed to remove equipment and salvage items from our soon to be demolished Fellowship Hall. Please call 301-977-9159 or e-mail risenpb@aol.com for more specific servant (volunteer) information and opportunities. This is a great way to become a hands-on contributor to "Growing in Ministry, Building to Serve."



Every Single One

Saturday, August 11, 5:00pm - Saturday night at the new Rockville Town Center! Come join us for movie/dinner. Meet at Good Shepherd at **5:00pm** (note earlier time).

Sunday, August 26, 6:00pm - Potluck dinner at the home of Joy Freund.

To RSVP contact Joy Freund at 301-527-8719 or gseverysingleone@hotmail.com.

A Jewish Meditation Prayer

Prayer invites God to let the Divine Presence suffuse our spirits, to let the Divine will prevail in our lives. Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, nor mend a broken bridge, nor rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart and rebuild a weakened will.

—Taken from the Jewish Prayer Book
-Submitted by Charles Pugh, Organist

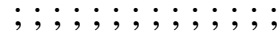
Help Us Extend Hospitality COFFEE Fellowship

By Pastor Dave Sonnenberg



We are looking for a rotating team of 6-8 helpers to assist with our Sunday morning coffee. A cup of coffee available for members and guests is a nice way to extend hospitality, invites people to connect and talk with one another. We would like to see this ministry grow, especially upon completion of our new building, but we need help now! Are you an 8:30 am worshipper (or someone who arrives early for Sunday school) who would help us every 6-8 weeks by helping make the coffee? Would your committee be willing to take on a week periodically? This

could be a wonderful opportunity to let others know about your ministry goals. If you are interested and willing to serve, please contact the church office ASAP at 301-869-1780 or office@goodshepherdonline.org. Training will be provided.



Join us for our bi-monthly
Movie & Dinner Night Out
for the women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Saturday, August 4, 2007!

We'll meet at the theatres at the Kentlands at 5:30 pm, get our tickets for the 7:35 showing of the romantic comedy, "No Reservations", starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Erin Eckard.

Then we'll walk to one of the many nearby restaurants for a casual dinner before the show....lots of yummy places to choose from.

Hope you will join us!

No RSVP needed...just meet at the theatre by 5:30. Questions??? Reply to Vicki Schmidt; 301-933-5734 or vickischmidt@goodshepherdonline.org



Looking Ahead at Good Shepherd

Sunday, July 29
8:30a Worship
10:00a Worship
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Education
11:15a Worship
Monday, July 30
Tuesday, July 31
12:00p Newsletter Deadline
7:30p Praise Band
Wednesday, August 01
2:00p Staff Mtg
Thursday, August 02
7:00a Breakfast Devotions
Friday, August 03
Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, August 04
4:00p Wedding
Sunday, August 05
8:30a Worship
9:30a Blood Pressure Scrn
10:00a Worship
10:00a VBS Planning Mtg
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Education
11:15a Worship
Monday, August 06
VBS at Mill Creek Church
Tuesday, August 07
VBS at Mill Creek Church

7:00p Worship & Music Mtg
12:00p Newsletter Deadline
7:30p Praise Band
Wednesday, August 08
VBS at Mill Creek Church
2:00p Staff Mtg
7:00p Stephen Ministry
Thursday, August 09
VBS at Mill Creek Church
7:00a Breakfast Devotions
Friday, August 10
VBS at Mill Creek Church
Saturday, August 11
Sunday, August 12
8:30a Worship
10:00a Worship
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Education
11:15a Worship
Monday, August 13
Tuesday, August 14
12:00p Newsletter Deadline
1:00p Seniors' Steering Mtg
7:30p Church Council
7:30p Praise Band
Wednesday, August 15
2:00p Staff Mtg
Thursday, August 16
7:00a Breakfast Devotions
7:00p Social Ministry

Friday, August 17
Saturday, August 18
Sunday, August 19
Fair Trade Coffee
8:30a Worship
10:00a Worship
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Education
11:15a Worship
Monday, August 20
Tuesday, August 21
12:00p Newsletter Deadline
12:30p Seniors' Luncheon
7:30p Praise Band
Wednesday, August 22
2:00p Staff Mtg
6:30p CC Exec. Mtg
7:00p Stephen Ministry
7:30p CC Team Ldr Trng
Thursday, August 23
7:00a Breakfast Devotions
Friday, August 24
Saturday, August 25
10:00a Baptism Class
11:30a Wedding
Sunday, August 26
8:30a Worship
10:00a Worship
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Education

11:15a Worship
Monday, August 27
Tuesday, August 28
12:00p Newsletter Deadline
7:30p Praise Band
Wednesday, August 29
2:00p Staff Mtg
Thursday, August 30
7:00a Breakfast Devotions
Friday, August 31
Saturday, September 1
Sunday, September 2
Peter's Birthday!
8:30a Worship
9:00a Blood Pressure Screen
10:00a Worship
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Education
11:15a Worship
Monday, September 3
Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 4
Roberta's Birthday!
9:30a Phoebe Circle
12:00 Newsletter Deadline
7:00p Worship & Music Mtg
7:30p Evangelism Mtg
7:30p Praise Band Practice
Wednesday, September 5
2:00p Staff Meeting

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liturgy is offered as well as a Service of the Word. Many of the hymns from the Lutheran Book of Worship and With One Voice have been incorporated and some new hymns were added.

As many of you know, we have the copyright permission to print worship liturgy each week. Literally, we have the permission to print and utilize any of the settings from this new ELW hymnal, as well as continuing to utilize the green LBW hymnal, the blue With One Voice hymnal, and the This Far by Faith hymnal supplement.

This week, at 8:30 and 10:00 am worship services, we will be introducing a few pieces (a beautiful Kyrie and Hymn of Praise from ELW setting one). Peter Schmidt will be teaching them to us during the prelude time and then we will sing it during the worship service. I hope that you will enjoy it and experience it's incredibly "uplifting nature".

If you would like to learn more about the ELW Worship Resource, please visit <http://www.elca.org/worship/ELW/content/index.html>. This core resource for the church is one that we will be exploring in the days to come.

Dear Good Shepherd Family,



Thank you very much to the pastors and all of you for your support during my illness and recovery. Ernie and I have always felt blessed to be part of this Christian community known as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Brenda Kessler

Pastor Matt Pensinger on Jeopardy

Our former youth worker and current Frontline Devotion writer, Matt Pensinger, will appear on Jeopardy, Thursday, October 4. Be sure to set your Tivo or VCR recorder and find out how well Matt did!

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Please email articles for the next Shepherd's Link newsletter to link@goodshepherdonline.org. Each week during the month will highlight special areas; i.e., Pastor's column, social ministry, music, youth, etc. Deadlines are Tuesday before the publication date.