Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

October, 2019



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

~Pastor Ted

• Aluminum can collection, October 6th (p. 2)

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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

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 nect. Here at Good Shepsee what ministries exist here and how to join one.

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, twentyone projects were chosen as part of 2019-2021 mission grants totaling \$2,1000,000—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 kids, Bibles, guilts, gift card donations, and miscellaneous supplies.





JOIN US FOR THE CONVERSATION

Lifetree Café is a weekly opportunity to meet with others in conversation over a cup of coffee. Current event topics and relative issues are presented in a well-done video presentation and provides the opportunity to have a conversation with others. Everyone is invited!

Join us any Tuesday at 7:00PM or Thursday at 10:30AM (same topic each time, different topic each week.)

- Week of 10/6 "I Lived in a Dumpster: How a homeless teenager rose to the top of her class"
- Week of 10/13 "Surviving the Death of a Loved One: Finding peace in your time of loss."
- Week of 10/20 "Loving Those With Cancer: Discoveries How to cope, care, and give hope."
- Week of 10/27 "Zombies: What's the fascination?"



THE AMAZING JEFFO—THE BLIND MAGICIAN

Using magic, music and comedy, Smith takes on obstacles and uses them as opportunities to create new life perspectives. Audience members' eyes open and stereotypes are dispelled. Attitudes are refreshed and transformed.

"There's more to the Amazing Jeffo's program than meets the eye. His best trick is making misconceptions about disabilities disappear." Darci Pohland - WCCO-TV

This event has been rescheduled to **Sunday**, **October 27th at 2:00PM**.

WHY DO WE?

Why do we use the color green in the altar clothes?

Lutheran Service Book calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is



the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

AN EASY WAY TO SERVE OUR YOUTH!



Consider donating a Caribou gift card in support

of the **Bible & Brew** youth opportunity! (Drop them in the Connect Center drop box.)

ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY SHELTER

A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers from Good Shepherd who Serve-d during our week of service in August at the Shelter.

Your next opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ will be **November 3rd- 9th!**

SERVE BULLETIN BOARD

In October we will be focusing on LWML and the LCMS Prison Ministry. Check out more information at the Serve table.



SERVE-ING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

At Good Shepherd we focus on serving others. We can be the hands and feet of Christ in many ways.

We will also be focusing on a ministry or two per month as we offer the chance to serve through our time, talents and treasures.

In October we are highlight **LWML & LCMS Prison Ministry**.

LWML Sunday is the first Sunday in October where we honor LWML's efforts

to support missions and other causes in the LCMS and in our own church.

We will also hear from the *LCMS Prison Ministry* and *Crossing Home* to learn about their efforts.

Upcoming:

- November—Feed My Starving Children I Operation Christmas Child
- December—Gift Card Collection
- January—Food for the Poor

SERVE BY BEAUTIFYING THE SANCTUARY

Beginning this month you will have the opportunity to Serve by beautifying the Worship Center on a regular basis. Sign up at the Connect Center to purchase flowers for the altar area each week. You will be contacted regarding payment and who you would like to honor or remember to be printed in the bulletin. A bouquet costs \$25 and you can sponsor one or both in the week you select. These flowers will be ordered through the church office from Hummingbird Floral in Shoreview and delivered to Good Shepherd.



The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. Song of Solomon 2:12

NEW BIBLES BLESSED

New ESV Pew Bibles were purchased by WINGS (Women in God's Service) - we are so grateful! These bibles were blessed by Pastor Ted on Sunday, September 15th.

In addition to in the pews, the new Bibles can be found in the Lifetree Area and in the Youth Room to be used in various Bible Studies.

The WINGS group would like to thank the entire congregation for supporting

their fundraising efforts to make this possible.

Also blessed that morning were the new *Faith Alive Bibles* as the newest Good Shepherd Sunday School 3rd Graders received their own.



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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 <u>water buffalo</u> 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 Kindergarden-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 is South Asia. If you have any questions contact Melanie.

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

YOUTH-MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Youth Events

- A Harvest Party will be held on October 6th from Noon-2:00PM.
 We will be playing some games and painting pumpkins.
- The youth will be selling
 Heggie's Pizzas September
 15th-October 9th. Money raised
 will support the summer servant
 event and youth events.

Ongoing Youth Events

- Youth are invited to Bible and Brew (Bible study at Caribou Coffee) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Bible and Brew will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
- Breakfast Club! Sign up for your opportunity to have a free breakfast with Melanie!



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 Heiffer 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 a 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 too 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

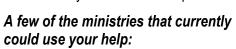
Joel Tay
Dr Jonathan Sarfati
The Fall: A cosmic catastrophe
The Pre-Flood World

Dr Robert Carter Noah's Flood and Billions of Years
Keaton Halley Noah's Flood and the Ark
Dr Robert Carter he 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.





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!



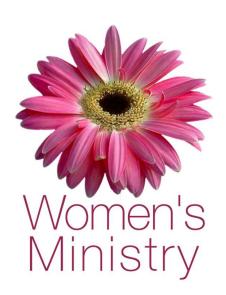
Remember you can support our youth in many ways. See the website!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

<u>Place</u>: 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. <u>Email or Phone</u> (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 <u>email</u> to the office indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.

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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

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.







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

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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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, consistent way to help our church grow.

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Monthy 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.

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