

Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – LCMS

May 2018

Church Events

- 5.1 Adult Bible Study
Church Council &
Pastor Kriete meeting
with CARE facilitator
- 5.2 Heritage Hall Worship
- 5.6 CARE Workshop
- 5.8 Adult Bible Study
Christian Growth
Elders
- 5.10 Women's Guild
- 5.15 Adult Bible Study
- 5.21 Worship Committee
- 5.22 Adult Bible Study
- 5.29 Adult Bible Study

Jeremiah 29

¹"This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.... ⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." ⁸Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD.

¹⁰This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sometimes things are not as we want them to be, despite our best efforts and careful planning. In this passage, Jeremiah was trapped in the city of Jerusalem which was being vandalized by the Babylonians. Most of the Israelite people had been carried off in bondage to Babylon. False prophets were telling the people not to give up, for God would send a last second miracle to save them. But no miracle came and the people would spend 70 years in captivity, for they had turned away and sinned against God.

In the opening verses of chapter 29, Jeremiah gives instructions on how they are to survive and increase in numbers during their exile to Babylon. Jeremiah's point is that they need to make the most of their situation, to seek after God, and to keep going.

Then in the middle of these instructions he gives a beautiful statement of comfort and hope. *"When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* (verses 10-13).

Despite all appearances that the Israelites had been wiped off the face of the earth, but within 70 years they would be restored. God had plans for them, to give them hope and a future.

Last Sunday we announced that GSLC would not be receiving a graduate from Seminary to serve as your new Pastor. Afterwards some members shared with me they felt a wave of disappointment and uncertainty fall upon them.

Where do we go from here? How should we respond? *"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*

Like the people in exile in Babylon, **we need to make the best of things.** While GSLC hasn't spent 70 years in bondage in a foreign land, you have been held in captivity the past few years because of internal conflict and disharmony. Aware of this, we have sought guidance from the Missouri District, and have elected to work through the CARE (Congregation Assessment and Renewal) Process they provide to help strengthen the unity of our fellowship. A congregation workshop will be held in our fellowship hall on May 6, at 4:30pm, to discuss plans for restoration and moving forward in our ministry to one another.

Please set aside time to attend.

God's plan to prosper us also includes our **being in prayer.** *"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Ask God to bless our efforts. Ask God to lead us to all humility and repentance. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit, working through God's Word would bow our hearts in humility and repentance. For with repentance, of confessing and turning away from sin, we receive the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. And His forgiveness frees us from bondage and turns our hearts toward home.

Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Robert Kriete

MAY CALENDAR

May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Text: John 15: 9-17

May 13: Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

Text: John 17: 11b-19

May 20: The Day of Pentecost

Text: John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

May 27: The Holy Trinity

Text: John 3: 1-17

CARE

(Congregation Assessment and Renewal)

MAY 6th CARE WORKSHOP at 4:30 p.m. with a light supper provided. All members are encouraged to attend. The workshop should be finished around 7:00 p.m.

A meat and cheese tray will be provided along with bread, chips and beverages. Please consider bringing salads and/or desserts to complete the meal

AVENUE OF FLAGS

The Avenue of Flags will proudly be displayed during Memorial weekend at the Centralia City Cemetery. *The flags will be raised on Thursday, May 24 at 5:00pm and lowered on Monday, June 4 at 5:00pm.*

There will be over 463 flags on display, and volunteers are needed to help raise and lower flags. Please meet at the Veterans Memorial Flag display at 5:00pm to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem before raising the display.

They are requesting all volunteers to please park on the side streets along the cemetery instead of in the cemetery.

Phyllis Brown, at Centralia City Hall 682-2139



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**

www.lhm.org

May 6

"Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Jesus calls His followers to be different as they deal with difficult people.

(John 15:9-17)

May 13

"Keep Them"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

There are times Christians might readily wish the Lord would airlift them out of this world. Because we have some work to do, the Lord Jesus prays we be kept safe. So, how's that working for you?

(John 17:14-17)

May 20

"Functional Atheist No More!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Christians like to think of themselves as following the first disciples. That's uncomfortably true. The first disciples had trouble believing the promises of Jesus for their daily lives. Too often we do too. On Pentecost the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus gave the first disciples faith like they had never had before. Today the same Spirit is ready to do the same for us.

(Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27)

May 27

"Impossible"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Can death hold us? Experience says, "Yes!" the Apostle Peter says, "No." Today's sermon talks about making possible that which can't happen.

(Acts 2:22-24)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Church council & Pastor Kriete meet at 6:30p.m. CARE	2 3:00 p.m. Heritage Hall	3	4	5
6 8:45 a.m. S. School and Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion CARE Workshop at 4:30p.m.	7	8 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Christian Growth Elders to follow	9	10 7:00 p.m. Women's Guild	11	12
13 8:45 a.m. S. School and Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church Mother's Day	14	15 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	16	17	18	19
20 8:45 a.m. S. School and Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	21 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee	22 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	23	24	25	26
27 8:30 a.m. Confirm. 8:45 a.m. S. School and Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	28 Memorial Day	29 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	30	31		

BIRTHDAYS

5.3 Ann Seider
 5.4 Katelyn Rakers
 5.5 Michael Mahieu
 5.7 Herb Heuer
 5.13 Bayleigh Wood
 5.16 Mike Richterkessing
 5.20 Brenda Moss
 5.24 Phil Hulen
 5.24 Gavin Stowers
 5.31 Chris Chism

ANNIVERSARIES

5.2 Ed & Ernestine Ramsey
 5.11 Michael & Cheryl Steffan
 5.23 Jon & Donna Hoek
 5.24 Roy & Karen Richterkessing



SERVING THE LORD

Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

May 6

Reader: Russell Stelzer
Greeters: Curt & Starr Nadler
Ushers: Curt & Danny Nadler
Musician: Palmyra Dubbert
Nursery: Alane Gronefeld
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons & Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte: Catherine Simmons
Tellers: Randy & Cathy Simmons

May 13

Reader: Randy Simmons
Greeters: Curt & Starr Nadler
Ushers: Randy Simmons & Gary Seider
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons & Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: Gary & Ann Seider

May 20

Reader: Catherine Simmons
Greeters: Curt & Starr Nadler
Ushers: Russell Stelzer & Aaron Seider
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Lori Gesling
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons & Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: John Briggs & Kathy Dickey

May 27

Reader: Gary Seider
Greeters: Curt & Starr Nadler
Ushers: Eric Walters & Martin Mahieu
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Catherine Simmons & Karen Richterkessing
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jeff & Tracy Jaeger

FINANCIAL and ATTENDANCE

March 25

Attendance	50
Current	\$1,396.00
Building	\$170.00
Total	\$1,566.00

Maundy Thursday	\$490.00
Good Friday	\$190.00

April 1 (Easter)

Attendance	75
Current	\$1,486.75
Building	\$400.11
Total	\$1,886.86

April 8

Attendance	61
Current	\$2,715.50
Building	\$30.00
Total	\$2,745.50

April 15

Attendance	56
Current	\$1391.50
Building	\$190.00
OCC	\$30.00
Total	\$1,611.50

April 22

Attendance	50
Current	\$1320.00
Building	\$145.00
Keil Memorial	\$115.00

Total	\$1580.00
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Current

10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building

100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

Special Door Offering on May 20th for Missouri District Convention

SPECIAL OFFERING

Offerings that were collected from Lent Services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services totaled \$2255.00. It was voted on at the January 21st Congregation Meeting to designate ½ to Primrose Hill (Christian recovery home for women over 18 and their children) and ½ to MAAG (Mission Action Advisory Group). Checks for \$1,127.50 have been mailed to each of them.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Faith Parker – daughter of Margaret Parker has suffered a fall and has complications from a concussion; **Marian Clark** – cousin of Vivian Diener; **Leroy Cochran** – father of Donna Hoek; **Gale & Sharon Stowers** – parents of Greg Stowers; **Ruby Riedel**; **Bob Moss**; **Sandy Harlan**; **Reva Poehlman** – cousin of Norma Keil; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Jane St. John**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Neal Jennings** – son-in-law of Norma Keil; **Gary Hollis** – father of Kristin Walters; **Susan Harris**; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Lucas White** – cousin of Jeff Jaeger; **Hank Maseman**; **Paul Seider** – brother of Gary Seider; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Carol Hoffman** – aunt of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.

Community: **MaryAnn Holsinger**.

ARMED FORCES

James Wessels – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Ethan Lee** – grandson of Norma Keil; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah.
Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**; **Justin Thurston**.

BEREAVED

We remember in our prayers the family of **James Moss** who departed this life on Monday, April 16, 2018. He is the father of Robert Moss and Father-in-law of Brenda Moss.

We remember in our prayers the family of **Dick Keil** who departed this life on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the prayers, generosity, concern, and thoughtfulness shown by my church family. Our family feels truly blessed that you are a part of our lives. Thank you, The Dick Keil Family.



2018 GRADUATES

CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL:

Caden Bird, Kelsey Jaeger, Katelyn Rackers and Audrey Seider

COLLEGE:

Chris Chism graduates May 11th with his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He will be employed at Advanced Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy in Appleton, WI, while he completes a 1 year Residency to specialize in Orthopedic Physical Therapy. He will practice as an Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist.

Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church **news** and **prayer requests**, as well as **servicing** and **giving opportunities** at Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at www.churchupdates.org.



May Newsletter

Women's Guild will host a free will offering in the narthex on Mother's Day. Monetary donations will be collected to support the *Lutheran Family and Children's Services* in Columbia. All the donations will remain in Mid-Missouri and support the LFCS work with crisis pregnancy, adoption and foster care. You can learn more at <http://lfcsmo.org/>

Several of our Women's Guild members are attending the LWML District Convention at Lake Ozark on June 8. Anyone wishing to contribute the following items to our Ingathering may put them in the labeled boxes in the Narthex.

- Disposable underwear for women & men
- Sanitary products for women
- Diapers size newborn through size 5
- Baby wipes, baby shampoo or diaper rash cream.

Special thanks to several of our ladies who completed 8 tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Margaret Parker pieced and sewed the front to back and other volunteers came to church several times to help her tie the quilts. They will be taken to an Orphan Grain Train pick up point to be distributed to needy places in the world.

MITES

Our local group for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is Women's Guild. We meet in the education wing on the 2nd Thursday of every month (except December) at 7 pm. We have a 30 minute bible study, followed by refreshments and a business meeting. We are finished between 8 and 9 pm. Ladies, please feel free to come join us anytime!

We collect "mites" at our meetings, bits of loose change that we never seem to miss! These donations go toward the mission projects both in Missouri and worldwide. When we attend our district or national conventions each year, we vote on which mission projects we wish to fund during that time between conventions. Although it may have seemed like a box of loose change, when we all work together, we can support many projects. In fact, LWML has contributed millions of dollars of mission grants over the past 75 years. If you wish to have your own "mite box", then please take one from below the mailboxes. You may write your name on the bottom, return it to a Women's Guild member and we will turn in your "mites" at our next meeting. Many worthy projects will be blessed by your contribution.

PLUS ONE INITIATIVE

We are still collecting milk jugs, tin cans, and pill bottles for the PET project. Please place your items on the small table in the corner of the narthex.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – MAY EMPHASIS TOOTH BRUSH AND COMB

The Sunday school children will be collecting items for shoe boxes February through October. Everyone is welcomed to adopt one or more boxes to help with this ministry. For complete details see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Sr. Youth – On March 24, sixteen of our Sr. Youth and their friends went Glow Bowling at the Fulton Bowling Center. This was a “thank you” for all of their help serving and decorating for the Sweetheart Banquet. We have also been busy selling Russell Stover’s Candy for Easter. Unfortunately, we were not able to make it to the nursing homes as many of our Sr. Youth were in Florida for a school Orchestra trip. We did, however, make a profit of \$97.41. Our next meeting will be a bonfire and Bible study on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 at the Hoek’s home.



GOOD SHEPHERD CARE BOARD

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Starr Nadler

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**Effective May 7th Office Hours will change
 to 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., M-F**