

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER | 2022

Keeping You Up To Date With Your Family
at Shepherd of the Hills

WELCOME BACK



Sunday, September 11
following the 10:30 am service

Celebrate the beginning of Sunday School and a return to
two Sunday morning services
at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

There will be a “Bouncy House” for the kids and
a potluck for the whole family.

Sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity
to bring a dish to pass.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE!

Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 pm

September 1 w/HC, 8, 15 w/HC, 22, 29 w/HC

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 am

September 4 w/HC

Sunday Morning Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am

September 11, 18 w/HC, 25,

BIBLE STUDIES and CLASSES

Education Hour for all ages at 10:15 am

Sun., September 4

Education Hour for all ages at 9:15 am

Sun., September 11, 18 and 25

Ladies Monday Night Bible Study

Tues., September 13 at 6:30 pm. (Date changed due to Labor Day.) We'll discuss chapters six and seven of "Rediscovering Jonah" by Timothy Keller. Questions? Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238. This study meets once a month.

Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am

Wed., September 7, 14, 21 and 28

High School Youth and Bible Study TBD

Wed., September 7, 14, 21 and 28

Men's Bible Study at 9:30 am

Thurs., September 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Confirmation

Parent meeting Wed., September 14 at 6:00 pm

ONGOING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Deaf Ministry—Interpreter for Sunday worship
September 4 (9:00 am service), 18 (8:00 am service)
(Verify with Deaf Ministry for updated schedule)

Onalaska Emergency Food Basket

September: Cereal. Items may be left in the Narthex or delivered to the pantry.

Piecemakers—Thursday mornings at 9:30 am
Questions? Contact Lorraine Koch at 936-242-9941.

Prayer Chain—To submit a prayer request, or to join the prayer chain, call the office at 608-783-0330 or Sharon Ryan at 608-526-6731 or sryan6731@gmail.com

Ministry Meetings

EDUCATION—Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm

FELLOWSHIP—Tuesday, September 13 at 3:30 am

COUNCIL — Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

ELDERS — Monday, September 19 at 6:00 pm

Schedules subject to change. Check the weekly bulletin, Weekly Update and Facebook for updates.

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THE
FOLD**

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS EQUIP. REACH. SERVE



OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS ONE BOX AT A TIME.

New (or gently used donations) may be dropped off in the Narthex. Donations will be included in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and sent to children across the globe. For a list of acceptable items stop by The Welcome and Opportunity Center or visit samaritanspurse.org. Monetary donations (to cover shipping) are also welcome.

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Support youth programming by purchasing a card from Kwik Trip, Festival, Woodman's and many more. Cards are available for purchase each Sunday morning in the Narthex.

MINISTRY UPDATES

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT MEETING

Thurs. Sept. 1, 3:30 pm

All 2021 hostesses are invited to attend. If you cannot attend—or if you'd like to help plan this event—contact Marilyn Magnuson. "Advent by Candlelight" will be held Saturday, December 3.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY—Submitted by Karen Schindler

SHEPHERD SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

Sunday, September 18. Tee-times begin at 2:30 pm. Golfer of all abilities are welcome. \$33 per person includes: nine holes of golf, cart rental, meal (brat or burger) and hole events and prizes. Meals for non-golfers are \$7.00. Questions? Contact John Berg at 608-769-6486 or johnjberg@outlook.com. See you on the first tee!

"GOD LOVES YOU TOUR"—Sun., October 2, 4:00 pm

Don't miss this FREE event by Franklin Graham at Soldiers Memorial Field Park in Rochester, MN.—bring a lawn chair and blanket! Carpooling available.

Visit: godlovesyoutour.com/events/rochester/

***Follow social media for event updates. Please sign up for events at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm with choir chime practice following at 8:00 pm. Everyone (that includes those of you who play an instrument) of all ages and abilities are welcome. Sing—or play—a joyful noise unto the Lord!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JESUS and ARCHAEOLOGY: The Galilean World of Jesus and Jesus in Jerusalem

Saturday, September 17, 9:00—11:00 am

Faith Lutheran Church—La Crosse

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the historical background of the places Jesus walked, taught, and performed miracles! Presented by Rev. Dr. Mark Schuler, Professor at Concordia—St. Paul.

STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? - *From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to

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know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is gearing up for a great year, but still needs a few more teachers. If you enjoy working with kids—and want to help them strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ— this job is for you!

Available teaching positions:

- 1st/2nd grade One teacher needed
- 6th/8th grade One teacher needed

For more information, please contact Karen Gardner at 608-783-1556 or 608-769-6021.

2022 VBS

"GOD'S WONDERLAB" VBS was a success! Thank you to all our leaders and helpers who served the Lord—and many children– who attended VBS.

- Karen Gardner..... Director
- Sharon Ryan and Lynne Dale Registration
- Alayna Matthews and Rayna Baumgarn..... Opening and Closing Sessions
- Rayna Baumgarn, Alayna Matthews,
Justice and Destini Stetzer and Jane Herrmann Pre-school
- Dr. Bruce Kerr, John Gardner,
and Samuel Baumgarn (Jesus) Story telling/Bible challenge
- Hans, Nathaniel and Samuel Baumgarn Games
- Maria Ferguson and Lorraine Koch..... Snacks
- Jeanett Baumgarn, Rayna and Serena Baumgarn,
Samantha Wieczorek Crafts

TRUSTEE REPORT

Due to the magnitude of projects covered in the Trustee Report, the following is a summary of that report. To obtain a comprehensive copy of the report, please contact the church office.

ONGOING PROJECTS:

Shed Update: remodel beginning in September; **Update staff office furnishings:** waiting approval of final design and reviewing source of funds; **Trustee budget** review is in process; **Signage:** will use budgeted funds (in addition to donations) to install signs above doorways, etc. and throughout the building; **Previous pastor and staff photographs:** will be displayed once location is determined; **Narthex lighting and ceiling fans:** bids have been received, installation pending; **Building security and emergency exit plans:** thoughts and ideas welcome

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COMPLETED PROJECTS:

TV monitor (for church announcements) has been installed above the fireplace in the Narthex; purchased a **stand for memorial recognitions** (currently displayed at The Welcome and Opportunity Center); **Updated** "Facilities and Ground Usage Request" forms; **Ground maintenance:** two maple trees on the East of the church will be replaced (per recommendation of arborist), trees and shrubs have been pruned

THERE'S MORE!

- With Christmas fast approaching, plans for decorating are probably in the works. Please speak with Marilyn about Narthex decorations to make sure there's room for every display and that things are plugged in safely. We have to be aware of the custodian's responsibilities and make sure we don't make his job more difficult. A top priority is to keep things simple and safe and to avoid clutter.

- It would be very nice to have an outdoor nativity or display to show what Christmas is really about. The prior nativity scenes were beyond help so they were discarded. Ideas?
- Altar Guild requested hand railings on the walls by the stairs leading up to the altar on either side. Jim M. purchased oak railing—he'll stain, varnish and install them.

We will continue to explore these projects:

1. Steeple needs repainting
2. Stained glass windows in front of sanctuary
3. Parking lot guest signs
4. Rocking north fire lane drive and area around HVAC
5. Remove dead plants
6. Columbarium
7. Master Site Plan

Additional trustees are needed to serve!

Marilyn Magnuson, Chair Trustee Ministry

Dick Williams, Jim Magnuson and Kyle Janzen, Trustees

YOU'RE HIRED! - Technology Maintenance Manager

To update current technology at church, Josh Underkoffler (IT specialist at Organic Valley) has been contracted as a part-time Technology Maintenance Manager to address the following issues:

- Review existing licenses, subscriptions and users, opportunities for streamlining/elimination of redundant equipment
- System security management. Work with the existing security cameras and recording equipment may be included.
- Staff training to maximize utilization of existing and new (Wi-Fi and Phone) systems and software. This may include but is not limited to utilization of the church email, Wi-Fi connectivity, document sharing between staff members, and set up of the new phone system for call and message forwarding to staff cell phones.
- Coordinate with suppliers and other service providers when problems arise or systems or equipment need upgrading.
- Provide recommendations on system upgrades and estimated costs for annual budgeting purposes.
- Technology check out for departing users and set up for new users.

For further information, please contact Jim Magnuson.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION

PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP DAY —Thursday, August 4



Many hands made for light work.
Thank you to all those who helped to spruce up the preschool playground for the 2022-2023 school year.



More ministry photos on next page

ONALASKA COMMUNITY DAYS

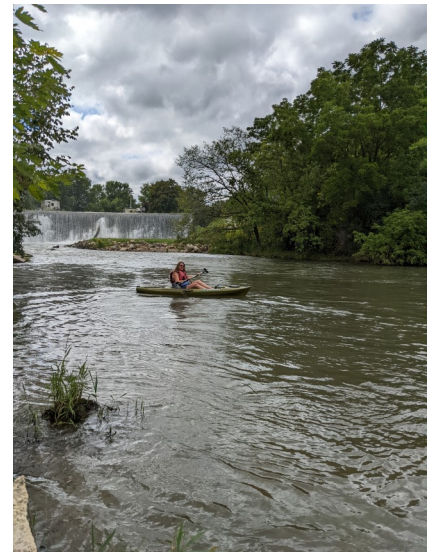
Saturday, August 6

Getting to know our neighbors
in and around Onalaska.



KAYAKING THE ROOT RIVER—Whalan to Lanesboro, MN

Saturday, August 14



There were rapids and we got wet, but we had tons of fun!
Pizza and ice cream afterwards. YUM!

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

Keeping You Up-to-Date with Your Church Family

Follow us on Facebook, our church website (at sothonalaska.org),
The Weekly Update (digital copies only) or via the church bulletin, Narthex TV monitor and The
Welcome and Opportunity Center for information on church events,
to sign up for church events and for updated announcements.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Saturday—03

Andre de la Rosa

Monday—05

Jack Breidenbach

Friday—09

Tim Heiden

Barbara Mosher

Terry Wrolstad

Saturday—10

Colleen Cudo

Monday—12

Lisa Rainey

Tuesday—13

David Stetzer

Monday—19

Barb Wyse

Tuesday—20

Ben Breidenbach

Joe Michalko

Paul Stakun

Wednesday—21

Lee Fricke

Thursday—22

Ron Berg

Terry Ours

Friday—23

Kevin Corton

Elizabeth Eckert

Saturday—24

Aiden Ackerman

Mindy Braun

Monday—26

Nel Horman

Carole Schroeder

Tuesday—27

Bob Ellsworth

Thursday—29

Nancy Henke

Jane Ruppel

Justice Stetzer

Friday—30

Justin Burns

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Friday—02

Evan and Amber Londergan

Monday—05

Mark and Molly Breidel

Wednesday—07

Chuck and Kathy Huth

Thursday—15

Ron and Debbie Berg

Saturday—17

Dave and Mary Schultz

Sunday—18

Brian and Doreen Willie

Thursday—22

Al and Terry Niebuhr

Wednesday—28

Todd and Linda Trautmann

THANK YOU!



Dear friends at Shepherd of the Hills,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$139.63 to WINN. Your gift will help to provide needed things for people staying outside including bug spray, socks, bottled water, and ready-to-eat foods. We appreciate your kindness and compassion. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Sue Graf Executive Director—WINN

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous ordination gift, and for all your thoughtful giving these past four years. You have truly helped my family make it through Seminary. I give thanks to God for you! Thank you!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Don Stein

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FALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am—12:30 pm



SHEPHERD'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

We welcomed 29 children & their families to preschool at our Fall Open House on Thursday, August 25th. This year our first day of school is Wednesday, September 7th and we will have children in our classroom all day. Our morning session runs from 8:45am – 11:30am and our afternoon session runs from 12:15pm – 2:45pm. We have classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

We are so proud of our preschool program at Shepherd's Flock & we want to share what we do with members of the congregation! If you are interested in volunteering, sharing a fun hobby with our preschoolers, being a guest reader or even just stopping in to see what we do- reach out to our preschool office to find out more!



Meet Our Teachers

From Left to Right:

Mrs. Alyssa Mitchell: Entering her second year, Alyssa serves as the preschool's Education Director in addition to teaching in the classroom.

Mrs. Miriam Taylor: After serving as a frequent substitute in our classroom for years, we welcome Miriam to the preschool teaching team on Tuesdays this year.

Mrs. Kathy Koblitz: Kathy has been a teacher at Shepherd's Flock for the last 17 years. She is also the Business Director of the preschool.

Mrs. Beth Dix: Beth returned to Shepherd's Flock in 2020 and has been a part of the teaching team for the last 3 years.

Fall Enrollment

We still have a few openings in our afternoon class for next school year. We have a waitlist available for those interested in the morning session. Give our preschool office a call or email for more information and to arrange a tour!

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