

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS October 2023

Baptized Into Our Family

At the beginning of this year, Hannah and I met a wonderful woman named A___, a graduate student from "Southeast Asia" who showed up at Campus Lutheran wanting to know more about Mormonism; she was welcomed in and recommended to our young adult group called Quarterlife. She knew basically nothing about Christianity when we first met, and the language gap has been a challenge, but she has been coming faithfully to Quarterlife events since February and has even come to church at Good Shepherd. I and the members of Quarterlife have been working with her to teach her the stories and core doctrines of Christianity; the major challenges have been the language gap, the sheer amount of stories and theological concepts in the Bible, and the fact that Christianity has been completely foreign to her all of her life. The most difficult thing for me has been the doubt that I'm just not doing enough, that I haven't explained things well enough, or haven't prepared or planned well enough to effectively teach A___ enough, as if my preparation, explanation skills, and planning could create faith in her. God has showed me how futile and silly my reliance on my own intelligence and abilities are, as I have seen A___'s faith grow, even as I have worried that I haven't done enough. A___ asked to be baptized earlier this summer, and as of this past August, A___ is now a baptized member of the family God, not because of anything she, or I, or anyone in Quarterlife did, but because God chose her and planted a seed of faith in her heart. I may not think that I said enough, that I didn't teach her enough of the story or explain enough of the core doctrine, that I didn't use the right words, but it's not about my words, or intelligence, or ability to effectively communicate, it's about God and His Word, which is more powerful than I can possibly imagine, and certainly more powerful than anything I could ever say or do.

(all edits to her name, appearance, and country of origin are made out of an abundance of caution)

Praise God from who all blessing truly flows

Rev. James Lanning

October Church Events

- 10.1 LWML Fall Rally 2 p.m.
- 10.3 Elders Meeting 7 pm
- 10.4 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.4 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 pm
- 10.8 Church Council Meeting after service
- 10.9 Women's Guild 1 pm
- 10.11 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.11 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 pm
- 10.12 Heritage Hall 2 pm
- 10.13-14 Church Garage Sale to benefit Sunday School
- 10.18 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.18 Worship Committee 4 pm
- 10.18 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 pm
- 10.22 GSLC Congregational Meeting w/carry-in lunch
- 10.25 Adult Bible Study 10a .m
- 10.25 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 pm
- 10.26 GSLC 65th Anniversary
- 10.29 Reformation Day w/communion
- 10.31 Trunk or Treat 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday Events

Prayer Group: 8:30-9:00 a.m. (meets in the Sanctuary)
Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning "
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
After service Bible Study (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church, for **children age 4 through 4th grade**, is offered on non-Communion Sundays during the Sermon.



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)

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

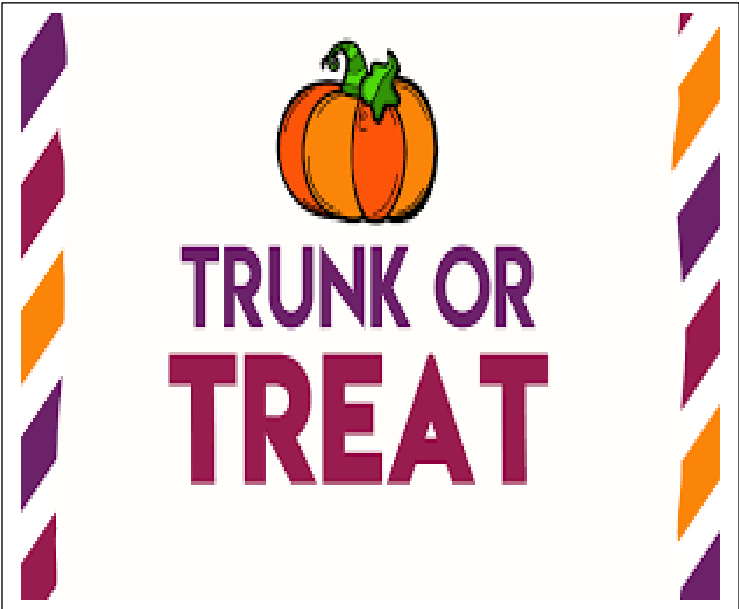
June – Toothbrush, (NO toothpaste), brush, comb; July – Shirt, Socks, underwear

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

Shared Ministry Workgroup

The Shared Ministry Workgroup met at Good Shepherd on September 13. We discussed the asset mapping exercise and reporting deadlines. We are continually looking for servant events to benefit our communities. A hayride and bonfire is being planned for October at Good Shepherd with hotdogs and s'mores. Centralia City Hall has been contacted and no permit is required for the bonfire. Wood for the bonfire can be placed in the area of the southwest corner of the parking lot designated for the bonfire. A Thrivent Action Team grant has been approved for purchasing the hot dogs and buns. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for the other food items. Aaron will work with Campus for trivia questions and coordinating the two trivia night events at each church. The next meeting will be at Campus on October 18 at 6:30 P.M.

Baptism of Elizabeth Josephine Crosby – great granddaughter of Sheryl Bartels.



Join the Senior Youth in setting up Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on **Tuesday, October 31st from 4:30-6:30.**

Let's fill the parking lot!



How well do you know the father of the Reformation?

Martin Luther

Test your knowledge by taking this Reformation Day Quiz.

1. Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in what country?
a. Germany b. Austria c. France d. England
2. As an adult, Martin Luther wrote dozens of hymns. His love for music dated back to his early school days, when music was his favorite subject. Although he was particularly fond of playing this instrument, he gave it away before entering the monastery at 21.
a. the violin b. the harpsicord c. the lute d. the French horn
3. Which of the following events did NOT occur during Martin Luther's lifetime?
a. Columbus discovered America c. Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel
b. Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet d. Copernicus taught heliocentric universe
4. Martin Luther said he never saw a Bible until he was 20 years old. He later translated the Bible into this language so that common people (not only priests and monks) would be able to read it:
a. Latin b. English c. French d. German
5. Martin Luther originally intended to become a lawyer and completed both his bachelor's and master's degrees toward that end. What happened that convinced him to become a monk instead?
a. he made a vow to St. Anna c. he saw a light from heaven like the Apostle Paul
b. he was frightened by a violent storm d. a11 of the above
6. Martin Luther objected to the fact that a Dominican friar by the name of Johann Tetzel was selling "indulgences." What were parishioners promised in exchange for buying these pieces of paper?
a. a raffle ticket b. forgiveness of sin c. a new Bible d. a! the above
7. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted a list of theses, or topics he wished to debate, on the door of the Wittenburg Castle Church. How many items were on the list?
a. 31 b. 90 c. 95 d. 99
8. Whom did Martin Luther marry?
a. his childhood sweetheart c. a nurse who cared for him in his old age
b. a former nun d. none of the above — as a monk, he stayed single
9. "Next to the Word of God," what did Martin Luther say "deserves the highest praise"?
a. the Pope b. the Virgin Mary c. music d. marriage
10. At the Diet of Worms, Luther was condemned as "a demon in the appearance of a man." Why?
a. because he had defaced church property c. because he wouldn't eat the worms he was served
b. because he had red hair and flushed skin d. because he refused to recant his heretical views

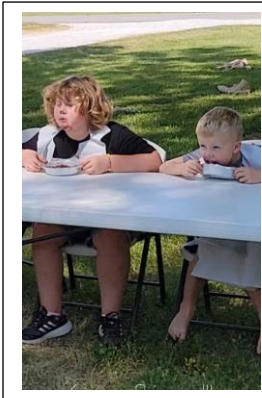
Rally Day Fun



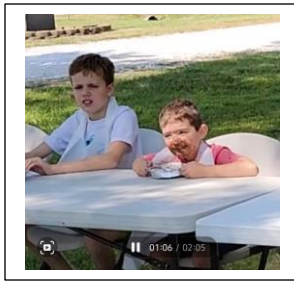
Thank you, Dunk Tank volunteers, for getting wet!



Tug of war and Sack Race fun!



Eating pie can be messy work, how did two of them stay so clean?



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion 2 LWML Fall Rally	2	3 Elders 7:00 pm	4 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	5	6	7
8 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship Council meets following worship service	9 Women's Guild meet at 1:00 pm	10	11 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	12 2:00pm Heritage Hall	13 12-6 p.m. Church Garage Sale	14 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Church Garage Sale
15 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion 6 pm Bonfire/Hayride w/Campus	16	17	18 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Worship Committee at 4 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	19	20	21
22 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Congregational Meeting w/carry-in lunch	23	24	25 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	26 GSLC 65 TH ANNIVERSARY	27	28
29 REFORMATION 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion	30	31 Trunk or Treat 4:30-6:30				



October Anniversaries

October Birthdays

Sarah Arnall 10.4
 Ronald Borgman 10.4
 Leah Cochran 10.6
 Noah Banks 10.19
 Jon Hoek 10.26
 Ed Ramsey 10.30
 Vickie Chism 10.31

Russell & Jacki Stelzer October 18
 Randall & Catherine Simmons October 19





October 1

"The Way Through the Maze"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.

(Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.

(Psalm 23)

October 15

"Help the World Rejoice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 81)

October 22

"Matching Pace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 96:13)

October 29

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A heartfelt "thank you"! to Katie Hoek, Kim Rainey, the Sunday School teachers and families for the very generous gifts. I use the Lutheran Lady tumbler every day – it's great for hot tea! I appreciate all of you and opportunity to have served at Good Shepherd.



- October 1: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)
- October 8: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 22: 1-14
- October 22: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29: Reformation Day
Text: John 8:31-36

Serving The Lord

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Church Fellowship Hall and Church ballfield scheduling & maintenance

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

September 3

Attendance **52**
Current \$ 1,918.00
Building \$ 170.00

Total **\$ 2,088.00**

September 10

Attendance **57**
Current \$ 1,786.00
Building \$ 90.00

Total **\$ 1,876.00**

September 17

Attendance **68**
Current \$ 1,475.00
Building \$ 270.00

Total **\$ 1,745.00**

September 24

Attendance **48**
Current \$ 1,267.00
Building \$230.00

Total **\$ 1,497.00**

Total **\$ 7,206.00**

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 September Deposits

9/3/23	Mary Brechler Memorial	\$ 190.00
9/3/23	Rally Day	\$ 103.18
9/10/23	District Partnership Grant	\$ 750.00
9/10/23	Campus Lutheran Shared	\$1,250.00
9/17/23	Mary Brechler Memorial	\$ 20.00

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

The Luther Rose



Prince John Frederick, who was the protector of [Martin Luther](#), commissioned a seal for Luther which he would wear as a ring. Luther wrote this letter to Lazarus Spengler of Nuremburg, who was designing the ring.

Grace and peace in Christ, Honored and Dear Lord and Friend, since you wish to know whether they have designed my seal the way I wanted it, I will tell you how I originally planned my coat-of-arms as a symbol of my theology.

The first thing should be a cross, black, on a heart retaining the natural red color, to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. A person can only become righteous when he believes with his whole heart. And though this is a black cross, mortifying the flesh and purposely inflicting pain, it does not change the color of the heart or destroy its nature. It does not kill, but instead it preserves life: for the just shall live by faith, that is, faith in the Crucified One.

This heart should be set in the middle of a white rose, to show that this faith yields joy, peace, and comfort such as the world cannot give. This rose is white instead of red, because white is the color of spirits and angels.

This white rose is placed on a field of heavenly blue, because such spiritual joy and faith are a beginning of heavenly joys to come, which even now are possessed by faith and understood in hope, although they cannot yet be seen by the human eye.

Encircling this field is a ring of gold, to signify that the bliss of heaven endures forever and is more precious than all earthly pleasures and possessions, even as gold is the most precious of metals.

May Christ our dear Lord be with your spirit until it is safe in Heaven. *Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ed Ramsey; Kim Decker; Susan Ross; Gayle Billings; Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Bill & Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz – recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; Bonnie Berthelsen; Arland Stemme - mother of Alane Gronefeld; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme – treatment for cancer; Doreen Loeffler –cancer treatments; Julia Rainey; 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

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Tracy Ross; Evie Ross 2 months old-heart defect; Phil Nelson-cancer; Jennifer-recovering from liver transplant; giving thanks to God that Susan Prewitt and Donna Hargis are cancer-free following treatment.

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

Save the Date!!

GSLC Women's Guild is hosting the **LWML Fall Rally on October 1, 2023**. Following a 2 pm short zone business meeting, Hannah and Gary will be presenting information about *Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots* (LAMP).

Church Garage Sale – October 13 from 12-6 p.m. and October 14th from 7 am to 2 pm in the fellowship hall to benefit Sunday School.

Hayride/bonfire following hot dog roast with S'mores – Sunday, **October 15th at 6 p.m.** a joint fellowship opportunity with **Campus Lutheran Church** at GSLC. In event of inclement weather games will follow the meal. A **Thrivent Action Team grant** has been received to cover the cost of the **hot dogs and buns**. Sign-up for other meal items on the table in the narthex.

Sunday, October 29th is Reformation Sunday. Remember to wear **RED!!!**

QUARTERLIFE

Quarterlife Camp-Out at Arrow Rock State Park on Friday, October 13, through Sunday, October 15. Join us for hiking, bonfires, fishing, and more! Camp gear is available to borrow. If you're interested and/or have questions, please contact Natalie at NatalieDCarlson@gmail.com.



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