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# Cross Talk

**Monthly Longform Newsletter for June 2019**

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## A Special Message from the Pastor's Desk

*"What is greater than [God], ... the poor have it ... the rich need it ... and if you eat it, you will die?" (From Peter David's Babylon 5 Legion of Fire Series, The Long Night of Centauri Prime, pp. 85, 96)*

Questions and Riddles. As I was preparing for one of my recent sermons (May 19) using riddles The Riddler used against Batman, I got to thinking again about questions and riddles. In reading a book based on the characters from the Babylon 5 science fiction series, I found an interesting riddle (see above).

Sometimes we are sadly puzzled with the events we see, read or hear in the news. Sometimes our lives seem like a riddle we cannot figure out, even if the answer becomes obvious. We may wonder why a loved one died. We may wonder why someone we loved has gotten sick or even if we ourselves have become sick. We may wonder why a tragedy struck or why certain things had to happen. We have the freedom to ask questions based on faith because Jesus Himself asked a prayerful question as He was dying on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

Riddles. Job must have wondered why. Job was a blameless and upright man, "one who feared God and turned away from evil." (Job 1:1) Job was blessed with a wife, seven sons and three daughters, with many servants, sheep, oxen, and donkeys. So, it was said "that this man was the greatest of all people of the east." (Job 1:3)

Yet, it was to Job that tragedy fell many times over. Yet, "in all this, Job did not sin or charge God with wrong doing." (Job 1:22) The Accuser (ha-satan in Hebrew) inflicted loathsome sores on Job and Job's suffering and loss were very great. Still, Job would not curse God. A dialogue follows between Job and his friends. And in the midst of that dialogue, Job says an amazing thing:

"O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead,  
they were engraved in a rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
Then in my flesh I shall see God,  
Whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:23-26)

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## A Special Message from the Pastor's Desk, contd.

Sometimes, even when it's tough, even when you don't know the answers to life's riddles, even when things happen when we least expect them, we need to keep faith in our Redeemer and to know that our Redeemer does live. I need to remind myself of that when times in my life (such as the entire year of 2017) have not gone the way that I had hoped or planned

But we still have hope because indeed our Redeemer lives! Our Redeemer has given us the sure and certain hope left in an empty tomb. Our Redeemer gives us hope in the victory that we could never earn by ourselves. Our Redeemer has died on a cross and rose from the dead to give us the victory over sin, death, and the devil: that this act of love makes all the difference in the world.

The answer to the above riddle is very simple: "Nothing." Nothing is greater than God. (The poor have nothing. The rich need nothing. And if you eat nothing, you will die.) The first clue should have given us the only answer we needed. Yet, like life, we tend to complicate matters with other things, and as a result, we end up confusing ourselves.

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul helps us to remember that *nothing* can separate us from the love of God as shown through Jesus Christ. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38) What else can we say to that, but Amen!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott

# Announcements for the Start of the Month

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**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Nancy Tolfo, Greg Kinsley, and Kathy Patterson for continued healing.

**AmazonSmile:** Please continue to use AmazonSmile throughout the year. Through this, **without costing users any extra**, it takes 0.5% of your purchase on eligible items (marked on their product page with the AmazonSmile logo) and gives back to our church. Try it out today by going to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and searching for “Shepherd of the Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church.”



Check out online our **weekly podcast which we are calling the Shepherdcast!** So, whether you are on the go and still want to catch the weekly sermon, are looking for a new church home, or would just simply like to hear the Good News brought to you in a weekly podcast, we hope you will check out the Shepherdcast! You can subscribe now to the Shepherdcast wherever you get your podcasts! You can learn more at [www.sotvchurch.com/shepherdcast](http://www.sotvchurch.com/shepherdcast)

**LWR QUILTING:** The ladies meet every other Tuesday for a day of quilting. Anyone interested in joining, please stop in at the church. They start at 9:00am until ?. Dates in June are June 11 & June 25. Come and enjoy good fellowship, tie a few knots and create beautiful quilts for world relief.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OLIVIA CRONE, SHE GRADUATED FROM SANDY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.** We all watched her grow into a beautiful young lady. May the world give her many experiences and knowledge to continue her path to reach her goals, and may God bless her along the way.

## **COMING THIS SUMMER:**

Time to clean the kitchen! Date to be announced later.

There will be another quilt tying marathon. Date to be announced later. Be sure to come and join the fun and fellowship!

Sandy Valley High School will be offering lunches for the kids in the community. Helpers are needed from the week of June 3 through the week of August 5. Contact Clarinda or Chris, Magnolia Methodist Church, at the following numbers: Clarinda—330.904.3979 or Chris—cell 330.806.7114 or home 330.735.2738. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

# Special Announcement

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## Messages from Pastor Scott:

**Thank you to everyone for the results of our congregational meeting on May 5.** Thank you for the unanimous votes to extend a call to me and to continue my current financial package here at Shepherd of the Valley after my term call ends on July 31. It is truly rare for unanimous votes to be recorded on one vote, let alone both votes. (This was a first for me; none of my previous five call votes were unanimous.) As I have said before, I feel truly blessed in serving here at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone here and being a part of the many ministries here. I look forward to our continued times and ministry together! Thank you again to everyone! – Pastor Scott

**Thank you to Susan Kaschak** for your talent and time with our music ministry here at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Thank you for directing our church choir and being our musical “cat herder” in getting everyone together to rehearse. Thank you for your gift of music in the preludes, offertory, and hymns. Your gifts and your preparation time are greatly appreciated, Susan. Thank you, again.

**Thank you to Church Council Members** for your insights and time in creating our Vision and Plan for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. A document has been written and will be finalized shortly. A draft version of our vision and plan was distributed at our congregational meeting on December 16, 2018.

**Congratulations to Olivia Crone!** Congratulations to Olivia Crone upon her graduation! God’s blessings to you and your accomplishments! May God continue to bless you in the next chapter of your life.

**New Phone Number.** Pastor Scott has a new phone number: (234) 410-0347. Please use this number if you need to contact pastor when he is not at church.

**Sunday, June 2: New Member Reception and Narthex Dedication.** On Sunday, June 2, we will officially welcome Dennis Gedra and Carol Hormell as members of Shepherd of the Valley. After worship, we will have a reception in their honor along with Gary and Sharon Davis who became members earlier last fall. We will also have a dedication to the glory of God for a new wall hanging in our narthex, given by the Wanner family, made possible from memorial gifts in memory of Kathy Wanner.

**Wednesday, June 5 and 12: Bible Study.** Our Bible Study on the Psalms will continue for the first two Wednesdays in the month of June at 11 AM. We will study Psalm 104 on June 5 and Psalm 8 on June 12. Please read the psalm before our study. Thank you to all who have come and shared during our study. We will take a brief break before resuming at the end of July.

**Sunday, June 9: The Day of Pentecost; Please Wear Scarlet; Graduation Sunday.** The liturgical color for The Day of Pentecost is red (or scarlet). Everyone is asked to wear red or scarlet (grey is optional) to our worship services as a reminder that the Holy Spirit kindles within us the fire of God’s love that touches our hearts today. During our worship, we will honor our graduates along with a reception following our worship.

**Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15: NEOS Assembly.** On June 14 and 15, Pastor Scott will be attending the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly at the John S. Knight Convention Center in Akron. The theme of this year’s assembly is “Who Is My Neighbor?” (Luke 10:25-37)

**Sunday, June 16: Happy Father’s Day!** We, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, wish every Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, and Dad-to-be a very joyful Fathers’ Day. Thank you for your hard work in providing for your families all year long.

**Sunday, June 16: Holy Trinity.** On Father’s Day, in our worship, we will celebrate the faith mystery of the Holy Trinity. Please remember your Heavenly Father on Father’s Day and send God your love through worship.

**Sunday, June 30: Noisy Offering.** Please continue to collect your change for second noisy offering this year on Sunday, June 30. Our noisy offering will benefit the Helping Hands Network. Please know that noiseless offerings are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

**Wednesday, July 31: Bible Study Returns!** At the end of next month, our Wednesday morning Bible Study will return. We will offer a survey course on the Holy Bible, exploring major themes from Genesis to Revelation. Our study is anticipated to take 15 sessions. Please come and join in the fellowship and discussion as we learn more about God’s Word.



# 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,*  
*John Hunt*  
9 *Frank Reynolds*  
12 *Nancy Tolfo*  
15 *Nash Monroe*  
16 *Gary Davis*  
18 *Alexa Dasey*  
20 *Brandee Monroe,*  
*Donnie Pontones*  
22 *Allison Neary,*  
*Thelma Nixon*  
24 *Cindy Sundheimer*  
28 *Pastor Scott Anderson*  
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 know, and we will fix it on our end!*

## Special Messages for the Congregation

*Wishing all Fathers a Happy & Blessed Father's Day. May God watch over you & protect you each and every day.*

## Sunday Readings for This Month

### Sunday June 2

Acts 16: 16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17

John 17: 20-26

### Sunday June 9

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 24-35b

Romans 8: 14-17

John 14: 8-17 [25-27]

### Sunday June 16

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15

### Sunday June 23

Isaiah 65: 1-9

Psalm 22: 19-28

Galatians 3: 23-29

Luke 8: 26-39

### Sunday June 30

1 Kings 19: 15-16

Psalm 16

Galatians 3: 23-29

Luke 9: 51-62

## Council Members

- Susan Lux, President  
Jeff Ward, Vice President  
Jacob Schandel, Secretary  
Bill Bowman, Officer  
Fred Drotleff, Officer  
Tim Farber, Officer  
Marilyn Mason, Officer  
Sally Nesselrode, 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

Roberto Techini

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

Guy & Joyce Aultman

Debra Campbell

# 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
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2 Communion Welcome New Members	3	4	5 Bible Study 11:00 AM	6	7	8
9 Honor Grads PENECOST	10 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM	11 Quilting 9:00 AM	12 Bible Study 11:00 AM	13	14 Shepherd's Kitchen Bingo 3:30 PM Meal 4:30 PM	15
16 Father's Day HOLY TRINITY	17 Refuge of Hope 4:30PM	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Quilting 9:00 AM	26 Assembly Angels 11:00AM	27	28	29
30 NOISY OFFERING						

## 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.**

# Council Minutes for April 2019

By council mandate, a backlog of minutes are available on the website. You can find them at [www.sotvchurch.com/council](http://www.sotvchurch.com/council).

## Monday, April 8, 2019

**All Members Present:** Rev. Scott J. Anderson, Bill Bowman, Fred Drotleff, Tim Farber, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Sally Nesselrode, Jacob Schandel, Terri Wanner, Jeff Ward

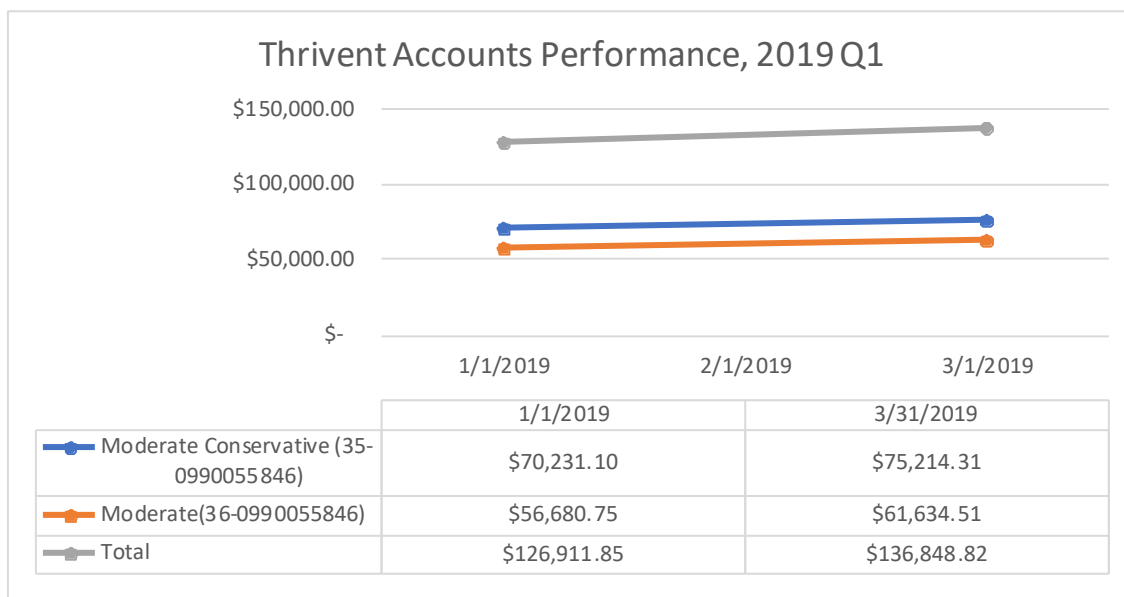
**Members Absent:**

Meeting opened with a devotion from the Penitential Psalms by Pastor Scott.

The minutes from March were reviewed. Jeff motioned to accept, Fred seconded. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Jeff motioned to accept, Sally seconded. Motion carried. We saw a great deal of increase (overall gain of \$9,936.97) in the Thrivent accounts, as shown below.



## Old Business

**Constitution Update:** The new constitution is under review by the synod parliamentarian.

**Sound System Nursery Expansion:** This is being worked on as of this meeting.

**Memorial Funds:** More memorial funds came in to the church over the last month. A form has been created for requests for funds to go to the memorial fund committee. Requests have been submitted and

**Bishop's Gathering and Synod Assembly:** Someone is still needed to attend these events.



# Council Minutes for April 2019, Cont'd

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## New Business

**Additional Pews in SE Corner of Sanctuary:** The spare pews have been mentioned in other venues. No consensus was made on this topic.

**Pastor's Call:** On this topic, Jeff made a motion for the following course of action, and Jacob seconded. On May 5, a congregational meeting will be held to determine whether we extend a permanent, half-time call to Pastor Scott.

**Bookshelf:** It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Marilyn that Dottie may have the old Learning Centre bookshelf in the middle classroom.

**Fire Suppression System:** We have a fire suppression system in the church utility room that needs some maintenance. The cost is \$617.00. *This system is required to be maintained by law.* Terri motioned to make the improvements. Sally seconded. Motion carried.

## Pastor's Report

**Mileage:** Terri motioned to accept, Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried.  
Bible study is going well.  
The church office will be closed the Monday after Easter.

## Committee Reports

**Evangelism and Outreach:** The Noisy Offering for HHN gathered \$287.16. Blessing bags (40 Challenge) and quilts are being worked on.

**Fellowship and Family Life:** A funeral was held for Wayne Schmidt on March 20.

**Financial Stewardship:** No report, but see treasurer's report.

**Media and Technology:** We will be pursuing adding push notification functionality to the website. Additionally, special episodes during summer 2019 are being possibly planned for the Shepherdcast.

**Property:** A new restroom sign was installed. Some miscellaneous maintenance was done throughout the building. Special thanks to all involved in this! It was decided that we save electricity by replacing the existing floodlight on the east side of the church with an LED.

**Worship and Music:** No report.

**Youth:** No report.

## Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting: May 5

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacob H. Schandel  
Council Secretary*

# Congregational Meeting

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## Sunday, May 5, 2019

Meeting opened by Jeff Ward following worship.

The purpose of this meeting was to hold votes on the two following issues of importance:

Extension of the one-year term call for Rev. Scott J. Anderson to a permanent, part-time call. The part time call would begin August 1, 2019, one year to the date of the beginning of the previous term call.

Extension of Pastor Scott's compensation package under the permanent, part-time call.

Jeff Ward opened the floor to questions. Finding none, two votes were held, unanimously approving the permanent, part-time call of Rev. Scott J. Anderson.

It was noted that either Bishop Abraham B. Allende of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA or one of his representatives would lead an installation service to mark the permanent, part-time call of Pastor Scott.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jacob H. Schandel  
Council Secretary*

# 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 2

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *The Bill Bowman Family*

Lay Reader *Bill Bowman*

Communion Assistant *Fred Drotleff*

Acolytes *Jack Bowman*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Mary*

Altar Care *Michelle Ward & Linda Neary*

## June 9

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *The Dan Wanner Family*

Lay Reader *Jennifer Crone*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Jack Bowman*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Dan & Jeff*

Altar Care *Michelle Ward & Linda Neary*

## June 16

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *Iva Campana & Dottie Scott/Tim F & Jim H*

Lay Reader *Karen Broadwater*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Jack Bowman*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Michelle & Linda*

Altar Care *Michelle Ward & Linda Neary*

## June 23

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *Pat Kovach & Mary Drotleff/Tim F & Jim H*

Lay Reader *Michelle Ward*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Zoe Ward*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Janine & Terri*

Altar Care *Michelle Ward & Linda Neary*

# Worship Leaders for the Month

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## June 30

Music *Susan Kaschak*

Greeters/Ushers *Thelma Nixon & Cindy Sundheimer/Tim F*

Lay Reader *Karen Broadwater*

Communion Assistant

Acolytes *Jack Bowman*

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters *Brian & Mary*

Altar Care *Michelle Ward & Linda Neary*

Music

Greeters/Ushers

Lay Reader

Communion Assistant

Acolytes

Junior Communion Assistant

Counters

Altar Care

Music

Greeters/Ushers

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# Thrivent News

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## Investing 101 for New Graduates

*Introduction:* Investing may not seem like a top priority if you're right out of school. But this article, prepared by Thrivent Mutual Funds, shares why starting early may be to your advantage.

As a fresh graduate, you're probably enjoying some newfound freedoms, including living on your own and starting a new job. And believe it or not, it's also a perfect time to start thinking about money and finances.

While you may be inclined to spend and only focus on the short-term, pause and consider what goals you want to achieve later in life. When it comes to money, what is your enough? And even more important, how can money be a tool for you to live out your faith, be generous with your community, and be giving of your time and talents?

Investing may seem like an unlikely answer, but it's one way to help turn your goals into a reality and build wise financial habits that will help you lead a life of confidence, contentment and generosity. Investing helps build your savings over time: stocks, bonds and mutual funds offer the potential for helping your nest egg grow faster and more efficiently than simple savings.

Wondering where to start? Consider these initial steps:

- Don't rush to buy your own place** – If you're still living at home, now could be an excellent time to get a head start on your investment plan and think about how your financial goals align with your faith, heart and habits. Living with a roommate is another way to save money and you can focus on channeling those savings into an investment plan.
- Look for the right job opportunities** – Try to find a steady job in a field that leverages your talent and calling and offers a clear path for advancement and salary increases over time. This will allow you to continue building knowledge and wealth as your career progresses.
- Diversify your portfolio** – Investing in mutual funds is one of the easiest ways for people to invest. By bundling a range of stocks and bonds into one collected fund, individual investors have an opportunity to diversify and pool their risk. As you grow your portfolio, you can hone your investment objectives and invest in different funds – some are focused on a specific company size, geography or industry. You may even find that you'd like to invest in specific funds that support a charitable cause you're passionate about.
- Start now** – You can start investing even with a modest amount. As little as 50 dollars a month, for example, may contribute significantly to your retirement fund or other financial goals in the long run.
- Time is on your side** – When it comes to investing, time can be valuable, especially if you're young. There may be a significant difference in your long-term returns by starting now rather than putting it off a few more years.

These steps reinforce you don't have to be a stock market expert to get started. The most important thing to keep in mind is your financial goals, and how money can help put your values and plans into action. For additional support along the way, consider connecting with a financial professional who can provide guidance and help you chart out an investment plan.

This article was prepared by Thrivent Financial for use by local area representative David J Zastawny. He can also be reached at [dave.zastawny@thrivent.com](mailto:dave.zastawny@thrivent.com) or (330) 904-5118.

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