

THE SHEP NEWS



Weekend E-Newsletter • Sunday, June 14, 2009 • Pentecost II • Worship: 9AM- ELW Worship; 10 AM-Sunday School/Fellowship; 11 AM -Sing 'N Rejoice Worship

OUR MISSION

- To invite all people to know the unconditional love of Christ;
- To share Christ's love through words and deeds;
- To empower people to serve Christ in the world.



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Pentecost II
Mark 6:26-34

Sermon on the Amount June 7, 2009

Needed weekly 6703
Debt Reduction 560

TOTAL RECEIVED 5757
Needed for Budget -566
Worship Attendance 205
Sunday School 52
Owed Reserve Fund 13,500

Your help is appreciated
with weekly expenses



Arches National Park 2007



50th Anniversary

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The Cellist of Sarajevo

In 1992, the beautiful city of Sarajevo was being torn apart in the ethnic strife of the Bosnian civil war. On the afternoon of May 27, a bomb was dropped on one of the last functioning bakeries in the city - 22 people who were waiting patiently to buy bread for their families were killed instantly.

Vedran Smailovic witnessed the bombing from his apartment window. He was horrified and enraged at the bloody massacre. Enough! he thought. But what could he do? Vedran Smailovic was not a politician or soldier. He was a musician, an accomplished cellist who played with several Eastern European symphony orchestras. All he knew was music.

So that is what he did. Every evening after that, at 4 P.M., the time of the fatal explosion, the 37-year-old cellist, dressed formally as if for a concert performance, took his cello to the site of the crater created by the bomb. And there he would play one of his favorite pieces, Albinoni's "Adagio in G minor." All around him mortar shells and bullets would fly, but he would continue to play. For 22 days -- one day for each of those killed - Smailovic played at the same spot. He played to ruined homes, smoldering fires, terrified Sarajevans hiding in basements. He



played for the sake of human dignity that is the first casualty of war. He played for life, for peace, for hope. One day he was asked by a journalist if he was crazy for what he was doing. The cellist replied, "You ask me am I crazy for playing the cello, why do you not ask if they are not crazy for shelling Sarajevo."

Every day for the next 18 months, Vedran Smailovic "offer[ed] a musical prayer for peace." He would play his cello in graveyards and bombsites. As his story became known, he became a symbol for peace in Bosnia.

Today, Vedran Smailovic is revered as a hero by the people of Sarajevo. A statue of a musician, sitting on a chair and playing a cello, was erected on the spot where Smailovic first played. But Smailovic says in all humility, "I am nothing special. I am a musician, I am part of the town. Like everyone else, I do what I can."

The story of Vedran Smailovic is the living embodiment of Jesus' parable of the mustard seed, a marker for all of us struggling to live out our baptisms. Mustard seed faith is centered in the conviction that, in the smallest acts of compassion and generosity, we can transform the most barren stretches of our lives into great gardens of hope. We may have little or no expectation of a harvest; nurturing what we have planted may be a frustrating and seemingly futile undertaking, but Christ calls us to embrace the faith and hope of the Gospel mustard seed: to be willing to

plant whatever "seeds" of Gospel hope and compassion that we possess, wherever and whenever we can, in the certain knowledge that it will result in a harvest of God's life and love.

Pastor Ron

This Weekend, June 14th our new worship schedule begins: 9AM - Evangelical Lutheran Worship; 10AM, Summer Sunday School, Adult Fellowship; 11AM -Sing 'N Rejoice Worship.

Adult Choir Ends Season June 7

Our Good Shepherd Adult Choir sang its last anthem for the year on Sunday, June 7. If you had the opportunity to worship with us on Good Friday, you know how inspiring our choir can be when they are all together and worshipping "with one voice". The choir has been enhancing our two traditional worship services for many years now. One of the drawbacks has been some have been singing at the early service while others sing at the 11:15 service. Although the weekly presentations of the choir have sounded excellent throughout the years, it will be a joyous experience to work with one unified choir at the same service, starting this coming Fall.

Many thanks to all the singers who gave a great deal of their time, effort and spirit making a delightful joyful noise unto the Lord during the past year:

Soprano: Aislinn Latham, Gail Mathews, Emily Miller, Amy Quinn, Becca Reeves, Karen Sewell, and Diane Willoughby
Alto: Marilyn Ayres, Caroline Bailey, Karen Fetterly, Julie Howell, Kristan Latham, Andrea Reaves, Lucretia Reaves, and Pat Schoonover
Tenor: Brit Fisher, Jim Latham, Brad Reaves, Pastor Ron Reaves, and Kent Treichler
Bass: Pastor Gary Bilbie, Ron Cassel, Jordan Miller, Donald Salt, Mike Schaeffer, and Keith Schoonover

We are always indebted to Michele Kimmel for her

excellent accompaniment skills on both the piano and organ. Plus, we are blessed with the skillful abilities of *Diana Larson* on the flute, *Ted Quast* on the violin, *Dennis Fraley* on the trumpet, and *Todd Crum* on the drums. At Christmas and Easter we have enjoyed the Shepherd's Brass, which has included *Norm Covert* on the trombone, and *Karen Evans, Pastor Ron and Dennis Fraley* on trumpets. We also enjoyed choir chimers *Pam Nelson, Connie Isoldi, and Kelly Schoonover*.

We also appreciate liturgical dancers *Lisa Rippeon, Connie Isoldi, Gail Mathews, and Kelly Schoonover* who help bring the spirit to life on Transfiguration and Easter.

Yes, Good Shepherd has been blessed with many musical gifts of the spirit! Choir rehearsals will resume again in September, starting the first **Thursday after Labor Day, September 10**. New members are always welcome. Please contact me if you wish to join, and I will provide you with a set of music. Phone: 301-304-0374 (jdrippeon1@aol.com) *Janet Rippeon, Choir Director*

Summer Music Offerings

Are you interested in sharing your gift of music during the 9:00 am Traditional Worship Services at Good Shepherd this summer? If so, please sign up for one or more Sundays on the sheet posted on the Worship and Music bulletin board in the Narthex. Your vocal or instrumental selection will be presented during the offering collection time. *Michele Kimmel* will be available to accompany you if requested. Please sign up at least a week in advance of your desired performance Sunday for music planning purposes and to insure the detailed information regarding your music selection can be included in the bulletin. *Michele Kimmel* 301-698-9572 mjkim@comcast.net.

More Graduates *Daniel Puziss, Tuscarora High School; Rebecca Daniels, daughter of Sharon Wiklinski, recently graduated from the Art Academy University of San Francisco, CA. Congratulations! We're proud of you!*

Shepherd's Brew

Night: Come perform or just listen and enjoy. Bring a snack to share, a neighbors, friends. Friday's, Community Room, 7:30-9:30PM..

Upcoming dates for the remainder of 2009:

June 19th, July 17th,

August 21st, Sept.

18th, Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 18th. *Mike & Robin Schaeffer, schaeffz@netzero.net.*



Planning for VBS. 2009 (July 13-17, 9-12 Noon)

is well under way. We are excited to have so many families involved already. We are still accepting registrations and volunteers, so please consider joining us! We are also in need of donations for various items to use during craft and science times. If

you can donate any of these items, please place them in the VBS box in the narthex. Thank you! Items Needed: *wooden paint stirrers, junk hardware (bolts, washers, nuts, etc.), eye droppers, sand paper, 5-gallon buckets, shaving cream, coffee filters, styro-foam packing peanuts, toothpicks (500), modeling clay, metal washers (500), magnifying lenses, small plastic cups, tacky glue, tempera paint.* mandygilbart@yahoo.com

Attention Good Shepherd "Key Holders"

—we will be re-keying all five of our church outside doors on June 16th. If you have a leadership function that requires using a church key, we ask that you 'sign out' for a numbered key. The first opportunity will be on **Saturday, June 13th at the church 10AM – 2PM**. If you have any questions, contact *Loretta Covert* or leave a message at 301-663-3344 or GoodShep14@aol.com.

Prayer Concerns: *the Family of Ken Dell; Lee Brohawn, Lucas Phelan; Sandy Kessler, Kathleen Shook; Phyllis Culler, Dale Lutz, Caroline Royster, Dolores Kranking, Evie Timberlake, Diane Turner, Carolyn Hellman, Norm Covert, and Linc Gluscevic, and Arthur Edwards, England, friend of Essie Freeburn; Autumn Caro, broken collar bone; Renee and family, friends of Julie Schirf; Shawn Blackmer, Sally Martin (knee surgery), Rosella Kowalek, Pre-school Teacher (foot surgery). Phone: Peggy Beers (301) 663-9741/Marilyn Ayres (301) 663-1997; E-mail Evie Timberlake 2timbers@verizon.net and Donna Willoughby godsibb@aol.com.*

Homebound: *Orpha Zimmerman, Glade Valley Nursing Home, Walkersville; Becky Molesworth; Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Mary Nelson; Alice Willoughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Gluscevic; Jo Adams; Belva Bell; Marjorie Deater; Kathleen Shook, Barbara Adams, Northampton Manor Nursing Home.*

Remember Our Military Members: *Jason Feser, Jeffrey Feser, Brad Crum.; Eric Feser's new address: Pvt. Feser, Eric J, 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2-60th INF. REGT. BLDG 11000 DIXIE RD, FT. Jackson, SC 29207-6100. (please place a big "3" on the back of the envelope.) Also, keep in prayer, civilian Paul Mekkelson, deployed to Iraq until July with the Department of Defense*

The Coffee Table *Friday, June 12th features Mike Schaeffer.* Come by for a good time of fellowship and good music, 7:30PM.

Flower Notation If you wish to take the flowers you have signed up for, please indicate by placing a star on the flower chart next to your name. Otherwise Flower Ministers will pick them up and deliver them to our homebound and hospitalized members. Thanks. *Terri Baker, Flower Ministry.*

June Pot Luck Dinner and Auction

The Seniors of Good Shepherd would like to invite the congregation to join them for a Pot Luck Dinner, **Wednesday, June 17 at 6PM** in

the Community Room. It will be followed by an Auction at 7PM. Bring a covered dish to share and **one item per person** to be auctioned. Bake a cake, pie, or find an item that you think is a "white elephant" but might be a treasure to someone else. The money raised will go to the *Religious Coalition for Emergency Needs*.

Needed for September: *A person to be a back-up or team teacher for Eighth Grade Confirmation. Contact Lucretia Reaves at 301-663-9566 or ldreaves@comcast.net.*

First Service Help We are in need of some folks to help set up chairs for Adult Sunday School in the Community Room and for moving coffee and refreshments to the Gathering Area table for the morning. As of June 14th. Contact Pastor Ron ronrv@comast.net

Summer Hymns for 9AM/11AM Do you have a favorite hymn from the ELW Hymnal? Let us know. We plan to honor as many requests as possible during the summer for 9AM ELW Worship and Contemporary Sing and Rejoice 11AM worship Look for the inserts in the bulletin. *Thumb through the hymnal for 9AM or the Sing 'N Rejoice service bulletin for 11AM. Let us know.*

Children's Chatters are needed for both the 9AM and 11AM services. Training and resources are available from Pastor Ron. Contact *Lucretia Reaves ldreaves@comcast.net.*

Simply Giving® is a program of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that lets people give their church offering by using electronic funds transfers, like many already use for other commitments, enabling us to support the Church's mission consistently throughout the year. See the note on the Stewardship/Faith Response information board in the Gathering area.

Sicily and Southern Italy, Rome

with Pastor Ron, **November 2-13, 2009**, \$2999 from Washington, D.C., includes Palermo, Sorrento, Pompeii and Rome. www.travron.com. Brochures available in the Gathering Area. *Plenty of space available!*

Have you considered your pledge to "Sowing for the Harvest," our three-year support of ministries of 1) Mar-Lu-Ridge; 2) Gettysburg Seminary and 3) one new congregational start in Delaware-Maryland Synod?

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