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WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP will continue with one service at 9 a.m. in the building, the parking lot on 88.3 FM, and Facebook live.

Videos of the services will continue to be provided on:

- Our Facebook page
- YouTube Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview, MN
- Midcontinent: For those living in Plainview, cable channel 20 (during the week)

WEDNESDAY SUMMER OUTDOOR MEAL AND WORSHIP

AUGUST 31

6:30pm - Meal Served

6:45pm - Eat - Worship - Holy Communion

(In case of inclement weather, everything moves inside)



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 7 PM – Plainview Praise-fest and Pie Social, part of Corn on the Cob Days. A variety of Praise and Gospel music, plus pie! Music includes “The Beacons”.

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Pastor's Note

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Who is our neighbor?

Many of us grew up hearing the story of the Good Samaritan. The understanding of being a "Good Samaritan" goes back to Jesus telling a story about a man who is attacked, robbed, beaten, and left for dead (Luke 10:25-37). In the story it is a Samaritan who rescues the man, bandages his wounds, and pays for his shelter and care. Unlike the Samaritan, the usual good guys (a priest and a Levite) pass by on the other side of the road doing nothing at all to help.

After telling the story, Jesus asks the question, "Which of these three do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" Jesus has just affirmed that the summary of the law is to love God and love neighbor. Jesus' question then pushes us to think about who is our neighbor and how we can love our neighbor.

In this story, love is not a feeling. Love is an action verb. Love is bigger than any differences held between people. Perhaps the priest and Levite felt love in their hearts for the man who was left in the ditch to die, but they did nothing. The Samaritan, however, gets his hands dirty. He bandages the wounds, he brings the man to an inn. He pays for his shelter and care. Love takes a risk. Love goes out on a limb. Love entails a cost.

Many of us have discovered that there is often a joy or satisfaction that comes from helping others. Maybe we first needed to get over some fears or worries, but there is something wonderful that happens when people come together to help someone. The differences between people begin to fade away. It doesn't matter your race, country or politics, what matters is helping the person in need.

One of the things I love about small town communities is how people come together to help a neighbor when there is a need. Perhaps it's something that has happened to a farmer and others rally around to bring the crops in. Maybe it's the child who becomes sick with cancer and the community turns out for the fundraiser. Maybe it's the war in Ukraine and stepping up to provide funds for those in need. Followers of Jesus are to be neighbors to others, especially to those in need and to those in dire circumstances. This is love, love of God and love of neighbor.

In telling this story, Jesus chooses a Samaritan to be the hero even though Jews and Samaritans didn't get along. Samaritans weren't considered to be part of the "true" people of God. They worshiped differently and didn't hold to the same scriptures. The animosity was so great many Jews would choose a longer travel route rather than go through Samaria. And, yet, in Jesus' story the Samaritan is lifted up as the ideal neighbor to emulate. Here, Jesus pushes us to expand our idea of who our neighbor is, reminding us that sometimes our neighbor is the one we like the least, disagree with the most, and have spent our lives despising. In addition to being called to love our neighbor and be a Good Samaritan, there are times when we are the ones who have had life throw us in the ditch. Sometimes we are the ones in need of help, in need of love.

That's why God sends Jesus into this world. God doesn't just love us with a warm, fuzzy, feeling up in heaven. God comes down to earth in Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God gets in the ditch with us, to suffer, die, and rise from the dead so that we can be lifted out of that ditch. And sometimes God sends us a Good Samaritan to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help us out of the ditch.

Sometimes that help and love God sends comes from the one we least expect.

In Christ,

Pastor Krista



Summer Youth Trip

Nine youth, along with Bernie Klennert and Carole Joyce, loaded up two vans for an adventure at the ELCA Bible Camp called Living Waters in New Era, MI. The trip included a ferry across Lake Michigan going and coming back. After a week of Servant Hearts—serving, ropes, swimming, and so much more—we spent a night in Ludington on Lake Michigan before heading home. Ask the kids about it to learn more!



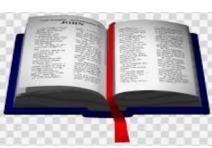
Super Summer Service





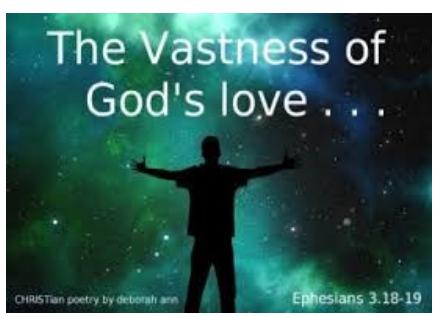


Adult Education



Bible Study
Tuesday
August 16 at 1:00 p.m.
(at the church)

The Vastness of God's love . . .



CHRISTian poetry by deborah ann
Ephesians 3:18-19

Education

Passing on the Faith

Sharing faith with children, youth, and each other is one of the most important things we do as a faith community. Much of this happens at home, but we also learn Bible stories and God's love here at church. **We need caring adults and high school youth to teach and help with Sunday school AND mentor Confirmation students on Wednesdays.** Is God calling you to share your gifts? Please consider this call to be a caring adult in the lives of our children and youth.

We need teachers for every grade. If each group has a team of teachers, no one needs to be here every week! We can always use SS helpers and substitutes as well. Contact Carole Joyce at 269-9374 or carole35@charter.net if you have questions or would like to serve. Remember you will learn and grow as much as the kids! That's God's grace at work!



Super Summer Service

During June we held 3 "Super Summer Service" days for our Jr. and Sr. high students to serve in the community. The youth had fun hanging out together and reaching out to organizations in the community. These are some of the areas we served. Thanks to the adults who participated & drove!!!!

- Good Earth Village landscaping
- Elgin Food Shelf
- Channel One bowls
- Good Shepherd Wednesday worship meal
- Washed all church windows inside and out
- Completed the new worship bags
- Help at Tesmer's farm



Super Summer Service

Thank you to Sarah Hassig, Michelle Klenner and Sherry Tuxen for being adult leaders for summer service.

Vacation Bible School

"Treasured" was the theme of Vacation Bible School in June. 18 kids, 17 leaders & parents were reminded that they are treasured by God while learning about David. Favorites of the week included-singing and dancing, creating crystals, games, eating treasure snacks, and hunting for treasure.

Thanks to the \$113 offering, we purchased supplies to update the worship bags for children. Check them out next time you come to worship!





Super



Summer Service



Grateful Giving



If you have not signed up or want to change your 2022 contribution using **On-line Giving**

Log in using the link below. Check out our New Layout. You have Full Control at all times.

<https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/give/>

Click on '**'Give' & 'On-line Giving'**'. - Follow prompts for a one-time Gift or recurring Gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact – Tom Anderson at 507-993-8326 or the church office.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Financial Summary Notes ---6/30/22

General Account	\$ 9,168
Restricted Accounts	\$ 39,265 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	<u>\$ 130,931</u>
Total Short-Term Assets	\$ 179,364

Fixed Assets (old Bldg. etc.)	\$ 905,479
New Bldg. to date	\$ 1,280,645
New Roof	<u>\$ 67,941</u>
Total Assets	\$ 2,433,5

	<u>Jan 1st, 2022</u>	<u>June 30th, 2022</u>	
Mortgage Balance	\$684,649	\$ 642,843	Goal – By June 2023 \$600,000
Equity		\$ 1,790,719	

Check Book Trends (General Fund- end of month) 2022

Jan 2022	\$ 48,609	April 2021	\$ 18,276	July 2021	\$ 32,201	Oct 2021	\$19,162
Feb 2022	\$ 43,554	May 2021	\$ 11,045	Aug 2021	\$ 25,710	Nov 2021	\$17,097
Mar 2022	\$ 34,924	June 2022	\$ 9,168	Sep 2021	\$ 22,470	Dec 2021	\$20,741

Giving to General Acct	Jan – June 2021	\$ 65,573
	Jan – June 2022	\$ 63,352

Giving to Capital Acct.	Jan – June 2021	\$ 52,920
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August Birthdays

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Happy
Birthday



Aug 1	Skylar Beckel Jane Folkert Parker Matti Kaitlin Weinrich
Aug 3	Karen Back Conner Schumacher Todd Schwantz
Aug 4	Stephanie Amos Rachel Ferkin
Aug 6	Kurt Schumacher
Aug 7	Taylor Cada Christian Dunn Karen Jurgenson Barb Peck
Aug 8	Elaine Tesmer
Aug 10	Jacob Munsch
Aug 11	Mary Applen Kadence Ihrke
Aug 12	Sue Tangen
Aug 13	Calen Kraemer
Aug 15	Pierce Wilkes

Aug 19	Betty Fahrenz Betsy Munsch
Aug 20	Max Breuer Tessa Flies Jon Ninas
Aug 21	Paige Bluhm Reid Ihrke
Aug 24	Todd Hansen Brady Sveen
Aug 25	Lori Holst
Aug 27	Alyvia Engler Isaac Pfeilsticker Al Schwantz
Aug 29	Koren Melcher Dawn Suntken
Aug 30	Bernie Klennert Hannah Schneider Lonnie Yust
Aug 31	Peyton Bigalk Luke Ferkin

Happy Anniversary

August 1	Jason & Kristen Folkert
August 16	Dustin & Becky Wehrs
August 17	Marc & Karen Melcher
	Todd & Tina Wangen
August 20	Andy & Brandi Yust
August 22	Merlin & Ginny Mielke
August 24	Jaime & Sarah Wolf
August 25	Don & Deb Weinrich
	Steve & Peggy Erwin
August 26	Dave & Angie LaBare
August 27	Lennie & Lori Holst
August 28	Wayne & Ellen Miller
August 29	Joe & Kaitlin Weinrich



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August Events

August 7	Worship w/ Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.
August 14	Worship	9:00 a.m.
August 16	Adult Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
	Church Council	6:30 p.m.
August 17	Plainview Praise Fest and Pie	7:00 p.m.
August 21	Worship w/ Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.
August 28	Worship	9:00 a.m.
August 31	Outdoor Worship	6:30 p.m.

Scholarships

Students attending a Lutheran college can receive a scholarship from Good Shepherd. Apply now for 2022-23 college year.



The scholarships are made possible by Thrivent funds given to Good Shepherd. Any Thrivent member can donate their choice dollars to this scholarship fund. Any young adult attending a Lutheran college can ask to receive one.

Although we have some 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:

- **Confirmation kick-off** for 7th-8th grade & parents: Wed. Sept 7 from 6-7:30 pm
- **Bedtime Bible stories** for 3 year olds & parents: Wed. Sept 14 at 6:00 pm
- **SS teacher meeting:** Wed. Sept 14 at 7:00 pm



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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 2022 Newsletter is
Monday, August 23rd