

The Voice **August 2017**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Wells
Worshipping: Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am

Summer Youth Activities

Youth Outdoor Movie Night

For those going into grades 8-12

Friday, August 25 8:30pm – 11pm.

We will gather in the yard to the north of Good Shepherd Church (near the church garage) to watch a movie on an outdoor screen. Please bring a blanket to sit on. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Youth are welcome to invite a friend to this free event. Please sign up on the sheet at the church office door by Sunday, August 20. In case of poor weather, we will move the event into the Church Parlor (in the basement behind the kitchen). What are we watching? The youth directors are picking an appropriate movie that all will enjoy.

Youth Movie Night

For those going into grades 3-7

Sunday, August 27 7:30 pm-10pm

We will gather in the Church Parlor (in the basement behind the kitchen) to watch a movie together. Please bring a blanket or pillow to sit on. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Youth are welcome to invite a friend to this free event. Please sign up on the sheet at the church office door by Wednesday, August 23. What are we watching? The youth directors are picking an appropriate movie that all will enjoy.



Confessions from a Pastor: How I Really Feel about Attending Worship

Every Sunday I wake up not wanting to get up and go to church. *There, I said it.* When my alarm goes off at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, my first thought is always, “ugh, already?!” That is followed closely by, “who decided that worship has to start at 9:00 a.m.?” And that thought is quickly followed with “I wish I wasn’t a pastor!” Mornings have always been my least favorite part of the day. Added to that, I’m a bit of an introvert and sometimes I have a hard time greeting people joyfully first thing in the morning.

Every single Sunday I wake up not wanting to go to worship. The only thing that gets me out of bed on Sundays is obligation; that is where I said I would be, with people who are counting on me showing up. So I get up and go. *And that is my true confession.*

Before you contact the Church Council with your concerns, you have to hear the rest of the story! By 10:30am I have come face-to-face with the holy and I’m humbled and so glad that I worshiped. Every single Sunday, by the time that I’ve worshiped with the wonderful people of Good Shepherd and led a Children’s Sermon and visited with people after worship, my inner grouch has transformed by an encounter with the divine. Every single Sunday I experience a shining moment somewhere between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and God’s radiance overwhelms me and I’m left with gratitude. I’m left feeling completely certain that there is no place that I would rather be than at Good Shepherd on a Sunday morning.

Sometimes it is the music, the age-old words that speak fresh hope into whatever situation I may be having that day. Sometimes it is the worship space, when the sunbeams shine through the stained glass. Other times it is the bread and the wine, set out on the altar with crisp precision, reminding me that we will taste hope together. Sometimes it is when the reader leads the Psalm and I realize that the words are just for me that day. But most often, it is the people, God’s beloved children, both young and old, who bring me face-to-face with the holy.

It’s Carol, whose hands have worked hard to feed people all throughout the week and then comes to be fed and nourished herself, this time by God. It’s Caroline, who smiles every week, regardless of whatever update she has about her husband who is in a nursing home far away from her. It’s young Shane, who will gladly usher with a bounce in his step and share “the last word” at worship most weeks. It’s those and the dozens and dozens of others who have dragged themselves out of bed when they weren’t obligated to do so, who join me in reading and listening, singing and praying.

Every Sunday when these holy moments take place, I remember why I get up and come to worship. It’s not because I have to be there. It is because I NEED to be there. I need to be reminded that the God into whose service I am called is living and active, breathing joy and life and love through the good people I am privileged to worship with. I need to be reminded that the promises we proclaim are already being fulfilled. And I need to be reminded that when I choose to simply show up, God shows up, too.

See you in worship where together we experience the divine, Pastor Mary



Service Group 10

Will be serving in the month of **September**. Service Group will sign up for jobs on Wednesday and Sunday, Aug. 9 & 13, 2017. Members are encouraged to sign up for several things. Please note that though children are not mentioned by name, they are an important part of the service groups. All members of the Service Group are encouraged to be in prayer for their church and its pastor.

Jerelyn & Ken Eckhardt	Willard & Marvel Huper	Matt & Ruth Schaper
Russ & Rita Bathke	James & Linda Jacobsen	Terry & Cindy Schroeder
Gerry Baynard	Joanne Jespersen	Arla Sorom
Leonard & Caroline Cihlar	Pat Knutson	Aldoris Strand
Darrin & Sharon Clay	Bernice Lenort	Kent & Linda Stern
Mike & Suzanne Cummings	Todd Lutteke	John & Sue Vee
David & Linda Groskreutz	Jon & Pam Melby	Chris & Heather Warmka
Dan & Ami Hart	Donna Mershon	Britt Wegner
Rick & Lori Hotzler	Albert & Darlene Quade	Jim & Deb Willner



Everyone 55 and older is invited to a program of music presented by Barb Carlson from Alden on Wednesday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments. A noon lunch will be provided by the August service group for all those attending.

July Ministerial Acts:

Funerals: 6/30 Joshwa Kauffmann; 7/6 LaVaun Schroeder; 7/17 LeRoy Possin
Burial: 6/24 Camryn Barnes



Wednesday Nights at Good Shepherd

Wednesday Night Supper

Served 5:00–6:00 p.m.

KIDS EAT FREE every week! *Kids who are in 12th grade and under eat free!*
Adults: Suggested donation of \$4. This continues to be an important ministry in our congregation.

Menus for August:

2 - Country Ribs, Salad

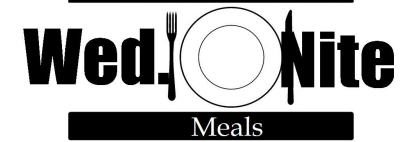
9 - Chefs Choice (Lasagna, Alfredo)

16 - Enchiladas

23 - BBQ Sliders

30 - Spaghetti & Meatballs

(Available each week for children: mac & cheese, hot dogs/chips, or PBJ sandwich)



Wednesday Night Worship

6:15–6:55 p.m.

Whether you are busy on the weekend or prefer a more casual worship setting, please remember that this alternative worship service takes place each week. Music is led by piano and vocal and the sermon each Wednesday is the same as the following Sunday.

Martin Luther Moments

Later this year is the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation that changed the church and led to the formation of the Lutheran church. As we prepare for the anniversary celebration on October 31, we will hear “Martin Luther Moments” during worship. Each week, the person who reads that Psalm will also read a “Martin Luther Moment.” Hopefully we will together learn more about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Does the Bible Really Say That?

Do you believe that *everything happens for a reason*? Or that *God won't give you more than you can handle*? Are we really called to *love the sinner but hate the sin*? And does *God help those who help themselves*? Christians have been making up statements like these for years. Perhaps you've even said them or believe them. At worst, these statements might hurt someone or even be a stumbling block. Together we will explore whether or not these statements are in the Bible. Each of the statements we will examine in August can be called, "half-truths," suggesting that they aren't completely true. During August (and the first week of September) we will read the Bible carefully and hold those statements against the Bible. Your beliefs might be challenged ... you might not even agree with everything that is said! Ultimately, though, our goal is to inspire deeper thinking and lead us to discover what we hold true about God.

Car Wash Sponsored by Youth Gathering Participants

Sunday, August 13 ~ 8:30-10:30am

The youth and adult leaders who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are inviting members of Good Shepherd to a Car Wash on Sunday, August 13. The car wash will be held along the west side of the church on 3rd Ave. You are welcome to park your vehicle in the 'car wash line' on 3rd Ave and check your key at the table which will be by the door on the west side of the church and it will be washed and dried when worship ends. You are also welcome to bring it to get washed following worship. Thanks for your continued support of the youth programs at Good Shepherd! The July 9 Car Wash raised \$198 for the 3 Youth Gathering participants who worked so hard! Thanks for your generosity.



Adopt a Youth Gathering Participant

Would you like to adopt one of the kids going to the 2018 Youth Gathering? They are excited and planning for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Upon adoption, you will receive a certificate, identifying your adopted child, inviting you to hold them in prayer as they prepare and then attend the Youth Gathering. The month before we leave for the Youth Gathering we will have a gathering with the adoption group complete with yummy treats and a chance to meet your adoptee. You will also receive a postcard from your adoptee during the Youth Gathering. Finally, after the Gathering you will gather with your adoptee for a tasty dessert and get to hear a special report from the youth about the trip. Adoption fees are \$30, payable to Good Shepherd. The full amount goes to the Youth Gathering costs. Please fill out the adjoining "Adoption Application" and leave it at the church or the offering plate. Thanks for your ongoing support of the youth programs at Good Shepherd!

Application to Adopt a 2018 Youth Gathering Participant

Your name: _____

Your mailing address (so we can send you a postcard!): _____

Cost to adopt one participant: \$30 (payable to Good Shepherd – please include with application)
Please leave application in the church office or offering plate.

Coming in September – Save the Date!

Holy Hot Dish

The youth who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will once again sell Holy Hot Dishes to people at Good Shepherd in September.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 10

Good Shepherd Wish List

When you are in the stores or doing back to school shopping please remember the education program at Good Shepherd. The Sunday and Wednesday School could use Elmer's Glue Sticks and Crayola Fine Tip Markers. Your donated items can be dropped off in the church office. Thanks for your generous support of our educational programs.

Kernel Days Medallion Hunt

For the second year in a row, Good Shepherd will sponsor a Medallion Hunt for Kernel Days. The event is fun for all ages. A medallion will be hidden on city property by the Monday morning of Kernel Days week. Clues will be posted each day 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 Monday, August 14.



New Members Welcomed at Good Shepherd

New members will be welcomed at Good Shepherd during a Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 9:00 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Good Shepherd, please share this information and contact the church office for more information.



August Birthdays

1-Corey Ehlert
 2-Mason Malwitz
 3-Arleen Klingbeil
 7-Mercedes Alger
 Luverna Brown
 Allen Stern
 8-Paul Hensche
 Amy Stenzel
 Edie Zabel
 9-Ryan Crabtree
 Mariah Lutteke
 Brett Niebuhr
 10-Gordon Kruger
 11-Nancy Bruckhoff
 Connor Ehlert
 Jon Melby
 12-Rick Hotzler
 Gabriel Schroeder
 Geraldine Wilder
 13-Barry Lutteke
 Riley Willner

14-Samantha Archer
 Eva Schroeder
 15-Kim Kruger
 Peyton Rollenhagen
 16-Carol Aske
 Julie Forderer
 19-Leslie Drugg
 Nancy Elmer
 20-Zachary Niebuhr
 Tatum Stangler
 21-Jeff Erickson
 Andrew Heggen
 Gary Kauffmann
 Tom Schroeder
 22-Kurt Niebuhr
 Sara Salisbury
 23-Mark Seedorf
 24-Danny Hummer
 25-Sydney Niebuhr
 26-Joanne Jespersen

27-Mason Loegering
 Dustin Schultz
 28-Shirley Bartholomew
 Patsy Beckmann
 Lisa Olson
 Maggie Treptow
 29-Tom Huper
 30-Stu Johnson
 Deb Larson
 Liam Schrader
 31-Candy Berg
 Chris Lutteke



August Food Collection

During the month of August we will collect food donations of Asian foods: noodles, soy sauce, bean sprouts, water chestnuts, or fortune cookies. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in July of Salad Dressing, Mustard, Barbeque Sauce or Chili Sauce.



ALL NEW
 Session 3: Ready or Not - Upend the Tables

Joy Circle

Aug. 3, 2017 at Bass Lake
Bible Study Leader: Group Study
Hostess: Potluck at Kathy Ehlert's cabin on Bass Lake. Meet at 5:00 to pool rides from the church. Please bring a dish to share.

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 (Please submit articles and pictures of events happening in the Church to the church office to be posted on the web site.)
 Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7
 at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Love Circle

Aug. 22, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Ushers for August 2017

9:00 a.m. Julie Forderer, Kent Stern,
 Rick & Tammy Mandler

Bulletin & Voice Dates to Know:

Bulletin Articles are due Thursday *before 8:30 a.m.*

Voice Articles for September 2017 are Due August 18th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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