

# Shepherd's *Voice*

## Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – LCMS July 2025

### *CITY SQUARE LUNCHESES JULY 14-JULY 18*

Contact Ann Seider if you can help in some way with Good Shepherd's week of serving lunch to young people in our community. That is about 90-130 lunches per day. Our week to make and serve sack lunches is July 14-18.

We also hope to engage the community with fun activities like  
face painting  
big bubbles  
reading a bible story  
outdoor games

The community goal is to serve lunch at city square during July weekdays and part of August (when no school lunch is available). This is especially appreciated by families who may qualify for free/reduced lunch during the school year. Nevertheless, it is open to any child or youth. It is also meant as a place for developing positive relationships--a time for youth to play together in a positive environment.

Our church goals are to introduce ourselves to the public, provide a service to the community and let them know our church is open to their interest in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### ***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.**

#### Ways you can help:

1. Make lunches weekday mornings at 10 am (July 14-19)
2. Carry lunches in your vehicle from church to the city square at 11:30 am
3. Meet at the park about 11:45 am to 1 pm to serve the sacked lunches
4. Meet at the park about 11:25 am to 1 pm to interact with the children and/or talk to the adults
5. Pray for our volunteers
6. Pray for the children/adults we engage
7. Watch for the email/list in narthex (or just ask Ann around July 1) to ask what food you can donate (A Thrivent Action Team has been acquired to purchase \$250 of the food.)
8. Last year we had one evening for lunch makers to prepackage the sacks--let Ann know if you're interested in that and she will work out an evening or two for that.

### **July Church Events**

- 7.01 Mission Planning – 7 pm
- 7.02 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 7.02 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 7.09 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 7.09 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 7.10 Heritage Hall - 2 pm
- 7.13 Church Council Meets following service
- 7.14-7.18 **GSLC provides lunch at City Square**
- 7.14 Women's Guild – 1 pm
- 7.16 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 7.16 Worship Committee – 4:30 pm
- 7.16 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 7.23 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 7.23 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 7.27 Quarterly Congregational Voters Meeting
- 7.30 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 7.30 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

### **Sunday Events**

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

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

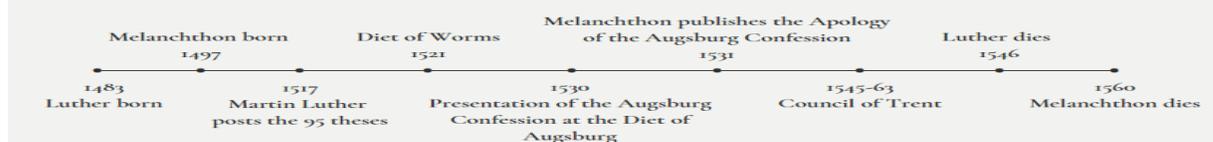
**Offering free household supplies to those in need.  
contact 573-682-7235 to schedule**

## History

The religious reforms that came in the wake of Martin Luther's 95 Theses brought about a controversy that threatened to disturb the unity of the Holy Roman Empire. Yet disunity was the last thing that Emperor Charles V could afford as the Turks threatened to invade his lands and subject his peoples to Islamic rule. As a result, he called a meeting of princes, city leaders, and their advisors, which assembled at Augsburg in 1530 to discuss the religious question. In obedience to the emperor's request, the princes and cities that had agreed with Luther's doctrine submitted an account of their

faith that had been written by Philip Melanchthon, an account that is now known as the Augsburg Confession. Containing a brief statement of the Christian faith followed by an extended explanation of the reasons why Luther and his coreligionists had corrected certain medieval abuses, the confession was read before the emperor and the gathered civic leaders and theologians on June 25, 1530. While the Romanist party rejected the Augsburg Confession, Lutherans throughout the empire quickly recognized it as the premier articulation of the Lutheran faith, which is how it came to occupy a prominent place in the Book of Concord.

## Timeline



## Leading Characters

### MARTIN LUTHER

Born in 1483 in Mansfeld, Martin Luther left his study of law in order to become a monk in 1505, and his superiors rapidly made him a priest and professor of Old Testament at the University of Wittenberg in light of his intellectual abilities. His 95 Theses in 1517 challenged the practice of indulgences as he had witnessed it and set off a chain of events now known as the Reformation. In spite of papal and imperial judgments against him, Luther continued his reform movement until his death in 1546. His catechisms and Smalcald Articles remain among the Lutheran Church's confessional writings to this day.



### PHILIP MELANCHTHON

Born in 1497 in the Palatinate, Philip Melanchthon was a gifted student from an early age, was granted a masters degree at the age of 19, and became a professor of Greek at the University of Wittenberg in 1518. There he met the famous professor Martin Luther and quickly became a crucial part of his inner circle. When Luther could not attend the Diet of Augsburg, Melanchthon was sent as a theological advisor and completed the Augsburg Confession. After the diet, he also wrote the Apology to the Augsburg Confession, another confessional document for Lutherans. He died in 1560 after a long and sometimes controversial career as a professor and reformer.



### EMPEROR CHARLES V

Born in 1500 in Flanders, Charles V was the son of Philip of Habsburg and the heir of the rulers of Austria, Spain, and the Netherlands. When he became emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 1519, Charles became responsible for the religious upheavals rocking that area in the wake of Luther's 95 Theses. After his many attempts to restore unity under the papacy by diplomatic means—including the Diet of Augsburg in 1530—failed, he waged war against the Protestant estates in his empire in the Schmalkaldic War, defeating most of them in 1547, yet he was never able to reestablish religious unity. He died in 1558.



# JULY CALENDAR

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|----------|
|   |  | 1<br>Mission Committee<br>7 pm                      | 2<br>Adult Bible Study at<br>10:00 am<br>ZOOM Prayer Group<br>at 8:00 pm   | 3   | 4   | 5        |
| 6<br>9 am Adult Bible Study<br>10 am Worship w/Holy<br>Communion  | 7  | 8   | 9<br>Adult Bible Study at<br>10:00 am<br>ZOOM Prayer Group<br>at 8:00 pm   | 10<br>2:00 pm Heritage<br>Hall                          | 11  | 12       |
| 13<br>9 am Adult Bible Study<br>10 a.m. Worship Service<br><br><b>Church Council Meets</b>                                | 14<br><b>GSLC provides<br/>lunch at City<br/>Square</b><br>LWML 1 pm | 15<br><b>GSLC provides lunch<br/>at City Square</b> | 16 Adult Bible Study<br>at 10:00am<br><b>GSLC provides<br/>lunch City Square</b><br>Worship Committee<br>at 4:30 pm<br>ZOOM Group @ 8:00 | 17<br><b>GSLC<br/>provides lunch<br/>at City Square</b> | 18<br><b>GSLC provides<br/>lunch at City<br/>Square</b> | 19       |
| 20<br>9 am Adult Bible Study<br>10 a.m. Worship w/Holy<br>Communion   | 21   | 22  | 23<br>Adult Bible Study at<br>10:00am<br>ZOOM Prayer Group<br>at 8:00 pm   | 24  | 25  | 26       |
| 27<br>9 am Adult Bible Study<br>10 a.m. Worship Service<br><br><b>Quarterly Congregationa<br/>Meeting follows service</b> | 28   | 29  | 30<br><br>Adult Bible Study at<br>10:00am<br>ZOOM Prayer Group<br>at 8:00 pm   | 31  | 1   | 2        |



## July Birthdays

Nina Nygren July 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Eric Walters July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Kristin Walters July 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Kaelyn Walters July 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Katelyn Hoek July 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Kody Walters July 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Kimberly Rainey July 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Sandra Harlan July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Alane Gronefeld July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Karen Richterkessing July 29<sup>th</sup>

## July Anniversaries

Kim & Terrial Decker July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 John & Jenny Briggs July 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Brenda & Robert Moss July 23<sup>rd</sup>





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

July 6

**"A Little Light, Reading"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ. (Job 1:8)

July 13

**"Fearless and Endless Growing"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season. (Colossians 1:1-14)

July 20

**"God's Plan = Jesus"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton. (John 16:33)

July 27

**"Getting the Talk Started"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured. (Luke 11:1)

**Broadcasting**

**Columbia, MO**

**KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am**

**Moberly, MO**

**KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm**

July 6: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 10:1-20

July 13: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 10:25-37

July 20: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 10:38-42

July 27: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 11:1-13

## Serving The Lord

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**Catherine Simmons 573-819-1272**

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**Please mark your calendars.**

**Good Shepherd is serving lunch at the Centralia City Square July 14-18. Help will be needed preparing food and delivering to the square.**

**Good Shepherd Swim Party at Centralia City Pool is Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:15-12:45.**

**OCC Craft Day – Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – lunch provided.**

**Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for details as plans are finalized for this day of fun and food.**

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

**June 1**  
**Attendance**                    **38**  
 Current                    \$ 5,497.00  
 Building                    \$ 140.00  
**Total**                    **\$5,637.00**

**June 8**  
**Attendance**                    **53**  
 Current                    \$ 1,210.00  
 Building                    \$ 390.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 1,600.00**

**June 15**  
**Attendance**                    **40**  
 Current                    \$ 2,768.00  
 Building                    \$ 340.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 3,108.00**

**June 22**  
**Attendance**                    **38**  
 Current                    \$ 1,705.00  
 Building                    \$ 200.00  
**Total**                    **\$ 1,905.00**

**June 29**  
**Attendance**                    **will report in August**  
 Current                    \$  
 Building                    \$  
**Total**                    \$

**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

|       |                             |            |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 06/01 | Sr. Youth Gathering Reg fee | \$ 475.00  |
| 06/08 | Sunday School               | \$ 5.00    |
| 06/08 | Campus Shared Ministry      | \$1,250.00 |
| 06/15 | Sunday School               | \$ 2.00    |
| 06/15 | Fellowship Hall Use         | \$ 140.00  |
| 06/15 | First Baptist – Copies      | \$ 25.00   |
| 06/15 | MO District Grant           | \$ 500.00  |
| 06/22 | Bill Mahieu Memorial        | \$ 30.00   |

*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*

Hello, my dear sponsor Hannah!  
 I am deeply grateful for your sponsorship and your monetary gift with which I was able to buy clothes, shoes, slippers, and many other things. Thank you very much. I request your prayers for my family. I say goodbye with love. Anthony



Men's Club Activity June 7, 2025

Several men from Campus and Good Shepherd met at the home of a Campus member for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. The event was enjoyed by all, in spite of, (Or maybe because of!) the rainy weather.



Registration for VBS - Preschool age through 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
August 11, 12 & 13, 2025  
Meal at 6 pm. With VBS until 8 pm  
More Bible stories on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.  
August 10 and 17  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Centralia, MO



Campus/Good Shepherd  
VBS Fun Day in Hallsville  
June 7, 2025.

Members from Campus and  
Good Shepherd had games,  
a puppet show and a  
treasure chest for children to  
introduce them to the  
Vacation Bible School  
theme.



**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> was the Sunday School Kick-Off to Summer with water fun and food. Fun was had by children and adults!**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Robin Wilcox** – treatment of Alpha Gal syndrome; **Lynn Lake and the other communities affected by the wildfires in Canada**; **Barb Gerger** – 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**; those **grieving recent loss of family or friends**; **Terry Plank** – undergoing chemo treatments; **Savannah & Taylor Tarwater** – as they mourn; **Mike Hyde** – recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse’s daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus** – 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; **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; MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)**

**Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues; **Gail Dobbs**–femur fracture; **Bernie & Ginny Ryan** – health issues.

**ARMED FORCES: Veterans of Armed Services** – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **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; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ICE CREAM FOR SALE!** From the Senior Youth – located in the freezer in the breezeway. \$4.00 cup – please place your remittance (either cash or check) in the provided envelope and place in the safe. Available flavors are vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, mint chocolate chip, butter pecan cookies and cream and peanut butter cup.

Sr. Youth are collecting 50 (new) travel size toothpaste and 50 toothbrushes to make hygiene kits at the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. The kits will be donated to those in need. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the box in the Narthex by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applicants should be members in good standing of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church who are in their first or second year in a 4-year college or a vocational school. If you know someone who is attending college who might be interested in applying, please be sure to pass this information along to them. **Application deadline is July 13, 2025.** Scholarship awards will be made in mid-August for the fall semester of the 2025 - 2026 school year. Applications should be given to one of the Elders.... Jeff Jaeger, Gary Seider or Mark Nygren. Or mail to: Board of Elders Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 120 W Gano Chance Road Centralia, MO 65240

**NEEDED:** Gently Used or NEW Pillowcases for **Operation Christmas Child** to make **PILLOWCASE DRESSES OR PILLOWCASE SHORTS**

King Size pillowcases will usually work for older girls

Other items needed: rick rack, sturdy trims, bias tape (extra wide, double fold), appliques. lace, elastic, thread

<http://blog.creativekismet.com/2010/07/05/pillowcase-pajama-shorts-tutorial/>

<https://www.lbg-studio.com/2009/02/pillowcase-dress-tutorial-dress-girl.html>

See: <https://realhopeforhaiti.org/sewing/> for additional information



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