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GSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS

Welcome

We welcome all of our visitors... as guests. We ask that you complete a gold visitor card located in the pew rack and ushers will collect them. Thank you for joining us today.

We ask our members...

to complete a green card and the ushers will them pick up.

Nursery available...

downstairs, for children who need an alternate place during the service. See an usher for assistance.

Prayer Stations... people are

available in the front of the sanctuary after each service on Saturday and Sunday. Someone is available to share a prayer with you before you leave.

Prayer and Care... Each week

we gather special prayer requests to share joys and concerns of those in need. Please enter your prayer request in the notebook in the narthex and our prayer team will remember to pray for you throughout the week.

Holy Communion... Everyone is welcome. Please see our Communion Statement in each worship bulletin.

Lectionary Thoughts

Today's reflection is from David Lose and his blog In The Meantime:

Serious question: Did Jefferson miss the boat? Thomas Jefferson, that is. And I should admit right up front that I am a huge Jefferson fan. But as much as I like the poetic cadence of the Declaration of Independence's inalienable rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," I've always wondered if Jefferson unintentionally set us on the wrong direction from the start. What I mean instead is simply that ever since Thomas Jefferson, we have been taught to think happiness is something we should pursue. But can we? I wonder...

For starters, what is happiness, exactly? When do we know we've found it? And how do we go about it pursuing it? Moreover, noting that we are notoriously bad at predicting what will make us happy, it occurs to me that perhaps that's because happiness isn't, finally, something you can pursue and catch and possess in the first place. Rather, perhaps happiness is the by-product of worthy activities. Perhaps happiness is the feeling you get from a job well done, or from achieving a goal, or from being honest and trustworthy, or from helping someone out. In this sense, happiness is less a commodity to be pursued and possessed than it is a by-product of noble efforts or, even more, simply a gift to be received.

And I think the same is true – perhaps even more so – when it comes to joy, the close cousin of happiness that Jesus talks about in today's reading. One of the helpful mantras of the yoga world is the invitation and imperative to "choose joy." I regularly remind myself of just how many times I actually do indeed have a choice about how I view something, react to something, focus on one thing or another, knowing that each of these things can be an instance of "choosing joy" over frustration, anger, hopelessness, and more.

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Worship Ministry Schedule

This Week - May 10

COMBINED SERVICE

Acolytes
 10:00 am Kelly Hartmann
Assistant Minister
 10:00 am Roger Bauser
Communion Assistants
 10:00 am Tyler Grove
 Matthew Pierce
Lectors
 10:00 am Mary Pierce
Ushers
 10:00 am Quinton Elrod Aidan Cahill
 Mary Thieman Brenda Thieman
Sound Technician
 10:00 am Sam/Don Bennett
Altar Guild
 Sun 11:00 Setup Kate Steininger
 Sun Putaway Duane Tackis &
 Ed Thieman
Coffee Fellowship
 11:00 am Reception
Greeters
 10:00 am Aidan Cahill
 Quinton Elrod
Flowers/Visitation
 Robin Sessler

Next Week - May 17

Acolytes

8:30 am Pete Connelly
 11:00 am Kayla Grove
Assistant Minister
 8:30 am Becky Cook
Communion Assistants
 8:30 am Karen Shaw Lova Lilly
 Bob and Diane Miller
 11:00 am Ilene Hunter
Lectors
 8:30 am Becky Cook
 11:00 am Kathy Seim
Ushers
 8:30 am Robert Spitz Dick Hartmann
 George Frankenfeld Les Riehl
 Wayne Weyhrauch Janet Grieshop
 11:00 am Mary Thieman Brenda Thieman
Sound Technician
 8:30 am Sam/Don Bennett
 11:00 am Sam/Don Bennett
Altar Guild
 Sat Setup Lisa Connelly
 Sat/Sun 8:30 Reset Anna Lee Sawdey &
 Shirley Osburn
 Sun 11:00 Reset ~~~
 Sun Putaway Duane Tackis &
 Ed Thieman
Coffee Fellowship
 8:30 am Joe and Judy Oldham
 11:00 am ~~~
Greeters
 8:30 am Joe and Judy Oldham
 11:00 am ~~~
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 Robin Sessler

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Staff ~ 298-0136

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If you would like to sign up to volunteer on the Worship Ministry Schedule contact the church office.

Calendar of Events

Sunday May 10

Confirmation Sunday

ONE COMBINED SERVICE

- 6:30 am Breakfast Service First Lutheran
- 10:00 am Combined Service
- 5:00 pm Thrivent Meeting

Monday May 11

- 1:15 pm Prayer Shawl Knitters & Crocheters
- 2:30 pm Homework Club
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den 436

Tuesday May 12

- 5:30 am NA 12-Step Meeting
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 193
- 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 13

- 2:30 pm Homework Club
- 6:30 pm Cadet Troop 30480
- 7:00 pm Kitty Hawk Board Meeting

Thursday May 14

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study-Bob Evans
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 5:00 pm Elsie Rosholt Memorial Service/Meal
- 6:00 pm Daisy Troop 35322
- 7:00 pm 12-Step SA Group
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- 7:30 pm Generations Swing Band Practice

Friday May 15

- 2:00 pm Bethany Worship Service
- 6:30 pm Kitty Hawk Square Dancing

Saturday May 16

- 8:00 am Breakfast & Bible Study
- 9:00 am Reception Decorating
- 2:00 pm Brown Wedding & Reception
- 5:00 pm Evening Worship
- 7:00 pm 12-Step AA Group

Sunday May 17

Graduation Sunday

Jeremiah's Letter

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship

Monday May 18

- 9:30 am Quilting Group
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den 436

Tuesday May 19

- 5:30 am NA-12 Step
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 11:30 am Women's Council of Graceworks
- 7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 193
- 8:30 pm Venturing Crew 193 Meeting

Thursday May 21

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study Bob Evans
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
- 10:30 am Dayton Conference Clergy
- 5:30 pm Daisy Troop 34303
- 7:00 pm 12-Step SA Group

Friday May 22

- 5:00 pm Girl Scout 35332 Bridging Ceremony

Saturday May 23

- 8:00 am Breakfast and Bible Study
- 9:00 am Lay School of Theology
- 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
- 7:00 pm AA 12-Step

Lifelong Learning

Adult Sunday School Class
Sundays 9:30 am - Lounge
Taught by Roger Bauser

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Lin Baker

Altar Flowers

Given by Wayne and Michelle Weyhrauch
In Congratulations to our Confirmands
Tyler Grove and Matthew Pierce

Attendance & Offering

Sunday May 3

Attendance 103
Offering \$4915

January ~ April 2015

| Required | Actual | Variance | YTD Budget | Shortage |
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| \$4,865 | \$4591 | (274) | (8,218) | |

Want to Become a Member?

Anyone interested in becoming a member of GSLC throughout the year can contact the Church Office and ask to meet with the pastor. All new member will be recognized once a year at a service before the Congregation's Annual Meeting.

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At the same time, and in light of Jesus' teaching here, it seems like joy is also and simultaneously beyond our choosing and comes to us, often at unawares, as sheer gift. Jesus commands his disciples to remain and abide in him and his love for them. True enough. But he also just plain loves them... enough to give his life for them (and us!). Moreover, he is pretty clear that, whatever they may have thought, they didn't actually choose him, or decide to follow him, or consciously become his disciples. Rather, he chose them. He chose them.

~from Pastor Jamie

May Services

May 16 Saturday 5:00 pm
 May 17 Sunday 8:30 am
 Sunday 11:00 am
 May 23 Saturday 5:00 pm
 May 24 Sunday Combined Service 10 am
 May 30 No Saturday Service - Fifth Sunday
 May 31 Sunday Combined Service 10 am

Summer Worship Schedule

We are very excited to announce that once again we will be worshiping together with a full sanctuary this summer. We will be going to one service on Sundays starting Memorial Day weekend, **Sunday May 24**. Sunday services will start at 10:00 am and Saturday night services will stay at 5:00 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated both at the altar and by intinction throughout the summer at our Sunday service like last year.

This schedule will run through Labor Day weekend, **Sunday September 6**. We will go back to two Sunday services on Sunday starting **Sunday September 13**.

Confirmation Sunday

Today, **Sunday May 10**, we are celebrating the confirmation of two of our catechism students, Matthew Pierce and Tyler Grove. We are having one worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday morning to give all our members a chance to worship together with Matthew and Tyler. We will be having cake and refreshments afterward in the Narthex.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We wish all mothers and grandmothers, and also aunts and sisters and women everywhere who "mother" our children with such care and affection. We pray for blessings on all our "mothers" on their special day.

No Fellowship Meals for Summer

We will not have Fellowship Meals throughout the summer. We will start them up again in August or September.

Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating graduation on **Sunday May 17**. If you have or know of a graduate from either high school or college, please let the church office know so that their name may be included when we honor them. We would like to know what school they are graduating from and what their degree is in if they are in college. We will need to know by **Thursday May 14**.

Thank You to the Back Pack Volunteers

Thanks to all who helped with the Back Pack Program this year. We had a good turnout and your help with the program was much appreciated. Our last delivery will be next Wednesday and then we will disband for the summer. Watch for details about when the program starts again in the fall.

Call for Scholarship Applications

Applications will be solicited from **April 1 through May 10**. Students who are interested in applying for scholarships from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund should request a 2015 Application from the church office. Awards are granted only when there are sufficient monies in the Scholarship Fund. Applications must be submitted by **Sunday May 10**.

Scholarship Fund Special Offering

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church recognizes the value of a great education and encourages its members through the congregation's SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This past year, five students have benefited from the fund: Sarah Bennett-Wittenberg University; Cameron Connelly, Marietta College; Aimee Connelly, Amy Hartmann and Scott Hartmann-Capital University. The purpose of the SCHOLARSHIP FUND is to: encourage students to pursue college or Lutheran ordination; provide financial aid in the form of scholarships; and receive gifts and bequests for the fund.

On **Graduation Sunday May 17**, a special offering will be taken in honor of our graduates for the SCHOLARSHIP FUND. You can support our students by participating in this special offering. Place gifts in a pew envelope and indicate that it is for the SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Thank You!

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to work at Good Shepherd for the last two years. I have gotten to know so many wonderful people, and I have grown in my knowledge of what it means to serve God and his people by seeing your example. This is a special place and I will miss your smiles and kind words. I am looking forward to full retirement and hope to make more frequent trips to California to visit my two daughters, son-in-law, and beautiful granddaughter. Thanks so much!

~from Judy Washburn

Amazing Grace Day Camp Coming this Summer!

We will be hosting an Amazing Grace Day Camp on **Sunday July 26 through Friday July 31**. We will need volunteers to help in several different areas ranging from crafts to programming to food preparation. If you are interested in helping with this in any way, contact Don Bennett. If you have any questions, ask either Don or Pastor Jamie. More information about the camp will be coming as it gets closer.

Counseling Assistance

Good Shepherd is a member of the Covenant Society for Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital. Trained and certified counselors are available to congregational members at any time, whether for a crisis or for ongoing help. This service is confidential, and anonymous if you choose. You do not have to go through the pastor or church to access this service. If you have a need simply call 937-208-6606 (or 800-628-9343), tell the staff you are a member of Good Shepherd, and what your need is at the moment. Because Good Shepherd is a member the cost to you is one-half of any non-reimbursed portion (for example, through insurance coverage) of the normal charge. For further information on this service you can call the above numbers, or talk to Pastor Jamie. Information sheets are also available in the narthex.

Jeremiah's Letter Needs Your Help

Next **Sunday May 17** is Jeremiah's Letter Sunday. Please consider donating any of the following items to Jeremiah's Letter: sheets (all sizes, especially queen/full), bath towels, blankets, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant (full size or trial size), toothpaste, tooth brushes, feminine hygiene products, Depends, razors, shaving cream, denture cleansers and adhesives, back packs, sleeping bags, broth-based soups, canned meat, spaghetti/meatballs, canned fruit or vegetables, cereal, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, dish soap.

~ O Lord Hear Our Prayer ~

From Week of May 3

Praise and Thanksgiving to God for:

- ◆ The people and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- ◆ Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
- ◆ Reverend Suzanne Dillahunt, Bishop, Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
- ◆ Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa; Evangelical Church - Mecklenburg, Germany; Evangelical Lutheran Church - Republic of Kazakhstan, Russia; Sinodo Espirito Santos Belem, Brazil

Prayer Ventures - May 10 - Living in God's boundless sacrificial love, we pray that we be stirred to embrace each other in love and friendship – differences, complexities and all.

Members and friends with medical concerns and other needs:

NEW THIS WEEK

- ◆ Myra Smith - numerous health problems (from Shirley Osburn)

FROM LAST WEEK

- ◆ George Frankenfeld - thanksgiving for final treatments (from John Chuprun & Hargraves)
- ◆ Mildred Upp - hospital stay (from Mona Hartmann's mother)
- ◆ Doug - recovering from serious auto accident (from Roger Bauser)
- ◆ Dorothy - heart complications (from Kathy Seim)
- ◆ Group hiking during Mt. Everest earthquake (from Kathy Seim)
- ◆ Pastor Brian Newcomb - cancer recurrence (from Roger Bauser)
- ◆ Joe - under Hospice care (from Bauser)
- ◆ Nancy - one of our Wednesday Fellowship Dinner friends, who has pancreatic cancer (from Roger Bauser)

◆ **Members and friends who have lost loved ones:**

- ◆ **The family of Elsie Rosholt - passed away Monday; memorial service on May 14 at 5:00 pm**
- ◆ Paul Solomon - passed away Wednesday (from Ed Thieman)

Members who are serving in the armed forces and for their families:

- ◆ Devin Cahill - enlisted in the military - prayers of safety

Submit your prayer requests to goodshepherd.gslc@gmail.com or call the church office. Prayer requests will be listed for two weeks. If after that time you would like your request to remain on this list, resubmit your request. Please use this sheet daily to remember those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd community of faith.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***Call the office to request
a copy of the Weekly Staff if
you are unable to attend the
service or if you know someone
who is unable to attend.***



May Birthdays

Maryann Bennett—May 11
Lois Spitz—May 11
Sam Bennett—May 12
Sara Dittmar—May 12
David Bohlander, Jr.—May 14
Sarah Bennett—May 16
Danielle Kosanovich—May 16
Ginny Herbeck—May 18
Harv Reilich—May 18
Devin Cahill—May 19
Bobbie Kosanovich—May 20
Matthew Pierce—May 20
Kate Steininger—May 22
Felicia Crouch—May 24
Dave Seltzer—May 24
Julie Strohmingner—May 27
Denis Cahill—May 28
Kay Frakes—May 28
Al Sessler—May 28

May Anniversaries

Herm & Evelyn Bergstedt—May 2
Bill & Joyce Wolslegel—May 17
Ron & Bonnie Hershey—May 24
Scott & Julie Strohmingner—May 31

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month but do not see your name on the list, contact the church office to update our database records.

If you do not wish to have your birthday or anniversary published in the GSLC Announcements, contact the church office.