



Food for the Flock

A Shepherd of the Bay member publication

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All Roads Lead to Pax River

Featured Family: Adam & Nicole Kassulke, Ella, Jackson & Abel

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Outdoor Family Movie Night	9/1
Church Picnic	9/10
Moldy Cheese Day	10/9
God Squad Paintball	10/14
Quarterly Info Meeting	10/23
Trunk-or-Treat	10/27
Luther Movie	11/1

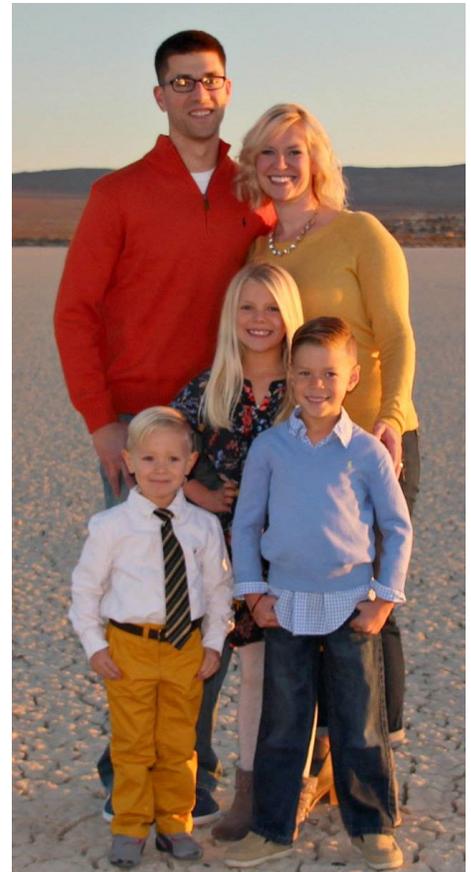
That's something you may hear folks from the Naval Test Pilot School (TPS) say, and for many it is true. Adam Kassulke graduated from TPS in June of 2014. After a tour in China Lake, CA he followed the road back to Pax River. Adam is now a Marine Corps Reservist and is working fulltime as a contractor for Ausley. He will happily be getting back into the F-14 soon. In his spare time you can find him building shelves, smoking meat, painting walls and cheering on Navy or the Packers.

His lovely bride, Nicole, is a stay-at-home mom who wears many hats as a mom of three. Hobbies include decorating, cooking, entertaining, floral arranging and directing the aforementioned painting and building. After following Adam and the Marine Corps for many years, they have just bought their first home, so Nicole is excitedly settling in and making it their own.

Ella will be in third grade and is an avid reader. On a recent long car trip she was thrilled to be seated next to the bag of books! She participated on a swim team for the first time this summer and fell in love. She already signed up for the winter season. Butterfly all the way!

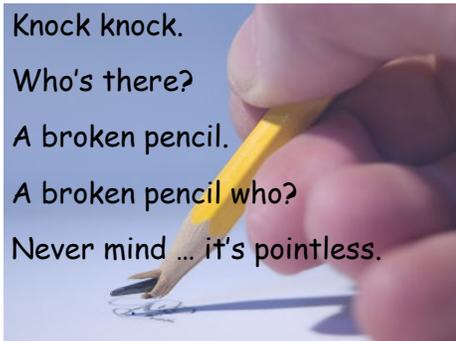
Jackson will be starting second grade this fall. After moving across the country and starting at a new school in April, he came home from his first day and stated, "This was not a good day, Mommy ... it was a GREAT day!" Jackson likes sports of all kinds, but you'll have to ask him which is his favorite. Soccer? Swimming? Lacrosse? Baseball?

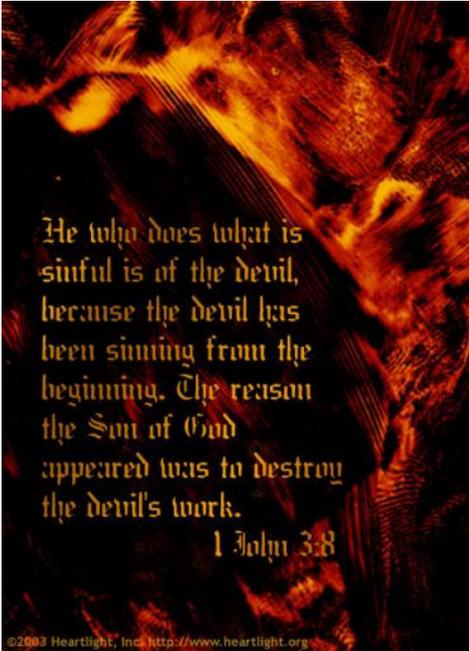
Abel is 4 and a half - just ask him! This is a boy who changes clothes many times a day, but looks sharp whether he's dressed as a businessman or a contractor or a policeman. He keeps his



mama on her toes each and everyday. Abel absolutely loves baseball, and catcher is his favorite position to play. Did you know that baseball players always tuck in their shirts and wear belts?

Be certain to meet this sweet family at church on a Sunday morning or on the playground. Welcome them back to Pax and to Shepherd of the Bay!





Jesus is My Savior from Satan

By: Pastor Josh Olson

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.
1 John 3:8

Is the devil real? He doesn't really exist, right? WRONG! The devil is a fallen angel. He is called Satan, which means "adversary." He has one goal. He wants to literally "give you hell." Picture him as a prosecutor standing before the judgment seat of God. He talks about your character flaws like pride, anger, and your evil desires of greed and lust. He's very convincing. And that "father of lies" is not lying. You can't deny what he says about you. It appears his case work will bring about an eternal sentence of hell for you.

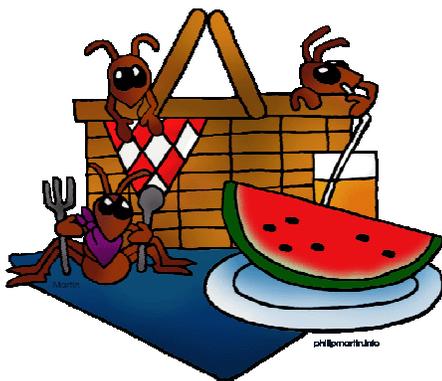
But wait, Satan doesn't have the last word. Jesus Christ has come to our defense. He set out to defeat the devil and put an end to his evil work. Jesus came to earth not to just hinder, slow down or frustrate the devil and his dealings with you. He came to destroy him. That is exactly what Jesus did by his death on the cross. Jesus' death on the cross in your place is the devil's destruction. All of the devil's accusation about you before God are stopped be-

cause on the cross Jesus won the forgiveness for all of your sins. The devil can no longer successfully accuse you before God.

So what does the devil do now if he can't speak to God about your sins? He speaks to you! The devil comes to you reminding you of your sins and tries to convince you that God won't forgive you. This is his last resort. He tries day and night to tempt you to sin and then push you to despair over your condition.

But the victory is already won! The victory belongs to Jesus and by faith it belongs to you. Resist the devil's temptations and he will flee from you. He may try to set snares, but you aren't ignorant of his devices. You have the shield of faith in Jesus that extinguishes all the fiery darts of that wicked one.

So keep your eyes on Jesus, who died for you, and your enemy the devil can't have his wicked way with you. The truth is that the devil's evil work has been destroyed by the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He is your Savior from Satan.



- - CHURCH PICNIC - -

Sunday, September 10 12 - 3pm

Mark the date on your calendar and bring the whole family!

- Indoor worship at SotB at 8:00am
- Outdoor worship at Cove Point Park at 10:30am—bring a chair!
 - "Bay Family" Olympics
 - Potluck Picnic Lunch—bring a dish to pass!
 - Cornhole Tournament & Kickball Game
 - Olson School of Tennis—bring your racquet!
 - Tons of Fun & Fellowship

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 1st

7:30pm

- Bring your own chair/blanket & drinks
 - Bring a snack to share
 - We'll provide the popcorn
 - Rain or shine



Life is an Adventure

Featured Family: Maria, Jeanne & Anton Van der Vossen



The congregation at Shepherd of the Bay has been very blessed to have the Van der Vossen family join us at weekly services for the past year. Maria, her son, Anton, and her mother, Jeanne, have quickly become part of our community. Anton is active in Sunday School, and also enjoys hanging out with other kids on the playground before and after services. Maria assisted this summer with our Vacation Bible School program, helping out in one of the classrooms; a role she knows well from being a music teacher at Patuxent Appeal Elementary Campus.

In their spare time, the Van der Vossen family have lots of hobbies and interests to keep them busy. Jeanne is creative and enjoys using her skills to make jewelry and greeting cards. Anton enjoys animals and would like to be a zookeeper when he grows up. Maria enjoys scrapbooking and traveling. Speaking of traveling, can you believe this adventurous family went dog sledding on a glacier together in Alaska?! That's definitely something to talk with them more about at an upcoming fellowship.

In the Fall of 2016, the Van der Vossens were looking for a church that they would want to come to every week. We are so glad that God led them to Shepherd of the Bay.



LET'S WEAR OUT OUR BIBLES!

Sundays: At 9:30am in the multipurpose room, studying *Reformation: Grace, Faith Scripture*.

Wednesdays: At 7:00pm in classroom #3, studying *The Gospel of Matthew*.

Third Thursdays: The women meet once a month at 1:00pm for study and fellowship in classroom #2.

2nd & 4th Saturdays: The men meet for breakfast at 8:30am followed by a study of *The Large Catechism* beginning at 9:00am.

Catechism Class: All 6th - 8th graders meet to study Luther's Small Catechism one evening of the week. Pastor Olson will be contacting you to set up the schedule!

Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with us!

**Wednesday, November 1st
at Shepherd of the Bay**

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Movie

Invite your friends!



While Martin Luther never set out to change the world, his quest for answers to burning questions of life and faith began a new era in church history: the Reformation. Join Luther (Padraic Delaney) on this quest and witness the dramatic moments that shaped the life of the great reformer. Narrated by Hugh Bonneville (*Downton Abbey*), this cinematic adventure will help you come to understand - just as Luther did - that the only place to turn for truth is God's Holy Word.



> GOD DOESN'T MAKE JUNK! <

> YOU ARE FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE! <

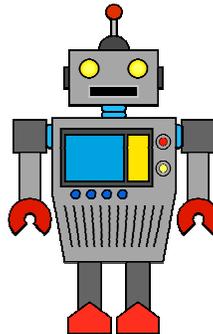
> WE WERE ALL CREATED BY GOD & BUILT FOR A PURPOSE! <

Vacation Bible School included the usual songs, movies, crafts, snacks, and games, but this year Olie both entertained and educated. We had a special room that was set up each day to immerse the children into the Bible story. They drew water from a river with Gideon's army, as spies they hid under the straw on Rahab's roof, and they also sat at Jesus' empty tomb and learned about forgiveness.

43 children from our church and the community came to learn about God and his love for them. Pre-schoolers had their own special room for one-on-one active learning. It was a high-energy, fun, exhausting week. Many, many thanks to all our volunteers and those who donated to the cause!



> WOW, GOD! <



Saturday
September 16
1:00pm

Want to attend either
game?
See Matt Budde for tickets!



Saturday
September 23
7:00pm

Shepherd of the Bay presents



Friday, October 27, 2017

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Come in costume for sweets, treats and fun!



2018 Planning

By: Dale Feddersen, President

It's that time of the year again—time to plan for the upcoming year. In July the church council reviewed the 2014 Strategic Plan and decided on the following 5 priorities/goals for 2018:

1. Increase membership and participation
2. Enhance Christian living in members
3. Grow effective outreach programs
4. Educate and mature the gift of giving
5. Volunteer coordination

We are now planning events for the year that support these goals and then creating budget requests to support these events and basic operational requirements.

If you have an idea to support these priorities, please contact Dale, Pastor or any councilman. Your input is most welcomed.

Additionally, in the next two months the treasurer will be organizing a budget committee to review the requests and solidify a budget. If you would like to be a part of the budget committee, please contact Sean Case.

Finally, I ask that we all pray the Lord bless the council and budget committee with wisdom and discernment as they consider the planning and budget for the upcoming year.

We Need You

By: Dale Feddersen, President

Our congregation runs on the generosity of its members motivated by the love of Jesus—an underserved love that was demonstrated by his willingness to be born a human and then suffer and die for our sins so that we might live in heaven with Him eternally through faith given us by the Holy Spirit. Out of thanks and love for all He has done for us, we gladly live a life of service to Him.

One way to serve is to use the gifts and abilities He has given each of us, including our time. The more folks volunteer to help with their time and abilities, the lighter the load on everyone and the more we, as a congregation, can do to spread the Gospel as well as help others in the congregation and the surrounding community. So, pray about your willingness to help and consider stepping out of your comfort zone to help in many needed areas.

Some areas to help—Christian Care, lawn work, inside cleaning, thank you bag delivery, audio or video helper, usher, power washing, greeter and many, many more. Please see talk to Dale, Pastor or the applicable councilman to help.



Wide Awake, How Much More Can One Take

By: Crystal Seibel

*Here I am, Lord, wide awake
 Sleep is something that's gone away
 Just wondering when day will break
 My mind ponders, what can I accomplish today
 I hope to make you proud and bring you glory
 But each day with this body I fight
 I want to be a powerful leader and be a big part of your story
 However this mind and body struggles with every sleepless night
 I tell myself to stay strong and true
 Why must there be sorrow, suffering and pain
 I tell myself with my Lord there's nothing I can't do
 Is it part of the big story, part of the ultimate gain
 My almighty Lord has such a grand plan
 Puzzled, I'll continue forward in this body ill and broken
 How am I ever to fathom or ever try to understand
 Until one day I hear my Lord's voice and my Lord's word will be spoken
 All I can do is try harder to do good in His eyes each day
 Despite my pains and body, I will honor my Lord and be my best
 To make Him proud so I may hear Him say
 Good job servant, now come home to rest*



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Sunday Worship at 10:30am
(Sunday School during worship)

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UPCOMING FALL SESSIONS

- September 19th - Raccoons, S'mores and Camping
- October 3rd - Things That Go
- October 17th - Fall Fun: Pumpkins and Leaves
- November 7th - All About Me
- November 21st - Harvest Time: Apples and Corn
- December 5th - Christmas For Kids
(This birthday party for Jesus session is FREE!)

All sessions are currently full, but a waiting list has been formed. Register online at www.shepherdofthebay.com. There is a possibility of adding another Tuesday session!



UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS: *The deadline for the next newsletter (November–December 2017) is the 25th of October. If you would like to submit an article or news item, simply email it to clubfedd@md.metrocast.net. Please consider writing an article (preferably in Microsoft Word) on an upcoming church event, mission outreach, youth group, etc. A big "thank you" to all who have helped with prior newsletters!*