



LWR Quilting Group Formed

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Following the disaster in Haiti, many people were asking "What can I do to help?" So it was only natural that when the news reached us that Lutheran World Relief had run out of quilts to aid victims of disaster, people stepped forward and volunteered to give quilting a try.

After collecting 8x8 inch squares of cloth from as many people in the congregation as possible, the group came together on June 21 to begin the process of transforming those scraps of cloth into a sturdy, beautiful quilt. The start up was made easier when Alice Johnson contributed a completed quilt top that she had

pieced at home. From the stack of squares donated, the group has designed two quilts. One will be completed at our next session while workers begin stitching together the second quilt top.

Participants in the quilt group are: Sharon Rahn, June Stewart, Diana Hanson, Martha Schober, Dot Rotter, Edie Rentz, Michelle Wittkopp, Margaret Werts and Pastor Rebecca. There is always room for more volunteers to assist! Even if you cannot sew, there are tasks available that would speed the project along.

The group can always use do-



nations of fabric, twin sized top sheets in good condition and quilt batting. Cash donations to assist with the shipping costs would also be helpful. If you would like to help out, please speak with Pastor or come to the next work session on July 5 at 9:30 am in Duehring Hall.

Finished quilts will be dedicated in worship.

Special Guest and a Surprise for July 18

Sister Carol Weaver, a Deaconess now serving as the Maine spokesperson for Lutheran Social Services of New England, will be our guest preacher at worship on Sunday, July 18.

Sister Carol is filling a newly created position and her mis-

sion is to help educate Maine Congregations about the work of Lutheran Social Services in New England and to encourage members of congregations to get involved with area LSSNE programs and the clients they serve. A theologically trained lay assistant minister,

Sister Carol enjoys the opportunity to preach and looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible following worship. And remember: this is a day when a special surprise party is planned to celebrate Dick Leighton's 90th birthday so plan on being present!

The Pastor's Column



Photo by Sister Virginia Strahan

The mid-week prayer time began as a Lenten discipline: something meaningful yet manageable with our part time pastorate at Good Shepherd. It has grown to be my favorite part of the week.

There have been as many as six and as few as two of us praying together every Wednesday from 12:30 until 1:00. We pray silently. We pray aloud as the Spirit moves us. We pray the Lord's Prayer in unison. We

pray while listening to Betsy play the harp. We are drenched in prayer and I treasure these moments.

It is easy to fall into the trap of feeling alone in your concern for the vitality of the congregation, or for the welfare of the planet, or for all those people on our Sunday prayer list that we do not know personally.

One Wednesday with the people at Prayer time can change your outlook. To hear people

praying for the things that are also on my heart is a source of great encouragement and hope. It is a way to grow closer to God and to one another. It is a way to share faith with one another and to grow more confident in witnessing.

We want you to join us in prayer on Wednesdays. If you cannot be present, pause at home and pray. And remember to pass along your prayer requests. We'll pray for you.

Church Robbed over Weekend of June 20



Thieves broke into the Church Office building sometime during the weekend of June 20. The robbery was discovered by Pastor Rebecca when she entered the Office Building on Sunday morning prior to worship.

Brunswick Police responded promptly and informed us that

two other churches had also been robbed during the weekend and that significant evidence had been discovered although no one has yet been arrested.

The thieves took \$20 in cash that had been donated by the Al-Anon group that uses our building. The exterior doors

suffered minor damage and an interior door leading to the basement was seriously damaged but is repairable. A locking file cabinet in the Church Secretary's office was broken and a desk was slightly damaged. Nothing else was taken or disturbed.

Energy Efficient Windows Installed



Side Work Contractors, a Lowe's installation firm, arrived bright and early Monday morning June 21 to begin removing the old windows and installing the new custom made energy efficient windows. The group of five workers was able to remove and replace all of the windows in the original

portion of the church in less than one and one half days! Along with the replacement of the hot water heater in the church done by David Duehring in the spring, this was a major portion of our effort to improve our energy efficiency and to be more environmentally friendly. An en-

ergy audit conducted by Efficiency Maine has been our guideline for our upgrades.

The windows were paid for out of our building fund but gifts to replenish that building fund are now needed. The total window replacement cost approximately \$6,600.

Men's Ministry Update

The men of the congregation have been meeting informally on the first and third Tuesdays of each month for breakfast and conversation at the Belt and Buckle Restaurant in Topsham. It is an excellent way for men to have time to catch up with one another and to get better acquainted. The group has been meeting for several years.

However, the down side of informal friendship gatherings

like this is that sometimes new people show up: and no one is there! Usually everyone shrugs it off and enjoys a good meal and goes home. But it is worth thinking about.

What if in the month of July the men who are able to attend a Tuesday morning breakfast make this a priority? What if they go to the breakfast prepared to say a table grace for the group? What if they spent at least a small part of their

time together doing some serious reflecting on the life and health of the congregation and trying to think of ways to energize it?

It's important to have social time; but sometimes having a **reason** to meet encourages participation. And having more people participate encourages men to invite a friend to breakfast with them. And that could lead new people to Christ. Worth considering.



For ideas and resources, visit [Lutheran Men In Mission.org](http://LutheranMenInMission.org)

Church Picnic Set for August 29

Mark your calendars now! On Sunday August 29 following worship we are going to hit the highway and travel north to Fort Knox State Park for our not-quite-annual church picnic.

Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Observatory are located in Prospect, Maine, approximately 90 minutes north

of Good Shepherd. Admission for the Park and the Observatory is a combined \$5 fee for adults, \$3 for children aged 4-11 and free for children under 4.

The plan is for everyone to bring a picnic luncheon for themselves (including a beverage) and a treat to share with

others. We will eat together shortly after arrival and then have the afternoon to explore the beautiful park grounds on our own or with other friends. The Observatory is the tallest one of its kind in the world, and the grounds of Fort Knox are beautiful as well as historic. We hope you'll join us for the day and bring friends!



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Stewart	July 1
Betsey Alden	July 4
Cynthia Smith	July 10
Jeffrey Duncan	July 14
Bradley Gannon	July 16
Dick Leighton	July 20
Lynda Hartzell	July 30

Kevin and Christina Smith will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary in Australia on July 2.

Don and Sharon Rahn will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on July 4.

Cynthia and Laurie Smith will be celebrating their 11th wed-

ding anniversary in California on July 10.

Russ and Mel Banton will be celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary on July 14.

Please wish each of these people the blessings of the day.



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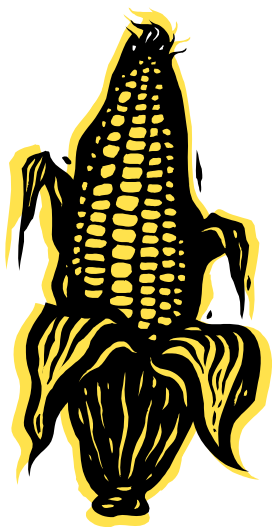
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Last Words



Don't forget to invite your friends and family to worship and to fun events at church!

WELCA will meet Monday July 12 at the home of Sharon Rahn. Don't forget the upcoming retreat at the home of Dot Rotter and Martha Schober. More details will follow.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to **David Anthony and Chelsea Cooke** who are to be married July 17 in Valatie, New York. May God bless and keep them in love.

Don't forget Dick Leighton's surprise 90th birthday party at church on July 18 following worship. If you are unable to attend, please send a birthday card to the church and we will

present it to Dick that day. Those attending the party are also being asked to bring a birthday card for Dick, our most "senior member" at GSLC.

If you have a computer and have not already done so, consider setting up a Facebook account and visiting our church's page. We have been connecting with several former members and friends who now live all over the world. We're also making lots of new friends who read our posts and follow what's going on in our congregation. This is one new way we are reaching out to people

with the good news of Christ, and it is fun! You can find us on Facebook at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Brunswick Maine.

Many thanks to Jeff Duncan who is doing some repairs and light maintenance on our stained glass window panels for the sanctuary. We intend to have the panels framed and hang them in front of our new windows in the near future. Thanks, Jeff! We appreciate your time and talent.

Church Council will meet at 6:30 on Monday July 19.