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## September 2020 Newsletter

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** are given to the glory of God by Ed and Carol Kettner in honor and thanksgiving of their 63rd 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. Those in the path of Hurricane Laura, for WendySue Fluegge and her ministry and for the installation of Rev. Rod Krueger at Bethany in Kaukauna. Healing Prayers: Wayne Schwobe, and Brian Nettekoven. 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.

- ♥ Joshua & Andria Pipkorn, Kailyn, Benjamin
- ♥ Ronald & Ruth Schewe
- ♥ Gregory & Debra Suchyta

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!*



## Many parts, one body

Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus our Shepherd

September 2020

This month marks the beginning of the “busy” time for Good Shepherd. Historically, we begin Sunday school, our committees and their ministries begin, and music has its voice. But, what about this year, during this time you ask?

Have you ever found yourself at a time when you were apprehensive, when you were unsure of what to do, or how to proceed? Maybe it was when you began your education. Here was this big building with all these children and adults who you did not know. What do you do? Do you freeze, look the other way, or even run away? Then, a hand is extended to you, a gentle and familiar hand, as you look up you see a smiling and familiar face, one whom you trust, and they take you by the hand. Before you know it, you are in the building and all that frightened you is gone, you are now confident that it will be okay.

We may feel apprehensive about what lies ahead in September at Good Shepherd. So, then it is helpful and necessary to remember and hear the words of David again, Psalm 23 vs 2(b) “He leads me beside still waters.” As Sheep, we need help, we need guidance, we need the assurance that it is going to be okay. Our Shepherd delivers, He speaks, He smiles, and He holds our hand through His Word. Now, we know, my Shepherd knows my needs and will provide for them. He loves me.

Thanks be to God that the same leader that David talks about, the Good Shepherd Jesus, has and is still leading us. This is still His Church, and we are still His people. We do not journey alone, and we do not journey in fear. We journey knowing that as He has promised, He will and does prosper His Word. Since the Word is and will always be the foundation here, we can trust His leading and guiding so that we continue to be the Church that He would have us be.

Remember when Jesus asked His disciples, who do people say that I am? Peter replied, “You are the Christ the Son of the living God.” Responding to this confession, Jesus said, <sup>17</sup>“And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock<sup>[a]</sup> I will build my church, and the gates of hell<sup>[b]</sup> shall not prevail against it.

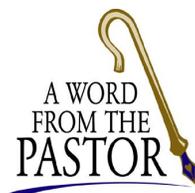
This month we may get off to a slower start that we would like, but we are still going forward. We will have education, committees and ministries will start, and music will find its voice. This has nothing to do with us, or any strength of our own, but rather because we will proceed as sheep of the Good Shepherd, as people of faith.

### **Isaiah 55:10–12**

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

God bless!

Pastor Seabaugh



## EDUCATION NEWS

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:** Starting Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., the Wednesday morning Bible Study will resume with a review of Chapters 1 and 2 of "Joseph" – How God Builds Character." If you don't already have a book and would like to join us, contact Nancy Smith at 574-3007. We will be social distancing and wearing masks in Room 3.

Starting Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will resume in Room 5. We will begin a study of "Max Lucado's Life Lessons from 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus". The books will be distributed on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to socially distance and wear a face covering. Questions? Call Carolyn Berg 810-2422.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Come join us in the Community Room between services. Our study will be a longer look at the lessons. We will explore the Gospel, Epistle, and Old Testament readings for Sunday and discuss them in greater detail. We will begin around 9:20 a.m. Contact DCE David if you need help with your children during class at [dstuckwisch@glschurch.net](mailto:dstuckwisch@glschurch.net)

**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@glschurch.net](mailto:dstuckwisch@glschurch.net) and he'll answer any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO WELCOME OTHERS TO JOIN!** For more information contact the church office [goodshep@glschurch.net](mailto:goodshep@glschurch.net) or Pastor Seabaugh, Ryan Neumeier, Ray & Debbie Koeller; (who are studying Matthew via Zoom during COVID-19 please contact us at [dkoeller@glschurch.net](mailto:dkoeller@glschurch.net) if you would like to join us), 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!

**PRESCHOOL:** If you have been looking for a Christian based preschool where your child or grandchild can have fun while learning, please consider Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool. Our State licensed preschool has been providing a Christian based high-quality program that fulfills the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional needs of each child for over 40 years. We offer a 3 day (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or 2 day (Monday and Wednesday) a week program for 3-4-year-old. Please, feel free to check us out. We have a tab on the Good Shepherd Website, we are also on Facebook, feel free to call the church office or Joanne Sidwell at 920-850-2291.

**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.

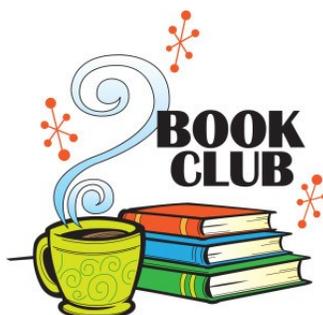
**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF** at this time will be set for September 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see everyone there and we hope to be able to provide a safe environment and a product that we can all be proud of. Confirmation is set for September 13<sup>th</sup>. We want to be able to celebrate these students for the active role that they are playing in their faith life. We as a congregation need to come together and recognize these students and lift them up and continue to support them and help them in their walk with God.

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

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.



## STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Board will be sending out a mailing to the Congregation in mid September. The letter explains the emphasis on what stewardship is and what it means to each of us. If for some reason you haven't received our mailing by mid September please contact the church office and we will send it to you.

Winston Churchill reportedly said, "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our heart and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives---our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and co-workers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking "How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?" to "What have they done for me lately?" We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

### **Stewardship Thought:**

So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.



## 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: 4,725  
Designated Funds: \$1,106  
Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,970  
We are under our budget this past week by: **\$9,245**

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](mailto: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).

### **LISTENING/LEARNING OPPERTUNITUES:**

The Lutheran Hour: SiriusXM: Family Talk channel 131 Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
WRVM: FM 101.7 Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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



### **INTERESTED IN HELPING BUILD A HOME** with Habitat for Humanity

through Thrivent's Faith build in Appleton? The Xiong family is building a home on W Packard St and there is opportunity to help with sheet rock on October 6, 7 and 8th. Lunches are also needed for those days. Contact the Ebbesen's at 920-836-2153 or [bonnie.ebbesen@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.ebbesen@gmail.com) so we can be sure to get you on the schedule.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet September 8 from 1:30 to 3:00. We will meet in Room 3 so we will have plenty of room to spread out. Whether you are comfortable staying or would rather just drop off completed shawls, we would love to see you.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD INSIDE SUN. 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON EMAILS, THE CHURCH WEBSITE & CHURCH CALENDAR FOR UPDATES.  
OUR 8 AM SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE AT NOON ON SUNDAY. THANK YOU.

Aug. 30	8:00 AM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service/ WendySue
	9:15 AM	Pastor Seabaugh's Bible Study-CR
	10:30 AM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service/ WendySue
	12:00 PM	Streaming Worship Service - YouTube and FB
	1:00 PM	Hmong Lutheran Church
	3:00 PM	Zion French-African Congregation- in CR
Aug. 31		Pastor Tim Seabaugh's day off
Sep.1	9:30 AM	Staff Mtg./Devotions
	4:00 PM	Prayer Chain II
	4:15 PM	Human Care Mtg.
	5:00 PM	TOPS - RM 5
	6:00 PM	Trustees
Sep.2	9:00 AM	Kiwanis Mtg. - CR
Sep.3	7:30 PM	LMF
Sep.4		David Stuckwisch's /Jacob Erdman day off
Sep.5	2:00 PM	Zion French-African Worship Team Practice - CR
Sep.6		Blood Pressure Check
	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Pastor Seabaugh's Bible Study - CR/ Sunday School—Reacquainted
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	12:00 PM	Streaming Worship Service - YouTube and FB
	1:00 PM	Hmong Lutheran Church
	3:00 PM	Zion French-African Congregation- in CR