



The Shepherd's Call

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Vintage:

Casting the Ancient Anew

Garden Parties

I was listening to a Christian radio station AIR1 the other day, and the DJ on the radio was asking the callers how God was working in their lives. And the woman on the other end of the line shared how she and her husband had been trying to have children for a few years and that they were now trying a new medical procedure to help and my first thought was what if we asked people how we have been working in the life of God?

Scott has recently been sharing about his work with the veterans at both the VA hospital and those living in Potter's Lane. Scott has been giving up his time to meet with these veterans to befriend them and invite them to come and work in the garden as a way to fill their days. I share this story because while Scott will clearly say that God is working through him—which is clearly the case, Scott has also been working in the life of God.

So I want to issue a challenge to all of us, Let's take a page from Scott's play book and reach out to our neighbors around our home and invite them for a BBQ or something

at our homes. One of the narratives that we have been telling ourselves and each other is that we don't know people who don't go to church. And we let that be our answer. But we are called to be followers of Jesus. We are called to make disciples for the transformation of the world. So...if you don't know anyone who doesn't go to church, it's time to meet new people. Meet your neighbors, find a local class that interests you and see who else shows up. Make new friends!

The first layer of welcome into a life of faith usually isn't Sunday morning worship, it usually isn't even something at the church these days. Our first welcome to the people in the community happens out there, in the community. There is an amazing life beyond ourselves that we are invited to participate in.

Get out there, have a hot dog, take a class and make a friend — see what happens when you choose to work in the life of God.

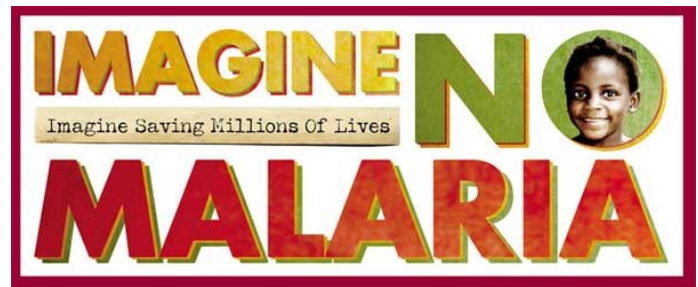
Blessings,

Pastor Johan Dodge





Announcements



This year Lenten project was a success thanks to everyone who participated!

We will have a final count on how much we have raised once all the donation boxes are brought in. (More updates will be in the June's newsletter.)

5th—Peggy Reardon
7th—Lisa Richelieu
7th—Joey Sterkenburg
14th—Jody Christian
14th—Fran Thelander
27th—Mattias Dodge

Please let the office know if we are missing on any important dates!



Check out the timeline of Good Shepherd on the hallway wall. You are invited to add a post-it note with your personal history. All church events can be added to the timeline paper.

Good Shepherd School News



So many wonderful things are going on within the classrooms of Good Shepherd School. The most exciting thing to see is how the children have grown during this school year which is about to end.

For Good Shepherd School, this has been a year of so many changes and growth. Each month the school becomes stronger as it grows as a ministry of Good Shepherd Church.

We recently got a certificate from Yelp because of all the good reviews the school is getting. Please take a pick on Yelp and check what our new families have to say about our staff and school. All of the positive reviews on Yelp have brought 7 new families and 5 prospective ones to our doors.

God is good!

Blessings

Would you like to show our families how much you care about our ministry at Good Shepherd School?

Everyone is welcome to join us for these two special events...

ON THE NEWS...

May 10th, Wed, Family Tea, 8:30-9:30am

It's a special gathering to celebrate our families.

June 12th, Mon, Graduation Gathering, 9:00-10:00am

This is something new that we would like to do for our families.

Improvements in our environment...

- ♦ We built a new shade at the school age yard
- Preschool Yard
- ♦ The sandbox frame is getting replaced
 - ♦ Our front yard gazebo is being fixed as well
 - ♦ We also got a new shade over our boat

Special Thanks To:

Bill Somsak, Terry Priester and Scott Pulver. We thank Bill Somsak for taking the time to come and read to the children. The children enjoyed his Bible stories so much that they asked when is Pastor Bill coming back (the children thought that Bill was our new pastor that was going to do chapel). Terry Priester, like always, volunteering countless hours to keep the church and school in good shape. And also for spoiling Ms. Ana by helping her to make her crazy ideas become a reality. We love you Terry! Scott Pulver for all of the help he provides when we have plant sales, when the Wesley Room is being used for birthday parties, to set up for zumba, etc. and also for being flexible when being pulled into so many directions by Ms. Ana—like he says, "It's hard to keep up with Ms. Ana." =) Lastly, we would like to thank everyone that has been donating plastic bottles, cans and ink cartridges, etc.





2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	2 9am Sheph. Hands 6:30pm Zumba 7:30pm Praise Band Practice	3 6:30pm Zumba	4 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer & Bible Study Night 7:30pm AA Meeting	5 6:30pm Zumba	6 7am Zumba 9-2pm Viet. Comp. Class 2:30pm Viet. Praise Band Practice
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