

LEADING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP—August 29 & Sept. 1, 2019

The Preacher.....Rev. Timothy Seabaugh
 The Liturgist.....Rev. Timothy Seabaugh
 Organist.....DPM Jacob Erdman

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Elder/ Worship Assistants: 6:30 Pat Leigl
 8:00 Ron Blom , Nic Bolz
 9:30 Joel Railling, JoDelle Carroll
Ushers: 8:00 Al Broker, Mike Bartel
 9:30 Dan Hutter, Emma Curtin
Acolyte: 6:30 Carter Theis
 8:00 Kendall Hengst
 9:30 Hailey Uecker
Children's Message: 8:00 DCE David Stuckwisch
 9:30 DCE David Stuckwisch
Readers: 8:00 (1st) Ron Blom (2nd) Samantha Brauburger
 9:30 (1st) Tracy Beggs (2nd) Kathy Hill
Greeters: 6:30 Carol Pete
 9:30 Carolyn Berg
Screen Operator: 6:30 DCE David Stuckwisch
 8:00 Dan Lenz
 9:30 Josh Nigbor



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LEADING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP AUGUST 22 & 25, 2019

The Preacher.....Rev. Rex Rinne
 The Liturgist.....Rev. Timothy Seabaugh
 Organist.....DPM Jacob Erdman

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Elder/ Worship Assistants: 6:30 Lyle Parins
 8:00 Mike Hintz, Gary Miller
 9:30 Jon Podvin, Jason Schiltz
Ushers: 6:30 Herb Mahaffey
 8:00 Gene Mason, Paul Whalley
 9:30 Dustin Schmidt, Krista Nigbor
Acolyte: 6:30 Alivia Brick
 8:00 Kyra Whalley
 9:30 Sophia Schiltz
Readers: 8:00 (1st) Judy Becker (2nd) Renee Roble
 9:30 (1st) Krista Nigbor (2nd) Karil Simmerman
Greeters 8:00 Carol Hidde, Judy Becker
 9:30 Don Voigt
Children's Message: 8:00 / 9:30 Roger Rohloff
Screen Operator: 6:30 / 8:00 / 9:30 DCE David Stuckwisch

AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP TODAY.

How often don't we find ourselves exactly where the disciples were: Will those who are saved be few? After all, the Church seems increasingly isolated, the culture increasingly secular, and the barriers to mission increasingly greater. Jesus insists that no one whom the Father has appointed will be lost. That is our comfort. Not all who claim to belong to the Lord are His. That is the reality. The last will be first and many will come from east, west, north, and south to recline at the Lord's Table in the Kingdom. That is our faith. Numbers are God's to count. Trust in His Word is our foundation, and telling the good news of Christ is our calling.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

AUGUST 25, 2019—SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

SUN	8:00 A.M.	Worship/Communion Service
	9:30 A.M.	Worship/Communion Service
	1:00 P.M.	Hmong Worship—Sanctuary
	2:00 P.M.	Hmong LWML Egg Roll Sale —GYM
3:00 P./M.	Zion French/African Congregation—CR	
MON		Pastor Seabaugh Day off
	6:30 P.M.	Ray & Debbie's Small Group Bible Study
TUE	9:30 A.M.	Staff/Called Mtg./Devotions
	5:00 P.M.	TOPS—RM 5
	6:00 P.M.	Trustees
	6:30 P.M.	Elders
WED	9:00 A.M.	Kiwanis Mtg.—CR
THU	6:30 P.M.	Worship/Communion Service
FRI		DCE David Stuckwisch/DPM Jacob Erdman off
SAT	7:30 A.M.	Men's Bible Breakfast @ Perkins
	9:00 A.M.	Zion French/African Bible Study—CR
	3:00 P.M.	Zion French/African Worship Team Practice—CR
SUN		Blood Pressure Check
	8:00 A.M.	Worship/Communion Service
	9:30 A.M.	Worship/Communion Service
	1:00 P.M.	Hmong Worship—Sanctuary
3:00 P./M.	Zion French/African Congregation—CR	

OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach: The dictionary defines it as the act of reaching out.

Outreach can be done in many ways, such as reaching out a hand to someone who has stumbled and is about to fall. In business, outreach is done through advertising to let people know a company or a person has something to sell.

In the LCMS, outreach is done through the use of media organizations such as radio stations, which broadcast the Lutheran Hour program to **millions of people** every week. It is done through Portals of Prayer, books, pamphlets, magazines and newsletters.

On the local level, outreach is done by means of an Outreach Board composed of members of Good Shepherd's congregation. Several times a year, board members distribute information about Good Shepherd by placing door hangers on people's doors. Door hangers are simply plastic bags containing information about the church and up-coming events of interest and inviting people to attend.

Good Shepherd's Outreach Board is also currently working on the Missing Sheep program which involves visits to homes of people who have expressed an interest in our church and people who are or were members of Good Shepherd, but who are no longer attending worship services or otherwise participating in congregation activities. These visits are intended to encourage wayward members to return to the church and to become active participants in God's family.

Jesus himself instituted outreach when He sent the disciples out in teams of two to preach the good news to the people and encourage them to come to Him. It is not necessary to be a member of a board or committee to do outreach. It can be a simple matter of talking to a friend, neighbor or even a member of your own family. No matter how it is done, outreach is an important function of the church, and we encourage everyone to include this vital work in your daily prayers.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Mark it down. You will never go where God is not. You may be transferred, enlisted, commissioned, reassigned, or hospitalized – but brand this on your heart – you can never go where God is not.

“I am with you always,” Jesus promised.
[Matthew 28:20 NKJV]



LWML NEWS

LWML – SISTERS IN CHRIST will begin a new year with new ideas and opportunities. Come and check us out on Monday, September 16th, at 6:15 p.m. in the Community Room. We are having a simple potluck of light “finger foods” – your favorite appetizers or munchies. It will be good to get together after summer. New program booklets will be available.

One new idea this year is to prepare “Blessing Packets” for those in need – the often forgotten or ignored. Items we are collecting include hats, gloves, scarves, personal size tissue packs, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, etc. that a homeless or un/under employed person could use. All items must fit in a one gallon-size “ziplock” bag. Bring your items to the September and/or October meetings. Packets will be assembled and blessed at the October meeting.

LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1ST This observance of the work of the Lutheran Women in Mission is celebrated throughout the country. There will many opportunities for you to participate. Watch for sign-up sheets in the coatroom after Labor Day. Our GSLC women are having a Bake Sale, serving Coffee Fellowship, and participating in the worship services. Something new this year will include informational slides to showcase the purpose and mission of Lutheran Women in Mission. We want to celebrate what God has done with our “mites” — you might be surprised!



YOUTH NEWS

September 8th classes kick off!

Sundays:

- ◆ 6th—8th Grade; 12 pm — 2 pm
- ◆ 9th—12th Grade; 5 pm— 7 pm

*please
join us*

HUMAN CARE NEWS

The Board of Human Care looks for ways to help members of **Good Shepherd live our faith by serving others**. If you have a suggestion, or volunteer with an organization that helps others and would like our congregational members to support that endeavor, please contact Bonnie Ebbesen at bonnie.ebbesen@gmail.com.

Be part of the largest "Rock the Block" ever! Our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate is organizing the largest community beautification/exterior home repair project in the nation. It will be held in Menasha in August and September. You can help with a variety of tasks - landscaping, painting, porch repair, siding, bringing food, logistics support, etc. Contact the Ebbesens at bonnie.ebbesen@gmail.com for more information.

BULLETIN NEWS FOR August 22 & 25, 2019

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY. We invite you to lay before God all cares and concerns and enter into worship, trusting him for all you need today. Welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in glory to God in honor of Rob and Chris Worth's 26th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings!

PRAYERS: Prayers for our shut-ins, Fox Cities Hmong Church and the Zion French African Church. The students, teachers and faculty as they all return back to school, and our Sunday School staff and children as they kick off another year. Our Call committee, staff and congregation as we move forward with calling our Associate Pastor.

LOVED ONES IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING/CARE: Baby Noah (grandson of Mark and Deb Calabrese), and Susan Dumke (Joanne Sidwell's Mother), Darold Jordan, Laurie Steinke, Lonnie Wolf and Russell Miller (Marianne Knops father).

BAPTISM: Ford William Wittmann; Parents: Jon & Trisha Wittmann; Sponsors: Larissa Lemke & Garrett Lemke



NEW AND UPDATED BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER

For your convenience, we are combining the last week of the current month's bulletin and the upcoming month's newsletter together as one. Please continue to submit your articles by the 15th of each month. There are copies of the schedules and calendar page in the office for you to take home; or you can find them on our church website.

FINANCIAL NEWS

***** YEAR TO DATE JULY 2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE *****

YEAR TO DATE JULY 2019 GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION RECAP

- YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$360,538
- Comparable YTD 2018 general fund contributions were \$336,240
- YTD 2019 budget expenses were \$414,897
- YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$54,359 LESS than the approved budget

THANK YOU for your historical financial support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Your ongoing financial support of the General Fund, Scrip program, and Thrivent Choice program allows the programs and missions of the church to be fulfilled.

OFFICE RENOVATION UPDATE

In April, the office renovation project was completed. As approved at the Special Voter's Meeting on January 20, 2019 fundraising efforts are to continue until the full cost of the project has been repaid to the contingency account.

As of July 31, 2019, a remaining balance of \$14,257 needs to be raised to fully repay the contingency fund. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project. Offering envelopes specific to the renovation repayment can be found in the pews. An opportunity to buy ceiling tiles and floor squares are in the hallway display.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE ~ LAST WEEK

Church Attendance:
Thu. 6:30 – 75; Sun. 8:00 – 154; 9:30 – 138= 367
(Communed:313)

WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: \$9,744
Designated Funds: \$160
Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,678
Our budget this past week is under by:\$3,934
We are under budget by \$39,204 YTD

LIBRARY NEWS/BOOK CLUB

Library News:

The Fall Meeting for the Fox Valley Church Library Association will be held at Greenfield Manor in Little Chute on September 14th. The featured speaker is Beth Ann Ziarnik, a Christian mystery writer. Let Diane Simon know if you want to register for the event. Cost is \$7.

Good Shepherd Library work day is scheduled for 9 am, Saturday, September 21st. We are usually done by noon. If you can come for an hour, two or all three, we can find something for you to do.

Book Club:

Here is the much anticipated book list for 2019-2020 for Good Shepherd Book Club:

September 9

Book: ***Secrets of the Tulip Sisters***

Author: Susan Mallery

October 14

Book: ***Lost Roses***

Author: Martha Hall Kelly

November 11

Book: ***The Tattooist of Auschwitz***

Author: Heather Morris

December 9

Book: ***Away in a Manger***

Author: Rhys Bowen

January 13

Book: ***The Girl in the Letter***

Author: Emily Gunnis

February 10

Book: ***The Life She Was Given***

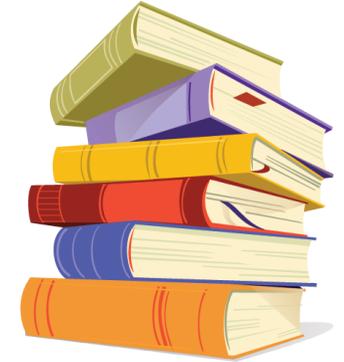
Author: Ellen Marie Wiseman

March 9

Book: ***Life and Other Inconveniences***

Author: Kristan Higgins

We will also meet April 13th, and the book is yet to be determined. There is still time for you to join and give your input on what we should read! Our usual time is 7 pm at Good Shepherd every second Monday of the month. Please note in May we meet at 6:30 pm for supper and start our discussion around the time we finish our meal. Please contact Diane Simon at 920-720-8771 if you have any questions.



SEPTEMBER PRAYER PARTNERS

Cathy Adomavich	Karen Kraft
Jan Ashbrenner	Becky Seabaugh
Carolyn Berg	Jacqui Koeller
Joyce Beyer	Liz Stowell
Joy Block	Gene Mason
Phyllis Boldig	Pam VandeHei
Linda Brick	Bruce Kirk
Karen Dejk	Leann Johnson
Carol Hahn	Adel Thiede
Tom Hahn	Phyllis Jungers
Sue Kirk	Bill VanEeckhout
Debbie Koeller	Barb Potaczek
Ray Koeller	Roger Stowell
Laurie Kumbier	Pat Piepenburg
Becky Lahti	Liz Podvin
Lisa Lawrence	Bonnie Sielaff
Sarah Long-Radloff	Sue Whalley
Marsha Mahan	Diane Simon
Barb Ranger	Nancy Smith
Pastor Seabaugh	John Whalley



EDUCATION/BIBLE STUDY NEWS

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Seabaugh begins September 8.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Ladies, the books for our Wednesday Morning Bible Study are in and ready for you to pick up in the church office. The cost is \$6, and you can pay at our first class on **Sept. 4th**. Our new study is entitled "Waiting for God".

FIRST COMMUNION: Classes will be held for 1st Communion beginning on October 6th at 11:40 a.m. for all 6th and 7th grade students. This is for students who are currently in the corresponding class in school. Parent(s) **MUST** attend with student. Classes will follow accordingly: November 3rd, December 1st, January 5th, February 2nd, and March 1st. This is an elective opportunity, so plan for perfect attendance to complete the class. Please sign up via SIGN UP GENIUS VIA THIS LINK LISTED HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A82EA13-first> OR ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE UNDER GROUPS, SELECT 6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION AND 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION. PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 8TH TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE NEEDED AMOUNT OF MATERIALS.

OPEN ENROLLMENT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We are now enrolling for the 2019-20 school year, and classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will be offering the following class schedules: (3 years of age and toilet trained by September 1)

- ◆ 3 & 4 Year Old Program
Monday and Wednesday 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ 3 & 4 Year Old Program
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR:

- ◆ a 1st grade teacher to teach for two weeks each month. Materials are provided, but there is a minimal amount of prep work that needs to be done.
- ◆ Guardian angels are also needed to help with 1st through 4th grade for two weeks each month (or less depending on how many volunteers we get). You are there to assist the teacher in any classroom needs.

Please contact DCE David Stuckwisch, dstuckwisch@gschurch.net (920) 734-9643 ext. 119 or Melissa Hanson (920)750-4866 at melhanson1975@hotmail.com if you are interested in one of these positions. Thank you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION will be August 25th at 10:45 am. All staff need to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

CALL COMMITTEE: The Call Committee is reviewing candidates for the Associate Pastor position. If you wish to suggest names of pastors to be considered for our Call List, complete a nomination form located in the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office. When it is completed, give it to Nicholas Bolz, the Chair of the Call Committee, or place in the designated box in the church office by Sept. 8th. Thank you.

DIAPER DONATION DRIVE: Did you know that 1 in 3 families experience diaper need? Good Shepherd is having a diaper drive to benefit Jake's Diapers in Little Chute. Jake's Diapers is a non-profit organization that helps solve diaper needs for infant, elderly, and those with special needs. We will be collecting unopened packs of disposable diapers, new or good condition used reusable diapers, unopened packs of Baby Wipes, and financial contributions from Sunday, September 8th through Sunday, October 6th. Look for collection boxes at church and more information in early September! Contact Elena Knops at 20eknops@kimberly.k12.wi.us or Marianne Knops at mknops9124@gmail.com with any questions.

TRAIL LIFE TROOP 1857: We are a Christian boys scouting organization helping to build young boys into putting God first in everything that we do. Please join us for our open house. We will be able to show what we have done in the past year, we will have examples of our lesson plans, and our next year's events. There will also be games for the boys. Please join us at 3100 E. Evergreen drive, Celebration Lutheran School on August 26th at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact James Kraft 920-843-1439 or cheezyhop@gmail.com.

REPLACEMENT KEY FOBS/CARDS: If for some reason you misplace or lose your key fob/card for church, it will cost you \$10 to have it replaced. Thank you.

HELPING HANDS: Here is an opportunity for everyone to offer some help with the remodeled offices. There is a poster in the hallway with slips for ceiling tiles and carpet squares. Take a slip, fill it out and place it with your contribution in the envelope provided. Place the envelope in the offering plate during a service, the basket provided in front of the poster or bring it to the office during the week. Thank you for your participation.

PART-TIME CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER POSITION: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Greenville, WI is looking for a part-time contemporary worship leader for our contemporary services. This person will work around 10-15 hours per week, lead the worship praise team for our two contemporary services and rehearse with the volunteers during the week. Go to www.shepherdhills.org for more information. Contact Pastor Chad Starfeldt (Cstarfeldt@shepherdhills.org) with any questions.

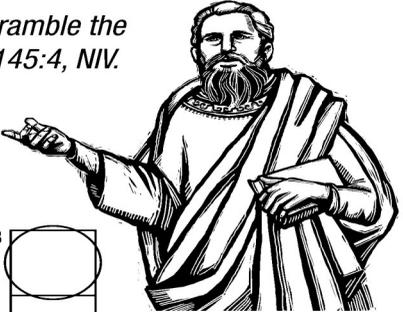
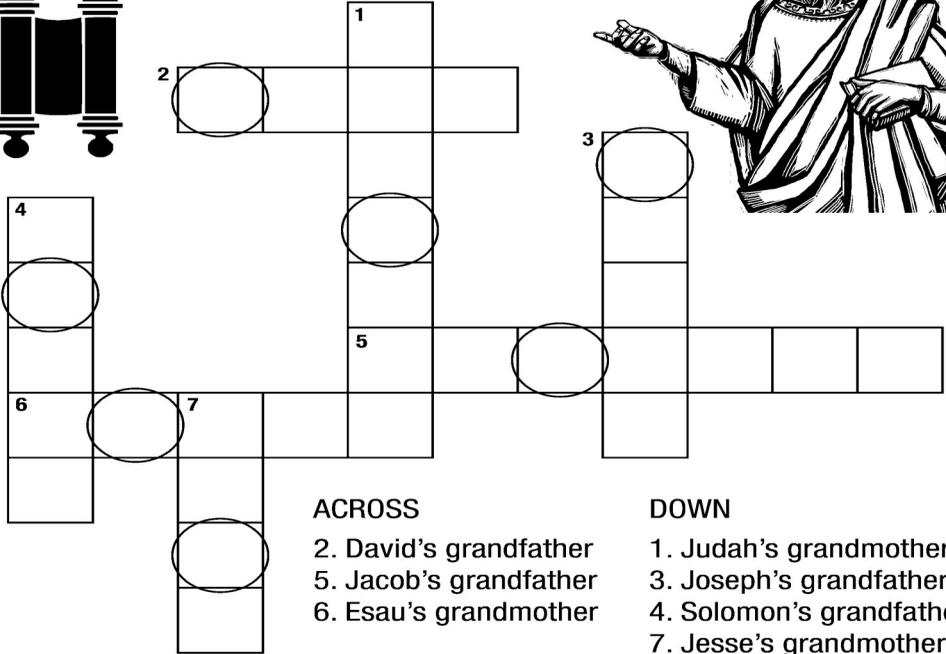
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the months of September, November, January, March and May in the afternoon. The first meeting, will be on Tuesday, September 10th from 1-3 pm in room 3. There will no longer be an evening session. Please bring any completed shawls and blankets to the meeting. We welcome anyone who knits or crochets, or would like to learn, to the group. Hope to see everyone there.



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

CHURCHES VISITED

- St. Paul Lutheran Ministries
- Christ Lutheran Church, Augusta, MO

If you visit a church while away, please save a copy of the bulletin for us.

Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Controlling Our Time

Today is a very important day to make our lives meaningful. Yesterday is history, and tomorrow may never come. At some point in life, we start asking, "Where did the months and the years go?" Time is an irreplaceable commodity that God grants us, a precious period of opportunity for fulfilling the purposes for which we exist. Living each day as stewards, we realize the importance of time and use it properly. Wise use of time starts by living a life for Christ. If our time, energy and focus are only on material wealth or other worldly successes, our time has been wasted.

While we must spend time providing for our needs, our life's purpose must be to do the Lord's work. We were born to serve our Creator. Jesus, who "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28), is our model. We are called to bring people to Christ and serve others based on gifts given to us by God. Ignoring God's plan for our lives will result in anguish and despair.

As God's stewards, we are called to be good managers of God's gifts, especially time since it is irreplaceable. God, who has given us time, will also guide us in using it wisely.

While summer is a time for relaxation and enjoyment, let us not forget who created summer and time.

Stewardship Thought:

Knowing of the riches that wait for us in paradise may we live for Him who died for us by each day investing our talents, time and energy on what matters most: Keeping the kingdom of God in mind.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS CONTINUED

REMINDER: Please remember to silence all electronic devices during the service; only parent(s) of small children are allowed to have food and beverages in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING: JOIN US! Members are invited to be guests during the Appleton Kiwanis GK meeting on **Wednesday, August 28 from 9:30-10:30 am**, in our meeting room. Mayor Timothy Hanna will be the speaker.

SENIOR LIVING EXPO—CELEBRATING LIFE AFTER 50: Older adults, their families, caregivers and all interested are invited to attend this INTERACTIVE TRADESHOW with 70+ Exhibit Booths! FREE Admission, NO advance registration, FREE Seminars on Social Security and Estate Planning/Elder Law, **Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019; Time: 8:00 am—12:00 noon; Place: Players Choice, County Rd JJ, Appleton.** Sponsored by Appleton Noon Lions Club. All proceeds go to charitable organizations.

GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBERSHIP: Pastor Seabaugh will be holding membership classes beginning September 25 at 6:00 p.m. This class lasts five weeks and will cover the basics of Lutheran doctrine and practice and a view of Good Shepherd. We will hold our member welcome on October 27 at our 10:30 a.m. service. Please sign up to attend via sign up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A82EA13-good> or via email at tseabaugh@glschurch.net. Good Shepherd welcomes you! Please RSVP by September 22.

SCRIP NEWS

Scrip Status as of 8/18/19, Sales: \$3,660 Thank you for your support! Your financial help for our church through using scrip is appreciated and adds nothing to your cost. **Back-To-School** – Please remember you can help your church by using scrip to purchase back-to-school items. **Please remember** you can purchase a scrip gift certificate to give to the **Board of Human Care** to purchase gas and grocery cards to give to those in need.

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to help sell scrip – especially on Sundays. Please talk to us or call (920) 740-4918 if you can help. **Scrip is sold** in the office before and after services on Thursdays and in the community room between services on Sundays.

Specials: Our current scrip source specials include:

<u>Retailer</u>	<u>Is</u>	<u>Was</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Baskin Robbins	2.00%	5.00%	8/24/2019	9/6/2019



September Newsletter

Jacob Erdman, Director of Parish Music

“Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!” Psalm 98:1a
 What a joy it is to hear God’s people joined together as one voice, singing praise to Him for what Jesus has done for us through His life, death, and resurrection. Music is a gift from God. Music and worship have gone together for generations. From the Israelites singing, “The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation,” (Exodus 15:2), to the saints singing the song of Moses, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty,” (Revelation 15:3) music has been used to praise the Lord. King David, a musician himself, wrote many Psalms to the glory of God.

Music enhances the central feature of worship, the Word of God. Psalm 98:4-6 says, “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the king, the Lord!” While a lot of the music in worship is done with our voices in singing, instruments add to worship as we praise the Lord. Whether it is playing the organ, piano, guitar, handbells, flute, trumpet ... instruments of all sorts can be used to praise God.
 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16

There are many opportunities to use your God-given gifts of music at Good Shepherd:

- **Joyful Noise** (children’s choir) is splitting into 2 groups this year: grades 1-4 and 5-8. Grades 1-4 is focused more on singing, while grades 5-8 is focused more on playing handbells. Each group will meet every other week during the Sunday school hour.
- Our **Mixed Choir** starts Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 and continues weekly during the school year.
- **TAPS** (Thanks and Praise Singers) is our praise team that leads worship on the 3rd and 5th Sundays every month.
- We are starting a **youth/young adult bell choir** (high school and up), more details to come soon.
- We have a **brass ensemble** that plays for Easter and select times throughout the year, or you might be interested in a solo or playing an instrument for worship.

If you are interested in participating in any of these ways, please contact Jacob Erdman (jerdman@gschurch.net).

PRIORITY!

Paul’s words cannot be better stated as he proclaims what is of first priority to God and therefore His Church, “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”

Good Shepherd affirms Paul’s proclamation as echoed in our mission statement, “to teach and reach others through God’s Word and Love.” To that end, the leadership of Good Shepherd is working together to keep what is of most importance, the proclamation of the Gospel our priority. In order to do that, we have been and will continue to be in constant evaluation of ways to improve upon or develop new ways to communicate this mission.

Here is a list from this evaluation in consultation and approval of the Board that oversees these areas:

Divine Service (Thursday/Sunday)

Liturgy and Music: A) Hymnal Liturgy 1st weekend B) Holy Communion at the rail 2nd weekend
 C) TAPS on 3rd and 5th weekends, and D) Blended on the 4th weekend.

We will be using screens at ALL services. We hope that you will volunteer to help!

Education/Confirmation

Sunday morning adult class will have the same lessons as all grades, except preschool/ kindergarten and 5th and 6th grade.

Confirmation changes from 6, 7, and 8 grades to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year to accommodate and be sensitive to transfers into our congregation, or those who are not quite ready to commit to start in the grade that they are in. Confirmation Sunday will be on Palm Sunday in conjunction with Jesus’ ride into Jerusalem and the joyful confession of Jesus as Lord.

1st Communion classes are held the 1st Sunday of every month starting in October. Eligibility is for those who will be in 1st year and 2nd year with 1st Communion held on Maundy Thursday in conjunction with Jesus institution of the Lord’s Supper.

Newsletter articles will be written alternately by the called staff. This will enable each called staff member to have an article for the front page of the newsletter to better expose the congregation to their ministry endeavors and thoughts.

May God continue to bless Good Shepherd and all our efforts to support this ministry and carry out the mission!

Pastor Seabaugh

