

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

September 2022

Shine His Light

"If I light just one candle, and you light just one too, and we pass the flame from wick to wick, from us to you and you; and if we keep it going around the world, you'll see, the world is glowing with the light that came from you and me. With one candle, just one candle, yes one candle burning bright; with one candle, just one candle, we can fill the world with light. If we light just one candle and pass the flame to you, all our light would glow from place to place, and we would glow there too. And when we keep it going, the light will show the way, to touch the people 'round the world by shining night and day. With one candle, just one candle, we can fill the world with light."

This song, *Just one Candle* by Teresa, describes how one candle sharing its fire can spread through out the entire room. As this song is sung, a person starting with one lit candle shares their fire with the next person, and just like a Christmas eve candle-light service, the whole room is slowly brightened with the addition of one more lit candle. The person who has the fire shares their fire with another person and it spreads from one person unto the next until an area that was once very dark is filled with light.

In His famous Sermon on the Mount, our Lord told his people **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.** Like the candles in the song, each one of us has an important light to shine: the Light of Christ, shining hope and truth in a world lost in darkness and despair. As each candle touches another and shares its light, we too share the light of Christ as we lean in to touch the lives of our neighbors. And so the light Christ grows, and one day, when the true light of the world returns in the flesh, He will banish all darkness from every corner of the earth. Until then, shine the light you have, with the boldness and brightness of the One who shines in you.

- Rev. Lanning

September Church Events

- 9.6 2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
- 9.6 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- 9.7 10:00 am Bible Study
- 9.12 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 9.14 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9.21 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9.28 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. (led by Pastor Lanning)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "The Red Sea Miracle"
(led by Gary Seider)

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

Helping Others

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.

Announcements



After Service Bible Study: The Red Sea Miracle (led by Gary Seider) begins Sept. 4th.

Did the crossing of the Red Sea take place as recorded in the Bible, and if so, where did it happen? Skeptics contend that no evidence has ever been found for huge numbers of people crossing a desert wilderness, or a mighty sea. People of faith will be inspired and skeptics will have much to think about as filmmaker Timothy P. Mahoney reveals two decades of documentary research including if divers found the remains of Pharaoh's army on the seafloor. This leads us to ask... "Do miracles still happen today?"

Mission Meeting

Would you like to help Good Shepherd plan ways to reach out to the communities of Hallsville, Sturgeon, Harrisburg and Centralia? Join us as we continue discussions, as learned in our coached sessions, to generate and focus ideas for sharing the gospel message with others in our communities and with our church families **Meet at church Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 pm or request the Zoom link from Ann Seider 573-489-2816.**

7th Annual Centralia Craft/Vendor Fair

Saturday November 5, 2022 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall at 120 W. Gano Chance Road Lunch will be available. Interested Vendors may contact 573-489-2816 after 4 pm for booth space info, find us on **Facebook @ 7th Annual Craft/Vendor Fair.**

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

Good Shepherd Youth are invited to join youth from Campus Lutheran for monthly GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) time. Events are held on specific Sundays at Campus Lutheran from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. GIFT time includes dinner, devotion and an activity. A schedule will be posted on church bulletin boards. Please contact **Alane Gronefeld for more information, 682-7125.**

July 31, 2022 Installation of Pastor James Lanning



Cake made by Donna Hoek



Campus and Good Shepherd Choir members



Installation Meal & Reception



Thanks to everyone that pitched in with food, labor and anything else to help make this such a special day.



**Churches Planting Churches Workshop
Held August 18 – 20, 2022**

A Presentation was given to the congregation during service on August 28.

Those attending from Good Shepherd were Pastor Lanning, Hannah Lanning, Catherine Simmons and Curt Nadler

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	5 Labor Day	6 Heritage Hall Service 2:00pm Elders meeting 7pm	7 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	8	9	10
11 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church	12 Womens Guild at 1:00 pm	13	14 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	15	16	17
18 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	19	20	21 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	22	23	24
25 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church	26	27	28 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	29	30	31

September Birthdays

Darrell Gronefeld	9.4
Kelsey Jaeger	9.4
Angel Arnall	9.11
Donna Hoek	9.16
Gary Seider	9.18
Judy Mahieu	9.19
Cody Jaeger	9.26
Kayne Walters	9.27
Aaron Seider	9.29
Ernestine Ramsey	9.30



September Anniversaries

Matt & Vivian Diener	9.5
Rick & Palmyra Dubbert	9.5
Henry & Kim Rainey	9.22

Ultimate Glow Freesbee was hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
July 7 – August 11.





SEPTEMBER

September 4

"Count the Cost"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him.

(Luke 14:25-35)

September 11

"Lost and Found"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people.

(Luke 15:1-10)

September 18

"Fresh Start"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour.

(Luke 16:9)

September 25

"Take This Personally"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise.

(Luke 16:19-31)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

September Calendar

- Sept 4: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 14:25-35
- Sept 11: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 15:1-10
- Sept 18: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 16:1-15
- Sept 25: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Luke 16:19-31

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

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
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Henry Rainey (573) 823-9777

Church Fellowship Hall scheduling

Katie Hoek (573) 933-0515
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Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling

Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

Church Updates

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

July 24

Attendance	62
Current	\$ 970.00
Building	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 1,270.00

July 31

Attendance	49
Current	\$ 2,110.00
Building	\$ 180.00
Total	\$ 2,290.00

August 7

Attendance	51
Current	\$ 2,626.00
Building	\$ 180.00
Total	\$ 2,806.00

August 14

Attendance	49
Current	\$ 1,602.00
Building	\$ 140.00
Total	\$ 1,742.00

August 21

Attendance	45
Current	\$ 1,481.00
Building	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 1,781.00

August 28

Attendance	54
Current	\$ 1,735.00
Building	\$ 180.00
Total	\$ 1,915.00

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.

Other July/August Deposits

7/24/22	Facility Usage	\$ 40.00
8/14/22	Partnership Grant	\$1,000.00
8/28/22	Joanne Bettenhausen Memorial	\$ 95.00

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



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sunday School invites you to our *Fall Fun & Fellowship* event on Sunday, October 30 after the Worship service.

Bring a salad such as

- potato salad or
- a bag of chips or
- a dessert

to go along with brats and hot dogs that will be provided. Beverages and tableware will be provided as well.

Games and Craft Activities for the kids—outside if possible, inside if needed.

A great day to bring friends, neighbors or extended family as we celebrate our learning of God's Word together all year long with a fall Reformation theme.

Kindly RSVP a possible number of attendees to Ann Seider by October 20th so we can have enough brats/dogs.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Julia Rainey, mother of Henry Rainey; **Travis Barr** – taking cancer treatments. **Shawn** - Randy Simmons's boss; **Palmyra Dubbert**; **Mary Brechler**; **Jane St. John**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Linda Benoit**; **Bryan Cornett**; **Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Erica Cornett**; **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 Rajos (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**.



Remembering the family of **Joanne Bettenhausen**, who passed away **Thursday, August 18th**.
Funeral Services were held at Good Shepherd on **Thursday, August 25th**.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Saturday

November 5, 2022

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

In the church Fellowship Hall

Complete details can be found on the flyers located on the
table in the Narthex area.



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