

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

# *The Shepherd's Staff*



## **GOOD SHEPHERD'S 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI AND CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP COOK-OFF**

**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Get out those award winning recipes!**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction will be held at Good Shepherd Church on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Proceeds of the Cook-Off will benefit the Plainview Elgin Area Food Shelf. Proceeds of the Silent Auction will benefit the Good Shepherd ministries for children and youth.

Begin planning now for donations for the Silent Auction. If you have questions about the suitability of an item, please feel free to discuss it with Karla Appel, Deb Weinrich, or Sue Tangen.

## **HOLY LAND PRESENTATION**

On **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**, Jay Schmidt will be giving a presentation on the Holy Land . Jay will be hosting a tour to Israel from February 5<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you have an interest in a trip to the Holy Land, come and hear what Jay has to say.

## **VIDEO ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE**

We need someone that has interest in the audio/video world to operate and monitor audio for second service. It's a very easy task and training is provided. Please contact Todd Rau, Bob Endres, Pastor or Lynn if interested. Also, we would love to have more volunteers to learn the new audio/video system to help out with videoing our Sunday morning worship services. If you have an interest, contact Todd Rau, Bob Endres, or Lynn.

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting with the families who have children in confirmation. These meetings gave me the opportunity to get to know the families a little bit better and also share the purpose and expectations of confirmation. If you were confirmed a while ago (like me), confirmation classes today probably look very different.

One of the biggest differences comes in the area of memorization. My confirmation classmates and I memorized Luther's Small Catechism and then they we were tested on that material in a meeting with the pastor and our parents and then again in front of the whole congregation. We don't do that to our confirmation students today. Some of the things that I memorized stuck, but not everything. Chances are for many of us, we can look up Luther's meaning to the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment (or something else) a lot faster on our smart phone than being able to pull out of the recesses of our memory. Our goal today isn't memorization but a foundation of faith for a life time. We do this by covering the Small Catechism and Biblical stories, tying them to today's experiences and also emphasizing the importance of faith in the family and living out that faith in church and the world.

"The Confirmation Project" a national study of confirmation programs and youth in different denominations researched some of the key components for developing faith during the confirmation years. The findings of this project are published in the book "Cultivating Teen Faith." The editors of the book note that the word "confirm" comes from two Latin words whose roots mean "to make strong" and "together." Faith doesn't happen in a vacuum no matter what our age is. It's the people around us who help us learn more about God and grow in our faith.

The research also identifies that the single most impactful predictor of flourishing teen belief is faith in the home. While parents usually have the strongest impact on their children's faith life, relationships with mentors, those in church, and those who are part of a retreat or camp experience with students also make a difference. Although we often think of confirmation as an educational process, if the goal is students living a Christian way of life, then significant relationships with those in the faith community are vital for confirmation (and really for anyone at any age).

As we come together at church for worship or education or fellowship, the relationships we form with others nurture our own faith and the faith of others. It can be a challenge to meet new people or people who are of a different age or background, but the family of God includes all of us. Thank you for the different ways you welcome others, reach out and get to know people. Through your actions faith comes alive.

In Christ,

Pastor Krista

## CONGREGATION NEWS

*Plainview -Elgin-Millville*



# *10th Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*



## ***Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction***

***Wednesday November 6, 2019***

***5pm-7pm***

***Free will donation***



*Cook-off proceeds go to the PEM Food  
Shelf*

*Silent Auction go towards Youth Activities*

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## BOOK GROUP—WEEK CHANGE

You are invited to Good Shepherd Book Group. We will meet on October 9<sup>th</sup> from **6:30 - 8:00 pm** to discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Say She's Sorry* by Fredrick Backman. **Note the change to 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month due to MEA.** Copies are available to check out in the music room. Check out the book now and return that evening.

The November 20<sup>th</sup> book is *Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich. You may pick up library books at the October meeting or in the music room.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY – (GRADES 9-12)

There are lots of ways for youth to be involved in the life of the church! Youth and parents met over ice cream sundaes on September 25<sup>th</sup> to plan fun, service, and learning topics. Watch for upcoming opportunities.

**The first coffee shop of the year will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>.** Coffee shops will be hosted by high school youth on the second Sunday of the month. Sweet rolls, flavored coffee, and hot chocolate will be offered. Money raised will support the youth trip and other youth ministry. How fun to have so much fellowship space this year!!!!

## MILESTONES MINISTRY

### Baptism

Blessings to Lillian Ann Iverson, who was baptized on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lillian is the daughter of Justin Iverson and Ashley Gerber.

Blessings to Ayden Anthony Gerber, who was baptized on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ayden is the son of Jake Anderson and Ashley Gerber.

Blessings to Ashley Ann Gerber, who was baptized on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Blessings to Kinsley Patricia Ausman, who was baptized on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Kinsley is the daughter of Andrew and Kirsten Ausman.

# EDUCATION

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

**Bible Study, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm.** The format this year is a little different. We have a video series Loved by God by Liz Curtis Higgs. Each session has a 30 minute video with and accompanying study guide. There is no preparation for each session. Study guide copies will be provided.

## FAITH ON THE MOVE

Faith on the Move (previously known as adult education) is for all who are not in Sunday school. **We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in Pastor Krista's office. Our topic this fall is Refugees and Immigrants in the Bible and Today (10/8 and 10/27). On 10/13 join the Holy Land discussion and on 10/20 join the intergenerational group doing God's Work: Our Hand Service Project** (see page 7).

Almost every day we turn on the news and hear about refugees and people seeking immigration status. These events are happening in our country, at our borders, and around the world. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees there are 65.3 million displaced persons in the world today. In fact there are more refugees in the world today than at any point since World War II. Last month, our larger church body, the ELCA declared itself a sanctuary church as a way to continue our support to refugees and immigrants (this is not a decision endorsing illegal activity).

This fall we will dig deeper into exploring the topics of refugees, immigrants, the Biblical stories surrounding these topics, the ELCA decision and our faith. For digging into the Biblical story we will be using "Faith on the Move: Out of the Waters" study from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) as well as current information and videos about today's refugees and immigrants provided by LIRS.

These are complex issues, made even more complicated today by threats of violence and terrorism. In our time together our goal is to explore the Biblical story and our response as people of faith. This is a time to share our stories, our fears and our hopes (without judgment) and the challenges that we and others face.

## MILESTONE LEARNING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> — Playing with Fire for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** These students are old enough to be worship leaders and we will explore ways for them to get involved at 9:15 am. Parents come too. We are never too old to learn about worship!

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> — 6<sup>th</sup> Graders learn about Luther:** From 4:00 - 5:30 pm learn about Martin Luther. Who is this guy? Why do we call ourselves Lutherans? Movie clips and worms will spice up the event.

## **Whew! Lots of Passing on Faith Ministry is happening at Good Shepherd!**

- Sunday school is up and running with 17 awesome teachers and helpers. It is exciting to have so many middle and high school youth involved too. We LOVE the new classrooms.
- Three year olds and third graders received Bibles and are learning how to use them.
- Parents and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders have kicked off Confirmation. We have a strong team of mentors and parent leaders every week.

# FINANCE

## *Giving With Gratitude & Generosity*

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 ---- 8/31/19***

General Account	\$ 41,128
Restricted Accounts	\$ 25,553 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	<u>\$ 108,218</u>
<b>Total Short Term Assets</b>	\$ 174,899
Fixed Assets (old Bldg etc.)	\$ 905,479
New Bldg. to date	\$ 1,218,733
Sunday School Rooms Update	<u>\$ 30,529</u>
Total Assets	\$2,329,640
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Mortgage Balance	\$ 800,000
<b>Equity</b>	\$ 1,529,640

### ***Check Book Trends (General Fund - end of month)***

Jan	\$ 19,783	May	\$ 31,114
Feb	\$ 29,499	June	\$ 35,320
March	\$ 32,081	July	\$ 36,939
April	\$ 34,162	Aug	\$ 41,128

# MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

## GOD'S WORK: OUR HANDS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

The whole congregation (Sunday school kids, youth, and adults) will join together during the education hour on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to do service projects.

- Pack personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits will go around the world to where people are suffering from natural disaster or violence. See article below for the list of what we need. A collection box is located in the narthex.
- Write letters for veterans and active military members.
- "Break in" the new kitchen by making food to share.

Want to help coordinate a station? Or have an idea for a different station? Talk to Carole Joyce [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net)

### **HOPE THROUGH SOAP**

(Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits)

Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap. Put any items from the list below in the box in the narthex.

**WE WILL SORT AND PACK THESE ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> DURING THE EDUCATION HOUR.  
Your hands and help are needed!**

#### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging\*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*



# MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED ...

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

One of Good Shepherd's traditions is giving our 3 year olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Bibles as they start Sunday school in the fall. This year parents of 25 children placed the Bible in their child's hands. Please pray for these children and parents as they read the Bible together.

Celebrations around the building dedication were wonderful! What a joy to thank those who made the building expansion possible. Thank you to grillers, all who brought food, and our talented musicians. We hope you had a chance to see the delight on the faces of the Sunday school children as they entered their new rooms! The Confirmation students love their new learning space too. The TV's in the narthex are definitely a hit with everyone!

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>10/01</b>	Thor Erickson		<b>10/15</b>	Jeff Henry
<b>10/04</b>	Michael Tuxen			Andrea Castle
	Troy Munsch			Jim Mason
	Angie LaBare			Mason Schneider
<b>10/05</b>	Arlo Simonson			John Folkert
	Shelley Henry			Quinlan Holst
<b>10/07</b>	Susan Shanks		<b>10/16</b>	Brook Schwantz
	Sarah Niemeyer		<b>10/18</b>	Ainsley Schwantz
<b>10/08</b>	Brynn Koepsell			Landon Klennert
<b>10/09</b>	Taylor Thompson		<b>10/19</b>	Todd Rau
	Levi Schreiber		<b>10/20</b>	Nolan Folkert
<b>10/10</b>	Jacob LaBare		<b>10/21</b>	Tyler Niemeyer
	Kevin Larson		<b>10/22</b>	Andy Yust
<b>10/11</b>	Caly Liebl		<b>10/23</b>	Terry Yust
	Andrew Ausman			Bob Tangen
<b>10/12</b>	Eric Grover			Tammy Wehrs
	Evelyn Appel		<b>10/29</b>	Mike Sveen
<b>10/13</b>	Bryce Hanson			Cathe Hanson
<b>10/14</b>	Alex Rahman		<b>10/30</b>	Schuyler Thompson
	Gavin Ihrke		<b>10/31</b>	Torin Erickson

## Anniversaries

<b>10/02</b>	Tim & Kelsey Rahman		<b>10/13</b>	Mark & Karen Jurgenson
<b>10/03</b>	Todd & Colene Rau		<b>10/14</b>	Bernie & Michelle Klennert
	Steve & Tami Sawyer		<b>10/16</b>	Kent & Barb Kingsley
<b>10/04</b>	Adam & Kim Lyons		<b>10/17</b>	Bob & Susan Shanks
<b>10/05</b>	Todd & Brook Schwantz			Mike & Jill Kobler
<b>10/06</b>	Kenny & Stacy Hutchison		<b>10/19</b>	Ben & Jen Peter
	Craig & Sara Steele		<b>10/27</b>	Kirk & Lily Bartz
<b>10/07</b>	Jennifer & Nick Matti			Tom & Jackie Welti

\*NOTE: Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the newsletters are now being limited to adult members and their college aged and under children. If you have questions and/or concerns with this, please contact the church office.

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

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

**Worrying works!  
Ninety percent of the things I worry about never happen.**

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**VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**N**otice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.  
**E**ducate all from cradle to grave.  
**W**orship in thankfulness and joy.

**V**alue all generations in passing on the faith.  
**I**dentify and affirm the gifts of God's people.  
**E**nergize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.  
**W**elcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

**The submission deadline for the November 2019 Newsletter is**

***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.***