

Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS July 2022

Dear Saints in Christ at Good Shepherd,

In the past two years you have welcomed me into your congregation. During a time of shut downs and isolation you asked me to visit you with the Gospel, preaching and teaching from God's Word, bringing the gifts of God in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You have asked me to baptize your children, to marry your couples, and, yes, to bury your dead. Our Lord has been gracious, to me and, I trust, to you.

Thank you for your welcome and your receptive attitude. It has been an honor and a pleasure alike to bring ministry of Word and Sacrament day after day and week after week!

As Pastor Lanning moves in and I move out, and even as I thank you for your care, I ask that you lay down your lives to love and serve your new neighbors, the Lannings, as they are laying down their lives for you. Pray for your pastor that he will have the time and energy to pray well for you. Encourage him in the Word as he labors to bring the Word to you. Speak well of him as I know he will speak well of you.

Together, the pastor and congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are poised to bring the Gospel to many, many people, as you love and serve your neighbors in Christ.

My mission work with Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry will continue. I would ask you to keep praying for that work, as we seek to bring the hope of the Gospel to all nations. As we all stay on mission, following our Savior, we know His word and kingdom will prevail. Thanks be to God who uses his people as his hands outstretched to this world!

Thanks again for being an important part of the last two years of my life! You are precious in the sight of God.

Grace and peace to all!

Pastor Spotts

July Church Events

- 7.5 2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
- 7.6 **No 10:00 am Bible Study**
- 7.10 Church Council meets
- 7.11 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 7.13 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 7.20 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 7.24 Qtrly Congregation Meeting
- 7.27 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 7.31 Pastor James Lanning Installation

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: "Flowing from the Cross – Six Facets of God's Forgiveness" (led by Gary Seider)

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

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Saturday 9-12 & Wednesday by appointment only

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer 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.

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



Sr. Youth Raffle Winner

Gary Seider is the winner of the handmade afghan! Thank you, Judy Maseman, for your handiwork.



Sr. Youth member Jon Gronefeld drawing the winning raffle ticket. Sr. Youth member Christina Gronefeld holding the basket full of all those raffle tickets purchased as a fundraiser for their upcoming Houston trip. Also pictured is Sr. Youth Leader Alane Gronefeld.



Celebrating birthdays for Joanne Bettenhausen on June 18th and Patti Haubein on June 25th.



LWML May Food Drive

The Women's Guild wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations of food items for Esther's Pantry, which is operated by Assembly of God Church in Centralia. We sponsored the food drive in celebration of the 80th year of LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League.) Thanks to everyone's generosity we received 87 food items. This was 7 more than our goal of 80 (to match the 80 years of LWML). Pastor David Hartgrove from Assembly of God picked up the food on June 1. He said they are having above normal requests from people needing help with food. He asked that we let everyone know how much they appreciate the donations as we work together to help those in need.

VBS 2022

River of Life VBS will begin July 24th (if we teach the first lesson during Sunday School) or July 25th and will have 5 lessons. The last lesson is the Baptism of Jesus and points us to our Baptism. The lessons will each feature water and a different country will be the Mission Focus.

There will be three age groups 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. I have people considering teaching the youngest age groups. I need a volunteer for the oldest group. I could also use assistance with the craft station and volunteers to make and serve the refreshments. (Caribbean Sugar Cookies; Okrugli Vrsak - Baltic Region Dessert baked in tube or loaf pan; Egyptian Chocolate Cake, Mediansky - Russian Honey Cookies, and Chinese Fortune Cookies (we would write Bible verses to put in these) or Chinese Almond Cookies - plain sugar cookies, oatmeal cookies or another cookie could be offered in place of or in addition to the suggestions above). I do have the recipes.

The craft portion of VBS will echo some of the craft for the region we visit each day. For one of the crafts, I need small jars (baby food or the glass yogurt pots would work great). I will put a small box in the Narthex near the bulletin board to collect these.

Most of all please pray for our VBS, our teachers and assistants, and the students.

Thank you.
Catherine

Sr Youth making ice cream

Fathers Day

Build Your Own Sundae with homemade ice cream made by Senior Youth. Donations made to Senior Youth for trip.



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	4  4 th of July	5 2:00pm Heritage Hall	6 No Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	7 Ultimate Frisbee 9:00pm – 10.30pm	8	9
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July Birthdays

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

Highway Cleanup

We picked up a few bags of litter along our little stretch of Adopt-A-Highway west of Centralia on June 7. We didn't make a big deal about planning it too far ahead--but just used some available time to get it done. Let's plan another clean-up in September.

Ann Seider

Work day signup sheet on the table in the Narthex. The Lanning's are needing help on July 8 and July 9 with cleaning, painting and help with Katy. July 23 is currently their planned move - in day and will also need help then as well.



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

July 2022

July 3

"Play the Sunset"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't negotiate our value with God; however,
God regards us as infinitely valuable.
(Ecclesiastes 2:25)

July 10

"Power to Enjoy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is not a free pass to heaven; Jesus is the
Reason why we want to be in heaven, the Source
of joy in every place.
(Ecclesiastes 5:19)

July 17

"18 Hours in the Ocean "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Voltaire said, "Life is a shipwreck." The Bible
gives us a rescue beacon.
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)

July 24

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

July 31

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

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 3: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 10:1-20

July 10: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 10:25-37

July 17: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 10:38-42

July 24: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 11:1-13

July 31: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 12:13-21

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

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Church Fellowship Hall scheduling

Katie Hoek (573) 933-0515

hoek.katelyn@gmail.com

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling

Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

churchupdates

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

May 29

Attendance	40
Current	\$ 991.00
Building	\$ 160.00

Total \$ 1,151.00

June 5

Attendance	29
Current	\$ 1,019.00
Building	\$ 100.00

Total \$ 1,119.00

June 12 40

Attendance	40
Current	\$ 6,781.00
Building	\$ 340.00

Total \$ 7,121.00

June 19 60

Attendance	60
Current	\$ 1,057.00
Building	\$ 170.00

Total \$ 1,227.00

June 26

Attendance	60
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 May/June Deposits

5/29/22	Sr. Youth	\$ 7.00
5/29/22	LCMS District	\$ 1,000.00
6/5/22	Sr. Youth	\$ 400.00
6/5/22	Facility Usage	\$ 20.00
6/12/22	LCMS District	\$ 1,000.00
(To help with additional expenses that may come up with the new Pastor)		
6/12/22	Sr. Youth	\$ 100.00
6/12/22	Facility Usage	\$ 40.00
6/19/22	Sr. Youth	\$ 590.00
6/19/22	Facility Usage	\$ 20.00
6/19/22	T-Shirt Orders	\$ 269.00

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

Sunday School

We will continue with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. this summer, as well as Children's Church during the sermon on noncommunion Sundays. Sometimes we may have another church member "substitute" teach if Ann or Catherine are unable to be there. As our little flock grows, it is helpful if parents come to the pew in Education Wing between 9:50 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to pick up their children from Sunday School. If we're not there, you can find us in a classroom finishing up an activity. Ann tries to return Children's Church kids to their parents during the last hymn--but if late, then please come find them after the Worship service at your convenience. Jacki Stelzer can teach children age 2 through Preschool during Sunday School time.

Ann Seider



City of Centralia – Avenue of Flags

The flags will be raised on Thursday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m. and lowered on Tuesday, July 5th at 5:00 p.m. They are requesting all volunteers to please park on the side streets along the cemetery instead of in the cemetery to allow room for the truck to drop off flag supplies.

Sr. Youth

Houston, Here We Come!

The following participants will be travelling to Houston, Texas July 9th - 13th for the 2002 LCMS Youth Gathering: Christina & Jonathan Gronefeld, Sydney Fischer, Zachary Oxar and the adult leaders, Darrell & Alane Gronefeld.

The Gathering theme is "In All Things." We will have daily bible studies, informative sessions, and a mass event each evening. You may watch the evening mass events at 8:30 pm by visiting lmsgathering.com/livestream. The Wednesday Worship service on July 13th at 10 am can also be viewed livestream.

Thank you for all of the support you have given the Sr. Youth to have this amazing experience! We will be travelling by motorcoach with Campus Lutheran (Columbia) and Faith Lutheran (Branson) to Houston. Please pray that we have a safe trip and that our hearts and minds are encouraged in our walk with Christ.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Travis Barr - recovering from some extensive surgery since being diagnosed with cancer. **Shawn** - Randy Simmons's boss, having health issues; **Palmyra Dubbert** - recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Judy Maseman** - recovering from ankle surgery; **Mary Brechler**; **Jane St. John**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Linda Benoit**; **Bryan Cornett**; **Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Erica Cornett**; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **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: Linda Fullington (she lives at Heritage Hall); **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**.

Thank You notes

Beloved friends in Christ,

"The fruit of the Spirit is love." Galatians 5:22 We have always felt your love, from the time Pastor served as your vacancy Pastor. You celebrated his 70th birthday and our 50th wedding anniversary and renewal of our vows. Now you celebrate with us his entry into his heavenly home. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, memorials, hugs and all the wonderful desserts for the reception following Pastor's celebration of life. Pastor now sits in heaven with the Saints and we are certain he heard someone say; "It was you who invited me here."

May God continue to bless you all,

The family of Pastor Robert Kriete

Esther's Pantry thanks Good Shepherd Church for your generous donation of food recently to Esther's Pantry. Your donation was very timely.

Esther's Pantry was begun about 15 years ago when our country was going through the mortgage crisis and other economic institutions were going belly up and we were in recession. We do not depend upon government help but depend on God to speak to hearts to help keep Esther's Pantry supplied with food. We give vouchers along with the food that can be used to purchase fresh items not in Esther's Pantry. At this time canned meats, cooking oil, cake icing, cake mixes, canned fruit, pancake mixes, and pancake syrup are in need. However, we are grateful for any donation.

P, S, we are out of sugar as well. Thank you!

***Pastor David Hartgrove** (We received a special thank you letter from Pastor Hartgrove this week. Please make sure to take time to read it on the bulletin board in the Narthex.)*

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Several months ago, our church was asked to host a community event for high school teens called **Ultimate Glow Frisbee**. The frisbee lights up and players wear glow bracelets/necklace, etc. This event has been introduced by United Methodist Church pastor Sean McIntyre and a few other churches are participating in its development. Since ultimate frisbee requires a large open area for play, they liked our churchyard south of the Fellowship Hall. In late May I met with Pastor McIntyre and determined that the activity will be hosted at GSLC on Thursdays from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Other churches will take their turn at providing snacks and some of the equipment.

Our church is providing: *extension cord(s), 2-3 folding tables, ice (Ann will keep freezer stocked), trash can/recycling can, snacks (things like soda, water, gatorade, chips, etc), once or twice Glow bands (sharing the cost of these with other participating churches), announcement on our sign Access to bathrooms if needed and First Aid kit availability.*

This is an excellent opportunity to meet some high schoolers we might not otherwise run into, and to show them that they matter - to us and, more importantly, to Jesus, the savior of the world. Please continue to pray that the Lord will create many opportunities to bring his hope to others in this increasingly dark world.

The Ultimate Glow Frisbee nights begin Thursday July 7 and ends Thursday Aug. 11.

How can you help? Watch for a signup sheet to pick a Thursday to be at our church to unlock it for access to tables, access to ice in our freezer, bring snacks (once or twice--other churches will take a turn at that too) open the church during the event if someone needs to use the restroom. If you have questions--contact Ann Seider 573-489-2816 or seider6366@gmail.com

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 July 31, 2022.** Scholarship awards will be made on August 7th, Applications should be given to one of the Elders.... Russell Stelzer, Randy Simmons or Curt Nadler.

Or mail to:

Board of Elders

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