



Are we a Christian nation? This time of the year, as we celebrate our birth as a nation, and we reflect upon our history and how we got here, this is a question which is

bound to pop up. And you will most likely get answers of "yes" and "no" with everything in between (including we used to be but no longer are).

The interface between the church and state has always been a point of contention. Not all of our Founding Fathers were Christians. Yet our nation was founded on principles of the Judeo/Christian tradition. I have always been fascinated with how God's dominion is described in Isaiah:

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; he will save us.

This coincides with our three branches of government (judicial, legislative, and executive).

Martin Luther was a church theologian who recognized a difference between the church and state. Using Romans 13, which speaks about the authority that God has given to government, Luther established what he calls the kingdom of the left (government) and the right (church). The goal of the left is to maintain order-and they even have the authority to use "the sword" (Rom 12:4). This means they have authority from God to punish wrongdoing. The goal of the church (the right-hand kingdom) is to win souls for Christ.

Scripture must be interpreted in light of these two kingdoms. The command of Jesus to "turn the other cheek" is a great command when functioning in the right-hand kingdom but not a good idea in the courtrooms of the left-hand kingdom.

As a Christian, I truly believe that all our nation's blessings come from God, including freedom. But even greater than the freedoms of our nation is the freedom from slavery to sin, won through the death of Jesus on the Cross. The Bible says we are slaves to sin. We cannot overcome it. But Jesus did. May His Spirit be with us all as we celebrate this great kingdom of the left.

Pastor Ted

This article will appear in the Quad Community Press this month.

Highlights



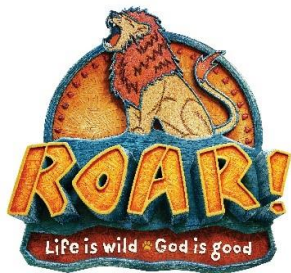
Chile Mission Trip Chapter Two

A group from Good Shepherd is headed to Constitucion, Chile from July 14th - 23rd. It's not too late for you to participate!

We are **collecting school supplies** for them to bring down. You may bring in small boxes of crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, pencils, pens, small pencil sharpeners, notebooks, folders. Please deposit any items you wish to donate in the Pastor Ted's suitcase in the lobby!! (School supplies are due by **Sunday, July 14th.**)

We are also raising funds to help defray the cost of a playhouse and a greenhouse to be used in their after-school program. We are able to collect funds for that throughout the summer.

See the display in the lobby and **thank you** for considering how you can help this ministry!



**Good Shepherd's
Vacation Bible School**
was held on June 17th-19th
and was a huge success!

Day 1

Bible Point: When Life is unfair...God is Good!

Bible Story: The Israelites are slaves for the Egyptians. (Exodus 1; 5:6)

Key Verse: "The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes." (Nahum 1:7)

Day 2

Bible Point: When life is scary...God is Good!

Bible Story: God sends plagues on Egypt. (Exodus 7:14-12:32)

Key Verse: "Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me." (Psalm 23:4)

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Day 3

Bible Point: When life is sad...God is Good!

Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life. (John 16-21)

Key Verse: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted." (Psalm 34:18)

A huge thank you to all the people who help make VBS possible! It was amazing week where kids learned that no matter what GOD Is good! We truly saw God working in the hearts of the kids and people that helped this week!

Thank you!!

VBS in Pictures!





***Tons
of
Fun!!***



Submit Your Recipes



***Ok, Good Shepherd,
hand 'em over!***

You know what we're talking about . . . those delectable recipes that we've tasted but don't know the secret ingredients.

YES! IT'S TIME FOR A NEW GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKBOOK!

With your help this cookbook will integrate Good Shepherd's **HISTORY** with stories and photos along with recipes we love! And better yet, . . . let's put the proceeds toward beautifying our Lord's church!

Send us your family's favorite recipes and Good Shepherd historical photos to tedjenn82@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Connect & Invite

Watch this space for exciting opportunities where we can, as a congregation, **CONNECT** with each other and **INVITE** others from the community to join us!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, August 18th, at 6:00pm

The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge

with

Dr. Robert Carter

Rob is one of the world's leading Christian researchers into the study of human genetics and how this relates to human biblical origins. The good news is that **the Bible can really be trusted** when it comes to such history and in particular its account of Creation as read in the book of Genesis.

Like so many, Rob was challenged by his college education that started to sap his faith. That was until he saw Creation magazine. Realizing that **science and religion were not in conflict with one another**, his faith grew. So much so, that his passion is now communicating this important truth to people everywhere.

Rob is a much loved and engaging speaker, so don't miss this fantastic opportunity to hear one of the world's leading creation scientists, and see why!

Please consider inviting your friends and family to join us for this free event. **Mark this date on your calendar** and stay tuned for more details!

Youth & Children's Ministry

Youth News

Youth Events

Update:

- On **June 2nd** the youth had a game day here at church. We had fun playing *Disney Scene It* and *Sour Apples to Apples*.

Upcoming:

- **July 14th** Noon-2:00 p.m. (Notice date change) Good Shepherd Youth will be having a messy day! We will be playing games that you will get you messy! Please dress accordingly!



Children's Ministry

Sunday School

WOW!! Nice job Sunday School kids you collected \$259.67 for Feed My Starving Children. You did it! We met our goal of feeding 3 kids for one year!

Just a reminder that we have the mystery box the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to sign up please. Contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) if you are interested.



Each Day Club

Each Day Club...walking with Jesus is our Wednesday evening children's programming for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Each week as a member of the club, kids will be encouraged in their relationship with Jesus Christ. They will embark on an evening of interactive fun with praise music, teachable Bible moments, crafts, and fun games.

Each Day Club ended their year with a party on April 24th.

Please join us next September when Each Day Club resumes and: **Invite a friend!**

Ongoing Fundraisers to Support Youth at Good Shepherd!

Like to Shop?

You can help support Good Shepherd Youth by signing up at www.goodshop.com. This website has some amazing deals and each time you use one of their sponsored retailers Good Shepherd's Youth Group receives a percentage of the amount you spent from GoodShop. Make sure you select Good Shepherd Youth when you setup your account.



Also, if you like to shop on Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#). Select Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Each time you purchase something through Amazon Smile the youth group will receive a percentage from Amazon Smile!

If you have any questions please contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) 763-784-8417.



Save your ink cartridges!

Don't throw Away your ink cartridges!

Good Shepherd Youth have launched a fundraising project with the help of an inkjet recycling company **Empties4Cash**. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our group will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in.

You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag). (Note: Epson cartridges cannot be recycled - they don't have a print head.) Please give them to Melanie Appelquist.

Opportunities to Learn, Grow, Serve!

Pastor-led Bible Study

This study continues throughout the summer.

Sanctuary ~ 9:45 PM - 10:15 PM

Join us!

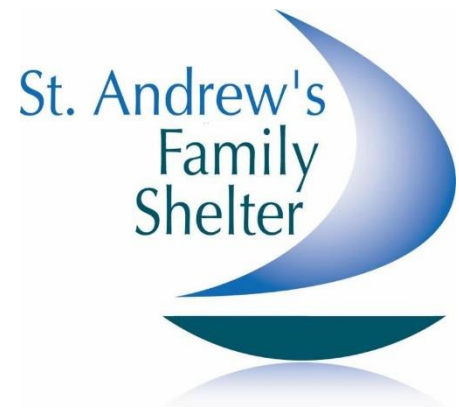
St. Andrew's Family Shelter

Thank you to all the volunteers who served at the shelter in May!

Our next week of service is:

August 11 - August 17

St. Andrew's Family Shelter is the overnight shelter where families, from our own neighborhoods, that are experiencing homelessness stay while receiving case management at the Community Resource Center at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. During our scheduled weeks of service, volunteers are needed for the dinner shift (5:00 - 8:30 pm), and the overnight shift (8:15 pm - 9:15 am).



All volunteers at St. Andrew's Family Shelter are required to have completed a volunteer application for a background check and view a Safe Boundaries training video prior to volunteering. (If you are already signed up to be a part of this ministry, you will receive an email with a link to sign up to serve during this upcoming service week.)

We would love to have you join our group of volunteers! If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Linda Carlson (612) 803-4376 or ljcarlson416@gmail.com.



Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies Tuesday morning bible study has recessed for the summer and will resume its study of "Miracles: Signs of God's Glory" in September. Watch for details in the August Newsletter.

WINGS News

WINGS (*Women in God's Service*) will NOT meet in July.

The program for the evening is "*Day by Day*" Hostess for the evening is Mary Lou Anderson. All Ladies are invited to attend.

We would like to thank all of you who helped us set up, serve, and clean up for the lunch served following Jesse Baker's ordination service.

If you have questions in regard to WINGS, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.



Quilting News

Join us as we continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and other purposes and to make pillows for our soldiers.

No experience is required.

If you would like to help or provide material, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 or just come on the

designated Thursday evenings. Remember, no experience is required.

July Dates: 11, 18, 25

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Place: Lower level - Sunday School area



Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
or
Thursdays at 10:30 am

- Week of 7/7 - "**When He Becomes She:** A transgender's journey."
- Week of 7/14 - "**Declutter Your Life:** Practical ways to find outer order and inner calm."
- Week of 7/21 - "**Where's the Justice:** What to do when life seems unfair."
- Week of 7/30 - "**How Does Prayer Work:** Exploring the mystery of connecting with God."

Invite your friends for conversation. We're also on Facebook!

If you have any questions, please contact: Melanie Appelquist, Darlene or Marty Leiding, or Ann Wellmann.

Reminder: Host and Friendship Teams, please arrive one hour early.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

The last Sunday of each month at
6:00 pm
in the lobby.

Next Meeting: June 30

Praying in daily life is as important as breathing. Just as we all need oxygen to live, we need God's presence in us for us to be fully alive.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." Oswald Chambers, Scottish teacher, writer and minister, 1874-1917.

Attention: Centennial High School and Middle School Moms!

Do you worry about your children? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer International (formerly Moms In Touch), gathers moms together to pray for God to transform our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation?



Please contact Leanne Abraham at 651-766-7442 or MIPICentennial@gmail.com for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer International visit their [website](#).



Prayer at Good Shepherd

**How do I submit
a prayer request?**

1. Fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew) and place it in the offering plate during the offering on Sunday. OR

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2. Go to the website and click on "Prayer Request" at the top. OR

3. Email or Phone (763-784-8417) your request in.

Do you have compassion for others? Are you a Prayer Warrior?

- Join the Prayer Team on the 4th Sundays at 6pm

(You can bring your requests and those of others to the meeting. You can pray with the group or just listen and support at the group prays.)

- Consider joining Moms in Prayer

- Sign up to be an email prayer chain member

1. Send an email to [office](#) indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.
2. You will be added to the email list and receive emails with requests to add to your personal prayer time.

Anyone who has a heart to pray for others is invited.

The power of prayer is an instrumental way to lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ who are requesting prayers. Good Shepherd invites and encourages you to be part of the Prayer Chain. This can be done in your own private prayer time.

These prayers would come from those submitted from Sunday Worship as well as prayers emailed or called in directly to the church.

What is the Power of Prayer?

Never underestimate the power of prayer. When you are praying according to God's will, your prayer is unstoppable. Therefore, we should never give up or back down. We need to keep praying. That is why Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

Mark 11:25 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

1 John 5:14-15 - And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Get Connected & Keep Connected

Help us keep up-to-date on your current contact information.

Keeping connected to your church home and family is crucial to busy day-to-day schedules.

Forms are available on the "Welcome Center" in the church lobby for whenever your information changes (address, phone, email, etc.).

If you would like to include or update your picture in the directory, just send it via your smart phone or computer to the church office at office@goodshepherdlink.org. We also know not everyone has the capability to send it electronically. Just call the church office at 763-784-8417 to arrange a time for us to take your picture for you.

Thank you for helping us keep you CONNECTED to Good Shepherd!



Contributions made simple. Good Shepherd wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Are you going to your summer cabin or going to be gone some Sundays? Or maybe you'd like your offering automated. We have the solution for you. You can sign up for 'Simply Giving' and your offering will be electronically withdrawn with no hassle to you and you can still give your gifts to God when you're not able to attend church. You can also use the forms to increase or make changes if you already are doing 'Simply Giving'. Using Simply Giving gives more consistency to church's offerings. Simply complete an Authorization Form and place it in the drop off box, both are located at the Welcome Center.



The Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building).

Good Shepherd continues to work with the Food Shelf and would like to thank everyone for their generous volunteer support and contributions.

Good Shepherd has a drop box for food donations located by the coat rack in the lobby. If you would like to make a financial donation to the local food shelf, please make checks payable to: Centennial Community Food Shelf and mail to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf
c/o Gethsemane United Methodist Church
7330 Lake Dr
Lino Lakes MN 55014

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15 at the Centennial Food Shelf. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others.

Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651-484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

