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FLOCK TALK

Hi. Everything continues to happen. People continue to react. Stress and pressure are mounting. People are making and taking more visual and verbal stances. Businesses, employees, customers, continue to express their views. Lots of incidents are happening locally and nationally. Some stories are shared; others are not. To be honest, all I know is what I see on the news feeds on my phone. And, I only see them if and when I take a look.

For instance, I read about two passengers fighting on an airplane over not wearing a mask. I glossed over a couple stories talking about storms crossing the south-central United States. Yet, I don't recall reading or seeing any news feeds about 20 million dollars plus being done in damage to towns, homes, and crops. I only heard about it after Laura talked to her sister who lives in Slater, IA.

Just now, I read about a taxi driver and pastor living in Florida who shared how they were persuaded to believe Covid-19 was a hoax. Thinking so, they didn't follow any guidelines. In May they both came down with Covid-19. In June, the wife passed due to Covid-19. Like all the other stories, I do not know if it is accurate or not. What is true? What is false? Is Covid-19 a Plan-demic? Is it a pandemic? I don't know for sure. My mind thinks one way, then it thinks another. Yet, deep down, my mind and heart both don't want either one to be true.

All this has underscored one point for me. As human beings, we each have thoughts. As one has said: "I think. Therefore, I am." (Rene' Descartes) As a person, each of us has thoughts. As such, we each think and believe what is true and false. Yet, now more than ever before, the reality of realizing this and how we ought to handle this in ourselves and with others, has become increasingly more important, especially right now today.

The question is = how are we to act? How are we to treat one another as we deal with what each of us thinks, especially when it is different? As a believer in Jesus Christ, I have read what Jesus has told his followers how we are to behave in our following him. The problem is, at least for me, I know what Jesus wants me to do. The reality is, I fail at doing it. I fail miserably. I know I ought to behave and react with love and compassion. Yet, there

are times I judge and react. In these ways, and more, I fall short and fail to do what Jesus says I am to do.

And yet, I have come to know what is also true. Even though I am a sinner and fail to do what Jesus wants me to do, God says he loves me and forgives me. God says he will move in me to will and to do what he wants me to do. (Col...) The times I hear and follow and listen, God blesses me. The times I fall and fail, God forgives me.

It has been awhile since I heard the song, "Dream Small." It is sung by Josh Wilson. He talks about how we ought to look at focusing on doing the small things in life. It is in the small things God uses us to make an impact on people. A smile. A wave. A laugh. A text. A call. A visit. A note. And right now, with the safest manner possible, touch a person's heart with a hug or an air hug, an elbow, or even a fist bump (or pump).

I read a note in a book that shared God is not only present in the big to make sure important events happen. God is also present in the small, common, daily interactions with everyday people. So, what does this mean? "Dream Small." Say "Hi!" to one you haven't seen in a while. Share a story, a thought, a laugh, a memory. Ask someone to share their story, thought, or memory. Go ahead. Reach out. Dare to share. Care to ask. If God has prepared your interaction to happen, it will happen, and you will have been involved in a God-moment!

Speaking of such, some at Good Shepherd are continuing with the next step in the Red Letter Challenge. It is the Being Challenge. For 40 days you will connect with someone else in learning and being challenged in how to live as Jesus did in BEING in relationship with others and with God the Father. We are starting September 15. So, I dare to share and Care to say: Come along! Take the next step along with others and join in on doing this. You can do so in person or via Zoom. Your choice! Either way you will be led to draw closer and learn to Be with God. Look/call/seek for details at church or online at the website: goodshepherdalex.com

A Blessed September to you!

Pastor Tim



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY: SS Squad

Yes, we are having Sunday School this year and are very excited to get started!

First quarter will look a bit different than usual. We will have shortened sessions that the children may attend in person (with social distancing in place), or you can watch and participate as a family later online. We have chosen to take the Being Challenge to learn about the five key habits of Jesus. We will challenge ourselves to become better followers of Jesus as we progress through the children's version of this program together. Look for more information to come.

Rally Sunday will begin with the Blessing of the Backpacks. This year backpacks will be blessed by Pastor Tim and families as we pray over them in the pews where we are sitting. Don't forget to bring your backpack with you to service on September 13!

We will be looking for teachers starting Winter quarter. We want to plant the seed in your minds now. Start praying and thinking about serving The Lord in this capacity.

Sunday School Superintendent team,
Deb Hull, Kari Kremer, Denise Norhiem,
Wanda Swenson

ALTAR GUILD

SUBMITTED BY: Amory Anderson

We are now in September, six months into the pandemic shut down, which seems like forever for all of us. The kids will be returning to school in about two weeks as I write this, with still lots of uncertainty for all of us. Continue to be vigilant about your daily/weekly outings.

There continues to be little to do as far as Altar care since the pandemic orders were put into place, but we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Communion is offered the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. Pastor Tim and the Elders are masked and gloved for distributing the Body and Blood of our Savior, with the final blessing when everyone has communed. The distribution procedure that we have been using has been going well, we work out a few more kinks each time. We are open to suggestions for other ways to distribute, so please share your ideas with an Elder or Pastor. We will try other ways before one is decided upon that seems to work best. If you are not comfortable with coming to church to receive communion, please call Pastor Tim to make an appointment for a private serving.

Please take a moment to thank Gary and Jean Christianson for caring for the Altar in August. The care givers for September will be Audrey Robatcek and Amory Anderson.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

SUBMITTED BY: Deb Hull

Fellowship plans to meet in September and would enjoy having others join us! Bring your gift to fellowship with others you will fit right in! We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday @5pm! Join us in September.

Thanks
Deb Hull, Marian/Arnie B, Lavonne/Norm S, Pastor Tim



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 4

Mike and Jenny Lenarz

SEPTEMBER 5

Jason and Amy Thimmesh

SEPTEMBER 7

Paul and Nancy Gesell

SEPTEMBER 10

Aaron and Meghan Williams

SEPTEMBER 11

Bill and Jan Teschendorf
Ben and Samantha Rau

SEPTEMBER 15

Steve and Becky Black

SEPTEMBER 16

Norman and LaVonne Schimmelpfennig

SEPTEMBER 18

Joe and Stefanie Thompson

SEPTEMBER 19

Chuck and Kathy Betterman
Todd and Denise Johnson

SEPTEMBER 20

Dave and Peggy Erickson
Arnie and Marian Brelje

SEPTEMBER 21

Chet and Deb Hull

SEPTEMBER 24

Mike and Kathryn Niewind

SEPTEMBER 26

Todd and Sandi Domini

SEPTEMBER RECIPE

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy Boysen

Crock Pot Lasagna

Ingredients:

1 pd ground beef
Lasagna noodles
1 jar spaghetti sauce
1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
2 TBSP grated parmesan cheese

Brown ground beef and drain.

Spoon one cup spaghetti sauce in bottom of four quart crock pot.

Mix remaining sauce with beef.

Place 3 uncooked lasagna noodles on top of sauce in crock pot.

Spread 1/3 of meat mixture on top of noodles.

Spread 3/4 cup cottage cheese over meat.

Sprinkle 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese over cottage cheese.

Add 3 more uncooked noodles, 1/3 of meat mixture and 3/4 cup cottage cheese.

Place another layer of noodles, remaining meat mixture and 1 cup mozzarella cheese.

Sprinkle parmesan cheese over the top.



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1

Sharein Berninghaus
Daniel Rice

SEPTEMBER 2

Jackie Bolstad
Blake Petrie
Charles Thimmesh
Aaron Williams

SEPTEMBER 3

Amber Kohls

SEPTEMBER 4

DeAnna Ewoldt
Teagan Runge
William Teschendorf

SEPTEMBER 6

Finley Schmidt
Gavin Schoenrock

SEPTEMBER 7

Amanda Richards

SEPTEMBER 8

Larry Ziegler

SEPTEMBER 9

Vern Corson
Bethany Hasz
Megan Hasz

SEPTEMBER 10

Chenoa Schoenrock

SEPTEMBER 13

Sky Wiire
Violet Wiire

SEPTEMBER 14

Paul Gesell

SEPTEMBER 15

Emma Ecker
Jamie Springer
Phyllis Tucker

SEPTEMBER 16

Melissa Kranz
Taylor Yeats

SEPTEMBER 17

Kenessa Goodwin
Bobby Hull

SEPTEMBER 18

Elijah Starzl

SEPTEMBER 20

Chloe Patrick

SEPTEMBER 21

Ardell Nelson

SEPTEMBER 23

Jack Theien

SEPTEMBER 24

Kiesha Bullock
Rhett Murray
David Setterstrom

SEPTEMBER 25

Landon Runge
Mackenzie Schlangen

SEPTEMBER 26

Tiffany Bertek
Andrew Colton
Noel Roe
Benjamin Schoenrock

SEPTEMBER 27

Lloyd Schwanke

SEPTEMBER 28

Steve Johnson
Ann Madison

SEPTEMBER 30

Parker Luedeke
Colette Vandergon

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

~ Psalm 118 : 24



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LWML NEWS

SUBMITTED BY: Elaine Beulke

The LWML of Good Shepherd met together on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 pm. It was our first meeting together in several months! It was nice to be back together again!

Due to the pandemic, we will not be having our rummage sale this year. We will plan on having it in the fall of 2021.

Our fall rally will be a half day rally at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Leaf Valley on October 15th. We have decided to change our meeting date and time to hopefully accommodate more of our ladies. We will now be meeting at 6:30pm on the third Monday of every month, rather than the fourth Monday.

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SEPTEMBER JOKES

What is a tree's least favorite month?

Sep-timber

What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?

Pumpkin Pi

What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

Straw-berries

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

Squash

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

With a pumpkin patch

Why do birds fly south in the winter?

Because it's too far to walk

Who helps the small pumpkins cross the street at school?

The crossing gourds

LOVE PATCHES

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over. Love Patches will begin our weekly meetings on Thursday September 17, 9am - noon. We are able to work on the quilts and still be socially distant. More helpers are always needed - please prayerfully consider joining us for a lot of fellowship and fun. This summer we have given out four lap quilts and one quilt for baptism. It is time to replenish our dwindling supply.

On Monday August 10, Barb, Gloria, Amory and Marian met to finish five baby quilts that LaVonne had pieced at home during quarantine. We needed to replenish our supply of baby quilts since we haven't met since March. It was a great feeling to get them done.



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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman: Paul Gesell

Secretary: Tracy Boysen

Treasurer: Evelyn Beulke

Executive Board

Rich Duncan

Chad Kohls

Dale Nibbe

Megan Schmidt

Carol Barenz

Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall.

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The Flock Talk and Monthly Calendar are available on the site! If you have information about your ministry and you would like it put on our website, let us know!

We are here for *You!*

Our Elders are here for you!

Contact us for any spiritual needs, prayer or visitation needs.

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Who is my Elder? What do I do?

The Elder Flock lists are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall, or call the Church office.

Service Cancellation Information

To check for service cancellations listen to KXRA radio station or go to voiceofalexandria.com

You are *welcome* to join us for Bible Study!

Wednesday mornings via zoom at 10 am.

Please call, text or email Pastor Tim for the zoom ID number or if you have any questions on how to join a zoom call!



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