

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

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"What's the Difference?"

A Christian friend who is not a Lutheran recently asked me what sets Lutherans apart from other Christians. I love this kind of question since it helps me refine the way I explain things. It also really helps when it's time to write newsletter articles!

We discussed Luther's renewed emphasis on salvation by grace alone through faith alone. While that's a great distinctive, we realize that virtually all the Christian church bodies in this country would confess it. It no longer sets us apart.

Lutherans also understand baptism and communion as actual means by which God delivers the forgiveness and grace promised to all who believe him. This, of course, is a big deal. A sacramental view of baptism and communion, however, is a majority view among Christians around the world. We could say that Lutherans are attuned to historic Christianity. But many groups will confess this.

A Lutheran distinctive which is actually distinctive, however, is our view of Law and Gospel. We treat it very differently than all the other church bodies. It's simple to describe but hard to apply.

Virtually all of God's Word can be identified as Law or Gospel. In the Law statements we are told what God expects us to do. In the Gospel statements, we are told what God has done for our sake. That's easy enough to describe. The challenge is living in the hope of the Gospel.

May Church Events

- 5.3 10:00 am Bible Study
2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
- 5.9 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 5.10 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 5.17 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 5.24 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 5.31 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: "Patience & Perfection –
Finding Peace in God's Plan for You" (led by Gary Seider)

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

Take, for example, 1 John chapter one, verse nine. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (ESV). There's a Law statement, telling us to confess our sins. We most certainly are expected to do this, and to do it as well as we can. We realize that our obedience will be imperfect, but that we are to do it. But there's also a Gospel statement, saying that God forgives us and cleanses us. We don't make atonement for our sins. We don't earn forgiveness. We don't cleanse ourselves. Jesus does that.

Compare the weight of the Law and the Gospel statements there. We bring our imperfect obedience to God as we attempt to confess accurately and honestly. He brings his perfect forgiveness. Even as we neglect some of our confession or fail to do it thoroughly, he cleanses us entirely.

Lutherans confess that God is able to accomplish all his promises. His power and love never fail. Our obedience falls short. God's power will never fall short.

Learning to live in the freedom of the Gospel? That's something. Yet, as we consider God's Word, our prayer is that we will, more and more, walk in the freedom with which Christ has set us free. Thanks be to God for his wonderful grace!

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.



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). Let's work together to help children have gifts this coming Christmas.

MAY CENTRALIA SCHOOL BUDDY PACKS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has volunteered to help with the buddy packs for the month of May. Pick up time at the Columbia Food Bank is from 3:00-4:30pm on Wednesday afternoon or 7:30-9:00am on Thursday morning. The food needs to be delivered to the schools by 10:00am on Thursday so we don't miss any preschoolers that leave at 11:00am and do not attend on Fridays.

This year Good Shepherd will need to pickup and deliver the following dates:

May 4

May 11

May 18

A special thank you to those that signed up for pick up and deliveries for the children in the Centralia School District.

Sr Youth Afghan Raffle



**\$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets
Drawing to be held on May 29, 2022**

**All proceeds will go towards their 2022
trip to Houston, Tx
LCMS Youth Gathering July 9-13,
2022.**

**Homemade Afghan Quilt
made and donated by Judy Maseman**

New Pastor James Manning, wife Hannah and daughter Katie



At the Concordia St. Louis call night on Tuesday, April 26, seminarian James Lanning received a call to serve as pastor at Good Shepherd! He will be able to take up the call after his ordination, which will probably happen in June at his home church in Texas. James, his wife Hannah, and daughter Katie are excited about coming to serve in Centralia. They hope to visit in the near future, and James plans to shadow Pastor Spotts a little bit to make for a smoother transition.

Please pray for them as they move toward graduation, ordination, and then installation here! They will be looking for affordable housing in the area. They may well also appreciate help when it comes time to move. Remember all those cardboard boxes from your last move? Seminarians have a lot of books.

Above all, we pray the Lord will be preparing the hearts of the Lanning family, and our hearts, for this new chapter in the life of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

If anyone took pictures during the call day, please email them to Pastor Spotts
@ WittenbergCoMo@gmail.com.

80th Year Celebration of LWML Food Drive during May

Our Women's Guild voted for an ingathering of non-perishable food supplies to be distributed to Centralia Food Pantries. Any donations church members wish to contribute during May will be collected in the Narthex. A bulletin with suggestions will also be tacked on the board. At this time, they have plenty of canned veggies & fruits.

Needed items: Staple items such as oil, sugar etc, canned meats or fish, or canned items containing protein, juices, boxed sides of all types for breakfasts, lunches etc are welcomed.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	2	3 Adult Bible Study Study at 10:00am 2:00pm Heritage Hall 7:00pm Elder Meeting	4 Buddy Packs Seider Family	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church After service Bible Study	9 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	10 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	11 Buddy Packs Starr Nadler	12	13	14
15 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	16	17 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	18 Buddy Packs Kathy Dickey	19	20	21
22 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church	23	24 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	25	26	27	28
29 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service After service Bible Study	30	31				

May Birthdays

Ann Seider	5.3
Ava Smith	5.4
Michael Mahieu	5.5
Herb Heuer	5.7
Mike Richterkessing	5.16
Branda Moss	5.20
Phil Hulen	5.24
Gavin Stowers	5.24

May Anniversaries

Ed & Ernestine Ramsey	May 2
Cheryl & Michael Steffan	May 11
Jon & Donna Hoek	May 23
Roy & Karen Richterkessing	May 24
Danny & Julie Hoek	May 29



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MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

May 1

"Three C's of Christian Witness"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Competence, Conversation, and Caring--the three C's of Christian witness.
(Daniel 3:28)

May 8

"What the Bible Is Like"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Bible is like an encyclopedia, a love letter, a self-help book, and a Good News article--but these comparisons all fall short.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

May 15

"What the Bible Is About"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What is the Bible about? That's not merely an intellectual question. It's not just for a classroom. This question is intimately related to another question: what's your life about?" Rediscovering the Bible.
(1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

May 22

"What the Bible Is For"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What does a popular board game have in common with the Bible?
(1 Timothy 4:13)

May 29

"Imagine That!"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy
(Revelation 22:1-7)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO
KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO
KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

MAY CALENDAR

- May 1: Third Sunday of Easter
Text: John 21:1-14
- May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 10:22-30
- May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 16:12-22
- May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 16:23-33
- May 29: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Text: John 17:20-26

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

- Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230**
- Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497**
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Board of Trustees

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

Church Fellowship Hall scheduling
Katie Hoek (573) 933-0515
hoek.katelyn@gmail.com

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

April 3
Attendance **50**
 Current \$ 1,716.00
 Building \$ 180.00

Total **\$ 1,896.00**

April 10
Attendance **61**
 Current \$ 1,994.20
 Building \$ 180.00

Total **\$ 2,174.20**

April 17
Attendance **80**
 Current \$ 1,496.50
 Building \$ 220.00

Total **\$ 1,716.50**

April 24
Attendance **54**
 Current \$ 934.00
 Building \$ 190.00

Total **\$ 1,124.00**

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.

March/April Special Services			Attendance
3/30/22	Lent Service	\$ 53.00	13
4/6/22	Lent Service	\$ 80.00	12
4/14/22	Maundy Thursday		35
4/15/22	Good Friday	\$620.00 Both Services	24
Other April Deposits			
4/3/22	Sr. Youth	\$247.00	
4/10/22	Fellowship Hall Usage	\$300.00	
4/10/22	Scholarship Fund Donation	\$100.00	
4/17/22	Sr. Youth	\$108.00	
<i>Offering envelopes - please use your envelopes for your church giving as much as possible. It makes things much easier for our financial secretary when counting and recording member information. If you need envelopes just let Sherry know and she can get you some. Thank you</i>			

He is Risen



2022 Lent Offerings to be divided

- 1/3 Senior Youth Group
- 1/3 Eleos Ministries International Outreach
- 1/3 Lutheran Heritage Foundation



SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Mary Brechler; Vivian Diener; Jane St. John; Mark Ramsey; Verda Adkisson; Linda Benoit – battling cancer; **Bryan Cornett; Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Erica Cornett; 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; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Community: Father Mike Coleman.**

ARMED FORCES

Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy – brothers of Rachel Rojas (Robertson); **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; **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.**



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