



Summer 2018

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**Very Exciting News to Share!**  
**We are beginning the process to call an Associate Pastor!**

As you know, since Pastor Orv's retirement a year ago at the end of June, I have been discerning our future staffing needs. Discernment, when it comes to 'calling staff' (pastor or lay professional) isn't good if it is done by one person alone. First, it takes a whole lot of talking with God! Asking, wondering and listening. I've done that...A LOT!

Second, it takes talking with others. Asking, wondering and listening to others 'talk church' and 'talk dreams'. I've done a lot of that too. Sometimes in ways that you have known – like at the annual meeting and small gatherings of people and with new members and long-term members over coffee. While listening, I discovered what you were enjoying, but also needing and missing from church.

Other times, I have talked with people behind the scenes – like with the Saint Paul Area Synod and with our elected church leaders. I have spent 10 months working closely with our executive team (personnel and finance) digesting the church's finance situation with an added mortgage payment. We worked on what that means for current and future staffing and how we needed to do some adjusting and will need to do some asking from you as the capital campaign ends. With them, I also reviewed our current staff job descriptions, including mine.

Since January, I added into the mix, discussions with our church council. They helped create an almost completed Mission and Vision Statement, which includes our church's Core Values. I've given the council 'thanks' (but never enough) for working closely with their teams doing ministry development in specific areas. I have listened to the council tell me what is happening well and what needs are not being met. Plus, I've been gaining insight into other dreams and goals while listening to our current staff.

While these discussions were happening, I was taking a good hard look at my own role as Lead Pastor. I have been examining the plethora of activity around here and wondering what is sustainable as 'solo' and what is not.

It has been an amazing year discovering how we paint a picture of our church and what we dream for it. The best part is we tend to see the same missing links, while at the same time feeling pretty blessed to be doing what we are doing – having added a lot of community building, life-long learning and social ministry opportunities.

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All of this leads me to tell you the exciting news that has been 'discerned' – the church council has voted to begin the process of calling an Associate Pastor! Why? Because in order to really make our newly developing mission and vision happen, we need staffing to fill more deeply some important core values. More specifically, we need someone to take the lead on young adult, adult and senior adult ministry (nurturing their learning and their community building opportunities) as well as Social Ministry (helping our reaching out in service and giving our resources to others). While these two needs could be filled by a lay person(s), we have determined there is a need to add someone to assist in preaching and worship leading as well as pastoral care. These areas need someone who is ordained – hence a pastor.

Why an Associate Pastor? Three reasons jump out: vision, budget and opportunity. We are in an important transition period with our mission and vision and it is helpful to have one pastor, the Lead Pastor, building that momentum. Having two 'leads' or 'co-pastors' makes, at times, following one direction difficult. Second, being good stewards of our resources means we are more likely to afford a first-time Associate Pastor than one who has many years of experience. Lastly, and what is most thrilling, calling a first-time Associate Pastor means lots of fresh ideas for us and for them. We get to teach each other on the journey while doing ministry.

The call process has many steps. We have taken the first one in forming a call committee, which our constitution states the current elected leadership does. The following people were recommended and approved by the church council to form the call committee:

Kathy Malecek, Chair  
Arden Fitz, Secretary  
Nick Bliak  
Beth Borgen-Lindberg  
Jeff Gundry  
Becca Nelson

They will be very transparent with you – sharing with you anything you need to know to help you discern what adding an associate pastor means. They will share things like our Mission, Vision and Core Value Statement, Ministry Site Profile and the Associate Pastor Job Description and updates from the Saint Paul Area Synod, with which we will work closely.

Your current role is to PRAY! Pray for the call committee. Pray for the church council. Pray for the staff. Pray for pastors seeking call. Pray for me. Pray for our church, as we prepare for this next chapter in our history.

Exciting times, right? But also daunting. Please ask questions to bring clarity to this amazing moment in our ministry and in the life of our church!

Peace,  
Pastor Leesa

# Other News

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## Church Building & Office Hours

The church **building** is open during the following times:  
Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (office hours) and  
Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. If you or a  
community guest needs to reserve room space or needs access to the  
building at other times, please contact the church office during office  
hours to make arrangements.

## Staff Emails

Pastor Leesa	<a href="mailto:pastorleesa@goodshepherdigh.com">pastorleesa@goodshepherdigh.com</a>
Pastor Jerry	<a href="mailto:pastorjerry@goodshepherdigh.com">pastorjerry@goodshepherdigh.com</a>
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Jacob Niewinski	<a href="mailto:youth@goodshepherdigh.com">youth@goodshepherdigh.com</a>
Karen Davis	<a href="mailto:children@goodshepherdigh.com">children@goodshepherdigh.com</a>
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Lisa Langton	<a href="mailto:music@goodshepherdigh.com">music@goodshepherdigh.com</a>

## Stay Connected!

See pictures of ministry events and  
receive special worship updates by  
following us on our Social Media  
pages:



Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (be sure to look for our  
new logo)      Instagram: [@goodshepherdigh.com](https://www.instagram.com/goodshepherdigh.com)

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## Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a great way to make a huge  
impact in a short amount of time. By delivering meals you bring  
nutritious food and a friendly visit to eight to 10 seniors and people  
with disabilities in your community. If you are interested in this  
opportunity, please contact Lenore Radi at 651-272-8488.

## Newsletter Update

Our next newsletter will be mailed out in early August and will have  
information on all of the activities that will start in September!

## Summer Worship Hours May 27-September 2

### Sundays

Traditional Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Blended Worship at 10:00 a.m.

### Wednesdays

Blended Worship at 6:30 p.m. with  
the same message and music as  
Sunday's 10:00 service.

For early risers, refreshments and  
conversation time is available  
beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the  
Commons.

For cabin and camping folks who are  
away on weekends, Wednesday  
evening will provide you a worship  
experience exactly the same as  
Sunday's 10:00 service.

We will resume our regular worship  
service schedule the Sunday  
after Labor Day.

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## Baptisms

Avarie Delisa Marie Caprioni  
*Child of Amy Webb & Tristan Caprioni*

Hayden Ray Reem  
*Child of Jeremy & Alison Reem*

## Funerals

*Rob Sage, Age 71*  
April 12, 2018

*Alice Knutson, Age 56*  
April 13, 2018

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### **New Patio Furniture**

We have a new space for conversations and fellowship! The Adult Fellowship team has graciously given the funds to purchase several seating options for our patio. Many, many thanks to the people who served on the Adult Fellowship team over the years.

### **Mother's Day Baskets**

Thanks to the generosity of the members of Good Shepherd, we collected enough items to put together 15 baskets for new moms who are currently staying at local shelters including Lutheran Social Services' SafeHouse and LifeHaven!

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### **Summer Reading**

The Church Book Club's summer read is *"My Dear Hamilton"* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie which is an epic story of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton – a revolutionary woman who, like her new nation, struggled to define herself in the wake of war, betrayal and tragedy. Dray and Kamoie used thousands of letters and original sources to tell Eliza's story. We will gather to discuss how this founding mother shaped an American legacy on Monday, September 10.

### **Summer Giving Opportunities**

We, at the church, know that time spent outdoors in Minnesota is important. Each moment splashing in the water and smelling the fresh scent of flowers is precious. Take the time!! We are here when you return and hope you will take advantage of our Wednesday evening Worship service at 6:30 p.m. which is just like Sunday! As you enjoy your lake homes, cabins and vacations away, consider the following options for giving to the church which assists us in managing cash flow during these busy summer months:

- Consider making a gift that would be the equivalent of June, July and August in one gift. Then head-out into God's creation for worship and recreation.
- Consider signing up for electronic giving on our website with your credit or debit card and build up some points for your winter or spring break vacations.

However you decide to make your gifts this summer, the church is grateful. Your gifts matter. They help us inspire faith through camp and Vacation Bible School. They help love our neighbor as we serve summer meals to neighborhood kids in need. They help provide community building opportunities among us as we prepare to go out and serve. Thank you for all you share! We are blessed because of your response to God's call to share the love of Jesus. THANK YOU!

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### **Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for individuals, families or groups who are willing to serve coffee and treats between worship services on Sundays. This is not a commitment for the entire morning. If you could help before or after the service you attend, that would be very helpful.

We are also going to be providing treats throughout the summer before and after the 6:30pm Wednesday evening services.

If you have questions or are interested in serving, please contact Bobbie Radi at 612.597.1779 or [bobbieradi@me.com](mailto:bobbieradi@me.com). Or you can stop by the kitchen and chat with her.

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## Vacation Bible School

**"This Changes Everything, Incredible!  
We will learn about God's incredible  
gifts for us.**



**Monday, June 11 - Thursday, June 14**

AM VBS: 9am - Noon. This program is for ages 3.5 -Grade 5 and includes; Bible Stories, Music, Games, Crafts & Snacks.

PM VBS: Noon - 4pm. This is for kids who have completed Kindergarten - Grade 5 and includes; Service Projects & Field Trips. Participants bring a bag lunch

Register Online at [goodshepherdigh.com](http://goodshepherdigh.com) under the Contact Us menu by June !

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## Crayon Collection

Boxes of Crayons are needed for kids in need in Inver Grove Heights. Look for the RED backpack in the Commons for your donation. We are collecting through mid-July.

Good Shepherd Lutheran is excited to be a part of a wonderful group of churches that collect & provide school supplies for the "Back to School Bash" party that will be held at St. Patrick's church on Saturday, August 18 from 11:00-1:00. These supplies are put into backpacks which are given out to local children who need help obtaining supplies. Our church has been given the challenge of collecting 705 boxes of Crayola Crayons (24 crayons in a box). Checks or online donations are accepted as well. Make sure to denote "Backpacks" in the memo line.

## Thank You!!

Thank you to all who participated or contributed to the Elpis Enterprise bird feeder event on Sunday, April 22. A total of \$800 was donated to this St. Paul organization that helps local homeless youth develop job skills.

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## Nursery Care

Adult & youth childcare volunteers are needed to help out during the 10:00 worship services this summer in the nursery and Pre-K area. If you would like to sign up for one or more Sundays let Karen know at [children@goodshepherdigh.com](mailto:children@goodshepherdigh.com). Adults will be asked to complete a background check to before they start working with children at Good Shepherd.

## Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School is May 20. Thank you guides, parents, grandparents and kids for your participation! Have a wonderful summer. We hope to see you at VBS June 11-14 and often at worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:00 or Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

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## Potluck Campfire

June 16 @ 5:30pm

A bunch of folks are going camping and invite anyone interested to join us in a Potluck Dinner at our group camp site. For details on location, please contact Dale or Kathy Malecek or email [dalemalecek@centurylink.net](mailto:dalemalecek@centurylink.net). Hope to see you there!

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## VBS Youth Leaders

ATTENTION all middle school youth! YOU are needed!! Come be the ultimate role model by playing, singing, laughing and sharing God's love with a small group of children during our VBS week, June 11-14.

Let Jacob Niewinski know you are interested or register online on the Summer Adventures page.

## Senior High Montana Experience

We are ready for our westward journey this summer as our mission experience takes us all the way out to the Flathead Valley in Montana! We will be partnering with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for a week's worth of service work with organizations such as Lighthouse Christian Home, Boys and Girls Club, Shepherd's Hand and more who work to best serve the needs of the Flathead community.

Thank you for supporting us through chocolate sales, pancake feasts and a lot of prayer!

Follow us through our Facebook and Instagram accounts throughout the week of June 16-23 to see the our adventure out West!

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## Luther Park Bible Camp

Campers from Good Shepherd will be at Luther Park Bible Camp in Danbury, WI this summer from June 24-29 for a week of classic camp activities like swimming, crafts, outdoor worship, campfires, field games, night hikes and more! This camping adventure meets the needs and interests of today's children and youth, providing a week to share and grow in Christian faith, life and community.



Through this summer's theme, *This Changes Everything*, campers will learn how God's grace changes these things and how we can work with others to show that grace to the world.

Follow us through our Facebook and Instagram accounts throughout our week to see the joys and thrills at Luther Park!

**Summer Worship Schedule  
Memorial Day  
thru Labor Day**

Sundays

8:30am - Traditional

10:00am - Blended

Wednesdays

6:30pm - Blended



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