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A message from Pastor Quinn

I Am the Good Shepherd

A shepherd does everything for his sheep. He leads them. He feeds them. He watches over and protects them. He binds up the broken and takes care of the sick. If one wanders far afield he goes after it. He brings it back. He makes sure every single one is safe in the fold. Sheep in the open field have many natural enemies and no natural defenses. What they do have is a powerful protector who will face thief and robber, lion and wolf, one who will risk life and limb to make sure that they are safe and sound. It's no wonder that Scripture often pictures you and me as sheep and the Lord as shepherd. Our Lord Jesus does everything for us. He gives us spiritual food in his word and sacraments. He protects us against those who would rob us of our salvation. He comforts us in times of trouble with his promises—promises that will never be broken. When we wander from the safety of life with him he seeks us out, even sending his under-shepherds to find us and bring us back. He has defeated our deadly enemies by his life and death for us. He continues to defeat them day by day giving us strength to overcome temptation. Finally, he will take all of us to be with him in his heavenly sheepfold, where no enemy will be able to harm us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. This month let's listen to his voice in his word as he reminds us how he cares for us like a shepherd taking care of his sheep.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup over-

flows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever (Psalm 23).

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak" (Ezekiel 34:11-16).

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it

up again. This command I received from my Father” (John 10:11-18).

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:9-17).

Coming up in May

May 2 Confirmation
May 9 Confirmands’ Reception
May 30 Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Attention Confirmands!

There will be a reception with cake and punch for our new confirmands after our 8:00 worship service on May 9th. Everyone is invited to attend and welcome our new confirmands:

Tosha Arthur
Kiley Brandt
Sarah Fournier
Bailey Glessner
Grace Johnson
Evan Marquardt
Liam Pretzer
Jessica Riggs
James Westphal

Martin Luther Quiz

- 1) Who was the priest selling indulgences in Jueterbock?
- 2) What year did Martin Luther nail his 95 theses to the door at Castle Church in Wittenberg?
- 3) What invention helped and enabled Luther to spread his 95 theses widely?
- 4) At Luther’s time who really controlled Germany?
- 5) Why did so many enter monasteries and cloisters?
- 6) In the Roman Catholic Church what is Purgatory?
- 7) Why was John Huss burned at the stake in 1415 in Bohemia?
- 8) Basically what did Luther’s father Hans do most of his life?
- 9) What language did educated people know how to speak and write in Luther’s time?
- 10) Why was a complete Bible so hard to own?
- 11) In what city did Luther find good teachers, good friends and a home away from home?
- 12) Why did Luther enter a monastery?
- 13) What city became his home for the rest of his life?
- 14) How many sacraments did the Catholic Church have?
- 15) How many sacraments did Martin Luther say there are?

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Church Picnic in June

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 6th, immediately after our second worship service. We will gather at Shelter A in Plymouth Park (by the fun zone). Daren Roehl will have the grills ready about noon. Plan to come and enjoy the afternoon with other members of Good Shepherd. Bring your meat to grill, a generous dish to pass, beverages for your family, and table service. Table coverings and condiments will be provided. If you would like, bring your softball mitts and/or other sports equipment of your choice. There will be organized games for the children and for the adults. Mark your calendars now.

News from the Voters' Assembly

Membership Transactions:

George, Lisa, and Rachel Klement received as communicant members. Rebecca and Zachary Klement as baptized member.

John, Leann, and Jason Sugden transferred to our sister congregation, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Charles, MI.

New Business:

Gale Krueger was elected as Good Shepherd's delegate to the Michigan District Convention at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in June.

The Trustees have completed their audit of the church books. They expressed thanks to our treasurer Mr. Dan Wamhoff and our church secretary, Mrs. Leann Sugden for their work throughout the year.

Schedule Change for Summertime

It doesn't seem like it's time already to be thinking about changing our Sunday morning schedule but it is. With Memorial Day Week-end coming up our worship schedule will be changing. Beginning on Sunday, May 30th our worship services will be at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. This will continue until Labor Day Week-end in September. Then beginning on Sunday, September 12th our Sunday services will go back to the 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM schedule.

Kindergarten Days Are Golden

Sometimes you get discouraged
Because I am so small
And always leave my fingerprints
On furniture and walls.
But every day I'm growing up
And soon I'll be so tall
That those little fingerprints
Will be so hard to recall.
So here's a final fingerprint
That someday you can say:
"This is how your fingers looked
In Kindergarten days."
Anonymous

We study God's Word

Scripture Readings for May 2010

May 2 Easter 5

Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 145
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 9 Easter 6

Acts 14:8-18
Psalm 65
Revelation 21:10-14, 22,23
John 14:23-29

May 13 Ascension

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:16-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 16 Easter 7

Acts 16:6-10
Psalm 8
Revelation 22:12-17, 20
John 17:20-26

May 23 Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 51b
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26, 27

May 30 Holy Trinity

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 150
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here are the birthdays and anniversaries for May. If you would like to be included in Good Shepherd's roster, please check with Pam Krueger (835-9467).

Birthdays in May are:

May 1	David Delu
May 3	Elizabeth Roslund
May 7	Pam Krueger
May 12	Meredith Shaffer
May 13	Ann Gunsell
May 14	Mary Shaffer
May 14	Shari Foster
May 15	Nathan Marquardt
May 19	Ernie Perry
May 21	Jarrold Nelson
May 21	Ellen Pifher
May 22	Judy Krueger
May 26	Luke Gunsell
May 26	Mary Daenzer
May 28	Kriss Arbury
May 29	Hannah Farquharson
May 30	Gary Daenzer

Wedding Anniversaries in May are:

May 15	Robert & Joan Beeman
May 18	Gary and Mary Daenzer

Our Shut-ins

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers.

Please see your paper copy of this Newsletter, or contact the church office for information on our shut-ins.

Luther's Large Catechism

When we escape distress or danger, we should recognize that this is God's doing.

1st Article

Good News from the Saginaw Pregnancy Counseling Center

The Pregnancy Counseling Center, Saginaw, has been given a building which will soon be the new home of our ministry. Our task now is to renovate the building to both bring it up to code and to meet the needs of the Pregnancy counseling Center.

In 2009 the Pregnancy Counseling Center saw 797 clients in their tiny rented space and they are thrilled with the opportunity to relocate to 915 Gratiot Avenue, Saginaw. The new location triples the size of our center, allowing them to more effectively minister to the people in our community.

The building requires extensive renovations and we are seeking donations of approximately \$20,000 to help cover these costs. Please consider underwriting a portion of this project whether it is for \$5.00 or \$5,000.

Together much can be accomplished. Please consider becoming part of this ministry.

There are forms in your mailbox. Please make checks payable to Pregnancy Counseling Center and mail to:
Pregnancy Counseling Center
1803 N Michigan Ave, suite 1
Saginaw MI 48602

Eberhardt Society.

Are you familiar with MLS' Eberhardt Society? It honors Pastor Christoph Eberhardt and his wife Mary who donated the land on which Michigan Lutheran Seminary stands. The MLS Foundation has established the Eberhardt Society to encourage planned giving and good Christian stewardship.

Christoph and Mary Eberhardt had the future needs of the Church in mind when they made their permanent gift for Lutheran education. We are still reaping the benefits of their generosity. The Eberhardt Society consists of men and women who remember MLS in their estate plans. Since this is the 100th anniversary of MLS as a preparatory school of the Wisconsin Synod it seems appropriate that we remember Pastor Eberhardt and his wife Mary.

Answers to Martin Luther Quiz

- 1) John Tetzel
- 2) October 31, 1917
- 3) Gutenberg's printing press
- 4) The Holy Roman Empire
- 5) Men and women wanted to escape from the temptations of the wicked world around them.
- 6) A place of suffering between heaven and hell
- 7) He said that Scripture was superior to pronouncements of the pope
- 8) Worked in the copper business
- 9) Latin
- 10) Too expensive
- 11) Eisenach
- 12) He wanted to be sure of his eternal salvation
- 13) Wittenberg
- 14) Seven
- 15) Two

School News

School Registration for 2010-2011: School registration forms have already been sent home. Please submit the forms for your child(ren) as soon as possible. This year there will again be a 3% discount to those who pay their school fees in full before the first day of school.

The school play *The Emperor's New Clothes* was presented on Sunday, April 25th after a light lunch was served by the Home & School Society. A capacity crowd enjoyed the performances by Mrs. Barb Seifert and Mrs. Becky Seeger's classroom.

Mrs. Joyce Tafel's Kindergartners, first and second graders presented their play *Recess Queen* before the upper grades play *The Emperor's New Clothes* on Sunday, April 25th.

The all school track meet will be held on Friday, May 21st with all of our LES students participating. The track meet will be held at Cardinal Field in Saginaw on Mackinaw Road.

On Friday, May 7th there will be a softball tourney at Wickes Park. Neighboring parochial schools will be joining our LES for the occasion.

Mrs. Becky Seeger's classroom will be taking a class trip to Chicago, Illinois May 12th through the 15th. Points of interest that the students will be seeing are the Shedd Aquarium, the Field Museum, the Science Museum, the Adler Planetarium, Chinatown, the

Sears Tower, the Art Institute, see an actual Egyptian mummy and a woolly mammoth recently discovered in Russia.

The students, Mrs. Seeger and the chaperones will spend their evenings at St. Andrews School, our sister congregation in Chicago. This promises to be another fun-filled trip with lots of learning experiences they can't get in the classroom.

Geraniums for Pentecost, May 23

A sign up sheet is on the large bulletin board in the hallway where you may order geraniums for our altar for Pentecost which will be Sunday, May 23rd this year. We are ordering the geraniums from Kutchey's Greenhouse on Eastman Road and Rich is giving us the special price of \$2.75 per plant. The regular price is \$3.99.

You may order plants to decorate the church altar for Pentecost and then you may take them home or simply leave them at church where they will be planted outside by the sidewalk leading to the narthex.

We serve others in love.

Did you know that each Sunday's sermon is seen by those who cannot make it to church? Currently we have 10 persons who either get a tape of the Sunday service or a DVD of the worship service. If you are incapacitated for a short time or know of someone who would enjoy seeing our church service, please let the church office know and they will be added to our list.

You Might be from Michigan if....

You've had the furnace and the air conditioner turned on, on the same day....

If your kid's Little League baseball game has ever been snowed out...

If your year has two seasons: winter and construction. If you point to your thumb to show people where you grew up...

If you know Mackinac rhymes with Mackinaw...

If traveling coast to coast means going from Port Huron to Muskegon...

If "down south" means Toledo, Ohio...