

February 2019

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SHEPHERD OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear friends in Christ:

I pray this finds you blessed and joyful. Now is a fascinating time to be alive as we watch events unfold in our nation and throughout the world. Indeed, major power struggles are coming to critical junctures and the world stage is in turmoil. This is true in Israel, in these United States, and everywhere. Several passages come to mind that receive a great deal of attention.



- **Matthew 24:7** "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places."
- **1 Timothy 4:1** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons".

- **2 Timothy 3:1-2** "But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents;"

Much of the language in these and other passages could lead us to believe that these prophecies are aimed at our day specifically. This is an argument that could be made effectively for numerous times of import in our history. For my part, I believe the Evil Foe, Satan, has a different target in mind. It is to this we should pay attention:

- **1 Peter 5:8** "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

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LITTLE LAMBS

I feel like January flew by! The kids got to go to Hop-A-Lot, a bouncy house place in the mall. I found out how badly I was out of shape, LOL! But man...did they have fun! Coming up on February 14th we will be having our Valentines party with the kids. That evening,

during pick-up time, parents will be able to decorate Valentines cookies with their child(ren).

We do have one item on our wish list this month, Tupperware. All ours has disappeared. It can be new or used, please.



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Worship with Us

Sunday Morning

Worship Service 9:00am
Sunday School 10:15am
Adult Bible Study 10:30am

Wednesday Evening

Worship Event 7:00pm

Shepherd of Peace Mission Statement

We the members of the Body of Christ here at Shepherd of Peace, responding to God's love and selfless concern, dedicate ourselves and our congregation to: THE CONTINUAL GROWTH OF THE BODY OF CHRIST by unceasing efforts in the following areas: EDUCATION, WORSHIP, OUTREACH, AND SPIRITUAL CARE

Pastor Perkins continued...

Satan loves devouring husbands, wives, children and families. He has been attacking marriage institutionally for **generations**. He has been attacking the theology of marriage in churches for **centuries**.

But most germane to our discussion is the reality that he is attacking marriages and families at a personal level. He **disrupts peace** in homes via financial stress and sexual disunity which exploit differences in couples and drive a wedge between husbands and wives. He **chips away at love** and accord in homes by using disagreement on how to discipline children, pitting one parent against the other. He **attacks the joy** of worship, holidays and other important events by exploiting disagreements with extended families, keeping them apart.

In these and many other ways Satan assaults the church by attacking families and the strength of our marriages at the source: faith in God and trust in His promises. He uses time, monotony, and distractions to **erode our affection** and **diminish our love**. He is always lurking, always prowling, stalking the church. Constantly hitting families. Relentlessly hitting husbands and wives. **Time to hit back!**

Peter prescribes vigilance in the above passage: then he adds to this strategy:

- **1 Peter 5:9** "Resist [the devil], firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

Jude also adds his two cents'."

- **Jude 20-21** "But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life."

Likewise, Timothy:

- **1 Timothy 6:12** "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Hopefully, by now you have heard of the series we are doing at Shepherd of Peace. Our Sunday sermons are all about love, marriage, and family life. The gift of marriage, from God to men and women, is high on Satan's most wanted list. We are planning a couples' event the week of Valentine's Day. We hope you will take this time to have an evening with your spouse.

We also hope you have made plans to attend the Weekend to Remember in Omaha, April 5-7. This is and can be a life-changing event. This is the cure for your marriage if it suffers, or fuel if it thrives.

If you missed out on the discount in registration, we will do what we can to help. If you have a conflict that weekend and want to go, we are offering other dates for couples to take part.

Whether you think your marriage is strong, holding steady, or on the ropes, you can be sure that the attacks of the Evil Foe are **constant** and **relentless**. This is an event and an effort that is more than worth your attention and the necessary investment.

Please take seriously Satan's threat.

Please take seriously God's concern for your marriage.

Please take steps to build trust in God's power and rely on His provision to protect and preserve you.

May He continue to richly bless you.

Pastor Ben



*Kyle Hoogendoorn aka
"The Wheeled Worshipper"*

A Celebration Drought

When the end of one year comes and the beginning of another one approaches, we celebrate three big holidays in the span of three months: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. It is a very busy time celebrating special moments of the year and sometimes more than once. When January 2nd rolls around, we seem to be worn out. This can be

true for the Christian and non-Christian alike. We might think we will hit a "celebration drought". The next big event to celebrate will be Easter.

I disagree with this assessment that some people have. Yes, Easter may be the next event that we celebrate as a community of faith, but we don't have to enter the drought of nothingness as if nothing to be excited about in our lives. I think it is important to remember that God gave us every day, the holidays and the normal days. He has a plan for us and it doesn't just include the reminders of his birth, death, and the new year. It includes the tasks as simple, (continued on page 3)

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which give purpose to our lives.

Some may say that they cannot make a big deal out of every normal day. I would agree that some days are harder to see as special with the mundane events and happenings of life. However, we all need to be reminded who is steering that life. The captain of our ship in life is God Almighty. He can inspire us to celebrate the small events. Consider your own life and your routine. What normal can God use to achieve greater glory for himself? What for you can he take, a lump of clay, and turn into something great?

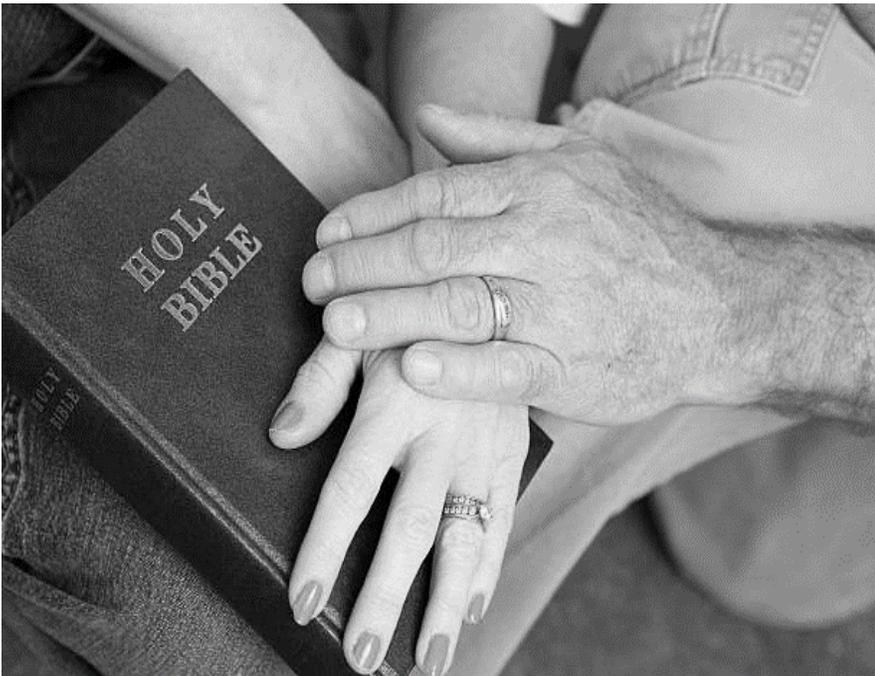
Nothing is off limits to God. He can take the ordinary, and make an extraordinary use out of it. Something as simple as a note to a friend can turn into inspiration for the receiver. Something as simple as a meal made with love is an act of grace to someone else.

I pray that none of us will have to experience a "celebration drought" between now and Easter. I pray that our lives are filled with small significant moments that God can choose to use for his glory. I pray that we get to experience some of those moments not just alone, but rather with the whole community of God. I am thankful that he sees the significance in life of items and events will that we deem normal and ordinary. I pray for the extraordinary love and power of God to be found in those ordinary moments of life.

-The Wheeled Worshipper-

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



Sunday February 17th 2:30pm-4:30pm Escape Room Event at the Church

Our 3rd - 12th graders are invited to the church to test their skills in teamwork and problem solving as well as enjoy snacks and good fun fellowship! Drop off is 2:30pm and pick up 4:30pm. Parents are always welcome to join us! Please let Tawnya Wych know if your child(ren) will be attending this activity, call, text or email. twych@yahoo.com/760-902-4795.

Youth for Hire!!!

The youth and their families are available to help with tasks around the yard or house. Please go to www.shepherdofpeacechurch.com, click on the Youth Groups link, then on the Service Request link. This will open a form to complete. The youth board will coordinate a date and time that works for you. Paper forms are also available at the church. Please fill out the form and give to a youth board member. Examples of service requests could be raking leaves, picking up sticks, etc....

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY NIGHT

The students in confirmation class and their families are invited to eat **AT CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT** before classes begin. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 5:45pm.

We hope that everyone will use this as a time of fellowship and education. Please accept this invitation and take this opportunity to visit with the other Christians.

Birthdays

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| Cole Bockelmann | February 1 |
| Cole Brenden | February 1 |
| Raymond Horner | February 3 |
| Jillian Olson | February 3 |
| Kennedy Colvert | February 4 |
| Samantha Olson | February 11 |
| Twyla Lindsey | February 14 |
| Laurel Tainter | February 16 |
| Muzzafar, II Haider | February 21 |
| Kaytlynn O'Brien | February 22 |
| Jacob Fleckenstein | February 24 |
| Collin Verros | February 24 |
| Betty Gilbert | February 26 |

Baptisms

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| Lola Liermann | February 1 |
| Greg Book | February 8 |
| Randy Yockey | February 11 |
| Eric Lindsey | February 16 |
| Kennedy Colvert | February 18 |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Dustin & Jayme Book | February 15 |
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Board of Lay Ministry

The nature of the duties of this Board requires that only men noted for their Christian knowledge, zeal and experience in the spiritual work of the Kingdom of Christ shall be elected to membership. The Board shall consist of at least (five) 5 members, including the elected Director of the Board.

The basic objectives of this Board are the spiritual welfare of the Pastor and congregation members, individually and corporately, and the supervision of everything pertaining to congregational worship.

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Do You Have A Prayer Request? Please contact Lannie in the church office at 712-943-4502, or email Lannie Knapp sopoffice@longlines.com and Michael Aguirre maguirre@cableone.net and they will get the prayer requests sent and to Pastor Perkins.

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines: All information for the weekly *bulletins* should be turned into the church office by **12 noon on Wednesdays**. All information for the *newsletter* should be turned into the church office by **end on the third Wednesday of each month**.

Office Contact: Phone 712-943-4502, Fax 712-943-4506, Email sopoffice@longlines.com

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Weekend to Remember...Your love story isn't over yet.

You fell in love. But real life wasn't far behind. Our two-and-a-half-day romantic weekend entices you to invest in and strengthen your marriage—no matter how firm or fragile.

You're finally getting away—to get back to what matters.

"What will we learn?"

- Handle issues well as they arise, rather than letting resentment fester
- Express feelings positively, so your partner remains engaged
- Maintain a vital sexual connection
- Resolve conflict in healthy, productive ways
- Forgive freely and completely
- Increase your commitment—and your closeness

Here's What It's Not:

The Weekend to Remember marriage getaway is not a large group counseling session or small group discussion.

Breathe easy: You're not asked to share intimate details of your relationship with anyone.

Instead, you'll listen to engaging talks from marriage experts, then get alone with your spouse in guided projects to practically apply concepts you've heard.

And you'll bring home powerful communication tools from the Bible—and meaningful memories that will last for years to come.

Get away to get together.

"Getting away together" is a lot more fun if you actually do it. No laundry, no calendar, no email.

So we recommend staying overnight at the event hotel, with a special discount for all Weekend to Remember guests. (Grab specific hotel information once you choose your destination).

Once you select the perfect destination for your Weekend, hurry and book the hotel: The special rate is subject to availability.

Insider tip: Reserve your hotel room at least three weeks prior to the getaway in order to guarantee your discount rate.

What They're Saying:

"We had just made a positive turn in a lethal marriage. This conference helped us jump start this positive turn in a 'right path direction' in hyper speed."

-Married 5 years, Des Moines, IA

"This is the first weekend in a long time that we devoted specific time to our marriage. This time was blessed, needed, and worth the financial and emotional and spiritual sacrifice."

-Married 7 years, Las Vegas, NV

"Divorce is not an option anymore. I choose to stay. I choose to not give up."

-Married 11 years, Panama City, FL

**Great marriages don't just happen.
Be intentional with yours.**

Weekend to Remember- Friday Evening April 5 through Sunday Noon April 7, 2019 at the Hilton, Omaha NE, **Saturday Evening is Date Night (when was the last time you shared one of these)**

Shepherd of Peace has a Group Id which is ShepherdofPeace (no spaces.)

Cost is \$175 per person. Or if you get registered by 28 Jan 2019, then the cost is \$87.50 per person.

To register go to FamilyLife.com search Weekend to Remember, find your location and select register.

Hilton Hotel is \$114 a night, (402-998-3400) Shepherd of Peace has a block of rooms, so when you call to make your reservation ask for sales- and let them know a Block of Rooms has been put under Shepherd of Peace (Twyla Lindsey). Note once you make your reservation, they ask for Credit Card Information.

**If you can't make on this weekend, but would like to attend Weekend to Remember is held across the United States.
Lincoln, NE March 22-24, Des Moines, IA April 12-14, 2019**