

The Shepherds Staff

A Message from Pastor Art

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Toby was 90 pounds of unbounded Labrador affection. Ed and Melissa Richards found him at the Humane Society after Katrina. He instantly took a liking to Melissa. Oh, he liked Ed and they had fun romping on the floor—but Melissa was the apple of his eye. When she was home he was where she was—sitting on her foot during dinner, faithfully clunked in the laundry room when she did the laundry, dutifully positioned outside the shower when she was there, snuggled at her side of the bed during the night, and insulted if she got in the car and didn't take him along.

Then came the diagnosis of breast cancer and a shock wave that hit the family, involving Toby. It was almost as if the big dog understood. Toby's vigil of affection intensified. After each chemo treatment when Melissa came home, Toby would park beside the couch and stare at Melissa while she slept. In the mornings when he went out to fetch the paper, he would blow right past Ed and take it directly to Melissa. And on the day after her surgery her faithful buddy whimpered as she patted his head on the way to the car.

Things didn't go as expected and Melissa was hospitalized for two full weeks. Day by day, Toby slipped deeper and deeper into depression.

Ed still walked him twice a day, but the bounce had left his step and his tail....seemed permanently locked in neutral. He even started to ignore his food.

Then came the day when Melissa came home. Ed had to shield her from the explosion of joy with which Toby greeted her. After carefully positioning Melissa on the couch Ed headed back to his office for a couple of hours. Toby was sitting at full attention at her side. Exhausted, Melissa fell asleep. She says when she woke up— that she could not move her head. Her body felt heavy and hot. But panic gave way to laughter when Melissa discovered her problem. She was covered, literally blanketed, with every treasure Toby owned. While she slept, the adoring dog made trip after trip to his basement toy box bringing his beloved mistress everything that was important to him. All he had to give—he gave.

St. Paul discovered the meaning of the Grace of God in his own life experience— so did Martin Luther out of his experience and struggle many years later.

St. Paul said that he asked God to take away the “thorn” in his flesh—God responded to Paul's request by saying, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

What does that mean? It means **Love is Life's Survivor!** When everything else is all used up, God's love will still be there. Grace is unmerited favor—Martin Luther said it is God's inexhaustible, unmerited favor. It can't wear out. It won't wear out. Just like the dog Toby schlepping everything he had up the stairs to affirm his mistress, our Heavenly Father gave and keeps giving each of us— whether we deserve it or not—an endless supply of affection. No matter what, we cannot OUT-LIVE or OUT-RUN God's love. We need always to remember that even in the ugliest moments God's Love is greater than all our calamities. The word Sufficient means "appropriate to meet the needs of any situation."

At one of the Al-Anon meetings I attended years ago a woman handed me a card after the meeting—I don't remember who she was—but the card said:

**"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest of life's joys appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all you possess.
I wish you enough hello's to get you through the final good-bye."**

Keep On Keeping On
Pastor Art

SHAME

An overview: by Dr. Art Haimerl

Most of our life skills, attitudes, behavior, and self-definitions are learned in our family of origin or adopted family. **WE ARE MOST LIKE OUR PARENTS WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT.**

SHAME: The internalized, subconscious basic assumption that I am inherently flawed, incompetent, unattractive, unable to be loved, not worth much. **THEREFORE:** "I am undeserving of any more success than I now have; happiness will never be part of my life."

SHAME: A form of self-definition; an emotional, spiritual state of being in which we live. "I can't do Anything right" (learned in your family) leads to the "poor me" syndrome. You always see yourself as a victim, never a victor.

Shame-based people resist any effort to make things better in their lives. Therefore, they self destruct. It's a form of self-fulfilling prophecy.

Shame-based people become minimizers. They discount success or accomplishments; they find it difficult to celebrate or laugh; they discount any compliments given to them.

Shame-based people may belong to a church and worship on a regular basis, but **THEY CANNOT HEAR, ABSORB, UNDERSTAND, OR PERSONALIZE GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE—"THEY DON'T DESERVE IT."**

How Do People Learn Shame?

1. **They received *universal* criticism in their family of origin.**
 - A. How much criticism did you receive when you were growing up?
 - B. What was said to you?
 - C. What kind of dirty looks did you receive?
 - D. How has that affected your adult life?
 - E. How has that affected your relationship to yourself and others?
 - F. Addicted people are shame-based. Addiction is the compromise of self.
 - G. Being told you are unattractive.

2. **Shame causing realities:**
 - A. Parental neglect (your perception of being neglected)
 - B. My parents are never home, never available—there must be something wrong with me

3. **No articulated rules of behavior**
 - A. Children who are not given limits or boundaries (no one ever says NO to them) hate it—it's shame causing. I'm not important enough to have boundaries; I'm unloved.
 - B. If there are no parental-family rules (structure) then that is translated into "My parents don't care about me."
 - C. If there is not structure (rules) placed on you, then you will never learn to set limits on your own behavior. As an adult you self destruct.

4. **Family-parental rules that could not be met by you (or anyone else).**
 - A. I must be dumb—I cannot meet the rules or expectations placed on me by my parents.
 - B. They tell me I'm always screwing up. Translated it means, "I'm screwed up. I'm stupid."

5. **Lack of appropriate hugging and touching**
 - A. It's abusive and shame producing not to be touched or hugged appropriately.
 - B. We need to be touched—not SEXED.

6. **Physical or emotional abuse.**
 - A. Incest, or inappropriate fondling.
 - B. Brutalization.
 - C. Destructive/abusive language.

As adults we do not get close to others physically or emotionally because from experience we know (remember) that it hurts. Shame-based people find it difficult to be intimate.

7. **Kids made responsible for other people's behavior.**
 - A. I'm responsible for my parents' arguing.
 - B. I'm responsible for my parents' unhappiness.
 - C. I'm responsible for my parents' drinking.
 - D. I'm responsible for my parents' loneliness.
 - E. I wish I were never born. If I were not around, my family would be happy. This set of feelings is a good scenario for suicide. Suicide always leaves behind an angry legacy.

Blamed

- F. No matter what happened in your family, it was always your fault.
- G. You were always blamed for the negative things, and the positive things you attempted (like doing well in school) were discounted or not recognized.

8. Expected to know everything, but never given time (maturity process) to learn.

- A. What you did learn growing up was to make mistakes because you didn't know every thing (you were a child).
- B. Were you allowed to make mistakes without being criticized? Then you learned self-esteem.

9. Sibling Comparison

- A. Always being compared to a sister or brother: "Why can't you be like John or Joyce—smart, neat, courteous, do well in school, attentive, obedient. How come you are not as pretty?" *You don't belong in this family.*

10. Did you learn shame through your religion?

- A. You are evil.
- B. You are a sinner.
- C. You are a backslider.
- D. What did religious people say to you, teach you, preach to you?
- E. You were born in original sin—you are corrupt right from the beginning.

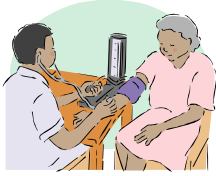
11. Shame on you (the phrase applied directly to you).

- A. You shouldn't behave that way.
- B. You shouldn't get angry or cry.
- C. You shouldn't feel that way.
- D. You shouldn't play with yourself—you will go blind.
- E. You shouldn't make noise when you eat or blow your nose.

RESULT: THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU.

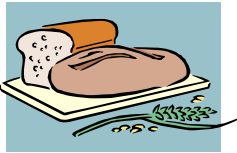
The words "should" or "shouldn't" are parental words. If these words are spoken by adults to other adults, they become judgmental.

Growing up in a co-dependent, skill dysfunctional or addicted family creates shame.



Blood Pressure Checks — *The 2nd Sunday of each month* the Holistic Health and Healing Ministry Team will be offering blood pressure checks between 10:30 and 11:00 am in the Church Office. Brenda Daugherty, a registered nurse, and other members of the Holistic Health and Wellness team will be present conducting the checks. High blood pressure is known as a silent killer. Frequent blood pressure checks and taking steps to reduce your blood pressure can lower your risk for heart disease, heart attack, and stroke. ***Be sure to have yours checked!*** *Check out the literature holders in the hall past the office. There are many articles to help you maintain health and wellness.* ***Hand sanitizers*** are now installed by each rest room, in *The Gathering Place*, and in both halls of the Sunday School rooms.

Love Loaf Ministry



If you thought it felt good to be a recipient of a LOVE LOAF after you were a guest at worship, you can pay it forward.

BREAD BAKERS AND BREAD TAKERS FOR OCTOBER

November 6	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Lynne Fought	November 20:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Julie Cline
	<u>Bread Takers:</u> Lynne Fought		<u>Bread Takers:</u> Mary Jo & Jim Veach
November 13:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Sandi Anderson Rebecca Deppe	November 27:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Joan Doehrel Sue Norris
	<u>Bread Takers:</u> Gail Smith Ann Hopkins		<u>Bread Takers:</u> Mike Vaughan

Willing bakers and takers are needed. To volunteer for this ministry, Contact Sally Rathje to help out.

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IN NOVEMBER



People in Need (PIN), the Food Pantry in Delaware, has need for the following items this month:

- ◆ Vegetable Soup
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Hot Cereal
- ◆ Boxed Potatoes
- ◆ Bar Soap
- ◆ Tooth Paste
- ◆ Dish Detergent

If you would like to contribute any of these items, paper products, or any canned or boxed food, please place them in the grocery cart in the gathering space. All Shepherds Lutheran Church members have been very generous in their support of this community project, and your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Your Helping Hands in September and October were very Appreciated....

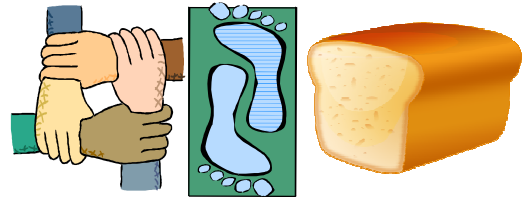
The members of **Ron Wean Memorial Seminary Committee** would like to thank all those members of All Shepherds that helped financially or took the time to make cookies for the Ordination celebration of Robert Abrams. Without you, all of you, celebrations like that would not be possible.

Additionally, the **Round Cake and Pie sale** was a huge success. The Committee would like to thank all those who provided a cake or pie and those who purchased them. The total sales this year amounted to \$752.00. We, along with Jimmy Flay, would like to thank you again and we will see you next year.



**We could use your helping hands & feet
We're looking for volunteers for Bread Bakers and Takers.**

**If you're interested, please contact
Sally Rathje:
rathjesa@delawarecityschools.net or
740-816-4004.**



Thank you.

Our Nursery is Now Open—Here's November Schedule

11/6	9:30	Stephanie Mampe	11:00	Stephanie Herbert
11/13	9:30	Lynne Fought	11:00	Gregor Braninger
11/20	9:30	Stephanie Mampe	11:00	Sophie Vaughn
11/27	9:30	Becky Connor	11:00	Mindy Haren

If you'd like to sign up to help in the nursery at either the 9:30 or 11:00 am services, please contact Stephanie Mampe by email: mommamamps@yahoo.com. Thank You!

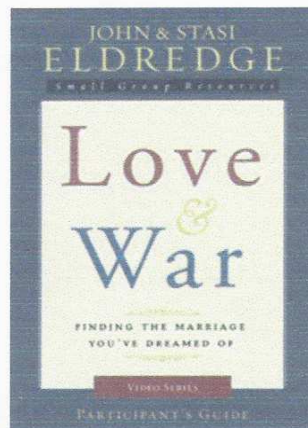
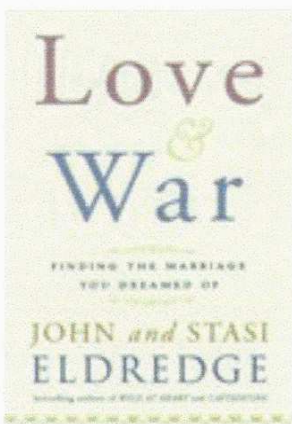
Love & War

Find Your Way to Something Beautiful in Your Marriage

With refreshing openness that will grab you from their first words on the Love & War eight-session DVD video study - designed for use with the Love & War Participant's Guide in a small group or retreat setting - hosts John and Stasi Eldredge candidly discuss their own marriage and the insights they've gained from the challenges they've faced. Each talks independently about what they've learned, giving their guidance a personal immediacy and balance between the male and female perspectives that has been absent from all previous group studies on this topic.

The Love & War DVD and Participant's Guide show you how to step into the great adventure of a fruitful Marriage God has waiting for you and your spouse ... together.

Walking alongside John and Stasi Eldredge, you and your spouse will discover how your individual journeys are growing into a story of meaning much greater than anything you could do or be on your own.



Love & War in paperback **ISBN-10:** 0307730212
Participant's Guide **ISBN-10:** 0310329213

Optional Couples Devotional **ISBN-10:** 0307729931



Who: Marital couples or individuals in committed relationships

What: DVD-based Group Study

When: Monday Evenings, 7 - 8:30
October 17, 24, 31
November 14, 21, 28
December 7, 14

Where: All Shepherds Lutheran Church,
6580 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center
(740) 548-0115
allshepherdslutheranchurch.org

How Do I Sign Up / Ask Questions?:

Please contact Sharon Williston, PC-CR,
CDCA at Beacon Counseling Center
(614) 776-5311, Ext 7 or send a message
to sharonw66@gmail.com

Cost: FREE*

*You will need to purchase the book and participant's guide: ransomedheart.com, amazon.com, half.com, hpb.com

November Ministry Support Volunteers



 * The following people are *
 * celebrating birthdays in the *
 * month of November. We *
 * wish them a very Happy *
 * Birthday! *

* If you know of anyone who *
 * needs to be added to this *
 * list, please call the office at *
 * 740-548-0115. *

- * ♦ Grace Fischer 5 *
- * ♦ Pamela Maruskin 5 *
- * ♦ Conner Ritter 7 *
- * ♦ Brian Dickinson 10 *
- * ♦ Marsha Gerkin 10 *
- * ♦ Steve Mahaffey 12 *
- * ♦ Richard Sahler 13 *
- * ♦ Desiree Williams 14 *
- * ♦ Kenny Duckwitz 15 *
- * ♦ Marc Gerkin 15 *
- * ♦ Kiana Draper 16 *
- * ♦ Dennis Jesse 16 *
- * ♦ Rick Fletcher 17 *
- * ♦ Duncan Hartman 17 *
- * ♦ Holly Fischer 20 *
- * ♦ Adam Lanzendorfer 20 *
- * ♦ Lindsay Sessor 20 *
- * ♦ Adam Wright 20 *
- * ♦ Felicia Rather 21 *
- * ♦ Robin Ramos 22 *
- * ♦ Donna Wheeler 23 *
- * ♦ Art Duckwitz 24 *
- * ♦ Jessalyn Miller 25 *
- * ♦ Laura Foreman 27 *
- * ♦ LeaNete Lillemoen 29 *

ASSISTING MINISTERS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
6	Debbie Turner	Jim Tucker	
13	Ann Matzke	Linda Pohle	
20	Bob Horbatt	Cheryl Tucker	
27	John Westinghouse	Lynne Fought	

USHERS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
6	John & Joanne Westinghouse	Jim Rather	
13	Andy Doehrel	Tim Peddicord	
20	Ann & Bill Matzke	Jim Rather	
27	John & Joanne Westinghouse	Tim Peddicord	

ACOLYTES

	8:15	9:30	11:00
6	Nick Manivilovski	McKenna Ross / Madison Fleckenstein	
13		Donald Gross / Garrett Ross	
20	Nick Manivilovski	Kyle Dickenson / Nick Rogers	
27		Alex Aquilina / Emma Aquilina	

PROJECTIONISTS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
All	The Crowson Family	Alex Norris	

GREETERS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
6	Sandi Anderson	Don Presley	
13	Sandi Anderson		
20	Sandi Anderson		
27	Sandi Anderson		

COFFEE CLEAN-UP

Nov	Sue Norris / Donna Kopp		
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THANKSGIVING FOOD INTAKE

We have begun collecting food for our Thanksgiving Food Intake which began on Sunday, October 16th. There are Sign Up sheets and tags for food items available on a table in The Gathering Place. Please sign your name next to any item(s) you would like to donate, and take a “reminder” card for those items. If you prefer to make a donation in cash, or to write a check, be sure to note “Thanksgiving Food” on the memo line of the check and on the envelope with the cash.

**CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
ALL SHEPHERDS LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

We will need to receive all food and cash donations **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**, so all donations can be delivered to the “People In Need” food pantry before Thanksgiving week. You can place your donations in the boxes under the table.



Many thanks for your willingness to support this
Community Outreach project!!!



You're still invited to be part of our Cantata on December 18, 2011—it's a 6-7 week commitment and your voice with our choir would be a wonderful addition. Please contact Cyndy Schmohe if you are interested.

Just a little humor to put a smile on your face!! You don't stop laughing because you grow old...You grow old because you stop laughing!



At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

(If you'd like to share laughter, please submit your LOL prior to next month's newsletter .. Laughter is always good for the soul!)



TWIG OF
NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

TWIG HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW—Please plan to attend the Holiday Craft Show on *Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am —2:00 pm. at All Shepherds.* Sponsored by TWIG SW 3. 100% of the proceeds benefit Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Every special gift you purchase pays it forward to children who very much need our help! Thank you.

Concert Series of All Shepherds

In 2000, Audrey Lee graciously donated her Steinway piano, valued at \$46,500, to All Shepherds Lutheran Church, in honor of her mother, Ethel Bohnagel. Her only condition was that we have at least 1 concert a year using the Steinway to re-dedicate the piano. That started me thinking. I envisioned an outreach program for our church involving music of all types.



I approached the Worship and Music Committee and explained that if ASLC could offer periodic, free musical concerts/programs to our congregation, it would be a way to make our relatively new church known to others in the area. It would provide an opportunity for us to introduce friends to ASLC through an invitation to hear a concert. We began with a dedicatory concert piano concert per our agreement with Mrs. Lee and have had many other musical groups as our guests to perform at our facility.

We have had relatively low attendance—except for the Shepherds Jazz Trio or the duo piano concerts. My thought has been that I have not adequately or thoroughly explained the reason for these concerts: outreach to those who may not know about ASLC and/or who may have no connection to a church. I feel we have missed so many opportunities to reach more people.

Our next concert is **November 13th at 7:30 pm** and will be presented by **Trombones Plus**. Jeff Kopp, an ASLC member who many of you know, is also a member of the Trombones Plus group. They have performed for us in the past and have given us a wonderful evening of music.



Following that concert, our next concert will be in the spring of 2012, date yet to be determined, but will involve a singer from Illinois who will team up with the Shepherds Jazz Trio.

I would like to strongly urge all of ASLC to consider inviting someone who might enjoy the concert and/or who might not know about our church. There is no charge—just a free-will offering to help us cover costs. I hope you'll put some thought to this outreach program and invite someone who might need a church family, and also someone who might enjoy an evening of music.

Thank you.
Cindy Schmohe, Music Director

“The Church Council has approved a resolution that **ALL** Fundraising activities on church property must come to the Council for approval **BEFORE** the event is announced or happens. The Council has examined all the many fundraising activities that go on in the church and especially on Sunday and feel that we may have too much of that. While all activities that have happened to date have been worthy causes, we run the risk of creating the wrong atmosphere in the church gathering area as people come to worship together.

We do realize that we must show our love by helping others and that often involves fund-raising, so a balance must be found. We ask that anyone desiring to have any sort of fund-raising effort on church property please notify the Council President or one of the Council Members so it can be brought up at a Council meeting (second Monday of each month) for discussion and a decision. We appreciate your support in this as we try to make our church a joyous place to worship God, while continuing to show our love by helping others in the world through our many worthy service projects.”

Thank you.
John Norris, Church Council President



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October 10, 2011

Dear Children of All Shepherds Lutheran Church,

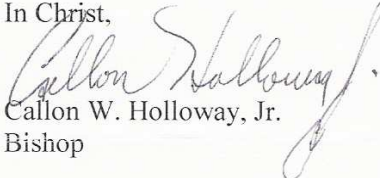
Greetings to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ! Word of your outstanding efforts to share the Good News with the community has reached the synod office. We take great pride in your outreach to Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, MO through your Vacation Bible School collection of \$500 and your personalized poster. Your actions speak loudly in support of the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southern Ohio Synod.

We are called to make the presence of Jesus known in the world through our example as Christians. You have answered that call and made a difference in the lives of others.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
(Phil 1:3-6)

I look forward to hearing more about the outreach you and All Shepherds Lutheran Church is doing in support of our ministry.

In Christ,


Callon W. Holloway, Jr.
Bishop

cc: The Rev. Art Haimerl

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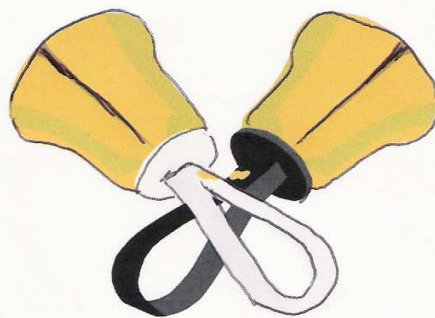
Companion Synods

East of Lake Victoria Diocese,
Tanzania

Evangelical Lutheran Church of
Mecklenburg, Germany

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the
Republic of Kazakhstan

Sinodo Espirito
Santo a Belem, Brazil



**ANNUAL DELAWARE COUNTY
HANDBELL FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 20, 2011
7:00 PM
GREY CHAPEL
OHIO WESLEYAN CAMPUS
DELAWARE, OHIO**

Enjoy an evening of solo groups (including our own Peals of Praise) and mass ring selections of handbells and other instruments that will usher in your holiday season with festivity and flair.

Free-will offering

ASLC YM

All Shepherds annual Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Walk and Fall Fest was a great success, surpassing past year's fundraising efforts. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time, talents, and gifts to make it such a great success! Special thanks to Gregor and Meredith Braniger and Emily Dahs for all of their extra effort and to all of our volunteers who sat at the Patch through all sorts of weather. We are blessed to have you in our midst!

November Schedule of Events

- November 6—Pumpkin Chunkin Slingshot 2:00-4:00 PM just off the prayer path
- November 6—Confirmation 6:00-7:30 PM (mentors meet at 5)
- November 6—H2H rehearsal 7:45-9:00 PM
- November 12—Common Ground Free Store (local mission/service opportunity). Come serve as Christ's hands and feet! See bulletin board for details and to sign up.
- November 13—Face2Face 6:00-7:30 PM
- November 13—All Shepherds Concert Series: Trombones Plus Concert 7:30 PM
- November 20—Confirmation 6:00-7:30 PM (mentors meet at 5)
- November 20—H2H 7:45-9:00 PM
- November 27—Face2Face 6:00-7:30 PM
- November 27—Extra H2H rehearsal 7:45-9:00 PM so we're ready for the Winter Retreat!
- December 2-4—Winter Retreat in Chillicothe! See bulletin board for details and to sign up!
- December 9-10—Journey to Bethlehem—be sure to sign up as a volunteer for this AWESOME event!!

Kara Jones, Youth Minister, is generally in the office on Wednesday afternoons and evenings and all day on Sunday. Kara is also available by appointment at other times. She can be reached at sparkykj3@gmail.com or 740-815-6411.



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NOVEMBER 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 * WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM Reformation Sunday Youth Ministry - Lost & Found Concert 9:30 AM KIDS KINGDOM Sunday School 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM Pumpkin Patch 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM In Spirited Worship 11:00 AM KIDS KINGDOM SS 12:00 PM InSpirited Rehearsal</p>	<p>31 Reformation Day 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pumpkin Patch open for business 7:00 PM Love & War 7:00 PM The Bridge</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Olgong 7:00 PM Feels of Praise 8:00 PM A/Anon 8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM Shepherds Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 * KIDS KINGDOM SS-9:30, 11:00 AM * WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM Daylight-Saving Time Ends Photos Taken Today 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School 12:00 PM InSpirited Rehearsal 2:00 PM Pumpkin Chunkin Slingshot 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Confirmation 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM H2H Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group 7:00 PM The Bridge</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Olgong 7:00 PM Feels of Praise 8:00 PM A/Anon 8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group 7:00 PM Shepherds Choir</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM TWIG Holiday Craft Show 12:15 PM Youth Local Mission Service @ Common Ground Free Store</p>
<p>13 * KIDS KINGDOM SS-9:30, 11:00 AM * WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM Photos Taken Today 10:30 AM Blood Pressure Check 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School 12:00 PM InSpirited Rehearsal 2:00 PM Linda Pohle's Piano Students 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Face2Face 7:30 PM Trombones Plus Concert</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group 7:00 PM Love & War 7:00 PM The Bridge 7:30 PM Congregation Council</p>	<p>15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Olgong 7:00 PM Feels of Praise 8:00 PM A/Anon 8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group 6:30 PM Mutual Ministry 7:00 PM Shepherds Choir</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group</p>	<p>18 Veterans Day 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Group</p>	<p>19</p>
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This year give the gift that gives back. Be involved in the Journey to Bethlehem. How can we/I give this wonderful gift?

- * Assist with the building of Bethlehem
 - * Sign up as a Coordinator
 - * Sign up to be a Merchant(s)
 - * Sign up to be a Guide
- * Sign up to have a speaking part
 - * Sign up to help in the Kitchen
 - * Attend the event

When is it?

December 9th - 7:00 to 9:00

December 10th - 6:00 to 8:30

How can learn more about this event? Review the attached description, ask Cynthia Semach when you see her, or email her at Cynthia.Semach@anthem.com

Where can I/We sign up? Out in the gathering space of the church or email:

Cynthia.Semach@anthem.com

(Please don't assume that I know you are going to be there!)

Journey to Bethlehem
A Community Christmas Presentation
 by
All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center, Ohio

Introduction:

The Journey to Bethlehem will take guests back to into time. It is designed to give guests the flavor of the public life as Jesus would have known it, and to demonstrate the Nativity story in a unique way.

When someone leaves our Journey to Bethlehem, they should feel they experienced the spiritual story. The event is December 9th and 10th. There is some prep time that will be involved, but limited to what you want to do.

Our guests will arrive and be directed to the Church where the Journey begins. They will be instructed to enjoy refreshments and music provided by our Bell Choir and the Radio Station The River while they wait for their Guide.

The guides will then take the guests on a journey where they will meet the soldiers as they go about their job of collecting the census tax. Hear The God News from an Angel of the Lord. Share the shepherd's confusion as they search for the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. Follow the star with the three wise men. Meet the Innkeeper and hear how he gave shelter to a man and his pregnant wife in a stable. Finally, pause to reflect in front of the stable where God's gift to the world lay sleeping.

What can you do as an individual or family participant? There are specific Town Stations that need human characters. These characters do not have to learn a script. They just need to stay in character. For example, if a guest asked you if you lived in Powell, you would respond in confusion, "Powell, where is Powell? I live in Bethlehem."

What is a Town Station? They are merchant stores, and towns persons. For example, if your family had the Bakery, you would be grinding wheat or corn, kneading dough, putting it in the oven and selling your bread. We have the bakers oven, grinding stone, tables chairs, costumes.

Here are the different Towns Stations (again this can be a family or families, the costumes are supplied along with the major props):

Person at the Well	Fisherman/fishmonger
Cheese makers/sellers .	Fruits Merchant
Vegetables Merchant	Butcher
Carpenter	Copper and Bronze utensils
Iron worker (blacksmith)	Stable animals
Potter	Weavers, knitters, spinners
Tailor or quilt makers	Basket maker
Brick maker	Leather crafts
Olive oil pressers, sellers	Fire wood/stick merchant
Dyer	Beggars

The following characters will have specific lines to learn. They are not complex.
This is our Journey.

FIRST GREETERS

As guests arrive at the Church, the greeters obtain names of the guest and organize the groups for the Journey.

GUIDES (at least 5 for each event)

Guides are given the names of their guests. Throughout the journey, the guides will interact with actors and their guests. This role has the most script lines to memorize. They will be asked to work the complete 2 hours of the event. Guides will be asked to stay with the script, but adlib when appropriate.

ANNOUNCING ANGEL (1 position, but 2 is best)

Angel(s) tell the guide and their guests about the wonderful news that a child has been born! This position will be outside. There can be more than one Angel outside at the same time, but we need to have at least one to perform the script. We will rotate the position as needed.

SHEPHERDS (at least 3 at each station)

This position is outside. There will be a campfire for the Shepherds. Their script interacts with the guests as well as the guide. Shepherds will have a fenced area with either sheep or goats. You can let the guests interact with your animals. We will rotate the positions as needed.

WISE MEN (at least 3)

This position is outside. There will be campfire for the Wise Men. There are script lines for each Wise Man. Wise Men will have a fenced area with 2 to 3 llamas. You can let the guests interact with your animals. The owners of the animal will instruct you on handling. (They are easy to handle.)

ROMAN SOLDIERS (2 at the entrance to Bethlehem)

Minimal script, but note these Soldiers are hecklers.

GREETERS (at least 2)

Each guest arrives to go through the town of Bethlehem, they will be given a gold coin to pay their taxes. They need to be instructed to enjoy their visit to the town and they will need to go the end of town to have their census taken and pay their taxes. There they will meet a guide who will take them on their Journey.

CENSUS TAKER (1 per event)

The Census Takers will be given the visitors names from the Guide. The guests will be seated to have their names read. There is a dialog with the guides.

ROMAN SOLDIERS (2 at station with Tax Collector)

Roman Soldiers script interacts between the each other and the guide. If guests do not have their coin to pay their taxes, they are then put in jail.

TAX COLLECTOR (1 position)

Tax collector will collect the gold coins given to each guest to pay their taxes before the guests leave for their journey. He will ask them general questions.

INN KEEPER (at least 1)

He/she will interact with the guide. The Inn Keeper explains that Joseph and Mary are not in the Inn. He had no room for them, but does remember meeting them.

MARY AND JOSEPH. Would love to have a real baby!!!! (at least 4 for each event)
Best part! No lines to memorize. Just act the part.

USHER (at least 1) (at least 2 for each event)

The Usher will welcome guests to quietly meditate as long as they wish and then join everyone in the church sanctuary for refreshments and to listen to Christmas Music being performed by the Community.

NOTICE – We are always looking for animals for the event. If you have access to farm animals, please let Cynthia Semach know. 514-562-3593.

**Important Dates to mark on your calendar for
Kids Kingdom Sunday School**

- ◆ 11/6/11 Children’s Church
- ◆ 11/20/11 Thanksgiving Crafts
- ◆ 11/27/11 No Sunday School
- ◆ 12/18/11 Cantata—No Sunday School
- ◆ 12/24/11 Christmas Program—stay tuned for more information



The Service of Resurrection and the gift of eternal life was held for Geraldine Mary Wunderle on Friday, October 21, 2011 in Columbus Ohio. Pastor Art officiated.

The Service of Christian Marriage was held for Mark Mayers (son of Jo and Jim Mayers of All Shepherds) and Tiffany Pennington on Saturday, October 22, 2011 in Newark, Ohio. Pastor Art officiated.

This is the story of “The Corn Hole Tournament That Wasn’t.” Once upon a partly cloudy day in early September two thousand and eleven, we planned a party, we roasted a pig (2 actually), we roasted some corn, put out the covered dishes and desserts for all to enjoy. We huffed and puffed and blew up the slides and bounced on a bed of air, we played with the colored Doh, and colored in our books. We fished in the pond and listened to the music. We almost got to ride a pony when WHAM came the rain! Lost in it all was our world famous (well almost) Corn Hole Tournament. Bragging rights were at stake, who would be this year’s best bean bag throwers? Tickets were sold by coaxing, cajoling, groveling and just havin’ fun- but to what end - a wash out. And bragging rights are on hold till next year.

Still this story does have a happy ending – everyone had a good time – all the food was gone – and we were once again able to donate the proceeds of the Corn Hole Tournament (\$300) to the Sunday School team. This is after all our Rally Day where we come to support the return of the kids to Sunday School class rooms. So a special thanks to all who bought tickets to “The Corn Hole Tournament That Wasn’t”. We hope you will buy a ticket again next year in our ongoing support of our Christian Education program come rain or come shine.

Do you know someone?????

Our Ministry Site Profile, which in essence is a fancy Help Wanted ad, was submitted to the Southern Ohio Synod on the 18th of October. From the information we provided, Pastor Wong will give us several candidates that he feels will meet our needs. However, The Southern Ohio Synod is not the only source of potential candidates. We are free to contact anyone we think might be a good fit for us. That is where you come in! If you know someone who you think might be a good candidate please submit that persons name to the Call Committee. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT** that person directly, as there is a protocol to be followed. Please have your suggestions into us no later than November 7th. Thank You !!!

Just as a reminder your Call Committee members are: Jim Tucker (chair), Jeff Semach, Julie Cline, Karen Manngard, Pam Halley, Sharon Dencer, Rob Reash, Bill Barker and Chip Aquilina.

You might have asked : I wonder how the call committee is doing? You might have said: They have been at this for a long time ... seems like we should get an update sometime. You would be right and here it is:

Call Committee progress update. Since our first meeting on January 24th we have been working on a document that the synod provided to us. It is called a Ministry Site Profile. It is a question and answer process to tell the Synod and a prospective pastor who we are, what is going on in our congregation and what qualities we are hoping to find in our new pastor. You will recall the surveys we asked you to fill out. The answers to many of the questions in the Ministry Site Profile came from the results of those surveys. Upon completion of that process, it was Council’s turn. They had to complete the financial portion of the document. We had a few meetings with Pastor Wong, the Assistant to the Bishop, who continues to provide guidance.

On October 17, 2011, we had another meeting to take one last look at the MSP before we submit it to Pastor Wong. Upon receipt Pastor Wong will review it. With the MSP and interviews with us Pastor Wong will provide us with the contact information of 5 to 6 candidates. We will then begin the interview process.

If you would like to see the results of our work so far, the Ministry Site Profile Information is posted on our web site.

We thank you for your prayers and continued support; the call committee.

WE'RE TAKING PICTURES FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Great News! All Shepherds is updating its church directory to include member photos in addition to the member contact information. We plan to have this directory available before Christmas electronically and as a handout. In order to complete this process timely and with useful information, we need your help! Please stop by our ‘portrait studio’ in the Hand Bell Choir alcove in the Gathering Area to have your picture taken and to confirm that your information we have on file is accurate. If you wish, you may also submit your own photo (one per family) either to Jeff Davis (Communication Team Leader) via email at JDavis@AllShepherds.org or by dropping off your photo during our portrait times. Our ‘portrait studio’ is open for business on Sundays, October 23, 30,



New Ministry Partnership Begins

On Nov 7, ASLC will begin hosting The Alpha Group of Delaware, Inc in our building. The Alpha Group is a non-profit organization providing special services, training and jobs to people in our community with developmental difficulties. Alpha will be using our large Sunday School Assembly Room (also known as the Adult Sunday School Classroom) from 9 am til 3 pm Monday through Friday. They may also occasionally use other classrooms as needed during this same time frame. Alpha currently has their headquarters and major operations center on the south side of the city of Delaware. They are beginning a new program with us focused specifically on helping more young adults with developmental difficulties. To offset any increased costs associated with the use of our space, they will be giving the church \$600/month. The agreement was signed earlier this month and culminated more than 6 months of discussions with the Church Council and the Alpha Board. The Church Council unanimously supports this use of our facilities to help minister to handicapped people in our community and we are honored to be associated with such a worthy organization. Alpha Group feels the same way about us. To learn more about Alpha Group, see their website at: www.alphagroup.net

John Norris

We're preparing for our Journey to Bethlehem:

We will once again be providing hot chocolate and cookies for our visitors to Bethlehem, and a pot luck afterwards for the cast and helpers. Please sign up in The Gathering Place area to help out with this event. It is truly one of All Shepherds community signature events, with many hands working together to make it happen.



OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANDMA & GRANDPA MEYER

Tyler Jaxon Baum was born November 26th to Erika (Sandy & Cal's daughter) & Kevin Weighing in at 8 lbs 4 oz, Tyler and Mommy are doing great! God's Blessing to all the family!

Please keep Sandy in your prayers, as she unfortunately developed pneumonia and is now back home in Ohio and hopefully resting!

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All Shepherds Is Fortunate To Offer...

Our members and our community at large, a support group called **THE BRIDGE**. The group is facilitated by Tony Anders, a certified Recovery Life Coach who is also working on his certification as a Holistic Health Practitioner. The group meets on Monday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm.

The group is open to anyone experiencing difficulty in their lives—marriage relationships, problems with self-esteem, grief issues through loss of any kind...death, a job, a significant other, addiction, co-dependency, crisis of any kind whether long-term or short term, financial issues, divorce or illness, sexual identity.

One of the things that happens in a church is that we “Bury Our Wounded”. We often ignore people who are in crisis, and along with that, all of us want to be perceived as having no problems ...and we certainly don't need help. That's nonsense. I belong to a support group, I have used the gifts of a counselor and participated in Al-Anon. I am also a Spiritual Director for Cum Christo, a Roman Catholic-Protestant Spiritual Community for men and women.

YOU can show up at a meeting. Let other people know about **THE BRIDGE** or contact:
Pastor Art for more details by phone (home 614-888-3058 or cell 614-519-0691)
Or by email (art.haimerl@gmail.com)

You may also contact the group facilitator—Tony Anders @ 614-439-7449
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