

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

June 2021

We've been walking through the different seasons of the Church year in recent months. Most of the seasons are relatively short. We saw Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and then the quick succession of Ascension, Pentecost Sunday, and Trinity Sunday.

Now it's time to settle in for the long season of the Church year, the one with too many names. Most often it's called the season of Pentecost, though sometimes it is called the season of Trinity, since Trinity Sunday is at the start. In a less inspired manner, some church bodies refer to it as "ordinary time."

This season begins with Trinity Sunday, which this year is May 30. It then walks through the life of the body of Christ, bit by bit, starting with the idea of new life and continuing to the hope of the second coming of Christ as we approach the end of the season. The conclusion is the last Sunday in the Church year, the fifth Sunday before Christmas, which is that Sunday closest to the commemoration of St. Andrew, November 30.

In this season, which lasts approximately six months, we need to ask ourselves how we are going to walk our way through the Christian life. Do we dedicate ourselves, as did the earliest Christians, to the apostolic doctrine, to the public reading and explanation of Scripture, to prayers in community with others, and to bringing the news of Jesus' perfect life, death, burial, and resurrection to rescue sinful humanity from our sin? Do we try to recognize the work of Christ in all of life? Do we try to live as his hands reaching to our world, drawing people to him through his reconciling love which breaks down the barrier our sin has erected between us and God?

June Church Events

- 6.1 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Elder meeting
- 6.8 **No Adult Bible Study**
- 6.14 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 6.15 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 6.22 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 6.29 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "Walking Through Galatians" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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

There are all sorts of ways we can do this. I'm not big on making New Year's Resolutions, but the start of the season of Pentecost is a great time to dedicate ourselves once again to living out the Gospel in our families, in our schools, in our workplaces, and in our communities. So here's the challenge. What would you like to see Jesus doing through you in this world? Will you pray for courage and guidance? Will you ask others, including your pastor, your elders, and other respected Christian leaders to encourage you and enable you? Will you step out and trust the Lord is as good for all the world as He is for you?

Lord of all, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon your people, that they may boldly reach out to love and serve their neighbors, every last one, as you have reached to them.

Pastor Spotts

CENTRALIA BUDDY PACKS

A big thank you to Ann Seider, Donna Hoek and Starr Nadler for picking up and delivering the buddy packs in May.

Shepherd Supply

**Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only
contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)**

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer will be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Operation Christmas Child

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community.

Adopt-a-Box: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is collecting items for shoe boxes February through October. Everyone is welcome to adopt one or more boxes to help with this ministry. Look for the Shoe Box Ministry display in the narthex and pick your box to adopt. Each month we have a different emphasis to help you decide what to put in your box(es). Our goal is 50! Let's work together to help children have gifts this coming Christmas.



Monday-Thursday Aug. 9-12,2021
Meal at 5:30 p.m. VBS 6:00 pm – 8:00

Volunteer or Register Children at this site:

<https://vbsmate.com/GoodShepherdCentraliaMO>

We've moved our VBS to an evening format so more families can join in the fun and fellowship. Each congregation member can help out in some way. At the website above or on a sign up sheet (on bulletin board) in Narthex—you can Volunteer in one of the following capacities.

Site Leader for ***Storytelling, *Craft, *Games, *Bible Challenge or *Opening/Closing *Early Childhood teacher** (for preschool age children) Be a **photographer**, guide the **music** during Opening, help **decorate**, run the **audio/visual**, work in the **kitchen**.

Not sure about it? A training meeting will be available this summer for the jobs marked above with a *

VBS is a *wonderful* way for us to *Tell, Love and Care* for the community. Help us be a part of this fun event.

Advertisement flyers are available on table in the breezeway to Fellowship Hall.

Sample letters that can be sent to children are available from Ann.



Sr. Youth Group Happenings

Many thanks to everyone who purchased Russell Stover items during our spring fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed the chocolate!



In June, we anticipate making and selling homemade ice cream at the **Centralia Fair June 23 - 26** at the fairgrounds located behind LaCrosse Lumber. We will need assistance from the congregation with this fundraiser. Look for the signup sheet in the narthex or contact Alane Gronefeld.

The **LCMS Youth Gathering** will be held in Houston, Texas in July 2022. You will hear more about this event next month from Alane Gronefeld. We will have a commitment meeting where those youth wishing to attend the Youth Gathering will get more information on planning for this trip.

JUNE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Elders meet, 7pm	2	3	4	5
6 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	7	8 No Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	9	10	11	12
13 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church	14 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	15 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	16	17	18	19
20 Happy Father's Day 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	21	22 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	23	24	25	26
27 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church	28	29 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	30			



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

Travis & Shelby Banks – June 10
Bill & Judy Mahieu – June 19
Kevin & Kathy Dickey – June 22





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

JUNE

June 6

"Out of the Depths"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130.
(Psalm 130)

June 13

"Cleary Christian: Good"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Ephesians Series

June 20

"Cleary Christian: Spiritual"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Genesis 1:31)

June 27

"Clearly Christian: Judgmental"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Matthew 7:1-5)

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 6: Second Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 3:20-35
- June 13: Third Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 4:26-34
- June 20: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 4:35-41
- June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 5:21-43

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

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Kathy Dickey	(573) 489-3421
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Aaron Seider	(573) 296-0429

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling
Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

Gary Seider's After service Bible Class, will not be meeting this summer. Classes will resume in mid to late August.



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

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

April 25
Attendance **45**
 Current \$ 1,919.50
 Building \$ 456.40
Total **\$ 2,375.90**

May 2
Attendance **43**
 Current \$ 1,980.00
 Building \$ 180.00
Total **\$ 2,160.00**

May 9
Attendance **48**
 Current \$535.00
 Building \$175.00
Total **\$ 710.00**

May 16
Attendance **55**
 Current \$ 2,195.50
 Building \$ 215.00
Total **\$ 2,410.50**

May 23
Attendance **51**
 Current \$
 Building \$
Total \$

May 30
Attendance
 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.

Other MAY Deposits

5/2/21	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$ 17.00
5/2/21	Scholarship Fund Donation	\$100.00
5/9/21	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$ 20.00
5/16/20	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$ 39.00

Thank You Letter

Dear Faith Family,

Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Mid-Missouri would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for your recent generous donation of \$1210. As the needs of our families have increased in our communities with the health crisis, we have worked extremely hard to meet those challenges to help build families with hope and spiritual health. As a result of the pandemic, LFCS lost major funding critical to the continuation of services to our most vulnerable population, but the calls for help increased over 300% since March 2020. Your support helps LFCS continue to adapt and implement new ways of serving children and families. Together we can provide comfort to those in need and continue to fight to end the cycle of abuse and neglect. The Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has been vital to our success in the past in providing our Christ centered services to anyone who needs a hand up.

In our one hundred plus years of providing services to families in Missouri, we have been proud to have been affiliated with the Lutheran faith community. We promise to work hard every day to give hope and faith to families experiencing a crisis, bring joy to those who are unable to have children by promoting adoption, and ensure those who suffer through a crisis pregnancy or need maternal mental health services are helped. We strive to meet those needs where they are with compassion, love, and understanding. May God's blessings be with you and your families.

Faithfully yours,

Trueman Orson
 Regional Development and Statewide
 Services
 Outreach Manager

Heather Wall
 Director of Parenting

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Terry Decker; Jane St. John; Bob Fair; Verda Adkisson; Darleen Wiederhold – sister of Roy Richterkesing undergoing treatment for cancer; **Chloe Decker; Erica Cornet; Helen Julian** – sister of Patti Haubein; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Rick Dubbert; Mary Brechler; Pastor Kriete; Kevin Morse; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Klaus; Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **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.**

ARMED FORCES

Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps – fiancé to Abby Hoek, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **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.**

Congratulations Class of 2021



Danny Nadler, son of Curt & Starr Nadler graduated Cum Laude from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science and Departmental Honors. He has a concentration in animal science and a minor in equine studies. Danny will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia for his Master's of Animal Science in Ruminant Nutrition & Fetal/Developmental Programming of beef cattle.



Christina Gronefeld graduated from Centralia High School on May 16, 2021. She is the daughter of Darrell and Alane Gronefeld and the sister of Jonathan Gronefeld. She will be attending college in the fall studying agricultural science.



Olivia Fischer graduated from Harrisburg High School Sunday, May 23, 2021. Olivia is the daughter of Allen and Wendy Fischer and granddaughter of Armand and Barbara Fischer. She graduated Valedictorian with a 4.0. Olivia will be attending Central Methodist University in Fayette to pursue a nursing degree.



Kylee Hannah Walters
Daughter of Eric and Kristin Walters
Centralia High School Graduate 2021
Will be attending University of Central Missouri Majoring in Speech Pathology



Ella Smith graduated from Centralia High School on May 16, 2021. Ella is the daughter of Kyle & Lisa Smith



Town Hall Meeting April 25, 2021
Seven Models of Shared Ministry for Mission
Rev. Bill Geis

Pastor Geis has 31 years experience as a pastor. He encouraged the audience to share thoughts and questions during his presentation. His introduction noted Matthew 9:35-38 summed up as, "The harvest is plentiful, the laborers few." He pointed out that a response to this scripture may be:

- Keep doing what we are doing.
- Try harder
- Give up?

He related an example of a church he served in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma that were ready to give up, but they did not; and now they are ready to make one of their own their next pastor.

Pastor Geis went on to explain the Luke 10:2 adds to this scripture: "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" He stated an analogy of wheat:

- Harvest too early and the crop molds
- Harvest too late and you may lose the crop

He cited an example from his experience in Chicago; whereas there were once 50 congregations with over 62,000 members, now 15 years later that same area is down to 5,000 members.

Pastor Geis proceeded to give us example of seven models of shared ministry. A working definition of shared ministry is

- Congregations coming together
- as stewards
- exercising their gifts [of the body of Christ] God will give the church every gift that is needed.
- with a clear vision (when you ask people to volunteer tell them what they will need to do, give them the resources they will need, give them an exit strategy of when their job ends)
- for mission and ministry

Pastor Geis pointed out that the word pastor is not in this definition. Shared Ministry is mission focused. If the pastor is the sole point of sharing, then the ministry is neither effective nor healthy.

Six Shifts in Thinking (to move from dual-parish mentality to *shared ministry* mentality)

1. Shift from working alone to working collaboratively (work with synod)
2. Survival strategies of scarcity to stewardship strategies of God's abundant resources
3. Money constraints to mission opportunities (money follows mission)
4. Mere pulpit supply to more people development (avoid focus on the core activity rather than the mission)
5. Protecting identity to exercising identity with purpose (example: concern that the other church will take our youth over to their youth group)
6. Congregational focus to multiplying movements for the Kingdom of God (Jesus work in the kingdom is like multiplication, growth exponentially, most church planting today is done by small churches)

What is one insight we've gained from presentation so far:

- Stewardship is not just about money
- How much you can pay a pastor isn't what it's all about.
- Don't need to worry about losing the identity of our church

Our Mission Field

School district more important than zip code (we are at crossroads of three school districts)

There is no LCMS church other than us north of Interstate 70 in Centralia, Hallsville, Sturgeon area.

3,157 students with 250 teachers (what would it take us to reach 1% of those)

SEVEN MODELS OF SHARED MINISTRY

#1	The “Bookmobile” – taking ministry programs on the road	<p>Examples:</p> <p>1. Campus Lutheran & GSLC bible study (campus broadened out their bible study to include us)</p> <p>2. Idea to take VBS to the family—important to meet the adult who is bringing the child to VBS (develop 1 on 1 relationships with people rather than start another program)</p>
#2	CO-OP A shared administrative infrastructure for church operations, communications and marketing	<p>Examples:</p> <p>In Lone Wolf, Oklahoma one office manager took care of the workings of four churches. (i.e. only had one main copier, one phone number, one Information Technology IT person, shared among the four churches).</p>

BRAINSTORM

What current programs and people could be multiplied though shared ministry going “on the road” in a bookmobile or Cooperative

Observations:

In LCMS “seniors” are twice the number as general pop. Seniors could ask themselves in retirement, “How can get involved in the work of the Kingdom of God?” Don’t bemoan the aging of our people in LCMS; but look at how to use it.

Half our pop. will be Gen Y/Z by 2024

Small growth in Children but small decline in Youth (teen)

Overall population growing

More infants being born

People

What assests to we have to build relationships with families and children? (Think of Feeding of the 5,000)

Facility

Technology

Community infrastruture

Community social programs

Financial

#3	<p>Circuit Rider</p> <p>Highly relational pastor equipping and caring for lay led micro-churches along highway or region</p>	<p>Small group micro-church(less than 10 people) seems to be what younger people flock too because close, personal and relational</p> <p>Equip lay people to do ministry during week (bible study, lent service, etc.)</p> <p>Hub is where we all gather together, mini-stations for other weekday ministry.</p>
#4	<p>Family Reunion T</p> <p>The church of common “gatherings” large and small</p>	<p>Example of the need to add seats to a Christmas church service because the families who have left home, come home for the holiday.</p> <p>We all have family members on our list who we pray for because they are to connected to the body of Christ right now.</p>

		Example of taking community people who are lonely on holiday and being them together for meal and service
<p><i>Imagine a figure 8 motion—a balance of Gathering and Sending</i> Gathering (lower circle motion, if they only do this, then get fat on the word of God and ineffective) and Sending (higher circle motion, if they only do this, then the get big headed and proud)</p> <p>BRAINSTORM What opportunities do we have to multiply ministry regionally? Many of our people drive Route B to work every day—reach out to those who travel and are along that route.</p> <p>Example: Leadership Academy (Seniors work with At-risk 3rd,4th,5th students once a week in the area schools)</p>		
#5	Mother – Daughter Church with greater resources sharing with church(es) with less resources	Mother church shares resources with daughter church (example of Barnhartt church, small church with larger church in Arnold. DCE could help with youth at smaller church, vicar could help out smaller church)
#6	Holistic Team A church staff with different “specialties” works as a team to serve in multiple locations	Four churches pool their money and hire a team of five people that would handle the specialties that needed coverage (social work, education specialist, etc.)
#7	Family Business Churches identify, support education and structures, to have church workers for their specific context. These are local leaders with high ownership/credibility and may be co-vocational or retired-and-retooling.	Specific Ministry Pastor ---from day one at seminary classes he is also serving as a vicar at his church. Specific—not able to move around at will or accept calls. Pastor Geis gave his story of Ronald and BJ

Bi-vocational = pastor but work an additional job somewhere else as well

Co-vocational = my work place is my Mission field; I also preach on Sundays

Pray in earnest that God will raise up workers who are volunteers, who will use their gifts

Some questions asked at the Town Hall Meeting:

1. A “Soon to be graduate”...how can we get him on our call list.

Answer: There is a program at Sem to put seminary students in rural churches on weekends

2. When it comes to partner with another church, are we better off looking up for a bigger church or similar church.

Answer: Two different size churches may work best. Although any two churches could try out an experiment of hosting a big event together, etc. (think of the analogy of two friends playing in the sand box before they develop a long friendship)

Advice that if we were to share a pastor with dual parish then hire another minister 0.25 time to assist.

The Town Hall meeting with Pastor Geis was recorded. If you want to watch that then let Gary and Ann Seider or one of the elders know. It is stored on an SD card. Most computers have an SD slot or Ann can arrange to show it to you at church on her computer.



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