

Shepherd's Voice

Our Mission is to: Be Stewards of All for the Lord of All;
Through prayer, relationships, and faithful works,
Equipping others to do the same.

Closer Than a Brother

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
(Proverbs 18: 24).

Men and women are different; this simple fact should go without saying, but in our broken modern world, even something as obvious as this must, in fact, now be stated. Though we are the same in many respects, and are both equally made in the image of God, we are also purposefully designed to complement each other, and therefore designed differently by intention. Men and women experience life, and perceive the world, differently, and one of the ways that this takes shape most prominently is in our relationships with each other, especially with those who are of the same sex. It is no secret that when men and women gather together, they do so with different goals in mind, and tend to focus on different things. The relationship between women, tends to be a face-to-face type of relationship that is more subject-focused; in other words, women are more relational, and when they gather, they tend focus on people. Men, the other hand, tend to see their relationships with each other as a shoulder-to-shoulder relationship that is more object/objective focused; in other words, men are more recreational, and when gathering, focus on tasks or things. Neither way of looking at relationships are necessarily better or worse, just different; however, when it comes to dealing with life's struggles, especially in a modern world that is so virtual and detached, men seem to have a much more difficult time dealing with such things. Women are always reaching out to see how each other are doing, forming support groups and meeting together more often. Men, however, want a reason to meet, and are more likely to suffer alone rather than meeting for the sole purpose of talking about sharing their problems, often fearing that this is awkward and burdensome; and yet, men do need each other, just like women need each other.

As a man of the millennial generation, I recognize that my generation, and the men of the subsequent generation z, are having trouble in finding meaningful brotherly relationships. There are many factors contributing to this, but regardless of the reasons, these generations of men, more than the preceding generations, are more lost and aimless, and are desperately seeking purpose and community. In the past few decades, we have seen droves of men leave the Church for various reasons, but now we are starting to see them come back to the Church, or come to the Church for the first time, and what brings them to her doors is the hope of finding that purpose and community that they are hungry for.

For me, this need has inspired the impetus for the formation of a multigenerational men's group, where men from the younger generations can come along side older, life-wise men, to learn from each other and grow together. We kicked off this group the weekend of May 2-4 at Heit's Point with our first men's retreat; we had 8 men attend, including 5 from Good Shepherd and 3 from Campus. It was a fun retreat where we got to study God's word together, bond over activities like disk-golf, and sit down to discuss what this men's group should look like. But this is only the first step; we hope that from this retreat we can cultivate interest and momentum, leading to a genuine brotherhood of godly men, ready and able to serve God and build each other up

In keeping with our shared ministry commitment, and by clear consensus, this group will be a joint venture between the men of Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd. Much like our shared ministry partnership between our two congregations, our initial focus will be to get to know each other through fellowship and gathering to study the Word. Eventually, we hope that this grows into a ministry where men can bring and share their life skills and talents, teaching and passing on what they know in various disciplines, to their brothers. Because men are task-oriented, and bond through activities and projects, we have discussed the possibility of building things together or finding things that we could re-build or fix; this would give men a task to work together on, and a chance to teach and learn from each other. This would all then move toward equipping each other for service projects and community outreach, where we as men of God can come together to serve our communities.

As men, we need each other, that brotherly bond that strengthens, and that fatherly bond hones and matures; Let us therefore come together as men, to love the Lord, and serve Him as men of God. If you are interested in helping to build this men's group with us, please contact me at

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Rev. James Lanning

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS June 2025

June Church Events

- 6.3 Elders Meeting – 7 pm
- 6.4 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 6.4 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 6.7 **VBS Fun Day – Hallsville – 10 am**
- 6.7 **Men's Group Meeting – 230-????**
- 6.8 **The Day of Pentecost**
- 6.9 Women's Guild 1 pm
- 6.10 **Ministerial Alliance at GSLC - noon**
- 6.11 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 6.11 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 6.12 Heritage Hall - 2 pm
- 6.18 Adult Bible Study - 10 am
- 6.18 Worship Committee – 4:30 pm
- 6.18 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 6.25 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 6.25 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: **The Baptismal River** at
9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church is offered on
Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon
for children ages 4 years 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.

**JUGS NEED TO BE CLEAN AND DRY
PLEASE.**

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to
those in need.

- contact 573-682-7235 to schedule

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Elders Meeting 7 pm	4 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	5	6	7VBS Fun Day 10 am Hallsville Men's Group Activity 2:30-???
8 THE DAY OF PENTECOST 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	9 LWML 1 pm	10 Ministerial Alliance at Good Shepherd at noon	11 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	12 2:00 pm Heritage Hall	13	14
15 THE HOLY TRINITY 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service Happy Father's Day	16	17	18 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am Worship Committee 4:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	19	20	21
22 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	23	24	25 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	26	27	28
29 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service	30	1	2 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	3	4 	5



June Birthdays

Tracy Jaeger	6.8
James Lanning	6.14
Bonnie Pemberton	6.22
Kathryn Dickey	6.22

June Anniversaries

Shelby & Travis Banks	6.10
Bill & Judy Mahieu	6.19
Kathryn & Kevin Dickey	6.22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

May 4
Attendance 33
 Current \$3,356.00
 Building \$ 140.00
Total \$3,496.00

May 11
Attendance 46
 Current \$ 1,825.00
 Building \$ 270.00
Total \$ 2,095.00

May 18
Attendance 47
 Current \$ 1,067.00
 Building \$ 140.00
Total \$ 1,207.00

May 25
Attendance 36
 Current \$ 1,185.00
 Building \$440.00
Total \$ 1,625.00

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.

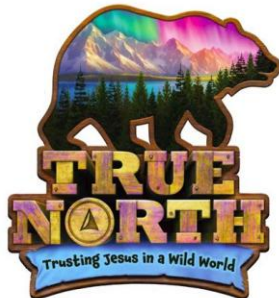
Other May Deposits

05.04 LAMP	\$ 39.00
05.11 LAMP	\$ 104.00
05.11 MO District Partnership Grant	\$ 500.00
05.11 Campus Shared Ministry	\$1,250.00

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 Jacki know and she can get you some. Thank you

Calling all men!!! A second Men's Group Activity is planned for Saturday, June 7th. The location has a shooting range and a fishing spot, meeting at the home of Michael Nowiki. Address: 3559 West KMJ Rd Columbia 65202.

Time: start arriving 2:30-3 pm; no set ending time – whenever people feel like leaving. What to bring: guns, ammo, fishing equipment, food to grill and snacks.



Registration for VBS - Preschool age through 6th grade

August 11, 12 & 13, 2025

Meal at 6 pm. With VBS until 8 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Centralia, MO

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Barb Gerger – (sister of Sherry Morse) – hip fracture; **Ken Manola** – recent shoulder replacement surgery; **Skip Elkin** – health issues; **The young people and adult volunteers attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer**; **Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte**; **For those graduating from high school and college**; those grieving recent loss of family or friends; **Terry Plank** – undergoing chemo treatments; **Veterans of Armed Services** – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Savannah & Taylor Tarwater** – as they mourn; **Mike Hyde** – recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Bill Mahieu** – health issues – back home;; **Christina DeJesus (Jane St. John's daughter)** – health issues; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker's daughter–recovering from surgery; **Ron Borgman**; **Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Craig**–suffering with spinal stenosis–friend of Randy Simmons; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey**; **Jane St. John**; **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 - the Alaska and LAMP teams for VBS; GSLC VBS staff and kids

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; **Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues; **Gail Dobbs**–femur fracture; **Sally Hunt** – stage 4 brain cancer

ARMED FORCES: Christopher Thompson, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother 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

The **Baby Bottle Boomerang** is a campaign to help **Lutheran Family & Children's Services** with supplies and services for families, women, and children. We are collecting your loose change and other monies through June 29th. Please bring your loose change each week so we can fill the “**Baby Bottles.**” Thank you for supporting this cause.

WANTED: suggestions for how to use/display our new Mission Statement:

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Do you envision the statement incorporated in artwork, or as a banner? Is there a symbol or sign that would complement the statement? Where should this be displayed, in the narthex, sanctuary, breezeway, fellowship hall? Please share your ideas with the elders.

One or two people are needed to help teach **Children's Sunday School**. If this is something you would like to do, please see **Katie Hoek** or **Kim Rainey**.

Please see the “to-do” list on the bulletin board and consider helping with one of the listed tasks. This list is in lieu of a “church workday.” Thank you.

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