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WEEKLY TIDINGS: AUGUST 16, 2020 – AUGUST 23, 2020

*Hello and welcome to Good Shepherd! We're glad you're here!
May you experience the love of Christ and feel His presence during worship today.*

BECOMING A PEACE MAKER

"Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God." – Jesus (Matt 5:9)

What is the difference between a "peace maker" and a "peace keeper?" No, this is not a discussion on the Colt 45 or the UN... I'm talking about people.

A peace keeper is someone who attempts to "keep" the peace by avoiding conflict at all costs. They walk on egg shells and avoid confrontation when they have an issue or they know that someone else has an issue with them. Peace keeping is stressful and causes a great amount of undue anxiety that often leads to long-term health and relationship complications. The major problem with peace keeping is that the issue we are avoiding is not going to go away. It will just smolder and grow in darkness until it explodes. So, there is no real peace achieved. The better plan of action (as the Bible prescribes) is to become a **peace maker**.

The "peace maker" desires to live in peace just like the "peace keeper" does but the peace maker knows that sometimes peace can't actually be "kept." It must be created or "made." There are times that in order to create peace means heading into conflict to solve the looming issue instead of just letting it fester. Now, peacemaking although often requiring conflict doesn't involve being mean or harsh. We are still to "speak the truth **in love**." It simply means having the discernment to know when something should be let go and when it needs to be dealt with, and then being courageous enough to wade in and talk it out when the situation warrants it.

So, what situations in your life have you been "keeping the peace" in? Do you feel the stress of it? That perceived peace won't last. The anxiety will only get worse and worse as you continue to hold it all in. Maybe it's with your spouse or a family member, maybe it's with management or a co-worker. It may be time to start "speaking the truth in LOVE" and becoming a "Peace Maker" instead of endlessly avoiding conflict and holding it all in while trying to be a "peace keeper!"

Our world today needs more spiritually mature, Peace Makers! If we will ask the Lord for help to become one, our verse above promises that we will be Blessed for it. And, so will those around us as well...

Written by Pastor Ben Oesterling, Spiritual Care Supervisor, Concordia Visiting Nurses and shared with permission

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS: Dave Barone, families in the community of Red Lake, Ontario; Dorothy Stubock, Ellen Linhart

****New prayer requests may be given to the office or [submitted electronically](#).****

****The many members, family and friends with long-term prayer needs will be listed in the Monthly Newsletter.****

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 8/16	10a	Worship Service with communion
Monday, 8/17	5:30p	Soccer Shots
	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 8/18	6p	Steel City Scrappers
Wednesday, 8/19	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, 8/20	5p	Soccer Shots
Friday, 8/21		
Saturday, 8/22	8a	Soccer Shots
Sunday, 8/23	10a	Worship Service

Checkout the website for a 'live' calendar: <https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events-2/>

LAST WEEK (8/9/2020) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERING: \$3,425.00 ATTENDANCE: 40

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Assisting Elder:	Tim Marcovecchio
Usher:	Ray Vogel
Worship Tech:	Jeremy Frantz
Counters:	George and Rose Ann Zimmerman
Altar Guild:	Ellen Linhart, Ruth Johnson, Carol Schaar, Phyllis Hackbart



CHANCEL FLOWERS are placed to the Glory of God by Ron and Dot Gerstacker in memory of George and Catherine Gerstacker's anniversary.

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Zoey Margaret Voland, infant daughter of Donnie and Tori Voland, was baptized on 8/9/2020 in a private baptism at the family's home. The paternal grandparents are Don and Debbie Voland.
May the Lord who has given her new life, keep her in His grace all of her days.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, came for a photo shoot, or submitted a photo for our new directory. Directory details are being finalized and it will soon be on to production.

And thank you for all the non-perishable food items brought for the food pantry at St. Elizabeth's. We collected 2 boxes worth of food in the two days of our photo sessions. Their next food distribution is August 25, and this donation will be much appreciated.



There is **no need** to continue **to inform the church office of your anticipated worship attendance on Sunday morning**. We will continue to evaluate our attendance and the ability to social distance, and we will inform you if we need to resume this procedure in the future. Thanks for your continued patience.

Remember to check out the events on the website for the most up to date information including links to sign-up for the different activities:
<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events/>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Redeemer Lutheran School (with campuses in Oakmont and Penn Hills) is hosting its **25th Annual Golf Scramble** on **Sunday, September 13, 2pm** at **Rolling Fields Golf Course in Murrysville**. The event will have a modified shotgun start. The cost is \$75 which includes 18 holes, cart, hot dog and drink at the turn, dinner and prizes. Proceeds benefit the school. Social distancing will be adhered to. For more information or to register, call Charlie Buttgerit (412-477-4010) or Redeemer School (412-793-5884).

Concordia Lutheran Ministries and **Butler Community College** have forged a partnership for community members interested in a nursing degree by providing tuition assistance. Additional details and a flyer are available on our website, <https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/news-to-note/>.



Lutherans for Life is holding a **Regional Conference** at **Ruthfred Free Lutheran Church in Bethel Park** on **Saturday, September 26**. The 2020 theme is *From Invisible to Indispensable*. "On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable..." (1 Corinthians 12:22). Additional information about the conference, its speakers, and registration can be found on the Lutherans for Life website, <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>.

The theme for the **2022 National Youth Gathering** in Houston, Texas has been announced: **In All Things**. It is based on Colossians 1:15-20. [Click here](#) to watch the reveal video. Want to receive Gathering email updates? Visit the website (<https://lcmmsgathering.com/>), scroll to the bottom of the landing page, and subscribe with your preferred email address. Students currently entering 7th – 10th grade can attend the 2022 Gathering as participants.



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