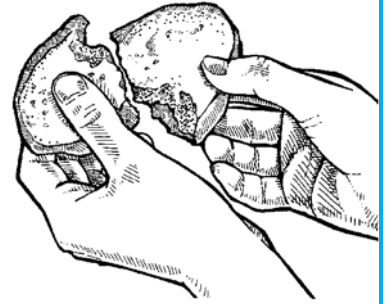


BREAKING BREAD

Good Shepherd Catholic Church



Stories of Faith and New Beginnings

“Oh, God! They took my job away again!”

by Jim Yerger

As a manufacturing engineer, I have been laid off five times in my career. I am two months into the 5th lay off. During the first four layoffs, I experienced mild depression, loneliness, guilt, and worry. I found that coping with financial losses was easier than emotional losses.

But this lay off is going to be different, because I am finally putting my fate more into the hands of God. This time I am going to become more like “...the birds of the air...” and “...the lilies of the field ...” (See Matthew CH 6; vs. 25-34). But I know that God wants to put my talents to work to help others in my situation. So I am going to lean on friends and family to prop me up. When someone says, “I lost my job”, I will tell them, “No, my job was taken away.” I will better educate myself on how to use government and corporate systems to my advantage to obtain employment. Finally, with the guidance of the Spirit, if we start a support group for the unemployed/underemployed at Good Shepherd, I will use my experience to help guide the group.



We hear it in the news, and we've seen it close to home—within our families and among our friends. Many people these days are experiencing either unemployment or underemployment and all the challenges that go along with them. We have invited a couple of our fellow parishioners to share their experiences with unemployment in light of their faith.

Here are their stories ...

A Tale of Two Layoffs

by Barbara Finley

I was laid off twice and both times felt the same hurt, anxiety, and loss.

After the first layoff, my family and friends were either working or at school, and I wondered how I would fill my days. Happily, after a few months, I found another job, but I had learned that I needed more than a job. That's when I turned to Good Shepherd.

By the time of the second layoff seven years later, my connections with Good Shepherd were well established, and I was involved in several ministries.

When I saw so many friendly and familiar faces at liturgies, it lifted my spirit. As always, God's love was revealed through family and friends, which now included Good Shepherd.

I learned that God speaks to me through my experiences, and I started listening to what God was saying. I began asking people who worked for nonprofits to describe what they do. A few weeks after one such interview I got a call about a job opening, and I've been working there ever since.

Each job has been better than the last. While I wouldn't have chosen the layoffs, I also couldn't trade the rich experiences that followed.

Editor's Note: Good Shepherd is exploring the possibility of a support/networking group for the unemployed and underemployed. (By the time you are reading this, we will have had our first meeting.) If you are interested in this group or would like to share your own story in *Breaking Bread*, contact Jane Clare in the parish office.

MUSINGS ON ...
“Paul as Liturgical Theologian”
Notre Dame Center for Liturgy

by Meriel Christensen

Saul heard Jesus' voice on the road to Damascus. Saul was persecuting the followers of Jesus. Yet Jesus said, "Why are you persecuting me? Thus Saul, who became Paul, came to understand that Jesus and his followers were one and the same.

"Bring the Liturgy of your life to Sunday mass." For Paul, liturgy is always the liturgy of the life we live every day. Our ritual is a celebration of reality but it is not just about rituals. It is about the change it demands of us. Christian self-giving is more important to Paul than the words of the liturgy. He says, "To live is Christ."

We come together for Mass so God can tend to us in a bodily way. Body parts with different gifts creates interdependency. Caring for the least, hospitality and service are God's will. The

whole community is to be built up and no one is to be puffed up. All must love and serve one another. We are to co-operate and collaborate. There is no room for prideful self-sufficiency. Paul wants no individualism.

Because Paul expected Jesus to return soon he gave few instructions on how to worship. For Paul worship was offering up your whole self. Paul was mainly concerned with the chief sin of his day which was human refusal to glorify God.

Preaching Paul Today

In our lectionary, parts of Paul's letters are left out. And Paul writes in a compressed style because all the people to whom he was preaching understood what he was talking about. Paul worked to heal the



church in Corinth and today we are challenged to bring healing to our world and our church. When people see how we live our lives Paul says we are preaching,

Today people find many reasons not to like Paul. Paul never intended to have his letters become scripture. Also, scholars today are skeptical about Paul having written everything that bares his name. For example, the line about wives being submissive to your husband does not sound like Paul. Paul is all about relationships and unity. He preaches to the people to be subject to one another and to love one another.

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James Wrocklage was born into eternal life on June 5, 2009.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Good Shepherd on Thursday, June 11 for parishioner and parish trustee Jim Wrocklage.

We as a parish mourn the death of Jim Wrocklage. Throughout the 29 years that Jim and his family have been a part of Good Shepherd Parish, Jim has been a very active parishioner; the large number of parishioners present at his Mass of Christen Burial was strong witness to his place among us. At the time of his death, Jim was serving as parish trustee which meant that Jim was an officer of the parish corporation, an ex-officio member of the Pastoral Council, and the Administrative Services Commission, and the Eschweiler New Century Fund.

Please remember his wife, Marianne, family and friends in your prayers.



Who's Who and What Do They Do?

Meet the Good Shepherd Staff – a new series for Breaking Bread

This is one in a series of articles on the members of our parish staff. The intent is to better acquaint parishioners with the "Team" and provide a better understanding of the responsibilities of their position.

MEET THE GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF:

He Is the Man of Helping Hands

by Bryan Ramsey

A hand in this ministry.

A hand in that ministry.

Gene Christensen finds himself doing a lot each week as the liturgical secretary of Good Shepherd.

For about nine years or so, he's been doing the job of scheduling readers here, finding communion ministers there, printing up orders of worship for this season and recruiting bread bakers for that season.

"There is a lot of work in preparing for weekly liturgies and other special liturgies," Gene says. "Not that I do it directly, but I do assist S. Joann in making sure that there are adequate ministers [assisting at mass]."

Gene believes in empowering people. He has strived for more involvement of people and families into the liturgy as gift bearers, readers and communion ministers. "S. Joann and I work together to make sure that the liturgies are exciting and that the people participate. We need more participation."

One of the recent projects he has been working on with the Prayer and Worship Commission (PWC) is recruiting people, who may not be able to climb the steps to

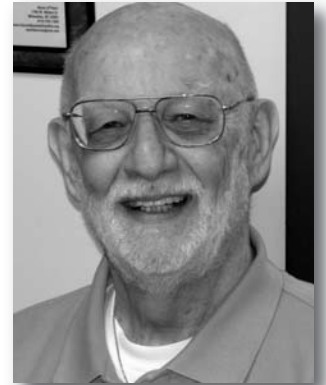
the altar, to bring up the bread and the wine. Gene, who also serves as the recording secretary for PWC has been coordinating with them to find a way to have more people sign up as gift bearers.

Gene maintains the church records regarding baptisms and weddings for Good Shepherd as well and enjoying interacting with parishioners when they call with their various liturgical needs. "I just get satisfaction in being able to help parishioners in whatever needs that they might have at any given moment."

Along with all the schedules, records and preparing that Gene does week in and week out, he loves being able to talk to and help people who call Good Shepherd with a need.

"You never know from one day to the next what's going to happen," Gene says of some of the phone calls he's taken. "I really get a lot of satisfaction out of being able to help parishioners with various needs or helping them out with any problems that might have to do with liturgical things."

The life of a liturgical secretary requires helping hands, and Gene is there to help the parishioners of Good Shepherd.



Gene Christensen
Liturgical Secretary

Welcome New Members!

Debra Botticelli and children Joseph - 18, Jenna - 17, and Nelly - 15.

Carl and Carole Collar from Arizona.

Brad Eesley and Megan Ryddner, Dan - 8 months.



MEET OUR
Pastoral
Council



Steve Gardipee
Outgoing Recording Secretary

June 1, 2009
Pastoral Council Minutes
by Steve Gardipee

Mark is projecting a favorable financial status of break-even or perhaps even a surplus, despite income levels that are below the budgeted plan amounts. Historically, any current year surplus is distributed by a formula that consists of about 25% to the Eschweiler New Century Fund, a percentage to outreach, and the remainder into the parish reserve accounts. It was suggested that any surplus from this fiscal year be applied to the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget which is currently forecasting a deficit position as further discussed later in these minutes.

As a *Voice of the Parish*, Mary Kult shared that she feels that the council needs to be more visible and accessible to the parish as a whole. Suggestions were offered for being more assessible.

New council members Pat Taugher, Mary Oswald and Tom Dueppen were paired

with a current council member who can serve as a mentor on council matters. Council member assignments to parish commissions were reviewed and some new assignments were made.

Council members received from the administrative services commission alternative budget scenarios and the ASC's revised recommendation of a (\$24,867) deficit budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.

After significant additional discussion, the council approved the deficit budget as recommended by the ASC with the following additional requests. 1) Parish-wide communication of the parish financial situation. Mark provided a budget summary in the July Stewardship Letter. 2) The ASC to establish "triggers" or "alarms" that would result in council communication and action 3) Mark will provide a balance sheet with

his regular monthly financial reports.

It was confirmed that any budget surplus from the current fiscal year will be used 100% to offset the projected budget deficit in the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget.

By the end of summer 2009, the parishes of the Four Saints and a Shepherd Cluster are to have decided if the current cluster configuration or a modified configuration is desired. By the fall of 2010 a plan for how the cluster(s) will proceed and operate is to be submitted to the archdiocese

The council would like to thank Steve Gardipee for his faithful service to the council and the parish by taking and providing minutes for Pastoral Council meetings for the past several years. We'll miss you at the meetings Steve.



Vacation Bible School 2009



Taking time to pray ...



Bugs and boils ...



Game time ...

A Letter from our sister parish in Ellacuria

The following excerpts are from a letter from our sister parish, dated May 22.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Companions in Solidarity,
We wish to send you this fraternal and special greeting from the Salvadoran people, especially from our community, Ignacio Ellacuria.*

With much joy, we want to tell you that on March 18, we began the transformation of our country, a struggle and yearning of many years united by: Monsenor Romero, the Jesuit priests, and the North American religious women who gave their lives struggling against the injustice by which a sea of solidarity was united, and of which you are a part. (Mauricio Funes was elected president of El Salvador in March, and installed on June 4. He brings hope to the people with his concern for the poor.)

We are eternally grateful and, at the same time, we invite you to continue with us in this struggle that is not easy but neither impossible, especially if you continue your support.

We are very happy to receive the wonderful news that you will visit us in October to celebrate with our community the 20th anniversary of our repopulation [of our village].

With much love and until the next time,

*The Communal Directiva and Sister Committee
of Ignacio Ellacuria community.*



HEALTH SUPPLIES NEEDED

In response to our question of what supplies we can bring, the Ellacuria community responded that they need health supplies. Watch for bulletin announcements in the coming months for specific supplies that are needed.



Farewell, Welcome, Hello

As Christian formation evolves with our Generations of Faith program, so have the personnel! As announced in May, our director of youth ministry, **Wendy Morrison**, had the opportunity to pursue graduate theological studies in Boston, which she has enthusiastically embraced. Around the same time, twelve year veteran of Christian Formation, **Ann Castiglione**, decided to retire so she could spend more time with her family.

Ann will be greatly missed but we will be blessed with her presence as a continued active member of Good Shepherd, so we will still see her around! Wendy was only with us for a few months as the director of youth ministry but made her mark as an effective and fun leader. She was a good fit

for the transition from our long-term youth leader, Matt Hakes. We send both Ann and Wendy off with our prayers and good wishes. Farewell Friends!

Interviews were conducted for a new Christian formation minister to replace Wendy. **Suzanne Foster** begins her ministry at Good Shepherd beginning August 1. Suzanne comes to us with a long history of Christian Formation and Education. Her reputation from Dominican High School precedes her as being very effective with youth. Along with lots of enthusiasm and energy, she brings a 'can-do' attitude. Her sense of mission, purpose and well-integrated faith life made her the candidate of choice. Welcome, Suzanne!

With Ann's departure

from Christian Formation, there was a need for administrative assistance for that department. **Shari Rodriguez**, our Coordinator of Time and Talent will replace Ann as Administrative Assistant. There are no plans to replace the position of Coordinator of Time and Talent, however Shari will continue to work in that capacity on a limited basis. Hello, Shari!

Lorrie Maples will continue in her capacity as a minister of Christian Formation. These three, Suzanne, Lorrie and Shari will be at the helm of further developing our Generations of Faith format along with the able teams of parishioners who help plan the events.



Suzanne Foster
Christian Formation
Minister

Shari Rodriguez
Christian Formation
Administrative
Assistant

August Health Checklist

By Laverne Schoonover, RN

Sun Danger. Ask your physician or pharmacist whether any drugs or supplements you take make you extra sensitive to sunlight. Examples: Levo-floxacin (Levaquin) and certain other antibiotics...the diuretic furosemide (lasix)...naproxin (Aleve) and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)...St. John's wort.

Kidney stone danger: The painful disorder is most common in summer. Protect yourself by drinking fluids throughout the day. Particularly helpful: Real (not powdered) lemonade-lemon juice increases the amount of citrate in the urine, which helps prevent kidney stones from forming.

Caution: Iced tea and colas can make the problem worse.

Swimmer's ear self-defense. After swimming, dry your outer ear gently with a soft towel or cloth. Tip your head to the side to help water drain from the ear canal. Use

a blowdryer on the lowest setting and hold it at least one foot away from the ear. Consider using alcohol-based eardrops if you have trouble getting water out of your ear.

Fight the bite. Relieve insect bites by applying ice, baking soda moistened with water, meat tenderizer or a product containing menthol, such as BenGay or Vicks VapoRub. If you are not allergic to aspirin you can rub an uncoated aspirin on damp skin.

Plant a row for the Hungry. Donate surplus produce to local groups that help people in need. Sponsored by the Garden Writers Association Foundation .
Information: 877-492-2727,
www.gardenwriters.org

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To further the spiritual growth of the Good Shepherd Community by providing an inspirational view of parish life.

YOUR GREEN CORNER

by Mary Kult

- Wisconsin would become the third state to ban BPA in baby products. Other states are pursuing this legislature as well. The Journal Sentinel has done an online articles regarding BPA. Check out www.jsoline.com/chemicalfallout for more information.

Good Shepherd parishioners have provided green ways to manage your lawn and garden:

- Boil water in a teakettle and apply over ant hills. –Submitted by Gigi Rentmeester
- Boil Cayenne peppers in water and put in a plastic spray bottle to keep deer, rabbits and squirrels from eating your plants. –Submitted by Mary Kult's neighbor.

Email your "green" ways to manage your lawn and garden to Mary Kult at marykult@gmail.com.

"Caring for God's Creation" Committee Forming

If anyone is interested in joining a committee called Caring For God's Creation, please email marykult@gmail.com.

This committee will be working on Good Shepherd's proposal for "going green" as a parish.

Baptisms

- Gaia Irene Marshal, child of Jurek and Maria Marshal
- Faith Jacqueline Holland, child of Lori Holland.

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