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Lutheran Happiness?

Listen, my son, to your father's discipline, and do not forsake your mother's teaching, because they are a garland of grace for your head.... Proverbs 1:8-9a EHV

An interesting reflection by Gene Veith on the influence of theology on culture. Do Lutheran theological distinctions have a positive effect on society when they form a cultural foundation? I'll let you read and decide:

... I was struck by the latest annual release of the [World's Happiest Countries](#). As usual, the Scandinavian lands took the top spots. Here are the top six:

1. Finland (for the 9th year in a row)
2. Iceland
3. Denmark
4. Costa Rica
5. Sweden
6. Norway

By way of comparison, the United States came in at #23. Of course, we have to take these kinds of ratings with a grain of salt. According to the linked article, “researchers look at six factors including GDP per capita, life expectancy, generosity and perceptions of freedom and corruption.” The stories in the media concentrate on these [countries'] health care systems and generous social programs.

But I couldn't help but wonder, does the Lutheran influence on their culture have anything to do with these high levels of “happiness”? This article actually focuses on how these countries have a strong sense of community, trust in their government, a spirit of cooperation, and general kindness.

For example, Finland was rated highest as the best place to lose your wallet. This is because Finns will pretty much always return your wallet to you, cash intact. Nordic folk trust each other to do the right thing, and they generally do.

I suspect that the attitude towards work—the sense among both employers and employees that they are serving their neighbors—is part of this “happiness.”

Now one could say that this is just cultural. Yes, indeed, since these have become highly secularized countries. But, I ask, how did the culture get that way? The Vikings were not exactly kind hearted. They never gave the gold back to the monasteries they pillaged. They didn't adopt Christianity until around 1000 A.D.—a thousand years after the rest of Europe—and it was still taking hold when the Lutheran Reformation was embraced in the 1520's, while Luther was still alive, the first entire nations to do so.

I would argue that Luther's *neighbor-centered ethics*, as opposed to the Catholic emphasis on acquiring merit and the Reformed emphasis on individual performance, can be seen in the Scandinavian mindset. The habit of thinking about what you are doing for your neighbor contributes to a sense of community and social solidarity. The doctrine of the Estates emphasizes the

value of family and government. The doctrine of vocation not only gives purpose to work, but also instills the responsibility of those in authority to care for the neighbors they are exercising that authority over, which may be why Scandinavians have good things to say about how they are treated by their bosses and their governments.

But here is the paradox: Scandinavians also have a reputation for introspection and melancholy! These are the lands of *Nordic noir* in literature, Ingmar Bergman films, and Hamlet the “melancholy Dane”! And Scandinavians admit to this tendency. They also speak of the so-called [Law of Jante](#), a code of extreme humility.

This too is commonly ascribed to the Lutheran heritage. Lutherans are justified by their personal faith, requiring inner scrutiny. And they must always confess their sins. They know that human sinfulness makes us all equal before God, ruling out pride and social hierarchies, and making us pessimistic about the world.

But, apparently, this Lutheran melancholy contributes to happiness! If you expect difficulties, you won’t be thrown off when you encounter them! Being skeptical about yourself and the state of the world is evidently a key to well-being!

Lutheranism embraces the world as God’s kingdom even in its secularity and directs us outward to our neighbor, while also embracing the inner life and acknowledging our limits. That is a formula for happiness.

Why don’t we Americans do this? We don’t have the culture for it. We want to *assert* ourselves. We want to *change* the world, in one direction or another. This too reflects our religious heritage of crusading Puritans and triumphalist evangelicals. This is why we are never satisfied. This is why we are #23 on the happiness scale.

And, of course, there is the leavening legacy of the Gospel, which gives assurance, comfort, and joy. In my unscientific impression (based mainly on reading Nordic crime novels), that while there are lots and lots of unbelievers in the Nordic lands today, they tend to be not so bitterly hostile to Christianity as they tend to be in other formerly-Christian countries. Their cultural memory of Christianity is of a benign religion. They think that it is too good to be true, not that it was so oppressive that it somehow damaged them and the world in general, as Christianity is often thought of in other countries, as seen in the New Atheists. Without faith in Christ, though, a law-less, confused view of the Gospel can lead to complacency and antinomianism, which also, I suspect, contributes to secularist Scandinavians’ “happiness.”

I would caution our Scandinavian friends that while their culture can draw on their religious capital for awhile, even after that religion fades, in time that capital will all be spent. In their secularism, they will eventually find themselves unable to resist the pull of self-centered materialism, over-optimistic progressivism, and technological solipsism. And their melancholy will drive them to despair. They will need to recover their Lutheran Christianity if they want to keep their happiness ratings.

[The World’s Happiest Countries Are \(Culturally\) Lutheran? | Gene Veith](#)

Yes, *God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness...* Ecclesiastes 2:26a EHV

Pastor David



Deaconess' Musings

The End of Brokenness

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

~Psalm 34:16

While many contemporary authors and speakers prefer to proclaim that the Christian's life should be one of victory and hardship-free triumph, daily life quite frequently decimates that claim. Completely eradicates it. You know all too well how life is full of twists and turns, and ones that are not always wanted or appreciated. Daily are we reminded of just how broken we are, how broken the world is, and just how very little we can do to stop this brokenness.

Sin entered the world and broke the back of Creation. It broke the perfect, pure relationship with our Creator God, the world, and each other. No longer perfect, the world became a dirty, dangerous place filled with death and sadness. Once perfect humankind now murdered and lied. Stole and cheated. Placed others and themselves above the Almighty God. Pride now ruled in our hearts. So entrenched are we in sin, we do not see just how utterly despondent and powerless we are to stop ourselves from continuing to fail and break God's Will. Brokenhearted and crushed are we. Who will save us from us?

But here shines the realized and revealed Savior, the Christ Jesus, first promised so long ago in the garden. The longed for Savior that was spoken of throughout the desert wanderings of the Israelites and the promise of a greater David that would establish a kingdom for all nations. The Savior that would bind up the brokenhearted and wipe away every tear caused by humanity's sin-soaked brokenness. Christ Jesus, our LORD, stooped down, entered our world, and died to break the back of sin, death, and the devil for you. He rose again to bring salvation and the forgiveness of sins to you. He will come again to finally restore Creation back to its perfect intentions. It is there that we will finally be at total peace and joy, as we stand face-to-face with our Lord, Savior, and Creator.

Perhaps this truth sometimes feels "too blasé" or "too comfortable." But as situations and times arise that causes us to come face-to-face with our own utter sinfulness, this seemingly simple truth shines brighter than ever before. The Gospel message continues to surprise. That the God of the Universe truly cares for your brokenness and crushed spirit, weighted down by sin's overwhelming burden. So much so that He came to save you from that burden and to exchange it for His easy and light one.

Until Christ's triumphant return, this world will continue to be one of sadness and hardship but take heart dear brothers and sisters; our Jesus has redeemed us and will return to right all wrongs and wipe every tear from our longing eyes. Until that Great Day, may we never spurn this simple, yet all-powerful Gospel message and may we cling to it forever.

~ Deaconess Holly

Why Lord?

(Elder's Path)

As you may know, my mother Lois (97) unexpectedly went to be with the Lord on June 8.

Sometimes when she was in pain or lonely and feeling old, she would ask me, "Why doesn't the Lord take me home?"

I did my best to encourage her. To assure her that the Lord's mission for her was not done.

Did it help? Maybe just a little. She would pick up her Bible. She would call a friend. She would share her faith at the dinner table with the other assisted living residents.

Then the Lord gave me have a glimpse of why mom needed to be here just a little longer. Results that mom never knew while she was with us.

We had a small graveside service for mom at our family's plot in Michigan. It was the kind of service she wanted. She wanted two things.... She wanted us to remember her as we remembered her. Not a last memory of her dead in a box. And she wanted us not to be sad, because she was in heaven and we would be with her soon.

After the service one of her friends stopped me and shared that in her last few months mom had encouraged her to share her faith with those in nursing homes. Because of mom and the touch of the Holy Spirit, she is now on a mission. She visits two nursing homes every week with the message of faith and salvation.

We may never know the reason, but we need to persevere until He calls us home!

Calling all music enthusiasts!

Join our vibrant Choir for an incredible musical experience. We gather every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30pm, for inspiring rehearsals that bring joy and harmony to our hearts. Our start date this season will be Wednesday, September 02!!

If you have a passion for singing and enjoy the power of music, we invite you to be a part of our Choir. Together, we create beautiful melodies and lift our voices in praise and worship.

Returning and new members are kindly asked to email Rick rickschmidt@bellsouth.net so that proper amounts of music will be ready for our first practice on the 2nd!!

Hope to see you there!!

Rick Schmidt - Choir Director



Little Lambs Preschool: Making an Impact Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry (2002–2027)

The 2026–2027 school year is here, and with it begins our celebration of 25 years of serving Seneca-area families! As Jesus reminds us, *"Let the little children come to me."* — *Matthew 19:14.*

Since opening our doors in 2002, more than 1,000 two-, three-, and four-year-old children have been nurtured through the Christian education of Little Lambs Preschool. Each child has been encouraged to grow academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Our impact extends far beyond the classroom. More than 4,500 parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members have become an important part of our school community. They volunteer by reading in classrooms, reinforcing learning through take-home activities and Christian literature, and participating in school events throughout the year.

Through these meaningful connections, Little Lambs Preschool reaches far beyond its walls—strengthening families, nurturing faith, encouraging lifelong relationships rooted in Christian values, and making a lasting, Christ-centered impact throughout the Seneca community.

The Little Lambs Giving Tree

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors. Your gifts have helped shape the lives of hundreds of children and families, and we are deeply grateful. As we celebrate this special anniversary, we are launching a campaign to refurbish and expand ESLC's outside playground and activity areas. This will result in **safer and more enjoyable space for our students, young church members, and their families.** This will be accomplished in several stages, starting with the Small Playground adjacent to the LLP classrooms.

This initial phase will include:

- Expanding the playground footprint and fencing
- Leveling the ground and installing proper drainage
- Adding a durable rubberized safety surface
- Installing a shade canopy



You can help by supporting the Little Lambs Giving Tree in the ESLC narthex through the end of September. The tree is filled with beautifully decorated cards representing a variety of donation amounts. Simply select a card and place the envelope, along with your gift, in the offering plate. Every gift, large or small, helps create a safe, joyful place where children can learn, play, and grow in God's love.

Thank you for helping us continue this ministry and for investing in our littlest lambs for generations to come.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." — *Proverbs 11:25*

Little Lambs Preschool

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"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6

Celebrating 25 Years!

This year marks the 25th school year of Little Lambs Preschool! We are excited to begin another wonderful school year at Little Lambs Preschool, a ministry of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Our prayer is that every little lamb will learn about the love of Jesus and hear the wonderful story of salvation in Christ. A strong foundation of faith can guide our children throughout their lives - in both the joyful times and the difficult ones.

Important Dates

Date

Event

August 4-7 Teacher Work Days

August 10 Open House, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

August 11 First Day of School

School Hours

Little Lambs Preschool is open Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Please drive slowly through the parking lot. Our little lambs are often outside playing!

Little Ways to Help Our Preschool

Ingles Tools for Schools

Do you shop at Ingles? Connect your Ingles Advantage Card to Little Lambs Preschool by signing the sheet at Denise's Desk.

Important: Families must sign up for the Ingles Tools for Schools program again every year.

Recycle Printer Cartridges

When your printer cartridge is empty, bring it to church and place it in the designated collection box.

These simple actions can make a big difference for our preschool program!

We are grateful for your continued encouragement and generosity. Your support helps Little Lambs Preschool thrive and allows us to share the love of Jesus with another generation of children.

Blessings in Christ,

Gina

Comfort Dog News

At the end of June, Seth and 7 members of his team attended a Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) Comfort Dog Southeast Regional Conference in Hilton Head, home of Zoara Comfort Dog. We were joined by the following Comfort Dogs and their teams: Faith (Hickory, NC), Moriah (Oviedo, FL), Peace (Orlando, FL), and Always (Boca Raton, FL). The purpose of a LCC Regional Gathering is to encourage, network, learn and share ideas with each other. Personally, the weekend was truly a blessing to me! It was so helpful to gather with other teams, fellowship with each other and renew friendships. We shared the blessings of the ministry as well as the challenges with helpful ideas offered by all. An even greater blessing was to have Judy Reese, Top Dog 2, attend where she got to meet the other teams and learn even more about the ministry. If that wasn't enough excitement for me, a dear friend of mine, JoEllen also joined us. JoEllen is the new Top Dog for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC who just started down the path of securing their own Comfort Dog. Emmanuel learned the benefit of an LCC Comfort Dog after Hurricane Helene when Seth and other teams deployed twice to that region. The blessings of the LCC Comfort Dog Ministry continue to grow!

To God be the Glory,

Kyra Carbone, Top Dog for Team Seth
864-932-8308



2026 LCC Southeast Regional Comfort Dog Conference Attendees

MISSION BOARD NEWS - Dylan's Trip to Ghana

For the month of June, I was in Ghana on a mission trip with the Navigators campus ministry. The goal of the mission trip was to learn how the Ghanaians share the Gospel in a different culture and share with the staff in Ghana what I do with the Navigators at Clemson. I went with two other staff, Sam from Belmont University and Macy from Georgia Tech. We spent most of our time in Accra, the capital of Ghana, at the University of Ghana-Legon campus. UG Legon is a very large campus with about 80,000 students on campus, and we spent about a week sharing the Gospel with students, knocking on dorm rooms, and doing Bible study with students on campus.

We also spent a couple of days in Cape Coast, and we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with indigenous fishermen in the area. The first group that we talked to invited us into their tent (the group in the picture), and I shared the Gospel using the parable of the treasure hidden in the field (Matthew 13:44), and Sam told the parable of the prodigal son. The fishermen did not speak English very well, so Sam and I relied on Nii, a Ghanaian Navigator who works with the Navs in Cape Coast, to translate for us.

This was a picture into the trip, and this trip was a great opportunity to see the Gospel moving in a different culture, and experiencing the hospitality of the Ghanaians was a privilege. - Dylan Chamberlain



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent has updated their Choice Dollars program so that we can direct the 2026 Choice Dollars now instead of waiting until February or March of the following year. But these 2026 donations need to be made before December 31st. Thrivent member you should have received this notice in June.

Earlier this year, Thrivent members donated almost \$3,000 to ESLC from their 2025 Choice Dollars.

So, it is time again to direct your 2026 Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice. Thrivent allows donations to thousands of charities including Eternal Shepherd. Please donate these funds as you prefer. If you received an email, all you have to do is click on Direct Now, or you can log into your Thrivent account to donate or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4826 and specify your Thrivent Choice.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We encourage everyone to find a way that they can serve within this ESLC congregation or in the community within their time and ability constraints. Every month in the Agapegram, **JOBS, Joyous Opportunity for Believers**, identifies ways to serve. These volunteer positions are also posted in the Church Bulletin Board.

Do any of your likes, skills or passion coincide with the positions listed below? If so, please contact the person identified. One reason that Eternal Shepherd is such a great community of believers is because of all the service that we freely give.

The Church Council will also be recruiting people to serve on Church Council. We have three empty positions for 2027. They are Hospitality Chairman or Co-Chairmen, Board of Christian Outreach Chairman and Stewardship Chairman. Please contact John Cochell at 770-331-1300 for more information.

Thank you for taking the time to review the church's needs.

Sue Hauser, Stewardship

Eternal Shepherd J.O.B. Board Joyous Opportunities for Believers

Multiple Second Service Nursery Workers Needed

Secure volunteers are needed during the second service. A rotating schedule will be created so that no one serves every Sunday. The TV in the nursery will show 8:30 service and volunteers will be relieved to take Communion. If you are interested, please contact Nicole Beattie at 864-710-1574.

Altar Care Members

Serve as a member of the Altar Care team. Timeframe is one month a year and training is provided. The main duties include preparing the altar before the service and changing parameters during the assigned month. Please contact Tracy Cochell at 404-433-7338 for more information

Sunday School Nursery Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed in the nursery during the Sunday school hour, either one or two Sundays a month, to watch over our youngest members. If you are interested, please contact Nicole Beattie at 864-710-7574.

Handicap Ramp Building Assistance

If you like to build things, please join the team that builds ramps throughout the community. Please contact Deek Decker at 864-356-2135 for more information.

Eternal Shepherd J.O.B. Board

Joyous Opportunities for Believers

Prison Ministry Volunteers

If you are interested in visiting, distributing Bibles, leading devotions or baking cookies quarterly for the Oconee County Detention Center, please contact Delane Dukes at 864-247-4282 for more information.

Ushers and Readers

If you are interested in serving during worship services, please contact the church office at 864-882-3209 or email office@eternalshepherd.org.

Property Management Volunteers

If you are concerned about the upkeep and maintenance of the church facility and property, please consider assisting with special projects or on as need basis. Please contact Paul Sherman at 864-602-3262 for more information.

Church Website Webmaster

The webmaster manages and maintains the Eternal Shepherd's website. Key responsibilities include ensuring that the site is running smoothly, updating contents, maintaining security and troubleshooting technical issues. Please contact Pastor Hammer or Denise Stewart at 864-882-3209.

Toys for God's Kids Volunteers

Help is needed in cutting out the car bodies using a scroll saw or band saw. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg at 904-583-1214 or Mike Hauser at 864-719-0474 for more information.

Hospitality Members

If you like to cook or entertain, please join the team that assists in the kitchen preparing food for various church functions; please contact Colleen Hesemann at 864-784-0421.

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry team visits Oconee County Detention Center in Walhalla once a quarter. Our next visits are planned for September 11 and 12 and December 11 and 12. Bibles are distributed on Friday prior to a follow-up visit on Saturday for devotions and prayer requests. Along with the devotions cookies are given to the inmates. Usually around 30 dozen cookies are needed to be baked and bagged. If you are interested in serving our Lord in this important ministry as a volunteer assisting with devotions and prayer requests, leading devotions or baking cookies, leave a voicemail or text with Delane Dukes at 864-247-4282 or email at ddtdukes@gmail.com. Thank you!



Operation Christmas Child Update

The month of July seems to just fly by! There is always so much activity during our Annual “Christmas in July” fundraising event. The Operation Christmas Child Committee wants to thank all those who donate their time and resources to the cause of sending the Gospel and a tangible expression of God’s love in our shoeboxes to so many children around the world. Eternal Shepherd simply could not pack the shoeboxes we do without the help and support that all of you give to the ministry so generously!

Normally we have 2 assembly days, one for our School Supply bags, and one for our Toiletry bags. A huge THANK YOU goes out to the Youth from ESLC and the Youth from Wisconsin for assembling our School Supply bags!

The components of the Toiletry bags are currently being worked on at home by our “Shoebox Helpers”. They help with so many of the jobs that must be done before our Shoebox Packing Party and they are a huge blessing to the Ministry. The jobs are not difficult and there are many of them. **Do you watch TV?** Well, there are lots of jobs that are so simple you can complete them during a movie! If you’d like to know more about becoming a “Shoebox Helper” please talk to anyone on the OCC Committee, or simply ask current Shoebox Helpers what they think about it. (LuWanna Johnson, Sue Watson, Raija Griffin, Alice Mercer, Dave Goeckel, Mike & Amy Dutka, Lars & Lois Helland, Jeff & Mary Ann McKay, Phil & Margi McLain, Lois Owens, Marlene Bell, Tracy Cochell and Marla Moseley)

The Assembly Day for the Toiletry bags will be scheduled once all the components are completed, so please watch the announcements to know when that is happening. Filling 420 bags with hygiene items goes much faster when we have lots of help.

Our next OCC Committee meeting will be held DURING the late service on August 23rd. Please join us if you’d like to learn more about the ministry or the many different opportunities that exist to be involved.

In Grateful Appreciation,

Terri Baumann, Project Leader

ESLC FRAUD SEMINAR -- SAVE THE DATE!

ESLC will hold a FRAUD SEMINAR on Tuesday, September 22nd in the Fellowship Hall. The seminar will be presented by Sam Head of Carolina Wealth Management. Please join us for lunch at noon. The seminar will begin at 1 pm. A sign-up sheet is available on the Bulletin Board. Please contact Sue Hauser if you need additional information.

It's All About You

By Bob Massa, Elder/Member Team Seth

July's AgapeGram had a short note reminding everyone that on July 10th, Seth turned nine years old. He is fast approaching retirement and without another Comfort Dog his seven-year ministry in our community will end. Eternal Shepherd would like to get a second dog to continue this important ministry; however, before we can petition Lutheran Church Charities for the dog we must have a new team in place. Seth's current team cannot be an initial part of the second team. Judy Reese, the second team's Top Dog has been trained, and is actively seeking individuals to fill team positions of Caregiver, Handlers, Ministry Partners, and Social Media Administrator. This is an opportunity for **You** to put into action Pastor's recent sermon about serving and having a servant attitude.

Why not be the Caregiver or a handler? The Team Caregiver provides the actual living quarters for the dog.

Handler visits with the dog **are not** evangelism calls. We never go somewhere unless invited. Most visits begin with questions about the dog and a conversation begins. Generally, the conversations are lighthearted and for those that aren't the Ministry Partner may ask if they would like us to pray about them.

Do you need to have special skills to be a handler? No, soft skills you will need are:

- Remember simple commands
- How to hold the leash while walking,
- Watch for hazards harmful to the dog

Sometimes visits will overwhelm you with joy, others will bring a twinge of sadness, all will satisfy you knowing you are serving God and are bringing the Mercy, Presence, and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. These are the hard skills.

You will benefit greatly as you grow in your Christian walk, you will have a servant sense of purpose, and you will develop a compassionate attitude akin to Jesus.

Can you make the commitment? How can you not? Your greatest commitment of time will be the three days training with your team members in North Chicago. Where you will learn the technical stuff to be a handler, where you will bond with your team members, and most importantly where you will bond with your team's dog.

I will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit knows you and he will move **you** to join Team 2.

Comfort Dog Team 2

Our comfort dog ministry is ready to grow, but Team 2 cannot begin training, placement, and outreach until a Primary Caregiver is in place for our new comfort dog.

Caregiver Requirements

- 1) **Eligibility:** Must be a member of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church and live within a reasonable distance of the church.
- 2) **Home environment:** Must live in a house, not an apartment or condo; having other pets is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- 3) **Role responsibilities:** Serve as a trained handler, learn the dog's commands, and care for the dog's daily needs.



Blessings of Being a Caregiver

- 1) You will help make this comfort dog ministry possible for our church and community.
- 2) You will serve as an essential part of a ministry that brings compassion, care, and Christ-centered comfort to others.
- 3) You will share daily life with a highly trained, gentle, and loving comfort dog.

If you are interested or even just curious about the caregiver role, please talk to Kyra or Rudy Carbone. They have served as primary caregivers for Seth for the past 7 years and would be happy to answer questions about what the role involves.

FOOD BANK NEWS:

Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **August's** preferred product is **"Canned Meat"** (Please place your items in the containers marked Food Bank down by the Fellowship Hall).

~Thank you for your generosity and support.





Feed The Hungry **Saturday, October 10**

Please add this date to your calendar and remember that we will also need cookie bakers for this date as well.

To prepare for this event, we need approximately 8 volunteers to help assemble the sandwiches and pack the lunches.

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE:

We will meet at church in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am on Saturday, 10/10/26. It will take approximately one hour to complete this task. Then later on that same morning, Saturday, 10/10/26, we will need approximately 8 volunteers to assist with the delivery, set-up, and handout of the lunches to the Our Daily Bread home. We need to be there by 11am. If you would like to volunteer for either of these times, please call Mark Kunkel at (248) 766-8002 and let me know? Thank you for your support!

<u>August Birthdays</u>		<u>August Anniversaries</u>
1 - Bruce Overby Jeff Williams	14 - Tobias Getchell	2 - Arline & Jame Ray
2 - Rob Reese Marie Schmidt Laura Scott	15 - Emily Compton Rick Lucas Bruce Woods	3 - Bill & Joanne Smith
3 - Barbara Fisher Alice Ramsburg	16 - Nicole Beattie Beverly Zwahlen	4 - Norman & Delane Dukes
4 - Amelia Bunning Cassidy Ray	17 - Nancy Hucker	6 - Charlene & Jerry Seiff
5 - Delane Dukes Glenda Krabbe Phil McLain	18 - Neal Beck	7 - Joe & Carol Nichelson
6 - Joshua Madden	19 - Lois Kieninger	9 - John & Tracy Cochell Leo & Amy Rebholz
10 - Bobbi Hagler Joshua Hammer	20 - Dian Opfer	12 - Wayne & Sara Gugel Jim & Beverly Zwahlen
11 - Tracy Keefer	21 - Gracie Peele Amanda Wolber	13 - Gary & Patty Smith
13 - Carlos Hagler	24 - Alec Todd	20 - Mike & Laura Scott
14 - Ginger Barthel Steve Christensen Tate Detrick	27 - Matt Wilson	21 - Bill & Ginger Barthel Gary & Lisa Lehmann Jim & Jody McKibben
	28 - Mac McCrary	23 - Jon & Barbar Wilken
	29 - Christian Getchell	28 - Frank & Lois Kieninger
	30 - Lauren Alexander Jason Stupke Ray Wyatt	31 - Jim & Janet Walker

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor: David Hammer

Deaconess: Holly Cox

Office Manager: Denise Stewart

Preschool Director: Gina Cote

Choir Director: Rick Schmidt

Choir Accompanist: David Phillips

Organist: David Phillips

MISSIONARIES

David & Dr. Arianna Shirk, Kenya
Dylan Chamberlain, Clemson Univ.

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