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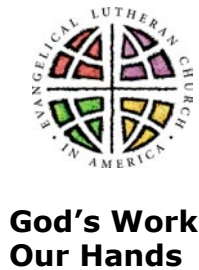


Weekend E-Newsletter • January 24, 2010 • Third Sunday after Epiphany • Worship: 9AM- ELW Service; 10 AM-Sunday School; 11 AM -Sing 'N Rejoice

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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January 17, 2010

Sermon on the Amount

Needed weekly \$6703
Debt Reduction 560

TOTAL RECEIVED \$4956
Needed for Budget **\$6511**
Worship Attendance 230
Sunday School 66
To Make Budget **\$4975**
Owed Reserve Fund 17,500
Your help with weekly expenses is appreciated



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Luke 4:14-21

The first great prophet

The eminent anthropologist Margaret Mead was once asked what she regarded as the earliest sign of civilization. Was it an axe-blade, an arrowhead, a fish-hook, or something more sophisticated, such as a musical instrument or a ceramic bowl?

Her answer surprised her questioner: "A healed human femur."

Not something made by a human, but something human; not an artifact, but a part of someone who once lived and walked this earth, who was hurt but healed. Doctor Mead explained that where the law of the survival of the fittest reigns, a broken leg means certain death - when you cannot make it on your own, you're doomed. But a healed leg-bone is physical evidence that someone cared. Someone gathered food for that injured person until their leg was healed; someone cared for them until they could once again care for themselves.

The first sign of civilization was compassion.

Whoever first set that bone and cared for that injured woman or man so the bone could heal was the first great prophet of compassion. Jesus begins his own public ministry of compassion by invoking the vision of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, to bring glad

tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the Lord's favor." In the Father's Son, Isaiah's vision of a world transformed and reconciled in God's peace and justice is fulfilled; in God's Christ, God re-creates us and our world in the light of grace and the spirit of compassion. In baptism, we take on the work of "fulfilling" Isaiah's vision of healing, justice and compassion in our own "civilizations."

Pastor Ron

New Council Officers

were elected at the first regular meeting of Congregation Council, Monday, January 11th. *Phyllis Hane* was elected President; *Kent Treichler* was elected Vice President; *Sandy Hagen* was re-elected Secretary; *Jean Van Tassell* was re-elected Treasurer and *Bill Thelemann* was re-

elected Financial Secretary. Newly elected council members were present, *Dan Steffen*, *Brad Reaves*, *John Martin* and *Kent Treichler*. Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, March 8th.

Check Out the Website Updates

Andrea Reaves has agreed to be our new Web Steward and she has already tweaked the site and added changes and updates. Andrea is a Senior Network Engineer at Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, MD. We're grateful for her detailing and updating. Check the site at www.goodshepherdmd.org. For any updates or additions, please contact her at abreaves@comcast.net.

Prayer Concerns: *Jesse Martin*, daughter of *Michele* and *John Martin*, *Gerry*

Marose, *Barbara Underwood*, surgery January 27th; *Kelly Schoonover*, whose mother is gravely ill; *Don Klein*, at the death of his mother from cancer; *Gary Stone*, diagnosed with esophageal cancer; *Gene Schoonover*; *Patrick Covert*; *John Day*, brother of *Janet Fisher-Day*; *Paul Miller* and *Greg Miller*, brothers of *Evie Timberlake*, *Molly*, cousin of *Bobbie Donaldson*, *Ron Knerr*, *Bernie Abrecht*; *Lee Brohawn*; *Lucas Phelan*; *Sandy Kessler*, *Kathleen Shook*; *Dale Lutz*, *Carolyn Hellman*; Prayer requests, phone: *Peggy Beers* (301) 663-9741/*Marilyn Ayres* (301) 663-1997; E-mail *Evie Timberlake* 2timbers@verizon.net.

Adult I Sunday School meets Sundays at 10AM in the Community Room. They have begun a new study/DVD series on THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. This Sunday, the 8th Commandment is reviewed. "Thou shalt not steal."

Adult II Sunday School meets in the Fireplace Room, 10:15 AM - open discussion of contemporary issues from NPR's "Speaking of Faith". All are welcome

Frederick School of Religion Convenes in February

The Frederick School of Religion will convene its 2010 "Learning for Life" series on February 15th. Classes are being held at Brook Hill United Methodist Church, 8946 Indian Springs Rd., Frederick, MD 21702. The school is planned by representatives from area congregations and is now celebrating its 27th year. Eight different courses are offered on Mondays and Tuesdays from February 15 through March 23 with snow dates, March 29 and 30. Afternoon classes are scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. while evening classes meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Courses are designed for both lay persons and clergy and the cost is \$22 per course. All courses are eligible for 1.2 Continuing Educa-

tion Units. For additional information or registration: www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or you may call 301-865-2734 or 301-473-5662.

Youth at National Lutheran Home

We have planned a service opportunity for Good Shepherd Youth Grades 4 and up – BINGO on January 31st at the National Lutheran Home & Village. Many of the senior residents there love to play BINGO, but because of poor eyesight or other factors are unable to play without assistance. We will meet at Good Shepherd at 12:30 for pizza and fellowship before we head out. We will return at 5:00. Please plan on joining us for this fun day. To RSVP or for more information, please contact *Lisa Long* at ElizaDawn@comcast.net or (301) 898-8939.

Homebound: *Becky Molesworth, FMH; Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Mary Nelson; Alice Willoughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Gluscevic; Jo Adams; Belva Bell; Marjorie Deater; Kathleen Shook, Citizens; Barbara Adams, at home; Rena Hall, now at Tranquility Care, Jefferson Pike, Frederick. Dolores Beach is now at #B2, Somerford Place in Whittier.*

Remember Our Military Members:

Jeffrey Feser. Prayers for deployed to Iraq. His address is 1st Lt. Jeffrey Feser, HHC 1st BDE 1AD/Bravo 6-1 CAV (RSTAO FOB Warrior, Iraq APO AE 09338. ' Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them even as they protect us. Bless them and their families during the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Thank you! *Jan Lounsbury, teacher at Whittier Elementary School extends, on behalf of the families of children of the school, gratitude for the wonderful gathering of new warm clothing for cold weather - including hats and mittens. These adorned the Christmas tree in our Gathering Area at Good Shepherd. Because of your generosity many kids will be warmer this winter.*

Passion Play August 2010 *Seats still available for Pastor Ron's 2010 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, August 4-14 that includes visits to Prague, Budapest and Vienna- with continuing visits to Oberammergau and Munich. Reservations still open for the trip. Brochures are available in the Gathering Area. Pastor Ron ronrv@comcast.net or www.travron.com.*

Thrivent Launches \$3M "Helping Haiti" Effort Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will add \$1 to every \$2, up to a total contribution of \$1 million, when our members donate to one of the following:

- Lutheran World Relief.
- ELCA Domestic Disaster Response.

Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation, and donations will be accepted through 3-31-10. To donate through Thrivent, go to thrivent.com/helpinghaiti.

If you're not a Thrivent member, you can give directly through Lutheran World Relief, <http://www.lwr.org> and make your donation online. If you don't have access to the Internet, but would like to contribute, contact Diane DeMarco, 301-696-8886, and the Social Ministry team will make sure your donations are quickly sent to LWR.

Lutheran World Relief is responding right now to the affected communities through its partners on the ground in Haiti. The Red Cross is also taking donations online, <http://www.redcross.org>. Let's all keep Haitians in our prayers as they struggle through this catastrophic crisis.

Books for Our Troops Operation

Paperback collects gently used books and sends them to American troops deployed overseas. Since 1999, they have shipped over 950,000 books to locations around the globe. If you have paperback books to donate, leave them on top of the cupboards behind the coat-rack and mark them 'Operation Paperback.' The Social Ministry team will get them to a drop-off site. Operation Paperback is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Looking for a Bible Study?

We have five 'NeighborTalk' groups currently available: **NeighborTalk South** Carl and Michele Hildedrand, 5403 Georgetown Rd. Adamstown, MD 21710 • 301-831-8628 **NeighborTalk Northeast** Terri Baker, 2627 Mill Race Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, 301-663-4013 **NeighborTalk Northwest** Sue and Dan Steffen, 5511 Bootjack Drive, Frederick, MD 21702 **NeighborTalk North** Janet and Brit Fisher, 11232 Angleberger Rd., Thurmont, MD, 301-304-0374 **NeighborTalk East (Spring Ridge)** Diane and Attilo DeMarco, 6408 Fairbanks Ln., Frederick, MD 21701 • 301-696-8886. Sign-up's available in the Gathering Area of our Church..

After School Youth *Keith Schoonover* has been discussing with me his vision for an after-school program at Good Shepherd for neighborhood children and youth (8-12 years of age)- an outreach program to provide structured play, snacks and some group learning opportunity until their parents get home. We're looking for some Good Shepherd folks who might be interested in discussing this vision with us. Please contact Pastor Ron ronrv@comcast.net or *Keith*, 301-676-4564.

Annual Valentine Sale The 5th & 6th Grade Sunday School class will be hosting their annual Valentine sale to benefit the Thurmont Food Bank, supported by our sister parish St John's Lutheran Church in Thurmont. Please stop by our table in the Gathering Area to see the selection of handmade valentines we will be selling this year. Also please consider bringing an extra canned or boxed good for our ongoing food collection. Thank you for your generous support!!! *Laurie Wilhelm and Nancy Tregoning.*

Thiel College Coming to Good Shepherd

The forty-two voice **Thiel Choir** from Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will perform a concert at **7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 6, at Good Shepherd.** The performance is part of the Thiel Choir's 2010 spring choir tour. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful evening of choral music. The community will be invited to this performance.

Women's Retreat? *Evie Timberlake* has felt called to lead a retreat for the women of Good Shepherd. Depending on the interest, the dates and time would be scheduled at one of our local retreat centers, possibly Mar-Lu-Ridge. This would be a relaxing time away from the busyness of life to focus on life and our relationship with God. There would definitely be some free time. Women have very demanding schedules and a time away would be refreshing for our bodies and souls. Please let *Evie* know if you are interested. Contact



BARITONE BLOCKBUSTERS IN OPERA, MUSICAL THEATER, AND ART SONG

A concert by Thomas Jones,
ACCOMPANIED BY NICK INT VELDIT

Friday, January 29, 2010 • 7:30 p.m.

Grace United Church of Christ • 25 East Second Street • Frederick, MD 21701
Tickets: Adults: \$10, Students/Seniors: \$8. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Handicapped Accessible

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