

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS February 2022

Not Ashamed

Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (NKJV). A younger Christian recently asked in a public forum whether he was rightly understanding the idea of being ashamed. He gave a fairly noncontroversial definition based on an English language definition. While several others provided help with the Greek word and its definition, I thought it was important to go in a slightly different direction. The definition of the word wasn't a great mystery. The importance, however, was being overlooked.

When Paul speaks of the possibility that the gospel would create shame, the concept that comes to mind immediately based on his language is that of a shameful situation that would defile you, that would place you under a rightful curse. In ancient drama and poetry the defiled person in a shameful situation might be Atreus, who welcomed his brother Thyestes to a banquet. Thyestes' sons were on the menu. It might be Oedipus, who accidentally killed his father, married his mother, and fathered his own siblings. The person who is ashamed in these settings is someone whose crime brings his downfall and cannot be reversed.

In Paul's time, Roman civilization already despised Jewish people, and it considered Christianity to be a sort of radicalized form of Judaism. Where communion practice was known, it was associated with cannibalism due to Jesus' claims about his body and blood. The Christian habit of referring to other Christians as brothers and sisters suggested to the wider culture that Christians were marrying their brothers and sisters. And there were known instances in which slaves had been elevated to leadership of the Church, so free people were being ruled by slaves.

February Church Events

- 2.1 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
7:00 pm Elders meeting
- 2.8 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 2.14 1:00 pm Womens Guild Meet
- 2.15 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 2.22 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "That You May Believe" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Our Way Home-A Journey through the Lord's Prayer" (led by Gary Seider)

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

The culture didn't understand Christianity, and it considered it vile and dangerous. Do you believe Jesus? Then your culture would say you should be ashamed. You are doing something that can never be accepted in polite society.

Dr. Gene Edward Veith recently summarized a longer article by Aaron Renn about the way Christians in the late 20th and early 21st centuries respond to cultural hostility. The articles identify a shift in American public opinion toward Christianity, around 2014, at which time, "Society has come to have a *negative* view of Christianity. Being known as a Christian is a social negative, particularly in the elite domains of society. Christian morality is expressly repudiated and seen as a threat to the public good and the new public moral order. Subscribing to Christian moral views or violating the secular moral order brings negative consequences" (Veith). If Renn and Veith are right in their analysis, in general, our secular culture thinks Christians ought to be ashamed of themselves. If Renn and Veith are right, we are right back to where Paul was in the middle of the first century.

What's Paul's response? It's the response we should have also. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. It's good. It's the power of God. It saves. On the contrary, those who don't believe the gospel are the people who should be ashamed. They are the people who are in that situation that has placed them under a curse from which they can't escape.

Paul spends the rest of Romans chapter one describing how God has allowed people to go their own way, and how their path of choice puts them on the throne in place of God yet entangles them in all sorts of problems that will drag them down. He warns his readers that the thing which brings shame is depending on yourself. The gospel of Christ is what releases us from shame. Are you ashamed of the gospel of Christ? You shouldn't be. Come, renew your walk with Christ, receive His Word and Sacraments eagerly. His gospel is the power of God, given for you.

Dr. Veith's article <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/geneveith/2022/01/how-should-churches-respond-to-cultural-hostility/>
Renn's article <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2022/02/the-three-worlds-of-evangelicalism>

Pastor Spotts

Shepherd Supply

**Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Saturday 9-12 & Wednesday 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.

THANK YOU FROM LFCS

On behalf of Lutheran Family and Children Services of Mid-Missouri, thank you for your generosity in contributing much needed baby items to our "Season of Sharing Christmas Tree".

Your kindness helped restock the LFCS closet with supplies for our clients' emergency needs. Good Shepherd generously contributed over 2100 baby wipes, sleepers and onesies, pain reliever, gas relief, diaper cream, baby wash, baby bottles, blankets, teething rings, cleaning supplies and therapy sessions.

In addition to facilitating adoptions, LFCS assists individuals and families with parenting support and counseling services for pregnancy, postpartum depression, grief, divorce, abuse and more.



With gratitude for your thoughtfulness and generous outpouring of love.



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation in 2021. We greatly appreciate your support!

Photo from the Christmas and New Years' celebrations at the Sanctuary Orphanage in Romania.

Blessings,
Ed Rosella

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Director Eleos International Ministries
eleosinternational.org

Lent Offering 2021



– **Hey GSLC families!**

We want to “keep up” with your children’s events. Please write in ballgames, music events, fairs, etc. on the big calendar on the narthex bulletin board.

Knowing what you are involved with allows us to *attend, pray and converse* with your family about your life’s happenings.

Example: Jan. 15 Tom’s basketball at CBMS
Jan. 22 Mary’s dance recital in Mexico at 2 pm

If it’s easier for Ann to write in your events—just let her know the school sport the youth is in (or similar activity) and she can look at school calendar to update our Youth Event Calendar



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

**Missouri District
27th Biennial Convention
June 3-5, 2022**

Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet 191 Westport Plaza Drive St. Louis, MO Host Zones: St. Louis North, St. Louis South, St. Louis West and Rolla For information go to www.missourilwml.org and click on the 2022 Convention link. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty Mission Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, Apple of His Eye Mission Society For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such at ime as this?" Esther 4:14 ESV

Sunday School Happenings

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Children at Good Shepherd

Sunday school has had a nice resurgence with two or more children (preschool age and older) in attendance most Sundays. Ann Seider typically is the teacher, although she gets help from other church members when needed. A typical Sunday School lesson begins with a couple songs—meeting in Room 3 in the education wing. Favorite songs lately have been *I've Got the Joy Down in My Heart* and *This Little Light of Mine*. Then we have a lesson that may include a worksheet or craft. It works nicely to move the children across the hall and use the classroom table there for a craft. Ann likes it if parents will come to the classroom to pick up their children about 9:50 a.m when Sunday School ends.

Children's Church meets on noncommunion Sundays, the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The 20-minute lesson is written to complement that day's Gospel reading. Children age 4 and up are invited to attend after Pastor's children's message during the sermon hymn. Upon request, we can provide a nurse time for children under age 4. Ann will try to time return of the children to their families to coincide with the final hymn.

Catherine

Volleyball Update

The teams who use our facility currently have been practicing from 5:00pm to about 9:00 or 9:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week in January. Their tournaments begin now.

If you'd like to keep up with their game schedule, it's printed below—it is possible that it may change. Contact Lisa 573-982-9556 if you wish more updated information, such as times they play. Wishing them a great season of fun competition and growth of their skills.

14 year olds

Jan. 30-KCKCC Fieldhouse Kansas City, KS
Feb. 13-Centerline Volleyball Complex Blue Springs, MO
Feb. 26-MAVS Lenexa, KS
Mar. 27-Family Life Center Independence, MO
Apr.2-Family Life Center, Independence, MO

16 year olds

Jan. 22-Holden Community Center, Holden, mO
Feb. 6-Harris Park in Lee's Summitt, MO
Feb. 26-State Technical College, Linn, MO
Mar. 12-Family Life Center, Independence, MO
Mar. 26-Centerline Volleyball Complex Blue Springs, MO

17 year olds

Jan. 29-Family Life Center, Independence MO
Feb. 5-State Technical College, Linn, MO
Feb. 26-KCKCC Fieldhouse Kansas City, KS
Mar. 13-Holden High School, Holden, MO
Mar. 27-Harris Park, Lee's Summitt, MO



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Heritage Hall Service at 2:00pm Elders meet 7pm	2	3	4	5
6 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	7	8 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 After service Bible Study	14 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm 	15 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	16	17	18	19
20 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	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					



February Anniversary
Kyle & Lisa Smith 2.1

February Birthdays

Sherry Morse 2.6
Travis Banks 2.13
Brycelyn Stowers 2.18
Randy Simmons 2.25
Jim Gesling 2.26

Here's a sneak peek at 2022 Lent Services

Ash Wednesday March 2
Lent 1 March 9
Lent 2 March 16
Lent 3 March 23
Lent 4 March 30
Lent 5 April 6
Holy Thursday April 14
Good Friday April 15



Services begin at 7:00pm



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

February

February 6

"How Christians Can Admire the Jewish Sabbath"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler says the Jewish practice of observing the Sabbath is sort of like being in a long-distance relationship.
(Luke 6:1-11)

February 13

"The Unexpected"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Roland Syens

Jesus said those who are poor in spirit are blessed. Pastor Roland Syens says poverty is not a problem in God's economy.

February 20

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

February 27

"Greatness"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Luke 9:1-48)

Prayer Service

2:00 pm, Sunday, February 20, 2022
This service, "Living as God's People"

will be led by Rev. Gene Stueve.
Campus Lutheran Church
304 South College Ave
Columbia, MO 65201

There will be a fellowship hour
with refreshments following the service.
Everyone is welcome!

February Calendar

- February 6: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Luke 5:1-11
- February 13: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Luke 6:17-26
- February 20: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Luke 6:27-38
- February 27: The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Text: Luke 9:28-36

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Russell Stelzer	(573) 682-7230
Randy Simmons	(573) 808-1497
Curt Nadler	(573) 682-4541

Board of Trustees

John Briggs	(573) 424-2257
Aaron Seider	(573) 296-0429
Henry Rainey	(573) 823-9777

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

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

January 2

Attendance No Service
Current
Building

Total

January 9

Attendance 47
Current \$ 1,660.00
Building \$ 320.00

Total \$ 1,980.00

January 16

Attendance 29
Current \$ 1,261.00
Building \$ -

Total \$ 1,261.00

January 23

Attendance 43
Current \$
Building \$

Total \$ Available next month

January 30

Attendance
Current \$
Building \$

Total \$ 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.

Other January Deposits

1/9/22	Christmas Treat Bags	\$75.00
1/9/22	Lutheran Witness	\$20.00
1/9/22	Senior Youth Trip Donation	\$395.00
1/16/22	Lutheran Witness	\$25.00

Advent Services 2021

Total amount collected \$1,472.00

Payable to:

“Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty”

2022 Lent Offerings

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be divided in this way:

One-third to Senior Youth Group

(To help out with expenses for their July trip to Houston Tx)

One-third to Eleos Ministries International Outreach

(This charity is the one Pastor Spotts daughter is affiliated with)

One-third to Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Installation of elected 2022 officers will be held on January 30, 2022

Newly elected officers to the Church Council are:

President – **Eric Walters**; Elder – **Curt Nadler** and Trustee – **Henry Rainey**.

Those who have completed their terms of office are: President; - **Gary Seider**; Elder; – **Jon Hoek**; Trustee – **Kathy Dickey**.
Thank you all for your service in Christ Jesus on the Church Council.

Current officers still serving: Elders – **Russell Stelzer and Randy Simmons**; Trustees – **John Briggs and Aaron Seider**. Recording Secretary – **Kim Rainey**; Financial Secretary – **Sherry Morse**.

2022 Church Council Members:

President: Eric Walters

Elders: Russell Stelzer; Randy Simmons and Curt Nadler

Trustees: John Briggs; Aaron Seider and Henry Rainey

Recording Secretary: Kim Rainey

Financial Secretary: Sherry Morse

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Raul Garza and family – Raul is the husband of Kayli, niece to Jacki Stelzer; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey; **Dana Goings** – Co-worker of Kathy Dickey battling cancer; **Iris Chrystal** – sister of Kim Decker and sister in-law of Verda Adkisson; **Verda Adkisson**; **Linda Benoit** – battling cancer; **Bryan Cornett** – battling Bladder cancer; **Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Erica Cornett**; **Palmyra Dubbert**; **Terry Decker**; **Jane St. John**; **Chloe Decker**; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Mary Brechler**; **Pastor Kriete**; **Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Martha Blevins**; **Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** –daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Community: Father Mike Coleman**.

ARMED FORCES

Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of 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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