

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

June 2019

Dear beloved brothers and sisters at GSLC,

God created each and every one of us for a purpose. God has gifted each of us with unique talents and skills so that we can glorify and honor God with our life. This means that in His Kingdom there is a roll that you are uniquely made to fill. And that role begins by being aware that you are a child of the living God. *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."* (1 Corinthians 6:19,20). You, individually, are an important element in the Kingdom of the Living God.

But there is a second dimension to God's Kingdom, one that can only be fulfilled as individual believers are gathered by God into one Church, or one Body. In 1st Corinthians 12 St. Paul describes us as being built into the Body of Christ, where we stand next to our brothers and sisters in Christ, to accomplish God's will of making disciples for Christ. The gifts and talents which we have received from God are not so that we can stand out or so that we can be famous or recognized. The purpose for which we are created is so that we, in humility, can take our place next to our brothers and sisters and be the Body of Christ. The whole becomes greater than the sum of the individual parts and is holier, more awesome, more faithful and more beautiful than any of the individuals that make it up. *"³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."* (Romans 12:3-8).

A Tourist visiting Italy came upon a construction site. Seeing three stone masons, he asked them what they were doing. "I'm cutting the stone," answered the first. "I'm cutting the stone for 1000 lire a day," said the second. "I'm helping to build a cathedral," said the third.

June Church Events

- 6.4 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 6.5 Heritage Hall Worship 3pm
- 6.11 Adult Bible Study 9 am
Elder Meeting 6pm
- 6.13 Women's Guild 6:30 pm
- 6.17 Worship Committee 6 pm
- 6.18 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 6.25 Adult Bible Study 9 am

There are three distinct attitudes that this little story conveys. The first workman seemed to have no sense of his ultimate purpose. He seemed unaware that he was privileged to have a part in building the cathedral. His life was dull and mundane because He failed to see his role in the big picture.

Sometimes we live this way too. Life seems boring, lacking true meaning, because we lose sight that God is using us to build His Kingdom. **“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. ‘Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.’ What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun?”** (Ecclesiastes 1:2-3).

The writer of Ecclesiastes laments at how mundane and useless life seems to be. He is describing a person living life without knowing about God’s grace and love for them in Jesus Christ. So he spends his life seeking after power, prestige, popularity or pleasure, but nothing fills the emptiness within him.

And this is a rut that we as Christians can easily fall into. When we don’t understand how we fit into God’s plans, we become like that stone cutter that sees nothing but the rocks and tools and the sweat and the dirt. Life has no meaning because we don’t see our role and purpose in God’s Kingdom.

The second stone cutter seems to have a sense of purpose, but it’s misguided. The stone cutter believes that his labors (purpose) is to earn about 1000 lire per day. This is one of the biggest delusions that the devil has used for people in our society. Many people are deceived into thinking that life is all about money. In our society, money is one of the gauges by which we measure the significance, importance and success of a person. Money is an essential need in our lives, but the emphasis we place on money can make us do misguided things, and the saddest thing that money can do is separate us from our Lord.

While money can be a curse when it makes us miss Jesus, it can also be a wonderful blessing when it allows us to serve the Kingdom. Thanks be to God that Jesus Christ does incredible things through the Gospel. He took a man named Matthew, the tax collector, whose life was all about money, and turned him into an Apostle. He’s taken a host of wealthy men and women throughout history, and turned them into disciples and has converted their gift at making money into channels of blessings for the Kingdom. You see it’s not all about money. It’s about how faithful we are with what God has given us.

The final stone cutter had the right idea. He knew that his life was more than just about cutting stone. He knew that it was more than just the 1000 lire per day he was being paid. He understood that he was a part of something greater. He was helping to build a cathedral. He was blessed to have a part in building a place where people could come together and worship God. He was a part of helping children enter the Kingdom through the waters of Baptism. He was working on a place where Christ’s Body and Blood would be shared with other living stones in God’s Kingdom. He was building a cathedral where God’s word would be proclaimed and lives would be changed.

You have chosen to be members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, but remember you were first chosen by God to be members of the Body of Christ, His church. As members of God’s church, you have been given gifts and talents to help build the Kingdom by making disciples for Christ. Your talents and gifts, whether they are cleaning, leading, teaching, singing, organizing or promoting, are given to you to help build His Kingdom. When you use your time and talents in the local church to comfort someone you are serving Jesus. When you serve your brother or sister, when you serve Jesus Christ. Paul tells us: **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”** (Colossians 3:23-24)

And the financial gifts we give, whether they are dimes and dollars, are honored by God. And as part of the Body of Christ, our individual gifts, our talents and treasure, join with the gifts of other members to care for the local church, and to support our District and Synod. When we see the purpose of why we are created, God uses us to send missionaries and teachers and workers all over the world to proclaim Jesus.

It is incredible for us to believe that when we hand out a bulletin, or pick up the papers around the pews, or when we sing in a choir, we are serving Christ, but that is exactly what we are doing. We are not just cutting stones, or earning a salary to support our lives, we are laboring for something greater, the everlasting Kingdom of God. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28 to **“Go and make disciples.”** Go and build the Kingdom of God.

As we move forward with our ministry plans at GSLC, it is important for each of us to realize that we are valued members of the Church of Jesus Christ. It doesn’t matter what roll God has assigned you in His church, or whether your gifts and talents are greater or less than another member. You are helping to build God’s church. You are blessed to have a part in building a place where people can come together and worship God. You are blessed to have a part in helping children enter the Kingdom through the waters of Baptism. You are blessed to have a part in providing a place where Christ’s Body and Blood is distributed so that souls may have peace in knowing their sins are forgiven. You are helping to build a place where God’s Word is proclaimed and souls are saved.

God bless,
Pastor Kriete

June 2019

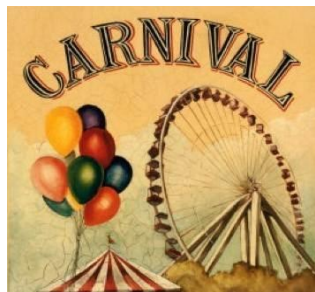
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2 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	3	4 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	5 Heritage Hall Worship 3pm	6	7	8
9 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	10	11 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Elders Meeting 6pm	12	13 Women's Guild Meeting 6:30pm	14	15
16 Fathers Day 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	17 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee	18 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	19	20	21	22
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Armand Fischer	6.7
Olivia Hoek	6.8
Tracy Jaeger	6.8
Claire Hulen	6.13
Joanne Bettenhausen	6.18
Kathy Dickey	6.22

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Alex Chism	6.2
Travis & Shelby Banks	6.10
Bill & Judy Mahieu	6.19
Kevin & Kathy Dickey	6.22



Centralia Anchor Fest
May 31- June 1 & June 2



Centralia Fair
June 26 – June 29



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

June 2019

June 2

"Advocate"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The followers of Jesus do not wander through the wasteland of this world alone. We have a Guide!
(John 14-15-21)

June 9

"My Spirit Makes My People"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God sends His Spirit upon both the selfish and group-ish to make His people.
(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

June 16

"Getting to Know Jesus"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Schult

There's a big difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them. Pastor Paul Schult introduces us to a different way of getting to know Jesus.
(Philippians 3:8)

June 23

"What Does God Love, and Hate?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Values - 10 Commandments
(Exodus 20:5-6)

June 30

"Who Is the God of Israel?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's identity - Creed
(John 14:7)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm



June Calendar

- June 2:** Seventh Sunday of Easter
Text: John 17:20-26
- June 9:** The Day of Pentecost
Text: John 14:23-31
- June 16:** The Holy Trinity
Text: John 8:48-59
- June 23:** Second Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 8:26-39
- June 30:** Third Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 9:51-62



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

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

June 2

Reader: Randy Simmons
Greeters: Ed & Sheryl Bartels
Ushers: Randy Simmons & Aaron Seider
Musician: Palmyra Dubbert
Nursery: Alane Gronefeld
Altar Guild: Karen Richterkessing/Ann Seider
Acolyte:
Tellers: Randy & Catherine Simmons

June 9

Reader: Gary Seider
Greeters: Ed & Sheryl Bartels
Ushers: Eric Walters & Gary Seider
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Karen Richterkessing/Ann Seider
Acolyte:
Tellers: Gary & Ann Seider

June 16

Reader: Curt Nadler
Greeters: Ed & Sheryl Bartels
Ushers: Danny Nadler & Curt Nadler
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Lori Gesling
Altar Guild: Karen Richterkessing/Ann Seider
Acolyte:
Tellers: John Briggs & Kathy Dickey

June 23

Reader: Russell Stelzer
Greeters: Ed & Sheryl Bartels
Ushers: Russell Stelzer & Curt Nadler
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Karen Richterkessing/Ann Seider
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jeff & Tracy Jaeger

June 30

Reader: Alane Gronefeld
Greeters: Ed & Sheryl Bartels
Ushers: Eric Walters & Randy Simmons
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Vickie Chism
Altar Guild: Karen Richterkessing/Ann Seider
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jacki Stelzer & Vickie Chism

GOOD SHEPHERD CARE COMMITTEE

John Briggs	573-424-2257
Judy Mahieu	573-682-3461
Sheryl Bartels	573-881-7879

Board of Elders

Eric Walters	(573) 682-4781
Gerry Sydow	(573) 682-4157
Jon Hoek	(573) 682-7236

Childrens Church

Childrens Church meets on non-communion Sundays. Anyone who has a child age 4 through about 4th grade is welcome to send him/her to the back of the sanctuary to join Ann or Jacki during the sermon hymn. We try to time their re-entry to your pew during the final hymn.

MAY FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE

May 5

Attendance	49
Current	\$ 1,571.00
Building	\$ 170.00

Total \$ 1,741.00

May 12

Attendance	56
Current	\$ 1,132.00
Building	\$ 245.00

Total \$ 1,377.00

May 19

Attendance	53
Current	\$ 1,773.00
Building	\$ 190.00

Total \$ 1,963.00

May 26

Attendance	55
Current	\$ 1,620.00
Building	\$ 347.56

Total \$ 1,967.56

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.

2019 Lent Offerings

Lent Offering Total \$2,465.00

Central Missouri Food Bank \$1,232.50

LCEF Steward Account \$1,232.50
(Capital Improvement Fund)

Other Miscellaneous Income Received

Hank Maseman Memorial

May 12, 2019 \$35.00

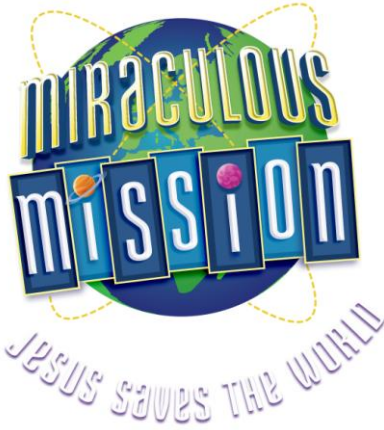
Temporary Church Office Hours

Our oldest daughter Codee is having a scheduled C-Section on Monday, June 3, with child number three. I am on grandma duty until she has recovered enough to chase after her 20 month old daughter. I plan on coming in daily to the office, but most likely it will be later in the day. Please continue to call, email or drop things off on my desk that need attention. Thank you, Starr.



VBS

July 15, July 16 & July 17




Congregation members of GSLC...VBS time is here—Help us invite children age 4 through 12. Also pray for our VBS crew and kids, that they may enjoy discovering God’s miraculous mission to save you, me, and the whole world.


Teens can help lead a group of kids from station to station and help with games. Adults can join our fun on Wednesday night with a carry-in dinner, games and a night to observe the stars outside near our ball field in back of the church property. Adults and Teens can sign up on narthex bulletin board to volunteer.

Pick up Registration forms off the bulletin board in the narthex or sign up children online at <https://vbsmate.com/events/GSLC321/17619>


VBS dates are

 Monday, July 15 at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.


 *Lesson:* God Made the Universe based on Genesis 1–2:2


 *Bible Memory Verse:* I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14


 *Take Home Point:* God made me.


 Tuesday, July 16 at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

 *Lesson:* Jesus the Savior Is Born based on Matthew 2:1–12

 *Bible Memory Verse:* For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

 *Take Home Point:* Jesus came for me.

 Wednesday evening, July 17 at 6:30 pm until star gazing at dark.

 *Lesson:* Jesus the Savior Is Risen based on Matthew 27:27–28:10

 *Bible Memory Verse:* For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

 *Take Home Point:* Jesus Saves Me.

Pool Party

Mark your summer calendars--Good Shepherd Lutheran pool party at the Centralia Pool is Sunday July 21 at 7:00 pm. Bring pool toys, snacks and plan to visit with congregation members around the pool, even if you're not swimming. Great opportunity to bring neighbors and friends!

Women's Guild



Women's Guild met on May 9th at 6:30 pm. There were seven ladies in attendance. Norma Keil led a bible study topic called *Running the Race*. Judy Masemen volunteered to serve as Historian—she will save and organize the display for items of importance to our Good Shepherd church. We learned about one of LWML grant recipients—*Family scholarships for short term mission trips*. This money pays one half the trip costs so families can be engaged in participating in mission work together, but still be engaged in earning money for the rest of the endeavor.

We discussed the fall Columbia Zone rally that we will host at our church on October 13. We set a deadline for receiving all the ingathering items so we can finish up our Health kits to take to the LWML convention held in Mobile, Alabama in June. We have offered the opportunity to bring kit items to our church members with a deadline of May 26. Thanks to all the donations for those! In the past we have donated Guild money to the Wycliffe Translators as we are familiar with one of the workers in that field. Good Shepherd also supported that ministry with one half of the Advent offerings last year. I will post their newsletter on the narthex bulletin board if anyone wishes to read that—just take it, read, and then repin on the bulletin board.

We have cards for sale on the card rack in the narthex. Nearly all the cards have a scripture reference inside. Cost is \$1.00 per card and you can just place check to *Women's Guild* or cash in the money box located on the card rack. Please let Ann Seider or another Guild member know if you have any questions.

Telling the Next Generation

On March 9th, six people from Good Shepherd attended the LCMS sponsored conference called *Telling the Next Generation*. With four of us attending different break-out sessions that day, we viewed about 12 different guest speakers and received lots of ideas. Click or copy/paste this link into your computer web browser to read summaries of what we learned. Please let us know if you have questions or are intrigued with one of the ideas so we can move forward with utilizing some of these ideas at Good Shepherd.

Just let Ann Seider know if you want the active link shared to your email so you can just "click on it" Or if you want a paper copy to read.

Attendees were Randy and Cathy Simmons and Gary and Ann Seider

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zmv9SgT9DCY8ui1F7soGWP5YaZwm5-ilmaEGII1y9WU/edit?usp=sharing>

Congratulations Class of 2019



Madison Smith

Kody Walters

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We welcome **Jacob Mason Smith** into Good Shepherd Lutheran church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jacob is the son of **Madison Smith**; his sponsors are **Ella Smith & Gillian Smith**.

THANK YOU

"I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy concerning the recent death of my father, Wesley Stemme. Our church family at Good Shepherd is truly a comfort during this difficult time. Alane Gronefeld"



Thank you for the overwhelming response for the plea for help with Gatorade and water for disaster relief. These items help with hydration of the workers that are cleaning up the aftermath from a tornado that devastated Jefferson City on May 22. With everyone's donations, we collected \$337 last Sunday. We were able to deliver 15 packs of Gatorade and 2 cases of water (a shopping cart full). There was \$261.74 cash left after purchasing the drinks so we gave that to Trinity Lutheran Church for help with supplies for lunches for the workers.

Please join me in prayer for the victims of not only Jefferson City but all of the Mid West.

Heavenly Father, today our hearts go out to tornado and flood victims whose weariness is growing and whose patience is growing thin. We pray for the thousands of victims and the growing army of helpers. In the aftermath of these tragedies, bring great glory to yourself, Father—in the coming days, months, and in some places, years. Cause many to see and to put their trust in you as you continue to write multiplied stories of redemption and restoration. Make the gospel beautiful and believable as your mercy is tangibly revealed. We don't expect the mountains of wreckage and the mire of the floodwaters to go away soon; just make the Rock, Jesus, more evident and accessible to all. We pray expectantly, in Jesus' trustworthy and triumphant name. Amen.

**2019 LCMS Youth Gathering – Real. Present.
God.**

**Held July 11 – 15, 2019
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

2019 Missouri District National Youth Gathering T-Shirt Order

Adult small/medium/large/extra- large - \$17

2 XL/3 XL - \$19

(Checks payable to GSLC, in the memo Sr. Youth)

If you are interested in purchasing a t- shirt there is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board or let Donna Hoek know. *T-shirt color is shown on the signup sheet.*

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts

June emphases – Shirt, Socks & Underwear (*store item*)

Thank you for adopting one or more boxes so gifts can go to children in other countries that have never received Christmas presents. This is a wonderful way to share God's love. Although we don't know who the recipient will be, I ask you to pray for them throughout the year asking God to show them love and to keep them safe.

We have a store this year which will allow you to purchase one item that you would normally have to buy in a package. The cost will be divided so you will pay for an item at a much lower cost. Look for the word "STORE" next to the items that will be available in the store. Monthly gift emphases are posted on the bulletin board.

It costs \$9 for shipping. If that is too much for you, please do not let that stop you from adopting a box. We will take up a collection at the end of the year.

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.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Bob Moss; Martha Blevins – friend of the Gronefeld family; **Susan Harris; Jane St. John; Bill Mahieu; Sandy Harlan; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.
Community: Brian Flatt – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

ARMED FORCES

Mason Crabtree – grandson of Margaret Parker ; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **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.**



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