

AVALANCHE RANCH IS ALMOST HERE!

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching! This year's VBS will be held July 16-20 and the Ranch sure could use some extra hands to make sure everything runs smoothly! Can't help out during the week? There's still lots of ways we could use you prior to the event!

Sponsor a Kid! A \$15 donation (checks made out to Good Shepherd with "VBS" in the memo line) covers the cost of one student for the week. We're anticipating 80 students this year.

Donate Items! There's a list in the narthex of items we need at the ranch, but just in case you can't find it, here's a summary of what's still missing:

SNACKS:

- † Frosted Wheat cereal
- † M & M's (no nuts)
- † Twisted pretzels (small)
- † Red licorice bites
- † Chocolate candy bars (no nuts, avg. size)
- † Vanilla frosting
- † Round crackers

- † Dixie cups of vanilla ice cream
- † Maraschino cherries
- † Apples
- † Brown sugar
- † Cream cheese
- † Large bottles of juice (apple, orange, berry, grape)
- † Cash donations for snacks may be given directly to kitchen crew

DECORATIONS:

- † Ropes
- † Spurs (real or fake)
- † Fishing line
- † Glue dots
- † Old cowboy boots (any size)
- † Wagon wheels
- † Saddles
- † Plastic plants

- † One strand, large size Christmas bulbs (on an individual circuit if possible)
- † Blue bed sheets
- † Any western themed decorations

GAMES:

- † Musical Triangle
- † Pool noodles
- † Sponge balls
- † Ping pong balls
- † Bubble wands
- † Whistle
- † Kazoo
- † Hula Hoop
- † Rodeo Ropes

Spare a teenager! Know a pre-teen or teen who could use some time away from home and out of trouble? Have them help out at the ranch for the week—we guarantee they'll have a hoot and holler of a good time!

With your help, the week is sure to fly by without a hitch!

Wah-hoo!! Thanks y'all!!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- Shear the Shepherd begins July 1
- Special Voters' Assembly July 1
- Fourth of July (Office Closed) July 4
- Water bottle collection begins July 15
- GSLC Academic Scholarship applications due July 15
- Vacation Bible School July 16-20
- Night with Pastor July 19
- VBS/Friendship Sunday July 22
- Mite Sunday July 22
- GSLC Church Campout @ Silver Lake July 28-29
- Summer Computer Camp Session 1 July 30-Aug 3

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT GOOD SHEPHERD IN JULY

"COME HOLY SPIRIT"

July 1 (Pentecost 5)
 Acts 7:54-8:1a
 "Stand Up, Speak Out"

July 8 (Pentecost 6)
 Acts 8:36-40
 "Released for Ministry"

July 15 (Pentecost 7)
 Acts 9:3-5
 "The Strangest Thing"

July 22 (Pentecost 8; VBS/Friendship Sunday)
 Acts 10:34-35
 "Invited"

July 29 (Pentecost 9)
 Acts 13:1-3
 "Sent"





PASTORAL PONDERINGS



Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it. (Psalm 37:5)

Are you going on vacation this year? July tends to be the month many families set aside for vacation time. We all need a chance to get away from the rigors of life. We all need an opportunity to rest and relax. Some families mark their vacation time with a trip to someplace special (Disneyland or the Grand Canyon). Some families try and see the grandparents, if those grandparents don't live in the same city or state. Some families even take their vacation at home, but plan a number of special events and day trips to get out of their regular daily routine.

There are many things from which we can use a vacation: job stress, the routine nature of life, and so on. But, although there is a temptation to do so, we cannot take a vacation from God. It certainly true that during the summer months there are many

things to do and a longer time to do them in. The sun shines longer, the days are warmer, and we are inclined to be outside. The incredible truth, though, is that we need to know and celebrate the presence of our Lord in our lives on a regular basis – not just during the school year, or during Fall, Winter, and Spring – but on a regular, weekly basis. The story is told of a family on vacation in the mountains. As they drive along the mountain highway,



they pass a building that could only be a church. The young daughter says to her father, "Look, Daddy! A church! Can we go to church today?" Her father responds, "Oh, we can go to church just fine up in the mountains." After a little silence the girl asks, "But we're not going to go to church in the mountains, are we, Daddy?"

Our life is dependent on the power and strength of our Lord in every aspect of life. Though we may be tempted to take the summer off from Jesus, He

never takes a break from us. Make sure that you keep your weekly appointment with our Savior every week. If you're traveling, let us know in the office and we'll help you find a church in the area you're visiting.

Enjoy your vacation this summer and bring Jesus with you.

Shepherding People to Jesus

Pastor Paul



Shear the Shepherd

Starts July 1

Watch Pastor's wife shave the Pastor's head! (We know it's not a stretch, but it's still fun to watch!). This year's campaign is to assemble 500 Food Packs for the needy. Each food pack contains:

- + **18 oz. can of either Chunky or Progresso soup (with pull-top lid)**
- + **Boxed fruit drink**
- + **Granola or Energy bars (please no candy bars)**
- + **Plastic spoon & napkin**

Please place your donation for Shear the Shepherd in the food barrel beginning July 1. Shear the Shepherd runs through Sunday, August 19.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE WANTS OUT OF THE KITCHEN

Are you a Mary, a Martha, a Lydia - or maybe a Hannah or Lois? If not, perhaps you would like to be a Priscilla? Hmmmm, you say. . . those sound like the ladies of the Bible. They are, and we have them right here at Good Shepherd as circles forming the LWML.

Good Shepherd's newest LWML circle is the Priscilla circle.

The circle's focus is mission



projects.

Not all of us are able to sew or design banners, and not all of us enjoy working in the kitchen or other important areas of the Church. But God has other things we can do. For example,

there are dozens of mission projects and human care chores we could be doing right here in our own congregation.

If this sounds like an area of ministry you would be interested in, contact the church office with your name and number. Later in the summer or early Fall, we will get organized serving the Lord with Gladness!

What's going on in your circle? Let the office know and your circle could be featured in next month's newsletter!



Want to know more about LWML? Talk to one of the ladies in the church; they'll help you find a circle that fits your style!

YOUR OFFERINGS GO TO WORK

Exciting information to share with the ladies of Good Shepherd! For several months, we have been working on making and collecting items for a special human care project called "Someone Special" which are being sent to Danelle Putnam, a missionary in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Danelle, known by many of you, is from Oregon. She uses the kits and materials to teach children with developmental disabilities about Jesus. The understanding is that she trains others and the materials aid them and the

children's families. Included in the kits are: a sturdy tote bag, colorful picture of Jesus, stuffed red fuzzy heart, fuzzy stuffed cross, Spanish Children's Bible, animal puppet, Christian memory card game, Christian stickers and puzzle together with a manipulative board which our LWML sisters in Bend have made for us. A Christian necklace for the teacher and an umbrella complete the package.

Because you all were so generous when the LWML circles served the Lenten dinners and Thrivent matched the funds, we

have \$409 to send Danelle to purchase Spanish materials, copy lessons and songbooks, and ship materials to the area. The balance of funds we know Danelle will find useful in her ministry. We ask that all pray for this ministry in the Dominican Republic.





YOUR TALENT IS UNIQUE

Each of us has fingerprints that differ from all the other billions on the earth. Our talents are unique in such a way that if we could measure and code them, we should find them as distinctive as our fingerprints.

This is not as preposterous as it sounds. Nature abounds with uniqueness. No two snowflakes, as we all know, are identical in form and outline.

This possession of unique talent is a blessing from God. Everyone is given a variety of talents. They mark us as individuals. Too many of us think that having a talent means having or doing something greater or better than others. This is not what God intended. Many of us can sing, but few of us will be lyric tenors. Many of us can cook, but there are few world-famous chefs. Many of us can write, but few of us will be famous poets. Gifts are meant to be

used, not compared.


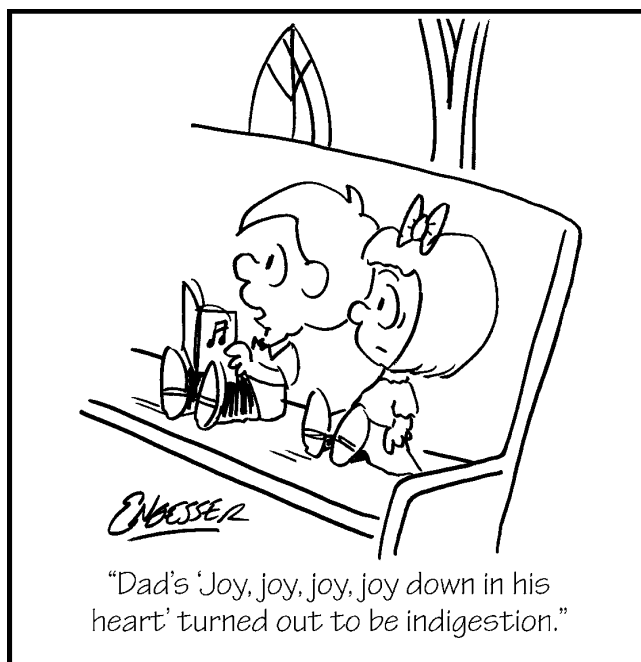
God wants us to use whatever talents we possess in his service. It does not have to be the "best" or a sublime talent, as long as it is our talent given freely in God's service. Make a talent inventory and, for example, use your special power of persuasion to get donations to feed the needy, or use your talent to teach, educating our young people. If you can write well, help with your church newsletter. If you have a compassionate ear, let those to whom no one listens to speak to you.

Use your talents in God's service, whether in your church, or in the broader setting of the worldwide church. You were blessed with talents by God. Return the blessing in full measure by sharing yourself and your talents with God and your neighbors in gracious thanksgiving!



We have a new recycle bin in the upper parking lot! Please be aware that the smaller dumpster with the blue stickers is for recycling and the larger dumpster is for garbage. There is no need to separate recyclables, except glass. Please see the church office if you have any questions.

It's time to collect water for the parade! This year's goal is to hand out 2,000 bottles of water on the parade route and at the booth! Please bring bottles of water to the Fellowship Hall Stage.

oops!

From a church bulletin in Fort Worth, Texas:

C: We lift them to the Lord.
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C: It is right to give him thanks and prize.
 P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe

In a way, that's actually right.

THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH!

Deadline for the August issue of The Flock is Noon, Thursday, July 19





MEET OUR SENIOR OF THE MONTH: SHIRLEY O'DELL

Shirley Thomas was born on June 26, 1924 in Devils Lake, North Dakota, the eldest of four children of Sebastian and Alma Thomas. Her parents immigrated from Russia and Norway. She was baptized in the Catholic church in Devils Lake. The family moved to International Falls, Minnesota in 1925 where her father was employed in the paper company. The family were members of Zion Lutheran Church where she sang in the junior and senior choirs, attended Luther League and was confirmed June 23, 1940. She also sang with various groups in school, acted in plays, and played the French horn for eight years in junior and senior high school band and orchestra.

After graduation, she left the Falls to attend the University of Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. She knew no one, but the school placed her with a young Catholic family with three small children, where she worked for her room and board and \$1.00 per week. She attended the Catholic church with them, took instructions from a young priest and was confirmed in the Catholic church in June 1943. After graduation from business school, a friend from home came to live with her and Shirley was employed as a secretary for \$60 per month. It was during World War II and

many Midwesterners moved to the West Coast to seek employment and better wages. She and her friend moved to Vancouver, Washington where Shirley's aunt and uncle were living. She found immediate employment at Barnes General Hospital, an army hospital, in the Neuropsychiatric wards as a medical secretary at a salary of \$120 per month. It was there she met Ray O'dell, and they were married on July 2, 1946 after his separation



from the service. She transferred to the U.S. Recruiting Service where she was secretary to the commanding officer. She retired just before Dennis was born in 1948, while Ray was enrolled at Lewis and Clark College. Stephen was born in 1951 just before Ray received his M.S. degree. Shirley joined the Wives' Club, where she found much comradeship with other wives of G.I. students.

Ray and Shirley built their home in 1953 with the help of Ray's brother and many friends. Laura (who passed away at age 9) was born in 1958 and David in 1962. Shirley served on the PTA board at

Multnomah and was a Cub Scout den mother for many years. In 1980 Ray and Shirley built a chalet at Brightwood, on the Sandy River with the help of their three sons and, again, many friends. It was a "fun" place and was used as a retreat for many groups, and shared with many friends and relatives. They sold it two years ago as it became too difficult to maintain two homes.

Shirley attended business school in 1970 to "brush up" on her secretarial skills and found employment with Oregon Independent Colleges Association as executive secretary, retiring in 1986 to join her friends at the bowling alley, golf course, and traveling. She still bowls, golfs, plays bridge, works crossword puzzles, has delivered Meals on Wheels for 29 years, and is a Blazer ticket holder for 28 years. She served in many capacities at Good Shepherd which became their church home in 1954. She especially loved singing in the choir. She has served as a Stephen's Minister and also served on the 40th and 50th Anniversary Committees. She feels blessed to have celebrated 61 years of marriage, have three great sons and their families, including eight wonderful grandchildren, and to be part of our Good Shepherd family for 53 years.



NEW BEGINNINGS #10

I still call this new beginnings, however, I probably should start thinking of a new name for the Little Lambs article for the Flock.

The new thing is, it is lonesome and quiet this time of year and I for one am looking forward to VBS and the Summer Computer Camp for the children. I didn't realize what a joy those noisy voices and feet are until they are gone. Please register your children or grandchildren in the above mentioned programs as it certainly will be a great opportunity for them to experience the love of Jesus. I am also wanting more students for Preschool, so please help by talking to neighbors and friends. We have 14 students registered for Fall, but need 6 to 11 more to really excite the school board, Inge and myself. WOW!!!

So what is happening at the preschool now? Inge and I are helping Becky sort and remove her many books, toys and files, giving

us an opportunity to clean up corners. Our new School Board Chairperson, Felicia Cunningham, elected at June's Voters' Assembly is eagerly learning and helping as she transitions into her new position this Fall. The school board is working on the 2007-2008 calendar, advertising (watch for our name on prescription bags from Burlingame Fred Meyer Pharmacy later this summer) and staffing. Then of course, I am excited to pursue the certification program for Little Lambs so that we can offer after school daycare. Not only is this a neat service in a Christian setting, but a money maker for us as well.

A list of my wants and dreams:

- Painting the large back room
- Cork for the large open wall in the main classroom (to combat noise)
- Refinishing the playhouse on

the playground (the paint is ill)

- Help to get out the special mailings which will advertise our program
- A congregational/school clean-up and work day before Sept. 5 so we can look good

Typical woman, "I WANT," however all things can be done by working together and of course, God's timing may mean I have to wait. If you have time to help, just call, I am here nearly every morning until about 2:00 - then I need to go home and take Miss Peanut out.

Have a great summer, however remember God does not take the summer off, so we should just rearrange our schedules and try different things.

Blessings,

Miss Shirley, Little Lambs Preschool Director



Planning for Long Term Care Seminar

Is your plan for long term care not to need it? But what if you do need long term care services?

You need to put a plan into place to help your family and friends support your care needs longer and help protect your financial assets.

If you are not sure where to begin, you are invited to attend this free, informal seminar to learn what you can do to help protect your family and to help pay for long term care services. **Complimentary dinner will be served and seating is limited so please reserve your seats in advance. Please call 503-297-0999 or email Gary.heuer@thrivent.com for more information or to reserve a place for yourself and a guest.**

The seminar will be hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives Gary and Susan Heuer with presentation by guest speaker Darrell Shideler, Financial consultant, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Thursday, July 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel, 9000 S.W. Washington Square Rd., Tigard, OR 97223—Regency Ballroom (503) 644-4000.

Please call 503-297-0999 for further details and reservations.



Adam Newlyn	July 3
Matthew Cunningham	July 4
Russell Cunningham	July 6
Patricia Huber	July 16
Jack DeLance	July 17
Susan Howell	July 19
Marina von Linsowe	July 21
Marie Wolfram	July 24
Rachel Parker	July 25
Inge Stupak	July 29

God's Blessings and Congratulations to all who are celebrating special days this month!

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know!

Ray & Shirley O'Dell	July 2
Ves & Sondra Fitzhugh	July 4
Jim & JoDee Ellis	July 8
Patrick & Barbara Martinmas	July 8
Jim & Karen Geres	July 29
Joe & Inge Stupak	July 30



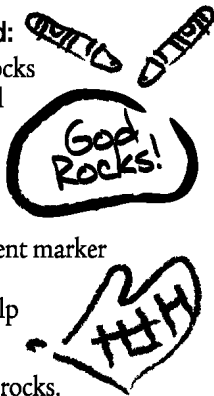


THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Try this fun summer craft that transforms rocks into beautiful waxy jewels! This craft can remind you that "there is no Rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

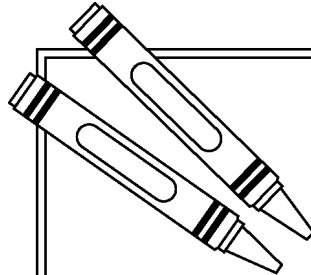
What you need:

- Smooth flat rocks
- Aluminum foil
- Oven mitt
- Newspapers
- Old crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Black permanent marker (optional)*
- An adult to help



What you do:

1. Clean off the rocks.
2. With an adult's help, set the oven to 225 degrees and bake your rocks for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. While the rocks bake, remove the paper wrappers from the old crayons.
4. With an adult's help, use an oven mitt to remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. The rocks will be VERY HOT, so be careful!
5. Draw on the stones with the crayons. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For a swirl effect, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color, and continue to swirl the color around with the end of the crayon.
6. *After the rock cools, use the marker to write "God Rocks," "The LORD is my Rock" or "My God is my Rock."



Just for **KIDS**

THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Skipping stones, rock climbing and hiking are all fun summer activities. What do they all have in common? Rocks! Look at Psalm 18:2 to see the strength in the ONE rock we can depend upon.

Search the puzzle for the **BOLD** words from Psalm 18:2, and circle them. The words **MY** and **ROCK** only need to be found once.

"The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, **MY FORTRESS** and **MY DELIVERER**; **MY GOD** is **MY ROCK**, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is **MY SHIELD** and the **HORN** of **MY SALVATION**, **MY STRONGHOLD**."

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GOD ROCKS.



During recent weeks, the Good Shepherd family prayed for:

PFC Marcus Crawford (for safe flight to Oregon)
 Jim & JoDee (on their new business adventure)
 Ray O'Dell (on his 82nd birthday)
 Bev, Kris & Ken (for safe travel)
 Ange (for peace & strength while fighting M.S.)
 Elanore (peace & healing from major surgery)
 Sherry (peace and healing—MRI on brain)
 Bob Steinke (for healing and guidance for his doctors)
 Stephanie's aunt (for peace as she leaves our world)
 All Fathers
 Allison (for healing)
 Elaine (for healing from surgery)
 Michelle, Gianni & new baby Collin (thanksgiving for safe delivery and healing for Michelle)
 Michael (for safe travel on short-term mission trip to Mexico)
 Ladies of the LWML traveling to convention
 Cec & Thelma Edwards (for their 56th wedding anniversary)
 Ja-Han (that he come to faith)
 Johnathan Cleveland (for healing after kidney transplant).
 Bob & Deloris (for healing)
 Family of Linda (who is in serious condition at the hospital)
 Dian (for healing after knee surgery)
 Millie Dennison (for healing)
 Silas (for healing)
 Tami Miller (in thanksgiving)
 Those graduating from high school
 Prayer of thanksgiving for healthy baby girl born in Denmark

Tarman Family (for healing after loss of newborn baby)
 Anise & Mike (for healing in their relationship)
 Levi (for healing from speech problems)
 Roy Mansfield (for healing from staph infection)
 Louis (for additional healing)
 Continued prayer for Myrt (for healing)
 Vince (for healing and guidance for his doctors)
 John and friend (for healing from auto accident)
 Jo (for healing and comfort after loss of her husband)
 Andy (thanksgiving for safe trip to Mt. Hood summit)
 Robert (guidance for doctors in determining cause of severe nose bleeds)
 Family of Agnes (for comfort after loss of her sister)
 John (thanksgiving for successful eye surgery)
 Continued prayers for Jeanne (for healing from severe burns)
 David (for healing from appendicitis)
 Millie (for healing from small stroke)
 Bernie (thanksgiving that he is doing better)
 3 yr. old Brook (for healing and strength as she fights a rare blood disorder and strength for her parents)
 Andy's Uncle Bob (for healing from heart problems, guidance for doctors, and peace for the family)
 Continued prayers for Arleen (for healing from shingles)
 Thanksgiving for God's many blessings

Prayer Works



IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, OR WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT

BEV OLSON (503) 244-8008 OR DORRINE ROSS (503) 671-9087

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PRAYER CHAIN WITH ANY UPDATES REGARDING OUR RECENT PRAYERS



FATHERS AND SONS GET A DAY OF THEIR OWN

Not to be left out of the fun the men saw the women having at the Mother/Daughter Tea, June 16 marked the 2nd annual Father/Son Event with a Father/Son BBQ. The weather may have left something to be desired, but it didn't stop those who came from having a good time.

In no particular order, the father/son attendees were: Ed Nuhring with his son Andy, Chuck Bushey with his son Glenn, Pastor Paul with his sons Andrew and Seth, and Bryan Parker with his step-father Mark and his sons

Christopher and Stanley. Jim Geres and a friend also attended, while Deb and Miriam Frerichs, Kira and Rachel Parker and Karen Geres stayed to help out.

Food, fellowship and fun was had by all as the kids tossed footballs and the adults huddled around the table or campfire chatting and eating. Beer and punch over-ruled the tea, while Jim and Karen grilled up some hotdogs and brats (which of course were accompanied by grilled onions and Dick Jepson's famous sauerkraut). Dorinne Ross contributed some

much appreciated brownies to the day as well.

Just as Seth Frerichs was reaching the brink of nap time, the clouds opened, and the rain let loose. Before you could sing "It's Raining, It's Pouring," the group had gathered everything up and rushed it inside. So, while it was a rather abrupt end to a joyful time, it was thus far the most successful Father/Son event and we all look forward to next year with great anticipation!

Church Camp-Out

When: Saturday, July 28 - Sunday, July 29

Where: Feryn Cabin on Silver Lake

Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

You're Invited. . .

To a Friendship Sunday Service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Join us as we end our Vacation Bible School week with a celebration of what the children have learned!

Date: July 22, 2007

Time: 10:30 AM

Bar-B-Q Following



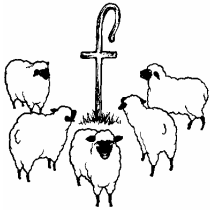
Someone to write articles for the monthly newsletter. Do you attend church events? Do you have a desire to tell others about those events? Then this is the job for you! We're looking for someone (or two or three) to write articles for the Flock to tell others about the events taking place each month at our church. The events happen - others want to know about them! If you are interested, please contact Kira Parker in the church office.

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Shepherding People to Jesus

A Few Words About Worship at Good Shepherd

Worship focuses the heart, mind, and spirit on God so that our strength is focused on accomplishing His will.

Sunday Services: Our Sunday worship services vary in form, but remain firmly focused on the Lordship of Jesus and His saving nature in our lives. The differing forms allow individuals to best express their love for God.

Celebration of Faith: The more formal of our worship forms, utilizes formal liturgy and traditional hymns.

Faith Celebration: A praise service with lead singers, backed by a live praise ensemble. The music is lively and relevancy is the key ingredient.

Who is Good Shepherd? The people of Good Shepherd are people just like you. They are young and old and in-between. They have jobs and families and many interests. They also love Jesus who is their Savior. We would like to get to know you too.

[Jesus said:] "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay my life down for the sheep."

(John 10:-14-15)