



Sharon's Monthly News

"I am the Vine, you are the Branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit..." John 15:5

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Everyone is Invited!

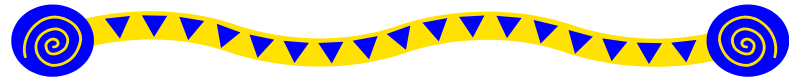
AUGUST 7



9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
NEW LOCATION = KIDSGROVE

The festival is designed for EVERYONE in mind. We define "EVERYONE" as: babies, children, youth, teens, young adults, adults and Sharon's neighbors. We'll begin our morning with an outdoor worship at 9:30a.m. that introduces our story for the day—Jesus and Peter walking on the water. Bring a chair or blanket so that you'll be more comfortable. A picnic will follow with food

donated by our members and friends. To donate a covered dish, sign up on the Christian Ed bulletin board or talk to Carol Hetherington, Shirley Rowe or Mary Hummel. After lunch we will explore the story through games (water balloon volleyball & walk on the water), crafts (bead bracelet & "lava" bottle, music and storytelling that are cross-generational. Pre-registration is helpful so that we can determine how much food and supplies we need. You can do so by filling out a form on the Christian Ed bulletin board, the library table or the back page of the Sunday bulletin. Contact: Robin Kunkel 374 8444 or robinkunkel@gmail.com



You and your family are cordially invited to attend a Church Musicians Bash on Wednesday, August 31 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Planned activities for the evening include refreshments, and fellowship, singing, musical activities and games, as well as an

opportunity to sign up for ways to share your musical talent. Help us kick-off and celebrate a new musical church year! Contact Dawn Doll or Sherry Barben for additional information.

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8:00 am and 10:30 am



Pastor's Note

"I lift my eyes to the hills—from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:1-2

Can you believe that one year has passed since we have begun this journey together? It is amazing to me all that we have experienced together in just these 12 months. I have been touched by your support and encouragement and know that the Spirit has much in store for us in the development of ministry, our own walk of discipleship, and our public witness in this community. It really is a joy to serve among you.

I am thankful to my family who has shown great strength and endurance in making the transitions into the community, schools, and congregational life. As I pray for all of you, I ask that you keep me and my family in your prayers for our continued growth and depth and balance as we live and serve with you. Families are on my mind as I know the preparations that are being made for students to return to or leave for college for the first time, the final push for vacation times, and the purchase of school clothes and supplies—even as we vigilantly watch for items to be on sale! I look forward to new work with parents and children this coming fall and throughout the year and to finding ways to encourage the connections of faith and life in your homes.

Let me take a moment to say a word of thanks to Darlene Ritter, members of the welcoming team and all the other helpers who took care of set-up, cooking, games, and tear down for the congregational picnic last month. It really was a wonderful day of fellowship, conversation, and fun. We had over 100+ people in attendance which exceeded our goal of 100 participants. I hope we will continue to find ways to come together in both small and large groups to foster community and growth.

I am excited for the upcoming festival on August 7th which will be like a one day Vacation Bible School event which is designed to foster cross-generational learning that is interactive, creative, and inspiring. It is a day meant to invite us to experience living scripture. I look forward to seeing many of you on that day at Kidsgrove.

May the rest of your summer be a blessing to you. For those who are able, please find Sharon Lutheran Church on Facebook and watch the page for updates and conversations.

See you at worship.
God's Peace,

Pastor Doll



**CONFIRMATION CORNER:
Confirmation Family Picnic at
the Doll's home**

Sunday, Sept. 11 from 4-6 pm

Students in 7th-9th grades and their parents and families are getting together for a fun, relaxed afternoon to meet one another and learn about the updated Confirmation Program. The main dish and drinks will be provided. You can sign up to bring a covered dish. Additional information will be posted on the Youth bulletin board in August. Contacts: Robin Kunkel & Pastor Doll 374-8444 or robinkunkel@gmail.com or robert.doll@sharonlc.org.

MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS



SUMMER SESSIONS: Tuesdays @ 10:30 am Adult Bible Study – coffee served-and sometimes brownies ☺

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF—Sept. 11 “Sunday Morning”

All Sunday school teachers and students from preschool to senior high will meet in the Nave at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 11. Pastor Doll will lead the gathering. It is our hope that all students will take part in leading the 10:30 a.m. worship that morning through the creative use of a children’s book, “Sunday Morning” by Gail Ramshaw. There will also be some advanced preparation with various grade levels that will take place in later August. Bring your families and friends to worship and experience a blend of Sunday school at worship. Regular classes will begin on September 18 at 9:00 am We can’t wait to get started! We are excited about creating our new storytelling room “Emmaus Road” for use during our rotations. It’s going to be a great year!

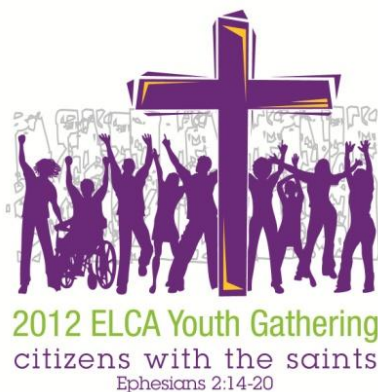


GO TEACH

A Sunday School Teacher Workshop Hosted at Sharon church: August 13 from 9 am to 2 pm Join members of our area churches to attend workshops focusing on adult bible study, Faith Milestones/Pebbles, The Book of Faith, Tips and Tricks with Sandy Grier and building youth. Come to one or all of the workshops. The cost is \$0.00. Just bring a bag lunch and network with others. Contact Dawne Long at 374 8184 or foldrl@ptd.net to register. I encourage Sharon teachers to support this ministry and strengthen your volunteer experience by attending the GO TEACH event!

YOUTH GATHERING 2012

We are getting excited for the next steps together in our preparations for the Gathering next summer. Soon the youth will be meeting together monthly for group building, planning, and conversation. Thanks to any who have contributed gifts or have supported any of the fundraising events to this point. Additional gifts are welcome and can be noted Gathering Scholarship Fund. The cost per youth is roughly \$1100 including airfare, hotel, and food. The youth have been asked to initially pay for their registration cost of \$315. The target group for this year’s gathering includes up to 39,000 youth and promises to be an amazing experience.



Upcoming Fundraiser Plans:

- September 24 = Participation during the Street Fair—several projects under consideration (meeting July 28th)
- October 9 = A Mardi Gras Celebration Luncheon—New Orleans style!
- Nov/Dec = Battery Sale

The youth who are participating include Victoria Doll, Jamie Fedder, Caleb Miller, Alex Pennay, Casey Reiland, Austin Stroup, and Maddie Weirick.



Dear friends of Sharon:

Many weeks have gone by since my accident. My handwriting still is not good. For all your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and gifts, I thank you. It was a time in my life that was very traumatic; unlike anything I had ever experienced. Your prayers and keeping in touch with me meant more than I can ever explain. Pastor Doll's frequent visits were very inspirational, and administering communion helped sustain my faith. I miss all of you, but will join my family and become a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in West Melbourne, FL in the near future. God Bless all of you as he has blessed me for 97 years. With Love, **Betty Bogar**

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and flowers during my recent illness. I'm feeling much better these days. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Elmer Reichenbach

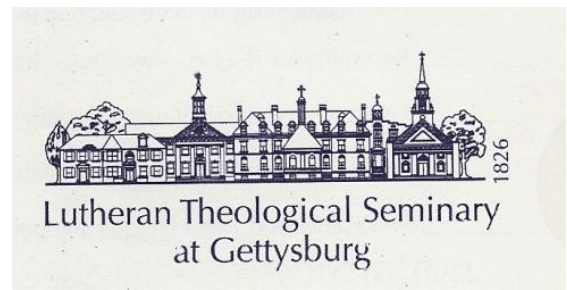
Miriam wishes to thank you for the beautiful rose she received in honor of her 90th birthday. It brightened her day at the nursing home.

Dot Beaver, niece of Miriam Wieseman

We are writing to thank you for letting the Snyder Exhibition use the church. We know that particular weekend was busy for both facility and staff and appreciate your accommodating our program. Jim Black helped with several small but essential set up issues which we also appreciate. During the sixteen days the Gallery was open, over 565 people visited. We are pleased with both local and statewide interest. In the next few weeks, we will be changing our exhibition web site to focus on Governor Snyder and his monument

www.simonsnyder.org

Snyder Exhibition Committee

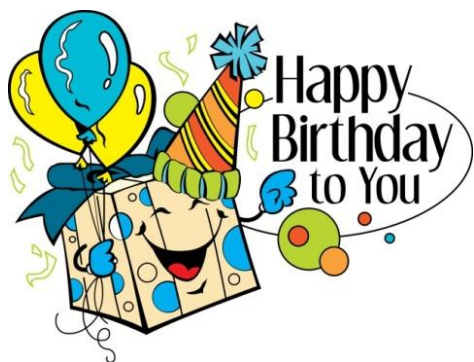


FROM THE RIDGE AUGUST, 2011

It is time away from the Seminary right now. On August 11, the curtain closes on our formal Clinical Pastoral Education phase. Two of us from LTSG remain at Geisinger Medical Center Danville. Some days now we scream, "What were we thinking? This large trauma center hospital experience is so much more intense than we ever dreamed!" Being a Chaplain is tough enough. Being a good Chaplain is even tougher. It's like the "Good Shepherd" stuff, I suppose. There is that awesome orchestration playing out in each and every trauma event. The beeper sounds. We go at once to the Trauma Bay. We have our assigned tasks interacting in specified ways with the medical team. Chaplains are an integral part of a "Trauma Team" at Geisinger. A ripple effect unfolds. With fulltime Staff and Resident Chaplains leading, we pay careful attention to patient ID confirmation patterns. Patient and Family care comfort scenarios unfold. I wonder sometimes when on the 24 hour shift and alone down in a call room trying to catch a few winks: Do congregations have Trauma Bays? Do we know what they look like, or could? Are our Teams as graphically identifiable? For sure, there are no bright blue scrubs or shirts of black with words like Chaplain embroidered on a vest! Hmm. And when a trauma impact time subsides, is there a follow-up strategy? What do "out of the box" follow-up options look like within the assembly of believers, the body of Christ?

Let's ponder that a while.

Carol Black



Beaver, Douglas	8/1	Dressler, Mason	8/7	Aungst, Betty	8/24
Harrison, Jetta	8/1	Messner, Jack	8/8	Ernest, Nancy	8/24
Charles, Allen	8/2	Soper, Justin	8/9	Whitman, Kevin	8/25
Turbitt, William	8/2	Spigelmyer, Kay	8/9	Wise, Susan	8/25
Hummel, Charles	8/4	Stroup, David	8/9	Black, James	8/26
Fladmark, Kenneth	8/5	Kalcich, Tina	8/13	Reuning, Wilhelm	8/26
Dagle, Robert	8/6	Aucker, Kendra	8/15	Snyder Jr., George	8/26
Piermattei, Mark	8/6	Driscoll, Christopher	8/16	Lupolt, Alex	8/27
Rowe, Carmen	8/6	Winger, Phil	8/16	Kuster, Theresa	8/28
Schlingmann, Kathy	8/6	Betzer, Rachel	8/17	Matrey, Kris	8/28
		Johnston, Judy	8/18	Barben, Sherry	8/29
		Nickler, Kyle	8/19	Kalcich, Jeston	8/30
		Krebs, Mark	8/20	Mundy, Shirley	8/30
		Aungst, Pam	8/21	Reichenbach, Elmer	8/30
		Sassaman, Janet	8/21	Matrey, Michael	8/31
		Close, Joan	8/22	Mitchell, Maxine	8/31
		Lupolt, Chris	8/22		



Remember in Prayer

Sharon Members: Gertrude Gano,
Suah Harris, Jetta Harrison,
Martha Hummel, Rev. Theodore
Lindquist,
Lois Mason, Helen Ritter, Evelyn Wagner

Deployed in Military Service:
Patricia Culbertson, Brian Glass,
Josh George, Kimber Kreamer,
Matthew Sharp, David Spurling, and
Steven Stahl

Friends of Sharon: Don Boehme,
Barbara Broadt, Maryellen Brocavich,
Martha Brosius, Alene Bush, Michael
Doom, Judy Johnson, Eric Growney,
Stephanie Inch, Brian Klinepeter,
Dale Morse, Susan Mull,
LuAnn Rosenberger, John S. O'Brien,
Ronald Saylor, John S., Richard Schuck,
Delores Sharp, William Teisher,
Pat McFall Torbet

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Upon recommendation by the Personnel Committee, Council approved a six-week medical leave for Administrative Assistant, Ms. Carrie Dunn.

Pastor Doll reported on a Personnel Committee recommendation to utilize a temporary person to fill in for about 4 hours a day during Carrie's absence. Council approved this recommendation.



Special Planning Meeting A special planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 pm in the What's Brewin' Room here at church. Any woman is invited and welcomed to come to this meeting to express her desires as to what she would like to be included in the programming for the 2011-2012 year. Input is needed from women of ALL AGES. See YOU August 3rd!

Looking ahead: Reserve the date of SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 for the ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT: sponsored by Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Women's Organization. Theme: "Daily Spiritual Life: A Lutheran Woman's Perspective". ALL WOMEN are invited to come for a day-long retreat to spend some quiet time with God and with your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation. Find the bright orange registration forms and more details on the WELCA bulletin board.

BLANKET SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2011: The ingathering of quilts, school kits, layettes, health kits, etc. for Lutheran World Relief will take place at this time. The Stitchers as of July 18 have completed 90 quilts since last Blanket Sunday. Come to their air conditioned room on the second floor of the church to help complete more!

Upper Susquehanna Synod Tally for 2010: Quilts-2232, School Kits-843, Sewing Kits-36, Health Kits-1016, Layettes-115, Fabric-8 pieces, soap-158 pounds.

2011 PEACE POLE SERVICE OCTOBER 15: 9:00 am at the SYNOD OFFICE
THEME: Rebuilding Through Faith. Short service followed with a continental breakfast. Reserve the date now. Look for further details next month.