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FROM THE PASTOR By Pastor David K. Groth



### "WE MUST ALWAYS TAKE SIDES"

The year was 1982. I was in high school, and my family was applying to host a foreign exchange student. Part of the application process was to meet and greet the previous year's exchange students, each of which gave a presentation about their home country. One of the students was from Sweden. He was big-boned, tall and barrel-chested. He was a very proud young man. He was particularly proud of Sweden's historic neutrality, and talked at length about the virtues of neutrality. (Sweden did not participate in World War I or World War II.)

It's funny the things you remember, but I can still see the man sitting directly in front me. He was in his sixties with white hair closely cropped. He was a small man, lean, wiry, and had fine lines in the back of his tanned neck. Everyone in the small town of Delavan knew he had fought in the European theater of World War II.

As the Swedish student went on about the merits of neutrality, the man in front of me was growing physically agitated, shifting repeatedly in his seat. He could not get comfortable. His neck grew a darker shade of red. Clearly, he had something to say and was trying to hold it in. But he could not. He interrupted the young Swede and said, "Sometimes you have to stand up to and confront evil in order to stop it!" I don't recall what the big Swede said in response. I only recall how relieved he was to field a soft, easy question from someone else in the crowd.

"Sometimes you have to stand up to and confront evil in order to stop it." It's true in international relations. It's also true at the local level. (I'm thinking of the human trafficking going on in our area, particularly in and around the strip joints.) It's also true as individuals. The 8th commandment forbids us from slandering another person, which is easy to do, especially when we have a grievance. But it's just as easy to break the 8th commandment with our silence and neutrality, for example when we are not speaking up for or defending the one who's being slandered. Our silence is assent. Our silence gives the nod of approval. Our silence is like Saul watching over the cloaks of those who were stoning Stephen (Acts 7:54-60). Proverbs 31 says, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (vv. 8-9).

Elie Wiesel was a Holocaust survivor who won the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech, he writes, "I remember: it happened yesterday or eternities ago. A

young Jewish boy discovered the kingdom of night. I remember his bewilderment, I remember his anguish. It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed cattle car. The fiery altar . . . I remember: he asked his father: 'Can this be true?' This is the twentieth century, not the Middle Ages. Who would allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent? . . . I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must – at that moment – become the center of the universe" (Quoted from WSJ 7/4/16).

I write this shortly before Memorial Day Weekend, grateful to God for those who have stood up to evil, and grateful to all those who are willing to do so today. I write this grateful also to God's Son Jesus who stood up to our oppressors of sin, death and the devil.

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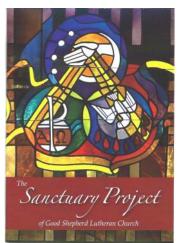
Pastor Groth

### "A STORY ABOUT THE SANCTUARY PROJECT"

The first gift to our Sanctuary Project came from an elderly couple. They are not members of Good Shepherd, but their son lived for a long time on the main campus of Bethesda. Whenever they came to town for a visit, they would worship at Good Shepherd.

This couple was devastated when they heard the main campus of Bethesda (including the chapel) was going to be torn down; but they were also delighted to learn we were going to receive the beautiful stained glass windows from Bethesda.

One day last year fall, this couple asked to see me immediately after a Saturday evening service. We sat down in my office and she told me a story I will not soon forget. She told me they'd been married for 53 years, and over this entire time they used a simple but effective way to manage their expenses. Every pay period, the husband gave his wife a sum of cash to pay



for their groceries. Anything she did not spend, she put in a paper bag, and stored that paper bag in the cedar chest. Again, she told me, "I did this for over 50 years of marriage!"

The wife then opened up her big purse, and pulled out a well rumpled brown paper bag with numerous rubber bands holding it in a bundle. "Here's the leftovers! It's for the windows!" she said excitedly. "It's not gaining any interest in the cedar chest, and we wanted to do something good with it." In the bag was over \$6,000 in small, old bills!

At this point, the husband laughed heartily and said, "I didn't even know about this until last week! For 53 years she kept this a secret!"

Again, these are not members of Good Shepherd, but are friends of Good Shepherd with deep roots at Bethesda. And they are so happy to support this project!

Pastor Groth

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By Amy Gromowski



### "STOP THE FIGHTING"

The following excerpt comes from a Lutheran Hour Ministries Devotion from January 22, 2018:

"Now in this world I can think of a number of places you want to see peace and harmony and no conflict or dissension. For example,

- You don't want to see surgeons fighting before they operate on you.
- You don't want to see personnel fighting while they pack your parachute before a jump.
- You don't want to see pilots fighting while the plane is in the air."

As I read this I mentally added my own bullet point

• And I don't want to see God's littler people fighting at our school. Ever.

Many times prospective parents come to visit Good Shepherd and ask the question, "How do you handle discipline?" I tell them the truth. While we first apply Love and Logic program practices to negative situations (which help children learn accountability) we go a step further to follow it with Christian practices. We work together to get to the root of the problem and talk things out. We are honest with each other about out our actions and our feelings, and then we work for a solution, ending with forgiveness granted.

Just like all of the given examples make people lose faith in the workers listed above, how we resolve our differences, whether it's a playground fight over 4-square or nasty rumors being spread, can give people faith that honors our Savior in a God-pleasing way.

Colossians 3:12-13 "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

As a former GSLS student once said to another (struggling to be truthful) in my office, "You might as well just give it up. Ms. Gromowski loves us enough, whether we like it or not, to spend her entire day making this right between us." What a blessing, joy, and opportunity we have to stop the fighting and restore faith in each other through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In His Service.



Amy Gromowski Principal



### PARISH NURSE HEALTH NOTE

By Bonnie Mihal



### "STAY HEALTHY THIS SUMMER"

The Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services released some important summer health concerns 5/07/18. They strongly encourage all of us to avoid tick and mosquito bites.

Ticks can transmit Lyme Disease and mosquitoes can transmit the West Nile virus. Wisconsin is in the top 20% of states with tick-borne disease. There were 4,299 cases of Lyme disease in WI in 2017. There were also 51 cases of West Nile virus in WI. Certain dead birds can be an indication of West Nile. NEVER touch sick or dead birds-report them to 1-800-433-1610 the WI Hotline.

Ticks and mosquitoes are not only annoying, but can be deadly! What to do:

- \*Use EPA-approved repellent according to label directions
- \*Wear light-colored long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- \*Use permithin-treated clothing
- \*Control ticks on pets
- \*Check our body for ticks after outings in woods or long grass-remove safely
- \*Control mosquitoes outside your home-check for standing water

From WI Dept of Health Services—Bonnie Mihal, Parish Nurse

Ticks and mosquitoes are serious concerns!!



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD JULY 25TH 1:30-6:30

The Red Cross will again give us \$10 for each unit donated. That money will be donated to the Watertown Area Cares Clinic located in the YMCA building on South 8th St. They serve approximately 125 individuals every month.

Sign-up sheets will be available mid June in the narthex. You can also sign up online at RedCrossblood.org. There will also be opportunities to sign up volunteers to help serve food and assist donors from the donor area to snack area. We can also use donations of cookies and bars and bananas. Set-up and clean-up helpers are also needed.

Let's show our community how civic-minded Good Shepherd members are!

Bonnie Mihal, Parish Nurse

### \*GSLC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2018 CHANGES

#### Transferred Out:

Address or Phone Correction/Change: Donald Kagerbauer, 700 Welsh Rd Apt 91, Watertown, WI 53098-4295; Kyle Pirkel, 916 S12th St, Watertown, WI 53094-7102; Adelbert & Shirley Oestreich 1035 Perry St, Apt 3316, Watertown, WI 53098-3242; Dorothy Degnitz, zip code 53098-3259.

Baptism: Benjamin Daniel Feathers, Harper Jane Schmidt

\*Note: New directories will not be printed until the end of the year. Please make these changes to your paper copy of the 2018 membership directory. Thank you. Dee

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S 18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 18th Annual Golf Outing and Silent Auction Fundraiser will be held on August 19, 2018, 1 pm, at Windwood Country Club of Watertown. In the upcoming weeks, we will be looking for golfers, sponsors, event volunteers and silent auction donations.



If you have any questions, would like to donate or are interested in volunteering, please contact Tim Behling at 414-254-3060 or Phil Zastrow at 414-313-5247.

We would like to thank everyone in advance for your kind and generous support of our school and are looking forward to another great event this year.

# SANDWICHES IN THE PARK— HELP WITH SUPPLIES NEEDED



Summer will soon be here – at least according to the calendar. We are starting to gear up for Sandwiches in the Park which will be every Friday starting June 15 and running through August 24.

Bag lunches that we provide for families with children include the choice of a meat, cheese, or peanut butter sandwich, fresh vegetables (finger food), fresh fruit or fruit cup, a snack item (cookies, granola bars, pretzels, etc.), white or chocolate milk (100% fruit juice if not able to drink milk) and yogurt sticks or frozen pops.

In order to help with supplies, the Giving Tree will be set up for items such as creamy peanut butter, grape and strawberry jelly, paper towels, napkins, brown lunch paper bags (large size), disposable wash cloths and Zip Lock sandwich bags (we need a lot of them each week – 1 for a sandwich, 1 for fruit, 1 for vegetables, and maybe 1 for snacks – so we really can't have too many when figuring 11 weeks averaging 80-90 lunches per week).

Bread and buns will again be provided by Brownberry Ovens delivered by Dr. Dan Lapin once a week for all three churches involved. We need to purchase meat, milk, fruit and vegetables every week so monetary donations would also be appreciated.

If GSLC members would like to help make lunches on Friday mornings or help serve the lunches, or have any questions about the program, please call Nora David at home (261-1287) or at work (261-5142). Thank you!



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY – JUNE/JULY, 2018!**



Bonnie Mihal	Pamela Morris	Todd & Carrie Narkis	Frederick & Kathy Neuberger	
Saturday, 6/2/18	Sunday, 6/17/18	Sunday, 7/1/18	Sunday, 7/15/18	
6:00 PM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Daniel Menzel	Menzel Barbara Morris		Dorothy Nico	
Sunday, 6/3/18	Sunday, 6/17/18	Sunday, 7/1/18	Saturday, 7/21/18	
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	
Tammy Mielke	Lisa & Matthew Morris	Daniel Neils	Caralee Nico	
Sunday, 6/3/18	Sunday, 6/17/18	Saturday, 7/7/18	Sunday, 7/22/18	
10:30 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	
Lester & Karla Moll	Beverly Murray & Julie Brzo-	James & Janet Neitzel	Eileen Nieman	
Saturday, 6/9/18	zowski	Sunday, 7/8/18	Sunday, 7/22/18	
6:00 PM	Saturday, 6/23/18 6:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Troy & Shannon Milbrath		Kyle & Courtney Nelson	James & Beverly Nikson	
Sunday, 6/10/18	Dennis & Gail Mudler	Sunday, 7/8/18	Saturday, 7/28/18	
8:00 AM	Sunday, 6/24/18 8:00 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	
Richard & Sharon Moen		George & Pat Neuberger	Aaron & Catherine Oestreich	
Sunday, 6/10/18	Steven & Jody Naatz	Saturday, 7/14/18	Sunday, 7/29/18	
10:30 AM	Sunday, 6/24/18 10:30 AM	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	
Nan Moss		Naomi Neuberger	Michael Ostermann	
Saturday, 6/16/18	David & Rhonda Nachtigall	Sunday, 7/15/18	Sunday, 7/29/18	
6:00 PM	Saturday, 6/30/18 6:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	

	Month Ending 04/30/18	<u>YTD</u>
Total Giving	\$87,290.23	\$957,530.06
Total Expenses	\$100,841.84	\$975,103.32
Net Income (Loss)	-\$13,551.61	-\$17,573.26
		Balance Due
Long Term Debt		\$291,619.25
LOC		\$55,000.00
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Dedicated Accounts	\$128,319.34	\$66,555.68





# KINGDOM QUEST - EXPLORING GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Dear Parents & Grandparents:

The Board of Parish Education extends our heartfelt appreciation to you for bringing your children to Sunday School classes this past year. Our last day of Sunday School classes for this year will be Sunday, June 3.

Sunday School classes will begin again this fall, further information will be published in the August newsletter.

### **ENROLL NOW for the 2018 Vacation Bible School program:**



Theme: "SHIPWRECKED – RESCUED BY JESUS!"

Date: Monday, June 11 thru Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 9 am – Noon

Registration: Please register your children as soon as possible by completing a registration form at church or online https://vbspro.events/p/events/1e673e.

Enrollment Fee: 1 child \$10; 2 children \$20; 3 or more children \$25. This enrollment fee helps cover the cost of VBS supplies and materials.

Have a great summer everyone!

Sincerely,

### The Board of Parish Education

Barb Wegner, Naomi Neuberger, Laura Dobbratz, Becky Raether, Jan Schadt, Heather Steinhart, Tanya Demetropoulos

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shipwrecked VBS...June 11-15, 9 am to noon~Leaders and helpers are needed. Registration forms are located in the church office. Online registration is at <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/1e673e">https://vbspro.events/p/events/1e673e</a>. Ages 3 thru 6th grade are welcome to attend VBS. The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 for 3 or more children. Please contact Sara Weinkauf 262-443-9691 if you can help or if you have any questions. Thank you.

Last one for the summer, June 9, Men's Bible Study/Breakfast, 7:30 am. Please sign up in the narthex. Thank you.

GSLC Church Picnic, June 24~Begins with a 10 am service. Lunch will be served after the service. Those with last names starting with A-M are asked to bring a side dish to pass (pasta, beans, etc., or fruit). Those with last names starting N-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring a non-alcoholic drink of your preference. A signup sheet will be in the narthex. We will also need help with setup, serving and clean up. Signup sheets for each of these duties will be posted outside the church office. Anderson's band will play music during the lunch period and there will be activities for young kids. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of food and entertainment. If you have further questions about volunteering, you can contact: Mike Wegner 1-414-581-3822.

Sunday School Closing Program~You're invited. Parents, Grandparents, Congregation Members! The Sunday School children will present "Bible Verses and Songs" on Sunday, June 3, between services during the Sunday School hour (9:20). The children would like to share these Bible verses in song with everyone. Please plan to attend!



**Stephen Ministers** can help when life gets out of balance. If your life or that of someone you know has shifted out of balance, consider **Stephen Ministry**. Call Pastor Groth 253-6735 or Kathy Wagner 261-0221.

**SCRIP** Order scrip gift cards to use for shopping. If you have any questions, please call Heather McGuire 920-744-7942.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Good Shepherd's 18th Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, 1 pm! Have you considered donating an item, talent, or experience for the silent auction? We're also looking for sponsors for carts, holes, and the event itself. Not a golfer? If you have any questions, would like to donate, or are interested in attending the event, please feel free to call Tim Behling - 414-254-3060, Phil Zastrow – 414-313-5247 or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School at (920)261-2570.

LWML RECYCLE CONTRACT RESTARTED WITH NEW RULES. We have just received word that the recycle of certain inkjet printer cartridges has been restarted but with new rules. They must be "virgin" not refilled or re-manufactured and must be listed on the 16 page list of Brand, model and cartridge number plus color. ALSO ACCEPTED: cell phones, pagers, GPS, mobile hot spots, e-book readers, iPods/MP3 players, digital cameras, PDAs, iPads/tablets, and video games. NOT ACCEPTED NOW ARE LASER/toner printer cartridges. Please put ink cartridges inside a plastic bag before dropping in our box. A copy of those that qualify is now posted on the Women's section of the bulletin board. Or you can call Karen Beckman to ask if what you have is accepted or not.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY for the Hygiene Kit project. Thanks to all who donated

items or money and special thanks to all who came for the Women's meeting Tuesday evening to help assemble the kits. We will have 103 kits for Orphan Grain Train Inc. I was told they are working on a shipment for Liberia, West Africa, which is where Becky T. Grossman works. God Bless you all. Women of Good Shepherd

**Thank you to all those who donated** to this year's spring clothing drive. Your contributions are appreciated. Rosemary Joas, Board of Human Care

Tuesday Bible study will resume in September. We meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Pastor and Diane Thompson's 7 PM. We will be studying the book of Revelation. Rich Moen

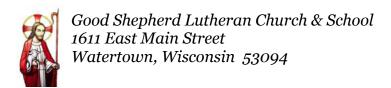
**Save the date:** Praise in the Park August 26. Praising our Lord Jesus Christ through song and dance. A non confrontational way to share your faith. We need volunteers for child craft, food preparation and service, setup 8-10AM and cleanup 6-8PM. Call Sharon Moen 920-988-7585. Thank you.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Last day of School	2
						W/C 6 pm
3 8:00 am W/C 9:15 am B/SS 10:30 am W/C Sunday School Closing Program	4 Begin Summer hours Church Office: 8 am to Noon	5 Ladies B 6:30 pm	6 Bethesda 4 pm	7	8	9 Last Men's Bible Study/Breakfast for summer 7:30 am Rev. Thompson W 6 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Dr. Paavola 8:00 am W 10:30 am W/C	WBS ALL WEEK— BDSE Mtg 5:30pm All Boards 7pm BOD Mtg follows	Ladies B 6:30 pm	Bethesda 4 pm	Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm	VBS closing program  Sandwiches in the Park begins	W/C 6 pm Praise Service
17 Father's Day! 8:00 am W/C 9:15 am B 10:30 am W/C	18	19 Ladies B 6:30 pm	20 Bethesda 4 pm	21	22	23 W 6 pm
CHURCH PICNIC 10 am W/C	25	26 Ladies B 6:30 pm	27 Bethesda 4 pm	28 Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm	29	30 W/C 6 pm
	Have an awesome Summen!			W = Worship C = Communion CC = Confirmation Classes SS = Sunday School B = Bible Study	Y = Youth Group NS = No School RJ = Resounding Joy Bell Choir SC = Shepherd's Choir S = School	BP—Blood Pressure Checks BDSE—Board of Day School Education



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1 8:00 am W/C 9:15 am B 10:30 am W/C	2	3 Ladies B 6:30 pm	4 OFFICE CLOSED 4TH OF JULY Bethesda 4 pm	5	6	7 W 6 pm
8 8:00 am W 9:15 am B 10:30 am W/C	7 BDSE Mtg 5:30pm All Boards 7pm BOD Mtg follows	8 Ladies B 6:30 pm	9 Bethesda 4 pm	10 Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm	11	14 W/C 6 pm
15 8:00 am W/C 9:15 am B 10:30 am W/C GP articles due	16	17 Ladies B 6:30 pm	18 Bethesda 4 pm	19	20	21  Rev. Thompson  W 6 pm Praise Service
22 Dr. Paavola 8:00 am W 9:15 am B 10:30 am W/C	30	Ladies B 6:30 pm	Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 pm Bethesda 4 pm	26 Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm	27	Youth Group Brat Haus at Glenn's Market W/C 6 pm
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### **Return Service Requested**

**Our Sun. service is televised** Tuesday mornings at 8 am and afternoons at 3:00 pm as well as on Sunday at 2 pm on cable channel 98 and the high-definition cable channel 985. <a href="http://bit.ly/gslcvideo">http://bit.ly/gslcvideo</a>

### **Bible Studies**

- Sun. Morning Bible Study held at 9:15 am in the Seminar room.
- Men's Thurs. Night Bible Study at 7 pm Wrolstad home. Please call Jeremy Wrolstad for details. 920-248-6591.
- Women's Bible Study held Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Seminar room. New members welcome. (Heather 920-285-7110) Sept.-May
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm Please call Rich Moen (920-988-0588) if you would like to attend.
- 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Led by Dorothy Degnitz. New members welcome! (Dorothy 261-9629)
- If you have any prayer requests, please call the church office at 920-261-2570 during regular hours 9 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Friday. For the prayer chain, please call Fern Tegtmeier at 920-262-9188. In the case of an emergency after church office hours, please call Pastor Groth's cell phone (920) 253-6735. Thank you.

**Taxi Tokens Reminder**— the Board of Human Care has taxi tokens available for those who need a ride to church services or events. Call Julie Haversack.



## DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION:

~Weekly Bulletin Announcements -Wednesday

~Monthly Green
Pastures
Newsletter—
3rd Sunday
of the month

Worship Services
Saturdays 6:00 pm
Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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