

VOICE OF THE HILLS

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church
7 Wescott Road, Simsbury, CT 06070

JUNE 2011

REBUILD TOGETHER HARTFORD

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8



Twenty of us shared a day of our time on April 30th to refurbish the home of Ms. Mattie Johnson in Hartford. We arrived at St. Francis Hospital at 7:00 am for registration, coffee, doughnuts and a brief commissioning ceremony for "National Rebuilding Day". Some of the group did not finish working until 7:00pm. It was a lot of work! But it was a spiritual day for a bunch of Christian friends to "actionate" our Biblical purpose. We are blessed by the repeated thank you's from Ms. Mattie, and we are blessed to know that we could make a difference in her quality of life. And she knows we did all the work in the name of Jesus. There will be upcoming opportunities for youth and adults to give our time to others in need of our help. Vince Castagno and his wife, Cindy, will bring Ms. Mattie to worship with us on June 5th, and Vince will do a slide presentation about our work after the worship service that day. Vince is the Program Director for RT/H. Please attend to learn more about what we're up to in the name of the Lord. If you have any questions, contact Dick "Murphy" Granstrand, by phone, by postcard, by e-mail or by Facebook. Murphy doesn't text, sorry.

Sunday School News

Sunday School ended for the school year on May 22nd with the students sharing one of the new songs we learned this year, "Let all that I am praise the Lord!", during the 10:30 service. We hope that you, like many of us, found ourselves humming it all week!



Thank you to all of the parents who provided feedback on our new curriculum. If you have additional feedback or suggestions, please let one of us know. We will be meeting on June 2nd to begin planning for the 2011/2012 year. Feel free to join us! We are looking for one to two additional adults to help teach the elementary-aged students next year.



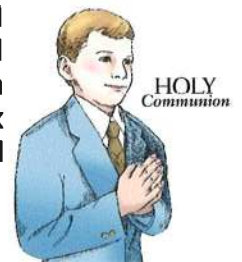
PRAYER SHAWL DUE DATE

On Sunday, June 19 we will be blessing the Prayer Shawls that the Youth will be taking to Middleton, Ohio in July. Please bring your finished Prayer Shawls to the church and leave them under the stairs in the Narthex by Sunday June 12. Thank you for all your hard work.



First Communion

On Sunday, May 29th, we celebrated with the Valentino, Rossingol and Hausmann families as Livia Valentino, Gianna Valentino, Alex Hauamann and Evan Rossignol received their First Communion.



SINGING AND SHARING YOUR FAITH

My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

“PRAISING GOD WITH FAVORITE HYMNS” has been a part of our summer worship for quite a few years. We ask several people to tell us the number of a favorite hymn, and then we sing the first and last verse of those hymns as our hymn of praise for the day.

This practice offers a numbers of rich blessings:

- we have experienced a great variety of hymns, new and old;
- we have almost always sung hymns familiar enough to be sung with gusto;
- and most importantly, we have given God praise worthy of his goodness and majesty.

This year we will again being PRAISING GOD WITH FAVORITE HYMNS during July and August, but we are going to do it with a twist that we think will make it even more meaningful. In the past we have simply sung the hymns as their numbers are called out. But this year we are hoping to hear a bit about why that hymn is your favorite.

Now, knowing how shy Lutherans are about sharing their faith, the Worship Planning Team has developed a plan that honors the shyness of us all. There will be an insert in the bulletin each week (see below). We will keep these from week to week, and then each week we will draw three or four of them out to select our hymns of praise.

What is different this year is that we hope you will also include “why” it is your

favorite. For example, “We sang this on the day my child was baptized,” or “the line about... reminds me of Jesus’ love in my life.” In this simple way, the Holy Spirit will use our love of a particular hymn to nourish the faith of one another.

This should be something you have fun with! Don’t worry about the precisely right words. Just tell us what’s in your head or in your heart about your favorite hymn. That will be enough to bless us all as we praise God with our favorite hymns.

With Christ's love for you,



**PRAISING GOD
WITH FAVORITE HYMNS**

During the summer we use favorite hymns as our Hymn of Praise. Each week we'll sing the first and last verse of several hymns.
Nominate yours !!!

Hymn _____

(name and/or number)

It's one of my favorites because _____

Place this card in the offering plate or the basket in the narthex.



Happy Birthday to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Ivy Lafreniere	06/03
Lori Johnson	06/04
Adele Rossignol	06/04
Carol Crosset	06/05
Gert Baier	06/06
Samantha Christensen	06/06
Gianna Valentino	06/06
Livia Valentino	06/06
Matthew O'Neil	06/07
Griffin Barrows	06/07
Barb Tschiegg	06/08
Charlie Baier	06/11
Andrew Havighorst	06/11
Deborah Crosset	06/12
Richard Havighorst	06/13
Rich Havighorst	06/14
Marilyn Havighorst	06/15
Dennis Proto	06/16
Joe Schneid	06/18
Linda McGurn	06/20
Randy Bremer	06/21
Jack Vanderbilt	06/27
George Forler	06/28
Gary Burdick	06/28
Jake Barrows	06/28
Alden Crosset	06/30



Happy Anniversary to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
John & Karen Barrett	06/04
Richard & Jill Schlicher	06/07
Jim & Louise Hoar	06/15
The Rev. Robert & Linda McGurn	06/15
Kim and Jack Gajewski	06/15
Scott & Karen Gordon	06/21

<u>BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE</u>	
June 5	Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
June 12	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39a
June 19	Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
June 26	Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



Bulletin Deadline

The bulletin deadline each week is Wednesday at noon. Announcements may be dropped off at Claudia Steele's desk or emailed to office@shelc.org.

Newsletter Deadline

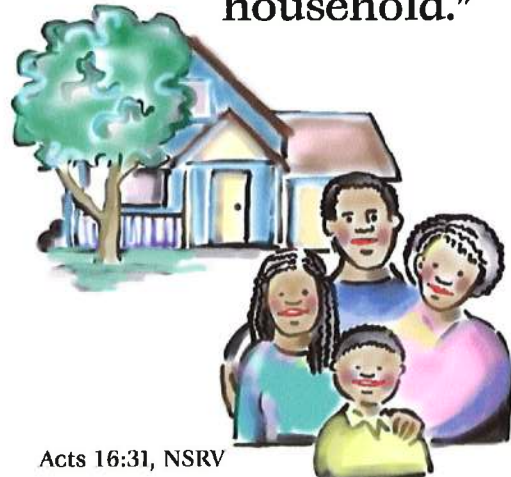
The newsletter deadline for the May issue is June 19th. Articles may be dropped off at Claudia Steele's desk or emailed to office@shelc.org.

Food Bag Sunday

Social Responsibility continues our Food Bag Sundays, the first Sunday of the month (June 5th). The holidays are just around the corner. Please consider donating canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, stews, soup, mac & cheese, single servings of fruit, pudding, or raisins. Just bringing in 1 or 2 items a week would be a great help, too. Food items are always needed. Items can be left in the narthex under the choir stairs. Thank you for your generosity.



**“Believe on the
LORD JESUS,
and you will be saved,
you and your
household.”**



Acts 16:31, NSRV

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Comes To A Close

On Monday May 23rd we held our last Confirmation Class of the year. We had an amazing year of learning and discovering God in many new ways. Our classes were filled with excitement, enthusiasm, along with an eagerness to learn. Many thanks to the parents for their support, snacks, and attendance once a month with a delicious dinner.



Many thanks to all of the students for their faithful attendance and participation. We look forward to another new year in September.

Senior Graduation Get Away Weekend

On the weekend of June 3rd-5th our graduation class of Adam Svindland, Ryan Blejewski, Violet LaFreniere, and Spencer Legnani will attend a special weekend designed with them in mind. They will not know our final destination until we arrive at the location for the weekend. It promises to be a weekend of fun filled surprises and a time of spiritual growth as we discuss our faith journey upon their high school graduation.



Confirmation Sunday

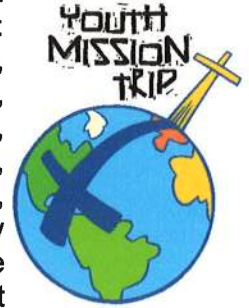
Sunday June 12th will be a very special day in the life of our Youth Ministry at Shepherd of the Hills as we confirm Emily Svindland, Devyn Legnani, Ryan Blejewski, Kyle Chambers, Alexa Moon, Sara Candidto, and Hannah Crowe. These students have worked very hard to fulfill the requirements for Confirmation. Please make a special attempt to attend our Rite of Confirmation Service at our 9:00 AM Worship Service.



Senior High Mission Team Comissioning

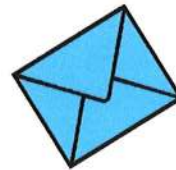
On Sunday June 19th at our 9:00 AM Worship Service we will be commissioning the

following students and adults who will be attending the Group Workcamp in Middletown, Ohio on July 9th-17th: Paul LaFreniere, Marji Lafreniere, Lori O'Neil, Scott Chambers, Sarah Endorf, Katie Clark, Katherine O'Neil, Ryan O'Neil, Emily Svindland, Kristen Endorf, Elizabeth Chambers, Ivy Lafreniere, Hannah Crowe, Kyle Chambers, Dan Clark, Garrett Crowe, Eric Glynn, Spencer Legnani, Devyn Legnani, Matt O'Neil, Alden Crosset, and Dan Clark.



We Need Your Help

To make this mission trip a meaningful time in the life of our students we hand our "Care Card Packages" to our missionaries on Wednesday evening during our devotional time. These "Care Card Packages" are filled with notes of encouragements and special treats by the members of our congregation. You will see these "Care Card Packages" on the narthex windows in the next few weeks. Please feel free to fill them up. Also, if you would like to help our vans with gas cards that



we may be able to use during our trip please do not be afraid to hand them to Paul or Marji LaFreniere, Lori O'Neil, or Scott Chambers. One last way you might be willing to help is with donation Visa, Master Card, or American Express gifts cards that we may be able to use to purchase food for a local food bank in Ohio that Group Workcamp will donate to. These gift cards you can give to our adult leaders.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

**LET US PRAY...
FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

Pray for:

Barbara Holtkamp
Paul Huffman
EmmaLee Smith
Marilyn Havighorst
Jinny Hooper
Elise Hausman

Reason:

Severe shoulder pain
Cancer of the Bile Ducts
Impaired vision from a concussion
Polymyositis
Broken leg
Recovery from surgery



For Those That Mourn:

Pray for the family & friends of:

Ann Holiday

Relation:

Bremer's friend.

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS (CURRENT CONCERNS):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Nicole Steele	Steele	Daughter-in-law	Health concerns
Emily Smith	Ryan & Laura	Classmate	Cancer
Lola Dossey (2 ½ yr.)	Calhoun	Friend's great granddaughter	On Heart Transplant list
Nicholas Huffman	Huffman	3 mo. grandson	failure to thrive
Howard Griffen	LaFreniere	Friend	Liver Cancer
Carolyn Osborne	LaFreniere	Friend	Tumor surgery
Bob Roderick	M. Lenentine	Friend	Cancer & diabetes
Yvonne Byam	L. McGurn	Friend's mother	Cancer
Deb Chase	L. McGurn	Colleague	Breast cancer metastasized
Ellen Haggerty	L. McGurn	Wife of colleague	Aging/depression issues
Fr. John McGrath	L. McGurn	Friend	Heart issues
Danielle Rabel	McGurn	Friend	Skin cell transplant, acute myeloid lymphoma
Pr. Gene Mitchell	Pastor McGurn	Colleague	Pancreatic Cancer
Kevin Moore	K. Moon	Classmate	Cancer
Serenity Hope	Steele	Grand niece	Born prematurely w/ infection
Solveig Nelson	Stevens	Aunt	Parkinson's
Rhiannon Bird	Stomski	Friend's child	Cavernous malformation
Tyler Pollack	Laura & Ryan	Classmate	Car accident

FOR THOSE THAT ARE ON OUR SHUT-IN LIST. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO SEND A CARD OR GIVE THE GIFT OF A VISIT.

Shirley Buckley	Governor's House	36 Firetown Road	Simsbury CT 06070
Rita & Bill Dailey		23 West Point Terrace	Tariffville CT 06081
Joan Dubinski	St. Mary's Home	2021 Albany Ave	West Hartford CT 6117
Mavis Lenentine		24 Sarah Lane	Simsbury CT 06070
Edna McCarthy	Meadowbrook of Granby	350 Salmon Brook St	Granby CT 06035
Dorothy & Joseph Puglise		47 North Main Street A1	East Granby CT 06026

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT ARE LISTED IN OUR BULLETIN EACH WEEK.

FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE THAT ARE LISTED IN OUR BULLETIN EACH WEEK.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE OFFICE. WE WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE PRAYER CHAIN.

Thank You



April 26, 2011

Dear Reverend McGurn:

I would like to thank you and everyone at Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church very much on behalf of Windsor Social Services for your donation (of) 27 Easter baskets. The baskets were beautifully filled with all kinds of Easter goodies and the recipients of these baskets were so happy and appreciative receive them.



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We greatly appreciate the support and donations that we receive from businesses, churches, residents and organizations that help us to continue to assist and serve many needy families in our community.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Kristen Formanek,

Kristen Formanek, MSW
Social Services Coordinator
Windsor Social Services



Good News Garage

A Program of Lutheran Social Services
www.GoodNewsGarage.org
877.GIVE.AUTO (877.448.3288)

Dear Rev. McGurn and congregants,

Thank you for your recent donation to Good News Garage! We appreciate your generosity and support. Your contribution will help us as we work to fulfill our mission to provide safe and reliable transportation options to individuals and families in New England.

On behalf of everyone at Good News Garage, thank you for your support!

Lisa Farren



Dear Pastor McGurn,

Thank you and your congregation so much for your gift of \$2,502.50 to Faith Comes By Hearing for the Military BibleStick program.

Together we are bringing God's hope and comfort to our troops (and their families) all over the world. I truly cannot think of a better way to support them than to provide them with the timeless message of the Word of God on a device that is appropriate to the realities of life in deployment.

One chaplain writes, "My soldiers are on the roads every day hauling supplies. The convoys can last up to 48 hours, and they can't take much with them. These BibleSticks can easily fit inside their cargo pockets so that when they are on break, they can take a few minutes to hear the Word of God and be spiritually edified."

Thank you for serving those who serve.

A Servant of Christ

Morgan Jackson

Morgan Jackson, International Director





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Has your life changed?

I see it every day. A person who has never felt the need for financial guidance walks through my door right after a significant life event—maybe the birth of a child, a marriage or even an unexpected inheritance. Life events such as these turn financial advice from a nice-to-have into a need-to-have.

Marriage. About two-thirds of married people say they disagree with their spouse about money. A good way to lessen the stress is to discuss your values, goals and needs with a financial professional and make decisions together.

Birth or adoption of a child. Making room in your

budget for the new addition is important. It's also important to evaluate your need for additional disability income and life insurance coverage. Many new parents start looking at college funding options as well.

Inheritance. Many people devote time and attention to what will happen if they die, but often overlook the fact that they might receive a loved one's legacy. A financial professional can help you responsibly steward and invest the money in ways that align with your values, goals and needs.

Retirement. Both financially preparing for retirement and appropriately tapping one's financial assets in retirement are key needs in our changing society.

For financial guidance, contact Mimi A. (Mary) Boxwell, Financial Associate at (860) 942-4012 or mimi.boxwell@thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com.

The Top 10 Misconceptions About Calumet

1. Resident Camp is full. **Fact:** There were several weeks last summer when we were not at capacity - it's never too late to check availability.
2. Programs are full. **Fact:** Most of our programs have room for more participants - as time goes by and people's lives change their participation in programs changes.
3. You have to call a year in advance for reservations. **Fact:** Many programs and accommodations have room up to the last minute.
4. Calumet is only for youth groups. **Fact:** We have programs for everyone! Men's Weekend, Women's Weekends, Adult Hikes and Ski Retreats, Lutherhostels, Moms and Kids Weekends, Congregational Retreats, Family Retreats, Personal Retreats, Summer, Winter and Christmas Vacations, Book Club Retreats, Knitters and Quilters Retreats and much more!
5. Families or Individuals can't come to Calumet on their own. **Fact:** Calumet is a great base of operations year round for your family and friends to getaway. In the summer our campground and Conference Center are available for families and individuals and we welcome families and individuals in the Conference Center, Heated Cabins, the Retreat Lodge and Staff House as availability allows in the spring, winter and fall.
6. Campground is only open in the summer. **Fact:** Our campground is open from the middle of May

until the middle of October.

7. Resident Camp is Expensive. **Fact:** Through Calumet's campership program and home church support Calumet can be affordable to everyone.
8. It's a long way away. **Fact:** For many of you it's not as far as you might think and even if it is far Calumet is worth the trip!
9. It's too much work to do a congregational retreat. **Fact:** Our program staff is ready, willing and able to help you organize a wonderful retreat for your group.
10. The Conference Center is the only place to stay. **Fact:** Heated Cabins are private, rustic, warm and comfortable with heated bathrooms a short distance away - a great and affordable alternative. The Retreat Lodge sleeps 22 and has three bathrooms, a kitchen where you can prepare your own food (or eat in the Conference Center dining room) and a spacious living room. The Staff House is our newest building with a beautiful view of Lake Ossipee. The Staff House sleeps 26 with 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a great living room. The Campground offers a variety of different camping settings for your tent, popup, trailer or RV. Most sites have water, sewer and electric hookups. Campground restrooms are clean, modern and spacious. There is someplace for everyone at Calumet!



Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church Worship Servers Schedule

	06/05/2011	06/12/2011	06/19/2011	06/26/2011
	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00
Acolyte	H. Crowe	C. Stickel	E. Lorenzen	I. LaFreniere
Worship Assistant				
Communion Assistant	R. Rourke G. Baier	B. Gruell R. Johnson	S. Crosset L. McGurn	
Ushers	Weill/Stomski	Rourke	Weill/Stomski	Crosset
Lector	B. King	D. Stickel	D. Granstrand	B. Gruell
Nursery	S. Rourke	S. Crowe	K. Waddington	K. Endorf
Nursery Asst		A. Crossett		
Coffee Hour Host	Endorf	Cunningham Latonie	O'Neil	<i>needed</i>
Sound Tech	R. Rourke	K. Smith	G. Levan	K. Gajewski
Altar Guild	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	TBA	TBA
Tellers	R. Rourke E. Chambers	R. Bremer G. Harlow	S. Rourke P. Crowe	E. Chambers R. Bremer

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFFICE HOURS (unless otherwise noted above) Mon. & Tues.: Noon – 4:00 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.						
5 9:00am Holy Communion w/ Installation of Council 10:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am ReBuild Hartford Slide Show 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center	6 7:00pm Council	7 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	8 10:00am AA	9 6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00pm Prayer Team	10 Admin. Asst Vacation	11 Admin. Asst Vacation
CYF on Study Leave						
Admin. Asst Vacation						
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19 9:00am Holy Communion w/ Commissioning of Mission Trip Workers & Dedication of Prayer Shawls 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center 2:00pm Luther Ridge Communion Service	20 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	21 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	22 10:00am AA	23 Pastor on Retreat	24 Pastor on Retreat	25 Pastor on Retreat
26 9:00am Service of the Word 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center 5:00pm Mission Trip Workers Meeting	27 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	28 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	29 10:00am AA	30 Pastor Returns	July 1 Pastor Returns	
Pastor on Retreat						

2011



Pentecost

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Pentecost is the third most important festival of the church year. You may not have known that because the world has found it difficult to commercialize something as seemingly ethereal as the Holy Spirit. This year we are again making our Pentecost worship the major celebration it should be. Therefore, you should know:

- ✘ We want you to wear RED to Worship.
- ✘ We are going to fill the church with red flowers.
- ✘ We want you to bring in different sized RED candles to fill the altar and the shelves with flames of the Spirit! (If it takes a special holder, we need that too.) Bring them by June 5th, and take them home after Pentecost worship on June 12th.

PENTECOST OFFERINGS

Yes, I will bring in (a) red candle(s) with holders.

Yes, I will loan the church these GERANIUMS. (Remember, you get to take the flowers home for your garden after worship, so you are loaning them to us.) **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, June 5th.**

_____ Geranium(s) @ \$4.50 = \$ _____

I would like the flowers:

in honor of in memory of

Name _____

Phone _____

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Please include your check with this form.

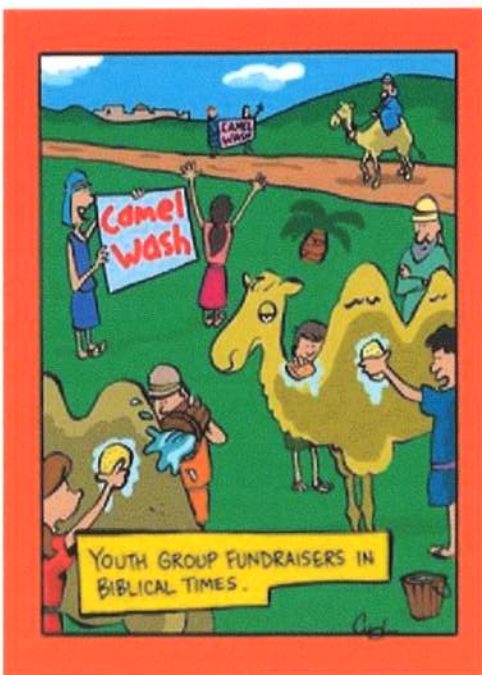
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until
SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

**HOLY COMMUNION
9:00 A.M.**