

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS June 2024

Christ's Love Transforms Timid Hearts

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*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Abide in my love...This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*
John 15:9,12

Before our Lord's Passion, He not only predicted His death and resurrection, but also described how He would preserve His disciples in this world after His ascension. However, where does Christ find the disciples, but behind the locked doors of a secure upper room. Our Lord's resurrection, His sending the promised Holy Spirit, His Word and Sacraments, give us courage to go where He leads.

John chapters 14-17 is Jesus' paradigm for His disciples of the Christian life. While some Christians would have us to retreat from the world to the locked doors of our own upper rooms, Christ demonstrates how the Christians serve in our vocations for the sake of our neighbors. As the Father loved Christ, so Christ has loved us. It only the love of Christ that can transform our timid hearts to go into the world to love our neighbors and serve in our daily callings. Apart from Christ and His Word, we can do nothing.

You may be discouraged by what you see going on in the world today. Our disciples felt much the same way. That is why the comforting words of these chapters of John's Gospel are so relevant for us today. They serve as a clear reminder of the gifts and promises of Christ and how His love transforms timid hearts. When you are discouraged by the state of the world today, may you find comfort and strength in God's Word and Christ's love for you. Christ's love alone enables us to love one another!

Prayer – Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Faternally in Christ,



President Lee Hagan

June Church Events

- 6.4 Elders Meeting - **CANCELLED**
- 6.5 Adult Bible Study - **CANCELLED**
- 6.5 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 6.10 LWML Meeting 1 pm
- 6.11 Ministerial Alliance 12 pm
- 6.12 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 6.12 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 6.13 Heritage Hall 2 pm
- 6.16 Father's Day
- 6.19 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 6.19 Worship Committee 5 pm
- 6.19 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 6.26 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 6.26 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm

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.

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

PET PROJECT

Pick up will be arranged by calling when we have items
ready. At this time, they will no longer be accepting 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 Monday through Friday 9-12
Or call church office 573-682-3941



May 23 several local agencies – Ameren UE, Columbia Fire, Centralia Fire, Boone County Fire, and others to our Fellowship Hall for the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. About 42 people were in attendance and there were 2 or 3 attending via ZOOM. Feedback was very favorable; they appreciated the large space to accommodate the group.



Sr. Youth will make ice cream on Tuesday afternoon, June 4 @ 2pm to sell at the Centralia Fair. The Centralia Fair ice cream selling dates will be June 20, 21 & 22. (This is an annual fundraiser and will help support those who will attend the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.)

The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering will be held July 19 - 23, 2025 in New Orleans, LA. Alane Gronefeld will be contacting those youth who are age eligible to attend the Gathering. We will have a meeting in August to talk about the Gathering. Enrollment forms will be due October 1, 2024. For more information, contact Alane Gronefeld 682-7125.

Sunday School's Sponsored Child:

Anthony from Nicaragua

Age: 4

Birthday: March 3, 2020



Christian Activities

- Only Attends Project

Family Duties

- Carries Water
- Running Errands

Hobbies and Sport

- Learning about God
- Jumping
- Jump Rope
- Rolling a Ball

The Sunday School Children will have the opportunity to write letters to Anthony and to send him cards and pictures.

Their offerings collected each week will be saved for birthday and Christmas presents for Anthony.

On behalf of Anthony...

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for sponsoring Anthony! What an amazing journey you are embarking on! We pray it will open your heart and mind to the plight of children living in desperate poverty as it takes you to a country 1,927 miles* away to learn about the culture, challenges and people of Nicaragua.

Your journey with Anthony will take you into his community and the very home where he sleeps, plays and dreams of a different future. And now you are a part of that future!

This welcome guide was created to help you learn more about Anthony, his family and community. As Anthony's only sponsor, your prayers for him are critical. Will you commit to praying for him and the challenges he faces? Will you also write Anthony and encourage him on his journey?

Again, we are so thankful that you have chosen to partner with us in releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. And if Anthony was writing this, he would say the same thing!

Thank you,
Your Friends at Compassion



Spiritual

Pray for Anthony as he ...

- Learns to name several books and characters from Scripture.
- Develops an understanding of God as creator of the world.
- Learns and recites simple verses.
- Listens to stories from Scripture and says short prayers.



Physical

Pray for him as he ...

- Has his initial medical checkups.
- Begins to understand the function of several body parts.
- Learns to wash hands and brush teeth on his own.
- Develops an understanding of appropriate and inappropriate touching.



Mental

Pray for him as he learns to ...

- Identify colors and shapes.
- Role-play different occupations.
- Count without assistance.
- Understand the purpose of money.



Relational

Pray for your child as he learns to ...

- Play well with other children and make friends.

Church Workday

On Saturday, May 18 a couple volunteers completed the painting of the wood frame windows in the education wing of the church. Below are pictures (before and after) of the windows and the volunteers who painted. While the exterior work was being done another volunteer worked in the sanctuary, narthex, and library.



This back door frame needs some TLC – scraping and painting and maybe some work on parts of the frame to avoid further deterioration.



JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Elders Meeting CANCELLED	6 Adult Bible Study - CANCELLED ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm	6	7 LWML Convention through June 9	8
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June Birthdays

Tracy Jaeger 06.08
James Lanning 06.14
Kathryn Dickey 06.22

June Anniversaries

Travis & Shelby Banks 06.10
William & Judy Mahieu 06.19 - **65 years!!!**
Kathryn & Kevin Dickey 06.22
Abigail & Rafe Mechlin 06.26

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



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

June 2

"Lit Up"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm grow light that nurtures us. (Acts 11:24)

June 9

"Selfless Sending"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter

The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us. (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)

June 16

"Water Power"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers. (Acts 16:5)

June 23

"You're Really into This, Aren't You?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you. (Acts 16:30)

June 30

"An Eager Conversationalist!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock

The Holy Spirit empowers us to open our mouths and share Jesus, so that all might have what none of us deserve. (Acts 17:16-31)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

June 2: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

June 9: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 3:20-35

June 16: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 4:26-34

June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 4:35-41

June 30: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 5:21-43

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

Board of Elders

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**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 28

Attendance 50

Current \$ 1,736.00
Building \$ 340.00

Total \$ 2,076.00

May 5

Attendance 42

Current \$ 2,367.00
Building \$ 140.00

Total \$ 2,507.00

May 12

Attendance 65

Current \$ 1,571.00
Building \$ 240.00

Total \$ 1,811.00

May 19

Attendance 46

Current \$ 1,657.00
Building \$ 440.00

Total \$ 2,097.00

May 26

Attendance 50

Current \$ 2,635.00
Building \$300.00

Total \$ 2,935.00

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 May Deposits

5/05/2024 Fellowship Hall Rental \$ 100.00
5/05/2024 Printing for Women's Workshop \$ 20.00
5/19/2024 Shared Ministry \$1,250.00
5/19/2024 Partnership Grant \$ 750.00
5/26/2024 Sunday School \$ 7.00

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!

Growing in Christ

We live in a results-driven culture that is based on counting and measuring. That is always the way of the Law. We consider someone successful based upon the numbers, whether considering sports or business. When it comes to considering the Church, we often speak about growth. While the Acts of the Apostles regularly provides numerical reports of the growth of the Church, the Scriptures are full of references to other forms of growth as well. Growth in faith and sanctification are much more difficult to measure numerically.

As we approach the Trinity season and the focus on growth, it is good for us to consider how God gives growth. This happens through the connection with Christ, the true vine. Only as we are connected with Jesus and growing as the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament do we grow in faith, hope, and love. As many congregations lament the lack of numerical growth, the starting place for church leaders in serving their congregations is actually by growing through Christ and His Word. While I pray that our congregations grow numerically, I also pray that God would grant church leaders who are growing in the faith and bearing fruits of faith in their daily lives.

St. Paul reminds us that regardless of who plants or waters, it is always God who gives the growth. Churches grow as the Gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. Churches are blessed by faithful leaders who are growing in faith and producing fruits that flow from the Spirit's working. Such growth cannot be measured on a balance sheet but is demonstrated as the people of God serve one another in love. We rejoice each time a child is baptized and someone new is received into membership. Such growth is given by God. However, it is good for us to pray for the growth in faith and sanctification as the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives as well. May God grant such growth in every one of our congregations.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lori – health issues; **Savannah** – high risk pregnancy; **Bruce Mills** – health issues; **Sheryl Morgan** - health issues; **Ryan James** – cousin of Betsy Cochran – health issues; **Dick St. John** – Brenda Moss’ father – health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker** – health issues; **Craig** – suffering with spinal stenosis; **Verda Adkisson**; **Mark Blanton** – Betsy Cochran’s cousin – waiting for liver transplant; **Diane Hollis** – mother of Kristin Walters; **Susan Ross**; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Bill & Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz** – recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme** – treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey**; **Jane St. John**; **Linda Benoit**; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **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** – infant needs heart transplant; **Dylan Dick** -ongoing health issues following sepsis; **David** – health issues; **Marlene** – health issues; **Fran Schnarre** – health issues; **Linda Benoit** – health issues.

ARMED FORCES

Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy – brothers of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **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

Bill & Judy Mahieu will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 19th.



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