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***Prayer Concerns…***

*Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in your prayers.*

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**Our Shepherd July 2020**

**920-565-3376 ourshepherducc.com**



**All Church Activities have been**

**cancelled or postponed.**

**The Newsletter has been printed as if events will be happening as usual.**

**Please check the**

**Our Shepherd Facebook page or**

**Website (ourshepherducc.com) to get updates as to when and how things**

 **will be changing.**

**Watch the Facebook page for special music and weekly church services**

**You can also get messages from**

**Pastor Dianne through**

**Facebook, phone call or email**

Contact information:

Pastor Dianne

920-903-4733

didroster@gmail.com

**Consistory Update**

Church Update from Consistory:
\*Next Communion Sunday will be July 5th.
\*The Windows and Car Canopy are all finished and a meeting is planned for June 23rd for the water drainage issue in the front yard of church.
\*There will not be a week of VBS, Renae will see how things go with the Covid Virus and might do a one day outside event.
\*Stain glass windows are on hold for now.
\*We will be contracting Pastor Dianne for one more month thru July pending on the outcome of the votes for hiring Pastor Nathan Athorp.
\*We will continue to have virtual services till the associations allows us to reopen our church we want to be safe about this and also not end up having any legal issue if we open up to soon and someone spreads it to others. We will have guidelines that we will have to abide by to stay open when the time comes.
\*We are thankful for the congregation who have been continuing to financially support the church through this difficult time in this world.

Sincerely the Consistory

**Church School News**

 **Items for the Food Pantry The month of July donations may be placed in the basket, located in the office area: Snack items**

**Change for Change Jar** - Money used to purchase items for food pantry

**Prayer Shawl/Blankets** – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

**Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House**

**Birthday Bags -Sign up to supply items needed for a birthday bag, to be delivered to the food pantry. Choose a month, bring the items to church, the bag is supplied by the church school. (In a bag: box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – eggs supplied by food pantry) Thank you to the many families that have already signed up to donate. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.**



**Church School News**

**Church school is offered to children age 3 to confirmation. The program runs from 8:30 to 9:45 weekly, followed by church services at 10:00**

**B**: Be with God **L**: Love God & neighbor **U**: Understand yourself as a child of God **E**: Explore the Bible

**From Pastor Dianne**

A number of years ago, I volunteered as a tutor for a local elementary school. I would sit at a small table in the hallway and I’d meet with first and second graders who needed a little extra one-on-one practice with reading.

We would read two books together, one that was assigned and one they could choose from the dozens and dozens in the plastic bin. I was surprised how often the kids would pick from a series of books about being lost.

My favorite of these stories went something like this. Remember, the books are written for reading skills so you’ll notice a bit of rhyme!

 A dog, “LOST!” said the dog.

 a hog, Oh no!” said the hog.

 and a frog What now?” said the frog.

 sat on a log.

 Up came a fog!

 The fog is an apt metaphor for being lost, isn’t it,

Maybe you or your loved ones have experienced that feeling of being surrounded by a fog, lost in the fog of memory, or lost in the fog of depression, or lost in the fog of loneliness.

And I know that the Covid-19 virus and our necessary separation from family and friends and church has made us all feel a little lost in the fog, too, hasn’t it.

Now, one of the first graders told me a story about the time he and his mother went shopping for school supplies.

His mom had been busy looking at the list and he was waiting at her side but then he had seen a Spiderman back pack just across the store, down a few aisles from where they were standing. He told me he had just gone to look for one second and then…he looked up and back towards his mom, but there were now so many people in the aisles. “I couldn’t see her! I was really scared!— I couldn’t even yell, my voice got all choked up in my throat. All I could do was think FIND ME FIND ME FIND ME!

“And I then heard my name, he said, “you know, my full name Jonathan Richard Jefferson!

And then she was there! And you know what she did?

Now at the time I was listening to this story, those years ago, I thought, okay here it comes this little boy is going to be in Sooooo Much Trouble

But instead, he said, “She hugged me. She hugged me and hugged me until I was almost squeezed out! But it felt so good to be found.”

Now I know this, too, that our God, our loving parent, is always seeking us, even when we are lost in a fog. Even if the words we cry out remain choked in our throats. Even when we feel unseen and uncertain. Even when we feel so alone while sheltering in place.

Our loving God calls us by our names—sometimes even our full names! Our loving parent God finds us. And embraces us until we are almost squeezed out! How good it feels to be found again and again.

 Many blessings, Pastor Dianne



 **SHOP WITH SCRIP**

Continuing in 2020,

card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month.

![MC900391546[1]]() ***The Upper Room*** ![MC900391546[1]]()

The July/Aug issue of the daily devotional “The Upper Room” is available in the Literature Rack.

**Don’t worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can buy any Sunday. It’s best to get that order in on a monthly basis so you can plan for it in your budget.**

 Any questions, talk to Shari Ver Straate,

Renae Wunsch, Nancy

Cherney or Char Gumm.

Thanks for supporting this program.

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***The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. All donations are very much appreciated.***

**God’s Blessings on your Birthday - July**

 2 Nicole Twohig 5 Doris Hanke



**Until further notice Yoga is postponed** honoring no group larger than 10 to gather in one place. An email will be sent to participants when we will resume. If you or someone you know would like this notification please contact Renae at the number/email listed below.

We are always looking for new friends to join our program.

Questions please contact Renae at 565-2785 or rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us

6 Lauren Sheahan 8 Roy Gadicke

9 Judy Walkenhorst 9 Fritz Grunewald

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25 Karen Vasconi 26 Todd Breher

26 Sarah Barber 31 Steve Oxtoby

**Children’s Room**

Please watch the binder for an opportunity to sign up and cover the children’s room during the morning worship. Your support is greatly appreciated.

![4713773-cloud-burst-explosion-with-cleaning-equipment-for-business-or-household[1]]()**CLEANING HELP!!!**

There is always something to do no matter if we are at home or at church! I am talking about cleaning!! Ugh! But we need your help! In the binder there is a schedule for volunteers to do a little cleaning.

 The list of tasks will be on the bulletin board in the Consistory Room. The dates will be laid out in two week segments and you are welcome to clean any time in those two weeks. Check the binder for your time to spruce up God’s house – which is also home to all of us.

So! Find a friend, do a little cleaning and then head out to eat or do something fun!

 All the help you give will be greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks to everyone that has taken a turn cleaning the church. If you haven’t had a chance to help, check the binder for available dates.**

Thanks, The Consistory

**Praiseworthy Notes**

**FAITH IN THE FALL 2020 UPDATE**

Dear Friends,

Some of you have asked about whether or not we will be having “Faith in the Fall” in 2020. At this time, we are not planning on having the music festival. We may do some type of mini “Faith in the Fall,” later in the season when we are able to praise God together again in song. Until then, God bless.  ~Kay

**From the Search Committee**

As most of you know, on June 21 we had a trial sermon from Pastor Nathan Athorp via Zoom, Facebook Live and a few members present in church. Voting took place with ballots that were sent to all present members. They should be back as of June, 27th. The Search Committee will meet to count the votes and a letter will arrive in the mail to members with the results.

A TON OF THANKS GOES TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD WORK DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we stay home these next few weeks, please remember our friends and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Seeing as we will not have face to face worship, Our Shepherd has two options for providing your offering:

1. Sending a check via postal mail to the church
2. Using your bank’s online bill pay to send a check to church

Mail all checks/bill pay out to:

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Yours in Christ,

Mandy Grube, Treasurer

**Grateful Weekly Offerings**

Supporting the church can be done by mailing your offering directly to the church or on-line bill pay (Please enter your envelope number in the account number field when using on-line banking).

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**VBS**

**Knights of North Castle**

 **2021**

Postponed until 2021

Watch for updates regarding a possible one-day event in August.

Congratulations to all the graduates at Our Shepherd UCC.

Stephanie Stowers will be graduating in July with a masters in music education from Holy Family College.

**Scrip Card Sales**

We will again be selling Scrip cards on

Sunday, July 12 from 1:00 – 2:00 at church.

There is also a form enclosed in the newsletter to fill out and send back to church

with you check payment.

Please address the envelope: Attention Scrip

If you want cards, but this time doesn’t work for you please contact Shari Ver Straate at

 565-3737 or verstraates@yahoo.com

for information. We will be calling in the order on July 19th, so all orders must be received by Saturday, July 18th.

Thank you for your support





Welcome to Jordyn Joy Diedrich
Daughter of

Brittni and Marcus Diedrich

Baptism June 14, 2020





Sunday Worship 9:00 am

June- August

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| 129:00 Worship **Scrip Card Sales****1:00-2:00pm @ church** | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 199:00 Worship **Newsletter Articles Due** | 20 | 21  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 269:00 Worship  | 27July2020 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |