



## Council Minute

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The council met on June 17. This meeting was about the mission of the Church. The meeting was conducted with the Spirit among us in many different ideas and respects. The busy work included a request for the use of the fellowship room; the Community Sale; the success of the Faith Matters planning meeting; reports of the Synod Assembly. The greatest amount of time was spent on the subjects of communications and the council's focus. The council is making every attempt to find a way to reach everyone of the Church. We all agree not to give up on anyone or any group.

The next meeting of the council will be August 19 at 7:00 PM (snacks will be served). We would like to invite all people to attend to help us as we define the council's focus. We want to have this focus agreed on so that we may funnel our energies into the various ministries the church is involved in more successfully. GOOD THINGS WILL BE HAPPENING!

## Letters Received in Appreciation

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Dear Rev. Knarvik,

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the generous donation from the GSLC. Since Haven is primarily reliant on contributions and memorials, your gift will help to ensure that we can continue to provide compassionate grief and loss counseling services and support to anyone facing a death or other significant life transition.

Judith Pace Antokol, MS  
Haven Grief Counseling Center

## Thank You

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Thanks to member Beth LeRoy for providing the music for our worship this summer. She will be with us each Sunday through July and August.

## Hosting Fellowship Hour is Easy

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Here's your chance to host a fellowship hour! Our early service folks don't have a chance to host our weekly fellowship and visit with our late service folks. So why not take the opportunity to sign up for this pleasant time during the summer when there is one service for everybody? The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If it's too hot to bake something, bring fruit or Freihofer's!

## CROP Walk Results Are In

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The final results are in! Here's the break down:

The Albany walk had 550 walkers with \$70,000 raised. Of this, the Albany Lutheran Cluster had 54 walkers, \$4,113 raised, plus Thrivent added \$1,600 for a total of \$5,713. (Thrivent also provided \$500 for advertising and food to feed the Lutheran walkers.) Good Shepherd received the Golden Sneaker Award for the most walkers (31), and the CROP Walk Trophy for the most money raised (\$2,336). Thanks to all who donated!

## 3rd Annual Berry Festival

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This year's Berry Festival will be held on Saturday, July 12 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. We will be serving strawberries, blue berries and raspberries on home made biscuits and/or vanilla ice cream with whipped cream. The beverages will be coffee, ice tea, lemonade and bottled water. Nate Buccieri has graciously agreed to provide the entertainment again this year for this fun event. There will be a free will offering which will be donated to the "China and Mynamar Relief Fund". So mark this date and time on your calendar and invite a friend, relative or neighbor to enjoy some great berries, music, and as always, wonderful fellowship. All are welcome!

### Summer Schedule: Starts July 6

Beginning July 6, there will be only one worship service at 9:00 AM. Fellowship will follow. On September 7, we will return to the regular schedule of two services.

The church office will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM from July 2 - August 27. Pastor's schedule will remain the same.

## Do We Have your E-Mail Address?

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In this world of technology, we are working on creating a directory of e-mail addresses for the members of our congregation.

Please take a moment of your time to send an e-mail from your current e-mail account to:  
[office@goodshepherdchurchloudonville.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdchurchloudonville.org)

Please include the following information:

- \* your full name
- \* your telephone and cell number(s)
- \* your e-mail address

No addresses will be used inappropriately nor will they be sold to third-person parties. This is purely for the church's use.

## Thanks for those who helped with the Hillenbrandt Scholarship Fund Raiser

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Hillenbrandt Scholarship Fund through the Ice Cream Sundae Social on June 1st. It was a great success. Look for another event planned for the fall!

Hillenbrandt Scholarship committee: Joyce Claypool, Kathy Crouse, Marilyn Graver, Lauri Frohne, Karen Adams, and Joan Walker

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## Fresh Look for ELCA Website

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The ELCA website has long been a treasure trove of information ... it just took time (and patience!) to search through a confusing arrangement of slow-loading pages, with each section designed by a church wide department.

Good news! The ELCA website ( [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) ) now has a slick, new design with a consistent, streamlined look throughout. Photos and graphics are bright and fresh. Hyperlinks are useful and intuitive, making it easy to explore. And there's a consistent, comprehensive list of links to church wide units, resources, and site tools at the bottom of every page.

The website is particularly inviting and helpful for "new" Lutherans. "Who We Are" contains sections about ELCA history, leadership and church organization. "What We Believe" addresses new and returning Lutherans, statements of belief, the Bible, prayer, and social issues. Each section has opportunities to dig deeper. And the language throughout is inviting, spirited, straightforward and "non-churchy" – written with the user in mind.

So check it out! Get a quick refresher on what it means to be a Lutheran. Learn about the church organization. Find out more about how Lutherans are putting faith into action. Get updated and new information for your team, committee and ministry. And rejoice that the ELCA is on the move!

## Children's Cocoa House

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The parents of the children who come to the Cocoa House have decided that it would be nice to do a field trip over the summer and go to the Discovery Center at the Pinebush. On July 19 at 9:30 AM, we will meet at the church and then go over to the Pinebush. We should then be getting back to church around noon. We will walk some trails, so dress appropriately. Also, please bring your own snacks and drinks.

The Children's Cocoa House will resume in September, 2008.

## Fun Website for Kids

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Looking for a great website that lets the kids play, and still has a purpose? Try [www.icpla.yzone.com](http://www.icpla.yzone.com). There are fun activities, daily devotions, songs, e-cards, stories and games. Enjoy!

## Rainforest Adventure: Summer Day Camp for Kids

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Good Shepherd will have their annual summer day camp for children, ages 3 – 12, the week of August 18-22 . The children really have a great time with Pastor and the camp leaders. Children can attend for a full day (8:30 – 5:00) with breakfast being provided. Or, the children can just come for the bible study portion (10:00-2:30). Children should bring their own lunches. There's fun to be had, and the price is right! Look for more information and the application in this newsletter.

## God's Oly mpics

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A Vacation Bible School will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit (57 Hurlbut Street, Albany) from August 11-15, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Anyone in Grades K-6 can join. Please register by July 11.

## “Love Your Child” - Child ID Program

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI in partnership with the National Football Coaches Association, are participating in a cause as part of the National Child Identification Program, the theme of which is “Love Your Child - Protect Your Child”.

Each year in the United States, 450,000 children run away from home, 350,000 children are abducted by family members and 56,000 children are abducted by non-family members. That's one child every 40 seconds. Less than one in five parents has a copy of their child's fingerprints or a DNA sample in case of an emergency.

On August 5, 2008 , parents may bring their children to the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church , 510 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY between 3:00 PM and 9:00 PM to have their children's fingerprints and DNA sample (mouth swab) taken. Appointments (which are recommended but not required) can be made by contacting Mr. Warren Delp at 758-9035.

The kits containing the fingerprints and DNA sample will be turned over to the parents for safe keeping. To complete the kits, parents should include in the kits a current photograph and a physical description of each child which they should update periodically.

## Thank You

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THE LINUS PROJECT was a huge success with 30 blankets crafted for children in need in our area. A special thanks to ALL the helping hands from the Senior Shepherds .

## KITS: A Boat Ride for You

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Come join us on July 16 for a boat ride on Raquette Lake. We will board a bus and take a two hour scenic boat ride on Raquette Lake, while enjoying a delicious luncheon. The cost will be \$49.00 per person (\$16.00 for the bus, and \$33.00 for the boat ride and lunch). This is a bargain, thanks to St. John's Lutheran Church for subsidizing the cost of hiring the bus. Please contact Marion Truland .

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## Book Club

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The annual picnic at Melinda's house will be Tuesday, July 22 and the book is "Three Cups of Tea". If you have any questions, please speak with Marilyn Knarvik or Gail Koser .

### Social Ministry Project: July - August

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Our summer collection will be school supplies for Gifted Memoria I School on Pearl Street in Albany. Most of the supplies these children use have been purchased by the teachers out of their own pockets. They would truly appreciate anything helpful that we can provide. Their wish list includes:

Black/white marbled composition notebooks	Loose-leaf paper
Folders	colored pencils
Pencils	crayons
markers	Hand sanitizer
Index cards	Glue sticks
glitter	Tissues
Plastic cups	Paper plates, Napkins
	Small brown lunch bags

The new collection site for Social Ministry is in the Fellowship Room. Thanks in advance for all you will be able to provide!

### Thanks to every one who helped with the Community Sale!

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Through the help of so many people we raised \$1,600 for ministry. We also received matching funds from Thrivent of \$500, for a total of \$2,100. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its members, through the Care in Congregations program, were pleased to be a part of and help fund this activity. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit Fortune 500 membership organization that helps Lutherans and their families achieve financial security and give back to their local communities and congregations.

Thanks especially to all of the workers: Maureen & Stephanie Behrens, Lynn Best, Sue Brant, Ute Buff, Betty Cadwallader, Lydia Carbanaro, Bertie Cole, Celia Corkwell, Dick Dunn & Barbara Murray, Cathi & Wayne Durr, Jeff & Barb Emptage, Dorothy Everin, Marilyn Graver, Jeanne & Walter Guenther, Jeannette Harting, the Holmes family, the Kaercher family, Keith & Sue Kelly, Sara Kelly, John & Marilyn Knarvik, Shirley Kono wiez, Gail Koser, Shirley Kroll, Marion Krug, Vicki LaFrank, Gladys Maguire, Lori Meredith, Freda Mia no, Andy Olsen, Kayla Olsen, Danny Patrick, Carl & Carol Phelps, Bev Quinlan, Ann Rasmussen, Barb Rasmussen, Walter Rawlings, Marj Raymond, Nicole Ross, Elaine Sacco, Maggie Sherwood, Caitie Silo, Lillian Skarka, Marie Wagner, Joan Walker, Janice Weiner, Dorothy Wimble, Meg Winters, Carolyn Wolfe.

### Center City Parish Social Ministry

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With the help of your donations, the Center City Parish Social Ministry food pantry was able to provide 8,916 meals in the month of May. Let's continue to keep the grocery cart in the narthex full! Together, we can make a difference. The Center City PSM also runs the soup kitchen and thrift store, provides medical services, HIV testing and clothing to those in need.

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# Summer Day Camp for Kids 2008

## RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Good Shepherd will hold a week-long camp for kids ages 3-12, the week of August 18-22. In order to accommodate working families, the camp will run from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day with breakfast at 8:30 am. Students are asked to bring a bag lunch.

The day will be divided into two sections. From 10:00 am to 2:30 pm will be a "Vacation Bible School" program with music, crafts, age appropriate Bible studies and a lunch period. Some students may wish to come for this time only. The cost for this will be \$10 for materials.

Wrapped around this will be additional activities, breakfast and snack, and outdoor activities. The cost for this will be \$20 per day or \$75 for the week (the \$10 fee for Bible school materials is included).

## RAINFOREST ADVENTURE Summer Camp for Kids August 18-22, 2008

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Name of student \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Full Day Program (8:30am-5:00pm) [ ] Half Day Program (10:00am – 2:30pm)  
\$20.00/day or \$75.00/week \$10.00/week for materials

To guarantee a spot in the program, registration must be made by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A \$10.00 registration fee is required, which will be deducted from the day camp fees. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will be needed for registrations received after August 1.

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