

# Shepherd's *Voice*

## Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS July 2023

### The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan

*Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3*

One of the many challenges to the Church in North America is the conviction that faith is personal and private. There is a pervasive view that one's faith is simply a matter of a personal relationship with God. However, the Biblical view of faith is that while it is personal (one has an individual faith), it is also corporate. One of the lesser quoted epistles, Jude, encourages his readers that the Church is to defend "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 3). The Christian faith is created by the working of the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments, but it is also a body of doctrine that clearly confessing the person and work of the triune God.

So, the Christian faith is not something that is believed in isolation from others, but also not something that is practiced in isolation from others. Gathering together with the saints of God is to confess the faith that was once delivered to the saints and to receive the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives. The Nicene Creed was originally spoken in the plural because this is the faith that we have all received and that we confess together. The rhythm of corporate worship is God serving us corporately through His gifts as He forgives sins and strengthens faith through the Means of Grace, and then we respond. Our responses may be different (since we have differing gifts – different voices, different offerings, different forms of service), but they are offered together as one body and among all the saints.

The Christian faith is also not something which individuals have the freedom to craft according to their own opinions and views. The faith that we confess has been revealed through the Sacred Scriptures, expounded in the Lutheran Confessions and taught among us throughout the generations. Our prayer is that God would preserve this faith among us and save us from ourselves and our sinful desires to "have it your way" like the rest of the world. May God enable us to be faithful stewards of the faith once delivered to the saints in our day!

*Prayer - Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### July Church Events

- 7.5 Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- 7.5 ZOOM Prayer Group, 9 p.m.
- 7.9 **Council Meeting, following service**
- 7.10 Women's Guild, 1 p.m.
- 7.12 Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- 7.12 ZOOM Prayer Group, 9 p.m.
- 7.13 Heritage Hall, 2 p.m.
- 7.19 Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- 7.19 ZOOM Prayer Group, 9 p.m.
- 7.23 **Quarterly Congregation Meets, following service**
- 7.26 Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- 7.26 Zoom Prayer Group, 9 p.m.
- 7.29 GSLC Pool Party at City Pool, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

### Sunday Events

- Prayer Group: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
- Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. (led by Pastor Lanning)
- Worship: 10:00 a.m.
- After service Bible Study: "Journey to Mount Sinai" (led by Gary Seider)
- Children's Church is offered on non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon.

Prayer Team:  
Sunday mornings 8:30-9:00am in the sanctuary

Wednesday evenings 9:00-9:30pm over Zoom. Go to [Goodshepherdcentralia.org/pray](https://goodshepherdcentralia.org/pray) for the link

These prayer times are a time to be together with the Lord in prayer, to lift each other up in prayer, and to pray for our community and world. You're always invited to come and try it out!



## Senior Youth Ice Cream Prep and Sales

Many thanks to those who helped prepare the ice cream and volunteered to sell during the Centralia Fair June 22-24. We had great weather and lots of customers!

Thank you, congregation members who purchased ice cream, after the fair ended.



## June Second Saturday Fun



Christina Gronefeld coaching some of the young visitors to the tent.

Pastor and Hannah showing their skills.

Jordan was one of the top adult winners with 63 seconds.



## Operation Christmas Child

This year Good Shepherd is combining the two efforts we did last year. We will no longer have the numbered boxes with envelopes to take home, nor the store. Look for containers on the OCC display, located in the narthex, for the monthly featured items collections. Each month we will announce what item we suggest buying for the boxes. We ask that you participate by bringing the items and putting them in the containers to collect throughout the year. In November, we will pack boxes at the Second Saturday event and as a church on the Sunday after. These two efforts will encourage our church and community to pray for this ministry. Lunch will be provided on Sunday. If you choose to take a box home to fill on your own, please feel welcome to do that. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Lanning or Jacki Stelzer.

***Collecting all year – shipping \$10 per box, if writing check make payable to GSLC with OCC shipping in memo.***

***April – soap in wrapper, inside washcloth and placed in zip-lock baggie; May – Small stuffed Animal/toy***

***June – Toothbrush, (NO toothpaste), brush, comb; July – Shirt, Socks, underwear***

***August – sticker/coloring book, school supplies (pencils, eraser, crayons, ruler); September – WOW toy***

## 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.**

## 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)



## Shared Ministry Prayer Group - Wednesdays 9pm

Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran are forming a new prayer group that will meet on Wednesdays at 9:00pm on Zoom. This is a 30-minute gathering for prayer and contemplation to close out your evening. We will be praying for our shared ministry, our members, all of Christ's people and His mission in the world. With guidance from Pastor Kent and Pastor James, members of our Shared Ministry Workgroup will lead each session, utilizing the order of COMPLINE (prayer at the close of the day), with an opportunity for participants to share their own prayer requests.

Links and more details at [www.goodshepherdcentralia.org/pray/](http://www.goodshepherdcentralia.org/pray/)

# JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am Prayer Group 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	3	4 <i>Happy Independence Day</i>	5 Adult Bible Study meets at 10am  ZOOM Prayer Group at 9 pm	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Prayer Group 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship Service <b>Council Meeting</b>	10 Women's Guild meet at 1pm	11	12 Adult Bible Study meets at 10am  ZOOM Prayer Group at 9 pm	13 Heritage Hall 2pm	14	15
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## July Birthdays

Gillian Smith	7.1
Eric Walters	7.2
Kristin Walters	7.4
Kaelyn Walters	7.13
Katelyn Hoek	7.15
Kody Walters	7.16
Kimberly Rainey	7.20
Sandra Harlan	7.22
Alane Gronefeld	7.25
Jennifer Truesdell	7.28
Karen Richterkessing	7.29



## July Anniversaries

Debra & Terrial Decker	7.3
John & Jenny Briggs	7.15
Brenda & Robert Moss	7.23



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MINISTRIES**  
*www.lhm.org*

## JULY

July 2

### "Give Me Life?!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock  
Finders, weepers, losers, keepers: Pastor Haberstock talks about finding life by losing it for the sake of Christ.  
(Matthew 10:39)

July 9

### "Lean Into the Villain's Story"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them too.  
(Romans 7:24)

July 16

### "Two Mindsets"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place  
(Romans 8:1-7)

July 23

### "Pulling for Others"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives?  
(Romans 8:31-39)

July 30

### "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right.  
(Habakkuk 2:3 Romans 10:9)

### 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 2: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 10:34-42
- July 9: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 11:25-30
- July 16: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Matthew 13:44-52

## Serving The Lord

### Board of Elders

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### 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](http://www.churchupdates.org)

# FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

**May 28**  
**Attendance**                    **41**  
 Current                    \$ 592.00  
 Building                    \$ 380.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 1,058 .00**

**June 4**  
**Attendance**                    **48**  
 Current                    \$ 2,631.00  
 Building                    \$ 140.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 2,771.00**

**June 11**  
**Attendance**                    **56**  
 Current                    \$ 1,012.00  
 Building                    \$ 340.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 2,702.00**

**June 18**  
**Attendance**                    **47**  
 Current                    \$ 1,460.00  
 Building                    \$ 170.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 1,080.00**

**June 25**  
**Attendance**                    **57**  
 Current                    \$ Totals will be  
 Building                    \$ reported next  
**Total**                    \$ 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.

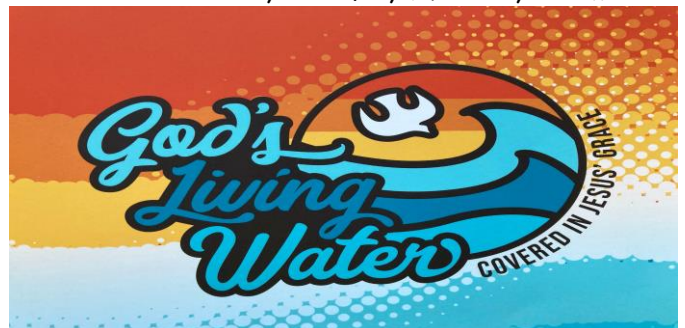
## Other June Deposits

5/28/23	LAMP Missions	\$ 86.00
6/11/23	Campus Shared Ministry	\$1,250.00
6/11/23	LAMP Missions	\$ 100.00
6/18/23	Hall Use – Volleyball	\$ 80.00
6/18/23	District Grant	\$ 1,000.00

*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 Tracy know and she can get you some. Thank you*

Vacation Bible School  
 at  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran  
 August 14-17, 2023  
 5:30 pm Meal for workers and VBS families  
 VBS 6:00-8:00  
 Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade helpers

Bible lessons, Craft, Music, Games



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LAMP Mission Teams and Gary and Hannah as they travel to Brochet Manitoba; Bonnie Berthelsen; Arland Stemme - mother of Alane Gronefeld; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme – treatment for cancer; Doreen Loeffler – treatment for cancer; Julia Rainey; Travis Barr – taking cancer treatments; Mary Brechler; Jane St. John; Linda Benoit; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; 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

Missionaries - Pastor Tim Schulte and his wife Erin Schulte. LAMP Ministry Teams for VBS in Canada.  
Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Susan Prewitt; Donna Hargis – breast cancer.

## 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 Gorczyca and Shelby Banks; Chris Chism, U.S. Navy – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; Brittany Macklin – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; Zachary Warden – grandson of Betty Warden; Community: Ray Finlay, U.S. Army.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Trinity Lutheran** – Wellsville is hosting their 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social 7/9 at 5:30 p.m. See bulletin board for menu and additional information.

## Second Saturday

Come and help at our booth at Second Saturday on Saturday, July 8 from 3-9pm. Sign-up sheet is in the back of church for 2-hour time slots. Cornhole and a scavenger hunt are the activities this month for the children. Plus, we always have the opportunity to meet our neighbors and pray with them. Come and join your church family for ministry and fellowship.

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare our crafts for the LAMP mission team this summer. Our team consists of members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Gary Seider and Hannah Lanning are the members of Good Shepherd going.*

*Please pray for our teams as they go on the mission trip from July 19-31. Pray for safe travels, for a warm welcome from the community, and for the health of our members.*



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