



the SHEPHERD'S Staff

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Newsletter



MUSIC NOTES

Dana Hamerla--- "Captive Free"

Thanks to the excellent article in the E-pistle, most of you already know that Good Shepherd's very own Dana Hamerla will be joining the Youth encounter organization, "Captive Free" in September. She underwent a fairly rigorous audition process in which she had to submit bio/background information, references from church leaders, as well as a music audition sample. I'm very proud of Dana and all her accomplishments. She has sung with the chancel choir for 3 years and has become a "rock-solid" alto. She has also been a member of the Resounding Joy Handbells, the Bridge Band, and Our Fathers' Band. She (along with sister Erin) has taught dance choreography to the liturgical dancers for Youth Weekend, and she has been a Sunday school teacher with the preschoolers. Her parents, Andrea and Darrell, have been behind her all the way, and I want to thank them for the endless driving trips to rehearsals which being a musician involves. Sandy Richter and her Sunday school staff have led and inspired Dana to be a disciple of Christ and to serve Him in the "main street" of our lives. Our contemporary director, Jeff Herget, has provided opportunities for youth to meet and hear these Christian bands through his work in the Holy Grounds coffee house and Youth Quake experiences. Thanks to Jeff, the Jacob's Road band was here in the spring of 2010, and Captive Free visited our kids in 2006. What kind of seeds were planted in the conversations of these Christian bands with our youth? What might have happened had all these opportunities not been in place for Dana, or any student for that matter, to choose a path to follow Christ?

In the ministry world, we call this process of education and leadership FAITH FORMATION. Every congregation should aspire to provide a solid background of basic biblical knowledge as well as sow the seeds of a strong and lasting faith in ALL its youth. But, that magic ingredient, that spark which challenges our kids to step out from the ordinary and strive for something uniquely extraordinary----that's a step we also aim for as a church body. Dana is an amazing young lady who will do well on her new path of music witness and ministry. I know that there are many other young people in the LCGS congregation whose faith has blossomed and grown through the programs and leadership here. (At this point, it's important to remember Vicki Beilfuss, who is a candidate for the ordained ministry in the ELCA. Her example reminds us that God's call can come to us at any point in our lifespan!) I'll close by congratulating and blessing all the teachers and leaders of our youth whose labors and toil will bear much fruit in God's vineyard. The Holy Spirit is alive and well....we just need to be listening to its voice in our lives.

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

Daniel Schutte

~ Debby Woods



ANNOUNCING RALLY DAY 2011

Sunday School will begin with Rally Day on September 11, 2011. All Sunday School students, age 2 through high school, and their parents are invited to a Rally in the Sanctuary at 9:30am. No pre-registration is required.

There will also be a Ministry Fair in the Celebration Hall, where all members can learn about the many ministries here at LCGS and the opportunities to participate in them.

Join us on September 11, 2011 as we begin this year's journey to discover, experience, and share the love of Christ!



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a word of thanks...



Members of Good Shepherd,

Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers, calls, notes, emails, cards, and visits during Jack's illness. We were touched at the many gestures of our church family during our difficult time and your support allowed us to spend quality time with Jack during his final days. Jack loved this church and you need to know how much each of you meant to him, he thought you were a FANTASTIC group of friends and enjoyed growing in his spiritual life with each of you.

The time and energy that went into our family was amazing. Pastor Cary we want to thank you especially for your calls, visits, and prayers, you were a source of strength to all of us. We would also like to especially recognize Shirley Ernest, Betty and Merrill Messick, Ed and Juanita Tausendschoen, and Dave and Maureen Stark for delivering food to our entire family during Jack's final days.

There are so many persons to thank for providing a funeral service that truly honored Jack. The music by Debby and Rhonda was beautiful. The service was handled with such care by the staff of LCGS and they took such special care of us when we had to make so many difficult choices. Gina Miller and her entire group of volunteers provided us with a fabulous meal after the service and sent us home with food to feed our immediate families and friends that weekend, we are so grateful.

God is truly at work at the LCGS and there are not enough words to express our continued gratitude for the service that each of you provide. May God be with all of you and may you find the strength and courage to continue to serve in such a glorious way.

Blessings,
Phyllis Berger
Jo-Ann, Mike, Brian and Stephen Kerschner
John, Susan, Zachary, and Jacob Berger



Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, meals and expressions of concern. I felt them every inch of the way. This accident has been very humbling. I have had a total right reverse replacement of my right shoulder. I am doing well and feel good. I will start physical therapy at the end of the week. It will be a long road to full recovery I am told. But I will get there.

*Blessings to all,
Karen Nordman*



The church received a phone call from Delores Lyon. She wants to thank all who remembered her with cards for her birthday this month. She said she is feeling well, although has had some eye problems. Delores is a long time member who resides at the National Lutheran Home. Margaret Francis also called to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during her last hospitalization and continuing recovery.

- Ruth Marteny



*As we near the end of our Cub Scout year, the families of **Cub Scout Pack 807** would like to thank LCGS for hosting our pack as we encouraged our sons to live by the Cub Scout promise and Law:*

"I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack."

*The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.*

*Some of the activities we performed to develop these principles were:
In December we made Christmas cards for the troops in Afghanistan.
Also in December, we took part in the LCGS Christmas Basket project.
In February, we conducted our annual Scouting for Food project and collected over 1,000 items for a local food bank.
In March, we collected toiletries for Anna's House.*

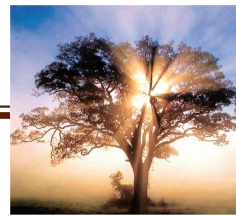
We had a great year. We had a bonfire and retired US flags, skated at Ice World, and raced model cars the boys themselves designed at the Pinewood Derby. Our families camped out for a weekend at Broadcreek Scout Reservation where the kids studied wildlife, learned to geo-cache, ran an obstacle course, and launched bottle rockets.

We would like to express a special thank-you to the following LCGS members who have helped us throughout the year:

*Don Erickson for helping out with all of our facility questions.
Arlene Hildebrandt for helping us with our scheduling.
Monica Thayer who helped us with our popcorn booth.
Sue Quinn who helped us coordinate our Christmas Basket gifts.
Jeff Hergert who helped us set up for Movie Night.
Don Adams who is our Chartered Organization Representative.*

Reflecting back on our year, we are very proud of the work we have done with the boys this year. We look forward to continuing to prepare our young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Cub Scout Promise.

*Thank you,
The Scouts and Parents of Cub Scout Pack 807*



Our Church Family

We mourn the loss of Erma Frieders

Good Shepherd member Erma Frieders, 75, passed away Sunday, July 10 after a long battle with breast cancer. There will be a service in Erma's memory at Good Shepherd at a future date and time to be announced. A memorial service was held followed by burial in Munderf, Pa., near her birthplace.

Please keep Erma's family in your prayers. Erma leaves behind her husband, Gary; children, Karen Benson and her husband, John, of Abingdon, Edwin Benson and his wife, Silvia, of York, Pa., and Karla Frieders of New York City, NY; and three grandchildren, Kyle and Andrea Benson of Abingdon, and Victoria Benson of York, Pa. She is also survived by three brothers and four sisters William Mortimer of Carlock, Ill., Thelma Winders of Ridgway, Pa., Donald Mortimer of Corning, NY, June Grinnen of Brockport, Pa., Ida Atwell of Brookville, Pa., and Bertha Shaffer of Brokport, Pa., and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Alta McKendree.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Erma's name to The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1515 Emmorton Road, Bel Air, MD 21014, or to the Brent Hall Memorial Fund, c/o Madison Square Bank, Bel Air, MD 21014.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is very pleased to share that we are diligently conducting the interview process with three candidates. All three of the candidates are from out of the immediate area, so we are taking advantage of the latest tools in our facility and are using video meetings over the internet as a first round to gather and share information---thanks to Glenn Garbinski and Council for equipping us so well. Summer schedules being what they are, we expect that we will conclude our interview process by Labor Day. Please keep our committee, LCGS, and all of our candidates in your prayers through the summer months so that we may all serve Him well.

Thank you – Adam Steel



*Debby Woods and Tim Vezzetti playing organ and piano at the services on Sunday, July 17
(photo by: Walt Polley)*

ways to SERVE



from the FLOWER COMMITTEE

OPEN FLOWER DATES - Have a Special Occasion that you want to honor? Sign up for your "Special Date" asap! Just pick your date and sign up on the Flower Chart which is now on the counter by the windows in the Narthex.

Open Dates:

August 14th, 21st & 28th 2 arrangements

September 11th 1 arrangement

October 2nd & 16th 2 arrangements,

October 9th one arrangement



When you sign the chart, be sure to take an envelope, located on the display. Complete the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or send it to the office along with the payment, \$40.00 per arrangement. The flowers need to be paid for prior to the week they are on the altar. Please be sure you indicate on the Flower Chart if you will remove the arrangement or if you want the Flower Committee to deliver it a hospitalized or "home bound" member.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Karol Ashbrook, Flower Chairperson.



THE SHARING TABLE

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will serve a hot lunch at the Sharing Table on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Help is needed to provide ground beef barbecue, potato chips and hamburger rolls; to wait tables; to serve the meal; to set-up and clean-up; and to work in the kitchen. Credit for service hours is available. It's a great way to serve our Lord! Please contact Lisa Steel if you can help.

The Sharing Table is a group of 21 churches and organizations working together to serve a free meal every Saturday to anyone in need at Prince of Peace Church 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood. The Sharing Table serves approximately 75 to 100 guests from 11:30am to 1:00pm and distributes approximately 78 grocery bags of food for clients to take home. More information is available online at <http://thesharingtable.org>.



LOVE in ACTION

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Summer is a fun time for travel, vacations and gardening! We can share our summer experiences with our neighbors in need in several ways:

When travelling this summer, please consider bringing back the unused travel size shampoos, soaps and conditioners in your hotel room. We can share these with the clients at the various shelters throughout the county.

Has God blessed you with a bountiful garden? As your harvest comes in, please consider bringing your extra bounty to church on Sunday. We will collect fresh produce and donate it to the Community Action Agency's food pantry. CAA also teaches their clients how to cook fresh vegetables and shares recipes with them.

Finally, watch the bulletin for our summer food drive. We will hand out bags towards the end of July and collect them the last week in August. The food is for the Sharing Table. They have plenty of canned vegetables, thanks to a very successful food drive by the Boy Scouts. They are especially in need of: canned meats, canned fruit, pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Love in Action Campaign.

*The Servanthood Committee
- Karen Nordman*

LOVE in ACTION Calendar

AUGUST

2nd 7:00 pm Servanthood Committee Meeting

3rd Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood

31st Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood

SEMPTEMBER

6th 7:00 pm Servanthood Committee Meeting

7th Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood

24th Sharing Table

OCTOBER

Coat Drive for the month of October

1st Serve at the FCCAU overnight shelter

4th 7:00 pm Servanthood Committee Meeting

5th Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood



Wednesday Evenings, 7-9 pm starting September 7, 2011.

GriefShare is a support group for and with those grieving the loss of a loved one. This is a 13-week video driven study, and cost \$15 for the workbook.

Combines Seminar and Support Group Strategies

Teaching and instruction is essential to help people grieve, but lacks the “heart” and emotional care a support group can provide. Conversely, a support group without instruction can quickly deteriorate without guided discussion. By combining instruction and support group, GriefShare provides the balance that creates effective, meaningful ministry.

GriefShare Is Christ Centered

True healing from a hurt as deep as the death of a loved one must be built on a relationship with Jesus Christ. This message is reflected throughout the GriefShare videos and print resources.

GriefShare Is Built on Biblical Concepts

The Bible is presented as the practical guide to grief recovery in the video series and workbook. Group participants learn that Scripture provides essential guidance on topics such as grieving, loss, emotions, death and eternal life.

For class schedules or more information please contact the church office at 410-838-8081 or Sallie Gartside.

- Session 1-Living with Grief
- Session 2-The Journey of Grief
- Session 3-The Effects of Grief
- Session 4- When Your Spouse Died
- Session 5- Your Family and Grief
- Session 6-Why?
- Session 7-The Uniqueness of Grief, Pt. 1
- Session 8-The Uniqueness of Grief, Pt. 2
- Session 9-God’s Prescription for Grief
- Session 10-Stuck in Grief
- Session 11-Twenty Lessons of Grief, Pt. 1
- Session 12-Twenty Lessons of Grief, Pt. 2
- Session 13-Heaven

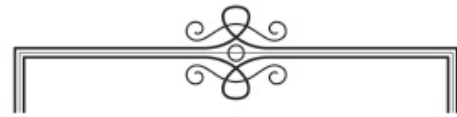


STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM

You are a caring individual, Christ-centered, wanting to bring prayer and comfort to those in need. We need you! Contact Sallie or the church office to learn more about training and becoming a Stephen Minister

Leader
Sallie J. Gartside
Church Office 410-838-8081

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| NancyLee DeGreif | Mary Richter |
| Dick Depkin | Charlotte Roux |
| Sandy Depkin | Betty Ann Smith |
| | Bill Webster |



Memorials & Special Gifts

PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Jack Berger from:

- Martha Dawn Sears*
- Peter & Penelope Ross*
- Thomas & Dorothy Grothe*

UNDESIGNATED

In memory of Charles St. Clair from:

- Kenneth & Kathleen Boehl*
- Jane P. Schwarz*

In memory of Norma Rigotti from:

- David Rigotti*

In memory of USN Captain

Frank Coulter from:

- Jim & Helen Porter*

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Jack Berger from:

- Michael & Sharlene Krause*

YOUTH FUND

In memory of Charles St. Clair from:

- Michael & Sharlene Krause*

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Charles St. Clair from:

- James & Mildred Phillips*
- William & Silvia Underwood*
- Janice Underwood*



JUNE 2011 TREASURER’S REPORT

	This Month, 2011	Year-to-date, 2011	This Month, 2010	Year-to-date, 2010
Income	40,454.51	252,857.37	34,268.55	273,385.74
Expenses	(39,634.97)	(277,729.34)	(36,500.49)	(252,732.02)
Income-Expenses	819.54	(24,871.97)	(2,231.94)	20,653.72

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN--LIVE THE VISION

	This Month, 2011	Year-to-date, 2011
Beginning Balance 1/1/11		4,157.00
Inflows	2,496.00	10,756.00
Outflows	(2,078.00)	(13,107.00)
Balance at end of month		1,806.00

June additional payments to principal	\$2,029.00
Campaign-to-date additional payments to principal	\$21,916.00
Mortgage Balance	\$265,181.13
Projected pay-off date	Apr-19



PEACEMAKER
MINISTRIES

PEACEMAKER MINISTRIES - PEACEMEAL

Does Someone Have Something Against You?

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar; First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift.
Matthew 5:23-34

Please take a moment and reread this verse, meditate on it, then reread it again and meditate some more. Most of us, me included, know that someone has something against us. Honestly, if everyone read this preceding Sunday worship, Pastor Cary might have a very low attendance – if any at all!

What is God really calling us to do here? Isn't He emphasizing how important relationships are to Him? He wants us to live in Peace with one another; to Love one another as He has loved us; to Forgive one another as He has forgiven us.

How do you know another party has something against you? Perhaps you know from a direct conflict or disagreement; avoidance by the other party or by you; 3rd party information or rumor. If you know or suspect the other party has something against you, you probably know or suspect the reason based in information from the above sources. So what do you do? How do you approach the other party?

1. PRAY – specifically asking God how to make this situation an opportunity to glorify and honor God; asking for strength to put your faith & trust in God; asking God for guidance on what to say & do.
2. PREPARE – rethink the incident which caused the disagreement. What was it really all about? A disagreement over a material issue; a misspoken word; a misunderstanding or miscommunication?
3. UNDERSTAND – try to understand the incident from the other party's perspective. Philippians 2:3-4 tell us "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others".

Then call the other party and ask to meet for a coffee or coke without getting into detail at this point. Just to meet is the purpose of the call. Please don't use email for this. What then do you say when you do meet?...Perhaps something like...

"John, thanks for agreeing to meet with me.

I've missed seeing you at church and thought we should talk. I wondered if your absence has anything to do with ..."

It seems we have been avoiding each other since we had that disagreement over...."

I heard you are upset with me.

I value our relationship and want to restore it. Can you tell me what you are upset about and why?"

Hopefully 'John' will appreciate your attempt to restore the relationship and by using more Peacemaker Principles you and John can reconcile.

If you are comfortable, end with a prayer of thanks. If not, pray when you get home and thank God for the opportunity regardless of the outcome.

Need help? If you desire help in reconciling a conflict, consider calling a LCGS Peacemaking Reconciliation Team member. Owen Ashbrook; Tim Vezzetti or Gail Fricke. All communications are confidential.



OLD LAP TOPS NEEDED

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is looking for your old lap top. With three classrooms and classroom space at a premium, lap tops would be easier to house and relocate from one classroom to the other. The computers are used as a part of the curriculum to reinforce letter recognition and sounds and site words. Please contact Abby Shlikas with any questions and/or donations.

YOU ARE FOUND!

Are you lost, have not been active at Good Shepherd for some time, want to become active again, please contact the Inactive Members Team (Warren Hillstrom, Marge Slater, Doris Mellor and Sallie Gartside) at the church office, 410-838-8081 or call Sallie. We will work with you in becoming active again.

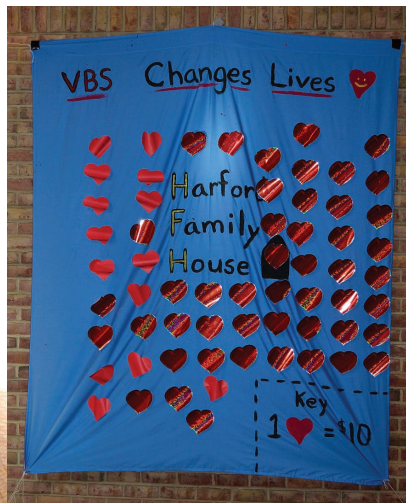
DAY♥TIMERS

The DAYTIMERS will be on vacation in the month of August and will NOT have a meeting/luncheon. However, we have BIG things planned for everyone for the Fall, so we'll look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 13.

Several trips and dinner/theaters are planned and if you want to join in be there Sept. 13. We will have a speaker from FCCAU that will bring us up to date with their activities and needs. In the meantime, enjoy your summer, and keep bringing food to LCGS for the Sharing Table. Thank you...

- Lowell Repp

IMAGES FROM VBS - 2011



(photos by: Warren Hillstrom)

THE HISTORY OF LUTHERAN WORSHIP, PART 4



This article will take a look into what are called the “Ordinary of the Mass” – and we will explore what is so “ordinary” about these six items. The Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei use the same text in every service of the Mass, so they are called “the Ordinaries” of the worship service. The text and musical settings of the Ordinaries can be found in our hymnal starting at hymn 151 through 208. In contrast, scripture readings, psalms and prayers are different from one weekly worship service to the next. These are part of the “Propers” which change according to what is “proper” for each particular worship service. A listing of the Propers can be found in our hymnal, starting on page 18 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

The origin of the Kyrie dates back to the Greek-speaking Christian Churches of 4th century Jerusalem. In Rome, the Mass was first celebrated in Greek. As Latin became the predominant language, Mass was celebrated in Latin, but the familiar Greek prayer Kyrie eleison was retained, as were Hebrew phrases such as Alleluia. In the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I started using a litany, a series of sung or spoken liturgical prayers for the blessing of God, which includes petitions from a priest and responses from the congregation. He used the words of the Kyrie as the people’s response. Later, Pope Gregory I revised the litany and directed that only the phrases “Kyrie eleison” and “Christe eleison” be sung. The Kyrie in use today consists of the phrase “Kyrie eleison” (Lord, have mercy), followed by “Christe eleison” (Christ have mercy), followed by a repetition of “Kyrie eleison.” In older chants, “Kyrie eleison imas” (Lord, have mercy on us) can be found. As noted earlier, the Kyrie is unique in the Latin Mass because it uses the Greek language.

The Gloria Patri (“Glory to the Father”) dates back to a 2nd century Greek text which later was translated into Latin for use during worship. The translation of the Latin text is: “Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and always, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.” Martin Luther (using the German language) and the Anglican Church in England in the time of Henry VIII translated the Gloria Patri this way: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

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Questions or comments?

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TIME DATED MATERIAL
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The Credo (a Latin word meaning “I believe”) was the most recent addition to the Mass. It exists in three forms: Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian. The creed most often used today is the Nicene Creed. As a statement of faith, it was approved by the Council of Nicea in 325. From there, it was introduced to the Mass in Spain, France, and other parts of the early Christian Church in the 6th century. In 1014, Emperor Henry II insisted Pope Benedict VIII introduce the Credo to the Roman Mass, which is when it formally became part of the Mass Ordinary.

The Sanctus (which means “holy”) is the oldest part of the Mass, and dates to the 1st or early 2nd centuries. The Sanctus is sung as the final words of the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine. This prayer concludes with words describing the praise of the worshippers joining with the angels and archangels, who are praising God with the words of the Sanctus. The words of the Sanctus come from Isaiah 6:3, which describes the prophet Isaiah’s vision of the throne of God surrounded by six-winged, ministering seraphim.

The text of the second part of the Sanctus, beginning with the word Benedictus (Latin for “Blessed”), is taken from Matthew 21:9, and describes Jesus’ Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem. Although the Benedictus is part of the Sanctus, in the medieval Mass the Benedictus was considered as a separate chant. The words we use in worship for the Sanctus and Benedictus are: “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

The Agnus Dei was introduced into the Mass by Pope Sergius in the 7th century. Agnus Dei is Latin for Lamb of God, and refers to Jesus Christ as the perfect sacrificial offering that atones for the sins of humanity. The blood of the sacrificial lamb protects and saves the Israelites as recounted in Exodus 12. The link to Christianity is explicit in 1 Corinthians 5:7 where Paul explains that we are saved by Christ who is our sacrificial lamb. The Old Testament also tells of sin offerings as a means of atonement. Lambs could be used in these offerings (Leviticus 4:32-34 and Leviticus 5:6). This link is repeated by Gospel of John 1:29 and again in 1 Peter 1:19. Just as sins could be forgiven through the offering and the pouring out of the blood of an unblemished lamb, so we Christians believe we are freed from sin by the blood of

Jesus, the unblemished Lamb of God. The words of the Agnus Dei are very simple and humble: “Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.”

- Walt Polley

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB Starting July 31!

Bring a bag lunch & drink after the 10:00 AM services on July 31, August 7, and August 14 to discuss **The Last Lecture** by Randy Pausch. Sign up in the Narthex to participate.

If you need a book, let us know on the sign-up sheet. We have obtained books, including two large-print books, from the Harford County Public Library. The book may be picked up in the narthex between the services on July 17 and July 24. Please read Parts I and II prior to the first session. All are welcome; join us anytime; you do not need to attend the first session to participate in a later session.

- Linda Ruese