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SHEPHERD OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

A Man For All Seasons

We first see his name listed among

eleven others. One person from each tribe is selected. **Caleb the son of Jephunneh** was chosen to represent the tribe of Judah.

Twelve men from the twelve tribes would bravely go to spy out the inhabitants of Canaan to learn of their strengths and weaknesses. It was a dangerous mission. Israel wasn't exactly keeping a low profile as they marched through the wilderness. Their enemies were everywhere, and they were vigilant.

We next see Caleb's name as part of a much shorter list. The spies are back, and do they have a report to give! Great is the wealth and myriad the riches in this land.



It is everything God said it would be. But Alas! The descendants of Anak live there, and this strikes fear into the hearts of ten spies. **"The people are strong, and the cities fortified."**ⁱ

Their panic became the nation's reaction. Woe to us! How can we stand against a people so mighty? What are we to do?

Enter the voice of reason: Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, **"Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it."**ⁱⁱ Only Joshua agreed of the twelve, and their voices did not prevail. The panic of the ten led to the wrath of God.

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LITTLE LAMBS

Wow, did June go fast!?

We celebrated Father's day by having donuts with Dad and had a good turnout. Field trips started this month. The kids have visited the Nature Center and the Train Museum, so far. Sadly, we have been rained out of going to the pool quite a few times. The weather just does

not want to cooperate with us! The kids, staff, and I would like to thank Mickey Haider and Bob Lee for putting together the new playhouse. We love it!!



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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...

In the middle of *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* Captain Jack Sparrow asks of Will, **“Have I ever given you reason not to trust me?”**

It was a very relevant question. Despite what had appeared, despite the outlook of events, trusting the pirate had served him well. It just wasn’t always easy.

This is a perfect picture of the nation of Israel in Numbers 13. God does not call them to great, valiant deeds. He does not require their bravery or gallantry or sacrifice of self. He asks them only to believe. To trust in Yahweh, who had never let them down, never abandoned them, never lied to them. But it is more than they can do. Even in the face of God’s truthfulness and the affirming of His words, they see Him as a distant God, uninvolved and unwilling to help.

Could the Amalekites and the Jebusites, et al, stand in the face of a God such as He? The children of Israel asked the wrong question. Instead of putting their eyes on what God can do, they asked, what can we do? They would then compound failure upon failure and doom themselves to die in the wilderness. Indeed, God decrees that this entire

generation will die in the desert and never see the promised land. Well, save two.

Caleb is then silent for forty-five years. The adults who panicked have indeed all passed away these years later. Only Joshua and Caleb remain. Joshua is leading the people, and Caleb—well, Caleb tells his own story:

“You know what the Lord said to Moses. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land. And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive [the Anakim] out just as the Lord said.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Caleb is right on all counts. God did everything He had said, Caleb collects on the promise and he does everything he has said. His adventure is only beginning. So it goes with those who believe in God and are bold to trust in Him. His praise endures forever!

Pastor Ben

ⁱ Numbers 13:28
ⁱⁱ Numbers 13:30
ⁱⁱⁱ Joshua 14:6-14 (excerpted)



Kyle Hoogendoorn
“The Wheeled Worshipper”

100 Years of God

In August 2019, my high school in Northwest Iowa will celebrate its 100th anniversary. I have learned that everyone in my community has a connection to this school. Either they or family members graduated there. Many participated in extracurricular activities such as sports, choir, band, speech, etc. Everyone has a connection to their high school if they think about it.

For four years I was taught subjects like math, reading, and

physical education. I also had less common classes like economics, sociology, and Spanish. These subjects not only covered the material, but expanded it beyond into life application. I was fortunate enough to also have been taught theology. It also worked its way into every aspect of my four years of high school in chapels, small groups, and daily interactions.

Over 100 years things have changed. The building and people inside have changed. Students have graduated, teachers have turned over as a matter of course. One thing that has not changed is the God that we are “learning to serve” (as my high school motto says). No

matter how much other change happens, He remains the same, leading and guiding us all.

This helps us to accept change. We know that He is the foremost guide at school. It wasn’t the principal, coaches, or school board members. The school has looks to our heavenly father to guide it in the present and for the next hundred years.

100 years is but a brief moment to God. God knows what the future holds. Let us pray for another 100 years of Christ-centered education, the ability to use our talents, and the opportunity to impact the rest of the world. May we all look to God for guidance for all the years he gives us.



Summertime is such an exciting time for the kids and the SOP Youth Group is adding to the excitement by announcing a Summer Youth Bible Study! It will be held on Wednesday evenings from

6p - 8p. The Youth Group will supply the materials and cool refreshing snacks or beverages. There will be no cost to the kids, but we will need to know if your child plans to attend so we can order the appropriate amount of materials. Please email Tawnya Wych (twych@yahoo.com) by June 5th if your child will be attending. A follow up email will be sent to all parents, of children attending, with more specific details.

We also have plans to spend some fellowship time with the senior center residents in Sergeant Bluff this summer. We will be playing BINGO at each Senior Center throughout the summer. We will announce dates and times by email and on the church website. The Youth Group will be inviting all members of the congregation to come share in the fun and spend some good quality time bridging the gap between generations for a day. Looking forward to another great Summer at SOP!

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....



The National Youth Gathering is being held July 11-15 in Minnesota. We will have 13 youth and 6 adults representing Shepherd of Peace.

What a great experience for our youth! There are 20,000+ youth that gather to join in fellowship with one another, through service projects, interest centers, bible studies, hands-on activities, mass events with music and drama. Please offer prayers for the group attending and for their travel to and from Minnesota.



VBS is fast approaching! It is open to Preschool to completed 5th grade. Please invite friends and families with children to attend.

If anyone has any farm décor (aka overalls, bales of hay, and anything associated with farms) please kindly drop off to church by Friday July 26. Be sure to put your name on the items to ensure we get them back to you. If you do not want the items back, let us know this as well.

There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall for food items as we serve a meal to all participants each night. Below are the items still needed...

- *Chicken nuggets, 6 Lg bags(Sam's club)*
- *Taco seasoning packets, 20*
- *Fritos corn chips/Dorito nacho chips, 5 each, lg bags*
- *Tomatoes, 6 large*
- *Salsa, 4 jars or 2 large*
- *\$ donation for pizza night (20-30 pizzas)*
- *Rope licorice, 120*
- *Gogurts, 120 peach & 120 strawberry*
- *Cookies, 10 dozen*
- *Fruit(bananas, strawberries), 3-4 bunches*
- *Veggies(celery, carrots), 3-4 bunches*
- *Fruit snacks, 120*

If you would like to donate any of the items please call the church 943-4502 or email sopoffice@longlines.com so that we may put your name next to the item/items you wish to donate.

VBS Decorating will be done on Sunday, the 28th. The time will be announced later.

Roger Curtis from Iowa District West will be holding an informational insurance workshop for our circuit on Thursday, July 11, 3-5pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Birthdays

Seth Wych	July 1
Brett Haider	July 4
Dianne Clark	July 7
Hailey Wait	July 7
John Fleckenstein	July 8
John Norton	July 8
Sue Cook	July 11
Stefanie Verros	July 20
Lois Borkowski	July 20
Matt Hartman	July 22
Carla Erickson	July 22
Edda Philippsen	July 23
Josh Wheeler	July 25
Ruth Aguirre	July 27
Stephen Russell	July 30
Alec Gibson	July 30
Mark Huntley	July 31

Baptisms

Richard Zanter	July 1
Ronald (RJ) Haider	July 2
Wayne Starr	July 4
Mindee Gaskell	July 10
Alyssa Verros	July 11
Nathan Verros	July 15
Angela Baird	July 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Stefanie & Jason Verros	July 6
Michael & Ruth Aguirre	July 9
Seth & Tawnya Wych	July 15
Benjamin & Betty Gilbert	July 27

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**.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY CELEBRATION

On June 30th Shepherd of Peace is celebrating the work done by Dianne Clark to bring Stephen Ministry to our congregation. Dianne is retiring from her day-to-day involvement in Stephen Ministry although she will continue to help in an advisory capacity when needed. Dianne was instrumental in bringing a group of congregation members together to investigate a way of bringing one-on-one help to individuals struggling with the cares of this world. After seeing the number of individuals interested and the amount of encouragement she received, she searched for a way to accomplish this and explored several options before coming across Stephen Ministry. Dianne brought this to our former Pastor Tim Shiller's attention who approved this ministry, at which time it was presented to this same group of interested members. Both Dianne and Pastor Tim attended leadership training during the next few months. The following eight months were spent completing the necessary steps to build the corner stone of our Stephen Ministry chapter here in Sergeant Bluff. Rod Hefner worked with Dianne and Pastor to develop an operational plan and timeline to complete this project.

Those efforts were culminated with our first class of Stephen Ministers in 2014. To date we have had three classes of Stephen Ministers and Dianne has taught them all. The first class of ministers included Craig Barnes, Carla Erickson, Diane Zanter, Sue Barnes, Sue Mitchell, Pastor Tim Schiller and Laura Schiller. As the need for this ministry in our community became clearer, three more Stephen Ministers volunteered and were trained in 2016: Mickey Haider, Mary Hefner and Stacy Umbrell. In 2017 Diane Zanter attended Stephen Ministry leadership training and in 2018 three more Stephen Ministers were trained: Bob Lee, Jen Norton and Judy Fredinburg,

Stephen Ministers is a group of lay persons who are trained to provide Christian caregiving to others. Stephen Ministry was founded in 1975 in St. Louis, MO, where the Reverend Kenneth C. Haugk and a few others decided that people needed to be trained to provide Christian care to members of their congregation. These men developed a one-on-one method for providing this care. They found it was successful for them, and they decided to share what they had learned with others. Thus Stephen Ministry; named after Stephen, one of the first lay people commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry, was established. Stephen Ministry is a non-profit organization that uses the example of Jesus Christ to care for others. Today more than 13,000 congregations are enrolled in this ministry. Stephen Ministry represents more than 170 denominations from each of the 50 United States, 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 countries. Each of these congregations operates its own ministry locally within their communities.

Shepherd of Peace Stephen Ministers have provided Christian caregiving to more than 39 care receivers since our ministry began in 2014. This ministry is special in the fact that there is no one size fits all care plan, the Stephens Ministers work one-on-one with each receiver to help them with whatever situation they may be dealing with

If you are in need of Christian care or perhaps you know of someone who does, please contact Diane Zanter at 712-251-3009 or visit our website at www.shepherdofpeacechurch.com. Stephen Ministry might just be the solution!

