

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

September 2020

It's been a whirlwind August around Good Shepherd! I've enjoyed getting my feet on the ground and meeting with most of our homebound members and quite a number of you who are able to attend services regularly!

I'm going to steal borrow adapt an idea from my presiding bishop, who a few years ago launched an initiative within my church body. He called it "Keeping the Fort, Taking the Frontier."

The Church has often been pictured as a place of safety in the midst of a sinful and chaotic world. Even in church architecture, the place that we often call the "sanctuary" (a holy place of safety) is often called the "nave," a word meaning "boat." It's the ark of safety.

We are certainly a minority in the community. Even if you gathered all the people who attend churches in the Centralia area, you would collect only a small portion of the total population. We say everyone is welcome to come to church, and they are. But what would happen if everyone did, one Sunday? I guess we'd have outdoor services.

In this fort of the Church, we act as guardians of souls. We nurture those who are hurting, those who are weak, those who have been broken by the trials of sin. We care for the poor in whatever ways we can. We encourage the saints who are strong in Christ, making them stronger. We defend the historic teachings of Christianity, showing that in the words and actions passed down from God through the apostles and prophets, and reaching eventually to us, we have Jesus' words of life and are suited to guard against all the attacks of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

September Church Events

- 9.1 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9.8 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9.8 Mission Committee 6:30 pm
- 9.14 Women's Guild at 1:00 pm
- 9.15 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9.22 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9.29 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday's

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "The Bible and the Divine Service" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Defend Your Faith" (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sunday's, during the Sermon.

Why do we think this fortress will stand? It is founded on the Rock of God. Christ is the cornerstone. God himself has built us together as living stones. All this is accomplished by the Word of God which will not pass away. And as Jesus says, He will build His Church and even the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

How can we work to keep the fort?

We bring the pure grace of God to the saints, day after day and week after week, in Word and Sacrament.

We communicate with one another. When someone is in need, we can then step up with extra care.

We pray for one another.

We encourage everyone to find identity in Christ, which is the secure identity that can never be shaken.

We bring our offerings, including financial gifts, gifts of service, and offerings of prayers, concerns, fears, and needs, before the Lord, trusting that He knows exactly what to do with all of them.

Though there are surely other parts of keeping the fort that I have not listed, as the British say, "that's enough to be getting on with for now." By God's grace, then, let us build up His body, as it is visibly assembled at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Next month we can talk about taking the frontier. For now, let us be strong and courageous in the blessed fellowship of the saints. Grace and peace to you!

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.

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.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	2	3	4	5
6 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion Defend Your Faith Bible Study, after service	7 	8 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Christian Growth/Mission Committee 6:30pm	9	10	11	12
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September Birthdays

Darrell Gronefeld	9.4
Kelsey Jaeger	9.4
Donna Hoek	9.16
Gary Seider	9.18
Judy Mahieu	9.19
Cody Jaeger	9.26
Kayne Walters	9.27
Aaron Seider	9.29
Ernestine Ramsey	9.30



September Anniversaries

Rick & Palmyra Dubbert	9.5
Matt & Vivian Diener	9.5
Henry & Kim Rainey	9.22





2020 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Scholarship recipients.

Congratulations!

Kody Walters and Abby Hoek!

All interest earned from the Memorial Scholarships is placed in the Scholarship fund. Each year eligible recipients may apply. At each quarterly meeting under treasurer, Report of Account Balances “Scholarship Interest & Donation” you can follow the current balance. Donations may also be made to this fund.

SYDOW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Harold and Virginia Sydow were charter members of Good Shepherd when it was started in 1958. They farmed for many years near Sturgeon. When Harold passed away in 1993 at the age of 75 the family designated the memorial money for a scholarship. After Virginia’s death in 2006 at the age of 92 the family requested her memorial money be added to the Sydow Memorial Scholarship fund.

HACKAMACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Martha and Lawrence Hackamack moved to Centralia late in life to be near their daughter. When Martha passed away in 1980 at the age of 92, her daughter, Mrs. Millie Beane, a longtime Centralia Kindergarten teacher, requested her memorial money be used for a scholarship fund.

DAWN TILLINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dawn Tillinger was the oldest child of Fred and Shirley Tillinger, who are former members of Good Shepherd. Fred is deceased and Shirley lives in Iowa. Dawn was a teacher in Texas when she was killed in an accident in 1987 at the age of 25. Her parents requested memorial funds be used as a scholarship. Dawn was blessed with the gift of art. The painting of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, which hangs in the narthex of the church, was painted by Dawn Tillinger, in 1980.

OTTOMAR AND LORINA ORTH AND MARCUS ORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ottomar and Lorina Orth were members here and farmed north of Centralia. They had no children. When Ottomar passed away in 1997 the family designated the memorials for a scholarship fund. When Lorina passed away in 1999 her memorial money was added to the fund. In 2003, Edgar (Sonny) and Mary Orth's son, Marcus Orth, died in a grain bin accident at the age of 22. The family requested the memorial money for Marcus be added to the Orth Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is now called **Ottomar and Lorina Orth and Marcus Orth Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

DALE GRACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dale Grace became a member at Good Shepherd in 1960. When Dale passed away on 11/12/2015 the family designated the memorials for a scholarship fund.

HANK MASEMAN AND RUBY RIEDEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Henry Maseman was a charter member of Good Shepherd when it was started in 1958 and remained a member until his death in March 2019. He was married to Judy, daughter of John and Ruby Riedel. The Riedel family joined Good Shepherd in 1962. Ruby attended church as long as her health permitted. She passed away in April 2018. Both of Henry and Judy Maseman's daughters received scholarships from Good Shepherd when they were in college. The Family scholarship was established to continue the tradition of encouraging and helping our youth further their education.



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

September

September 6

"Jesus in the House"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors-three signs of a spiritually vibrant household.

(Luke 19:1-10)

September 13

"Fireplace Spirituality"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat.

(Acts 2:37-47)

September 20

"I Stand at the Door"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series "Households of Faith"

(Luke 24:13-35)

September 27

"Room at the Table"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

New Series "Households of Faith"

(1 Peter 4)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm



September Calendar

September 6: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 18:1-20

September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 18:21-35

September 20: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 21:23-27



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 David Spotts (vacancy)

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Missions Committee

The Missions Committee has met seven times since Spring. These meetings are led by two LCMS-provided coaches, Rev. Eric Wenger and Dan Haupt, who help our church consider how to reach out in our community to fulfill our mission statement of Matt. 28: 18-20.

The Missions committee consists of the four members who attended the *Churches Planting Churches* seminar in Springfield, MO last August; and others who volunteered to join last Fall. Other people who attend the coaching sessions are Call Committee members.

Here is a sampling of the questions that have been provided by the coaches as discussion points with the committee members during their Zoom meetings:

- How does Matthew 28:16-20 specifically apply to outreach in your context
- What prayer efforts (for both the mission team and congregation) are being used to discern God's leading and guiding as you move forward with mission and outreach?
- What did you learn from the demographics that you committed to find during our last conversation?
- What steps have you taken to equip your congregation to share the Gospel with others including as you reach out through the social ministry opportunities?
- What process will you use to measure whether or not you are impacting 1% of Northern Boone County on a weekly basis (170 people)?
- How do you define "impact" for this goal?
- What are your S.M.A.R.T. (Specific. Measurable. Achievable. Related to vision. Timeframe.) Goals for outreach?
- What action steps do you need to take to reach your goals? Please read Acts 1:1-11. How does this Word speak into your lives as Jesus' witnesses? Please share examples. How have you seen God work and answer your prayers for people in your relationship network who don't know Jesus?
- In what specific ways will GSLC prepare its members to share the Gospel with others? How will Shepherd's Supply be used to meet urgent community needs? What does GSLC need to accomplish before you call your next pastor?
- In addition to obtaining demographic data, what other steps will GSLC take to gain awareness of the current needs of Centralia and northern Boone County? What steps will GSLC take to determine how to best connect with Millennials and Gen Z's in Centralia?
- Please read Philippians 1:3-11. How does this Word speak into the life of your congregation?
- How do the top leadership preferences for the stock cars & state parks (Family Union) group that include caregiver, enabler, and mentor fit into your search for a new pastor?
- What did you learn about community needs through your conversations with school leaders?
- What additional discussion did your group have about teaching your members to share their faith story? What SMART Goals will you develop for this area?
- Please read Colossians 4:2-6. What response is the Holy Spirit prompting in you?
- How can you prepare leaders in your congregation to take the lead in their relationships with people in the community?
- What goals are your outreach committee members willing to set for writing/sharing your own story, including how you've seen God work in your life?
- What steps has the call team taken to include language in their call search process relating to them wanting their next pastor to be a "caretaker, enabler/empowerer, mentor/discipler"? -
- Please read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5. How do these verses speak into your community outreach?
- What progress have each of you made in developing and sharing your faith story?
- What was the outcome of presenting the need for faith sharing and the tool for developing faith stories at the July 26th congregational meeting?
- What additional discussion/actions have taken place around the question "Is there a way to use the current unrest in the country to have constructive conversations with people?"
- What are some ways that the outreach and mission team are helping Rev Spotts to effectively serve as vacancy pastor?

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

August 2
Attendance **52**
Current \$ 1,755.00
Building \$ 486.04

Total **\$ 2,241.04**

August 9
Attendance **63**
Current \$ 1,750.00
Building \$ 170.00

Total **\$ 1,920.00**

August 16
Attendance **56**
Current \$ 5,725.00
Building \$ 370.00

Total **\$ 6,095.00**

August 23
Attendance **57**
Current \$ 1,715.00
Building \$170.00

Total **\$ 1,885.00**

Other August Deposits	
8/2/20	Ministerial Alliance (door offering) \$ 217.00
8/9/20	Additional Noll Estate \$1,606.84
8/16/20	Additional Noll Estate \$96.50
8/16/20	Scholarship Donation \$100.00
8/16/20	Ministerial Alliance \$80.00
8/23/20	Noll Estate Tax Refund \$1,555.95

August 30th will be available next month

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

Bob Maseman – brother-in-law of Judy Maseman, is recovering at home from back surgery; **Mary Brechler; Baby Klaus; 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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