

NEWS & NOTES FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS for the week of April 13

GROWING IN GRACE Up Dates

- Ø The site excavation and digging for the footings and foundation continued this week. The weather put a “damper” on the start of pouring the concrete for the footings and foundation.
- Ø Thanks to those families who have volunteered to provide “housing” for volunteers who may not have an RV to stay in.
- Ø There is lots of “behind” the scenes activity taking place – thanks to all who are so enthusiastic about this opportunity to thank the Lord for his grace to us.
- Ø And thanks to all who are volunteering to be part of the “meal service” activity. Information about this project and sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board. The long colored sign up sheet gives individuals and families an opportunity to provide items that will be needed for this project. You will be notified when those items are needed. The other sheet is for the families (households) of our congregation to indicate their willingness to prepare some meals for the workers. Families will be grouped together in teams which will be asked to prepare a couple of meals each.

GROWING IN GRACE ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

- Ø Hopefully this week the footings and foundation will be able to be poured and the “rough in” for plumbing and heating will be able to get underway.
- Ø Volunteers will continue to make commitments for serving the *Builders for Christ*.
- Ø Here’s something to think about. (We have a couple of families who have already volunteered but we’d like to add a few more names to the list if possible.) There may be a couple of the *Builders for Christ* volunteers who do not have an RV to stay in. Perhaps you could welcome one of them to stay in your home for a week or two while they are helping out on the project. Mostly they would be looking for a place to sleep and shower. Let pastor know if you’d be interested and as soon as specific information is available you will be notified.



Good Shepherd - Growing In Grace

**Grow in Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and forever! 2 Peter 3:18**

A TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND -- Eric Eickhoff had an opportunity to travel to the Holy Land last year. On Sunday, April 20 he will be giving a presentation about his trip. This is a great opportunity to give a look at the area where much of what is written in the Bible took place. All are welcome to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The next regular quarterly meeting of our congregation has been scheduled for Sunday evening, April 27 at 6:00 pm. The evening time frame was necessary for this meeting due to our space limitations. This is the meeting at which elections will take place and the budget for the next fiscal year will be presented. The coordinating council will also be presenting a proposal regarding the position of the property and grounds elder. The proposal calls for an elected Properties Coordinator position that would report to our executive committee. This position would serve a 2 year term, but would not be limited to a number of consecutive terms. The property and grounds "elder" position would be eliminated from the coordinating council.

ANNUAL MEN'S DINNER- This years annual men's/ushers dinner has been scheduled for Thursday April 24, 2008 at Plymouth Family Restaurant in Plymouth. Fellowship at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be off the menu and at your own expense. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please sign up by April 22, 2008. Any questions please contact Brian Ziebell.

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE: This year the Festival of the Ascension is Thursday, May 1. We will have a special service that evening at 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us.

LADIES NIGHT OUT is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at City Streets Riverside located at 712 Riverfront Drive in Sheboygan. Last month 31 women enjoyed wonderful fellowship and great food at Rupp's in Cleveland. Please consider joining us in May as we will also enjoy half price on desserts. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Eickhoff 893-3070

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday: 9:00 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
10:00 am Christian Education Hour (Bible Discovery Museum)

Monday: 7:00 pm Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

Tuesday: 4:15 pm Special Ed pre-confirmation class

Wednesday: 4:15 pm 7th & 8th grade confirmation class
6:30 pm Bible Information Class

Thursday: 6:30 pm Bible Information Class

Friday: 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study at the Hub City Restaurant

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
10:15 am Multi-age Christian Education Hour

Our Hope Is Built On Christ

The Fifth Sunday of Easter – A

God's Word to Prepare Us for Worship

The creative, sustaining Word of Christ brings people into fellowship with the one, true God. Christ, the "Living Stone," builds up his people like living stones into a spiritual house. Such people of "noble character" now search the truth of God's Word receiving from it every spiritual blessing.

First Lesson (Acts 17:1-12)

1. Why was it important for Paul to show the Jews in the synagogues that Christ *had* to suffer? (v. 3)
2. For what activity should we remember the Berean Jews?

Second Lesson (1 Peter 2:4-10)

3. What description does Peter give of all who are joined to Christ by faith?
4. According to Peter, to what purpose did God call us, his own people, out of darkness? (v. 9)

Gospel (John 14:1-12)

5. Why was Jesus' departure not a source of sorrow but a reason for rejoicing?
6. Must we wait for eternal life to be united with Jesus?
7. What is the comfort of knowing that a place in heaven exists with our name on it?
8. Jesus calls himself "*the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*" What is the significance of the three definite articles?

Answers:

1. The idea of a suffering Messiah was a stumbling block to the Jews, and so it was important to show that he *must* suffer.
2. They took their Bibles seriously. Each day they would test the message of Paul by comparing it with the Scriptures.
3. He describes them as living stones being built into a spiritual house. Believers are like a temple in which God dwells and where living sacrifices are continually being offered to him.
4. God called us to declare his praises, that is, to tell the whole world what he has done for us through Jesus Christ our Lord.
5. He was leaving in order to prepare for them a place in his Father's house. And, he added, he would return and take them to the place he had prepared. There they would all be together again!
6. In John 14:23 Jesus stated that he and the Father will come to us and make their home with us. Thus the mystic union is a reality already in this life.
7. Things in this life come and go, they change, they see decay. But our God is our one constant in our lives. What comfort to know that beyond this ever-changing world we have a place prepared for us by Christ in heaven.
8. It clearly points out that Jesus is the only way to heaven. He is the world's one and only Savior (Luke 2:32). Only through Christ our Savior do we ever come to the Father.