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The Staff

The Newsletter of Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church

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*A community of
Christians, called
Together by the Holy
Spirit, where all people
Can come to know
God's grace and grow in
Faith, give and receive
The love of Jesus Christ
And of one another, and
Serve one another and
The community in which
We live."*

At the bend of the road

Way before I became the pastor of this church, Shepherd of the Glen was a part of the scenery of my life living in western Howard county. It was, for me, the "church at the bend of the road"—when I drove my kids to the soccer fields off Rt. 97, when I picked them up from Glenelg High School, when I headed to the little salon off Roscommon to get my hair cut, when I took the back ways coming or going to work in Columbia, I drove by "the church at the bend of the road." All I really knew about it was that it was Lutheran, like me, had gorgeous grounds, held a book sale a couple times a year, and—was located at a bend in the road. All I knew was what I could see from the outside.

Now I can say I've had the privilege and joy of knowing this church very much from the inside as your interim

pastor. From the inside, I see faith carried out in worship and in service. I see people caring for their fellow parishioners as family. I see people who not only started this church a few decades ago, but still lovingly care for it with their own hands. I see names on the prayer list who I can now put faces with and can assure with each visit that they are indeed still very much a part of this church when we speak their name out loud Sunday morning. I see

ongoing projects that are successfully completed to help those in need outside the church. I see that the book sale is more than a book sale—it's a coming together of people here to work year round, to fellowship as they sort, to support each other as they work, to create needed revenue for the church and to reach out to book seekers from all over the area. It's an amazing operation, and what the sale and other functions here have affirmed in me is that small churches are so often "the little engine that could," accomplishing surprising things for the Kingdom of God.

Now both this church and I have come to a bend in the road and it's time to say goodbye. Saying good bye is an integral, expected, and necessary part of interim ministry, so I've been prepared for this. I'll still be in the community, but it's vital that a leaving pastor make a clean break so a fresh start can begin. I'm sure I'll run into you in Food Lion or at Larriland, but for the good of this church it must be "good bye" and not "see you around."

But, the fact that I've been prepared for this since I became interim doesn't mean that the leaving is easy and there's no grief in my heart. You have all become a part of me; your stories are now interwoven with mine, so I'll miss you and your presence in my life. At the same time, I'm so excited that this church which is so full of God's love is embarking on a new and wonderful stage with Pastor Paula. I know you are in good hands—in her hands, in each others' hands, and most of all, in God's hands.

2 Corinthians 5:17 has always been my theme verse in ministry, and it seems just right at this moment:

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

There is something new for all of us right around the bend in the road. Blessings to you all as we travel around the bend and discover what new thing God has around the corner.

Peace+
Pastor Susan

Announcements

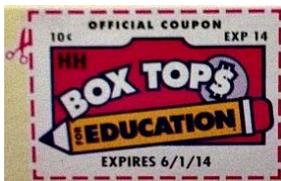
Taking God's Word to Heart and Putting it into Action

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

To be held on August 6, 2017. The Call Committee and Church Council are recommending a pastoral candidate. The candidate will be here to meet the congregation, lead worship, and preach. Our presence and your vote are very important. The vote will be by written ballot to be presided over by a representative of the bishop. Two-thirds majority vote is required for election.

The next Coffee Fellowship will be held on August 6. If you wish to provide goodies, please let Peggy Handler or Anne Gellner know or sign up on the Helping Hands board.

As your garden produces veggies or fruit this summer, bring your extra to church. Those of us without a green thumb can "buy" your produce and the proceeds will be used to combat hunger.



Reminder: Box Tops for Education: Please continue to bring in your box tops. This will be an ongoing service project to help our schools. On many products there are coupons, like the one shown. All you have to do is cut them out, bring them to church and place them in the container on the table in the narthex.

Something so little can make a big difference! Thank you!

New Service Project for July!

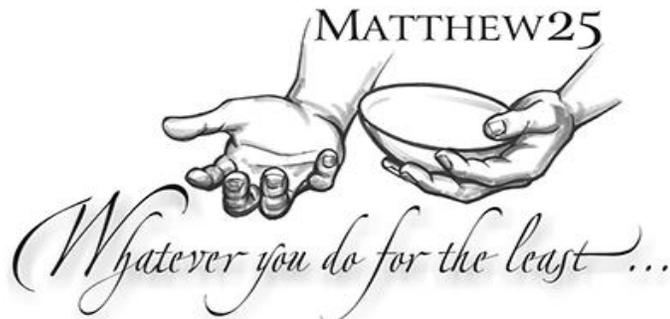
We will be filling backpacks for students in need. The backpacks will be on a table in the back of the church. Each back pack will have a list of supplies needed by students to begin the school year with. Please sign your name next to the items you would like to donate. When you bring those items in, place them in the backpack that goes along with the list you signed. Thank you.

Maryland Medical Center Ministry Support

On July 23 we were pleased to present to Pastor Susan Carole Roy \$250 worth of prayer beads and bibles. Also, the congregation donated 39 boxes of tissues.

Thank you!

Route 1 Day Center *Thank you* to all who provided the meal and served!



Special Church Council Meeting

July 18, 2017

Special Guest: Pastor Paula Canby

Pastor Candidate Canby was introduced to the Council. Linda Krause then gave a synopsis of the work of the Call Committee (Linda Krause, Dennis Hunt, Carole Kramer, Lyle Hein).

- June 10--Call Committee interviewed Pastor Paula Canby and voted 4-0 in favor of continuing the call process with her. Pastor Earl Campbell, Bishop's Assistant, was notified and was asked to set up a time and place where the call committee could hear Pastor Paula Canby preach.
- July 9-- heard Pastor Canby preach at First Evangelical Ellicott City; voted 4-0 to move Pastor Canby's name forward to Council.
- July 11—presented Pastor Canby's name to the Council; discussed budget and compensation package.
- July 13—Jeff, Dennis and Linda met with Pastor Canby to discuss compensation package which Pastor Canby accepted.

The Council met with Pastor Canby; question and answer session.

Following our discussion with Pastor Canby the Council deliberated as to whether to recommend her to the Congregation for pastor of Shepherd of the Glen. A motion was made and seconded to recommend Pastor Canby to the Congregation. The Council voted 10-0 in favor of the recommendation.

We discussed the timeline for bringing Pastor Canby forward and saying goodbye to Pastor Susan:

- July 30—Pastor Susan's final Sunday
- August 6—Congregational meeting; Pastor Canby to preach and then Congregation to vote as to whether to offer a Call to become our Pastor
- August 13—Supply pastor needed
- August 14—Pastor Canby's Start Date
- August 20—Pastor Canby's first regular Sunday

We will have a coffee fellowship on July 30 to say farewell to Pastor Susan. Donations will be taken toward a parting thank you gift for Pastor Susan.

Mail letters and e-mail will be sent to Congregation announcing both the Congregational meeting and the farewell coffee fellowship.



Jerry Ashenbrenner, cousin of Alice Corrigan, treatment for cancer.
Fred Bright, relative of the Gellner's, treatment for cancer.
Shirley Nafziger Brown, sister of Alice Corrigan, recovering from heart valve replacement.
Arlene Burgio, cousin of Joyce Becker, on-going illness.
Patty Cahill, friend of Carole Kramer, surgery for leg amputation.
Marylin Cassizzi, friend of Beverly Biersdorf, on-going health issues.
Vicque Charrette, friend of the Kramer's, recovery from stroke.
Bruno and Marie Françoise Clogenson, friends of Anne Gellner, health and financial hardship.
Alice Corrigan, recovering from meningioma removal surgery.
David Dennis, friend of Tracey Pickrel, cancer treatment.
Renata Engler & J. D. Nichols, friend of the Kruegers, on-going health issues.
Anna Ferrari, relative of the Kramers, advancing Parkinson's.
Hank Fraley Sr., friend of Patsy Pickrel, battling cancer.
Bruno Gaumetou, Anne Gellner's cousin, cancer treatment.
Joelle Gaumetou, Anne Gellner's cousin, major health issues.
Phillip Geil, Katie Handler's father-in-law, battling cancer.
Jeff Gellner, recovering from surgery.
Katie Hill, friend of Patsy Pickrel, on-going health problems.
James Long, neighbor of the Gellner's treatment for bone cancer.
Martha Wiles-Mapstead, cousin of Teresa Meaney, treatment for pancreatic cancer.
Ruthanne Maynard, friend of Stephanie Ransom, cancer treatment.
Robert McDermott, friend of the Patsy & Tracey Pickrel, treatment for cancer.
Eric McWilliams, friend of Liz Slick.
Debby Molano, friend of Beverly Biersdorf, treatment for cancer.
Carolyn Morrison, friend of the Slick's, treatment for cancer.
Carolyn Myers, sister of Faith Phillips & Linda Clark, on-going health issues.
Steve Pelaez, friend of Tracey Pickrel, recovering from a bicycle accident.
Warren Porter, friend of Patsy Pickrel, recovery from stroke.
Steve Poulos, friend of the Corrigan's, on-going health problems.
Eloise Ransom, recovering from knee surgery.
Roland Richardson, Carole Kramer's cousin, cancer treatment.
Kevin Smith, friend of Tracey and Patsy Pickrel, cancer treatment.
The Sontag Family, Anne Gellner's cousins, several on-going health issues.
Julia Stenson, mother of Julie Myers, on-going health problems.
Stanley Sterner, friend of Jeffrey Gellner, rehab after surgery.
Sharon Stewart, sister of Donna Care of dulcimer group, undergoing multiple challenges.
Doris Strange, in-law of the Corrigan's, on-going health problems.
Bobby Tsurapus, friend of Patsy & Tracey Pickrel, treatment for cancer.
Carolyn Twigg, on-going health problems.
The family of Louise Nothdurft
The family of Tommy Bryant, Patsy Pickrel's good friend's brother.