

THE FLOCK'S NEWS

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I PACKED YOUR PARACHUTE!

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience! One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, 'You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down! 'How in the world did you know that?' asked Plumb. 'I packed your parachute,' the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, 'I guess it worked!' Plumb assured him, 'It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today.' Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, 'I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.' Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know. Now, Plumb asks his audience, 'Who's packing your parachute?' Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical

parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes. – Author Unknown

<http://www.agiftofinspiration.com.au/stories/attitude/parachute.shtml>

As Council President, I see Good Shepherd has many individuals packing the transition parachute. It is the effort of all that is making our journey through the transition phase workable. St. Paul tells in the First letter to the Corinthians the church like the body is made of many parts. The body needs all its parts to function and so does the

Yours in Christ, Guy French

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KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

Do you like to knit or crochet? Do you want to learn how to knit or crochet? If yes to either join the Knitting/Crocheting Group. The group is a social gathering and meets once per month. Members work on one of their projects or on a church project. The church has lots of yarn for use with church projects such as making hats, scarves and mittens. Bring your needles or hooks and join us on October 1, November 5 and December 3 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

But I don't knit or crochet and I want to learn. No problem! Just bring a pair of size 8 knitting needles or a size H crochet hook, worsted weight yarn and we will get you started. Once you get the basics, we will help you select your first project.



WELCA BIBLE STUDY

The October meeting of the Women of the ELCA will be on the 9th at 6:30pm at the Good Shepherd Center. We will continue with the first session of the Bible study, "Repentance", which is in the September issue of "Gather" magazine. At the conclusion of the study, there will be a brief meeting. Call Jane Hensley (570-829-4394) if you have any questions.



SUNDAE SUNDAY

The Scoop: The Connection Building Ministry Team invites the congregation to **Sundae Sunday** on October 7 in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 worship service! Vanilla ice cream with a choice of various toppings will be served. Bring your appetite and join us for a sweet treat!

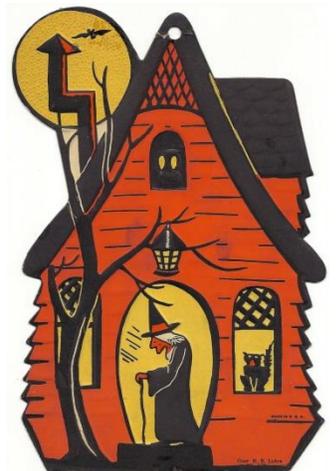


HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children of **ALL AGES** are welcome to attend our Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 20 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm organized by the Connection-Building Ministry team! Lots of candy, games, and toys will be served! Come take a whack at the 3 piñatas that we'll have!

We'll have a special surprise for the older kids, too! Refuse this invitation for Halloween fun at your own risk!! We hope to see you there!

Funds for this party are available from a Thrivent grant we received, as it is considered a service project. Setup for the party will be on Friday, October 19, if you'd like to help decorate!





Gifts large and small make a difference to the congregation and the community. Many times we forget the small gifts, especially the mundane, when we acknowledge the work of various members and teams.

Small gifts that make a difference:

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| Communion Assistant Coordinators: | Kay Korb & Lois Myers |
| Usher Coordinators: | Evelyn Jones & Brian Yekel |
| Financial Secretary: | Jim Parks |
| Financial Secretary Assistant: | Jane Hensley |
| Altar Flowers Coordinator: | Susan Patsko |
| September Altar Guild: | Tammy Ioanna, Debbie Habib, Sandra Gorr, Donna Yaple, Lynn Muchler-Stash, Bea Bryan |
| Family Faith: | Guy French, Dawn Gallagher, Debbie Dervinis |
| Building Repairs: | Mark Scarmastro, Brooke Yeager, Guy French Jr. |
| Materials Transportation: | Harry Heck |
| Worship Leader: | Guy French |

Add to the list of thanks! Send your suggestions for our thanks page to the church office.

OUR FLOCK: PASTORAL TRANSITION MEETING

Please join us for a meeting on October 20 at 12:00 noon to discuss the pastoral transition for Good Shepherd, including our next steps, and any questions or concerns about the process.



HURRICANE FLORENCE APPEAL

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia and the synods in Florence's path to respond to the disaster. Your gifts ensure our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by the hurricane. Place your gift in a Green Envelope with the notation Disaster Appeal.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 7

Communion Assistants: Evelyn Jones, Carl Hurst (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Gary Smith (8:30); Lisa Martin (11:00)

Greeters: Helen Johns (8:30); Debbie Dervinis (11:00)

Ushers: Cliff Jones, Dan Jacobs (8:30); Darren & Alex Martin, Chris Casazza, Charlene Moules (11:00)

Counters: Liz Keator, Gary Smith, Chris Casazza

October 14

Communion Assistants: Helen Johns, Lois Myers (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Diane Martin (8:30); Susan Patsko

Greeters: Diane Martin (8:30); Brian & Fran Yekel (11:00)

Ushers: Doris & Barry Romanowski (8:30); Dionne & Brooke Fisher, Debbie Dervinis, Tionna Mangino (11:00)

Counters: Sally Ritchie, Gary Phillips, Daren Bernecker

October 21

Communion Assistants: Helen Johns, Carl Hurst (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Doris Romanowski (8:30); Fran Yekel (11:00)

Greeters: Barry & Doris Romanowski (8:30); Lisa & Darren Martin (11:00)

Ushers: Cliff Jones, Carl Hurst (8:30); Wilma & Gary Gardner, Brian & Fran Yekel (11:00)

Counters: Jane Hensley, Lynn Muchler-Stash, Carol Phillips

October 28

Communion Assistants: Evelyn Jones, Sally Ritchie (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Dan Jacobs (8:30); Libby Yeager (11:00)

Greeters: Jane Hensley (8:30); Karen Figel (11:00)

Ushers: Doris & Barry Romanowski (8:30); Viktoria Yeager, Bob Ward, Daren Bernecker, John Douglas (11:00)

Counters: Guy French, Kay Korb, Viktoria Yeager

Altar Guild: Wilma Gardner, Lisa Cardoni, Betty Derr, Susan & Mary Alice Patsko