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Fall Festival October 14th

It's time to mark your calendars with our annual "Fall Festival" on Sunday, October 14th after worship. Visit our Session Members' displays in the Christian Education Building showing what they and their committees do for the church. Other church groups will be showing their own fun activities as well. You may even win a \$50 gift card for visiting each table. The drawing will be during our healthy lunch in Conklin Hall. Homemade chili is our menu for lunch, as well as your covered dishes of salads, vegetables, and desserts.

Please sign up in Conklin Hall. Everyone is welcome. Invite and bring your neighbors and friends.

Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off October 14th

Operation Christmas Child will kick off on October 14th and conclude on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Now is the time to gather those items that kids either need or just can't resist and get ready to pack those boxes.

One change this year is that you can no longer include any liquids or gels or anything that can be ingested in your boxes. This includes items like toothpaste and candy. The reason for this change is that entire shipments of boxes can be held up at Customs if any of them include these items.

Boxes will be available at the Mission table during Fall Festival and in Conklin Hall. You don't have to wait, though. If you have regular shoeboxes, you can pack them, as well.

We collected 124 boxes last year which was down about 25 from 2016. Let's try to get back to that magic 150 number this year.

Carpet Project Completed

By now everyone should have noticed that the project to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Chapel is complete. For the first time since the addition to the Sanctuary nearly 20 years ago, all of the carpet in these areas matches. In addition, to better handle spills during communion and candle wax during Advent, the front portion of the Sanctuary has wood-tone luxury vinyl tile installed. The Sanctuary looks better than it has in years.

One change you may not have noticed is that the Chapel, which had doubled as the church library is now solely a chapel. The books and bookcases have been removed, the large desk has been moved to the church office and smaller tables have been set up in the back to allow for counting money on Sundays and for a place for mailboxes for Session and other church groups. This is a great change and gives the room a more spiritual feel.

We want to thank everyone who helped with the project, particularly Alan Paige who coordinated the project and look forward to not doing it again for many years to come..

Prayer Concerns

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it John 14:13-14

Roger Kitzman	Jim Sullivan
Linda Alexander	Peter Safreno
Dottie Malcomson	Joe Borden
Brett Schroeder	Althea Haworth
Doris & Gene Thomas	Clinton Shonkweiler
Vickie Rudd	Alice Blair
Jim Crowe	Shirley Craig
Lyn & Ray Jakubczak	

Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

Sue Lundgreen
Kim Rice
Drew Kwako

If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please see Rev. Ralph or Session Clerk Ruth Ann Horvath

November Newsletter Deadline

October 23, 2018

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Service of Morning Prayer and
Communion - Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education
CE Building

10:30 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time – Conklin Hall

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Minister of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. Rev. Ralph encourages our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

Rev. Ralph	Romans 8:31-34	God is for Us
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	1 Peter 4:8-10	Love One Another
Elder Scott Florence	Daniel 7:4	Pray to the Lord
Elder Gloria McGilloway	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust in the Lord
Elder Susan Holecheck	2 Corinthians 8:7	Excel in the Grace of Giving
Elder Chris Schleiter	Psalms 27:1	The Lord is my Light
Elder Mary Contreras	Matthew 6:26-27	Don't Worry

Thanks to our Volunteers

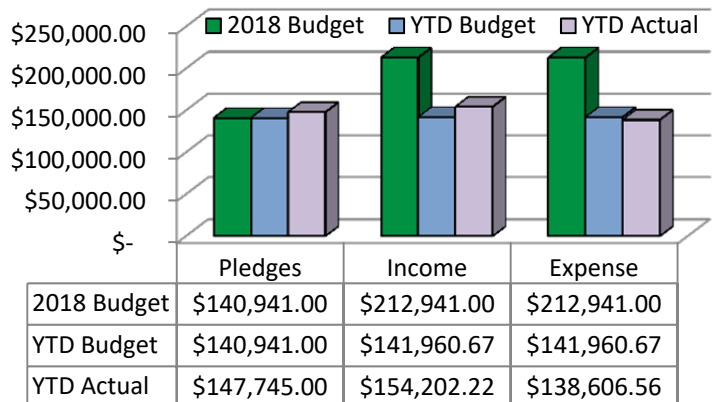
	Flowers	Nursery
October		
October 7	Russ & Candy Hurlbut	Jennifer P
October 14	Jim & Kristin Crowe	Donna Beasley
October 21	Available	Cindy Clingan
October 28	Available	Kim Rice
November		
November 4	Alan & Sandy Paige	Jennifer P
November 11	Available	Donna Beasley
November 18	Dick & Patti Babb	Cindy Clingan
November 25	Karen Kirkland	Kim Rice

Signup for Flowers on the board between the Narthex and Conklin Hall or on our Website gspscsg.org

Treasurer's Report

General Fund as of August 31, 2018		
Month of August		
Receipts	\$	12,738.34
Expenditures	\$	16,091.93
2018 YTD Budget vs Actual		
YTD Budgeted Receipts	\$	141,960.67
Actual Receipts	\$	154,202.22
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$	141,960.67
Actual Expenditures	\$	138,606.56
Building Fund		
Building Fund Cash	\$	67,353.42
Loan Balance	\$	(21,431.23)
Net Building Fund	\$	45,922.19
Fund Balances		
General Fund	\$	10,603.78
Memorial Fund	\$	1,913.56
Reserve Fund	\$	47,922.60
Russia Mission Fund	\$	3,361.88

2018 Budget Through August 31



Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought

O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 You understand my thought from afar.
³ You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
 And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before there is a word on my tongue,
 Behold, O Lord, You know it all.
⁵ You have enclosed me behind and before,
 And laid Your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 It is too high, I cannot attain to it.
⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the dawn,
 If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
¹⁰ Even there Your hand will lead me,
 And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

Psalm 139:1-10 New American Standard Bible (NASB)



One would think from our local stores and television ads that Christmas is just around the corner; however, it would appear that a few other holidays, like Thanksgiving for example, are not worth our time and consideration, at least as far as the economy is concerned.

But even before Thanksgiving there is another lesser holiday that garners considerable attention, at least from the younger generation. That is Halloween, or in middle age terminology, "All Hallows Eve," the night that precedes the church holiday of "All Saints Day." In the ancient traditions of the church it was believed that on All Saints Day all the dearly departed from the previous year would proceed to eternal life. Of course a fearful and mythological culture and

society included the tradition of jack-o-lanterns and fearful decorations to encourage the dearly departed to keep departing and not make any last minute visits.

While the original meanings behind these traditions have long since been lost to memory, I would have to say our fears of the unknown and the darkness of both night and death remain. There are times as well in our day and daily living that we are frightened almost to point of death from various sources.

That is why Psalm 139 continues to be one of my favorite psalms. The writer reminds us there is no place or time that God is not with us. That God knows us better than we know ourselves and so loves us with each and every breath. There is Hope in these words, which we need to be reminded of with each new day. Our Lord put it so well, "*Lo, I am with always, even to the end of the age.*" Matthew 28:20

*Blessings to you all in Christ name,
 Rev. Ralph*

**** Home Communion ****

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Visitation Pastor or Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (628-9158).

**** Pastor's Note Regarding Hospital Visitation ****

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force several years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information regarding patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

So, if you or a family member is hospitalized please alert the Pastor, your Deacon, or the church office. Otherwise, we will not be informed of your presence there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

News from the Russia Mission

2018 Russia Mission Trip Report

Be sure to join Gloria McGilloway and Chris Schleiter for Soup and Fellowship on October 10th when they will report on their trip to Russia. Gloria will be doing most of the talking and sharing her impressions on her first trip to visit our brothers and sisters in Dorogobuzh.

Russia Mission Network Conference

As you receive this, the Russia Mission Network Conference will be wrapping up. We'll have a full report on the conference in next month's newsletter.

Solar Electric Study Completed

We've noticed over the last couple of years that our electric bills have been rising and that our demand for power has been increasing. In order to try to reduce the peak demand for electricity, the Building Committee instituted a plan to decrease our simultaneous use of air conditioners during the summer months. This resulted in a savings of about 22% in our peak demand. While our peak demand has dropped, our overall usage of electricity has risen about 7% from last year. Some of this can be attributed to the hotter summer in 2018 but we will need to address this aspect of our energy usage going forward.

Last spring, Guy Schultzman did an evaluation on whether it would be desirable and cost-effective for the church to add solar panels to our buildings in an effort to further reduce our power bills.

Should GSPC Go Green?

Is a Solar Electric System Cost-Effective?

Early last spring, Session commissioned the Building Committee to perform an exploratory study to determine whether the installation of Solar Electric Power at GSPC would be cost-effective, at this time. Session's objective was to support global efforts to combat climate change, provided it could be justified as a sound investment.

The Building Committee performed an evaluation of the Church's electrical energy usage and expenses throughout 2017 and prepared a detailed "Request for Proposal" for a Solar Electric System. Three Solar Energy Vendors provided preliminary proposals. The Building Committee evaluated the proposals via a cost/benefit assessment and provided the following recommendations to Session:

- It is not currently cost-effective to deploy a Solar Electric System. The investment "Pay Back Period" is in excess of 18 years. This is primarily due to St. George Utilities' pricing structure for Customer-owned solar production (extra fees) and the Church's inability to utilize available tax incentives.
- Prior to installing a Solar Electric System, the Church would benefit from an "Energy Efficiency Project" to substantially reduce our current energy usage.
- GSPC is currently charged substantial cost penalties for high electrical demand (peak KW usage recorded during each month) during the Summer months. Smoothing this "demand" is a financial priority.

Session approved the Building Committee Study and committed to revisit the evaluation of a Solar Electric System when St. George Utilities revises its fee structure and/or GSPC pays off its current mortgage.

How Can You Help GSPC Go Green?

If you still believe that we have a moral imperative to address the environmental impact we have had on our Earth (God's gift of a home to his people), here is what you can do to help:

- 1) Support current efforts to retire the GSPC mortgage through the Building Fund Campaign. (The mortgage will be retired next July.
- 2) Encourage your elected representatives (locally in St. George, at the state level in Utah, and nationally) to encourage development and deployment of alternate energy systems.
- 3) Suggest potential Energy Efficiency initiatives for consideration by the Building Committee.
- 4) Support efforts to reduce Electrical Demand at GSPC during Summer months.

If we all work together, we can get control of our energy usage and help to reduce our impact on our planet.

Guy Schultzman

Deacons

Copies of the daily devotional, "Our Daily Bread," are still available of. You should ask your Deacon to get you a copy or pick one up from the literature rack at church. These are excellent short daily devotionals,

The Deacons will have a table during our Fall Festival. Be sure to come by and say hello. We want you to get to know your Parish Deacon so we can better serve you.

Our Deacon Shed is full of items you may need if you have an illness or are recovering from surgery. If you need to borrow anything from the shed, please contact Dick Babb (688-1120) and he will make arrangements to get you what you need.

*In Christian love and fellowship,
Your Deacons*

Fellowship

Our Fellowship table has been a reflection of the generous nature of our congregation. Thank you to those who continue to share and to those who help.

It would be very helpful if everyone would be sure to clear off the tables and push in the chairs is as much as possible to allow people to get through.

Once again Ann Abbott and Cathy Overkamp used their talents to change the décor in Conklin Hall. Fall has arrived! Thank Ann and Cathy for making Conklin Hall reflect the change of seasons.

Gloria McGilloway

Mission/Outreach

Fall is coming and, with it, our usual fall mission activities.

Operation Christmas Child will kick off on October 14th and conclude on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. I'll have boxes at the Mission table in the CE Building during Fall Festival. If you want to get a head start, you can use any shoe boxes that you have at home. You can also do your shopping now and fill the boxes after the 14th.

The CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Saturday, November 10th. Start getting in shape to walk the six mile course and raise money to feed the hungry both here and around the world. Walker envelopes will be available at the Mission table during Fall Festival.

Finally, as we did last year we'll be collecting canned food during the four Sundays of Advent to benefit the Soup Kitchen. Last year we collected \$235 and 240 pounds of food. Let's go for \$300 and 300 pounds this year.

I continue to be amazed by your generosity and willingness to share.

*Blessings
Chris Schleiter*

Parish Nursing

Brown Bag Luncheon:

On September 19th, we were privileged to have Gerene Mason as our Brown Bag speaker. Gerene, a representative from Southern Utah Insurance, is an expert in helping clients wade their ways through the Medicare Part D morass. As an agent, she represents various companies offering Part D plans, helps her client choose the one best suited to their needs, completes the enrollment and advocates for the individual throughout the year at no additional cost to the client because she is reimbursed by the chosen insurance company. Her talk, ahead of this year's Part D Open Enrollment period from October 15th to December 7th, was both timely and informative. The Enrollment Period is your annual opportunity to enroll for the first time in a Part D plan, change from one plan to another or choose to keep the plan in which you are currently enrolled. The selection you make will take effect beginning January 1st of 2019 and extends for the calendar year. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, your drugs are covered under that plan and you do not need a separate Part D plan. Anyone covered under Original Medicare must subscribe, also, to a Part D plan for medications.

Parish Nursing, continued

Additional Facts:

- Four Phases to Medicare Part D in the calendar year are—paying a \$415 deductible, if applicable, reaching a full drug cost of \$3820 before entering the Coverage Gap(Donut Hole), being responsible for up to \$5100 out of pocket before finally, entering the Catastrophic Coverage Phase with reduced coinsurance or co-pay for the duration of the year.
- The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 will slowly close the donut hole beginning in 2019 so, by 2020, beneficiaries will be paying only 25% of their drug costs while in the donut hole.
- When shopping for a Part D plan – check that your regular meds are covered by the plan’s formulary(list of drugs covered), whether there are restrictions to any of your meds, and confirm that your pharmacy participates in the plan.
- If you do not enroll in Part D coverage, if needed and when needed, you may incur a penalty for that failure which will be added to your costs, indefinitely.
- In 2020, Medigap Plans C and F that cover Part B deductibles will be abolished but if you are already enrolled in one of the plans, you will be grandfathered and may keep the plan.
- Financial assistance is available for securing your medications through the Medicare Part D Extra Help Program.

The entire Part D program can be an annual nightmare but there is help available.

The audio and slides from Gerene’s talk may be found on the church website at: gspcsg.org/ministries/parish-nursing-ministry/medicare-part-d/. Additional help and programs to help you choose a plan may be found on the government site – [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

Save the Date: We’d like to remind you to save the date of Wednesday, November 7th when our next Brown Bag speaker will be Dr. David Grygla from Dixie Regional Medical Center. The topic of his talk will be a discussion of DIABETES.

Alicia Kitzman and Mitzi Rak

Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact me on my cell, 632-3160.

All prayers are important.

Deborah Stone

Senior Ministries

Soup and Fellowship:

Our first SOUP AND FELLOWSHIP of the Fall Season is Wednesday, October 10th, at Noon. Fall and soup just go together. We will be hosting the Russian missionaries from our congregation, Gloria McGilloway and Chris Schleter, who went this year. We will serve Borscht and other soups. After the presentation by Gloria and Chris, we will also have an interactive program written by Russ Estlack and put on by a theatre group using the audience to play the various parts including wearing a costume to help you get into character. It will be a fun and interesting lunch time.

Soup and Fellowship - Looking ahead:

Wednesday, November 14th at Noon in Conklin Hall. We will have a movie about WWI as it will be 100 years since its conclusion. Russell Estlack will be hosting this event. We celebrate veterans as November. 11th is Veterans Day. We will be serving soup and other accompaniments as usual and consistent with military like Navy Bean.

Card Party:

Wednesday, October 17th at 1:00 pm in Conklin Hall. Please join us and connect your brain to the game.

Fall Festival:

Senior Ministries’ theme for Fall Festival on October 14th is “NURISHING THE MIND AND BODY”. We have had many fantastic presentations from members of the congregation who have informed and entertained us with their career stories. They will be featured at our table.

Senior Ministries, continued

Brain Health:

What are you doing to keep your brain healthy? A few suggestions are

1. maintain adequate hearing and vision,
2. get adequate sleep to help the brain regenerate nerve connections. Chronic sleep deprivation can cause lapses in concentration, alertness and memory.
3. Drink more water. HYDRATE. Dehydration is a risk factor for delirium which may present as dementia in seniors.
4. Do things you enjoy.
5. Stay socially active .
6. Exercise.

Hopefully you have a score of 6.

Judy Oar

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on September 9th. Here is a synopsis of the actions:

- Approved to accept Kim Rice and Drew Kwako into membership in a Called Session Meeting on September 2, 2018. They, along with Sue Lundgreen, were received into membership and baptized during worship service on September 2, 2018.
- Accepted the resignation of Dennis Peters from Session as Ruling Elder.
- Approved a Russia Mission Travel Authorization Policy, (PO-M-002), stating that "The traveler is a member in good standing of Good Shepherd Presbyterian church, although the Steering Committee, with the approval of Session, may waive this requirement if they believe the trip is in the best interests of the church."
- Approved a Russia Mission Expense Reimbursement Policy (PO-M-003), stating that "The Church will reimburse each traveler who is a member of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church for round-trip airfare and the cost of obtaining a visa up to a total of \$1,000 per trip. All travel must be approved by the Steering Committee and by Session. The Steering Committee with the approval of Session may waive the membership requirement for reimbursement."
- Approved the recommendations of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Stewardship Committees regarding the upgrades of Rev. Clingan's and the church secretary's offices, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500, to be paid from the Building Fund.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk of Session

Soup Kitchen

Our church "crew" participates in the Soup Kitchen the first Monday of each month. During the month of September volunteers included Marge Linn, Rayanne Bartlett, Vicky Westland, Janis Wick, Josie Kellejan, Ruth Ann Horvath, LaVerna Metzger, and Carol Somplatsky-Jarman. Serving over 100 hungry folks is always just as much a blessing to the volunteers as it is to those who enjoy their lunch. A Labor Day menu of cheese burgers, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fruit and dessert was served. Many positive comments were received – especially for our famous "Presbyterian" coleslaw. Questions about the Soup Kitchen experience? Contact me at 435-817-8288.

Carolynn Thomas

Stephen Ministries

Good things are happening within your Stephen Ministry. October marks the beginning of a new training class and we are proud to announce five candidates who will be a part of this group: Mona Johnson, Sherry Kretschmer, Sandy Paige, Jim Robinette, and Kathryn Whitton will join seven other trainees as they begin many hours of classroom study, reading assignments, discussions and role play practice on becoming an effective Stephen Minister.

The training is a joint ecumenical effort with New Promise Lutheran, Shepherd of the Hills Methodist, and Good Shepherd Presbyterian and is conducted by the pastors and Stephen Minister leaders of each church. This approach was first taken two years ago and proved to be so successful that we have adopted it for all training classes.

This schooling reflects a big commitment on the part of the trainees (and the trainers) and your support and prayers for all involved during the next 3-4 months would be appreciated. May God bless them in this endeavor.

Karen Kirkland

Stewardship

The Treasurer's report from August 31st appears on page 2 and our Building Fund report is on page 11. We are doing quite well so far this year, but a lot of our income comes from contributors who make their entire year's donation in December or January.

We will be kicking off our General Fund pledge campaign for 2019 soon. Look for a letter and pledge card in the mail around the end of October. We already know of several costs that will increase in 2019 and hope that you will prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the church's ministries and activities.

We continue to thank you for your generosity.

Susan Holecheck

Women's Guild

ATTENTION LADIES!!! Your Women's Guild is busy planning for the upcoming Craft & Baked Food sale on Saturday, October 13th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You won't want to miss this event, and please pass the date along to your friends and neighbors.

We have many more events planned for the 2018-19 season. To learn more and help plan for these events, please try to make it to our next meeting scheduled for November 10th at 11:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow. Planning these events along with Christian fellowship is so much fun and a great way to get to know other wonderful women within our Church family. Hope to see you then!

Candy Hurlbut

Worship & Music

As we welcome the cooler days of October, plans are warming up for upcoming events at Good Shepherd.

Fall Festival is October 14th. Come and see the table for the Worship and Music committee.

October 28th is Reformation Sunday and is also a "Kirkin' O'Th'Tartan" Worship Service. The service will begin with the Beadle carrying the Bible into the Sanctuary accompanied by the Scarlet and Black Bagpipers. It is a special day of recognizing those members with Scottish heritage as well as acknowledging the history of the reformed church and the Presbyterian Church's connection to the Church of Scotland.

A huge thank you goes to the Building Committee for their labor in preparing the way for the installation of the new flooring in our church. We all appreciate your efforts!

Our church is very generous in reaching out to our community by allowing other groups to use our facilities. One is the Interfaith Choir which is sponsored by the Interfaith Council. They rehearse in our sanctuary Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. They will be performing on Veterans Day, November 11th, at the St. George Tabernacle.

Blessings

Barbara McConnell, Music Director



Lectionary Readings for October

Sunday, October 7 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Sunday, October 14 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1-9; 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Sunday, October 21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

Lectionary Readings for November

Thursday, November 1 All Saints' Day	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-10	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Sunday, November 4 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Sunday, November 11 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Sunday, November 18 26th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Sunday, November 25 Christ the King (or Reign of Christ)	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

Congregation News

Conklin Hall Carpet Cleaning

The carpet in Conklin Hall will be cleaned on Friday, October 19th. Please avoid Conklin Hall all day. Thanks for your cooperation.

A Little Church Humor

A meme is a humorous image, video, piece of text, etc., that is copied (often with slight variations) and spread rapidly by Internet users. In that vein, here is an item submitted by our Pastor for your consideration. Could something like this happen here?

Huron, SD – Hundreds were hospitalized and scores more traumatized for life in the wake of a disastrous hymn roll-out this past Sunday.

Recklessly acting in a way contrary to all Lutheran sensibilities, Pastor Norman Schroeder inserted a previously unsung hymn, "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit," into the church service.

"I remember paging to hymn 372 and thinking that it looked unfamiliar," said helpless victim Delores Hamilton from her hospital bed. "My heart started pounding in my chest! My vision narrowed! As we started singing my hands trembled uncontrollably. I felt lightheaded! I don't even think I made it through the first stanza before I passed out."

First responders were overwhelmed by the chaotic scene. Ambulances struggled to make their way through the terrified mob streaming through the church parking lot. Inside the sanctuary, hundreds were incapacitated, many still frozen with their hands clutched over their ears in a vain attempt to shut out the unfamiliar tune. The few conscious congregants were in such a weakened state they were unable to assist their more gravely injured Lutherans.

"We haven't seen such a tragedy since the Reformed Church tried to introduce a contemporary version of the Song of Simeon," lamented local Police Chief Richard Johnson. "Thank goodness there was no loss of life. If we hadn't tasered the organist, the death toll would have been truly catastrophic."

The investigation is only beginning, but already red warning lights are flashing in the eyes of any common sense Lutheran. Why didn't Pastor Schroeder run his plans through the worship committee? Why wasn't the hymn tune introduced as postlude, prelude, and offertory? Why weren't congregants warned the standard three months in advance that a new hymn was being introduced?

Only a fair, impartial investigation and the immediate excommunication of Pastor Schroeder can ensure such a tragedy never occurs again.

October, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	2 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	3 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting 5:30 Russian Lessons Pm	4 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	5	6 Stephen Ministries Training Kickoff
7 Soup Kitchen Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 12:00 Session Meeting Noon 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 6:30 Interfaith Choir pm Rehearsal	8 Columbus Day 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9 9:30 Calendar Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	10 11:00 Women's Bible Study @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 12:00 Soup & Fellowship – Russia Mission Trip Report / Interactive Program with Russ Estlack - Conklin Hall 5:30 Russian Lessons pm	11 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	12 12:00 Setup for Women's Noon Guild Craft & Bake Sale – Conklin Hall	13 Women's Guild Craft & Bake Sale
14 Fall Festival 8:45 Prayer-Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fall Festival am Displays – CE Building 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 12:15 Fall Festival Lunch – Conklin Hall 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 6:30 Interfaith Choir pm Rehearsal	15 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	16 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	17 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble 1:00 Senior Ministries Card Party – Conklin Hall 5:30 Russian Lessons pm	18 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	19 Carpet Cleaning – Conklin Hall	20
21 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 6:30 Interfaith Choir pm Rehearsal	22 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	23 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	24 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble	25 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Village Inn 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm Rehearsal	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship - Kirkin' o' am the Tartans 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev. Ralph's 6:30 Interfaith Choir pm Rehearsal	29 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	30 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 12:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal Noon 3:00 Exercise with Rev. pm Ralph	31 Halloween 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Starbucks Cafe - Barnes & Noble			

PLEASE NOTE:

Rev. Ralph will be on Study Leave through October 6th.

Please contact Dick Higgins (435-879-0253) or Anne Patten (773-4307) with any concerns.

This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gpscsg.org for the latest information.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Soup Kitchen Sunday – Contributions of food, supplies and cash – 1st Sunday of each Month

Shawl Ministry	Monday	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Conklin Hall
Exercise with Rev. Ralph	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Conklin Hall
Open Bible Study	Sunday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Rev. Ralph's Home
Women's Bible Studies	Tuesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	The Egg & I
	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Starbuck's Café @ Barnes & Noble
Men's Bible Studies	Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Village Inn
Choir Rehearsals	Tuesday	12:00 Noon Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	Thursday	3:45 pm Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15-year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although we expect to pay it off early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also have several major maintenance items over the next several years, totaling more than \$145,000, that need to be funded in addition to paying off the mortgage, meaning we need to raise a total of \$384,000.

Our first two campaigns produced \$195,063. Through September 23rd we have received pledges towards our third campaign totaling **\$54,100** and additional cash donations of **\$9,819** for a total of **\$258,982** or about **67.4%** of our new **\$384,000** goal.

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to the third campaign. If you haven't pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us pay off the mortgage early and have sufficient funds to cover maintenance and make other improvements in the next three years.

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Class of 2018	Ruth Ann Horvath 773-6790	Clerk of Session
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	Chris Schleiter 627-9048	Mission/Outreach
Class of 2019	Mary Contreras 673-9745	Worship
	Scott Florence 574-2383	Grounds
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Class of 2020	OPEN	Christian Ed
	OPEN	Building
	OPEN	Growth

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Green Valley	Adele Kinkel	632-6347
Hurricane	Josie Marsh	435-772-1030
Ivins	Althea Haworth	805-888-9014
Old St. George	Jeff Clingan	705-8692
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