

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

October 2020

Last month I talked briefly about the idea of “holding the fort,” making sure everyone in the local congregation is cared for and protected. Jesus is the strong tower to whom His people run for safety. Christians strive to bring God’s words of peace, grace, mercy, and life to every last person in our care.

This month we shift our focus a little bit by considering “taking the frontier.” What do I mean by this? In Matthew 16:18 Jesus says that He will build His Church on a rock, and that the gates of hell will not prevail against it. There’s all sorts of debate that we could have about what Jesus is considering to be the rock. But we’ll leave that for discussion and debate at another time, preferably in person.

What I can assure you of is that the Church built on a rock is something we wouldn’t expect to move. It’s like the fortress that is guarded. Solid, immovable, high and lifted up. Yet as we picture the gates of hell, we are looking at something separate from the Church. It’s in a different realm.

We need to take very seriously the fact that when the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church, the Church is not staying put in one place. Otherwise there would be no conflict regarding the gates. On the contrary, the Church is now pictured engaged in an offensive maneuver. It is attacking hell.

Just as Jesus, the light of the world, came into the darkness, we, His people, a city on a hill, give light to our darkened world. We shine the light of God’s Word, by which everyone can see clearly. The light of Christ penetrates to all our dark places, and all the dark places of the world. It shows sin and evil, which are no longer able to hide in the shadows. It shows Jesus as the savior for all the world. It lights our path so we can know which way to go. And it reveals that we are saved by grace, through faith, not of our own works, but by Christ’s all-sufficient life, death, and resurrection for us.

October Church Events

- 10.6 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10.11 Church Council Meets after service
- 10.12 Women’s Guild at 1:00 pm
- 10.13 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10.13 Elders Meeting at 6:00pm
- 10.20 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10.20 Mission Committee 6:30 pm
- 10.25 Congregation Meeting after service
- ~~10.27 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.

For almost two millennia, Christians have been at the forefront of progress. It's Christians who have valued life and condemned the killing of countless children through abortion or abandonment. It's Christians who not only condemn abandonment of children, but who adopt the children they find abandoned. It's Christians who have rushed into places where plague and pestilence have been threatening entire populations. It's Christians who had the idea of establishing hospitals, including spaces for those who couldn't care for themselves. It's Christians who devised schools for everyone instead of only for those who could afford to hire tutors. It's Christians who condemned slavery and moved society in a direction that holding slaves would be unthinkable. It's Christians who make up a veritable *Who's Who* of science and technology, especially up to the middle of the 20th Century. And it's Christians who have acted upon Jesus' command to go into all the world, baptizing and teaching the people of God's good word and all the things we have been commanded.

God's Word is good for us. It's good for our world. So we move out to take the frontier. We assault the gates of hell, which would, in our day, reinterpret societal norms that are founded on Scripture, casting them to the wind. We hammer away at the idea that there is mercy and grace to be had in Jesus. And we trust in Jesus' promise that even the gates of hell will not stand before the truth of God.

How do we do this? Jesus says we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Matthew 5). It is through our presence, bringing God's words of light, warmth, flavor, and a cleansing, preserving action, that we take the frontier. In our school, in our workplace, in our home, among our friends, and even when we are in places of tension and enmity, we hold to Christ's loving care. We encourage one another in Christ, remembering to assemble ourselves in His name. And we trust that He is with us, even to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20).

Let's go. Saddle up the horses. Prepare to move out on the mission the Lord has given you, for the good of your world.

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.

October emphases –Personal Note

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 Resumes

Pick up will start again on October 5th. They will be picking up the first and third Monday's of the month.

At this time, they will no longer will be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty plastic milk jugs and cans.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion Church Council Meets after service today.	5	6 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	7	8	9	10
11 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Childrens Church Defend Your Faith Bible Study, after service	12 Women's Guild meet at 1:00pm	13 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Elders meet at 6:00pm	14	15	16	17
18 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion Defend Your Faith Bible Study, after service	19	20 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Christian Growth/Mission Committee 6:30pm	21	22	23	24
25 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Childrens Church Congregation Meeting after service today.	26	27 NO Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	28	29	30	31 

October Birthdays

Ron Borgman	10.4
Jon Hoek	10.26
Ed Ramsey	10.30
Vickie Chism	10.31



October Anniversaries

Russell & Jacki	10.18
Randy & Catherine Simmons	10.19
Armand & Barbara Fischer	10.27



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MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

October

October 4

"Victory in Defeat"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The thing about God is, He's winning-even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom.

(Daniel: 1)

October 11

"Unscaled Heights of Empathy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ-it's all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, this week.

(Daniel 2)

October 18

"What I'm Looking For"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Daniel 3)

October 25

"No Boasting, Just Belonging"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Romans 3 :19-31)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

October Calendar

- October 4: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 21:33-46
- October 11: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 22:1-14
- October 18: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 22:15-22
- October 25: Reformation Day
Text: John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19



Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

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FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

August 30

Attendance	58
Current	\$ 1,405.00
Building	\$ 356.04

Total **\$ 1761.04**

September 6

Attendance	43
Current	\$ 1,605.00
Building	\$ 200.00

Total **\$ 1,805.00**

September 13

Attendance	62
Current	\$ 1,870.00
Building	\$ 170.00

Total **\$ 2,040.00**

September 20

Attendance	44
Current	\$ 990.00
Building	\$ 390.00

Total **\$ 1,380.00**

September 27

Attendance	63
Current	\$
Building	\$

Total **\$**

Other September Deposits

9/13/20 Missions	\$20.00
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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

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

Dick St. John; Kevin Morse – brother-in-law of Sherry Morse; **Ed Bartels; Mary Brechler; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **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; **Pastor David Hartgrove** and his wife **Cheryl Hartgrove**.

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**.

BEREAVED

We remember in our prayers the family of **Dennis Jaeger**, father of Jeff Jaeger who departed this life on Friday, September 18, 2020.

A Simple Explanation of Christianity

We currently have a stock of *A Simple Explanation of Christianity*. This 31-page booklet contains Luther's Small Catechism, in a great format for personal devotional use or sharing with others. The Small Catechism shows the distinctive way Lutheran Christians look at the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Communion, and Confession. It's a great tool for sharing the Christian faith with others. We have both an English edition and a Spanish edition. The love of God in Christ is a gift we need to share with everyone we can!

There are lots of different churches around. They're all the same, right? Actually, they are not. Lutherans are a particular group of Christians, rooted in the Scripture and the historic Christian faith in ways that other church bodies are not. We'll often describe ourselves as "creedal, confessional, Christ-centered, and cross-focused." We have a number of copies of *A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism* from Concordia Publishing House. This booklet describes some of the history of Lutheranism, telling what makes us special. It also features a list of additional resources for reading, as well as a great description of the Luther Rose seal and the letters "VDMA" which we see in various places.

Christian baptism is more than we might think at first glance. We see someone with some water, there's some Scripture, and then someone else is wet. What's happening in baptism? Check out our booklet, *A Simple Explanation of Baptism*, to learn more. From the very idea that baptism is God's work in us, not our work in response to him, to the identity we gain in baptism, to the people baptism should be applied to and the life of the baptized Christian, Lutherans are distinct from many of the types of Christians in our modern American culture. Let's learn and grow in our identity as God's baptized children!

SIXTY YEARS OF LUTHERAN WOMEN'S GUILD

ABOUT OUR PRESENT MEMBERS...

Joanne Bettenhausen is a charter member of Women's Guild, and has been a member since the beginning. She is the one who suggested that we be called Women's Guild rather than Ladies Aid because Ladies Aid sounded like it was for old women. Joanne has served many terms as an officer and attended several conventions.

I joined Women's Guild the summer of 1964. The love, friendship and sharing of God's word, and encouragement from other Christian women is very special to me. I have attended several Mo District Conventions and a National Convention.

Margaret Parker

I have been a member since about 1992. I would encourage all young women to visit a couple of LWML meetings to experience the joy and peace of a Bible Study together. **Ann Seider**

LWML has been around almost longer than me. I joined this group after I retired. I enjoy the companionship of the other women and especially like the fact that the main goal is mission work. **Verda Adkisson.**

I have been attending Good Shepherd Lutheran Church since June of 2019. I officially joined the church in November 2019. So many great women in this group. I feel like I've known them forever. **Kim Decker**

I joined when my children were small. The time spent with Christian Women is very special to me. We welcome all women to join us for our meeting and fellowship any time. **Judy Maseman** serves as president.

We moved to Centralia from Paola, KS in 1961. I joined Women's Guild because it is a mission oriented group, and offers fellowship with Christian women. **Ernestine Ramsey.**

I have been a member for over 30 years, just recently became active again in 2020. Being a member helps me become more active in Good Shepherd and the community, both spiritually and physically. **Brenda Moss**

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Lutheran Women's Guild on LWML Sunday will be very special. **Sherry Morse** currently serves as secretary.

Karen Richterkessing has been a member for more than 30 years, and is currently serving as treasurer.

For several years we rented out booth space to vendors for a fall craft festival in our Fellowship Hall. (canceled this year due to Covid). **Jane St. John** was instrumental in getting that started.

Catherine Simmons is about to complete her two year term as vice president. She is also the president of the Columbia Zone LWML.

We will be observing LWML Sunday on October 11 and will celebrate 60 years of Lutheran Women's Guild at that time. **The LWML color is purple. We invite everyone to join us in wearing purple that Sunday.**

PLANT IN FALL FOR SPRING BLOOMS

Women's Guild is currently selling Dutch Mill Spring Blooming Bulbs. Plant this fall, they will bloom in spring. You can order from any of the Women's Guild members listed above, or sign the sheet just inside the first doors as you come in. If you want to order online, there is a link posted in ChurchUpdates, or you can enter this link:

<https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=lwml20gslc>. It is important to use the link in ChurchUpdates or the one posted here in order for Women's Guild to get credit for the sale. If you have trouble, call Judy Maseman 573 682 4237.

My Faith Story by Margaret Parker

I was raised on a farm near Big Springs, Nebraska. My mother was a member of the Methodist church, my dad 's father was a Pastor in the Quaker (Friends) Church, and my dad and his brother got burnt out by the time they left home from the very long testimonies that lasted all afternoon. My dad was baptized in the Methodist Church when he was 59, and my parents attended church faithfully also my dad's brother. I had one sister, Lois. My family never attended church when I was growing up. I was taken to Sunday School sometimes and attended Bible School at the Methodist Church. My sister and I were baptized in the Methodist church when I was 8 and Lois was 12. I met Harold in highschool, He had gone to country school and I attended town school. We dated some when I was a Sophomore and he was a Senior. He invited me and picked me up for church at Zion Lutheran Church, also attended Youth Group. I was confirmed Nov of 1955 as an adult with a group of 12 people. In January 1956 Harold joined the Navy, went to Great Lakes Naval Base for Basic training, then spent the rest of his 2 years in Hawaii and California. We were engaged at Christmas 1957 and married May 4 1958. Harold worked shifts that changed every week at the Kansas/Nebraska Gas Plant and farmed the 160 acres we rented. We raised a lot of sheep. In 1963 KN Gas Plant was getting ready to ship workers off to Oklahoma or Kansas. That's when Harold and a buddy decided to come to Missouri to look at farms. They went over a long weekend in June and then our family had a week's vacation in July 1963. We had 3 daughters, ages 4,3 and 1. All were born in Julesburg, Colorado. We headed out with our family. The first place we visited was Pastor Warman in Mexico Mo. of course he was excited to tell us about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Centralia. We checked out a farm near Hallsville, Mo. We took an option on that farm, but later had a question and went back to talk with the real estate agent, the secretary directed us to a bar over on HWY 63, where we found him, very drunk and celebrating the sale of a farm. We knew right away that it was not the farm for us! We went to Sturgeon, met with Lloyd Jennings at Sturgeon State Bank. He showed us several farms around Sturgeon. He directed us to meet with Gerald Bryson in Centralia. Saturday evening we had dinner at the AirPark Cafe in Mexico and decided we would go to Good Shepherd Church on Sunday, go to the lake and head home and forget the whole crazy mess. God had other plans for us. We went to Good Shepherd Lutheran church on Sunday morning. We were welcomed by Rev. Warman, Alwin's, Riedel's, Fischer's, Amelon's, Clark's, Kollman's, Sydow's. Billing's and many others. After the service Elmer Kollman came to us and said "I hear you are looking for a farm." "Well I sell real estate and I can show you some farms this afternoon. You can come home with us for lunch and Elouise and Susan will take care of your girls while we look at farms." (Elmer sold real estate for Gerald Bryson.) We looked at a few farms. Never did make it to the lake. We took an option on the farm we bought. The only problem was it had no house. The house had burned several years earlier. John Reidel got right on that and found us a house not far from them and not too far from our farm. When we moved we left the girls with my parents on the first trip, we came with our pickup and trailer full of belongings. We were invited to stay overnight at the Riedel's. They had supper prepared and we slept in their living room. The second trip we brought the pickup and trailer and the car and our girls. We arrived in Mo. on May 1 1964. The first Sunday we attended church after moving to Centralia we were invited to go home with Joanne Bettenhausen and her daughters. Their girls and our 3 girls were near the same age. Ed came out of the shed and was kind of wondering! What are all these people doing here? We had a lovely meal of roast lamb. We became lifelong friends, we shared many birthdays and holidays together. Harold had taken a job at the Ford Garage in Centralia in the parts dept. for \$50 a week. The house and farm where we were living sold so we had to move. We moved to a farmhouse on Route B. Our son David was born in March 1965. Harold took a job with AAL Insurance. He had to go to Appleton WI. for 2 weeks of training. We thought he would be assigned to the Centralia Area. No that was not to be! Harold was assigned to LaGrange, Mo. and Quincy, Ill. and all the way to St. Louis on the Illinois side. Harold had a room in Quincy during the week and came home on weekends. We moved to LaGrange for 1 year. Oscar Kueker hauled our belongings in his farm truck. We joined the Lutheran Church in LaGrange our youngest daughter was born in Quincy, Illinois May of 1966. The General manager for AAL (Harold's boss) told him you have to sell your farm! That did not go over very well. Harold began searching for jobs in the Centralia/Mexico area He landed a job at Montgomery Wards. He worked there until 1973 We rented an old house on Range Line Rd about a Mile from our farm, moved there in July of 1966 and proceeded to get a loan from FHA to build our house, so we began cleaning up the debris and bricks from the old basement. We were back to Good Shepherd! Harold was doing freelance carpentry and electrical work. Finally, in the summer and fall of 1967 we were making progress on our new home. Harold did all the electrical installations. Sunday, January 7, 1968 we planned to move. It was very cold -15 with lots of snow on the ground. Our car would not start so we didn't get to church. The way Good Shepherd worked if you weren't in church you got a call or a visit.

We got a call and soon Joanne Bettenhausen arrived to pick up all the kids, then here came the Reidel family, (those teenagers were great help) Ed Bettenhausen. Oscar Kueker, and by supper time we were moved into our new home. Wow! God has done so many amazing things in our lives, and put so many faithful Christian friends in our lives. Harold taught High School Bible Classes and later Adult Bible Class on Sunday Mornings. All 5 of our children were confirmed at Good Shepherd. After being a stay at home mom for 18 years, I went to work at Dr. Lawson's office May of 1977 as receptionist, then in May of 1981 I was employed by American Bank (now known as US Bank.) I worked there until retirement at the end of 2004. I was off work about 1 month when Harold was diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer stage 4. We spent a lot of time at the Cancer hospital and Boone hospital over the next 4 ½ years. Harold passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2009. I stayed at the farm for 2 years. I decided there was too much to do even though the farm ground was rented out. So then to prepare for a farm sale, auction, and a move to Centralia after living on the farm 43 years. God was with me through a lot of difficult decisions. My family helped prepare for the auction. Good Shepherd Women 's Guild served food at the sale. I made a transition to town living and I enjoy my home and neighbors very much. Our family now has 12 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. God is so good! Thank you Jesus for leading every step of the way! Thank you God for my church family!



VBS will end on Sunday, September 27 and the Rainforest Explorers decorations will come down until next year. Ann Seider, with several volunteers, taught 9 children the following five lessons on noncommunion Sundays in August and September during the worship service. The church provided the materials from CPH such as music videos, lesson leaflets and take-home favors such as keychain scripture cards. The children learned a little bit about life in a rainforest and learned lessons from the Bible where Jesus Leads the Way.

Lesson 1	God Rescues Noah	God Keeps His promises.
Lesson 2	God Gives the Commandments	My loving God gives direction.
Lesson 3	Jesus Calls His Disciples	Jesus is with me.
Lesson 4	Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers	Jesus is full of healing.
Lesson 5	Jesus Visits His Disciples	Jesus helps me share His Good News.

Senior Youth Activity



Senior Youth members Christina and Jonathan Gronefeld

Casting Crowns concert

This was a live concert that was part of the “Casting Crowns Drive-In Theater Tour.” It was Monday, September 14th, at the B&B Theater. The band had set up a stage for a live performance, and the camera on them during the concert was projected onto the movie theater’s screen that was behind the stage. Everyone that had a ticket was given a parking spot and you could either set up chairs on the ground inside your spot or you could sit in your car/truck bed (like a drive in movie).



Community for Kids 2020



The Senior Youth will be sponsoring a local family. They will be requesting assistance from the congregation with Christmas gifts. More information will follow in the November newsletter.

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support of the Care Packages. Saturday, September 26th, several volunteers met to package the boxes which included a letter from Pastor Spotts, a book about our role and God's role when facing a Pandemic, a Simple Explanation of Christianity, a contact list for volunteers to be available to help if needs arise or to share exciting news, school related items, food items, a Thrivent t-shirt, and a lot of fun things from Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry. Pastor blessed the boxes and prayed for the recipients on Sunday and several youth picked their box up at that time. The remaining were mailed Monday. In total 26 boxes were made and 6 envelopes including the books and letters were sent. Thank you again for the support of this important project.

Care Box Preparation



Ann Seider, Gary Seider, Vickie Chism, Pastor Dave Spotts, Catherine Simmons, Margaret Parker and Jacki Stelzer



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