



Welcome to Good Shepherd

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Today's Worship

October 25, 2015

“Confirmation Sunday - Reformation Sunday”

Baptism is the most powerful moment when God claims us and redeems us for a life of faith in this world and for eternal salvation. Baptism begins a life-long relationship with God. Today seven of our young people are given the opportunity to "say yes" to the relationship that was born with God at their baptisms. Today also marks the 498th anniversary of the day when Martin Luther began questioning the actions of the church that led to the reforming and development of the Protestant Church.

Welcome

***Gathering** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". ELW 504

Confession and Forgiveness. ELW page 95

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Footprints in the Sand". Adult Choir

Psalm 46 (read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of 1Timothy chapter 6.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story 1 Timothy 6:9-12

⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Song of the Day "This Little Light of Mine " ELW 677

Presentation of Confirmands. Gary Hagen, Church Council Representative

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation of Faith. ELW page 234

Presentation of Stoles. Mentors and Confirmands

*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response. . . . "Borning Cry " ELW 732

Prayers of the Church (sit or kneel)

The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

***Sending Song** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" vs. 1. ELW 547

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

Servant Stole - Today the church presents a servant stole to each confirmand. The stole represents the yoke of servanthood and the commitment to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. The stole will be carried in by the mentors and presented to the confirmands. The placing of the stole today symbolizes the intention of the confirmand to continue in the faith. And thanks to all who helped along the way to nurture the faith of our confirmands.

Hailey Rae Archer

Daughter of Shawn Archer & Michelle Stoltz

Baptized on July 22, 2000

Baptismal Sponsors: Melissa Stoltz, Shannon Archer, Chris Doucette, Corrie Archer

Confirmation Mentor: Julie Treptow

Confirmation Verse: Galatians 3:22

But the scripture says that the whole world is under the power of sin, and so the gift which is promised on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ is given to those who believe.

Elizabeth Baird

Daughter of Rick Baird, Jr. & Juli Redig

Baptized on November 2, 2000

Baptismal Sponsors: Brittni Gross, David Low

Confirmation Mentor: Amy Crabtree

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Madison Marie Loegering

Daughter of Troy & Rhonda Loegering

Baptized on July 22, 2001

Baptismal Sponsors: Melissa & Gus Grau, Travis & Lisa Loegering

Confirmation Mentor: Kim Johnson

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Kameron Dennis Lutteke

Son of Barry & Sarah Lutteke

Baptized on April 29, 2001

Baptismal Sponsors: Shawn Russell, Chris Lutteke

Confirmation Mentors: Paul & Bea Hensche

Confirmation Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

I alone know the plans I have for you to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.

Nolan Dean Magnuson

Son of Darin & Stacy Magnuson

Baptized on May 13, 2001

Baptismal Sponsors: Mike & Becky Waara, John & Mara Wiggins

Confirmation Mentor: Ryan Crabtree

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 6:34

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Travis Robert Placek

Son of Robert & Lori Placek

Baptized on December 23, 2000

Baptismal Sponsors: Mary Foley, Michele Alphs

Confirmation Mentor: Russ Elmer

Confirmation Verse: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Halie Jo Stern

Granddaughter of Lyle & Sharen Stern

Baptized on October 5, 2001

Baptismal Sponsors: Matthew & Kay Stern, Nathan Stern

Confirmation Mentor: Amy Schroeder

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths

Birthdays-Oct 25-31 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
28-Bonnie Beckmann Megan Ehlert 29-Dave Foley 31-Evelyn McLain
Jase Crabtree Chelcie Tolzmann Nathan Stern

The Red Carnations on the Altar are in honor of the Confirmation students. Please keep the students in your prayers as they continue their journey through faith.

In Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary Coni & Al Olson have given a gift towards Current Expenses.

October Food Collection -During the month of October, a grocery cart located next to the pulpit in the sanctuary will be collecting donations of canned fruit in its own syrup. All food collected this month will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. A special thanks for the rice or beans donated in September.

Possible New Driveway at Good Shepherd - In 2014 a memorial was gifted to Good Shepherd for a driveway south of the church that would allow cars to drop people off at the elevator entrance of the church. Since the donation was given, the Church Council has asked the Property Committee to lead this project, led by Dan Treptow. An Albert Lea Engineering firm Zenk•Read•Trygstad & Associates, Inc. was hired and they have finished their design for the driveway. The cost of the engineer was paid from the original memorial gift. At the September 14, 2015 Church Council meeting, the Council accepted the proposed design, which was forwarded from the Property Committee. The engineering firm has also provided an estimated cost of the project. The Church Council now invites the congregation to the following Congregational Forums so the design can be unveiled, the cost discussed and questions can be answered. In addition, Church Council President Ryan Crabtree has called for a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on this possible Driveway proposal.

Congregational Forums: Sunday, October 25 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Social Hall

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 1 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

“Belief” Documentary Series - Oprah Winfrey has made a seven part series that explores the power of religion as a force of good across the globe. It airs on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on Oprah's OWN channel (Bevcomm 83). It will explore many world religions by telling the stories of different believers.

Caring Ministry will meet Wed., Oct. 28 at 4:00 p.m. Caring Ministry is in need of more people willing to visit and bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you are interested please plan to attend this meeting. Hope to see you there.

Daily Scripture Readings

Oct 26 - Psalm 119:17-24
Exodus 4:1-17
1 Peter 2:1-10
Oct 27 - Psalm 119:17-24
2 Kings 6:8-23
Acts 9:32-35
Oct 28 - Psalm 119:17-24
Jeremiah 33:1-11
Matthew 20:29-34

Oct 29 - Psalm 119:1-8
Exodus 22:1-15
Hebrews 9:1-12
Oct 30 - Psalm 119:1-8
Leviticus 19:32-37
Romans 3:21-31
Oct 31 - Psalm 119:1-8
Numbers 9:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

Good Shepherd Dinner Group - Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 5:30. We will meet for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. on November 1st at the church in the Social Hall. We will have designated table to mix people up. Please bring a dish to pass. Please let Linda Hagen know if you are able to attend.

Good Shepherd Connect Card & Games Group - Sunday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Social Hall. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. The Connect Card & Games Group is starting with a kick off card and game night. Interested? Sign up on the "Connect Group Bulletin Board" near the church office and plan to come! Please also bring your favorite game or a deck of cards. All are welcome.

Mayberry Bible Study - Thursday, October 29 ~9:30 a.m. All are welcome to this unique study. Together we will watch an entire episode of the Andy Griffith Show. This month we will watch an episode that focuses on how the members of the church in Mayberry react when they receive a large donation. After watching the episode, we will discuss the episode together and Pastor Mary will open up related Bible passages. We will meet in the basement Church Parlor. Note: each time we gather is a “stand alone” study so please join us even if you haven’t come before.

YES...Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be held at Good Shepherd on Nov. 26th. United Methodist hosted the dinner for the past 3 years and it was in agreement that Good Shepherd host again. We thank them for their service and feel privileged to host. The success of the event will depend on our commitment to serve and to provide a place for fellowship and a meal for the community on Thanksgiving. Open your hearts to donating an item on the list located by the Office. Your time and helping hands are needed as we prepare and serve the meal. Please volunteer...leave your name and phone number and you will be called to when and where you are needed. In his service, Social Ministry

How can know if you have the heart of a servant? Jesus said,
“You can tell what they are by what they do.”



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Food and fellowship

Come join us for a "night out" on November 15th. All adults who attend Good Shepherd are invited to a fun evening of sharing dinner at someone's house. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. for appetizers and then be given a ticket to go to a house for dinner. After dinner all participants will meet at the church for dessert. Donations will go to the backpack/food shelf program.

In order for this event to be a success we will need volunteer help.

_____ I would be willing to provide a dinner at my house for 6-8 people.

Name _____ Phone _____

Circle 6 or 8.

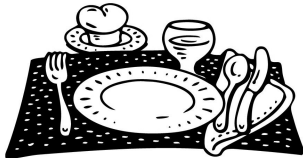
_____ I would be willing to provide an appetizer for this event.

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ I would be willing to provide a dessert for the event.

Name _____ Phone _____

If you are planning to attend the event, please sign-up in the church office by November 1st. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this event, please call Linda Hagen at 553-5057.



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