

# Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

August 2020

## We Welcome Pastor Spotts



Beginning in August we will be welcoming Pastor Dave Spotts to serve our vacancy. Pastor Spotts is an ordained minister in the American Association of Lutheran Churches, in pulpit and altar fellowship with the Missouri Synod.

He is a second career pastor, who began serving in Lutheran pulpits in 2009. Since that time, he has normally been in part-time calls, while also teaching courses in online environments. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at the American Lutheran Theological Seminary, as well as being called as a missionary campus chaplain, reaching out to the college communities in Columbia, where he lives with his wife, Martha. He serves on his church body's conflict resolution team as well as on their clergy commission, evaluating and coaching candidates for the pastoral office. Pastor Spotts enjoys reading and writing on theological and historical topics, analyzing cultural trends (mostly while shaking his head), and getting good exercise working with his garden and his firewood supply. He looks forward to getting to know everybody in the congregation, visiting, encouraging, and assisting us as we continue the work of reaching our community and our world with the Gospel while we are loving and serving our neighbors for Christ.

## August Church Events

- 8.2 Defend Your Faith Bible Study Following Worship Service
- 8.9 Defend Your Faith Bible Study Following Worship Service
- 8.10 Women's Guild at 1:00 pm
- 8.11 Elder Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 8.16 Defend Your Faith Bible Study Following Worship Service
- 8.17 Worship Committee at 6:00 pm
- 8.18 Mission Committee at 6:30 pm
- 8.23 Defend Your Faith Bible Study Following Worship Service
- 8.30 Defend Your Faith Bible Study Following Worship Service

It's always hard to make predictions. Often it is even difficult to evaluate our current situations. Yet I think Psalm 33:10-11 may just have a strong application to our lives today. "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations" (ESV). Who would have thought, a years ago, that our nation would be in the midst (at least I hope we are not near the beginning) of a health crisis, that we would have nearly tripled unemployment, and that financial markets would have gone reeling in the first half of this year? There weren't really many warning signs about that. Yet we are where we are.

Is God in the process of bringing international plans to nothing? Is he frustrating our plans? Some will ask whether this is God at work! The Bible describes God as the one who knows all our hopes, all our dreams, all our plans, all our cultures, all our finances, and all our weaknesses intimately. Not one of them escapes his eye. And in none of them are we separated from God (Romans 8).

Verse 11 reminds us that our plans are subject to change, but that God's eternal plan and purpose doesn't change. His plan is to convict the world of sin, to turn people to faith in Him, and to reconcile the world to himself. This he accomplishes through Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. His Word says it is for you.

If we want our plans frustrated, we can depend on ourselves or on anything other than Jesus. Or we can look to the Lord, acknowledge that he is the redeemer and Lord of all. We can know that his plan, his intent, is sure, and that it is for our good. And as His Church, we have the privilege of sharing that loving, redeeming plan of our Lord with our neighbors - in our family, our workplace, our community.

This time of trial can be used for the good of Christ's kingdom, as we love and serve our neighbors to the glory of God.

*Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Spotts*

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts**

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.

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.

### **August emphases – Tote Bag (*Store Item*)**

## **Shepherd Supply**

**Offering free household supplies to those in need.**

**Open Wednesday 2-4 & Saturday 9-12**

**Or by appointment, contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)**

## **PET Project**

At this time please do not bring any jugs or cans to church for the recycling project. Mobility Worldwide is not making carts at this time. Please feel to recycle them on your own. I will let everyone know when things start back up again.

<p><b>August</b> <i>Calendar is subject to change</i></p>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with <b>VBS 10:00am-11:15am</b>	10 Women's Guild meet at 1:00pm	11 Elder meeting at 6:00pm	12	13	14	15
16 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	17 Worship Committee 4.00 p.m.	18 Christian Growth/Mission Committee 6:30pm	19	20	21	22
23 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with <b>VBS 10:00am-11:15am</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church	31					

### August Birthdays

<b>Roy Richterkessing</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Abigail Rainey</b>	<b>8.11</b>
<b>Bill Mahieu</b>	<b>8.12</b>
<b>Steve Maseman</b>	<b>8.13</b>
<b>Catherine Simmons</b>	<b>8.19</b>
<b>Christina Gronefeld</b>	<b>8.29</b>

### August Anniversaries

<b>Eric &amp; Vickie Chism</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Bryan &amp; Jenny Truesdell</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Tim &amp; Gayle Billings</b>	<b>8.15</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Lori Gesling</b>	<b>8.20</b>
<b>Eric &amp; Kristin Walters</b>	<b>8.23</b>
<b>Curt &amp; Starr Nadler</b>	<b>8.24</b>
<b>Alex &amp; Allison Schmersahl</b>	<b>8.31</b>



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## August 2020

August 2

### "Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August".

August 9

### "Over The Darkness, God Hovers"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers". It's "Archives August".

August 16

### "A Wrong Comparison"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz

It's "Archives August".

August 23

### "Fear And Faith"

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

It's "Archives August".

August 30

### "It's Not Over 'till Jesus Says It's Over"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

It's "Archives August".

### 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 2: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 14:13-21
- August 9: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 14:22-33
- August 16: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 15:21-28
- August 23: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 16:13-20
- August 30: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 16:21-28



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](http://www.churchupdates.org)

# Serving The Lord

**Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)**

## A Farewell to Pastor Kriete



### **Our Young Adult Choir**

**Matt & Olivia Hoek, Danny Hoek, Julie Thomas, Katie Hoek, Caitlin Spears, Abby Hoek, Danny Nadler, Kody Walters, Kylee Walters and Kaelyn Walters**

## Board of Elders

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our time together these past 2 plus years has been an incredible journey, for we have witnessed and experienced the power of God's love and mercy. At the beginning there was a veil of uncertainty and doubt as to the future of Good Shepherd. But as we humbled our ourselves before our Lord, trusting in His forgiveness and mercy, the veil was lifted and the light of joy and hope returned. One of the many things I will miss are those few minutes just before worship service would begin. I would stand in the sacristy and listen to the joy and laughter you shared with each other, and my heart would swell in thanks to God.

I am truly blessed to have been able to serve as your vacancy Pastor. As I have shared with you, when I retired from full time ministry I was burnt out. This means I was exhausted and much of the joy of ministry had faded. But God in His mercy lifted me up and set before me the opportunity to serve here at Good Shepherd. After a short time of deliberation and prayer, and with joyful anticipation I agreed to serve as your vacancy pastor.

*Pastor Kriete*



***Congratulations to Kaelyn Walters on her Confirmation, July 19, 2020. She is the daughter of Eric & Kristin Walters***

## Vacation Bible School

Children ages 4 and up are invited to our VBS lessons during our expanded Children's Church Sundays in August. Based on the key bible verse: *Oh, the depth of the riches....of God!* Romans 11:33, this year's bible school activities use a rainforest theme to learn that **Jesus Leads the Way**. *Rainforest Explorers* learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and throughout our lives. We might feel lost, but He'll show us the way. Jesus will never leave us. He treasures us so much!

### These fun bible activities will be held

**Sundays August 9 and 23 from 10 am to about 11:15 am.** Parents can bring their kiddos through the education wing [jungle] to check them in at the narthex before Worship. Come back to pick them up some time after Worship or find us outside on the play equipment. Please contact Ann Seider with any questions or concerns. 573-489-2816 or [seider6366@gmail.com](mailto:seider6366@gmail.com).

Friends are invited, but Ann does need their name, age and contact info (phone, email or address) prior to Aug. 9 or 23.

Why this format: In a typical VBS week, we often rely on the help of adults who fall into that age-group of concern the COVID-19 virus. This shorter term format allows me to use teen assistants and provide some fun bible learning time with the low risk youth in a way similar to how we will be conducting public school this fall. If any child's family is uncomfortable with participation, I can put together an at-home curriculum and work with those children via Zoom meeting on Mondays.

We will also be staying in our family units, distancing from other family groups as much as possible. We helpers will be wearing masks

Children will be attending VBS during the Worship service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in August. Pray that they may learn these key points of the bible lesson. Read over these lessons and learn right along with us:

<p>God Rescues Noah Genesis 6:17-22; 8</p>	<p><b>Jesus Leads the Way:</b> After the flood, Noah can't see anything but water all around him, but God leads Noah and his family to dry ground. In our lives, when we can't see any way of escape or any reason for hope, Jesus continues to lead the way. He leads us to His gifts of forgiveness and life in His Word and Sacraments.</p>	<p><u>Law:</u> Sometimes, we are helpless to see what's next and we can begin to despair because we do not see any hope.</p> <p><u>Gospel:</u> Jesus can always see the way. He has promised to always be with us, and He always keeps His promises. No matter how grim life looks, Jesus is always leading to way to forgiveness, life, and salvation.</p>
<p>God Gives the Commandments Exodus 19:18-20; 20:1-21</p>	<p><b>Jesus Leads the Way:</b> God had led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. He had led them across the Red Sea on dry ground. Now He leads them to Mount Sinai, where He instructs them in how to live as His people, His treasured possession.</p>	<p><u>Law:</u> The people of Israel had no idea how to live as God's people. They were like sheep without a shepherd, lost and wandering. Sometimes, we feel this way as well and we try to live by our own foolish standards or by the foolish standards of the world around us.</p> <p><u>Gospel:</u> God gives His people direction and instruction by sharing with them how to live as His people in the Ten Commandments. God seeks us out as we wander and puts us back on the path of following Him.</p>

# FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

<b>July 5</b>	
Attendance	50
Current	\$ 3,645.00
Building	\$ 130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,775.00</b>

<b>July 12</b>	
Attendance	47
Current	\$ 1,415.00
Building	\$ 400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,815.00</b>

<b>July 19</b>	
Attendance	68
Current	\$ 1,850.00
Building	\$ 180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,030.00</b>

<b>July 26</b>	
Attendance	78
Current	\$ 1,755.00
Building	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,955.00</b>

<b>Other July Deposits</b>		
<b>July 5</b>	<b>OCC Store item sales</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>



## WOMEN'S GUILD

Women's Guild met in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, July 13 at 1 pm. Eight members were present. Jane St. John led a refresher course of Martin Luther's Small Catechism. One item of business was to determine that we would be unable to host the annual Craft Festival this Fall due to the uncertainty that the COVID-19 virus brings. That event has been cancelled for this year. Next month, we plan to meet again, socially distanced, in the Fellowship Hall on August 10 at 1 pm. Ann Seider will share highlights of the recent Missouri District LWML convention.

LWML Mission Grant #12 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central. This grant will provide funds to support 10 women in the work they are doing in Asia through flights to and from their mission location, local transportation, insurance, supplies, materials, computers, payment for the education of their children, and other physical support.

For more information,  
[www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-12](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-12)

**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

**Jacki Stelzer; Mary Brechler; Baby Klaus** – is gaining weight and now at home doing great; **Bob Moss; Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Jane St. John; 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; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** son of Ed Ramsey

**Community: Father Mike Coleman**, the priest at Holy Spirit Church is undergoing treatment for Cancer; **Misty Williamson; Pastor David Hartgrove** and his wife **Cheryl Hartgrove; Sharon Janke.**

## ARMED FORCES

**Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Armand & Barbara Fischer; **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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