

Voice of the Hills

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Church Picnic

By Marji LaFreniere



Come to the Annual Church Picnic- Bring a friend, too!!

When: Sunday, October 2, after the 2nd service

Don't miss all the fun of an old-fashioned church picnic - bring a lawn chair and some food for a relaxing visit with your SHELc family! (Bring a friend, too, if you can!)

Sign up in the narthex so that we can purchase hot dogs and hamburgers - bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Do you have a favorite that you remember from church picnics past?? Bring it to share with us!

Questions? See Kim Gajewski, Marji LaFreniere or Marge Vanderbilt

Rebuild Springfield

By Cheryl King

We are forming a group to help with disaster recovery work for our neighbors in the Springfield area addressing issues from tornado/hurricane damage. Since we have Granby 225 and the church picnic over the weekend (10/1 & 10/2), some of us felt that taking a vacation day from work would be appropriate to help out in this rebuilding effort. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl King. **Please join us for Rebuild Springfield on Monday, October 3, 2011.** Can't take a vacation day – See **Building on Faith** elsewhere in the newsletter.



MOTHERS IN LOVE + FATHERS IN LOVE = FAMILIES IN LOVE

GIVE YOUR FAMILY THE BEST GIFT THEY CAN GET
Your family will enjoy the love Mom and Dad brings home
from a **Lutheran Marriage Encounter** (LME) Weekend.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and computers, and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, fun, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference an LME Weekend can make!

The next LME Weekend in Connecticut will be on:

Friday, November 11th, 7:15 PM, to Sunday, November 13th, 5:30 PM, In Meriden, Connecticut

For more information see website: GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Pastor Robert & Linda McGurn;

1-860-653-2173.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, Oct. 7th.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

The Rev. Robert P. McGurn 658-0583

How Does the Church Measure Change?

My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

How do you feel about change? Sometimes I like it. Sometimes I don't.

When Linda and I find a new restaurant that makes a great dish, I'm very happy with the new place. But if they change the menu and take my favorite dish off the menu, I don't like the change. I usually measure whether change is good or bad by how it affects me.

To measure change that way is the most natural thing in the world. It's the standard we use most often: How does it affect me? And do I like it?

In the weeks and months to come there is likely to be a significant amount of change here at Shepherd of the Hills. The most obvious, naturally, will be the calling of a new pastor in the next year or so. But that will not be the only change.

By now I hope you've heard that the Council and I are working with a book called Blueprint for Change. The basic premise of Blueprint is that the first purpose of the church is, to quote Jesus, "to go therefore and make disciples of all nations." The purpose of Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church is to make disciples – new disciples. Working with Blueprint is opening our eyes to things we need to change and do differently as a congregation *if* we want to effectively reach out to those around us who do not yet believe in Jesus.

And my wording above is intentional: "*if* we want to reach out to those who do not yet believe in Jesus."

North American Lutherans have historically not done a poor job of that at home. We've sent missionaries to foreign continents around the globe, but we don't do a very good job around the block. We've been happy to take care of people who are already Christians, but making new Christians in our neighborhood has never been our strength.

That's why I used the word *if* above. We need to rethink, reorganize, and realize evangelism is the task of virtually every person in the church.

That makes it a big *if*, doesn't it?

If we are going to be faithful to Jesus' command, we are going to need a standard other than "what I like or don't like." To make disciples will require we measure changes not on our own preferences, but by what is good for the whole church and our outreach to our neighbors.

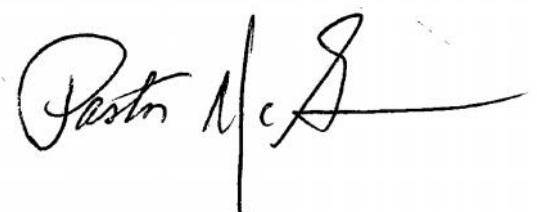
It's going to feel a lot like moving from one house to another. When Linda and I moved into our current home after fifteen years in the old one, we had to decide what was important enough to keep, what we needed to let go of, and what was valuable enough to be given to someone else. We also needed to decide what had to be completely new.

In a real sense, those are the sort of decisions that will confront Shepherd of the Hills in the days ahead. What must we hold on to? What is familiar but unnecessary clutter? What do we have that can be shared with others? What is needed that will be completely new?

Guided by the Holy Spirit, this congregation will have the wisdom to answer these questions. But they will only be answered well if they are answered using the biblical standard: What will build up the whole church?

My brothers and sisters, God isn't finished with us yet. There are too many outside the church who do not have the treasure of faith in Christ we celebrate each week.. As we explore the changes we need to make, let us judge everything by how it builds up the church that we may be better witnesses to the nations, and to our neighbors.

With Christ's love for you,



✠ PRAYER CONCERNS ✠

LET US PRAY

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Pray for:

Randy Bremer
Barbara Holtkamp

Reason:

Heart Concerns
Severe shoulder pain

Pray for:

Marilyn Havighorst

Reason:

Polymyosistis

FOR THOSE THAT MOURN:

Pray for the family & friends of:

Jerry Nason

Relation:

Neighbor of the Johnson's, Vanderbilt's & McGurn's

FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED:

Pray for:

Judy Williams
Tyler Pollack
Gretchen Higgins

Requested by:

McGurn
Laura & Ryan
C. Baier

Relation

Friend
Classmate
Friend

Reason

Relief from back pain
Recovering from car accident & return to home & school
Healing



FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS (CURRENT CONCERNS):

<u>Pray for:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>	<u>Relation:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	<u>Pray for:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>	<u>Relation:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>
Lola Dossey (2 ½ yr.)	Calhoun	Friend's great granddaughter	Awaiting heart transplant	Laurie Baier	Baier	Daughter	Pending knee surgery & chronic Lyme disease
Kyla Pkorney	C. Gajewski	Friend	Cancer	Tina Shaw	R. O'Neil	Friend	Surgery
Julane Anderson	Granstrand	Friend	Liver problems	Sharee Culin	K. Gajewski	Friend	Melanoma
Chris Haufe	Gruell	Friend	Cancer	Linda Haufe	Gruell	Friend	Care Giver to sister with Cancer
Heidi Geithner	K. Gajewski	Step sister	Breast Cancer	Bette Ramino	K. Gajewski	Aunt	Pancreatic cancer
Cheri King	C. King	Daughter	Esophageal spasms & pain	Bob Roderick	M. Lenentine	Friend	Cancer & diabetes
Cheryl Fields	Ligouri	Mother	Cancer	Jenna Czarnota	Garrett	Niece	Health concerns
Deb Chase	L. McGurn	Colleague	Breast cancer metastasized	Danielle Rabel	McGurn	Friend	Skin cell transplant, acute myeloid lymphoma
Pr. Gene Mitchell	Pastor McGurn	Colleague	Pancreatic Cancer	Michelle Martin	R. Hausmann	Sister	Health concerns
William Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	Brother	Aging concerns	Ervin Lenentine	M. Lenentine	Brother	Recovery from broken hip & upcoming heart surgery
				Bill Carmon	McGurn	Friend	Cancer

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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Senior High Sunday Night Returns



We kicked off our Senior High Sunday Nights on September 18th. We will be holding our Senior High Nights @ SHEL. Plan on meeting at 6:00PM for dinner, devotions, and dessert. Hope to see everyone there.

Our Mission Trips Are Set For 2012

Senior High Puerto Rico Here We Come

Our Senior High Mission Trip will be to Puerto Rico on June 24 - 30, 2012. We will be with Team Effort Workcamp. This will be a small camp of 50 person maximum. To guarantee your spot a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due now. Any questions please see Scott Chambers (860-651-8691).



Middle School York, PA Here We Come

Our Middle School Mission Trip will be to York, PA on July 20-27, 2012. We will be with Group Cares Week of Hope. To guarantee your spot a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due now. Any questions please see Scott Chambers (860-651-8691).

Confirmation Classes In Session



The seventh and eighth grade Confirmation classes with Pastor and Scott Chambers resumed on Thursday, September 22nd. Classes will be held Thursdays. Below is the schedule for October.

* Parents participation meetings.

Date	Time	Snack
Oct. 6	TBA	Proto
Oct. 13	TBA	Havighorst
Oct. 20*	TBA	Barrows
Oct. 27	TBA	Havighorst

Thank you for the backpacks

From Deborah Sheldon, BSW, Social Services Department, Town of Windsor

August 30, 2011

Dear Linda:

Thank you and everyone involved at the Church so much for the donation of eleven filled backpacks this year to our Social Services department for our annual backpack program. This year we were able to distribute over 200 backpacks to Windsor schoolchildren. The families were all so happy and appreciative to receive the supply filled backpacks.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from local churches and organizations that help to make this program possible.





Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

Jinny Hooper	10/01	Kelsey Moon	10/10
Scott Smith	10/02	Fred Liguori	10/12
Collin Crowe	10/02	Patti Lorenzen	10/21
Adam Svindland	10/03	Roy Johnson	10/22
Denise Reed	10/06	Barbara Gruell	10/24
William Hanson	10/07	Douglas Endorf	10/26
Jill Schlicher	10/10	Violet Lafreniere	10/29



Tom & Denise Reed	10/01
Dan & Polly Cunningham	10/04
Steve & Debbie Stickel	10/09
Tido & Barbara Holtkamp	10/13

Fred & Jill Liguori	10/16
Lee Anne and Phillip Candito	10/20
Steve & Patty Kelley	10/22
Larry & Rebecca LaMay	10/31



Deadlines



Bulletin Deadline

Wednesdays at noon the week before.

Newsletter Deadline

For the October edition –Oct. 23rd.

You may submit your articles either by email (preferred) or by leaving a hard copy on Claudia’s desk.

Office Hours Revised For Week Of Sept. 25th

Claudia Steele, our Administrative Assistant, will be returning from a long weekend in Tennessee. The office will be closed on Monday. Her office hours this week will be: Tuesday: Noon – 4:00 p.m., W-F: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bible Readings for October	
Oct. 2	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 9	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 16	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessaloinians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessaloinians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
Oct. 30	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36



And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Exodus 32:14

Building on Faith

Building on Faith is an annual week-long celebration of church partnerships and a worldwide sermon of God's love. During this week, local Habitat affiliates and their church partners host building events and celebrations.

Building on Faith events have become a way for local Habitat affiliates to get churches excited and involved in our work. Several Habitat affiliates report that their Building on Faith events successfully stirred their faith community into action.

The **2011 Building On Faith Event** will be held during the week of October 3-9 in Hartford! Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church (SHELC) has volunteered a team for **Saturday, October 8th**. No construction skills are required just a willingness to help out. Due to OSHA and insurance requirements, the minimum age requirement for youth volunteers is 16 years old to be on the job site. Hartford Habitat also requires that all construction volunteers ages 16 & 17 are accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times while volunteering at the worksites.

Please save the date of Saturday, October 8th. Our Congregation has committed to working on a house being built in Hartford. This is an opportunity to act on one of our Plan-Do's for this year. A sign-up list is in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Scott Smith or Dick Granstrand. We will have more details as we get closer to the Building On Faith Week.



Building on Faith



Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School was Sunday, September 11th. We have decided to continue with our new curriculum from last year incorporating some suggestions and addressing some feedback we received from parents last year. The theme of our first module is Extreme Makeover. Our lessons are encouraging our students to have the same attitude as Jesus Christ - good lessons for young and old alike!

We welcome any of the parents (or other members of the congregation) to join us. We frequently share skits with the students and are always happy to have an "extra" willing to join in. Or, we'd love to have you lead a small group some week. Let us know if you're willing!

Susan Garrett (860-651-6506)
 Lee Anne Candito (860-408-0965)
 Lynn Svindland (860-653-0211)
 Shari Rourke (860-653-7307)



There's a Class for You!

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8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:10 am Christian
Education Hour for all ages
10:30 am Holy Communion
11:30 am Coffee Hour

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 1st
Granby 225th Anniversary –
See us at Booth # 10 making origami doves

October 2nd
Church Picnic

October 3rd
Rebuild Springfield

October 8th
Building on Faith

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Granby 225 Parade & Booth
2 8:00 & 10:30am Holy Communion 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:10am Christian Education Hour 11:30am Church Picnic 3:00pm Life Way Church 6:00pm Senior High Nights	3 Rebuild Springfield Work Day 10:00am Homeschoolers -- Biology	4 5:30pm Tails-U- Win 7:00pm Christian Education	5 9:45am Bible Study with Pastor 10:00am AA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 8:00am Granby Food Co-Op 10:00am Warm-Up America Confirmation	7 10:00am Home Scholars 2:45pm Home Schoolers -- Writing	8 Habitat for Humanity Work Day - Build on Faith
9 8:00 & 10:30am Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:30am Coffee Hour 9:10am Christian Education Hour 3:00pm Life Way Church 6:00pm Senior High Nights	10 7:00pm Council	11 5:30pm Tails-U- Win	12 9:45am Bible Study with Pastor 10:00am AA TBA Social Responsibility 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13 Confirmation 7:00pm Prayer Team	14 10:00am Home Scholars 2:45pm Home Schoolers -- Writing	15
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30 8:00 & 10:30am Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:30am Coffee Hour 9:10am Christian Education Hour 3:00pm Life Way Church 6:00pm Senior High Nights	31		OFFICE HOURS (unless otherwise noted below) Mon. & Tues.: Noon – 4:00 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.			

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church Worship Servers Schedule

	10/02/2011	10/09/2011	10/16/2011	10/23/2011	10/30/2011
	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
Acolyte	<i>(needed)</i>	I. LaFreniere	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	I. LaFreniere
Worship Assistant					
Communion Assistant	<i>(needed)</i> <i>(needed)</i>	B. Christensen B. Forler	P. Smith <i>(needed)</i>	D. Endorf <i>(needed)</i>	P. Smith <i>(needed)</i>
Ushers	LaFreniere	Schlichers	Weill/Stomski	Christensen	LaFreniere
Lector	M. Tschiegg	F. Christensen	K. Waddington	D. Endorf	<i>(needed)</i>
Nursery	L. Tschiegg	V. LaFreniere	I. LaFreniere	K. Endorf	K. Waddington
Nursery Asst					
Coffee Hour Host	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>
Sound Tech	K. Gajewski	L. Tschiegg	C. Gajewski	P. Smith	<i>(needed)</i>
Altar Guild	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	L. Hoar
	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Acolyte	<i>(needed)</i>	E. Lorenzen	J. Barrows	B. Proto	B. Proto
Worship Assistant					
Communion Assistant	M. Proto C. Calhoun	L. McGurn S. Chambers	S. Crosset G. Baier	L. Hoar R. Johnson	M. Proto C. Calhoun
Ushers	Rourke	Crosset	O'Neil	Rourke	Crowe
Lector	M. Proto	L. McGurn	D. Granstrand	B. King	M. Proto
Nursery	<i>(needed)</i>	S. Rourke	<i>(needed)</i>	S. Crowe	S. Rourke
Coffee Hour Host	<i>(needed)</i>	Cunningham/Latonie	Kelley	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>
Sound Tech	K. Smith	R. Rourke	G. Levan	K. Smith	<i>(needed)</i>
Altar Guild	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	L. Hoar	L. Hoar
Tellers	R. Rourke P. Crowe	R. Bremer S. Rourke	G. Harlow R. Rourke	E. Chambers P. Crowe	R. Bremer S. Rourke

The Clothing Rack @ FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



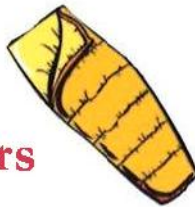
IN DESPERATE NEED OF MEN'S CLOTHING

Please consider donating your gently worn winter-wear to the **Clothing Rack @ FIRST LUTHERAN Church**. First Lutheran is uniquely situated between New Britain's two main homeless shelters, a block from the New Britain Senior Center and in a neighborhood with many working poor. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are appealing to your congregation in for assistance in collecting winter items for distribution.

We are collecting cleaned & laundered:



**Coats
Jackets
Fleeces**



**Scarves
Hats
Mittens
Sleeping bags
Blankets**



**Heavy Sweaters
Boots**



New items, especially hats and mittens are always appreciated!

**Please drop off your items between:
10am—2pm
Tuesday—Thursday**

The Clothing Rack @ FIRST LUTHERAN

**Open 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
of the month
4pm—6:00pm**

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