

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Although we have a whole month of summer left, the leadership at Good Shepherd is busy making plans for the fall program year. Watch for the many exciting education opportunities this year. Mark your calendars NOW for the following upcoming events!

<b>Blessing of Backpacks</b>	<b>Wed. Aug. 30 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Confirmation Orientation</b> <b>(7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents)</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 6 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Ebenezer Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 10 10:30 am</b>
<b>Ebenezer Meal and Fellowship</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 10 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Bedtime Bible Stories</b> <b>(for 3-year olds and parents)</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 13 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday School Teacher Meeting</b>	<b>Wed. Sept. 13 7:00 pm</b>
<b>First Day of Sunday School and</b> <b>Parents Meeting</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 17 9:15 am</b>
<b>Third Graders Receive Bibles</b>	<b>Sun. Sept. 17 10:30 am</b>

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

All children, youth, and college students are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.** for a "Blessing of the Backpacks". Invite your classmates to join us at Good Shepherd and bring their backpacks for a special back to school blessing.

## AMAZONSMILE

Remember to use AmazonSmile when you do your shopping!

When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Bookmark the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1323971> and support us every time you shop.

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

In August my family heads out to Montana to the Gallatin National Forest, located between Bozeman and Yellowstone, to my husband's family cabin. The cabin was built back in 1923 and there's no running water and no phone. In fact, due to the location in the canyon, there's no cell service and no access to cell or satellite service. We will be attending my husband's three-day family reunion that happens once every three years. Relatives come from as far away as California, Washington, Pennsylvania, and other various places across the United States. There's food and visiting, hiking and fishing, board games and card games, and more.

This family reunion has given me a few glimpses into the family of God and what it means to welcome others into this family. I remember my first family reunion. I was very reluctant to attend. After all, everyone else would know each other. Everyone else would know what was what. I can only imagine what it's like for those who first walk into a new church where they don't know anyone or they don't know where anything is. For me it made a difference to go with my husband who could introduce me to the family and check in with me. One of the main ways people end up coming to a church is become extends a personal invitation. The likelihood that the person will come to church increases when another person offers to go with them or to meet them at the service of worship so that they can sit together.

As one who was not originally part of this family, I have been welcomed into my husband's family reunion. There are the family members who just sit and talk and want to hear what I have been doing and learn more about who I am. There are the family members who invite me to play board games or cards, those who invite me to go on a hike, and others who invite me to go rafting or fishing. While everyone is included, I am thankful for the personal invitation so that I don't feel like I'm intruding. I wonder how we do as a church inviting people into the activities in the church? Sure everyone is included, but a personal invitation goes a long way. It reminds people that they are wanted.

I am thankful that my husband's family has taken the time to get to know me. In fact, I have enjoyed this family reunion time so much that over the years I have extended invitations to both my sisters and their husbands to attend the reunion. Different years they have come out and joined us as well, and they have shared that if they could make it work with their schedules they would always join us. When you feel welcome and wanted, you want to keep coming back.

In the life of the church, we know that Christ welcomes all of us, loves us and values our presence in the family of God. Chances are we also consider ourselves to be friendly and welcoming people. Yet, sometimes we forget how important it is to reach out and have that conversation with the person we don't know and the difference that a personal invitation can make. The fellowship time at church is always a good time to catch up with the people we already know, but in God's family it's maybe even more important to spend time with those we don't know. We're all part of God's family, and as God has welcome us we can welcome others into the reunion we have every Sunday when we gather for worship or when we go out into the world to do God's work. Thanks for being part of the family!

In Christ,

Pastor Krista

## INTERN PASTOR'S NOTE

Time for "What is Going On?"

A couple things I wish to let you in on.

Birthdays! I received a birthday card from a congregation member and I was ever so appreciative of the gesture. This prompted me to realize how nice it is to receive such a card on your day, and a simple way I can connect with all of you. I have started sending out Birthday cards to members (whom we have both birthdates and addresses). If you are wondering why someone in your family received one and you didn't—it is because I just started in June, you will get one no worries.

Food For All! I have asked you in bulletins and newsletters past for help with this project that we have received grant money for. Thank you to all who have said that they are willing to help, I am ever so thankful. Here is the update on this project. Prayers appreciated. The committee sat down and looked at the number of people who are willing to help (many) and the number of families identified in need of help (0) and were perplexed. It is a good problem to have, however we know that there are families who need help, and yet we know they are, most likely, not going to ask for it. So - How do we serve those in need when we cannot identify them? One of our committee members was made aware that the food truck Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester bought and utilizes (on Thursday's to feed people for free - Facebook page link and article link below) was bought with the hope other communities would also use it. We are continuing to check into this. We are looking further into it as well as working out the legalities of such a thing. The premise is this; Once a month we prepare food to go into the food truck, stock the food truck, drive the food truck to an area in Plainview where there is a need, and serve food to those in need for free. We would have liked our program to be up and running by now, but we are pausing because this Food Truck seems like an option that would satisfy so many of our needs. Please be patient with us and PRAY that this works out. What a blessing this would be!

That is all I have today.

God's blessings.

Vicar Nicole

Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/OpenTableRochester/>

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Good news - we are 2/3 of the way toward meeting our goal of \$500,000 in pledges! If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out a pledge form (contact the church office for a packet of information and a form if you need one), there's still time. Look over the materials and prayerfully consider how God may be calling you, fill out the form and return it to the church office or share the info via email.

Another way you can help us meet our goal is by sponsoring a matching gift. You could give a gift that would match additional giving/pledges that come in up to a certain amount. Contact Pastor Krista if you would like more information on how this would work.

As we continue to work toward meeting our goal, please continue to pray for our church. With the rain we have received over the last month, we have discovered some additional areas where the rain is coming in. We are going to need to make the repairs to the western wall and roof, and we believe God is giving us this opportunity to also build our space to best do ministry. Take a look at these exciting plans when you walk into the church or on the church website.

## FINANCE

We have both **Simply Giving and On-Line Giving systems** all set up for easy and free access – just let us know how we can assist you. Please feel free to contact the church office or Tom Anderson directly (507-993-8326).

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Financial Summary Notes ---- June 31, 2017

General Account	\$ 9,662
Restricted Accounts	\$ 25,710 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	\$ 247,402
Loan Receivable	\$ <u>2,711</u>
<b>Total Short Term Assets</b>	<b>\$ 285,485</b>
Fixed Assets	\$ 903,554
Total Assets	\$1,189,039
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Mortgage Balance	\$ 34,973
<b>Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,067</b>

### **Check Book Trends (General Fund & Restricted Fund W/O Capital Campaign Fund)**

January	\$ 35,135	April	\$38,386
February	\$ 34,547	May	\$36,855
March	\$ 35,882	June	\$35,372

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> IS EBENEZER SUNDAY!**

(in other words "God is our Stone of Help")

**10:30 a.m. -- One Worship Service of Thanksgiving**

**12:00 p.m. -- Share a meal together on the Front Lawn**

Ebenezer Sunday is a day Good Shepherd has set aside to look back over the past year and remember all the ways God has helped us to grow in our ministry. We have many things to be thankful for and on September 10<sup>th</sup> we will name those things and recognize that our ministry isn't finished yet but we have come this far because the Lord has helped us. Join us and invite your family, neighbors, and friends as we raise our "Ebenezer" or "stone of help" and give thanks to God who is our "help" not only in times of trouble but always.

### **Ebenezer Sunday Checklist:**

- ✓ Take time to reflect on what God has done in your life and at Good Shepherd.
- ✓ Bring a stone as a symbol of what God has done for you.
- ✓ Come ready to give thanks to God at the 10:30 a.m. worship!
- ✓ Continue the celebration with a noon meal under the big tent on the front lawn.

## **SUMMER READING**

Here is a list of what the Good Shepherd Book Group will read for the next program year. If you are looking for a book to read this summer, try these. Then talk about it with other Good Shepherd book lovers at **6:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month**. All are invited!

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>BOOK TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>AUTHOR</u></b>
<b>September 20</b>	<i>All the Lights You Cannot See</i>	Anthony Doerr
<b>October 18</b>	* <i>Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Janie Ford
<b>November 15</b>	<i>The Lilac Girls</i>	Martha Kelly
<b>December 20</b> (or 13)	* <i>Wonder</i>	RJ Palacio
<b>January 17</b>	* <i>Go Set a Watchman</i>	Harper Lee
<b>February 21</b> (Lenten time change)	* <i>Orange is the New Black</i>	Piper Kerman
<b>March 21</b> (Lenten time change)	* <i>Where'd You Go, Bernadette</i>	Maria Semple
<b>April 18</b>	* <i>A Slave in the White House</i>	Paul Jennings
<b>May 16</b> (or a week earlier?)	<i>We Are Going to Pick Potatoes</i>	Irene Berman

\*Library book bag.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

## MILESTONES MINISTRY

### **Baptism**

Blessings to Mateo Paul Mena, who was baptized on July 26th. Mateo is the son of Roger and Lisa (Fick) Mena.

### **Loss of Loved Ones -- Our sympathies go out to:**

Kit Sackreiter and his family for the loss of Kit's father, Leon Sackreiter, who passed away on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

John Folkert and his family for the loss of John's mother, Doris Folkert, who passed away on

Shelley Henry and her family for the loss of Shelley's aunt, Bonnie Livedalen.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

### **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering**

**Where: Houston, TX**

**When: June 26 - July 2, 2018**

**Who's invited: All students in grades 8-12 during the 2017-2018 academic year**

The National Youth Gathering has often been a highlight of many people's faith journey. It's an incredible experience to gather with 30,000 other youth, worship, hear incredible inspiring national speakers and bands and musicians, and spend time serving God and others. The National Youth Gathering only occurs once every three years.

How much will the trip cost? Total trip costs will include registration, hotels, and transportation. At this time we don't have exact costs for hotel or transportation but would estimate that the trip would cost at least \$1200/person. For past National Youth Gatherings, the youth have fundraised half of the amount needed per person and families have contributed the other half. Good Shepherd has also committed to providing scholarship funds for those needing financial assistance.

For more information:

- Website: [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/youthgathering](http://www.facebook.com/youthgathering)
- Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter: [@elcagathering](https://www.instagram.com/elcagathering)
- Talk to Carole Joyce or Pastor Krista

Next steps:

- Register by submitting a **\$150 non-refundable deposit, plus registration form by Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

# EDUCATION

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

**Confirmation Kick-Off will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade **students and parents** will gather at 6:00 p.m. for a meal. We will order in a main dish and ask you to contribute toward the cost. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own beverages.** We will look ahead at our year together.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It's time to register for Sunday school! We will need **ALL** children to be registered **prior** to attending the first day of class on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. All children who are 3 years old (by September 1<sup>st</sup>) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to sign up. To help with the scheduling process, we would appreciate **all forms be turned in by August 31<sup>st</sup>**. You can register using one of the following options:

- Register on-line at <http://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/sunday>
- Pick up a registration form in the church narthex.
- Complete a form emailed to parents with a valid email address on file.

***Only one child per form, please.*** Thank you for your help as we continue updating our policies to help keep our children safe!

New students are always welcome! Give a registration form to a friend or neighbor and invite their children to participate too.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE – YOU ARE NEEDED!

Do you love children and youth? Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Are you willing to wonder about faith in your life? If so, teaching, helping with Sunday school OR mentoring with Confirmation might be just what God is calling you to do. You are invited to be a caring adult in the lives of our children and youth.

The following Sunday school classes need people to help team teach: Preschool, Kindergarten, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, **Each class will have more than one teacher so you have flexibility and can be gone or attend adult classes on the other weeks.** High school students who would like to help or teach are welcome too.

We always need Sunday school helpers and substitutes as well. Contact Carole Joyce at 269-9374 or [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) or the church office if you have questions or would like to serve. Remember, we may set out to serve, but it is the kids who teach us and help us to grow!

## GOOD EARTH VILLAGE DAY CAMP

Fourteen children from Good Shepherd attended camp at Good Earth Village this summer. Thank you to the congregation for your financial support for each of these students.

## **EDUCATION CONTINUED ...**

### **BEDTIME BIBLE STORY NIGHT FOR 3-YEAR OLDS AND PARENTS:** **SEPTEMBER 13 @ 6:00 P.M.**

Children who turn 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup> and their parents are invited to get ready for starting Sunday school. **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** will kick-off the next step in your faith journey with Bedtime Bible story night.

Students are encouraged to come in pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal and “blankie”. We will enjoy a bedtime Bible story and become familiar with your Sunday school classroom, have a treat, and tour the church. (This will prepare the children to begin Sunday school this fall on September 17<sup>th</sup> when activities will begin for parents and children at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.)

All students also will be presented with their own Beginner's Bible that evening. The Beginner's Bible is a wonderful tool for sharing stories of God's love. We encourage you as parents to read Bible stories daily with your child. This can be a great bedtime tradition.

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

### **GROWING IN FAITH AND PASSING ON THE FAITH! THIRD GRADE BIBLES**

During worship on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate the milestones of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receiving Bibles from their parents. The Bibles are a gift from Good Shepherd, and are presented by parents to children. This is one step of fulfilling the promises we made at baptism. Third graders and their parents will take part in two special class sessions on September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> to help them get more familiar with their Bibles.

### **HELP WANTED - WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Many of our worship assistant groups are getting pretty small. It takes a large number of people to do a Sunday morning worship service (approximately 20 worship assistants per service on a communion Sunday). These jobs aren't hard and training will be provided, so please consider signing up for an area (or two or three) that you have an interest in. Just fill out a “Count Me In” form or contact the church office. Our schedulers for each group will work with you to accommodate the time and date of the services you would be willing to help out with. Just let them know which dates will or will not work for you and which service you prefer to help out with and they will schedule you accordingly.

# MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now is the time for thinking about our fall service project, Operation Christmas Child, which provides a shoebox full of useful and fun items for a child in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. Why do we start with this project now? The answer: school supplies! These items are included in the boxes and are on sale starting in July. As you buy school supplies for your own children, please consider buying the following items that are in short supply in our Operation Christmas Child “stores”: pencil sharpeners, pointed scissors and crayons. Any items are gladly accepted though, except liquid glue (no liquids allowed). If you have questions, contact Ginny Mielke @ 534-3357.

## GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS

Teams of 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders served in the community during June. We worked to fight hunger, warm babies who can’t hear, and care for God’s creation. We received this thank you from the library:

Good Shepherd Super Heroes, Thank you so very much for your stalwart support of the Plainview Library. You scanned over 5000 barcodes to help us take down that anti-fact space creatures and promote reading and critical thinking. Humanity owes you a great debt of gratitude.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTIONS

**The School Supply Drive for our PEM Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade kids begins Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

All supplies are welcome, but the following are in the highest demand:

Dry erase markers & dry erase erasers  
Pencil pouches or cases  
Wire bound tablets or Notebooks -- wide & college rule  
Pencils & erasers  
Folders

There will be a box in the narthex in which to put your donations. The drive will run through the last Sunday before the start of school (September 3<sup>rd</sup>).

# COMMUNITY

## PLAINVIEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Plainview Community Choir will start rehearsals on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in the high school choir room at 7:00 p.m.** The concert will be **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** So gather yourself, friends and relatives, and bring the talent to a good choir and share your God given talent with the community. If you have questions, call Jan at 507-534-2747.

## PLAINVIEW COMMUNITY THEATER

The Plainview Community Theater will be holding its annual salad luncheon and silent auction on **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Plainview American Legion from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** (or until gone). For only \$7, you will receive a beverage, dessert, and access to a whole buffet of different kinds of pasta and lettuce salads! Plan to stop for lunch during your day of shopping at the local garage sales or stop for your lunch break. Pre-sale tickets are available at Foresight Bank or from any of the cast members of *Fiddler on the Roof* – the PCT fall musical! Then be sure to bid on the huge array of silent auction items! Proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund. Tickets for *Fiddler on the Roof* will also be available at the salad luncheon for \$15 each. For more information, go to [www.PCTHEATER.ORG](http://www.PCTHEATER.ORG).

## GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

**The Launch Project** is a series of one-day gatherings (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) designed for Christian leaders, pastors, council members, congregants – anyone interested in the future of the church. Each gathering consists of a large group session led by the presenter, small group conversations with each presenter, and a wrap-up Q&Z. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

The 3 sessions are: Monica Coleman (08/24), Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove (09/28), and Zac Morton (10/26). The cost for one event is \$99; \$149 for two events, and \$199 for the series. Please see flier on the bulletin board for full information.

To register (or find out more information about the series), visit [www.GoodEarthVillage.org/launchproject](http://www.GoodEarthVillage.org/launchproject) or get a form from the church office and mail to Good Earth Village, 25303 Old Town Drive, Spring Valley, MN 55975.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, you can volunteer to pack meals at the Hiawatha Valley Mobile Pack right here in Plainview at the United Church of Christ and/or you can provide a financial donation for the meals that are sent to children around the world. Each meal costs just less than 25 cents and \$80 feeds a child for a year. This year's Vacation Bible School offering was designated for Feed My Starving Children.

If you are interested in packing, there are 4 different options for shifts: **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. or from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. or Noon – 2:00 p.m.** Anyone 5 years old or older can help with packing meals and there are jobs for those who wish to sit down. If you are interested in packing, contact Pastor Krista at the church office and let her know what shift.

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>08/01</b>	Kaitlin Weinrich	<b>08/19</b>	Betty Fahrenz
	Skylar Beckel		Betsy Munsch
	Jane Folkert	<b>08/20</b>	Tessa Flies
	Rachael Grover-Anderson		Max Breuer
	Parker Matti	<b>08/21</b>	Linda Tesmer
<b>08/03</b>	Todd Schwantz		Reid Ihrke
	Conner Schumacher	<b>08/23</b>	Garrett Olson
	Karen Back	<b>08/24</b>	Brady Sveen
<b>08/04</b>	Stephanie Amos	<b>08/25</b>	Jan Nienow
	Rachel Ferkin		Lori Holst
<b>08/06</b>	Kurt Schumacher		Brady Patzer
<b>08/07</b>	Barb Peck	<b>08/27</b>	Al Schwantz
	Karen Jurgenson		Alyvia Engler
	Christian Dunn		Isaac Pfeilsticker
<b>08/08</b>	Elaine Tesmer	<b>08/29</b>	Koren Melcher
<b>08/10</b>	Joseph Goettl		Dawn Suntken
	Jacob Munsch	<b>08/30</b>	Lonnie Yust
<b>08/11</b>	Mary Applen		Bernie Klennert
	Kadence Ihrke		Hannah Schneider
<b>08/12</b>	Sue Tangen	<b>08/31</b>	Ted Lehmann
<b>08/13</b>	Calen Kraemer		Luke Ferkin
<b>08/14</b>	Parker Ramthun		Peyton Bigalk
<b>08/18</b>	Erika Patzer		

## Anniversaries

<b>08/01</b>	Jason & Kristy Folkert	<b>08/22</b>	Merlin & Ginny Mielke
<b>08/05</b>	Don & Jan Fiskum	<b>08/24</b>	Jaime & Sarah Wolf
<b>08/08</b>	Jason & Erika Patzer	<b>08/25</b>	Steve & Peggy Erwin
<b>08/09</b>	Mitchel & Cassie Crary		Don & Deb Weinrich
<b>08/16</b>	Dustin & Becky Wehrs		Paul & Diane Fick
<b>08/17</b>	Todd & Tina Wangen	<b>08/26</b>	Dave & Angie LaBare
	Marc & Koren Melcher	<b>08/27</b>	Lennie & Lori Holst
<b>08/18</b>	Ron & Tammy Peterson	<b>08/29</b>	Joe & Kaitlin Weinrich
<b>08/20</b>	Andy & Brandi Yust		

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS  
OR CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.**

### ***FOOD FOR THOUGHT***

**The meaning of life is to find your gift.  
The purpose of life is to give it away.**

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**VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move forward with a NEW VIEW:

**Notice** the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.

**Educate** all from cradle to grave.

**Worship** in thankfulness and joy.

**Value** all generations in passing on the faith.

**Identify** and affirm the gifts of God's people.

**Energize** God's people to use their gifts for ministry.

**Welcome** the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

**The submission deadline for the September 2017 Newsletter is**

***TUESDAY, AUGUST 22.***