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August 2020 Newsletter

ALTAR FLOWERS: are given to the glory of God by Tom and Carol Hahn in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary and God's blessings to you!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Prayers for Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison president of our LCMS Synod. Rev. Dwayne Lueck, president of our NWD, Rev. Jeff Smiles our Circuit Visitor for our district. For our church members and staff as we navigate through this COVID-19. For those affected by the COVID-19 virus.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES: Each week we will be lifting up our family members in prayers. Please take your bulletin news home so you can pray for the families during the week. We will be listing every family in the congregation up in prayer during the year.

- ♥ Joseph & Kate Verbeten, Mitchell
- ♥ Tracy Beggs
- ♥ Kimberly Coenen

The names we list are from what we have in our church records; if it is not listed correctly, please notify the church office so we can update our records. For prayer requests, please call or email the church office to be listed in the prayers.—Thank you.

THEME FOR 2020: JESUS OUR SHEPHERD

We will as the flock of the Shepherd, follow where He leads!

- (1) We will be faithful in Worship: (2) We will be faithful in our receiving God's Word at home and through the Church (3) We will be those who live without fear or want. (4) We will be those who lives bear witness to our faith in Jesus that the flock may grow and flourish. We will rejoice in our life together. This will all be possible, as we remember these familiar words from David in "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1 *Jesus our Shepherd! This year and always!*

God amid pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, "Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you" (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland



... fear not,
for I am with you;
 be not dismayed,
for I am your God;
 I will strengthen you,
 I will help you,
 I will uphold you
 with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I will fear no evil!

Many of you know that during my time as Pastor and youth leader, I have experienced many youth gatherings. While, the locations are different, the presenters, artists, musicians, and the like are often the same. They are gifted in their areas and are favorites of so many that they return again and again. One such act, a musical act, is known as Lost and Found, you can access them here: <http://www.speedwood.com/>. They are not what you would consider a headliner today, because they have aged like me, and well other bands can and do take their place, but nonetheless, as I ponder these words of David one of their songs came to mind and here it is:

[Chorus:]

Be not afraid, be not alone
I have come to take you home.
Be not alone, be not ashamed
I have called you by your name.
Be not ashamed, lose not your sight
My yoke is easy and My burden is light.
I am strong enough to save, I am risen from the grave,
I'm the promise, I'm the Lamb, I Am.

The one I kiss is the one you take.
I promised, Lord, that I would stay awake.
I swear to you that I don't know the man.
Let his blood be on you, I have washed my hands.

[Chorus:]

Let's kill him, he's the vineyard owner's son.
I've never strayed, why the party for the prodigal one?
Where were you, Lord? Our brother died.
I won't believe till I see His hands and I touch His side.

David is dealing with a powerful enemy. The enemy which is death. He knows that it will come, but does not know how or when, but he does know why. This is a reality for all of us, although maybe it has become more "real" with COVID-19. Sin brought death, and since sin has come upon all because all have sinned, we will die. No one desires this, no one asks for it, but it will come.

What David and all believers are assured of even with death looming, we never face death alone. God who knows the number of hairs on our head, also has determined the length of our days here. He has promised during it all, never to leave us or forsake us. This He does through His Word and Sacraments in His Church. David says, "You (God) are with me." This is wonderful news. But, even more so, is what awaits us when we die. Paul writes, the last enemy to be destroyed is death. This enemy has been destroyed, look at the lyrics again from the song: I am strong enough to save, I am risen from the grave, I'm the promise, I'm the Lamb, I Am. Yes, as Scripture declares, death itself has been swallowed up.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

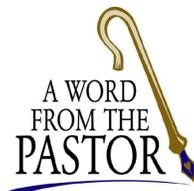
"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, Victory is ours by the grace of God through faith in Jesus. Once more, Victory is ours by the grace of God through faith in Jesus.

Thanks be to God that we live without fear! Jesus is risen! Eternal life is ours! Therefore, let us LIVE in Him and for Him for He LIVES in us!

In Christ,
Pastor



DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC'S MESSAGE



On August 30th, Wendysue Fluegge will be coming to Good Shepherd to share her music in worship at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Wendysue is a worship leader and songwriter from Menomonee Falls, WI. She has sung here at Good Shepherd in the past. We will have more information in the upcoming weeks in the bulletin and on the screens.

This past month we have had the opportunity to return to worship in person. What a wonderful thing it has been to return together. To hear one another's voices. To gather together again as a congregation. And even as we congregate together here at Good Shepherd, we know that we are also worshipping with those tuning in online.

This past month we had the opportunity to have the TAPS team sing with us again for the first time since March. While it may look a little different with them up in the balcony, we are blessed to have them leading the music in worship. There is space up there to socially distance ourselves as we sing together. Even in these crazy times as we are starting to come together again, we would love to have more volunteers to sing or play an instrument in worship.

Choir, along with many other things, was cut short due to the virus and stoppage of church in person. We had planned a lot of wonderful music for Holy Week and the Easter season. There was a lot of disappointment for everyone due to the sudden stoppage of many things. Choirs around the United States and around the world have had similar stoppages. We want to return to making music together and praising God with our voices. Normally, we would be taking a break from choirs in the summertime anyway. Sunday school is planning on returning September 6th. At this point, we are planning on choir to return in September as well. As we get closer and we learn more we will provide more details.

We are continuing to plan for the upcoming year for choir, handbells, Joyful Noise, TAPS, etc. If you or your child are interested in participating in any of these groups, or are interested in playing an instrument/singing in worship, please let Jacob know.

Director of Parish Music – Jacob Erdman
Email: jerdman@gslchurch.net

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

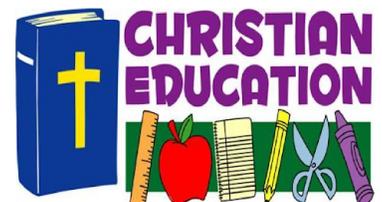
I am excited to announce that we have begun to meet in person!! We are having youth activities on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8, or otherwise known as 6 until mosquitoes. Our first week we sat in the courtyard distanced from each other and shared about how our lives were going. We studied the Gospel lesson for the day and dove a little deeper into God's Word. We then played a very spirited game of kickball. I invite anyone to come out and challenge me in any youth game!

August 2nd, we are finally able to celebrate our Seniors! We are hosting a Grad Brunch at the church and going through their final Faith Stepping Stone. Our hearts go out to all of your Seniors who have missed the last portion of their High School experience. On behalf of the congregation I would like to say, Congratulations! Y'all have worked so hard to get to this point in your academic careers and we look forward to seeing how you continue to grow, learn, and begin your careers.

As we look forward to September and the school year, we also look to beginning our church education programs. We will have our Kickoff on September 13th! We will introduce you to our classes and our curriculum for the year. We hope to hear from everyone who enjoys our educational opportunities. We are also looking for volunteers for Sunday School Teachers, Guardian Angels, Youth Volunteers, and others. If you have any questions about how you can help please contact me or anyone on the Board of Education.

We cannot wait to continue to teach our students and to continue their spiritual journey and education. We strive to maintain a safe environment and to provide many different educational opportunities to our students of all ages. I miss y'all and I love y'all.

-David Stuckwisch
Director of Christian Education



BOOK CLUB NEWS

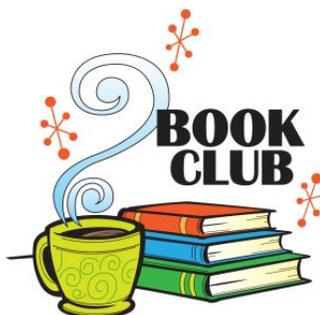
Hi Everyone! The Good Shepherd Book Club is back in action. In August, Monday the 10th, we will be meeting at Maude Lehman's house 1620 W. Grant Street, Appleton. Please call Diane Simon at 920-750-1866 if you would like to join us. We need to make sure the number is under 50 people. Should be no problem.

On Monday, July 13th, we were able to have a social "picnic" of sorts in the Good Shepherd Memorial Garden area in order to catch up on what is happening in our lives and what books we have read since our Safer at Home procedures went in effect.

Since many libraries are limited in the area, eBooks have been utilized OR people started reading from their own collections again. Reading is a great way to keep from boredom and an easy escape.

We will continue to meet at 7pm every second Monday of the month. In September, God willing and the COVID goes away we will meet in the Good Shepherd community room with our first selection. Please join us for any or all of the meetings August through May.

The Lord bless you and keep you, until we meet again.



LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a while since writing to you about the Good Shepherd Library. Because the building has been closed since March for everything other than worship, the library has been shut down as well.

Hence, no newsletter articles.

After speaking with the office, if you are desperate for books to read, you would be able to call Debbie or Beth Monday through Thursday in the morning, 8:30 to noon to visit the building. You can ask them to allow you in the building to peruse the library and make selections by signing your name to the card and leaving it on the desk. Please refrain from returning the books until you read in any of the following newsletters that it is OK to do so.

I hope you are staying well and that you can "go anywhere" by never leaving your home. Thank God for the written word and the Word.

God be with you 'til we meet again.



EDUCATION NEWS

All Youth Activities including Confirmation and youth groups will be postponed until further notice. We will be updating social media accounts and for Bible studies we will go on the Bible app and go through and select a couple studies to follow together.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO WELCOME OTHERS TO JOIN! For more information contact the church office goodshep@gslchurch.net or Pastor Seabaugh, Ryan Neumeier, and Ray & Debbie Koeller; who are studying Matthew via Zoom during COVID-19 please contact us at dkoeller@gslchurch.net if you would like to join us and we will send you a zoom invite. Monday, June 22 we will be covering chapter 12 of Matthew. We would love to see you via Zoom! Carolyn Berg, Nancy Smith or Ed Kumbier and Ann Cattau. They all teach/host Bible Studies in home or at church (at this time utilize online means to communicate and/or by phone). We will find the one that fits with your schedule. Grow in your knowledge and with the Lord and enjoy fellowship!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Join David and the youth as they go through a bible study on YouVersion Bible app. They meet via ZOOM at 3pm on Sunday afternoons. To receive the Zoom link email David at dstuckwisch@gslchurch.net and he'll answer any questions.

PRESCHOOL: Now enrolling for the 2020/2021 school year. Good Shepherd Preschool is a quality education in a Christian environment. Our state licensed preschool has been a Christian based high quality program that fulfills the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional needs of each child for over 40 years. We are proud to announce that Karen Hanson will be our Lead Teacher.

3 & 4 YEAR-OLD PROGRAM

- ♥ Monday, Wednesday, 9:15—11:30 a.m.
- ♥ Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:15—11:30 a.m.



Please contact us if you are interested at (920)734-9643, goodshep@gslchurch.net or our website goodsheplutheran.net



JOIN OUR TEAM: Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is looking for a Substitute Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested please call Joanne Sidwell at 920-850-2291. Or the Church office.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION: Want to know more about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Call the Church office 920-734-9643, or email Pastor Timothy Seabaugh tseabaugh@gslchurch.net with any questions.

COUNCIL NEWS

UPDATE: 2020 GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS: *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up.* Eph 4:11-12

The current list of candidates includes the following individuals: Council Secretary: Adel Thiede, Chair of the Board of Elders: Joel Railing, Chair of Board of Stewardship: Jan Ashbrenner, Chair of Board of Trustees: Terry Stillman, Financial Secretary: Krista Nigbor. We are actively seeking someone for the position of Council Treasurer, and there remains an open position for the Chair of the Board of Finance. Minutes from the Church Council meetings are posted on the board in the sign-up area. You can also view them on our web site. Just sign-in and then click on the "groups" tab.

In the church, God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration. I Cor 12:28a

STEWARDSHIP

A Broader Perspective on Stewardship continued from the July Newsletter:

Fourth thought: We are stewards of life.

Life is sacred. From conception to natural death, all life is a trust from the Lord. How we invest this trust reflects what we believe about the One who was willing to lay down His life for us and the world. This means we use the trust that God has in us to protect, defend, extend and preserve life so that we may point others to the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: Jesus.

Fifth thought: We are stewards of death.

This may sound a bit morbid, but as we steward the life that God has entrusted to us in this world, we also confess that we are but resident aliens in this world. This trust is temporary. But our Baptism reminds us that we have already died with Christ and have been raised with Him (Romans 6). This takes away our fear of death in this world. It is a call to entrust the life we live in this world Jesus. This means that we live for the Lord. It also means that when we die, we die to the Lord. Our life and death is a confession of the trust that we have been given in Jesus!

Sixth thought: We are stewards of the present.

Our faithful stewardship takes place in time. Stewardship is not some philosophical endeavor. We are stewards of what we have been entrusted within our time. In worship, at the rail, and in the world, we steward the trust we have been given by God for the sake of those around us. In this way, we are His hands and His feet to serve our neighbor for His glory.

Seventh thought: We are stewards of the future.

While we have no control over what happens tomorrow, our stewardship today can indeed affect the future. Our congregations are legacies of the faithful stewardship of those who now rest from their labors with Jesus. As we live today, and as we give today, we are laying the groundwork for the future ministry of the local congregation. The Gospel can be proclaimed until Christ returns so that others may hear and be given the same trust of faith we have by the Holy Spirit, and know the joy of being stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is so much more to stewardship than many people think, It goes beyond us. It goes beyond time. But it is always re3lates to the trust we have in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As you reflect on this, rejoice that God has given you this trust to faithfully steward for Him and for the benefit of you neighbor!

Taken from StewardCAST, April, 2020, a devotion led by Dr. Wayne Knolhoff at the District Stewardship Leaders Conference.

FINANCIAL NEWS

***** YEAR TO DATE JUN 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE *****

YEAR TO DATE JUN 2020 General Fund Contribution Recap

- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were \$324,525
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$316,063
- ◇ YTD 2020 budget expenses were \$363,232
- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were **\$38,706 LESS** than the approved budget.

WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: \$14,013
Designated Funds: \$862
Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,970
We are over our budget this past week by: \$43

This budget information is accurate at the time of printing but may vary do to electronic deposits that come in during the week.

MISCELLANEOUS

BUY SCRIP ONLINE – Did you know you can purchase scrip on line? Since we will not be selling at church the next few week, now is an opportunity to support your church by enrolling at Great Lakes Scrip Center on their website (<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com>). Please send an email to DarwinHanson@Centurytel.net or call him at (920) 740-2440 to get the code or assistance to enroll. Enrollment is required for Good Shepherd to get credit for your purchases. We look forward to helping you. You can reload existing cards or order new e-cards. You can pay using PrestoPay (\$0.15 charge per order) or a charge card (2.6% fee will be added to your order).

YOUR HANDS - GOD'S WORK:

Good Shepherd has been providing two meals a month for the women in COTS transitional housing program, even throughout the Safer at Home mandate.. It's a way to live our faith by assisting those in need. Now it's time for you to help. **It's a great opportunity for families to intentionally serve together.** We provide a main dish, a fruit or vegetable side or salad and a dessert for 20 people. You can make your own favorite recipe or we can give you a suggestion. You can contribute the whole meal or just part of it. The next meal donation will be July 19th and you can just drop the food off in the community room that day. Please contact Yvonne Miller at 739-2935 or archylake@sbcglobal.net by July 6th to indicate your intentions. If July doesn't work for you, just let Yvonne know which month you'd like to provide.



NAMING OF THE WEEKLY BULLETIN NEWS/ NEWSLETTER IS RESUMING and we would like more ideas from all of you! Here are some we have so far:

- ◆ The Sheep Shout
- ◆ Good Shepherd's Good News
- ◆ The Informant
- ◆ The Burning Bush

Plus other great ideas that many have turned in. We would like to finally choose a new name soon so let's have fun with it! Thank you to those who've entered ideas already, keep them coming!

OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY IS HERE!

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory. They should be arriving in the coming week.

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WRVM: FM 101.7 Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>



MISCELLANEOUS CONTINUED

Register now for the Aug. 8 Lay Bible Institute

Online workshop will focus on the Gospel of Mark

Please join us for the next Lay Bible Institute: Christian Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark, led by **Dr. David Lewis**, assistant professor of Exegetical Theology. In this one-day online workshop, participants will explore what the Gospel of Mark teaches about Christian discipleship – and what this means for our lives today.

- Learn about the high view of the Christian calling to discipleship that Mark's Gospel presents
- Hear how Jesus identifies His disciples as His family and calls them to participate in His mission

Discover how Jesus' suffering and service on our behalf enables us to suffer for the sake of Jesus and to serve one another

Open to lay people, students, pastors and others interested in the proclamation of the Gospel, the workshop will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (CDT) online. **Registration** is open. Registration closes July 18. Cost is \$20 per person.

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CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

JULY 26 – AUGUST 2, 2020

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SERVICES WILL BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.; STREAMING VIA YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK @ 12:00 P.M. SUNDAYS —THANK YOU