

Shepherd News

Fall has arrived. One of my favorite times of the year (except for the entrance of winter hanging over our heads). Summer has definitely flown by.

While we are no longer an agricultural society (particularly for those here at Good Shepherd), fall is all about the harvest and those of us with gardens are still enjoying the season.

But even without gardens, we can take the kids and grandkids to pumpkin patches where the theme of harvest is abundant. They can pick out pumpkins, gourds, squash, and other good things.

Even greater than this earthly harvest, is the final harvest on that last day.

“And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” Revelation 14:15

As we see the world become more decadent, almost by the day, we realize that God is on schedule (the Bible says it will get worse before Jesus’ final coming). I actually look forward to that harvest, because as believers, we have nothing to be afraid of. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes us completely clean in God’s eyes and we will actually find the great feast which follows to be enjoyable.

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;” Revelation 19:7

May this fall season be a reminder of this greater feast as we long to be with Him.



- October is **Pastor Appreciation Month** (p. 6)
- **The Amazing Jeffo** rescheduled for October 27th (p. 3)
- **LMWL Sunday** October 6th (p. 2)
- **Aluminum can collection, October 6th** (p. 2)

~Pastor Ted

WOMEN’S RETREAT A BLESSED TIME!

Living Loved was the theme for the 2019 Women’s Retreat at lovely Heartland Resort in northern WI. The theme verse was Jeremiah 31:3: *I have loved you with an everlasting love.* Throughout our Bible study time, we learned how God has always loved us and always will; true to His attributes, God’s love for us has no beginning or end!

We also learned how God’s love transforms us, makes us glad to serve, guides us through the Holy Spirit, and gives us true contentment.

Our weekend ended with a powerful worship time overlooking Hoinville Lake. In between the Bible study times, ladies enjoyed laughter, walks in the woods, kayak time, and board games. It was a truly wonderful weekend!



“The women’s retreat is a sweet opportunity to connect with our Heavenly Father and other Christian women in the majesty of God’s creation; always a highlight of my summer.” Kristine Sherman

WORSHIP SERVE GROW CONNECT

Have you thought about how you can **Worship, Serve, Grow and Connect.** Here at Good Shepherd? Turn to page 6 to see what ministries exist here and how to join one.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

WINGS is holding an Aluminum can drive on Sunday, October 6th. There will be a trailer in the parking lot to deposit your cans. Proceeds go to the Centennial Area Food Shelf Thank you!

LWML SUNDAY

“Faith Like a Mustard Seed”

Luke 17:6 is the theme for LWML Sunday this year. For over 77 years the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) has focused on Affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions with faithful mite giving and service to others.

In June at the LWML National Convention held in Mobile, Alabama, twenty-one projects were chosen as part of 2019-2021 mission grants totaling \$2,100,000—stop by our display in the lobby and look at the map of the world to see the locations of these projects and what they are.

The theme of the convention was **“In Praise to the Lord.”** Gifts from the Heart brought to the convention were given to six churches in New Orleans. They included Arch books, baby kits, sheet sets, hygiene kits, Bibles, quilts, gift card donations, and miscellaneous supplies.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Children's Ministry: *Sunday School*

Sunday School is off to a great start! The kids are learning about how amazing our God is. Soon we will be starting new lessons call Enduring Faith by Concordia Publishing House. These lessons focus on Bible teaching and life application.

Now through December the Sunday School kids will be raising money to purchase a **water buffalo** for **Heifer International**. If you would like to help support this mission please put your donations in the jar on the serve table in the lobby.

Just a reminder that you can supply an item for the Mystery Box on the first Sunday of the month. See if you can stump Pastor Ted or the sermon giver that week! If you would like to sign up please contact [Melanie](#).

Children's Ministry: *Kids for Christ*

Kids for Christ (formerly Each Day Club) is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him.

Every part of **Kids for Christ**—Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation—all connect to teach life lessons to kids.

Kids for Christ is for kids Kindergarten-5th grade on Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:30 p.m. that began on September 11th. If you have any questions contact [Melanie](#).

We have had an amazing first few weeks. We have 13 kids attending! They are learning about the Bible and missions. We are even supporting a missionary family in South Asia. If you have any questions contact [Melanie](#).



PUPPET WORKSHOP Saturday, November 16 from 2:00-7:00pm. Stay tuned!



The Sunday School children will sing at the 8:30AM service on October 27th and at the 10:45AM service on November 24th.



This year offerings collected at Sunday School will purchase a water buffalo through Heifer International!



Youth! Mark your calendars for the first Sunday of the month at noon. An event will be planned each month especially for you. Join your friends for a fun afternoon!

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

This month, take some time to appreciate Pastor Ted and thank him for his devoted service to God and to all of us.

Drop him a note of thanks or reach out in a creative way to express your gratitude.

“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion – it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.” - Billy Graham

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will begin again on Monday, September 11th. The study is held on various Monday Nights (at the same time as the Women's Monday night study).

They are continuing an interesting study of the parallel Gospels. They spend time understanding how the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each have accounts of the same story and how they vary and how they connect.

The men meet in Conference Room B in the Lower Level. **All men are welcome to join!**



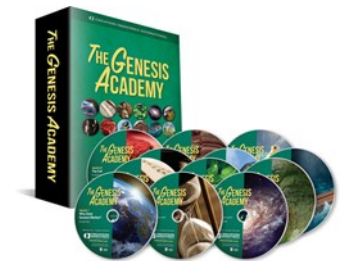
Session Dates for 2019

October 14 & 28
November 11
December 9

THE GENESIS ACADEMY

Spiritual Growth Opportunity

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30
Lifetree Café area
No class on October 16th



Many believers are excited to learn more to be equipped to face skeptical challenges aiding in evangelism. This new 12-part course will teach you just that. Click [here](#) to see more about this study.

All the presentations have high quality visuals and footage. The hope is that this will become an essential learning tool for everyone at Good Shepherd. Why? Because it is so important to get a correct understanding of the Bible's foundational chapters right—and this series achieves just that!

Scott Gillis	Why Does Genesis Matter?
Dr Jonathan Sarfati	Introduction to Genesis: Author, date, structure, genre
Gary Bates	Day 1: The creation of the world
10/2 Keaton Halley	Days 2 and 3: The creation of dry land and plants
10/9 Dr Jonathan Sarfati	Day 4: The creation of light-givers
10/23 Dr Robert Carter	Days 5 & 6: The creation of air, sea, and land creatures
10/30 Gary Bates	Day 6: The creation of mankind
Joel Tay	The Fall: A cosmic catastrophe
Dr Jonathan Sarfati	The Pre-Flood World
Dr Robert Carter	Noah's Flood and Billions of Years
Keaton Halley	Noah's Flood and the Ark
Dr Robert Carter	The Post-Flood World


Please join us on **any** Wednesday night at 6:00PM.

SERVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Have you been wondering how to get 'plugged in' at Good Shepherd? One good way is to offer your time and talents on a ministry team. Working side by side with your brothers and sisters in Christ is an excellent way to build friendships.

A few of the ministries that currently could use your help:

Praise Team

 This group of musicians love music and love the Lord and provide a weekly worship experience at the 10:45 service. They are in need of additional voices and if you play an instrument it's a bonus! (Drummers are especially needed!)

Usher Team

If you have a heart to help people get the most out of their worship experience, this ministry is for you. Handing out bulletins, ushering during communion and collecting our offerings are part of their tasks. Ushers are especially needed at the 8:30 service.

Sound Team

Do you attend the Contemporary Service? Consider joining the Sound Team and provide the musicians assistance in projecting the sound in the Worship Center. You don't need any previous experience as training is provided.

Snow Removal

That time of the year is coming up! Do you have the heart to move some snow? The goal of the snow removal team is to be sure the sidewalks and stairs are clean and iced when our doors are open for bible studies and activities at church. (We do contract with a snow removal company for most of the work.)



Coffee Connection

Do you love coffee? Be a part of the Coffee Connection team. Make coffee and clean up on Sunday mornings. We serve Fair Trade delicious coffee.

Please contact [Ann](#) in the office and she will put you in touch with the appropriate ministry leader. Check this space each month for other ways you can serve.

"It was easier to really get connected with others when I volunteered with a ministry." Ann Wellmann



Heggie's Pizza orders continue through October 6th. Place your order in the Lobby today!

The Youth thank you!



Remember you can support our youth in many ways. See the [website!](#)

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Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Good Shepherd has a number of opportunities for women to be in fellowship, to serve, and to study God's Word.

WINGS (Women in God's Service) meets monthly and completes multiple fundraising and service opportunities at Good Shepherd and across the world through **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League). See article on pages 2 & 9.

Advent by Candlelight is a wonderful opportunity during Advent to meet with other women to prepare our hearts for Christmas and enjoy delicious desserts. December 15th. More information to follow.

The Quilting Group group meets 3-4 times per month. They make quilts to donate to ministries and pillows to donate to soldiers. See article on page 9.

"The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman."
Elisabeth Elliot

Breakfast, Bibles, & Blessings

Join other women in a Saturday morning Bible Study. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy a continental breakfast and study God's Word through the DVD Bible study entitled **The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament**.

The morning begins at 9:00AM and ends at 11:30AM. Please consider joining us for this time of fellowship and Bible study.

Saturday, October 12th
Saturday, January 25th
Saturday, March 21st

WOMEN'S GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Evening

This Bible study will be tackling the Book of James using the DVD material from Beth Moore entitled **James: Mercy Triumphs**. Join us on the following Mondays from 6:30-8:00PM in the Lifetree Café area.

October 14 & 28 November 11 December 9 January 13 & 27

Looking ahead to 2020: **Altogether Beautiful: A Study of Song of Songs**

Tuesday Morning

This Bible Study will be studying the book by Douglas Connelly entitled **Miracles: Signs of God's Glory**. Contact Charlene Behne if you are interested in joining. See article on page 9.

Wednesday Morning

First Place for Health at 9:30AM. Questions? Check with Lisa Ost, Cathy Netland or Lissa Marcello.

Saturday Morning

Breakfast, Bibles, and Blessings at 9:30AM. See article on the left.

Looking Ahead:

The Women's Retreat will again be held at Heartwood Retreat Center in Trego, WI, Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2nd. Mark your 2020 calendar!

WINGS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

WINGS (Women in God's Service) will hold its annual "Craft and Bake Sale" in December.

Please consider donating crafts or baked goods for this activity. More details will follow in the November Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.



LWML FALL RALLY

The Fall LWML Rally will be held on Saturday, October 19th at Christ Lutheran Church, 1930 Diffley Road in Eagan, MN

Registration begins at 8:30AM with the opening devotion beginning at 9:00AM. The cost for the event is \$10 which includes lunch.

Rev. Dr. William Utecht, Assistant to the President of the Minnesota South District will speak on "Missions."

All ladies are invited to attend. If you would like to carpool, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.



WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE

WINGS (Women in God's Service) will meet on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30PM in the Lifetree Café' area. The program for the evening is "**A Tech Savvy World.**" Hostess for the evening is Chery Baker.

All ladies are invited to attend.

If you have an questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 764-784-8320.

QUILTING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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.

October Dates
3rd, 10th & 24th

Time: 6:30-8:00PM

Place: Lower Level—Sunday School area

Look for our display of quilts in the Sanctuary on October 6th.

LADIES' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Tuesday morning Bible study be studying "Miracles: Signs of God's Glory by Douglas Connelly.

We meet in the Lifetree Café' area from 9:30-11:00AM.

All ladies are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.

October Dates
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

PRAYER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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.

1 John 5:14-15

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

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 re-

solve 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.



**Next Prayer Meeting—
October 13th at 6:00PM
in the Lobby. Join us!**

MOMS IN PRAYER

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](#).

SUBMIT A PRAYER / BECOME A PRAYER WARRIER

Do you need prayer or know of someone who does?

1. On Sunday, fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew) and place it in the offering plate during the offering. OR
2. Go to the [website](#) and click on "Prayer Request" at the top. OR
3. [Email](#) or Phone (763-784-8417) your request in.

Would you like to be on the prayer team?

You will be added to the email list and receive prayer reminders through email. You can pray in your private prayer time. Send an [email](#) to the office indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others. Good Shepherd volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15. Thank you to everyone for their generous volunteer support and contributions.

Good Shepherd is collecting monthly food items (**October is pasta**) and there is 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 Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building). Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651-484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.



Monthly Ministries: LWML & LCMS Prison Ministry

Learn more about these ministries in the Lobby.

Remember:

- Order Heggie's Pizza
- Check out the altar flower calendar at the *Connect* Center and reserve your date today
- Bring in your aluminum cans on October 6th

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6th is LWML Sunday. Join us to hear more about the work of this dedicated group. See the display in the lobby.

There will also be a special presentation on **Sunday, October 6th** that will focus on LCMS Prison Ministry / **Crossing Home**. Please join us that Sunday to hear more about how Crossing Home is restoring lives, hope and freedom.

Join us on **Sunday, October 27th** as the Sunday School children will sing at the **8:30 service**. (They will sing at the 10:45 service on November 24th.)

Take note! There will be no Wednesday evening activities (Kids for Christ, Confirmation or The Genesis Academy) on October 16th due to the MEA break. First Place 4 Health will be held in the morning and there **will be choir practice** in the evening.

*October's "theme" food item is **pasta**—donate today!*

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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.

*A convenient,
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