

# Shepherd's *Voice*

## Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

July 2021

### The Life of the Church - Hostility

I was asked some months ago to give a presentation for a conference which featured discussions of hostility. When I was asked to make this presentation, it was to be in the context of campus ministry. There was a foregone conclusion, perhaps, in the mind of the organizer, that people engaged in campus ministry deal with hostility a lot.

It is true that a campus pastor, and, for that matter, a parish pastor, ends up dealing with hostility. But frankly it isn't the way you might think. Granted, I have had the occasional protestor regale me with screams, and that has not been limited to life on campus. It has happened in church committee meetings. There's some hostility floating around.

But the greatest challenge for a pastor is not when people direct their anger toward the pastor. It may be a cringe-worthy incident, but we all know how to deal with that kind of display. We treat others with kindness and respect. We try to remember they are by nature bearers of God's image (Genesis 1-2), and we love and bless them (Matthew 5). It isn't rocket science.

What's more troubling to me is the fact that we are surrounded by people who are unahppy, who feel alienated, who give in to that sense of abandonment by becoming angry and hostile. When trying to deal with hostility, whether in campus pastor or parish pastor mode, my goal is to help others become less hostile.

2 Chronicles 7:12-22 describes people who have departed from God's Name and who become a curse and a laughingstock. Their ideas and behaviors have led them to ruin. Verse 20 says, in part, "this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples" (NKJV). I fear that this is an accurate description of much of our current American society. It has become an object of ridicule.

How did this happen? The simple answer is that our world has departed from God's Word and is reaping the wind. Yet there's a more nuanced answer that I would propose we think about.

### July Church Events

- 7.6 **No 10:00 am Adult Bible Study**
- 7.11 Church Councils meets after service
- 7.12 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 7.13 **No 10:00 am Adult Bible Study**
- 7.20 **No 10:00 am Adult Bible Study**
- 7.25 Quarterly Congregation Meeting with carry-in poluck meal, after service
- 7.27 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.

**On Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> we welcome Rev. Jerry Riggert. He will be leading the adult bible study and worship service.**

Classical rhetoricians identified three different modes of appeal, ways that we could make a persuasive argument. One they identified as *logos*, an appeal to reason. Another was *ethos*, an appeal to what is right. The third was *pathos*, an appeal to emotions. It's significant that these great thinkers considered that all three were necessary.

Let's take an example from a great spiritual classic, the local fire codes. A public building, such as a church building, normally is required to have smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, or possibly a sprinkler system. Why would this be? An appeal to *logos* says that there is a certain amount of protection necessary to notify people to evacuate the building and to try to contain a fire until additional help can arrive. An appeal to *ethos* says that we love and serve our neighbors in the church building by preventing them from enduring life-threatening conditions such as a fire. An appeal to *pathos* says that we would feel terrible letting our brothers and sisters in Christ perish in a fire. If we pay attention to all three appeals, we will very likely have an environment which is quite safe in case of a fire.

What if some of the modes of persuasion are missing? We end up with reason, ethics, or feeling in charge of our decisions, not informed by the rest of the tools of persuasion. The arguments become unbalanced and weak. Our conclusions, likewise, are unbalanced and weak.

Our culture, fed by a dependence on *pathos* over the last several decades, has a weak foundation. It may have some appropriate conclusions along with some inappropriate conclusions. But they are not conclusions that can be counted on. When we are not sure that our reasoning is solid, it's very easy to become uncertain. We then want to be right, so we may become defensive. Here comes the hostility!

How can we recover sanity? Through use of *logos*, *ethos*, and *pathos*. By having good reasons for our conclusions. By helping others build their life and philosophy on a solid foundation. This alone will breed confidence that we are living a consistent life in a world that makes sense. It breaks down the defensiveness and hostility.

As we who are confident in Christ help others find the same confidence, we must make it not merely about feelings, not merely about ethics, not merely about reason, but about all three. Reason, ethics, and feelings all point to the reality of the Christian life, the security of redemption, the hope of resurrection.

In the end, the Christian helps others deal with hostility by loving and serving our neighbors. Only as we do that will our neighbors be able to break their hostility down and learn the perfect love of Jesus which casts out fear (1 John 4).

*Pastor Spotts*

## 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 clean dry plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.**  
**Please make sure your jugs are clean and dry inside.**

## 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.

**Flyers and Registration forms** are available on the table in the Narthex.

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

## Sr. Youth Group



The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 9, 2022 - July 13, 2022 in Houston, Texas under the theme "In All Things."

The Youth Gathering is held every three years and provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

A letter will be going out to those age-eligible youth asking that you prayerfully consider attending this life-changing event. We will start to gather numbers to register for this event in late Fall 2022, as well as planning for travel, lodging and meal costs.

Contact Alane Gronefeld (682-7125) for more information.

In Christ,

Alane & Darrell Gronefeld

Thanks to everyone who assisted in making homemade ice cream on Saturday, June 19th!! The ice cream will be sold at the (postponed) Centralia Fair events in early July. Funds raised will go toward Youth events as well as attending the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering.



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

It is time to apply for the scholarships which are given annually by our congregation to college students from our church.

**Applicants should write a letter to the Elders of Good Shepherd. The letter should explain their plans for their education, their extra-curricular activities while attending school, and their future plans after graduation from college.**

There are six scholarships available:

**Martha Hackamack Memorial Scholarship  
Dawn Tillinger Memorial Scholarship  
Harold & Virginia Sydow Memorial Scholarship  
Ottomar and Lorina Orth and Marcus Orth Memorial Scholarship  
Dale Grade Memorial Scholarship  
Hank Maseman and Ruby Riedel Memorial Scholarship**

**Applicants should be members in good standing of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church who are in their first or second year in a 4-year college or a vocational school.**

If you know someone who is attending college who might be interested in applying, please be sure to pass this information along to them. **Application deadline is August 8, 2021.** Scholarship awards will be made in mid August for the fall semester of the 2021 - 2022 school year.

**Applications should be given to one of the Elders.... Jon Hoek, Russell Stelzer or Randy Simmons.**

**Or mail to:**

**Board of Elders**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**120 W Gano Chance Road**

**Centralia, MO 65240**

**Trinity Lutheran Church Old Fashion Home-Made Ice Cream Social**

**105 Trinity Church Road  
Wellsville, Missouri 63384**

**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

**Ice Cream**

**Cake**

**Pie**

**Home-Made Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese Sandwiches**

**Grilled Hot Dogs**

**Coffee - Tea - Soda**

# JULY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b> 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	5	6 <b>No Adult Bible                      Study at                      10:00am</b>	7	8	9	10
11 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church <b>Council meets after                      service</b>	12 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	13 <b>No Adult Bible                      Study at                      10:00am</b>	14	15	16	17
18 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion	19	20 <b>No Adult Bible                      Study at                      10:00am</b>	21	22	23	24
25 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church <b>Voters Meeting after                      service w/Potluck meal</b>	26	27 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	28	29	30	31



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Gillian Smith</b>	7.1
<b>Eric Walters</b>	7.2
<b>Kristin Walters</b>	7.4
<b>Betty Warden</b>	7.6
<b>Kaelyn Walters</b>	7.13
<b>Katie Hoek</b>	7.15
<b>Kody Walters</b>	7.16
<b>Kim Rainey</b>	7.20
<b>Sandy Harlan</b>	7.22
<b>Alane Gronefeld</b>	7.25
<b>Jenni Truesdell</b>	7.28
<b>Karen Richterkessing</b>	7.29



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

**Terry & Kim Decker – July 3**  
**John & Jenny Briggs – July 15**  
**Bob & Brenda Moss – July 23**

## JULY

### July 4

#### "Clearly Christian: Scientific"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Christians are not against science. They just don't expect science to answer questions beyond its reach.

### July 11

#### "Inheritance as Intended"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions—the inheritance God intended for His people.

(Ephesians 1)

### July 18

#### "The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers? Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions.

(Ephesians 2)

### July 25

#### "The Peace Child"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Ephesians 3)

#### Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

## July Calendar

- July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Mark 6:1-13
- July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Mark 6:14-29
- July 18: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Mark 6:30-44
- July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Mark 6:45-56

## Serving The Lord

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

#### Board of Elders

Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236  
Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230  
Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497

#### Board of Trustees

Kathy Dickey (573) 489-3421  
John Briggs (573) 424-2257  
Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429

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



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)



# FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

## May 23

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>51</b>
Current	\$ 1,162.00
Building	\$ 506.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,668.40</b>

## May 30

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>51</b>
Current	\$ 852.00
Building	\$ 150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,002.00</b>

## June 6

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>49</b>
Current	\$ 2,327.00
Building	\$ 210.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,537.00</b>

## June 13

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>35</b>
Current	\$ 1,766.00
Building	\$ 215.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,981.00</b>

## June 20

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>40</b>
Current	\$ 4,976.00
Building	\$ 280.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,256.00</b>

## June 27

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>51</b>
Current	\$ 1,458.00
Building	\$ 456.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,914.40</b>

## 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/June Deposits

5/23/21	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$ 10.00
6/6/21	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$ 70.80

### Vacation Time Off

**Pastor Spotts will be on vacation July 5 – July 18. Rev. Jerry Riggert, a retired LCMS pastor, will be covering for him. Rev. Riggert will be leading the Sunday morning bible studies on July 11 & 18, as well as the Sunday service. Rev. Riggert will also be available for emergency calls, and any church needs that may arise.**

**I (Starr) will also be out of office on Friday, July 23 and on vacation August 12 – 16.**

## SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

**Jackie Nadler** – mother of Curt Nadler recovering from hip surgery; **Ellen Boydston** - mother of Ann Seider recovering from ankle surgery; **Palmyra Dubbert; Terry Decker; Jane St. John; Bob Fair; Verda Adkisson; Darleen Wiederhold** – sister of Roy Richterkessing; **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** – husband of Abby Hoek Mechlin, 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.**



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