



Welcome to Good Shepherd

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

Today's Worship

August 7, 2016

Good Question – Does God have a plan for my life and know the path that I should take in life? Few spiritual concepts have fascinated and confused people more than understanding God's calling for our lives. Does God have a precise plan for our lives (one certain person that we are destined to marry, for instance) or is God's calling more general in nature? And if God has a plan for our lives, where does our free choice come into play? Today we explore these important questions.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn "This Is My Father's World" ELW 824**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess together our sins and rejoice in the goodness of God, who forgives our sins...

Pause for silence and reflection

P: God of righteousness...

C: We are weary from trying to rely on our strength and our own power to get through life. Fear, jealousy, anger and resentment drain the energy from our lives. Forgive us, God, and renew in us your hope and your Holy Spirit, that we might rest in your favor and rejoice in your goodness.

P: You are forgiven, people of God. You are pardoned of your sin. Guilt is erased and brokenness is washed away. Rest and rejoice, for you have been given new life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm 25:1-7 (read responsively)

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 6.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Gospel Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574

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*Sharing the Peace

Offering

Special Music Bill Groskreutz, Jr

Offertory . . . "Praise and Thanksgiving" vs 1 & 2. ELW 689

*Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal!" ELW 805**

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Shirley Lesto

Communion Helpers: Myrna Boggess, Dave & Brenda Sauer

Birthdays - Aug 7-13 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

7-Luverna Brown

9-Ryan Crabtree

11-Connor Ehlert

Geraldine Wilder

Allen Stern

Mariah Lutteke

Jon Melby

13-Barry Lutteke

8-Paul Hensche

Brett Niebuhr

12-Rick Hotzler

Riley Willner

Edie Zabel

10-Gordon Kruger

Gabriel Schroeder

Thank You to Bill Groskreutz, Jr. for sharing with us today his gift of Music.

August Food Collection - During the month of August we will be collecting paper products for The Reach Homeless Youth Center of Mankato. The Reach is a Lutheran Social Services Center that offers homeless teens and young adults meals, showers, toiletries, emergency shelter and independent living skills courses. We are collecting the following items for The Reach: paper plates, napkins, garbage bags and paper towels. Those items can be left in the grocery cart in the church sanctuary or at the church office.

Produce Donations Accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf - As you collect your produce from your garden, remember that you are invited share some of the produce with the Wells Area Food Shelf. Your donations can be dropped off at the Good Shepherd Church offices during daily office hours (8-5pm, M-F). Thanks for your donations of healthy food for our hungry neighbors.

Special Congregational Meeting - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 21, 2016 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1. The Church Council recommends to proceed with the Technology Upgrades to the Sanctuary, not to exceed \$30,000.00. The Council further recommends that the project is not to commence until all funds have been raised for the project.

A 2/3 vote of members present is required to approve the recommendation.

Youth Director - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, Minnesota, seeks a part-time Youth Director who has a deep faith in Jesus Christ, a love for youth, a vision that supports the overall vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), and the skill to creatively and prayerfully serve and grow with us in Christ's mission. The Youth Director will have the primary responsibility of ministering to children K-12th grade. This will include but is not limited to youth events, youth trips, mission trips and fundraisers. The Youth Director will work closely with the Pastor and Youth Board to accomplish the Church's mission in the area of youth ministry. A job description will be provided upon request. Contact: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 291 1st Street SW, Wells, Minnesota, 56097. Email: shepherd@bevcomm.net. Telephone: 507/553-3513. Deadline for submission of resume: August 8, 2016.

Communities Fighting Student Hunger - Glow Walk Backpack Fundraiser..Aug. 18..Half Moon Park. Registration at 8pm...donations accepted. All ages WELCOME..Glow With Us..feed a Child. Glow items..Door prizes..treats and beverage..group photo (All children under 10 must have adult supervision)

Caring Ministry will meet Thurs, August 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the kitchenette. If you are interested in visiting a shut in please come to the meeting.

Kernel Days Pie Stand - WELCA will host the Good Shepherd Pie Stand at Kernel Days Aug. 19-20, 2016. If you are able to help at the stand please sign up on the sheet by the church office.

Good Shepherd Pie Stand - *Me Oh My! A Slice of Pie!* Fri., Aug 19th, 4-10 pm and Sat, August 20th, 11 am-4pm and after the parade until gone.

Sunday Forum ~ Death Issues - August 7th at 10:10am ~ Basement Social Hall. We will continue a series of discussions about death, dying and grief issues on Sunday, August 7th following worship. Pastor Mary will lead a discussion about "end of life wishes." Information will be handed out so you can share your wishes regarding your funeral or end of life arrangements. Everyone is invited.

Sunday Forum ~ Thrivent Action Teams - August 14th at 10:10am ~ Basement Social Hall. What are Thrivent Action Teams? Why is Thrivent giving us each \$250 to help our church? Who is Thrivent? Find out about this amazing program through Thrivent that God is using to bless churches and communities nationwide! YOU can take advantage of this opportunity and bless those around you. Have some coffee and discover how to get started! Good Shepherd is one of the most active churches in the nation. Let's keep this momentum going!

Kernel Days Medallion Hunt - This year, Good Shepherd will sponsor a new event for Kernel Days. A medallion will be hidden by August 15th on city property. Clues will be posted each day by noon on the outside doors of Good Shepherd, leading people to the hidden medallion. The first person to find and return the medallion to Good Shepherd will receive \$50 worth of Wells Chamber Bucks. Watch for the medallion hunt, which begins on August 15.

Widowed, Divorced or Permanently Separated "Coping with Life Alone" meeting weekly beginning Tuesday, August 16, 2016 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave. in Rochester, MN is being offered by Beginning Experience of Rochester. For more information call 507-261-8248 or emailing beminnnesota@gmail.com to start an amazing healing process for yourself or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

Senior Saints - Join us on Wednesday, Aug.17th at 11:00 a.m. to hear the plant manager of Brakebush, Edgar Lange, share information about their company here in Wells. He will provide brochures and answer any questions that you might have about their company. The August service group will be providing the meal. If you are available to help in the kitchen during Sr. Saints it would be appreciated. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.