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# Cross Talk

**Monthly Longform Newsletter for July 2018**

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**Please join us on Sundays for Worship!**

Worship Service at 9:30 AM with Pr. Ken Reinoehl



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## A Special Message from the Pastor's Desk

Nine months ago, I arrived on the scene of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, at a very unsettling time. It is hard to believe it was 9 months ago. On one hand, it seems like nine weeks ago, but on the other hand, it seems like it was a pleasurable 9 years. I believe this is because of the compassion of the **members** for Christ.

I have been thanked for helping to calm the unsettling waters, and helping the congregation to overcome... In some ways, the smoothing over of the "unsettling time" was not difficult, because those remaining, were concerned more with Christ's work and continuing His mission, than what might or might not have happened in the past.

I am VERY thankful to the members of Shepherd of the Valley for making me feel welcome and allowing me, to remind you, of what the Bible has directed us to do in times such as these. The last 9 months have allowed me to experience a dream which I've had for a number of years. But along about Easter, I realized a statement which I have made on numerous occasions: God definitely has a sense of humor. "If you want to make God laugh, just tell him YOUR plans."

My presence at SOTV was part of a dream, but it was MY dream, and it was at that time, I realized that I had better back off, and let God continue with HIS plan.

I am grateful for the welcome you gave me, the friendships which have developed, and the cooperation given to me as I attempted to serve the congregation. This has indeed, been a great learning experience for me, and I pray that the congregation will continue to grow, as I move off into the sunset, looking for other opportunities to share Christ's word. Your prayers are always appreciated.

July is now here, and a new day is dawning for Shepherd of the Valley. Ruth and I will be on vacation from June 30 to July 7. We will be on a short cruise in the western Caribbean. I will return on the 8<sup>th</sup> for my last worship service here, as Pr. Scott will begin his term ministry and once again SOTV will have a "real" minister. Before this change was determined, I had made arrangements with Pr. Patrick to fill in for me should an emergency occur during my vacation. And since Pr. Scott will not be available until the 15<sup>th</sup> I saw no need to change the plan that was in place. He can be reached at **330-243-0827**.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Ken

# Announcements for the start of the Month

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**THANK YOU CARDS RECEIVED:** Judy Barto thanked the Barney Bear Mission for her bear and all the prayers. She believes in the power of prayer.

Wayne Schmidt also thanked the church for his bear.

Ashlynn Glaser (Renny & Kathy Patterson's great niece) sent a card expressing thanks for her Barney Bear and for all the prayers during her surgery and recovery. She is hoping to be walking by the end of June.

*Our Outreach Ministries are appreciated in many ways. God always know where they are needed.*

**TO ALL OF THE THRIVENT CHOICE CONTRIBUTORS:** A BIG THANK YOU for your designated dollars to the church. Our congregation appreciates your generous giving.

Those who are Thrivent policyholders can ask to be a Congregational Volunteer (formerly known as Thrivent Advocate). Every year, we receive \$50.00 for up to 8 Congregational Volunteers. Those policy holders who would like to be a Volunteer, should contact their Thrivent representative.

Thrivent policyholders can support their favorite projects with a \$250.00 Action Team Grant up to 2 times per year.

**COMMUNION:** July 15, 9:30 AM service with Pastor Scott

**HELP NEEDED FOR HELPING HANDS:** Helping Hands is in need of some muscle on Tuesday mornings at 11:15 AM to help unload our truck when it gets back from the Food Bank. Unloading the truck usually takes 30-45 minutes. If you have some free time ANY Tuesday morning, please stop by and lend a hand! If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 330-866-2005. Thanks, Becky Larson, Director.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9 at 6:30 PM. Council members who cannot attend are to notify Susan Lux in advance at 330.418.5702. All committee liaisons are to bring their reports or send them in advance if attendance is not possible.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Tuesday July 17.

**ASSEMBLY ANGELS:** July 25, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

## Upcoming Events

**Worship Service:** Sundays at 9:30 AM

**Quilting:** Every other Tuesday (this month July 17 & July 31)

**Choir Practice:** On summer break


**Council Meeting:** July 9 at 6:30 PM

**Shepherd's Kitchen:** July 13, Bingo at 3:30 PM, Meal is served from 4:30 to 5:30 PM

**Refuge of Hope:** Third Monday of the Month (July 16)

# The Month at Shepherd of the Valley

Our calendar of events is online at [www.sotvchurch.com/events](http://www.sotvchurch.com/events).

| Sun | Mon                         | Tue  | Wed   | Thu | Fri  | Sat   |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|---|-----|--|---|
| 1   | 2                           | 3  | 4<br>Independence<br>Day<br> | 5   | 6  | 7   |
| 8   | 9<br>Council Mtg<br>6:30 PM | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Shepherd's<br>Kitchen<br>Bingo 3:30 PM<br>Meal 4:30 PM | 14<br>Lux<br>Reservation<br>11 AM -<br>5 PM |
| 15  | 16<br>Refuge<br>Of<br>Hope  | 17<br>Quilting<br><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | 18  | 19  | 20   | 21  |
| 22  | 23                          | 24   | 25<br>Assembly<br>Angels<br>11:00 AM  | 26  | 27   | 28  |
| 29  | 30                          | 31<br>Quilting                               |   |     |  |   |

## About Due Dates

- If you have an announcement to go into the Sunday bulletin, please have it to the church office by 10 AM on the Tuesday before. Unless it is a change of address announcement, it will be automatically posted to the website on the Latest News blog and go out with Cross Talk Online on Sunday morning. (Need to send something sooner digitally? E-mail Jacob Schandel at [media@sotvchurch.com](mailto:media@sotvchurch.com) for help.)
- Newsletter items for the upcoming month are due to the church office by the third Monday of the month prior.

# Other Dates and Information

If it's a note from a friend or member, a birthday, or anything else, we have it here.

## Birthdays this Month

- 5 *Kyle Sundheimer*  
6 *Karen Broadwater*  
9 *Frank Reynolds*  
12 *Nancy Tolfo*  
15 *Nash Monroe*  
18 *Alexa Dazey*  
20 *Brandee Monroe*  
*Donnie Pontones*  
22 *Allison Neary*  
*Thelma Nixon*  
24 *Cindy Sundheimer*  
30 *Cindy Schandel*

## Anniversaries This Month

- John & Tammy Klingelhoffer*  
*(6/19)*  
*Dan & Terri Wanner (6/14)*

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Did we have the wrong date? We apologize! Please let the church office*

## Special Messages for the Congregation

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !!!

## Sunday Readings for This Month

### Sunday June 3

- Deuteronomy 5: 12-15  
Psalm 81: 1-10  
2 Corinthians 4: 5-12  
Mark 2: 23, 3: 6

### Sunday June 10

- Genesis 3: 8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4: 13, 5: 1  
Mark 3: 20-35

### Sunday June 17

- Ezekiel 17: 22-24  
Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4: 26-34

### Sunday June 24

- Job 38: 1-11  
Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  
Mark 4: 35-41

## Council Members

- Susan Lux, President  
Jeff Ward, Vice President  
Karen Broadwater, Secretary  
Bill Bowman, Officer  
Fred Drotleff, Officer  
Max Lebold, Officer  
Marilyn Mason, Officer  
Chris Pontones, Officer  
Terri Wanner, Officer

## Please Remember the Shut-Ins

We have members of our flock who are not able to attend our Worship Services on a regular basis. Please remember these members in your prayers and with your cards. Addresses can be obtained from the church office upon request.

## Church members living in assisted facilities:

### Canton Christian Home

Carl Wanner

### Country Club Residential

#### Campus

Alexa Dazey

### Inn at Northwood Village

Rose Orlando

### St. Lukes Lutheran Community

Robero Techi

## Church members living independently and/or with family:

Guy & Joyce Aultman

Debra Campbell

# Worship Leaders for the Month

If you are unable to come the day you are scheduled for, please notify the church office as soon as you can!

## June 3

Music *Susan Kaschak*  
Greeters/Ushers *Pat Kovach & Cindy Sundheimer/B Bowman&J Hunter*  
Lay Reader *Karen Broadwater*  
Communion Assistant *Brian Lux*  
Acolytes *Zoe Ward*  
Junior Communion Assistant *Zoe Ward*  
Counters *Brian & Mary*  
Altar Care *Michelle Ward*

## June 10

Music *Susan Kaschak*  
Greeters/Ushers *Nancy Tolfo & Thelma Nixon/ B Bowman & J Hunter*  
Lay Reader *Jennifer Crone*  
Communion Assistant  
Acolytes *Zoe Ward*  
Junior Communion Assistant  
Counters *Dan & Jeff*  
Altar Care *Michelle Ward*

## June 17

Music *Susan Kaschak*  
Greeters/Ushers *The Bowman Family*  
Lay Reader *Bill Bowman*  
Communion Assistant  
Acolytes *Jack Bowman*  
Junior Communion Assistant  
Counters *Michelle & Linda*  
Altar Care *Michelle Ward*

## June 24

Music *Susan Kaschak*  
Greeters/Ushers *The Dan Wanner Family*  
Lay Reader *Janine Garber*  
Communion Assistant  
Acolytes *Jack Bowman*  
Junior Communion Assistant  
Counters *Janine & Terri*  
Altar Care *Michelle Ward*

# Council Minutes for [ April 2018 ]

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## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### COUNCIL MINUTES

April 9, 2018

Members Present: Karen Broadwater, Fred Drotleff, Max Lebold, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Chris Pontones, Terri Wanner, Jeff Ward, Michelle Ward, Ken Reinoehl. Absent: Bill Bowman (excused).

Meeting opened with prayer. Kathy Smith, representative, from Thrivant, presented information on the Thrivant investment program. She explained the process of the investments and the fluctuations that have taken place since December 2017. Questions were addressed. Need addressed of having council member's name on account Jeff Ward motioned to add Max Lebold's name to the account. Chris Pontones seconded. Motion carried.

March Minutes reviewed. Correction noted of NEOSW meetings should read as two separate meetings. Fred Drotleff motioned to accept minutes with correction. Jeff Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report. Members reviewed report. It was noted that there was a correction payment to the Synod. Max Lebold motioned to accept treasurer's report. Jeff Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Ken Reinoehl Pastoral report. Report reviewed by members. Ken is currently visiting and contacting members on the roster; working on updates to the church membership. Jeff Ward motioned to accept the report Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Supply Pastor. Members discussed the current compensation/payment for Ken Reinoehl as he is visiting and tending to pastoral needs of congregation. Jeff Ward motioned that beginning April 2018, that Ken would be paid \$400 per week which would cover his time in doing outreach. Mileage to be at rate of 54.5 cents a mile. The compensation package would be reviewed every three months. Max Lebold seconded. Motion carried. At this time, Ken Reinoehl is leading worship with an ordained supply pastor once a month to lead communion.

Pastoral update. It was noted that while giving was increasing since January, it is starting to level off. Jeff Ward reminded members that we as a congregation need to make a decision based on our needs. There is a possibility that another congregational update meeting to be held as more information is obtained. The next step is to work on forming a call committee

Grief Support. There is a group from Aultman who have expressed an interest in holding an informative meeting for those who might benefit from this support. Terri Wanner and Marilyn Mason expressed interest in contacting group to plan a session.

Copier. Contract is approaching its expiration. It was noted that there is some confusion as to the specific date that contract expires. One source at the company thought that contract was good through March 2019, but further clarification needs to take place. Members were reminded that before we consider another contract, we must determine the congregation's copy needs.

Synod meeting. Meeting scheduled to take place in June. The cost is \$150. Looking for four volunteers, will put in bulletin.

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Memorial Funds IT system has been purchased. Question was brought up that what happens to the memorial funds that are not specified for a particular area.

## REPORTS

*Outreach.* Easter candy collected; working on more Barney bears, and at this time collecting for Aultman children. Catechism instruction candidates of Matthew and Andrew Neary, J. Bowman, Jenson Garber, and Zoe Ward.

*Financial Stewardship.* No report

*Fellowship and Family.* Funeral dinner Helen Haney

*Property.* There is no doorbell. Suggestion made of installing wireless doorbell. As a follow up from last council meeting, the solid gray mats are no longer available. The current black mats are thinner which causes moving and rolling with walkers, carts, or wheelchairs. Fred to do follow up with company to pursue a better mat that will not slide causing a fall hazard. Renny Patterson to check on mulch.

*Worship and Music.* Bonnie Comb to fill in for Susan's absence. Ken Reinoehl to try something new on communion Sunday of holding the tray with the glasses of grape juice and wine. Some people have been having awkwardness in remembering to pick up a communion glass.

*Youth.* No report

*Tech.* Report reviewed. Fred Drotleff motion to accept report. Jeff Ward seconded. Motion carried.

## Calendar

*May 12.* Mother/daughter/sister/friend luncheon 11-1

*May 14.* Council Meeting 6:30

*May 19.* Rummage Sale

Meeting adjourned; closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Broadwater