



# *the Voice*

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The Official Newsletter of Hosanna Lutheran Church

*From the Pastor*

## More on the Spiritual Practice of Listening

The topic of my letter last month was "Listening Each Other into Speech". There is no greater way for us to show our regard for our friends, family, and neighbors than to truly listen to them. But we live in a world where noise is everywhere. Listening is a challenge, because at times, we may be blocking out a variety of noises.

Listen  
Hear  
Understand  
GROW

### Three Steps to Greater Listening

**One:** Focusing on the fact that we want to pay attention, to listen carefully and intently is a first step. We need the intentional focus on listening similar to that of someone using an MP3 player or Ipod to listen to their favorite music. Otherwise, so many things are trying to speak to us on so many levels, that we may be easily distracted from the practice of listening.

**Two:** What shall we listen for? We can train ourselves to become better listeners by attending to various voices.

- God is always ready to give us messages through sacred texts and spiritual teachers. Could you take 15 minutes to pick up your Bible and turn to a brief passage? Spend time listening to what God is saying to you through the words of the text.
- Listening to all kinds of sources trains us to have a deeper appreciation of our place in the world. Listen to an animal. Do you have a pet, or birds or the crickets outside your window? Wherever you find yourself this summer, listen to your surroundings (the roar of a city neighborhood, the waves on a beach).

**Three:** Apply your focus and training to the human voices right before you. **Let's give each other the gift of a "listening heart."** This is the attitude that you are important enough to me to really pay attention and listen deeply. It leads to deeper, stronger relationships and a greater sense of self for all parties.

"All ears" in Christ,

Pastor Ann Marie

**"Speak only  
half as much  
as you listen"**

**--Native American Proverb**

**Continuing Prayers of Concern:**

Many suffer ongoing challenges to life and health. Please keep these names near at your times of prayer and hold them before God who knows our every need. Renee Seal, Ray Funk, Alan Edenfield, Harry Siebert, Jim Martin, Michael Zorich, Reta Homan, Rita Ness, Mary Russo, Karl Van Deest, Lillian Hahn, Mary Kraeger, Patrick Dusenber, Alexandra Lipstraw, Robert Hossler, Gary Moore, Paul Wiegerig, Paul Scarberry, Brisker Vanberg, Erin Johnson, Chuck Davis, Yoshi Campbell, Lois Lamb, and, all those who continue to suffer from illness.

For all those who risk their lives for the sake of freedom from oppression, especially men and women in uniform.

**Upcoming Fellowship**

**Events:**

**CHURCH PICNIC—August 5<sup>th</sup>** @ Blacklick Woods, Butternut Shelter—Worship 10 AM; picnic after Worship. Please plan to attend!

**Our Shut-ins**

Mary Bauerle, Chuck Beach, Irene Krafft, Harry Siebert, Ruth Wood.

**Deaths**

**Jean Kennedy** passed away on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in Florida. A long time member of Hosanna, she is survived by her husband, Bill Kennedy of Florida, and sons, Bob (Donna) Wood of Pataskala, Bill Wood of Florida and son, Charles (Kaye) Wood of Georgia. A Memorial Service was held at Hosanna on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Janet Kaufman** passed away on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Janet's son, Fred (Cindy) Kaufman are members of Hosanna.

May God give these families the guidance and strength to deal with the loss of their mothers

**Births:**

**Congratulations** to Brian & Shelly Bricker on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann born on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elizabeth weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 21 inches in length. Dick & Sandy Bricker & Vicki Zeune are the proud grandparents. May God Bless this new little disciple of His; as well as blessings to her family.



Please be reminded that our **Summer Worship Hours are 9 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Weddings:**

**Congratulations** to Jerry & Vicki Wood on their Wedding on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Jerry is the son of Bob & Donna Wood. May God Bless them as they begin their new life together.

**Congratulations** to Alexis Pletcher and Shane Abram on their wedding last Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. May God Bless them as they begin their new life together.

**August Steward of the Month**

**Anonymous Donors**

Camp Sponsorships are the beneficiary of this months "Steward of the Month". One of Hosanna's long-time families has generously donated money for camperships for several years, enabling more of Hosanna's youth to attend Lutheran Memorial Camp. LMC and its activities were important to this family as their own children were growing up, providing fond memories of camp itself, and also the family activities which they attended at the camp. Thank you for giving memories to our kids!

Along with our anonymous donors, several other families provided funds for our youth to attend the daycamp recently held at Hosanna. Karen Schwartz organized a "Tastefully Simple" party (hosted by Christie Bricker) which raised funds for camperships, also. This money was matched with funds from Thrivent. Thanks to all who gave so generously!

Stewardship is alive and well at Hosanna! Take a moment to look around and identify what you can do to help; Stewardship involves more than just the giving of money. It is the *joyful* giving of your resources, time and talent.

Joni Thompson  
[JoniT@att.net](mailto:JoniT@att.net)

**Altar Guild...** Please note that Altar Guild will not meet during the month of August. They continue to welcome new members, and individuals to do Communion Prep for our 10:30 AM Sunday Service. If you would be interested in joining Altar Guild or serving as a Communion Prep person, please contact Terrie Baker at 927-6562 or, Rini Terry at 927-8806.

**HOSANNA PIECEMAKERS**

The Hosanna Piecemakers are keeping busy tying quilts this summer with 6 twin and 1 lap quilt in June and 4 twin and 1 6-yr. crib quilt tied by the Newsletter deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate those who have passed along supplies and quilt tops, and those who come to tie. Six quilts were recently given to Shari McLeod's family who lost everything in a fire. What a blessing it is to be able to help those in our community and others around the world. Quoting from a book: "The Quilt of Life" by Mary Tatem who writes: "Our Creator and Master Quilter joins the mountains and valleys of our days to make us into comforters who warm others." May they feel the warmth of God's love through our hands and hearts.

We'll meet on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. in Darlene Butler's basement (187 Brandon Dr). Bring your scissors and sack lunch. Refreshments provided.

Just a reminder to continue to bring in wrapped bars of soap for LWR and put them in the box in the hallway.

**MORNINGSTAR BIBLE STUDY**

The Morningstar Bible Study ladies will be traveling to Sugar Grove, OH, for a two-part bible study on Thurs., Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool from Hosanna at 9:30 a.m. (no later) and hope to be back to Hosanna around 3 p.m. Our lesson will be centered on the seven Jewish "Feasts of the Lord" as found in Leviticus, chapter 23, (reading it ahead of time will be helpful), along with other O.T., N.T., and articles written by a Jewish Christian, Marvin J. Rosenthal, editor-in-chief of Zion's Fire Magazine. The redemptive work of Christ associated with His first coming, which the four spring feasts depict, is history. People can look back at those events as historical fact; in contrast to the three fall feasts which have not yet been fulfilled. They predict events that will yet unfold. Bring your Bibles and a cold salad or dessert for the potluck luncheon. Cindy Crawford-Geraci is our hostess and has reserved

the outdoor (covered) chapel, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome. Please call Darlene Butler if you have any questions (740) 964-1411. We'll begin Book 25, published by Les Feldick's Ministries in September.



Hosanna is collecting school supplies (for all grades) again this year. All the school supplies collected here at Hosanna will be made available at the Leads Center for distribution in time for school.

There will be a box placed in the Narthex every Sunday starting July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup> for donations. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Backpacks are a little expensive, but there is a need for those too!

*Thanks for sharing and caring...  
Hosanna's Care Committee*



**Hosanna Red Hat Honeys**

On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> come join us for a cruise down the river! We will be taking the Lorena Sternwheeler for an hour ride on the Muskingum River; at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Our day will also include lunch at the Muddy Misers River Cafe, Freight Shops at the railroad yard, and a stop at Zanesville Pottery.

We will leave Hosanna at 9:00 a.m., If you have any questions or want to **sign up**, contact Karen Schwartz at 964-0324 no later than Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SEPTEMBER DATE CHANGE**

Mark your calendars in advance for **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** for a trip to the Backwoods Fest. More details at a later date.

**Hosanna Ultreya...**Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**NOTICE: There is NO scheduled Ultreya for September as this is Labor Day Weekend.**



**Take Time To  
Laugh ... it's good  
for YOU!**

**IT DOESN'T HURT TO  
HAVE A LITTLE BIBLICAL HUMOR  
ONCE IN A WHILE....**

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah, he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan...)

PS. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . . . "Hebrews".

**Innocence is Priceless...**

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."

"Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor, what is this?" he asked the pastor.

The pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service, the 9:00 or the 10:30?""!!!!

**Christian One Liners...**

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from????

### Sanctuary Seating...

For three weeks this summer, the sanctuary experienced an extreme make over as we attempted to find a functional, yet pleasing new seating arrangement. Some highlights of the pros and cons were:

- ❖ Advantages: visually and acoustically pleasing, spacious appearance, change brought new visual interest
- ❖ Disadvantages: awkward and difficult flow, narrow aisles and rows, view from front side seats was difficult, lack of visual focus on the cross and altar lack of visual sense of community more chairs spilling out into the fellowship hall

Based on the input received and prayerful consideration, it was decided to return the chairs to their original configuration. Of primary concern was to shift the visual focus back to the altar and cross; emphasizing the very reason for our worship. Another key area of concern was the amount of chairs overflowing into the fellowship area. This placed too many folks outside the sanctuary proper, and also created a hardship for those using the fellowship hall for other events. The worship committee would like to thank you for your patience during this time. We will continue to look for new ways to enhance our Worship.

Jan Raymond, Worship Chair



### PRAYER SHAWLS FOR KAZAKHSTAN

The SOS WELCA Board met with Bishop Holloway in January and he

shared the story of our sisters and brothers in Kazakhstan, which is located in southern Siberia. They have nothing and the land is not farmable. Because Kazakhstan heard and saw our kinship with Mecklenburg, their sister church in Germany and knew Mecklenburg is also a sister church of the Southern Ohio Synod, they have asked for our kinship, too. As knitters/crocheters we can weave prayers for God's love and healing into prayer shawls. SOS WELCA is doing this ministry with the hope that they will have hope and know there are other Christians working on their behalf in Southern Ohio. Here at Hosanna, Liz Ellis (740-964-6007 or e-mail elizabeth\_d\_ellis@yahoo.com) is starting a knitting and crocheting group. All are welcome to

attend our meetings once a month here at Hosanna. The patterns are easy, so you do not need to be an experienced knitter/crocheter to participate.

### KNITTING DIRECTIONS

(average size 24" x 60"):

Two 6 oz skeins Lion Brand Homespun or similar yarn Size 13 needles - round or 12" long Pattern: Cast on 45 stitches (or any multiple of three stitch as 54, 57, 60) Knit row 1 and the final row. Beginning with row 2, Knit 3, Purl 3, Knit 3 Continue until shawl is approximately 60" long. (Each row begins and ends with Knit 3) Fringe: (cut before starting second skein of yarn). You will need 90 pieces of yarn, each 10" long. Fold in half and insert in each stitch forming a 5" fringe.

### CROCHETING DIRECTIONS

(average size 24" x 60"):

3-4 6 oz skeins Lion Brand Homespun or similar yarn Size M, N, or P crochet hook Chain 54 stitches or desired width of shawl. Chain 1, turn, skip 1<sup>st</sup> stitch and single crochet in each of the stitches to end. Chain 3, and turn. Double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat this row 2 more times. Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end. Chain 3 and turn. Do 3 rows of double crochet. Repeat pattern to end length of approximately 60" (1 row of single crochet, 3 rows of double crochet.) End with 1 row of single crochet. Finish with fringe as in knitting directions. Fringe: finish with fringe as in knitting directions.

### Job



Epiphany Lutheran Church, on Hill Road in Pickerington, Ohio has two open positions. The first position is Minister of Youth (Full-time).

The second position is Pastor for Seniors Ministry (Part-time). Both positions are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the administrative offices. Feel free to take a copy of the informational sheets if you are interested in either of the positions. If you have any further questions or, would like to apply for one of these positions, please contact Pastor Tim at Epiphany Lutheran Church at 614-837-2826.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY



Hello to all from the Stephen Ministry!

August! One month until Hosanna enters into a new ministry. **YOU** can be a part of the Stephen Ministry by prayerfully considering the call to be a special friend to someone who needs **YOU** to help them through a difficult time in their life. **YOU** will be given all the tools you will need to serve as a Stephen Minister through fifty hours of special training sessions presented to **YOU** by your trained leaders, Darlene and Lori. The **correct schedule** follows:

- September: Monday      Saturday      Sunday
  - 17<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup>      9: am – 4:30 pm with ½ hour lunch
  - 24<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
- October:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>      6:30 to 8:30 pm
  - 8<sup>th</sup>      6:30 to 8:30 pm
  - 15<sup>th</sup>      6:30 to 8:30 pm
  - 22<sup>nd</sup>      6:30 to 8:30 pm
  - 29<sup>th</sup>      6:30 to 8:30 pm
- November:
  - 5<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 12<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 19<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 26<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
- December
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
- January, 2008:
  - 7<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 14<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 21<sup>st</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 28<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
- February:
  - 4<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 11<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - 16<sup>th</sup>      9:am – 4:30 pm with ½ hour for lunch
  - 17<sup>th</sup>

Commissioning with Recognition Luncheon to follow.

Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team is now in the process of sending letters to all who participated in the “gift” survey who indicated they

had the gifts of compassion, listening, caring. If you do not receive a letter of invitation to the ministry by August 15th and desire to become part of the team, please contact the church office at (740) 927-3548 or email: [office@hosanna-lutheran.org](mailto:office@hosanna-lutheran.org) or; Darlene Gillenwater at (614) 920 3574 or email: [wrightwy@copper.net](mailto:wrightwy@copper.net). Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team would like to introduce to you one of your co-leaders, Darlene Gillenwater:

I have been a member of Hosanna since the mid 80’s with a “time-out” to travel for seven years. I am currently honored to be a Sunday school teacher for the third, fourth, and fifth grades, and a member of the Care Committee. I was first called to the Stephen Ministry as a care-receiver. From 1996 to 2002 Jim and I spent three months through the winter season with my mother in Bonita Springs, Florida, at which time we attended Hope Lutheran Church. Through Hope I was given a Stephen Minister at a difficult time in my life, after which I felt called to be a care-giver. Thereby, I completed the fifty hours of training and subsequently had the honor of serving others through the Ministry. After the death of my mother, Jim and I returned to Ohio to be with our family at which time I had a strong desire to continue to serve as a Stephen Minister. I conferred with Pastor Wayne and Pastor Ann Marie. Our meetings ultimately led to the presenting the Ministry to the congregation of Hosanna and the subsequent acceptance by the congregants. I give thanks to each of you and to the Love, Strength and Mercy of God as Hosanna begins its wonderful journey as servants to one another through the Ministry, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” (Matthew 20:28)

Personally: I am the wife of James F. Gillenwater; mother/step-mother of five grown children; grandmother/step-grandmother of five grandchildren; graduate of Ohio Dominican University with major studies in Theology and Communication.

Yours through Christ, Your Stephen Ministry Team: Pastor Ann Marie, Lori Starn, Darlene Gillenwater, and the Care Committee





- August 1 Ronald Reliford  
 August 1 Tim Stewart  
 August 2 Darlene Butler  
 August 2 Darla Spring  
 August 2 Ryan Bulderbergs  
 August 2 Nikolas Dorman  
 August 3 Nicole Wilkinson  
 August 4 Sharon Jackson  
 August 4 Kathryn Pugh  
 August 5 Mackenzie Linihan  
 August 6 Bret Jimison  
 August 6 Joey Rich  
 August 6 Taylor Alfred  
 August 7 Rachel Bulderbergs  
 August 8 Becky Stephens  
 August 8 Matthew Connor  
 August 9 Harry Siebert  
 August 9 Courtney Buzzard  
 August 9 Dana Wood  
 August 10 Eloise Kagey  
 August 11 Irene Krafft  
 August 11 Linda Rodichok  
 August 11 Chad Mauger  
 August 11 Katie Belt  
 August 13 Kirsten Gwilym  
 August 13 Dylan Gwilym  
 August 13 Drew Warner  
 August 15 Scott Taylor  
 August 16 Eva Petty  
 August 16 Liza Varnum  
 August 17 Jeri Hockstok  
 August 17 Donna Compton  
 August 17 Karen Hahn  
 August 18 Nicole Jackson  
 August 19 Cathi Compton  
 August 19 Cari Compton  
 August 20 Charles Hegenberger  
 August 20 Dick Hatch  
 August 20 Ed Taylor  
 August 22 Fred Thatcher  
 August 22 Jason Thatcher  
 August 22 Dylon Howell  
 August 23 Karl Von Ahn  
 August 24 Donna Ruark

- August 24 Jennifer Haag  
 August 24 Natalie Kahl  
 August 24 Tanner Mull  
 August 24 Tommy Hoskinson  
 August 25 Brandon Rudder  
 August 25 Andrew Eckman  
 August 26 Terri Wilson  
 August 27 Bill Deitrich  
 August 28 Pat Crawford  
 August 28 Mike Hiscar  
 August 28 Lindsay Spencer  
 August 30 Julie Weinzierl  
 August 30 Jimmie Hahn  
 August 30 Vicki Hoskinson  
 August 30 Michelle Faust  
 August 30 Justin Cox  
 August 31 Bianca Krebs



August 5	Church Picnic @ Blacklick Woods
August 12	In Celebration of Tony & Jane Starn's Wedding Anniversary
August 19	In Memory of Thurston Walters by The Steinmetz Family
August 26	In Memory of Kathleen Forren on her Birthday by daughter, Donna-Forren-McWhorter
August 26	In Celebration of Don & Diane Kristoff's 9 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary



**August 5<sup>th</sup> @ Blacklick Woods—10 AM Worship  
 Picnic after Worship—  
 Hope to see you there!**

**Celebrating**   
An Anniversary This Month

- August 2 John & Betty Stockdale  
65 Years!!!!
- 3 Denny & Julie Weinzierl  
11 Years
- 4 Frank & Pat Crawford  
45 Years!!
- 5 Bill & Bobbie Cady  
35 Years!
- 5 Bill & Billie Deitrich  
13 Years
- 6 Rudolf & Mary Ann  
Wiegerig 47 Years!!
- 11 Steve & Kim Wysocki
- 12 Dan & Nancy Sander  
51 Years!!!
- 12 Scott & Jackie Taylor  
18 Years
- 12 Tony & Jane Starn  
14 Years
- 13 Mike & Kerri Myers  
19 Years
- 16 Tom & Nancy Dickerson  
38 Years!
- 21 Mark & Angela Newland  
8 Years
- 24 Jack & Brenda Branham  
44 Years!!
- 24 Paul & Cathi Varnum  
23 Years
- 26 Rodney & Donna Ruark  
29 Years
- 26 Jay & Jennifer Morris
- 27 Howard & Bernie  
Siegesmund 47 Years!!
- 27 Fred & Sandra Stowers  
46 Years!!
- 29 Bob & Jutta Lochmeyer  
37 Years!
- 29 Jim & Beth Eckman  
9 Years
- 29 Don & Diane Kristoff  
9 Years
- 31 Erv & Bonnie Babbert  
55 Years!!!

**Congratulations to All Our Hosanna  
Couples!! May God continue to  
Bless your marriages.**



**THANK YOU...to**

everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School a great success. Thanks to Angela Newland for heading the VBS program this year. Thanks to all the classroom volunteers, to the ladies in the kitchen for such delicious meals; to everyone who helped in the many ways to make the program run smoothly. During the week of VBS, \$69.50 was donated for Heifer International to assist in their work to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth.

**Thank you...Thank you...**to Heather Carberry for heading up the LOMO Day Camp which was held at the church last week! Also, many thanks to the ladies that provided such great meals for the campers (and Staff) all week! Your call to volunteer is greatly appreciated!!

**Thank You...Thank You...**The Family of Bob and Donna Wood would like to THANK ALL OF YOU here at Hosanna for all your cards and prayers in our time of sorrow. A special thank you to Pr. Wayne for the memorial service. Also, a big Thanks to Linda Rodichok for her music and The Care Committee for the refreshments that were served. Our family sincerely appreciated your kindness.

**THANK YOU FROM PR. DAN SANDER...**I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for recognizing my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. I further want to express thanks for the beautiful plant that Hosanna gave for the occasion and, I am especially grateful for all the support from my friends at Hosanna Lutheran Church.

**Online Atlas of the Millennium Development Goals...** Launched by the World Bank <http://devdata.worldbank.org/atlas-mdg/> translates data on some of the world's development challenges into maps designed for a wide audience. The maps, which are derived from the Bank's World Development Indicators database, depict the progress toward meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

## SINGLES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

About a year ago, a Singles Bible Study group was formed and has been meeting monthly on the second Sunday of every month at 6:30 PM, usually at the church. This a bible-study group; it is not a match-making service. In addition to the bible-study sessions, we usually schedule one social event during the month, such as meeting at a restaurant and having a meal together. The reason for forming a bible study group for singles is just to offer on opportunity for Christian singles to meet with others whose life circumstances are similar and to further our understanding of the bible and strengthen our Christian faith. The group is open to both members and non-members of HLC, and we currently have two regular group members who are not members of HLC. We would like to have more members and encourage you to visit one of the monthly meetings and get a feel for the group. If you have questions, contact David DeRolph at 927-6491, or Debbie Hickman at 740-408-6726.

## LutheranWoman

TODAY

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> (date changed due to vacation plans) at Hosanna Lutheran Church in the Music Room. This month's study is titled Act Boldly for Mission in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Stories from the book of Acts will be shared to show that happens to and through people when the Holy Spirit is on the loose. Come and join us for study, fellowship and lunch together afterwards at The Nutcracker. If you should have any questions regarding the study, please contact Nancy Sander at 927-3972.



Last one out of church; please double check to make sure all the doors are **LOCKED**. They have been left open a few too many times lately. **It's your Church, please LOCK it!! Thank You!**

## My Commitment as a Christian

*This statement was found on the desk of a newly ordained and installed pastor in Zimbabwe. Bishop Lee Miller shared the statement.*

I'm part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed.  
I have Holy Spirit Power.  
The die is cast. I have stepped over the line.  
The decision has been made.  
I'm a disciple of His.  
I won't let up, look back, slow down, back away,  
or be still.

My past is redeemed.  
My present makes sense.  
My future is secure.  
I'm finished and done with cheap giving,  
low living, colorless dreams, dwarfed  
goals, sight walking, small planning,  
smooth knees, tamed visions and  
worldly talking.

I no longer need preeminence, promotions,  
prosperity, position, or popularity.

I don't have to be first, praised, tops, right,  
recognized, regarded, or rewarded.

I now live my faith, lean on His presence, walk by  
patience, am uplifted by prayer, and labor  
in power.

My face is set, my mission is clear, my gait is fast,  
my road is narrow, my way is rough, my  
companions are few, my Guide is reliable,  
**my Goal is Heaven.**

I cannot be bought, compromised, delayed,  
deluded, detoured, lured away or turned  
back.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in  
the presence of Adversary, meander in  
the maze of mediocrity, negotiate at the  
table of the enemy, or pander at the pool  
of popularity.

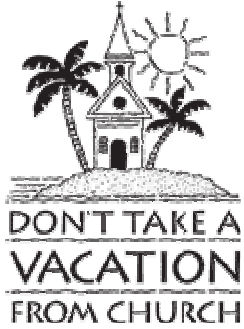
I won't give up, shut up, or let up.  
until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed  
up, paid up, and preached up for the  
Cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus.  
I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach  
till all know, and work till He stops me;  
and when He comes for His own, He  
will have no problem recognizing me—my  
banner will be clear.

May the Peace and Power that passes all  
understanding be with you now and always.  
Amen.

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