



August/September 2018

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### **The Call Process Continues!**

You've no doubt heard that we are in the process of adding an Associate Pastor to the staff. In the St Paul Area Synod of the ELCA there is a specific call process to follow. Bishop Patricia Lull tells us that "one of the deep joys of our Lutheran way of being church comes as members of the congregation play a decisive role in the Spirit's work of calling a pastor to serve in a specific context."

In May, the following people were installed as the Call Committee: Nick Blik, Beth Borgen-Lindberg, Jeff Gundry, Arden Fritz (secretary), Becca Nelson, Kathy Malecek (chair) and Cathie O'Neill-Saver. Each of these people have the qualities the Synod recommends for members of a Call Committee; diligence, confidentiality, respect, objectivity and most importantly a love for our church.

Our initial task was for Pastor Leesa to complete a lengthy document called a Ministry Site Profile about Good Shepherd. This is our 'want ad' available to pastors seeking a call. The second task was to develop Good Shepherd's Mission, Vision and Core Values, which Beth facilitated with the church council, staff and some lay leaders. The areas of our mission, vision and core values that had unfulfilled tasks led us to determine the job description for an Associate Pastor.

What were the next steps? In June, our Synod Representative presented names of candidates interested in pursuing a call to our church. It is the expectation of the Synod that we hold initial interviews with all the candidates. Which we did. Now the committee is conducting second interviews, checking references and listening to the candidates preach.

Soon we will prayerfully consider the choice of Associate Pastor, asking the following questions: What gifts does each candidate bring to ministry? What areas of ministry are not strengths for each candidate? Which candidate fits best with our congregational needs? Is this who the Holy Spirit is leading us to call to Good Shepherd at this time?

If we believe that one of the candidates is who God is leading us to call, we will make that recommendation to the Church Council. The Executive (Personnel and Finance) Team will determine salary and benefits according to our approved budget. Then we will announce to the Congregation when you vote to extend a Letter of Call to the candidate recommended by the call committee and approved by the church council. Upon receiving a positive vote from the congregation, the candidate will decide if the Holy Spirit is leading them to join us at Good Shepherd. If they accept, then we will plan for their installation and welcoming activities, which all of you will be invited to participate in! If they do not accept, we will begin the Call process again with a new slate of candidates from the Synod.

How can the whole congregation help? Pray, pray, pray! Pray for the candidates, pray for the congregation and the call committee. Pray for wisdom and grace as we continue to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to whomever God leads us to call and join us **together on the journey, sharing God's love.**

Kathy Malecek, Council President & Call Committee Chair

# News for the Journey

## 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

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## Baptisms

Evelyn Carole-Beth Andrews  
*Child of Chandra & Devin Andrews*

Isaac Maurice Pierson  
*Child of Travis & Darcie Pierson*

Lucille May Wegwerth  
*Child of Ali & Tim Wegwerth*

Bowen Lucas Dahn  
*Child of Afton & Lucas Dahn*

Emma Jane Neby  
*Child of Quentin & Tenille Neby*

Sophia Lynn Rahn  
*Jill & Hubert Rahn*

Karaline Dorothy Fisher  
*Child of Mike & Kate Fisher*

Rosalie Ray Eggers  
*Child of Ellie Wolf & Andy Eggers*

## Funerals

*Sandra Buchner, Age 80*  
May 15, 2018

*Sid Puppe, Age 84*  
May 17, 2018

*Cecelia Kaderlik, Age 78*  
June 14, 2018

*James McFetridge, Age 83*  
June 21, 2018

*Dixie Hansen, Age 63*  
July 20, 2018

## Stay Connected!



## Mission, Vision, Values

The Church Council, staff and many volunteers have worked extremely hard on determining who we are, what we strive to be and naming how we get there. We call this a statement of our Mission, Vision and Core Values. We are thrilled to present them to you as we begin another incredible program year.



### MISSION

*Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is*  
***Together on the Journey,***  
***Sharing God's Love***

### VISION

*Good Shepherd is committed to providing a Christ-centered, relationship-building, intergenerational community.*

### VALUES

*Creating grace-filled, actionable worship*  
*Nurturing life-long learning*  
*Contributing God's blessings to others*

# Grace-Filled, Actionable Worship

## Jubilee Worship Sunday, September 9

### God's Work, Our Hands and Feet!

On Sunday, September 9th, a new program year begins with Good Shepherd celebrating God's Work, Our Hands and Feet!

Through the St. Paul Area Synod of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America), we are in partnership with Friends of Huruma in Tanzania. We join churches across the nation this Sunday in doing incredible work on behalf of, for and with others.

Through this experiential worship service, we will continue to learn about life at the Huruma Center, Tanzania as a country, and how we can best support and form relationship with people on the other side of the world.

Please join us for this all church, Intergenerational event!



## Regular Worship Hours Return

On Sunday, September 9,  
we resume regular worship hours

Sunday @ 8:00am ~ Traditional Worship

Sunday @ 9:15 & 10:30am ~ Blended Worship

Wednesday @ 6:30pm ~ Contemporary Worship

No Wednesday evening Worship on September 5 or 12

## 2018 Music Rehearsals Begin ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Exaltation Ringers" bell choir, grades 9 and up,  
Mondays 6-7:30 in the music room beginning September 10.

"Percussive Praise" bell choir grades 8 and under  
Mondays 5-5:45 in the music room beginning September 10.

"Vocal Praise ensemble" , grades 12 and under,  
Tuesdays 5-5:45 in the music room beginning September 11.  
(This group will help lead Wednesday evening worship)

"Shepherd's Singers" vocal choir, grades 9 and up,  
Tuesdays 6-7:30 sanctuary beginning September 11.

### SHORT TERM COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are so very thankful for the number of talented people who offer their musical gifts to the congregation of Good Shepherd.

We understand a long term commitment isn't possible for everyone. With that being said, our goal is to enable ALL individuals of ALL ages who have a musical talent to share their talent in a small group/ solo short term commitment setting. In order to do that, We need to know who you are and what your interests are. Please reach out in person, phone/text, or email Lisa to see how we can get you involved!

Lisa Langton. [music@goodshepherdigh.com](mailto:music@goodshepherdigh.com)

# Life-Long Learning

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## Volunteers Needed to GUIDE Children and Youth



### Be a Guide for our Confirmation Youth

A confirmation Guide is one who befriends a small group of confirmation students and engages in discussion and activities on Wednesday evening. There is no lesson prep work for Guides. Everything you need is provided! Please see Pastor Leesa if you have questions or are interested in learning more.

### Be a Guide for our Sunday†School or Wednesday Night†Live Children

We are in search of several loving adults and senior high youth who want to befriend a small group of children either at 9:15 Sunday morning or 7:00pm Wednesday evening. Confirmation youth are also welcome to assist with Sunday†School. A guide's role is to help lead already planned activities while building relationships with our young people. Contact Karen Davis if you would like to sign up or have questions.

### Be a Guide for our Nursery/Pre-K Program

We need several nurturing adults and youth to volunteer in the nursery area on Sundays during 9:15 and 10:30 worship services and/or during the year for seasonal evening services and special events. Contact Karen Davis with questions or to sign up.

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## Adult Learning Opportunities

We are waiting with great anticipation for our new associate pastor to begin ministry at Good Shepherd as they will help us to develop a plan to provide many adult learning opportunities which include Bible Studies, guest speakers and presentations, book discussions and much more. In the meantime we appreciate your patience and prayers.

## Sunday†School

The first day of Sunday†School is September 16 @ 9:15am. We will jump-start this year by having parents and/or grandparents attend with their Pre-K thru Grade 5 students in the Hall in the Inter†Gen wing of the church to learn about Sunday†School classes and special events with year. Registration for classes and events is available online under 'contact us'. There is no cost to participate in children's education programs at Good Shepherd

## Wednesday Night†Live

Another learning option for Grades 1-5 is Wednesday Night†Live which begins on September 19 at the 6:30pm worship service. After the service, we will spend our time expanding on the message of the worship service through Bible study, games & activities. Parents or grandparents should plan on attending with their children this first night.

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## Baptism Classes

Parents getting their children baptized are invited and encouraged to attend a brief introduction to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our introductory classes are offered the first Sunday of October - May from 11:30-12:15 in Classroom 2.

# Life-Long Learning

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## Book Club Resumes

**Monday, September 10**  
**10:00am & 6:30pm**

We will discuss *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoi. Dray and Kamoi used thousands of letters and original sources to tell Eliza's story, a founding mother who shaped an American legacy in her own right.

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## Grade 9 Affirmation of Baptism

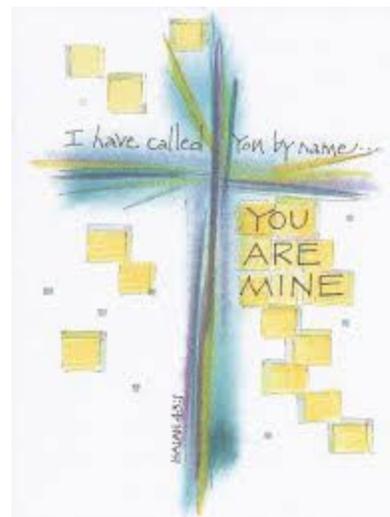
Youth getting confirmed this fall participate in a Faith Encounter with a parent, prayer pal or other loving adult on Sunday, September 30 from 1:00-4:30. The Faith Encounter includes active learning as a way to prepare for Confirmation Sunday on October 28. All our youth and their loving adult are expected to attend.



## Confirmation News

### Orientation for 6-8 Grade

On Wednesday, September 12 from 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation Youth and a Parent/Guardian will meet in the Sanctuary to learn more about this year's Confirm+Faith experience. Please make every effort to attend, as it gives you the best starting point. Confirmation classes begin the following Wednesday, September 19. Please register online under the 'Contact Us' menu.



### Confirmation Schedule Change

**5:30 - 7:00pm ~ Grade 8 Meets**  
**6:30 - 8:00pm ~ Grades 6 & 7 Meet**

Our new schedule is helping us create time and space to engage in deeper discussion, participate in creative activities and foster meaningful relationships.

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## Become a Member of Good Shepherd

If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd we invite you to our **Fall Meet & Greet Orientation on Monday, October 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** The evening includes a welcome and introduction to Good Shepherd; its vision and mission, staff and ministry opportunities, a brief overview of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and an opportunity to meet other new members and your 'shepherd', as well as the enjoyment of refreshments. If you have questions, please email Pastor Leesa [pastorleesa@goodshepherdigh.com](mailto:pastorleesa@goodshepherdigh.com) and or complete our new member registration found online. **New Members are received during the 9:15 worship service on Sunday, October 28.**

# Community Building

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## **Come Parade with Us! Saturday, September 8 is the Inver Grove Heights Day's Parade**

Church members of all ages are needed to ride on or walk along-side our beautifully decorated float in this parade where we will announce our new church-wide mission statement to the community; "Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love".

The parade starts at 11:00 and processes down Cahill Avenue right in front of Good Shepherd Lutheran! Plan to park your vehicle in the Good Shepherd front lot at 9:30. We will carpool and ride the float from here to Simley High School for the parade line-up. Participants can also meet us in the Simley parking lot by 10:30. The parade should finish up about 1:00.

GSLC T-shirts are free this year to participants who need one. All those in the parade will be required to smile and wave like royalty. Those walking may be asked to hand out treats.



Sign up at the Welcome Desk or let Karen Davis know that you would like to be involved. [children@goodshepherdigh.com](mailto:children@goodshepherdigh.com)

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## **Yoga†Devotion**

The next 8-week session of YogaDevotion begins on September 10. This is a class for all levels enjoyed by newcomers and returning class members. We meet on Mondays at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd. Cost is \$64 for this session. Class opens with scripture and reflections during breath work. The body of the class is a combination of standing poses, balance poses and floor poses closing with a time of reflection and thanksgiving for God's Presence in our lives. Stop by for a class to check it out! Register on the GSLC website under Contact Us or in class.

## **Monthy Men's Brunch**

Join men of all ages on the third Saturday of each month for breakfast and conversation. We meet at Jersey's on Concord at 9:00am. Come as often as you can!

## **Ladies Night Out**

Please join us on Wednesday, September 12 for dinner and fellowship at Fireside in West St Paul. We will meet there between 5:15 & 5:30. Please RSVP to Jen Becker at 651.207.2260 or [weezy43094@gmail.com](mailto:weezy43094@gmail.com)

## **Cribbage Game Day**

Join us on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the church commons for a few rounds of Cribbage. Contact Jim Smeby with questions 651.492.17.38

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## **Save the Date!**

Good Shepherd's Craft & Gift Expo will be held on November 16 & 17 this year. If you would like more information to participate as a vendor, please contact the church office. Proceeds from the lunch served by our ministry teams will go to a council approved ministry need.

# Contributing Our Blessings

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## Care & Prayer Corner

The July 21st excerpt from the book  
"Healing After Loss"

*Those who, out of pride or for any other reason, try to go it alone are in for a hard time.*

*Nowhere is this more true than in dealing with the loss of a loved one. We are already lonely – for the one we have lost. To be sure, no one can fill that particular space – and we wouldn't want anyone to – but that emptiness does make us more needful of loving and supporting relationships in the rest of our lives.*

*The work of grief is hard work, and we need people to help you – to listen, to hold us, to remember our loved one with us, to give us their wisdom.*

*There is a story of a little girl who got home from visiting her friend later than her mother had expected. When her mother asked the reason for the delay, the child said, "I was helping Jane. Her doll broke." The mother asked, "Did you help her fix it?" The child said, "No. I helped her cry."*

*We all need people to help us cry.*

### **Growing Through Loss Fall Series**

If you have experienced any sort of loss, please consider attending this amazing ministry supported by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The large group sessions give you knowledge and resources, while the small group sessions are a group of caring people on a similar journey.



## Contributing our Blessings!

- We sent to Life Haven – A Transitional Living Program for Teen Moms - 17 baskets full of baby items. This Lutheran Social Service Ministry help keep teenage mothers safe while learning life skills. Thank you!
- We exceeded our goal to collect 705 boxes of crayons to put in a backpack for a neighborhood child to start school on the right foot. The Backpack Project is one that churches in Inver Grove Heights does together each year to support local families who can't afford school supplies. Thank you!
- Through your prayers and monetary support, we were able to send 30 youth and adult chaperones to Whitefish, Montana to serve Flathead Reservation, United Way and Flathead Industries. Thank you!
- We used Memorial Funds to honor the lives of members who have died recently with tile in our kitchen, a Baptism banner and a Pentecost banner. Thank you!

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## Growing Through Loss Fall Series

The Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches, comprised of 15 churches "south of the river", is pleased to present a four-week series titled "Growing Through Loss". Join us for one or all sessions on Tuesday evenings, September 11, 18 and 25 and October 2, from 6:30 to 9:00, at Church of the Risen Savior, 1501 East County Road 42, Burnsville. Suggested donation per session is \$3.00. If you have any questions, please call Barb Korman, 651 452-8261, or e-mail [growingthroughloss@gmail.com](mailto:growingthroughloss@gmail.com). Brochures are also available in the Welcome Center display rack.

September 11 ~ "Living & Laughing Through Grief"

September 18 ~ "Finding Balance in the Midst of Grief"

September 25 ~ "Using Meditation, Breath Work and Yoga Therapeutically for Grief"

October 2 ~ "I Just Can't Do It this Year"

# Contributing Our Blessings

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## Mission Trip Experience 2019

**Chicago, Illinois June 23-29, 2019**

We will spend most of our time on the city's south side, working in the Bridgeport neighborhood and housing near Canaryville. We will partner with local ministries working with children, the elderly and those who are homeless, in addition to serving at a food pantry and an outdoor educational garden.

Informational Meeting will be September 30 at 11:30.

Registrations, deposit and covenant are due in October 21.

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## Ducks & Trucks

**Saturday, September 29  
2:00-6:00pm**

The Great Neighbors' Duck Races are back and this year we'll be in with the big rigs as part of the annual Touch A Truck community event in West St Paul. The fun begins at 2pm and will feature a variety of family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon, concluding with fireworks. Ducks are \$5 each.

All proceeds go to Neighbors, Inc., for programs serving low-income people in northern Dakota county.

## Mission Moments from Flathead, Montana

Overall this trip was a wonderful experience that brought me very close to God. The work we did didn't seem like much to me, just moving a few items and boards here and there. Until at the end we found out that all the work we did together combined was a week or even a month's worth of work in a half day. It felt very impacting for me when we were told that. It made me feel like I was actually making a difference in the world. Another thing that got me on this trip was the great attitudes our camp counselors had. They seemed as if the work they did was nothing and never wanted to give up. No matter how much work we had to do, they always did that work with a smile on their face. I realized that I need to have the same attitude as them in life, and focus on better things rather than being self-centered and selfish. I need to focus on bigger issues and how I can come close to God and help my best to tackle those issues. Our mission trip helped me do all of those things.

~ Brady Boyer, grade 12

The mountains in Montana are big and strong and I think I was motivated by them. They were standing there, so tall and blankly telling me to become something. I answered them in reply, "I will become." In the work I did on this mission trip to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and the Reservation, I became something more. On the trip I learned things great and small to make a perfect picture but I realized there was more missing; for in this picture it had the mountains and all but then the water was moving and not clear to show the things I am missing and will eventually learn throughout my life. I pictured the mountains as things I was valuing in the time in Montana. The mountains represent this week that I had to use the values of kindness, helpfulness, honesty and to be myself. I used kindness to show kids how to get along with each other at the Boys and Girls Club. I was helpful to a lot of people at the Flathead Industries, United Way and Boys and Girls Club because the things we did were done in hours when it would have taken the places weeks to do it. I was honest to myself through the choices I made and others through telling them true things like why we were here in Montana and about myself and they knew I was being honest so they opened up to me and the others. I was doing things for others and myself, I know that sounds selfish but I needed to do this because I was looking for something more to do and I got most of it this past week. I had to be myself to do the tasks I did the way I did them, in my own way, whether it be signing, dancing or making people laugh.

~ Olivia Aura-Juarez, grade 11

**Regular Worship Schedule  
resumes  
Sunday, September 9**

Sundays

8:00am - Traditional

9:15 & 10:30am - Blended

Wednesdays

6:30pm - Contemporary



**Good Shepherd**  
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