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The Shepherd's Staff

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Preschool
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Be Won, Be One, Be Wanting More

The Hole in My Bucket List

It's one of life's last rites of passage: the compilation of a "Bucket List," those things a person would like to do before dying. I must confess to being rather duplicitous in the formation of my own such list. It's not so much a list as it is a rather vague willingness to try something I haven't done before. On occasion, I've even put something on the list I'd just done. In my mind, a bucket list should be flexible and open-ended, balancing what is crossed off with what's added. And the strange thing is, with my last three bucket list experiences, I've gotten more out of the failures involved in the attempts than their successful completion.

BUCKET LIST ITEM: *Walk Around Smith Rock*. Ever since we visited that state park in Oregon's high desert a decade ago, I've wanted to take the hike around its rocky spire. Earlier this summer, I finally got the chance along with my daughter and her friend. I felt pretty darn good about it when we got back to the trailhead, even congratulating myself with a fist pump. But then I discovered the true "Misery Trail" was just getting back up to the parking lot. That dang near killed me.

BUCKET LIST ITEM: *Go White Water Rafting*. Two days after recovering from Smith Rock, I signed up to "shoot the Deschutes." It was a perfect day

for a river adventure, 13 miles with some challenging rapids. I felt pretty good then, too. A company photographer took a great shot of me, sitting tall and confident navigating our rubber boat through some turbulent water. Later, he also took one of me launched overboard, completely upside down right before taking the plunge. [Both shots now adorn my office door.] Riding a Class III rapids outside of the raft, trying not to be swept underneath, proved to be the most exhilarating part of the entire trip.

BUCKET LIST ITEM: *Get Trapped in an Elevator with a Beautiful Woman*. Okay, this may be more a teenage fantasy than a bucket list item, but when it happened to me earlier this year I knew right then and there it was something I'd always wanted to experience. The fact that it happened on my way to see a cardiologist made it even better. Alas, while *I* was fully prepared to make the most of the opportunity, the beautiful woman I was trapped with was not. My wife was too concerned about our being late for the appointment to relax and sit down on the floor with me as we awaited rescue.

Here's my takeaway. A person's bucket list can never be too extensive, nor should it be age-restricted. In fact, all of life should be one big bucket list, and we should be put at least half of the items on it while we're doing them. And we should consider ourselves blessed when they go awry, because that's when our focus shifts from ourselves to God. Consider what I believe to be Paul's bucket list (2 Corinthians 11). He records: "Five times 40 lashes minus one; three times beaten with rods; once stoned; three times shipwrecked;...in danger from rivers, bandits, Gentiles, my own people; danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger

from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, cold and naked.” He can boast of all this, because by boasting in his disasters he proclaims God’s greatness. It wasn’t about what he’d accomplished; it’s what God accomplished through him.

I’m going to keep looking for more things to put on my bucket list. And whether I’m huffing and puffing up a steep hill, swallowing a couple quarts of river water, or pressing the emergency call button in a suspended box--however my best-laid plans go sideways—I’ll see it as just another box to check off in the list of the times my Savior delivers me.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

A full calendar can be found on our website.

<http://www.vanflock.org/calendar/calendar/>

GSLC Board

JUNE

Board Notes...

Minutes and Member reports are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

1. The Board approved a request from the Boy Scout pack 95 chartered by Good Shepherd to admit girls to the packs
2. The church system server crashed recently. Randy Philbrook and Dave and Aaron Burton are pursuing system recovery
3. Randy Philbrook and Pastor Ted reported on their recent experience in attending the NW District LCMS convention
4. Doug Hail reported that start-up of participation in SafePark has been delayed due to some

Meetings

Held of the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome!



Getting in touch:

President - Doug Hail, 360-210-7520

V.P - Susan Jarrett -360-771-0519

Treasurer-Janet Martin-360-687-4954

Assistant Treasurer - Eric Nelson, 503-702-5281

assignment of liability
issues

5. The Board approved a request from Parkway East neighborhood to use the parking lot to participate in a dumpster day neighborhood clean-up on a date to be determined
6. Giving of \$208,000 through the first 6 months of 2018 and over the last 12 months are tracking above the plan of \$380,000 set for 2018. A surplus of \$40,000 has been recorded in 2018 through June and \$33,000 over the last 12 months. See charts elsewhere in the newsletter. A big thank you to all for your support of Good Shepherd!

Secretary - Rob Aguilar, 253-312-8996

Ed. - Scott Friedrich, 837-2502

Property - Randy Philbrook 360-944-7339

Preschool - Jan Tyger, 360-601-916

Communication - Tim Brown, 503-510-4550

Inreach: Jean Lambert, 360-253-3861

Members-At-Large:

Vance Ablott-360-719-2696

George Mouchette 360-253-4654

Jim Boyd 360-883-8856

Cheryl Snodgrass, 360-607-3838

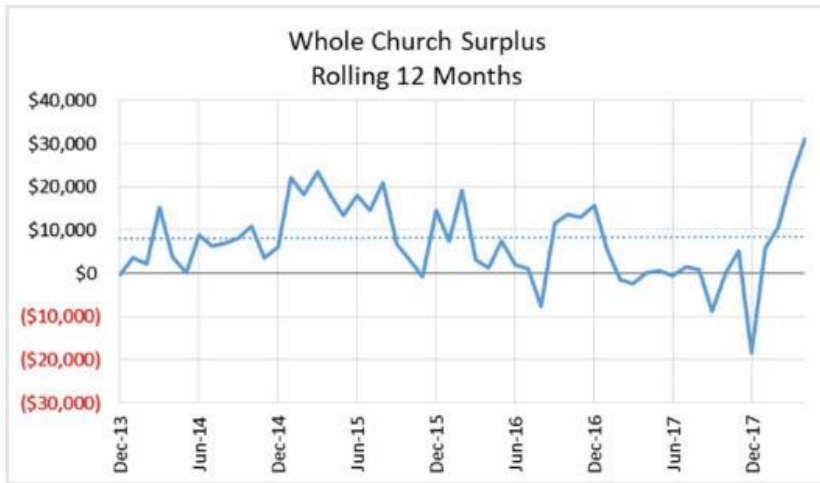
Tom Salisbury-360-949-6595

Dan Wahlstrom -360-690-5238

Giving with a Longer Term Perspective



2018 Giving plan is \$380,000



2018 whole church plan is +\$5,157

SUMMER WORSHIP

TIME CHANGE

During the months of July & August

(and the first Sunday in September)

our worship times will be 9:00am & 11:00am

September 9th we return to our

regular schedule of

8:30am, 10:00am & 11:15am

FYI

-Copies of the Board of Director's Staff and Program reports are posted on the bulletin board just outside of the church office.

If you want electronic copies, you can contact Doug Hail, President.

-Copies of the latest Good Shepherd's Directory are located on the credenza near the office window in the narthex.

Fellowship News & Notes

The Fellowship group will be meeting on 11 Aug to make final plans and clean & organize the kitchen for the 30 Mile Mission Picnic.

Did you mark your calendar? The picnic will follow our Sunday mission morning activities on 19 Aug 18. A celebration of all that is accomplished in

the mission field will take place in the sanctuary ~ noon. After the debrief, we will release in stages to go through the buffet line. The food will be delicious as it will be provided by YOU! We are requesting everyone bring a main dish and a side/salad or dessert. No chips please (will be provided). The food will be inside and the tables under canopies will be our picnic destination. Beverages will be stationed outside along with a dessert table. Please claim your dishes and any leftover food after the pot-luck. We will be using “real” silverware so don’t throw them away. Look for the food sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We also request a dedicated tear down team. The Youth handle the majority of the set-up for which we are very thankful!

If you are interested in joining the core Fellowship group or in helping with a specific event, please contact Janet Martin or Sally Galligan.



OWLS

Hold the fort one more month and we will be in the mood for our get togethers.

Remember!

September 5th is our next meeting (well not really a meeting cause we have FUN!). It will be our Luau or an attempt to one, kinda. Hope to see you there, Wednesday, September 5th at 11:30AM.

The Older, Wiser, Learned/ing, Seniors (OWLS) group meets for lunch the first Wed of every month at 11:30 AM.

Sermons Beyond Sundays

Each Sunday you can pick up this resource by the front doors as you exit the church. Sermons Beyond Sundays is a devotion, and faith discussion questions based on what Pastor Ted preaches on. We want to help ensure that what we learn together on Sunday travels with you throughout your week.

TEE IT UP!

Do you enjoy playing golf and making new friends? Join us Sundays, 5pm, at Fairway Village Golf Course. For more information, text Dan Wahlstrom at [360-690-5238](tel:360-690-5238).

Youth Mission Sunday

August 5th the youth will be sharing their experiences from the San Diego mission trip at both the 9:00, and 11:00am worship services. Following the service we'll have a potluck to celebrate and give the partners of GSLC a chance to chat, and fellowship with the youth. Check out the sign-up outside Sara's office for full potluck details.

LWML REMINDER

The first Sunday of every month is Mites Sunday. (August 5)
Thank you one and all for the sharing of your mites! Praising God for
all our blessings.

Counters for August

Aug 5	Kathy Nelson & Dave Jarrett
Aug 12	Mary Ann Dove & Joan Brown
Aug 19	Liz Bier & Jean Lambert
Aug 26	John Spetman & Jim Boyd
Sept 2	Jan Tyger & Susan Jarrett

YOUTH

Summer Schedule

Wednesday August 1st 6:00-8:00pm- Jewelry Making with Jessie
Eisenschmidt

Wednesday August 8th 4:00-8:30pm- Kayaking with Scott
Friedrich

Wednesday August 15th: No Youth Group due to 30 Mile Mission

Wednesday August 22nd: No Youth Group- Sara's on vacation

Wednesday August 29th 5:00pm-8:30pm: Photo Scavenger Hunt

Assistant Schedule

for August 2018

Date	Communion Assistants	Scripture Reader	Greeters	Ushers
Aug 5 - 9am	Dave Miletich & D.VanGundy	Larry Froberg	Victoria Hays	Dan & Heidi Wahlstrom
11am	Chris & Sally Galligan	N/A	N/A	N/A

Aug 12 - 9am	N/A	Gladys Green	Doug & Barb Hail	Carole & David Pearce
11am	Tammy & Holly Kirby	N/A	N/A	N/A

Aug 19- 12pm	Matt & Annette Idler	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aug 26- 9am	N/A	Lisa Hergert	Ken & Arlene Pankow	Vance Ablott & R. Brosius
11am	Kathy & Katie Fellabaum	N/A	N/A	N/A

If you would like to volunteer or have questions please Contact George Mouchette call/text: 360-281.9938) or Terri in the church office (254-5158).

SOUND BOARD

SCHEDULE for August

Aug 5 9:00 Jon Larson 11:00 Hail
Aug 12 9:00 Lortz 11:00 Brown
Aug 19 9:00 Nguyen 11:00 Berfanger
Aug 26 9:00 Muske 11:00 Hail
Sept 2 9:00 Lortz 11:00 Brown

August

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

August 4th

Ted & Patti Moeller

August 11

Dan & Kathy Parshall

Aug 18

Brian & Leanne McClary

Aug 25

Sept 1

Froberg & Philbrook

Treasurer's Monthly Offering Report

June 2018

General Fund

Sunday Offerings	+\$28,143.84
Operating Expenses	- \$36,535.42

Designated Offerings

Missions	\$0
Mission India	\$ 18.00
Building Fund	\$ 645.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 175.00
Music	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 600.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Sammies Fund	\$ 50.00

Designated Totals	\$ 1,583.00
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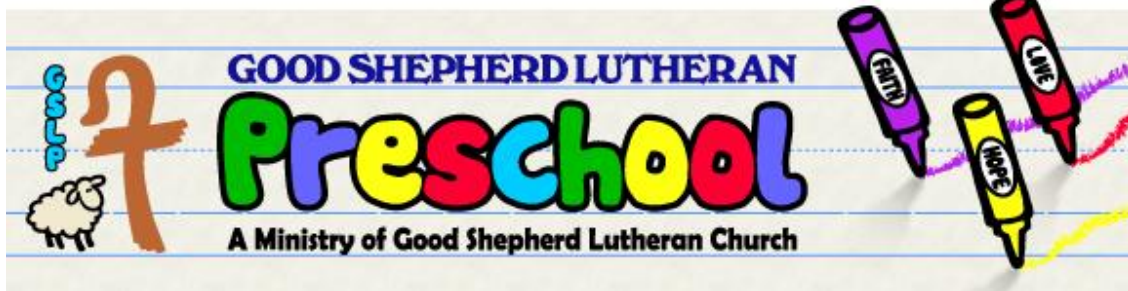
August Birthdays

Michelle Bier	August 1
Laurie Moog	August 2
Christine Mouchette	August 2
Brian Weeks	August 6
Margaret King	August 8
Addison Carvel	August 13
Kathy Keil	August 13
Marc Martin	August 16
Holly Kirby	August 21
Dolores Fuerstenau	August 25
Raegan Philbrook	August 25
Adam Rabe	August 25
Bruce Clark	August 27
Dennis Brockmann	August 28
Aaron Burton	August 28
David Berfanger	August 30
Robert Jacke	August 30

Attendance Report

June 2018

Week of:	S.S.	Bible Studies	Worship	
	6/3	5	31	58/126
/18				
	6/10	10	41	64/154
/27				
	6/17	~	~	66/96/
34				
	6/24	~	~	67/98/
25				
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Average		8	36	64/119
/26				



What a GREAT year! Preschool is out for summer break, we are sending twenty-two kids off to Kindergarten, well prepared for their next school adventure, and with seeds of Jesus' love planted in their hearts!

We also say a "farewell" to our Assistant Teacher, Sophia Schulze, as she is taking a break to spend more time raising her children, with the addition of her new little Ellie, born 6/11/18, weighing in at 8 lbs., 3 oz. Little Ellie, mom, and family are all doing very well! What a precious blessing!

SUMMER CAMP 2018! We thoroughly enjoyed our first preschool summer camp! Our theme was "STEMmed in Christ! We learned about God's love for us, being planted or built on a firm foundation, explored nature, created art and other projects and figured things out through trial and error. We built houses and other structures, made different types of catapults, walked on water (our cornstarch and water mixture), blew things up (mentos geysers), read stories like, Ada Twist Scientist and Rosie Revere Engineer, created our own snacks that included lots of Jesus and Science, and much, much more!

Employment Opportunity!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is seeking an individual who is passionate about teaching young children and nurturing the spirit, mind, and body of children through Jesus' love, to serve as Assistant Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

Position: Assistant Teacher, Preschool Ages 3 to 5

Part-time: 2 to 4 days per week (depending on enrollment), during regular attendance weeks during the school year, plus supplemental time as approved

Hourly wage: \$11.50/h

Contact: Krista Moore, Preschool Director, at preschool@vanflock.org
