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due September 22

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Summer Worship Schedule:
9:30 a.m. Blended Service
10:45 a.m. Fellowship

As we await the arrival of our new pastor, we offer this quote originally published in "Whistling in the Dark" and later published in "Beyond Words" both by Frederick Buechner.

<https://www.facebook.com/Frederick.Buechner.Center>

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

When Jesus comes along saying that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look, and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces, but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.

*Traditional Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary
Starts September 21*

Women of the ELCA, Sierra Pacific Synod

On **Saturday, October 11**, the Women of the ELCA, Sierra Pacific Synod, will host a one day Service Retreat. This event is held every other year. This year it will be here at Good Shepherd. There will be a bible study and an opportunity to make blankets and other items to be given to our keynote speaker, Pastor Lyle Beckman, Night Minister of the San Francisco Night Ministry, for those in need. Lunch and an optional dinner will be served. All are welcome! We hope you will plan on attending. Applications are available on the website: **womenofelcasps.org**. Need an application or have questions? Please see Laura in the office.

GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK CLUB MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16

To honor the memory of the remarkable writer and poet Maya Angelou, we have chosen "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" for to discuss at our September meeting. In a review on Amazon, the writer says, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou, is the first volume in this author's extraordinary series of autobiographical narratives. This book has, since its publication, become a beloved contemporary classic of African-American literature." ► Join us at **7:30 pm in the Fireside Room, Sept. 16**, and share the discussion of this remarkable book. Questions? Contact Donna Albrecht at donna-at-albrechts.com

September Leisure Lunch

*Calling all Leisure Lunchers - it's back to school!
Well, not exactly... It's back to fun and fellowship.
Please join us on Tuesday, September 16th from 12:00-1:30
for lunch and we'll swap our tales of summer.
Any questions or need a ride? Call Susan or Bob Ripley.*



GOOD SHEPHERD INCOME STATEMENT			
AS OF JULY 30, 2014			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
INCOME:			
Pledges	\$82,954	\$80,823	\$2,131
Unpledged	12,829	16,868	(4,039)
Other (Tower, Rent, etc.)	68,301	69,840	(1,539)
TOTAL INCOME	164,084	167,531	(3,447)
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	(150,179)	(168,515)	(18,336)
NET INCOME	\$ 13,905	\$ (984)	\$(14,889)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
OTHER INCOME REPRESENTS 42% OF TOTAL INCOME.**

A Message from our Council President

Our Call Committee is continuing their work. I understand they have conducted some interviews. Let's pray they will conclude their search soon.

Thanks to Kathy Price and Kathy O'Toole for their time in cleaning up Classroom 3. We will be using this room for small group meetings.

Thank you, too, to our home communion team, Betty, Sue and Duane. Recently they not over provided communion to our shut ins but also made a number of home visits. And Betty: thank you for making the bread for communion, for those home bound as well as for those attending services at church.

Thanks to Emilie and her fine crew for putting on a great BBQ on August 24th. Great food and entertainment. Thanks Jay, Emilie and Magic!

Thank you to Larry Huddleston for his ongoing work on the telephone system.

As reported last month we had several recent break-ins to Fellowship Hall. At our August Council meeting Jon Moss presented a bid for installing motion detectors and other devices for securing our campus. We will be getting another bid and we should be making a decision soon as to better protecting our facilities. We are also addressing all exterior lighting. Also, we had a car break in on Sunday August 17 during services. We will be having folks walk the campus during services in hopes this does not happen again.

On Saturday afternoon on August 23 the sanctuary was found unlock. Our Altar Guild folks have stated they did lock the doors. Who is going in other than Altar Guild on a Saturday afternoon? Any ideas? Any suggestions other than we will arm the sanctuary shortly?

On Sunday, August 17, I advised those present that we are losing one of our cell tower lessees, T Mobile. The loss of this revenue represents approximately 13% of our total income. Our Long Range Planning Committee is contacting potential communication companies as well as the City of Concord. Our Finance Committee will be taking this into consideration in developing our 2015 Budget.

Our Stewardship Committee is working hard in preparing the information packets to be delivered in October. You will be hearing more about this year's campaign in the next month or two.

I had the opportunity to visit with Dana Deniston to discuss Friends Feeding Friends storage needs. I am truly amazed by the dedication of our members and friends who participate in this worthwhile ministry. Thanks to all of those associated with this ministry with time and financial support.

The committee to write the policy for a maintaining a Safe Environment presented their draft to the Council on August 12. The policy is entitled Youth/Child Protection Policy. Council members are reviewing the policy with the intent of approving the policy at the September meeting. The committee, Joe Carlson, Emilie Patton and Kristi Buchholz are to be thanked for their excellent work.

Our committee reviewing our Constitution continues their work. The committee is Greg Buchholz, Laura Mott and Donna Albrecht.

See you in church,
Herb

September Birthdays

Logan Neely	01
Karin Bohling	03
Hayley Rodemsky	03
Kai Patrick	06
Lauren Wardle	06
Joan Filbert	14
Alden Johnson	15
Pat Brack	17
Greg Buchholz	20
James Christiana	26
Delphia Rue	26
Brandon Arnold	30



August 2014 - Council Meeting Notes

Members present were; Herb Yonge, Vicki Smiglewski, Mark Denison, Greg Buchholz, Nils Anderson, Donna Albrecht, Drew Cremisio, Leone McCullough, Jon Moss, and Emilie Patton.

Guests present: Joe Carlson, Laura Mott.

Joe Carlson and the other members of the Safe Environment committee asked Council to come up with procedures for fire safety and the possible use of a defibrillator. He handed out a document, "Youth/Child Protection Policy" and asked Council members to study it and give feedback at our September meeting. Any suggested changes can be sent to Laura. Nils suggested that Good Shepherd maintain a sign-in/sign-out log for events.

Nils moved to change the regular Council meeting from September 9 to September 2 at 7:00 pm in order to accommodate President Yonge's schedule. Msc.

President Yonge announced the Nominating Committee will be named in September.

September 15 is the due date for committees making budget requests. The finance committee will present a Proposed Budget on October 12. Pledge packets for members will be distributed on November 8.

Facility use requests were approved for:

A polling place on November 4

Sierra Pacific Budget Meeting on August 22

AA Forum workshop on November 1

The Call Committee has a new list of possible pastoral candidates and is starting the interview process.

Nils announced that revenue from the Tower is going down because one carrier is leaving, reducing out revenue from the tower by \$40,000 per year.

There is a search underway for a new Choir director.

Companies that provide security services are being interviewed about our campus needs.

Property committee announced that our property has dead trees abutting an adjoining property that need to be removed.

August 2014 Council Meeting Notes, Continued

Christian Ed is researching the possibility of having a once-a-month Social/ Bible Study on Saturdays.

Mark reported for the Stewardship Committee discussed the upcoming Temple Talks and asked for volunteers.

Drew reported for the Evangelism Committee that he has been calling inactive members.

Herb recognized Drew for making all those calls.

On September 7, Social Ministry will collect food for the "God's Work and Our Hands"* event. The food gathered will be split between Share and Friends Feeding Friends. They are also asking for personal items like grooming supplies that will be taken to the shelter.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Albrecht
Council Secretary

Nominating Committee

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee this year, please contact Council President, Herb Yonge, by phone or email. We will select a committee in September. Thank you.

September Anniversaries

Michael and Sherry Chaplin
September 1, 1977

Steve and Joann Rossi
September 15, 1984

Robert and Kelly Schaefer
September 16, 2000

James and Kristie Gray
September 19, 1992

Dave and Marcy Munson
September 21, 1963

Mark and Dana Deniston
September 24, 1988

Jon and Heidi Moss
September 27, 1997



Can You Share a Ride?

Through recent phone calls we have discovered that there are several members of Good Shepherd who would like to attend Sunday services and other activities at the church but do not have transportation.

Please consider volunteering to pick up and take home someone on your way to church. You can contact Laura in the church office 925-682-8410 or email: lauramott@gsconcord.com.



GOD-A-PALOOZA! Sierra Pacific Synod High School Retreat Mt. Cross, Oct. 10-12, 2014

Registration is now open! Good Shepherd will pay for the registration of our high school youth. If you have a high school student wishing to go, please see Victor Olmedo.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Sunday, September 7, 2014



A Message from our Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

"When one congregation or a group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God's vineyard. But this is all work that we do together. When one congregation works to feed people who are hungry, that is also the entire church coming together," says ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

*"**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday** reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it's that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference. As you participate Sept. 7, 2014, in the dedicated day of service, may you witness the love of God, who knows and loves each one of us."*

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On **Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014**, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday at GSLC

Here at Good Shepherd we, too, will celebrate in service with other ELCA congregations. How can you participate on Sunday, September 7. During worship you will be invited to bring forward:

- Non-perishable items to share with Friends Feeding Friends and the SHARE Pantry.
- Grooming supplies such as nail trimmers, combs, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and small bottles of shampoo for grooming kits to be taken to the local Concord Shelter.

BOOK EXCHANGE ON SEPTEMBER 14

Have you started packing up your books to share at the Book Exchange on September 14, during coffee hour? Make some room for those new books you will bring home. Anyone can bring books and anyone can take books. This time we're adding a space for children's books, too!

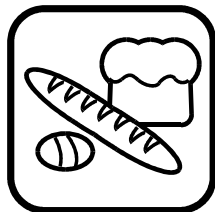


September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Summer Worship Schedule 9:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 10:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH)	1 Labor Day 9:00 a.m. SPS-Women of the ELCA Board Meeting (FH) Church Office Closed	2 7:00 p.m. Council (FH)	3 1:00 p.m. Quilting (FH) 3:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	4 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	5	6 8:00 a.m. DVLC Training (FH)
7 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday See Schedule above 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	8	9	10 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	11 Noon DVLC Board (FH) 2:00 p.m. Finance Comm. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	12	13 8:00 a.m. DVLC Training (FH)
14 See Schedule above 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	15	16 Noon Leisure Lunch (FH)	17 1:00 p.m. Quilting (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	18 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	19	20 9:30 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends (Kitchen) (FH)
21 2 Worship Times 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship 9:45 a.m. Refreshment 11:00 a.m. Contemp. Worship in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Women's NA	22	23 2:00 p.m. DVLC (FH)	24 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	25 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	26	27 11:00 a.m. Helen Johnson Memorial Service (CH) 10:00 a.m. DVLC
28 See Schedule for 9/21 6:00 p.m. Women's NA	29	30				

Friends Feeding Friends

An outreach ministry that serves the needy in our county



437	Grocery bags distributed
112	Hot Meals provided
15	People helped with household furnishings
11	Churches that helped FFF
10	Shelters/Agencies that referred clients to FFF

Changes abound, FFF has to reduce the amount of furniture in short term storage. Consequently, we will no longer be accepting large items such as armoires, long sofas, desks, sofa beds, futons, and entertainment centers. We still welcome smaller scale furniture in good condition such as beds, loveseats, chairs, end tables, dining tables, and dressers.

If you will be dropping off furniture, please call us first so we can make proper arrangements. Thank you!

FFF is now furnishing folks that we met 10 years ago when we used to serve free lunches in the park downtown. We are delighted to see them placed in housing, and are grateful we can help them through this journey and get to know them better.

We are pleased to welcome back the high school students of Tabernacle school. Their help is a blessing!!

Going on vacation? Please save the travel size grooming supplies that you paid for when you booked your room. We need these constantly. Thank you!

Next FFF Lunch: September 20, 2014. 9:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd to prep, 12:00 noon at the shelter (2047 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord) to serve. All are welcome!!

Items needed this month:

- Twin, full or queen size beds (free of stains please)
- Small dining tables and chairs
- Nightstands & end tables
- Recliners or chairs
- Lamps

Have questions, want to help or know of someone needing help?

Contact Dana (925)768-9087 or Linda (925)864-9266 or email us at: friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com or friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com

For we are
God's
workmanship
created in
Christ Jesus
to do good
works, which
God prepared
in advance for
us to do.
Ephesians
2:10

**The North
Concord
Shelter:**

2047 Arnold
Industrial Way,
Concord, CA
Parallel to
Highway 4

Know of someone
who needs help?
Call the Homeless
Hotlines at
800-799-6599 or
800-808-6444.

Call the Bay Area
Rescue Mission at
510-215-4868, or
the Contra Costa
Crisis Center
at 211.

Sarah Jean's
Dream at age 4—
"So people who are
really hungry
have food."



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Located east of the
Salvation Army
church between
West Street and
Mendocino Avenue
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Loaves & Fishes
catering kitchen:
510 Garcia, Suite H
Pittsburg, CA

Worship Assistants – September 7 to October 5, 2014

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte, Torchbearer	Crucifer	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Ministry	Communion to Shut-Ins	Coffee Ministry	Counters	C.O.D.
God's work. Our hands. 9/07	9:30	Erin Wardle	Linda Rodemsky Sue Hertless	Linda Rodemsky	Ryan Kich	Johnathon Berg	Donna Abeyta Nancy Knapp Nancy Judge Becky Berg	Jay Neyenhouse Larry and Marcia Sander	Paul Rusch and Ron Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Greg and Kristi Buchholz	Jan Carzino Betty Jacobsen	Mark Deniston
9/14	9:30	Kelly Schaefer	Erika Berg Susan Metzger	Kristi Buchholz	Doug Olson	Sam Budholz	Kathy Price Eise Welsh Heidi Moss Cindy Rogelstad	Kay Bennett Jeannette Kaul	Jim and Carin Olson	Jamie Rodemsky		Doug and Reyane Freeman	Reyane Freeman and Pam Dietz	Nils Anderson
Returning 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary 9/21	8:30	Drew Cremisio	Rosemary Fassl Sue Hertless	Erika Berg	Ryan Kick	Erika Berg	Jan Harman Pam Dietz Willajean Rogelstad Linda Mahloch	Jauire and Eise Welsh	Doug and Reyane Freeman	Jamie Rodemsky	Duane Peterson	Jon and Heidi Moss	Reyane Freeman and Pam Dietz	Greg Buchholz
	11:00			Linda Rodemsky										
9/28	8:30	Sue Hertless	Duane Peterson Candace Bradley	Kelly Schaefer	Sam Buchholz	Johnathon Berg	Laura Carlson Vicki Smiglewski Elizabeth Kich Sue Hertless	Willajean Rogelstad	Greg Buchholz and Vicki Smiglewski	Jamie Rodemsky		Ron and Kathy Price	Karin Bohling and Gordon Monroe	Drew Cremisio
	11:00		Please serve as you feel called	Sherry Chaplin				Nancy Knapp	Please serve as you feel called					
10/05	8:30	Candace Bradley	Linda Rodemsky Mike Albrecht	Donna Albrecht	Lauren Wardle	Erin Wardle	Ione Bantley Leone McCullough Karin Bohling	Ron and Mary Figueroa	Paul Rusch and Ron Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Gary and Linda Mahloch	Karin Bohling and Gordon Monroe	Mark Deniston
	11:00		Rosemary Fassl	Rosemary Fassl				Victor and Aimee Olmedo	Please serve as you feel called					

2014 Executive Committee:

President: Herb Yonge, **Vice President:** Leone McCullough, **Secretary:** Donna Albrecht
Member-at-Large: Vicki Smiglewski

2014 Congregational Council

Donna Albrecht, Nils Anderson, Greg Buchholz, Drew Cremisio, Mark Deniston,
Leone McCullough, Jon Moss, Emilie Patton, Vicki Smiglewski and Herb Yonge

Ministry Staff:

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Office Administrator: Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com

Interim Organist: Lynne Davies

Choir Director: Open

Contemporary Music Leader: Tom Deans Flegel - tdeans08@gmail.com

Sound/Technology: Jamie Rodemsky - jamier1263@gmail.com

Treasurer: Lynne Davies - finance@gsconcord.com

Financial Secretary: Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com

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