



The Shepherd's Voice

Rally Day 2015

Rally Day was originally planned to focus on bringing new families into Sunday School. It was scheduled for the beginning of September (after Labor Day) when children returned to school from summer vacation.



Rally Day may be familiar to some and not to others. Perhaps this vintage postcard may spark a memory? The back would have the date/time, etc. of Rally Day.



In our area, school started back up in mid-August. The summer fun of staying up late, sleeping late, traveling, camping was a nice break to the routine of the school year. As you begin to return to some of the

rhythms often disrupted by summer time fun, include attending Sunday School as part of your Sunday routine.

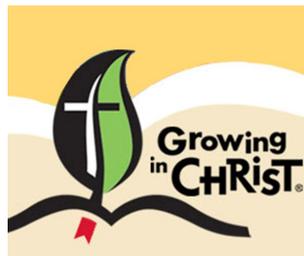
Rally Day, September 13th, marks the start of the new season of teaching and learning in Sunday School. Mark your calendar and prepare to bring your children to Sunday School after worship.

What to expect Rally Day, September 13, 2015

This year Rally Day will be celebrated in the worship service with installation of everyone involved in the education of your children.

- After church, the children will go directly to the opening held in the room beside the conference room.
- Opening includes: Bible Words, Prayers, Offering, Singing, and Attendance
- Offering Envelopes distributed.
- Voter's meeting
- Fellowship Meal

This quarter our children will learn about how God saves His people in Egypt and the Exodus. They will learn about Joseph, Moses, the Passover, the Ten Commandments and other Old Testament stories. Please bring your children each Sunday so they may continue to grow in Christ.



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Special points of interest:

- MHS Football Dinner, Friday, Sept. 4th
- Servant Event, Saturday, Sept. 12th
- Voters' Meeting & Potluck, Sunday, Sept. 13th
- Men's Breakfast, Saturday, Sept. 26th

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Stewardship in September



St. Paul writes, **“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”** (II Corinthians 8-9) When we talk about Christian stewardship we begin with Jesus! Jesus humbled Himself, giving His all, even His very life, so that you would be forgiven and have what He promises – eternal life and salvation. It is only because of Jesus, His crucifixion and death, His resurrection, and His love that motivates us to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves!

The history of the word ‘stewardship’ is interesting to note. It is derived from two old English words, “sty” and “ward”. A styward was a keeper of the pigsty. However down through the years, it came to mean a “keeper of the lord’s estate”. It is Jesus who has entrusted the His church on earth with the message of salvation. That which Jesus has given to us, He expects us to share with others. How we as individual Christians and as Christian congregations as a whole do that , involves our time, our talents, and our treasures! Beginning on Sunday, September 20th I will begin a sermon series on the use of our time, talents and treasure for the furtherance of God’s

kingdom at Shepherd of Peace, in the community, in our District and Synod and around the world! The theme will be “Gospel Giving” and my prayer is that we together might be excited about using our gifts to God’s glory and in love to our neighbor!

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8-9

A guest at a hotel was in a hurry to check out when he realized that he did not have his briefcase. He went to the bellboy and said, “Would you please hurry to room 1203? I think I left my briefcase there. My ride leaves for the airport in ten minutes, so please hurry.” The man checked out at the front desk, and after a few anxious minutes the bellboy came hurrying across the lobby. “Yes, sir,” he said. “Your briefcase is still there in room 1203.” He did just as he was told.



I’m sure that you will agree with me that there is not much joy in minimum performance. The Christian faith challenges us to live our lives “to the max”, that is to go the extra step! St. Paul challenges us to excel in everything; not just in what we believe, teach and confess; not just in the knowledge of Scripture and church doctrine; not only in living a sanctified life...but also to excel in the grace of giving! St. Paul urges and encourages the Church, you and I, to live our lives in Christ “to the max”! This is what Christ did! **“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”** ~Rev. Timothy J. Henning, Vacancy Pastor



SOP to Host MHS Football Players



SOP will be hosting 65 players and coaches from Mauumelle High School football team for their pre-game meal on Friday, Sept. 4. They will arrive shortly after 4pm and leave no later than 5pm. Coach Farr has asked for Grilled Chicken Breasts, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Bread and Water.

Needs as of August 25 are cases of water (1 have commitment for 1 case), Green Beans are covered, need a commitment for bread supply, and probably 1 more crockpot or large pan of mac & cheese, additional donations of fresh fruit (watermelon wedges or cantaloupe (separated in case they don't care for one or the other), grapes, whole bananas, apples and oranges. Cash toward purchase of chicken.

Please call or text Laura Quimby at 590-9140 or email, Oketokid@aol.com. If you have said you will provide items, please 're-affirm' that commitment to supply and or help. ANY donation of money that goes beyond these needs will be placed in our Love Offering acct. This event will be of NO COST to SOP. This is the 1st home football game of the season, so we we'll giving them a **BIG RAH RAH RAH** and invite the public to help SOP us cheer them on from our parking lot at 5pm. THANK YOU SOP for your help.



2016 National Youth Gathering

It is time for SOP Youth to start the registration and planning process for the 2016 National Youth Gathering which will be held July 16th-20th, 2016 in New Orleans, Louisiana. A meeting will be held for all interested youth (ages 14-19 by July 2016) and their parents on Sunday, September 6th at 11:15am. We will be discussing general trip information, youth attendance responsibilities, parent/ student cost, and fundraising opportunities.

Held every 3 years, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO.

The upcoming NYG theme is "In Christ Alone." During the five days of the gathering, participants will study the Apostle Paul's words to the people of Philippi reflecting upon the key concepts of identity, humility and community. Using the book of Philippians, we will hear and profess that it is in Christ alone that we stand.

Please contact Dani in the church office if you are unable to attend this meeting, but wish to be part of the 2016 NYG. If you are 19-25 years old and would like information on volunteering as a YAV (Young Adult Volunteer), please speak with Dani as soon as possible.



*I hope in the Lord
Jesus to send
Timothy to you soon,
so that I too may be
cheered by news of
you. Philippians 2:19
(ESV)*

September Servant Event: *Backpacks and Blankets*

Members and friends of Shepherd of Peace worked hard gathering supplies and donated money for our local children and children in Syria during the month of August. Now, we have a lot of organizing to do and backpacks to stuff! EVERYONE is encouraged to lend a hand on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am-12:00pm as we assemble the backpacks for Lutheran World Relief's Backpack Mission for Syria and organize the items for the local schools.



At our Servant Event, SOP members and friends will also be making fleece blankets (cutting and tying) to donate to the Maumelle Fire and Rescue Department to be given to victims in times of crisis. These blankets are fun and easy to assemble and will be put to good use within our community.

If you would like more information on this Servant Event or would like to donate money toward the backpack project or blanket project, please contact the church office or speak with Beth Helmstetter. Shepherd of Peace wishes to thank everyone involved in this event and Thrivent Financial for helping to sponsor our efforts.



Did You Know?

Did you know Shepherd of Peace is member of the Kroger Community Rewards® program? Kroger Community Rewards® is part of Kroger's efforts to help local community schools and non-profits grow and prosper. Kroger Plus members are encouraged to log-in to their Kroger account online to enroll in community rewards, then every time the card holder used their Kroger Plus Card a donation is made by Kroger toward their designated non-profit or school.

If you would like to enroll in Kroger Community Rewards® sign-in at Kroger.com and follow the directions under the community heading. If you would like to make Shepherd of Peace your designated organization (we hope you do), our number is 13343.

Michelle Febock has kindly agreed to help anyone interested in enrolling in Kroger Community Rewards®. She will be in the church narthex with her laptop on September 13th (Rally Sunday) to assist anyone in the process. Please have your Kroger Plus Card with you to expedite the process. Thank you for your continued support of SOP!

*For what we
proclaim is not
ourselves, but Jesus
Christ as Lord, with
ourselves as your
servants for Jesus'
sake. 2 Cor. 4:5*



Pastoral Update



On August 9th, Trinity NLR voted to join us in discussions to put together a 2 Point Parish Agreement. On August 16th, we finalized our committee by drawing two names from the congregation to join the committee and an additional name to serve as an alternate. The committee and alternates are as follows:

Committee

Mark Filter – Director & Lay Minister
Jason Smith – Director
Steve McDonald – Lay Minister
Mark Bird – Congregational Representative
Esther Mahnken

Designated Alternate

Mari Flemmons or Parrish Hurley
Mari Flemmons
Parrish Hurley
Paul Reprogle
Paul Reprogle

The committee will work together with the committee from Trinity NLR, Pastor Conger and President Paavola to construct an agreement to be presented to both congregations. Please keep these individuals in your prayers as they undergo this very important task!

Below is a high level outline of the steps involved in forming a 2 Point Parish agreement. We are still in step #1 as we await a response from Trinity.

Next Steps:

1. ✓ Trinity will go back to congregation to evaluate options and decide to discuss further or not
2. **Representatives from the two congregations will meet regularly to iron out the details of the arrangement (President Paavola, Pastor Conger, and Pastor Phillips engaged in the process)**
3. The two sides will draw up an agreement
4. BOTH congregations will vote on the agreement
5. **(Assuming Affirmative Vote)** The two sides will initiate a joint call process
6. Candidate(s) will be presented to BOTH congregations for a vote

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Romans 8:26

Blessings,
Shepherd of Peace BoD

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September Volunteers

Lay Minister	Tony Wray
Acolyte	Savannah Tyndall
Ushers	J. Smith & F. Ausburn
Lector	John Nazzaro
Communion Prep	Mahnken & Wheat
Communion Assistant	Peter Christiansen



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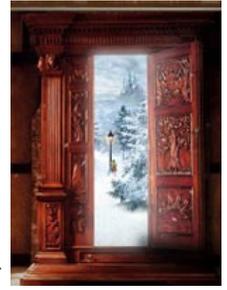
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Study, 10:30a	4 MHS Dinner, 4:p	5
6 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a NYG 16 Meet, 11:15a	7 Quilters, 10a	8	9	10 Study, 10:30a Teens, 6pm	11	12 Servant Event
13 RALLY DAY! Worship, 9a Voters' Meet, 10:15a Bible Hour, 10:30a Potluck, 11:30am	14 Quilters, 10a BoD Meet, 6:30p	15 Bunko, 6:30m	16	17 Study, 10:30a Teens, 6pm	18	19 Work Day
20 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a LM/BoD/Henning	21 Quilters, 10a	22	23	24 Study, 10:30a Teens, 6pm	25	26 Men's Brkfst, 8:30a
27 Worship, 9a Bible Hour, 10:15a	28 Quilters, 10a	29	30			



September Events

- * Sundays, 9am, Worship
- * Sundays, 10:15am, Family Bible Hour
- * Mondays, 10am-4pm, Peace Quilters
- * Thursdays, 10:30am, Bible Study
- * Thursdays (*beginning 9/10*), Midweek Teens
- * Friday, Sept. 4, MHS Football Dinner, 4pm
- * Saturday, Sept. 12, Servant Event, 10am-12pm
- * Sunday, Sept. 13, Rally Day/ Meeting/ Potluck
- * Monday, Sept. 14, BoD Meeting, 6:30pm
- * Saturday, Sept. 19, Church Work Day: Landscaping
- * Sunday, Sept. 20, BoD/LM Meeting w/ Rev. Henning
- * Saturday, August 29, Men's Breakfast, 8:30am

SOP Youth Enter The Wardrobe



SOP Youth will step into the wardrobe and explore the magical world of Narnia in the study, "Aslan's World," beginning Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm during Mid-Week Teens. This study takes an in depth look at the various Biblical images and themes found in CS Lewis' classic tale, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Each session, written by author Angus Menuge, clearly leads participants in a discussion of the various components of this literary work and the connection CS Lewis uses to point to the sufferings, death, and glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ and our salvation found only in Him.

Never read the book before? This is a wonderful opportunity read a wonderful novel and join other teens in learning and exploring together the words of CS Lewis and his link to the Gospel. You will need to secure a copy of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe for reading during the week. Each lesson will cover approximately 3 chapters of the book. We do have a few extra copies if you are unable to obtain one, just let Ms. Dani know, and she will make sure you get one. We look forward to seeing you in the wardrobe!

"Lucy felt a little frightened, but she felt very inquisitive and excited as well. She looked back over her shoulder and there... she could still see the open doorway of the wardrobe..."
CS Lewis



Upcoming Happenings at Shepherd of Peace

Mark your calendars for the following events happening in September at Shepherd of Peace.

October 12th: Board of Director Meeting, 6:30pm

October 17th: Church Work Day: General Clean-up

October 24th: Men's Breakfast

TBD: Trunk or Treat



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There's a Place for You at SOP!



The Purpose of Our Existence

Shepherd of Peace exists to praise and glorify God. This happens when we are faithful in reaching out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in promoting growth in discipleship, and in performing acts of self-sacrificing love to all people in Christ's name.

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Family Bible Hour

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Special Days is September



- 9-4 Bob Kling (B)
- 9-5 Evelyn Chagnon (B)
- 9-7 Labor Day
- 9-8 Linda Geddes (B)
- 9-11 Melissa Anderson (B)
- 9-13 Grandparents' Day
- 9-15 Monty & Stephanie Anderson (A,31)
 Ed Helmstetter (B)
- 9-18 Austin Quimby (B)
 Gene Shepherd (B)
 Tom & Clarice Wray (A, 55)
- 9-19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 9-21 Becky Newberry (B)
- 9-23 Ladye Hurley (B)
- 9-26 Paul Reprogle (B)
- 9-28 Michael Flakoll (B)
- 9-29 Patti Lemons (B)

