



Mews of the Flock



From the Pastor

Isaiah 43:1 “Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine.” God commands us not to fear, or worry. The phrase “fear not” is used at least 80 times in the Bible, most likely because He knows the enemy uses fear to decrease our hope and limit our victories. The words from Isaiah should provide us with great comfort. God is in control because He has redeemed us and we belong to him. When Satan attacks he wants our hope to decrease because then we focus more on the troubles around us rather than trusting God. Anxiety, fear, worry can overwhelm us with a darkness, controlling our every move and decision. It dominates our thoughts and actions. We feel hopeless because the events in the world seem so chaotic at times. Proverbs 12: 25 says, “Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.” The kind words come from God. Proverbs 29: 25 says, “Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.” Focus on the second part, “whoever trusts in the Lord will

be kept safe”. No that does not mean we won't have troubles, or we shouldn't be careful. God will keep us safe as He sees fit. However, when fear or events around us become the focus of our thoughts, it becomes a snare that the enemy loves to use. I like Deuteronomy 31: 6, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” What an awesome passage to remind us that we are never alone or facing something that can defeat us. God is with us. He never leaves our side. We are told to be strong and courageous. I may not always feel strong and courageous but that happens when I forget who is with me. Again, it does not mean that we should not be careful in today's world. We should but we cannot forget to trust God. He is good and gracious. Deuteronomy 3: 22 says, ” Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you.”

Pastor Daene



Easter Sunday Service—10:00 a.m.



Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

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Special points of interest:

- Palm Sunday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Church Council Highlights ~~

Church Council met on March 8, 2020 after the worship service.. Those in attendance were: Brad Pierce, Michelle Pierce, Gerda Martin, Chris Johnson, Johannah Pollert, Heidi Baca, Mark Ploss, Larry Hill, Don Haddock, Pastor Daene, Randy Powers and Rose Krimmel. Absent was Kevin Weber and Dan Bonham.

February minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Secretary, Brad Pierce reported Offerings for February were \$12,863.62.

Treasurer, Larry Hill, reported expenses for February were \$15,494.87.

Pastor stated the average attendance for February was 70. He had 3 church services; 1 church meeting; 7 Confirmation classes; 7 Bible studies; 11 Counseling sessions; 1 Circuit meeting; 4 Member visits; 6 Hospital visits; and 1 Jail visit. Brion & Ashley Brigman will becoming members later this

month.

Deacons—no report

Trustee - no report. Still sorting through things and going to have a Trustee meeting soon..

Christian Education Chair, Heidi Baca, reported the Sunday School classes have been studying the New Testament. Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner lead Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. The children visited the nursing home on the second Sunday in February. We will have a VBS meeting soon.

Stewardship Chair—vacant. Larry reported Rebekah Haugh reported everything was ok with the review of LWGS treasurer books for 2019.

Board of Missions, Michelle Pierce, stated they are going to check with Orphan Grain Train about a group going down and helping sort clothing and etc. They would like

small fair to kickoff VBS.

Board of Fellowship, Gerda Martin/Amy Houck reported they spent \$109.65 in February for the Valentine, New member Pitch-In expenses were \$109.65.

Member-at Large, Randy Powers, reported the Franklin Community Band will be here April 16th. Also, a few of the High School kids will be here to clean for a couple of hours.

Unfinished Business— Notice was sent to Republic Trash Services Certified Return Receipt—Received receipt. Steeple Repair—no new info. Comparison of Income to Expenses continues.

New business — Need to check website and update information. New member packet of information assembled. A Deacon list of what members are assigned to which deacon. LWGS has \$200 donated towards the new flooring for the kitchen.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd

Hello Ladies,

We met on March 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen at church. After all reports were given we got down to discussing future events. The LWML Columbus Zone Spring Rally at Shepherd of the Hills will be April 25th. Amy and Shelley are going. Ladies Night Out will be May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Greenwood. All ladies of Good Shepherd are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet will be put up a couple weeks before hand. Any one that needs a ride please mark it on the sheet.

We will continue getting the extra Quarterly magazines. If you haven't looked at one they are on the little table by the kitchen. Pick one up. They have a lot of information about LWML.

A motion was made to continue to donate \$200 a year to the Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Johnson County. Motion passed.

After a discussion about when to have meetings; a motion was made that we only meet from August thru April at 11:00 a.m. on the second Monday of the month. Motion passed.

Amy read some information that we received on how to set up for large dinners and funerals. We will keep it on file.

Rose brought in some samples of vinyl flooring. After looking at it, discussing it and what color we think we want; it was decided that Gerda and Amy would spend a day to go and check out flooring.

Our next meeting will be April 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen. Plan on attending.

Care & Concern ~~~



Remember in your Prayers: Sylvia Kessler, surgery; Judy Coy, cancer treatment; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Dan Bonham, strength & comfort; Elitsa

Stoitsova, high risk pregnancy; Carhyl Yoder, peace and healing; Barb Miller, hip surgery; Joyce Thompson, healing, strength, and comfort; Karen Muth, health issues; Kim Fouts, life support; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall major

health issues; Betty Morgan, healing, strength, and comfort; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint and family, stage 3 cancer; Gary Haddock, lung cancer; Jerry Miller, health issues; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Ben Hall, cancer; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

***** If you placed any of these people on our prayer list, please check as to their status and let the office know their update. We like to keep this information as current as possible. Thank you.



Messages from Pastor ~ ~

(Sent as an email to the addresses we have on file April 7, 2020.)

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord whose glorious resurrection we will soon celebrate. It is an understatement that things around us have certainly changed in the past few weeks. One of the things that has changed is the way we are doing some things at church. Services are still being held and there are a few people attending. We try to practice social distancing in our seating in the church. We need to work on distances at communion, but we think we have a solution now. In all things, we are trying to stay faithful to our mission and respectful of the civil authorities. I also realize that missing church for many of you is something that does not sit well with you. I understand that and I also understand the need to stay safe during this time. In

Jeremiah, God says that he examines the mind and knows the heart. While you might want to come to church, your health must be considered too. God understands your heart and mind and where you desire to be if you were able. God does not withdraw His love because a person cannot attend church for a few weeks.

Soon this will be over and we all will be back to church and in our regular pews and seats. In the meanwhile, please try to view the service live on Facebook or watch it later at your convenience. I am also very willing to bring anyone communion at home. If this is something you would like and feel safe with (In case I might be an unknown carrier), please call me at 317 833 2678. Pastor Daene

Message from Pastor April 9, 2020 - During this virus we have made some adjustments as to how we conduct ourselves. We ask that each family group sit in a pew marked with the green tape. This will allow us to maintain social distancing. In addition, directions will be given before the service regarding communion. Each family group is asked to stand near one of the green tape marked areas near the altar. Again, this will allow us to maintain social distancing while still maintaining the idea of table fellowship. Lastly, we ask that people do not gather in the narthex after church. While church is also a family, we are concerned about following the civic guidelines of gatherings of people. We are doing our best to follow the civic guidelines while still allowing people to worship and to receive the sacrament.

Board of Education

The Sunday School classes have been studying the New Testament. Carla Cole is teaching the Preschool Class, Heidi Baca is teaching the Intermediate Class and Johannah Pollert teaches the Middle School Class.

Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner lead Children's Church on the non-communion Sundays following Pastor's Children's Message.

The Children visited the Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the 2nd Sunday of February. Heidi Baca, Bd of Education Chair.

Board of Missions

We collected Toilet Paper and Paper Towels in the month of March.

We are going to contact Orphan Grain Train about taking a group in the Spring to help sort items of clothing and etc.

Discussed the possibility of purchasing a banner to draw attention to our special activities.

Also, we would like to have another meal similar to the chili cook-off after Easter.

Suggestion for VBS kickoff—a small fair with face painting, balloon making, ring

toss, etc.

Michelle Pierce, Mission Chair



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that sent me cards, emails, phone calls and etc. during my hospital stay. They were very much appreciated.

Sylvia Kessler



*Have a
Blessed
Easter*

