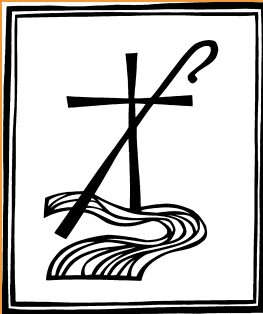


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untraveled, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
(Service of Evening Prayer, ELW)

Dear Friends in Christ,

September has always been a time of new beginnings for me. Maybe it is because I come from a family of teachers, and I have spent so many years in schools, both as teacher and student. This is a time filled with excitement and anticipation, as routines change in the home. The restful pace of summer fades away, and the energy and rhythm of life returns to normal.

In these weeks of late summer, we mark many transitions. New journeys begin, as parents (like me!) send children off to kindergarten, or adjust to life at home in an empty nest. During these times of change, there is great opportunity to grow. Here at Good Shepherd, we are gearing up for many new things to begin, and for the return of familiar, necessary work together. I invite you to read on through the pages of this issue of the Voice. It is packed with opportunity and excitement, as we continue to walk together in Christ.

Our Sunday School will launch a new year with Rally Day on September 11th. We will return to two worship services (8 a.m. & 11 a.m.) and gather for a cross-generational breakfast celebration at 9:15 a.m. We are eager to welcome new teachers to our ranks, and are grateful for the continued ministry of those who return. The pre-K through 6th grades will be using a brand new curriculum this year, one we are excited to explore together. For adults, there are several opportunities to grow, including an engaging look at biblical stewardship on Sunday mornings and a Tuesday afternoon class on making sense of the Bible. Other classes to come through the year include conversations on faith and science and exciting training on caring ministry.

I especially invite you to consider joining the conversation on September 10th as we reflect together on the difficult issues of terrorism and religion. This is an important topic for us to consider as people of faith living in these times. I am excited at the growing partnership with our sisters and brothers at St. David's Episcopal Church.

This month we also welcome Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane, and host homeless families through Family Promise. We will see the return of the LCS Walk-Run, the Lunch Bunch, and GriefShare will restart another round of conversations. Some ministries continue, including the quilters, the Monday night Bible study, and the Thursday small groups.

As this prayer reminds us, we may not always be able to see exactly where we are going. We are called to step out in faith, trusting God's love to guide us along the way. Thanks be to God for the journey.

In Peace,

Pastor Kathy

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

RALLY SUNDAY!

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Sunday School for 2011-2012 will get started with a CELEBRATION!

Join us for worship at 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. & BREAKFAST at 9:30 a.m. Students, teachers, parents, grandparents, EVERYONE is welcome to come celebrate. We'll enjoy time together doing some cross-generational activities, meet our teachers and enjoy delicious food. Spread the word!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men, just a reminder to mark your calendar for September 24, for the next Men's Breakfast. Our guest speaker will be Tom Davis. Tom is local, a former Pastor, and was recently commissioned by his regional Presbyterian governing body as an Interfaith Peacemaker. Tom will be giving us an overview of this ministry.

Our breakfast menu has changed. It will consist of French Toast, fresh fruit, link sausages, juice and coffee. Watch for the signup sheet that will be posted in the lobby. Don't miss this opportunity for enjoying the fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and an inspiring message.

~ Chet Norstrom

Ten Years Since 9-11



Ten years have passed since terrorists hijacked jetliners with the intent to maim, kill and destroy. As the date approaches, there will be an increasing number of memorials and tributes. On the weekend of the anniversary, Good Shepherd is teaming up with St. David's Episcopal Church to commemorate the events in several ways:

On Saturday Morning— (09-10-2011) from 9 a.m. until noon St. David's will host a forum, where participants will be invited to reflect on the events of September 11th with a particular focus on the religious aspects of the terrorist's actions. Through specially created video presentations and directed small group discussions, participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and insights. Space may be limited – so please sign up early!

On Sunday Morning— (09-11-2011) both congregations will worship at their usual times and locations. Good Shepherd's worship services will include special prayers for those who lost their lives and for their families, for the ongoing role and risk of first responders (police, fire and paramedics), and for military personnel in harm's way.

On Sunday Afternoon— (09-11-2011) at 4 p.m. St. David's and Good Shepherd will worship together in a service of Healing and Hope at Good Shepherd. The choirs of both congregations will combine their talents in offering beautiful music – including a hand bell arrangement written to commemorate the events of 9/11/01.

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Please mark your calendars now for these important opportunities. May these commemorative events be a blessing as we pause to remember.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to partner with members of St. David's Episcopal Church for this weekend. The Episcopal Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share a special relationship of "full communion." This close relationship brings hope for deeper unity among Christians. Being in full communion means that all sacramental rites are fully interchangeable between churches. Of particular note is that Episcopalian priests and Lutheran pastors are able to serve in each denomination without needing to be ordained again!

St David's Episcopal Church is located at 2320 Grubb Road, Wilmington, DE 19810

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

beginning September 18th

Stewardship means "belonging to God" - all that we are and all that we have comes from God. We are grateful to God for it all, and responsible to God for how we use it. There is a connection between stewardship and spirituality: generous giving as a spiritual discipline helps us to grow in Christ.

"Duty and delight" are both motivating factors for giving - doing what we ought to do as responsible church members, and making cheerful sacrifices out of love for God.

The overarching theme of this course is, "This is good news!" The biblical message of financial stewardship is:

- promising and encouraging;
- not (usually) guilt-inducing;
- a way of life;
- for many of us, it just may be the way to a better life.

This new course features seven 20-minute video sessions on DVD, and a comprehensive study guide and participant handouts. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, the presenter (on DVD) for this course, is Professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Discussion will be facilitated by members of Good Shepherd each week.

9/18 Session 1: Belonging to God
 9/25 Session 2: What is a Steward?
 10/2 Session 3: Treasures and Hearts
 10/9 Session 4: Motives for Giving
 10/16 Session 5: Duty and Delight
 10/23 Session 6: Cheerful Sacrifices

~ more adult education opportunities continued on the next page

Making Sense of Scripture

Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
beginning September 13th

Have you ever felt confused, overwhelmed or frustrated when trying to read the Bible for yourself? Have you tried, with the best of intentions, to study the Bible on your own, perhaps even committing to read this important book straight through, only to find yourself stuck and unable to continue? The Bible is a complex collection of all kinds of different writings. It is a book of faith that can be transformative for life, even while it challenges us. If you would like to learn more about the world behind the Bible and how to explore its depths with new vigor, consider this Tuesday afternoon class.

In *Making Sense of Scripture*, David Lose invites the reader to engage in a conversation, one that he imagines discussing around his kitchen table, about seven major questions of the Bible. More than a standard biblical reference book, *Making Sense of Scripture* is a dialogue that encourages readers to bring their questions or doubts to the table when reading Scripture. During this conversation, there are different opportunities for the reader to interact with the Bible, ultimately leaving room for personal transformation of the heart and mind.

- 9/13 Session 1: What is the Bible
- 9/20 Session 2: Is the Bible True?
- 9/27 Session 3: How is the Bible the Word of God?
- 10/4 Session 4: Where Did the Bible Come From?
- 10/11 Session 5: How Can I Read the Bible with Better Understanding?
- 10/18 Session 6: Is There a "Center" to Scripture?
- 10/25 Session 7: What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold?

Pastor Kathy will facilitate this class, centering around the book of the same name as well as DVD presentations from the author each week. The book, *Making Sense of Scripture* by David Lose is available from amazon.com or augsburgfortress.com for \$12.99.

VISION MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

Vision Meeting Part II

Saturday, Oct. 1st, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

On Saturday, March 19th, thirty members of Good Shepherd gathered for discussion to begin development of a ten-year vision for Good Shepherd. The next step in this process will occur Saturday, October 1st, 2011 at Good Shepherd when we will take the output from the first meeting and consolidate it into a 2021 vision. We will then develop an action plan with identified milestones and timing in order to work towards achieving this vision.

If you were unable to participate in Part I in March, you are still welcome to join us for Part II. Please take the time to read the detailed summary of the meeting (available electronically on the church website or hardcopy on the council bulletin board) so you can fully participate.

We hope many of you can join us for this important event.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group Rally Party **Sunday, September 11th** **5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Join us as we kick off the year with a Youth Group Rally Party and BBQ. It will be an extravaganza of games and fun with prizes for all!

AGAPE Concert **Friday, September 16th** **6:00 pm**

Join AGAPE & Rachel Kurtz for an evening of music and sharing to benefit hunger awareness efforts throughout the Church! AGAPE is an awesome Christian rapper who happens to be performing at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aberdeen MD. We had an opportunity to hear him perform last year at RoadTrip, and he is fantastic! This is an opportunity not to miss!

Hunger Walk Run **Saturday, September 17th** **9:00 am**

Join the youth team at the annual Hunger Walk Run at Rockford Park. It is a great chance to help raise funds that go to buy food for soup kitchens, including the one many of the youth visited last summer.

FreeRide **October 21-23 in Aberdeen MD**
FreeRide forms due **Sunday, September 18th**

FreeRide is our Synod's middle school youth event - a weekend of music, small groups, a ropes course & zip-line, worship, and fun! It's an opportunity for youth to get to know peers along their own faith journey, and for our congregation to connect with other churches throughout the synod. Come and join 350 of your closest friends for a great weekend together! Some of our high schoolers attended the high school version of FreeRide that takes place in January, and it was lots of fun! FreeRide is in October, but the paperwork is due on Sunday, 9/18. Let Katie know if you are interested!

Apple Picking Day **Saturday, September 24th** **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

It's the first weekend of Fall! What better way to celebrate than to join the youth group on an apple picking trip? We will head out to pick apples in the morning, and make delicious apple treats together in the afternoon.

Note- the youth group will not meet on 9/25

Box City Event **Friday, September 30th** **6:00pm – 7:00 am**
Box City forms due **Sunday, September 14th**

Please join Family Promise for this awareness / fundraiser event. We will gather with youth groups from all over Wilmington at Hockessin UMC to sleep outside in cardboard box homes that we construct. There will be music, games, a worship service, a soup kitchen, and a box decorating contest!

MUSIC

I recently came upon a Martin Luther quote that I would like to share here:

The gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music, namely, by proclaiming [the Word of God] through music.

We have an exciting year awaiting us. Good Shepherd Church will proclaim the word of God through music in abundantly wide and wonderful ways.

9-11 Service

September 11 marks the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93. To commemorate the occasion, Good Shepherd will combine with St. David's Episcopal with a variety of activities that will culminate in a service of Vespers in Good Shepherd's sanctuary, uniting musicians from both congregations.

Solo Handbell Concert

On October 23, Ed Brugel will present a solo handbell concert in the Fellowship Hall. He will be accompanied by Joanne Ohnmacht on piano. It is always amazing to see and hear what can be done with a handbell choir with many players. It is absolutely confounding to see one person become the entire choir.

Greenville Flute Orchestra

Area flutist Joan Sparks has assembled an ensemble of flutists who perform a varied repertoire from classics to pop hits and novelty pieces. The virtuosity and musicianship of this ensemble is a rare treat. Their conductor is John Hintz, son of Good Shepherd's John Hintz.

Early Choir

It has been rare in our early 8:00 am service that there has been choral leadership in worship. This year we will revive an initiative from many years ago in which we will put together a choir that assembles spontaneously to prepare a choral offering, in the same mode as our "Summer Choir." On the first Sunday of the month, we will meet in the Music Room at 7:30 am and take a piece of music which is readily accessible to whatever group arrives.

Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir returned to us last year through the efforts several musician-mothers. This year again there will be a Junior Choir that will prepare for specific occasions.

Of the Lands and Seasons

On Sunday, October 16, we will be using "Of the Lands and Seasons" for our service liturgy. This service has been used and enjoyed at Good Shepherd many times over the years. For those for whom this will be new, it is best described as a folk-song paraphrase setting of Holy Communion. It features traditional American versions of British Isles tunes. The prayers, hymns and the liturgy connect us closely with the seasons of the year and celebrate our rural community heritage.

Reformation Sunday

Good Shepherd will celebrate Reformation Sunday with a festival service led by a guest brass quartet, the Maximum Brass.

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Senior Choir

Senior Choir sings weekly at the 11:00 am service. We practice on Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. Sunday morning warm-ups begin at 10:30 am. We return to worship as a group on Sunday, September 11. Our evening rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 15. See David Bowsbey, call 761-0536 or email dbowsbey@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Instrumental Ensemble

Our instrumental ensemble is an inter-generational group of wind instrument players. We range from intermediates through professionals, teens through retirees. We present music in worship for special occasions and rehearse accordingly. Again, contact David Bowsbey with any questions you may have.

David Bowsbey
Director of Music

GRIEFSHARE

This Fall, we will be starting our 11th year of providing the GriefShare ministry to Good Shepherd and the surrounding area. We will be starting the first session of the 13 week series on September 12th. In addition we will be having a special session called "Handling the Holidays" on November 21st. This session addresses the difficulties of going through Thanksgiving and Christmas without the loved one that made these holidays so special. This session is open to everyone, not only current or past participants in GriefShare.

Whether this is the first year or multi years of dealing with the absence of that special person, you will benefit from this presentation.

The new schedule and the outline of the 13 GriefShare sessions are posted on the Health Ministry bulletin board.

~ Chet Norstrom

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We could use your labor on Labor Day Weekend!

On Saturday, September 3rd the Property Committee is going to work on revamping the overflow drainage area of the back parking lot. We need some help! We need people to shovel dirt, rake debris, move rocks, and install sod. If you are able, please plan to join us.

Please bring rakes, shovels, gloves, buckets and a backhoe. Seriously, if you have access to a backhoe, please contact Craig Hooper. Also a couple more wheelbarrows would be helpful. Thanks!

LECTORS NEEDED!

Ever thought about reading the lessons in church? This is a rewarding and meaningful way to serve and we are always in need of more readers—especially for the 8:00am service. If you are interested or would just like to learn more about it, please contact Amy Canady at 453-9096 (Home) or email me at acanady2@verizon.net. Many thanks and God Bless.



20th Annual Hunger Walk Run Has Many Facets

On Saturday September 17, LCS will hold its 20th Annual Hunger Walk Run in Wilmington's Rockford Park. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds raised go to buy food that LCS distributes to low income people at 12 separate locations. The main event is the **5K Walk Run**, but for those not up to the distance, we have a 1-mile, shaded, **in the park walk** and a wheelchair course. Then for youth, there is a **competitive 5k run**.

Speaking of youth... all are invited to a 3-part youth event – **Make Your Mark on Hunger**. It starts Friday night September 16th at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen with a **concert** by AGAPE* and Rachel Kurtz. After the concert, youth are invited to a **lock-in** at St. Philip's in Wilmington. In the morning, they will be transported to the **Hunger Walk Run**. The Walk Run and associated events all start promptly at 9 a.m. Registration opens at 8 a.m.

COLUMBARIUM GARDEN

The first phase of the columbarium project is complete. The columbarium is in place and a new concrete walkway has been constructed around the unit.

A dedication service has been planned for October 2, 2011, after the 11:00 service. The service will be followed by the coffee hour.

The committee is at work planning for the landscaping and beautification of the site. We hope to have some ideas available for the congregation to see at the dedication service. One company has offered to underwrite some of the landscaping costs. Once we have the landscaping plan, there may be additional opportunities for members of the congregation to sponsor specific elements of the plan. Levin Holloway would like to participate in the landscaping as part of his Boy Scout Eagle project. It is the intent that the project be self-funded through donations and niche sales.

The committee intends to retain the 25% discount until All Saints Sunday which is the first Sunday in November. After that, the price of a single niche will increase to \$1,500 and a double niche to \$3,000. Niches will be selected by members based upon when the reservation was received. The administrators are in the process of developing a system for the numbering of the niches.

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION

On behalf of myself and the entire Melega family, I want to thank everyone at Good Shepherd for their prayers and good wishes. I am also very grateful to the members of the Prayer Line for their prayers. This summer has been a very, very difficult time for me and my family. God bless you all!!

Victor Melega

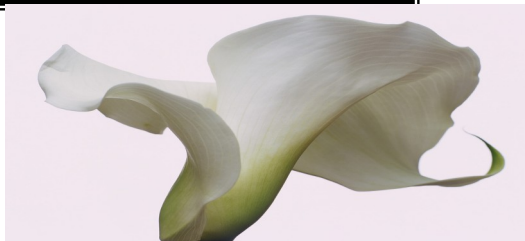
I want to thank my Church family for their prayers, visits, cards and concerns during my recent surgery. Pastor Kathy's visits and the lovely altar flowers were very much appreciated. I feel so blessed to be a part of the Good Shepherd family. ~ Betty Rodham

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the friends and family of Harriet Shealy who died on August 22nd. A funeral service was held at Good Shepherd on August 26th.

We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and the Fellowship Committee in honoring our 90th birthday celebrations. In addition, we want to thank Nancy & Jim Simpson and Betsy & Quent Lengel for supplying the beautiful and delicious birthday cakes. Each Fellowship Sunday was very special, especially being able to share our 90th birthday milestones with all of you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Clark, John Hintz and Norm Wallace



To My Good Shepherd Family:

A sincere thank you for all your prayers, concerns and cards during the illness and death of my son-in-law, Walt Speakman. He was trapped in his body, gradually unable to move for over six years due to a neurological degeneration. Yes, it is a relief that he is free now. My niece sent me a poem that expresses this so well:

I have always known
That at last I would
Take this road, but yesterday
I did not know that it would be today.

Our hope is that we will see him again. Karen, my daughter and the adult grands, Calli and Will were caring and loyal throughout his illness and we do appreciate your expressions of love. Sincerely and with love, Phyllis F. Bierstedt

Bishop Herz-Lane to Visit Good Shepherd September 13th

Bishop Wolfgang continues his tour of conferences in the synod with a two day visit to Delaware on September 13-14th. The bishop plans to visit as many congregations as possible for a brief tour and to connect with lay members and witness ministry in action.

The bishop will be at Good Shepherd on Tuesday, September 13th at 10 a.m. All are invited to welcome the bishop and have conversation about ministry at Good Shepherd. Also, please see the announcement below about an evening town hall meeting.

You are invited!
Town Hall Meeting
As we meet and greet

Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane
Bishop of the Delaware/Maryland Synod of the ELCA

September 13th , 2011
7pm - 8:30pm
Hope Lutheran Church
New Castle, Delaware
230 Christiana, DE 19720

**This will be a wonderful opportunity for open discussion, questions and answers
with our Bishop.**

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

PRAY FOR:	CONCERN:	REQUESTED BY:
DAVE BARRELL	Ocular Melanoma	Nancy Wolfe
SUZANNE BEAM	Breast Cancer	Betsy Lengel
JANE CROWLEY	Knee Replacement	Self
DONNA HARRIS	Breast Cancer Surgery	Self
TRINA HAXTON	Auto Accident	Susan Wendt
MARY & KEN KELLY	Mary- Pancreatic Cancer	Susan Hooper
TOM KELLY	Healing After Surgery	Janet James
LINDA LARKIN		Self
DEVON LENGEL	Infection	Betsy Lengel
KELLY MALONE	Cancer Treatments	Barbara Keller
BOB MELEGA	Dementia	Victor Melega
JAMES PERSOLEO	Colon Cancer	Carol Lee Waslick
JUNE ROBINSON	Continued Care	Debbie Sheridan
SUE SHANK	Valve Surgery	Barbara Keller
OTIS SHEALY	Continued Care	Pastor Kathy
HELEN TORGERSON	Continued Care	Bob Torgerson
NANCY WILLIAMS	Well Being	Janet James

Friends & families of those persons removed from the prayer line thank everyone for their prayers and concerns.

Prayer requests may be made by calling Pastor Kathy at the church office, (302) 478-3030 or Faith Moyer at (302) 475-3122.

HEALTH MINISTRY

From the Health Ministry Committee as taken from the Charlotte Observer...some good information on how to prepare for a stay in the hospital. Please note, printed copies of this article are also available on the Health Ministry Bulletin Board.

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Posted: Tuesday, May. 31, 2011

14 ways to stay safe during a hospital stay

By Judith Graham

CHICAGO hospitals may be even more dangerous than previously suspected. One of three people admitted suffers a medication mix-up, a fall, a bed sore, or another problem related to the way care is delivered, according to new research published in the health policy journal Health Affairs.

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That's the highest estimate to date, and it's not universally accepted. Still, a large body of evidence suggests that safety issues are widespread and of special relevance to seniors, who tend to be sicker and more vulnerable than other patients.

Notably, in November the Department of Health and Human Services reported that every year 134,000 older hospital patients (about 1 in 7) experience problems such as excessive bleeding, drug-related delirium, infections and more. As many experience temporary harm in the hospital.

Fortunately, there are many things people can do to help ensure their safety while in the hospital. Here's a basic checklist compiled from Consumer Reports, the National Institute on Aging, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Emory University Center on Health Outcomes and Quality and consumer advocates.

Research the hospital your doctor recommends and the procedure you're set to have. Check Medicare's Hospital Compare website ([hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](https://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov)) for information about medical centers' performance. Some states publish hospital report cards, another source worth checking.

Question your doctor. Ask how many procedures of this kind she has done, what results she usually achieves and how often potential complications occur.

Get help. Arrange for a family member, friend or private nurse to serve as your eyes and ears in the hospital. Ask a doctor to serve as your care coordinator. This can be the physician who admitted you, a medical specialist, or a "hospitalist" (a doctor whose expertise is caring for people in the hospital).

Keep a notebook. Have your advocate record the names of all the doctors involved in your care and what they said. Make sure you understand your diagnosis and treatment plan. Write down questions you want to ask a doctor in between visits.

Have your medical history on hand: all medical conditions, any surgeries or other medical procedures you've had, and all your medications.

Bring personal information and needs. This includes contact information for your primary care doctor and a list of people to be contacted in an emergency. Make sure you have eyeglasses, your dentures and your hearing aid with you. Carry a list of all the medications you take, including over-the-counter drugs and supplements. Note any allergies, previous adverse drug reactions, or bad experiences with anesthesia.

Question new prescriptions. Ask doctors to explain what they're for and potential side effects. Record names and doses in a notebook. Speak up if you don't get medication when you should.

Understand which drugs you're supposed to take when you're discharged. Get those prescriptions filled immediately. Ask about drugs you have at home and whether you should take them. Tell your primary care doctor about newly prescribed drugs.

Don't get up without help if you're told to stay in bed. Sit for a minute and make sure you're steady before you get up. Make sure that the phone and the nurse call button are in reach when you get back into bed. If you're feeling dizzy or if your room is dark and you can't see, ask for help before getting up.

Clean up. Bring disinfecting wipes to wipe down surfaces that other people touch: your phone, your bed rails, the grab bars in the bathroom, the toilet seat. Do this several times a day.

Emphasize clean hands. Watch nurses, doctors and aides who come into your room to see whether they washed their hands with soap or used a hand sanitizer before touching you. If not, politely ask them to do so.

Verify identity. Make sure providers check your identification bracelet each time before you get a medical treatment, test or medication.

Beware urinary catheters. These are a common source of infections, so ask every day whether it can be removed.

Know your doctor. If you're at a teaching hospital and a young doctor in training is providing care, make sure you know whom to talk to if you have concerns. Insist that a more senior doctor examine you if you're worried about how you're being treated.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council met on August 10th at the home of Sharon Oslin who hosted a good old fashioned Lutheran potluck dinner. Betty Setterquist led devotions from the book Called by God to Serve focusing on 1 Peter, chapter 2 and the topic "How did we get called to serve?"

We had thank you notes for our contributions to ELCA World Hunger in response to the disaster in the Pacific and from the Gettysburg Seminary. Fran and Jim Dixon also thanked us for allowing them to participate as our representatives to the Synod Convention. We also want to thank them for being our representatives.

Pastor Kathy highlighted in her report:

- Vacation Bible School had 40 children participate on June 19-23, and the outdoor worship and ice cream social also had 40 participants.
- Members are invited to meet with the Bishop on September 13th at 10am. Please call the church office if you would like to participate.
- A joint event with St. David's Episcopal Church recognizing the 10th anniversary of the 9/11/01 events is planned for September 10th and 11th.

Malcolm Styer gave the financial report which was approved as submitted. Finances are in good shape midway through the summer. Thanks to all who are keeping up with their contributions.

John Schneeweis highlighted that planning is underway for Consecration Sunday scheduled for October 16. Adult Sunday School will be a DVD series on Biblical Stewardship. Bishop Herz-Lane will be speaking at the leadership event on October 9. Pastor Ginny Price, Director of Admissions at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg will be our guest preacher on October 16.

The dedication for the Columbarium is scheduled for October 2nd. A landscaping plan is being developed. A private donor has offered to help underwrite some of the expenses.

Council approved a motion by Donna Harris to have Ed Brugel refurbish the handbells and to cover the costs of supplies up to \$1,000. Thank you Ed for this great service.

Common Committee Night will be scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of the month.

The "Vision 2021 Leadership Event – Part II" is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 from 9 to 3. Please mark your calendars if you would like to participate.

Council also approved Dave Oslin as the chair of the Endowment Committee and Kaye Tyson as the chair for the Worship and Music Committee.

Finally, the committee budget request forms are being distributed to the committee chairs. Please get them back as quickly as possible.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer. Please feel free to contact any Council member with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Council,

Rick Bogda

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Sunday Worship

8:00 & 11:00 AM

*** Beginning Sept. 11th**

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Secretaries: Susan Wendt and Sandy Andrews

Church Council President: Sharon Oslin

Director of Music: David Bowsbey

Handbell Director: Margaret Love

Parish Administrator: George Huemmrich

Parish Nurse: Heidi Preisendanz

Sexton: Bob Moyer

Volunteer Ministry Coordinator: Nancy Griffith

Voice Editor: Nancy Huber

Note to Contributors:

For the next issue, please submit your articles by September 15th. If you would like to send a contribution by e-mail, please send an attachment in Word to nancyhuber@comcast.net