

Shepherd's Voice

August 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pastor: "Christ is Risen!"
People: "He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia"

I thought we normally hear these words during the Easter Season, the message and hope they portray lives within our hearts daily. This message means we have something to look forward to, and a purpose that defines our life and leads us forward. We have the joy of setting our sights on Jesus Christ, our resurrected Savior, who paid the price for our sins and has overcome death and the grave.

St. Paul writes in Colossians 3:1-4, "*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*" Chew on these words for a moment. Inwardly digest them and learn their truth. For these words speak truth for your life. Once you were dead in your trespasses and sin, but you have been washed by the blood of Christ in your baptism and have been born again to a new life in Christ. If, then you have been raised with Christ, and share in the fruits of His resurrection, and have entered into a personal relationship with Him, logic and reason say we set our thoughts upon things from above, where Christ is seated.

"Christians will at all times strive after the possession of the invisible, eternal, holy, heavenly world of God, on the eternal blessings which the exalted Christ has prepared for them in the mansions above. They will heed the admonition: Set your mind on the things above, not on those on the earth. All our thinking, all our desiring, all our loving should be directed heavenward. The transitory things of this world should engage our attention only inasmuch as we are stewards of the gifts of God for the space of this short life. But Christians cannot set their affections upon the treasures, upon the joys, upon the honors of this world. The things of this world are at best only a means to an end, namely, to support this earthly, physical life, to enable us to perform the work which was given us by the Lord to perform. In the right use of the earthly things entrusted to us, we really mind and seek heavenly things; with their attainment our hearts are engrossed." (Popular Commentary of the Bible, NT vol 2, Paul E. Kretzmann, CPH ©1924).

Church Events

- 8.1 Heritage Hall Worship
- 8.7 Adult Bible Study
- 8.9 Women's Guild
- 8.14 Adult Bible Study
Elder's Meeting
- 8.20 Worship Committee
- 8.21 Adult Bible Study
Teacher Appreciation
Dinner
- 8.28 Adult Bible Study

When we received faith to believe in Jesus Christ we truly enter into the “good life.” Not as the world would define the “good life,” for the world life is all about the three “P’s” – property, popularity, and pleasure. Life in Christ is about forgiveness, love, peace, freedom and eternity. The treasures we hold dear are stored away for us in heaven, “*where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*” (Matthew 6:20b). And since our treasures are in heaven, St. Paul directs us to focus our mind, heart, soul, and body on the things above.

By keeping our eyes focused on Jesus, “*the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God*” (Hebrews 12:2), we have true clarity about what is important in our earthly life. Setting our mind on things above changes our perspective on how we deal with challenges and uncertainties in this life. Simply put, it gives us hope and peace. A few years back I visited with a lady who had battled cancer for many years and was then entering the final stages of the disease. As we talked about her coming death she said something amazing, “This is a win-win situation. If I die I win for I go to be with Jesus, and if God blesses me with more time in this world I win for I will be with my husband.”

Each and every day, we get to choose what we will think about and we get to choose how we will think about these things. If we think about things in a negative way we will get discouraged. If you choose to fill your mind with scary movies expect to be afraid, to see things in the dark that really aren’t there. Rather take the advice of St. Paul, “*Set your hearts (and minds) on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*” Think about the things of God. Think about how He loves you and how He expressed His love for you through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Think about how God has given you the Holy Spirit “*who has called you by the Gospel, enlightened you with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps you in the true faith.*” And cherish your faith in Jesus Christ, for it “*... is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*” (Hebrews 11:1). Set your mind on all things good, on the treasures stored up for you in heaven. “*And then the days of humility will be past, then the time of the hidden life will be ended, then we Christians shall also be manifested with Him in glory, to the astonishment of the unbelievers, that considered us more or less harmless or harmful fools with our belief in the risen Christ; we shall be taken out of our disgrace and obscurity to become partakers of His eternal state of blessedness.*” (Popular Commentary, NT vol 2).

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Kriete



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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August 5

"And the Pursuit of Happiness"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

When the main goal in life is your happiness, you've turned in on yourself and away from others, especially God. Turn from yourself to Jesus and you'll know a peace that surpasses all understanding, and that is the basis for true lasting happiness. (Exodus 16:2-15; John 6:22-35)

August 12

"Pigeonholed"

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

Just when you think you are getting to know Jesus, He says something which can confuse. Today the world remains confused about God's Son, our Savior. That's because Jesus refuses to be pigeonholed by the world's desires or expectations. He's God's Son, Who has come to save humankind. Anything else, or different than this, is simply unacceptable. (John 6:42)

August 19

"In Your Light We See Light"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Meditation is time to think, and Christian meditation thinks about God in the light of Jesus Christ. It is "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." (Psalm 36)

August 26

"What Is Best"

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

Far too many people assume there are differences in commercial products, political candidates and school systems, but these same people believe all religions are the same. Today we join with the Apostle Paul in praying people may discern what is best when it comes to their Savior. (Philippians 1:9-10)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

August Calendar

August 5: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Text: John 6:22-35

August 12: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: John 6:35-51

August 19: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: John 6:51-69

August 26: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 7:1-13

FAVORITE SONGS

The Worship Committee would like to update their "Favorite Song List".

Please fill out a green card and place it in the basket on the back table.

Thank you for your suggestions!

RECIPES

Good Shepherd Cookbooks – The Sr. Youth would like your help creating a cookbook to have ready for our 60th Anniversary. Please submit your favorite recipes by August 22nd by emailing them to jdhoek1@gmail.com, dropping them in the basket on the back table, or by uploading them directly to the website. To upload them to the website, please go to <https://www.typensave.com/>, click on "Log In", enter the User Name or Group Login: GoodShepherdLutheran, Password: tomato459, click on "submit". From there you will be able to look at recipe tips, add your recipes, and view recipes that have been submitted. The deadline to submit recipes is August 22nd. Please contact Donna or Katie Hoek if you have any questions at (573) 682-7235.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:00p.m. Heritage Hall Worship	2	3	4
5 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Stud 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	6	7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	8	9 7:00 p.m. Women's Guild	10	11
12 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Stud 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	13	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Elder's Meeting 6:00 p.m	15	16	17	18
19 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Stud 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	20 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Teacher Appreciation Dinner 12:00p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Stud 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	27	28 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	29	30	31	



BIRTHDAYS

8.6 Codee Bartels
8.6 Roy Richterkessing
8.12 Bill Mahieu
8.13 Steve Maseman
8.19 Catherine Simmons
8.29 Christina Gronefeld



ANNIVERSARIES

8.4 Eric & Vickie Chism
8.7 Bryan & Jenny Truesdell
8.15 Tim & Gayle Billings
8.20 Jim & Lori Gesling
8.23 Eric & Kristin Walters
8.24 Curt & Starr Nadler

SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST**Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)****August 5**

Reader: Randy Simmons
 Greeter: Margaret Parker
 Ushers: Martin Mahieu & Curt Nadler
 Musician: Palmyra Dubbert
 Nursery: Alane Gronefeld
 Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Vickie Chism
 Acolyte: Christina & Jonathan Gronefeld
 Tellers: Randy & Catherine Simmons

August 12

Reader: Alane Gronefeld
 Greeter: Margaret Parker
 Ushers: Eric Walters & Randy Simmons
 Musician: Donna Hoek
 Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
 Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Vickie Chism
 Acolyte:
 Tellers: Gary & Ann Seider

August 19

Reader: Russell Stelzer
 Greeter: Margaret Parker
 Ushers: Curt Nadler & Aaron Seider
 Musician: Donna Hoek
 Nursery: Lori Gesling
 Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Vickie Chism
 Acolyte:
 Tellers: John Briggs & Kathy Dickey

August 26

Reader: Catherine Simmons
 Greeter: Margaret Parker
 Ushers: Russell Stelzer & Gary Seider
 Musician: Donna Hoek
 Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
 Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Vickie Chism
 Acolyte:
 Tellers: Jeff & Tracy Jaeger

FINANCIAL and ATTENDANCE for JULY**July 1**

Attendance 46
 Current \$1,575.00
 Building \$675.11

Total \$2,250.11

July 8

Attendance 60
 Current \$1,455.00
 Building \$320.00

Total \$1,775.00

July 15

Attendance 52
 Current \$1,316.50
 Building \$140.00

Total \$1,456.50

July 22

Attendance 53
 Current \$2,161.50
 Building \$130.00

Total \$2,291.50

July 29

Attendance 47
 Current
 Building

Total

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.



SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Wayne Nolan – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John recovering from surgery; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Sandy Harlan** – recovering from hip surgery; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Bob Moss**; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Jane St. John**; **Neal Jennings** – son-in-law of Norma Keil; **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; **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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AUGUST EMPHASIS TOTE BAG

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 flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.



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

GOOD SHEPHERD CARE COMMITTEE

John Briggs	573-424-2257
LeeAnn Mahieu	573-682-4350
Sheryl Bartels	573-881-7879

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild met on July 12, 2018 at 7 pm. There were five members present. The topic bible study was written by a retired army chaplain who is currently serving as Asst. Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces--LCMS. Patti Haubein led the topic and brought refreshments too. The Guild members were thanked for cleaning the kitchen last month. They made plans to host the August 21st teacher dinner on behalf of Ministerial Alliance. They also are continuing to invite vendors for the 4th Annual Craft Festival to be held Nov. 3. Meeting adjourned about 8 pm. Next meeting will be August 9th at 7 pm. Topic will be led by Judy Maseman with Karen RichterKessing as Hostess.

Ann Seider

...“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1 NIV)

TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER SPONSORED BY CENTRALIA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE HOSTED BY GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Shepherd Lutheran is taking a turn at using our large fellowship hall to serve the faculty and staff at the Teacher Appreciation Dinner on **Tuesday, August 21st at Noon**. Please sign up on the bulletin board list if you can bring a dessert that cuts well into individual servings and/or if you can help with

- 1) Setting up tables and chairs on **Sunday Aug 19 after church**
- 2) Being in kitchen early on Tuesday Aug. 21st to receive dishes from other churches and prepare table service and beverages.
- 3) Be in kitchen and fellowship hall assisting with replenishing dishes during the event, serving beverages, be a friendly face to the faculty and staff.
- 4) Be willing to use the dishwasher and/or sink to wash silverware and a few dishes as they are emptied. (We will use paper plates)
- 5) Be willing to work after the event (it is over around 1 pm) to take out trash, sweep and/or mop spilled areas.
- 6) Be willing to put all those tables and chairs away--if signing up, indicate whether that afternoon or an evening is better.

If unable to help in any of these areas, please pray that we address the needs of the Centralia School staff well in preparing and serving this annual dinner. Pray for a positive school year for our teachers and students. You may like visiting the school website for photos and news throughout the year. You should also be able to search for Hallsville and Sturgeon school websites too. Most are pretty good about putting some news up on their internet sites now.

<http://www.centralia.k12.mo.us/>

Volunteer Photographer Needed

We are looking for someone to take family pictures after the morning church service on August 19th and August 26th. If you have a good camera and are willing to take the pictures, please let Katie Hoek know (573) 933-0515.

Hello Centralia Churches, Schools and Organizations,

Centralia United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that we will once again hold our **community School Supply Give-Away** for students in the Centralia school district.

The event will be **Sunday, August 19th, from 4:00-7:00pm**, here at CUMC, 715 S. Orchard Street.

Flyer attached, and here is a link to the facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/227212217927108/>

If anyone is interested in supporting/donating, at this time, monetary donations would be most appreciated.

If you do wish to donate supplies, please check the Centralia school lists and choose items from those lists.

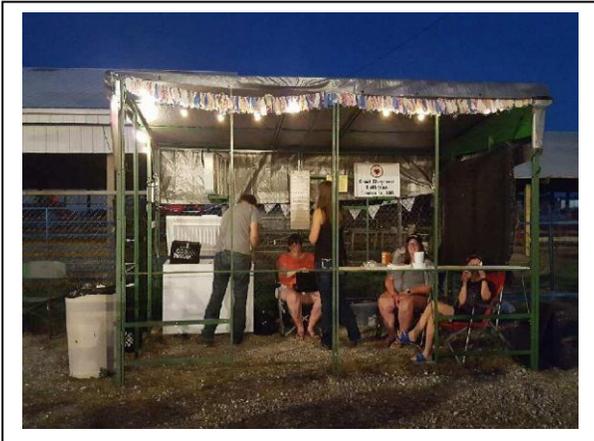
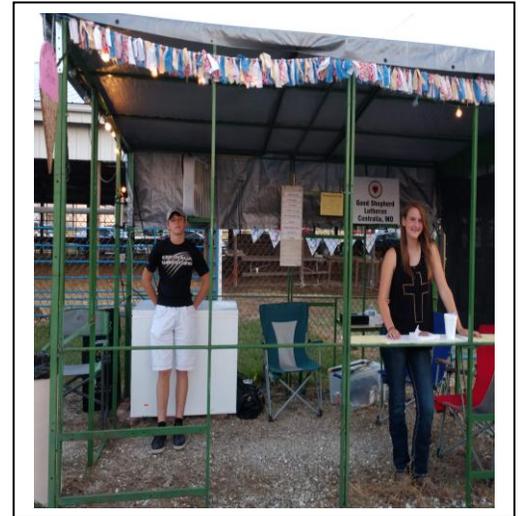
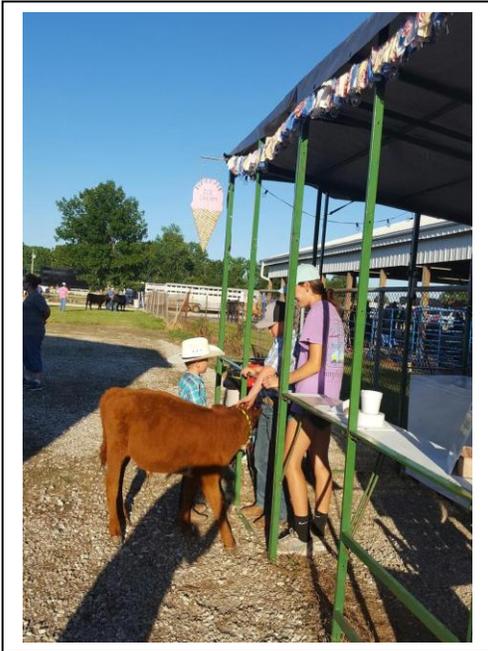
Laura Pavlak

Administrative Assistant

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Selling Ice Cream at the Centralia Fair

Sr. Youth making and selling ice cream at the Centralia Fair. Thank you Starr & Danny Nadler, Katie Hoek, and Rafe Mechlin for all of your help!



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