

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.

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – LCMS

August 2025

VOTERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Katie Hoek will step down as Sunday School Superintendent – Kim Rainey will be the new Superintendent and Donna Hoek will be the Assistant Superintendent. Rally Day will be September 7th.

The LWML Craft Fair will be November 1st.

It is recommended those interested in ***Financial Peace University*** join the next class that will be held at Campus. Pastor will reach out to the facilitator and advise the date.

The ***Vision Team Members*** for the ***Ministry Clarity Project*** are Mark & Rina Nygren, Danny Nadler, Jon and Donna Hoek, Wendy and Allen Fischer and Betsy Cochran. Watch for details about a ***Congregational Event*** to be held in October.

The ***Budget Committee*** will be Jeff Jaeger, a trustee-to be named, Randy Simmons, Jacki Stelzer and Catherine Simmons.

It was voted to have ***Economy Tree of Centralia*** remove the dead/dying trees on the church property. They started removing the trees July 30th.

The voting members decided to get bids to re-gravel the parking lot for the October meeting. All of the asphalt bids were rejected.

Information about a new pictorial ***Church Directory*** was presented by Donna Hoek – voters approved moving forward with scheduling. Donna will set this up.

Aaron Seider represented GSLC at the LCMS MO District convention and reported President Lee Hagan was unanimously reelected as MO District President. Aaron advised the President Hagan is also the Chairperson of the LCMS Council of Presidents. The Circuit Visitor is Rev. Anthony Alter. The convention is held every 3 years and there are four targets for this triennium: ***Church Worker Recruitment and Retention*** (please see the announcement about a special offering for this effort); ***Discipleship in the Home; Mission Field: Missouri; Leadership development of laity and church workers.***

Aaron discussed several resolutions from the convention including ***Recruit Youth and Adults to consider Church Work with Set Apart to Serve***; Circuit Visitors will have a forum to consider needs/recommendations for small congregations and further discuss ***Shared Ministry in Small Congregations; Encourage Discipleship in the Home with Tell the Next Generation*** coaches available at the district level. Aaron also reports there has been a realignment of circuits and Columbia circuit loses St. John's in Mexico; and ***Opposing MO Amendment 3 – the Missouri District explicitly opposes Amendment 3; the District supports and encourages its members to engage in appropriate political action to abolish abortion; the District furthermore declares that teaching in the church that abortion is acceptable due to the non-personhood of the fetus is a false teaching that rejects a full understanding of Christ's incarnation, which no Christian in good conscience can hold. For more information go to:***

[The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod: LCMS.org](https://www.lcms.org)

August Church Events

- 8.2 GSLC Swim Party - 11:15-12:45
- 8.3 OCC Craft Day w/lunch following worship
- 8.5 Elders Meeting – 7 pm
- 8.6 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 8.6 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 8.10 VBS Begins – 9 am
- 8.11 Women's Guild – 1 pm
- 8.11-8.13 VBS meal 6 pm; activities 6:30
- 8.13 Adult Bible Study - 10 am
- 8.13 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 8.14 Heritage Hall - 2 pm
- 8.15 Teacher Appreciation Lunch at GSLC
- 8.17 VBS Ends
- 8.20 Adult Bible Study - 10 am
- 8.20 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 8.21 Worship Committee – 4:30 pm
- 8.27 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 8.27 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

Sunday Events

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 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.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THE JUGS
ARE CLEAN AND DRY!**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE JUGS THAT HAVE
MOISURE IN THEM.**

ENDURE – 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering District Event
Darrell, Alane, and Jonathan Gronefeld being
commissioned for the Youth Gathering. The photo on the
right is one of the Bible studies. (photos submitted by Ann
Seider and Alane Gronefeld).



Senior Youth Ice Cream



The Senior Youth appreciate the assistance and support of their fundraisers – including the making and selling of ice cream at the Centralia Fair. The picture on the far right shows ice cream cups chilling before being taken to Prenger's. The refrigerator can be converted to a freezer with some simple adjustments, and it proved extremely helpful this year. Our sales this year were down slightly due to the cancellation of the Tractor Pull and a couple of events being delayed or moved to a different time due to weather.

GSLC SERVES LUNCH AT THE CITY SQUARE

July 14-18, 2025

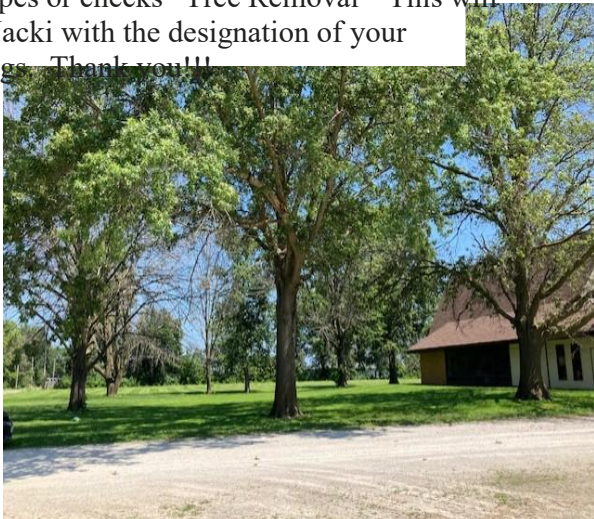


Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the lunches, serve the lunches, and interact with the children and parents. We had a busy week and served over 300 lunches.



BEFORE

Photos taken July 29, 2025, to show how the church property looks before the tree work begins. Special offerings will be collected during the month of August to help defray the cost of the tree removal. Please mark your envelopes or checks "Tree Removal" This will assist Jacki with the designation of your offerings. Thank you!!!



DURING



AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Swim Party 11:15-12:45
3 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion OCC Craft Day w/lunch	4	5 ELDERS 7 pm	6 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm	7	8	9
10 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service VBS Begins	11 LWML 1 pm VBS 6 pm	12 VBS 6 pm	13 Adult Bible Study 10:00am VBS 6 pm ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm	14 2:00 pm Heritage Hall	15 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon noon	16
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August Birthdays

Roy Richterkessing	8.6
Abigail Rainey	8.11
Olivia Ulloa	8.12
Steven Maseman	8.13
Catherine Simmons	8.19
Christina Gronefeld	8.29

August Anniversaries

Vickie & Eric Chism	8.4
James & Lori Gesling	8.20
Eric & Kristin Walters	8.23
Curt & Starr Nadler	8.24





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

August 3

"Proclaim His Glory"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point.

(John 5:30-47)

August 10

"Writing Him Off"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32)

August 17

"The Stuttering Man of Destiny"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses.

August 24

"Gideon, the Farmer General"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader.

August 31

"Life Narrows Down"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

Shepherd Supply Wish List

Bath towels and wash cloths

Queen size fitted and flat sheets

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.
contact 573-682-3941 to schedule

August 3: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 12:13-21

August 10: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

August 17: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 12:48-53 (54-56)

August 24: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 12:22-30

August 31: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 14:1-14

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

Elders:

Jeff Jaeger (573) 682-0902

Gary Seider (573) 489-6629

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Board of Trustees

Brenda Moss (573) 682-7117

John Briggs (573) 424-2257

Matthew Rojas (573) 999-9051

**Church Fellowship Hall and Church
ballfield scheduling & maintenance**

Catherine Simmons 573-819-1272

Email: office@goodshepherdcentralia.org

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

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FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

June 29

Attendance	35
Current	\$970.00
Building	\$100.00
Total	\$1,070.00

July 6

Attendance	41
Current	\$2,660.00
Building	\$240.00
Total	\$2,900.00

July 13

Attendance	55
Current	\$ 1,086.00
Building	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 1,186.00

July 20

Attendance	48
Current	\$ 1,530.00
Building	\$ 240.00
Total	\$ 1,770.00

July 27

Attendance	38
Current	\$ 1,090.00
Building	\$ 330.00
Total	\$ 1,420.00

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 June/July Deposits

06/29/2025	Mr. Mahieu Memorial	\$ 200.00
06/29/2025	Senior Youth	\$1,005.00
07/06/2025	Mr. Mahieu Memorials	\$ 350.00
07/06/2025	Fellowship Hall (volleyball)	\$ 20.00
07/06/2025	Senior Youth	\$ 124.00
07/13/2025	Sunday School	\$ 7.00
07/13/2025	Fellowship Hall (volleyball)	\$ 380.00
07/13/2025	Mr. Mahieu Memorials	\$ 100.00
07/13/2025	Campus Shared Ministry	\$1,250.00
07/13/2025	Senior Youth	\$ 176.00
07/20/2025	Mr. Mahieu Memorials	\$ 25.00

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

A Grateful Thank You!!!

To the individuals who completed tasks on the church TO-DO List. Completed tasks include vacuuming under and spot cleaning the sanctuary pew cushions; removing broken pencils from the pencil holders in the pews; wet mop and cleaning the kitchen floor; changing battery of library clock and defrosting the small refrigerator.

Other tasks to be completed are listed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for helping maintain our church facilities!!!

The Youngest Isaiah James Lanning (1 month old) and Oldest Ernestine Ramsey (90 years young) members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
(photo submitted by Hannah Lanning 7/29/2025)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan – recovering from a stroke; **Cammie Cunningham (Olivia Hoek's mother)** – cancer treatments; **Christ Lutheran School, Perry, GA** – facing financial challenges; **Those affected by the flooding in Texas; 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; **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** – recovering; **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 - 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; **Gail Dobbs**-femur fracture; **Bernie Ryan** – health issues; **Charlene** – esophageal cancer; **Robin Wilcox** – treatment of Alpha Gal syndrome; **Shelley R.** – newly diagnosed with melanoma

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

Special Offering Collection in August to help offset the cost of the tree removal. Please mark your envelopes “**Tree Removal.**” Offerings for this will be collected through **August 31st**.

Special Offering Opportunity – for Tomorrow's Teachers and Preachers. This offering will be collected **August 24th**. The funds collected will be added to the **Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment**. For more information please see the letter on the bulletin board.

Please pray for **Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan** as he recovers from health issues he experienced while at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



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