



# The Shepherd's Voice

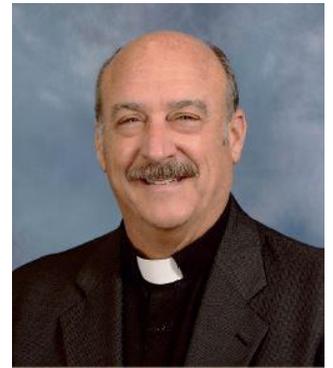
September, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

## Pastor's Page

And so it continues. I don't know about you, but I am getting tired of the way we have to live in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. And, now, we have hurricane season and COVID at the same time. To make matters worse, the powers to be are warning that this flu season could be a special challenge because it could come combined with COVID-19! We don't dare ask what is next. Where is God in all this?

There is one thing I learned a long time ago – 29 years ago -- that our God can be found in amazing ways and ways we least expect. A little over 29 years ago Linda discovered she was pregnant (with Michael) on St. Valentine's Day. At that time I was still working for the family business and was driving all over the western half of Pennsylvania. I was rarely close to home during the day and had only been available to join Linda for one pre-natal visit to the doctor. That visit happened to be the first visit. The doctor congratulated us and wished us well and then went about scheduling more appointments with Linda and taking care of the usual stuff. Michael was given a due date of 10/28. So, everything looked pretty good.



That is until the obstetrician decided to leave the business when she was five months pregnant and she was forced to find a new obstetrician. She made an appointment with a new practice and the new doctor asked her to get a new ultrasound for her records.

Off we went to the ultrasound appointment not expecting anything but business as usual. What we got was the shock of our lives!

During the visit the appointment began normally. The ultrasound technician was cheery and talkative. But then, very quickly things changed. The ultrasound technician kept going over the same areas back and forth, back and forth, over and over again and then the room became very quiet. Then, suddenly, the tech jumped up, said "*I will be right back*" and left the room. She came with the Radiologist (an MD) who told us the news that Michael had Spina bifida and that he would (probably) not have the use of his legs, he would not walk or have bowel and bladder control, he had hydrocephalus, and a few other not-so-nice side effects.

To say we were speechless would be an understatement. Neither of us could say too much and Linda couldn't stop crying. It was a fifteen minute ride home, but it may as well have been an hour. We called our pastor over even though I was supposed to go back to the office that day. The really hard part was calling and telling my parents that their grandson was not going to be the perfect pink little baby we would expect.

Most of the rest of that day was a blur. One of the few things I remember is asking the question, "God, why?" I was sitting at my desk later that afternoon and I had a Bible on my desk. I flopped it open. It opened to Psalm 22. I read verse one. The words right in front of me said, "*My God, My God, why have you forsaken*

me?" I remembered those were the words of Jesus from the cross. Suddenly, I didn't feel so alone anymore. If Jesus could do that, my problems weren't quite so bad.

The next month went by. We had a very important consultation with a neurosurgeon because of Michael's birth defect that would require surgery within hours of his birth. We prepared his room. Linda had her prenatal visits with the doctor. I was working. Everything seemed to be getting into order. We were ready for Michael to arrive on 10/28. That was important for us. I was born on July 28. Linda was born on November 28 and now Michael would be born on October 28. Everything seemed to be getting set in place and then August arrived. Linda was not feeling well and was put on bed rest. On Friday, September 6 Linda had a doctor appointment in the morning when the doctor looked at her and said, "You are going to the hospital."

I think I need to add that I was 200 miles away taking care of business when that happened. It is only by the grace of God that I made it home safely. I arrived at the hospital and Linda was suffering from severe pre-eclampsia. That night she did not improve. She was given drugs to bring her blood pressure down but nothing seemed to be working. The obstetrician on duty that weekend told me we may be delivering a baby. Michael was not due for another 7 weeks!

Saturday went by and there was no change in Linda's condition. Finally, on Sunday morning, it was decided it was time to induce labor. As Linda was wheeled into the birthing suite, the doctor pulled me aside and put a piece of paper and a pen in my hand and asked for my permission to do a C-section if it was necessary. Along with that was the warning that Linda may not survive the delivery. Now I was really in shock. I thought I was going to lose Michael, but now I might lose them both!

Michael came into the world on Sunday morning, September 8. He was 13 inches long and weighed 3 pounds and 15 ½ ounces – and get this. He was born at 10:28 am! We wanted 10/28 and we got 10:28. Is that amazing or what? The story does not end there. That morning Michael was transported 2 blocks away to Children's Hospital. I finished visiting with Linda, who was recovering and very tired. I walked up the hill to visit Michael in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit and right to his isolet in the NICU. There were so many wires and tubes it was hard to find Michael. He was still a little bit of that purplish color and his legs were still crossed in a fetal position. I thought Lord, please give him a break. He may not be able to walk but at least let his legs move. And I am telling you at that moment his legs straightened, and he started to kick his legs! WOW!

That night he had major neurosurgery. He came through surgery well and did very well in recovery.

Michael was finally able to come home seven weeks later. And, remember that birthdate? He came home for the first time on 10/28.

So, September 8 is a special date for our family. God appeared and the Holy Spirit worked in some ways we never expected. We may live in uncertain times, but that does not mean the Holy Spirit has left us or forsaken us. Just look for the signs. God is there.

*Pastor Dennis*



# Deacon's Digest

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## *“No Man Is An Island”*

*“No man is an island  
No man stands alone  
Each man's joy is joy to me  
Each man's grief is my own  
We need one another  
So, I will defend  
Each man as my brother  
Each man as my friend”*



(Poem by John Donne)

During these challenging times, our routines have changed and for good reason. Most of our activities are on hold for now, sharing a breakfast, lunch or dinner at a local restaurant is now on the back burner. Visits with family either close to home or far away are now telephone calls and facetime. Getting dressed for Sunday Service is no longer necessary, for now.

Before reading ahead please stop for a minute. I would like you to read the above poem once again.

You are not alone. You may be lonely which is most understandable, but you are not alone. I think to myself: “What would Jesus do” in these times of despair.

Let us give it some thought.

He did most of His preaching outside where large crowds would gather to hear His word. Let us put this into today's world. Although large crowds are not safe today, you can go outside of your home either to the back yard or front porch and take your Bible with you or daily prayer book. While you are reading a passage, you have Jesus' attention and you are not alone. Look around and see the goodness of the Lord. Blue sky, white clouds, trees that have been around longer than we have. Birds and butterflies being busy. Look outside the walls of your home. Bring a soft drink and maybe a snack to enjoy.

No, I did not forget that it is summer!!! Pick a time of day that accommodates you.

Invite one friend over for coffee, stay six feet apart and stay outside if possible.

Pray for the people who are sick, pray for those in nursing homes, rehab centers and hospitals that cannot get visitors. Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

I think Jesus would also be up for conversation with you. I have had many conversations with the Lord. It is the best time with nothing in your way but quiet time to focus on God only, with no interruptions. Tell Jesus how you feel. Tell Jesus that you're scared and lonely. He listens to our cry for help. When you think about it, God is with you always, so you are not alone. Tell Our Lord this every day and at the same time say thank you to God for the day given to you.

If you feel that a call to Good Shepherd would help, please do so during the week and ask if anyone is available to talk with you. If someone is not available at that time, someone will call you back. We have very caring people in our church and sharing your emotions is important to you. If the church does not know how you are feeling these days, we are missing hearing from you.

How many times in the Bible did Jesus help people? They went to Jesus to ask for help and He did!

Psalm 4:1

“Answer me when I call to you,  
My righteous God.  
Give me relief from my distress:  
Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.”

Wow, four short sentences that say it all.

God is merciful, God is light and with God's mercy and light we will never be in the dark alone.

Your church family is here for you too!

*Deacon Bob*



Remember

# YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



## Worship and Music



The Worship & Music committee met on August 4<sup>th</sup>, led by committee chair, Roger Johnson. The following items were discussed:

- Vacation Bible School was cancelled for summer...we will look at doing something possibly during the Christmas holidays.
- Renata has the music set for August. Thank you to everyone helping with special music this summer.
- Pastor was gone the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 Sundays in August. Thank you so much for Deacon Bob & Deacon Rick for taking over the services.
- Pastor stated that we will be in the current service format for the long run-until there is a noticeable change in the Covid conditions.
- Pastor suggests he consecrate a large amount of communion packets that can be issued to congregational members so that the members can participate in communion each week at home. Looking at giving out perhaps four packets per member that they can take home, store, and use one per Sunday during communion. Motion to approve suggestion made by Rick, seconded by Dan, approved by all.
- Roger brought up the new hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, with new hymns & shorter versions of some hymns. Roger requested we purchase a minimum of 25 copies to be used by choirs etc. Dan made a motion for Jane to take to the Council a request to purchase enough copies & accompaniments with a dollar value not to exceed \$500. All approved.

- Rick passed along to Renata & her student, who filled in for Renata, his appreciation for all they have done to enhance our service during these times. The entire board agreed.

Roger Johnson, Worship & Music Chair.



## W/ELCA NEWS

The women of Good Shepherd held our circle meeting and Bible study on Wednesday, August 12 on Zoom. Fourteen women logged in to share in a Bible study led by Cindy Gaertner. It was a joy for me to see so many women I've missed during our isolation. We had time for good conversation in addition to Cindy's Bible study. We even had a visitor from North Dakota join us. However, she was very late. Both she and I forgot that an invitation for a meeting at 1:00 would be noon in Central daylight time. She'll be on time in September.

The September circle meeting and Bible study will be on Wednesday, September 9 at 1:00. If any woman would like to join us, give me a call at 740-507-7504 and leave a voice mail, or email me at [astoran46@gmail.com](mailto:astoran46@gmail.com).

Because of Labor Day, our September W/ELCA board meeting will be held on Monday, August 31 at 1:00 on Zoom.

Anne Storan, W/ELCA President



## Social Ministry

### God's Work, Our Hands – This September

Before we know it, it will be September, the month in which we celebrate the anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Using the "God's Work, Our Hands" initiative encouraged by our parent body,

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Social Ministry Committee has found an outreach task for everyone in the congregation to be part of.

This year, we wanted to show our appreciation to the first responders of the county. We know why. We have seen or even know of people in our own community who have been face-to-face with COVID19 patients in our hospitals. We also know the two hospital staffs have been showered with gifts of appreciation. So, we thought we would direct the congregation's attention to other first responders, especially the Sheriff's office, all the deputies who drive through our communities every day, the Crime Stopper volunteers, and the people in the communications center who direct calls tirelessly day after day.

So, this year, we are going to donate pizza, drinks, and cookies to the Inverness headquarters of the sheriff's office on Friday, September 11. Angelo's, a local Inverness establishment, will be providing the food on our behalf. Your donations to offset our \$181.00 would be welcome. Please identify your gift as GWOH if you wish to contribute through the offering plate.



## School Supplies

Thanks to Pastor Dennis and Deacon B. Bonomo for delivering the bags of supplies to Hernando Elementary school. Also, I appreciate my husband Todd driving to Citrus High school and handing off bags of school supplies there. My faithful friend Anne Storan helped with the count. The Earl family brought a car filled to the brim with supplies to Citrus Springs Middle school math department. Our W/ELCA chapter has adopted this middle school's math department to provide tools for learning throughout the year.

The count was done by bags and packages instead of counting each pencil. Here is what we received:

**42** pkgs. of wide loose leaf paper, **115** pocket folders, **25** pencil sharpeners, **42** pencil boxes, including ones that snap into three ring binders, **53** pkgs. of colored markers, **96** boxes of Crayola crayons as requested

specifically for our schools to keep children safe, **27** scissors, **77** pkgs. of glue sticks, **21** pkgs. of colored pencils, **26** pkgs. baby wipes, **13** boxes of Ziploc bags (many sizes), **8** backpacks, **2** lunch boxes, **3** rulers, **36** boxes of tissues for little noses, **20** dry erase markers, **28** post-it notes, **106** pkgs of pencils, **49** notebooks 9x11 for C.S. Middle School, **49** pink erasers, **84** spiral notebooks, **46** composition notebooks, **35** packages of ball point pens, **8** bath towels, **7** three ring binders, and **10** containers of liquid glue.

I also brought supplies to Forest Ridge Elementary School and they say a big thank you as they really needed the goods.

In closing, thank you for contributing to this project. Yes, schools will open here in Florida. I am very proud of our church and community for stepping up and contributing to this important work.

In Keith Urban's summer song "**John 3:16**" he sums up this project. Hop on You Tube and enjoy the song. "Hey, hey everything I need."

By: Cindy G.



Coming Soon: *"Empowered by Grace"*

<p><b>STEWARDSHIP IS FAITH IN ACTION.</b></p> <p>"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).</p>	<p>Stewardship is living out our commitment to Christ.</p> 
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**We are personally accountable to God for  
How we use the money he has entrusted to us.**

"For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Cor. 5:10).

# Thrivent Choice Dollars

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The following Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members have directed this month's Choice Dollars be given to Good Shepherd:

Joseph E. Baker  
Linda M. Cashman  
Dianne Kohm

Thank you for your gift.



## LETTERS OF THANKS



*Once again we want to share our appreciation to so many members who helped us in so many ways this past month when we moved and when Michael had surgery. The people of Good Shepherd are there for each other and it continues to be evident to us in this challenging time we are experiencing as a family. When moving, many helped with packing, loading, unloading, unpacking, setting up beds and furniture, setting up the kitchen, praying, sending encouraging words, and more. Lunch was lovingly provided for all the help and snacks galore were shared. Getting through the move and Michael's surgery a few days later is a huge load off of our minds. We can now concentrate on what the future holds for Michael and hopefully soon he will join us in Citrus County! Thank you for your love and support. We could not get through this without you and the God who loves and cares for us.*

*Pastor Dennis and Linda*



***Many things I have tried to grasp and have lost.  
That which I have placed in God's hands,  
I still have.  
—Martin Luther***

# Applying Biblical Principles

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If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word "fiduciary." Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust.

For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God's family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since the penalty and judgement for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price for our sin. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Jesus talked about the degree of our accountability in Luke 12:48, He said simply, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." Compared to many of our fellow citizens on planet earth, we have been given much. God truly has blessed us abundantly and to a degree that we often take for granted. What has been our response to his goodness to us?

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to him, we will need to report on how we have managed his assets!

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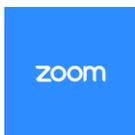
As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done? And more importantly, as a "fiduciary" of what God has placed in your hands, will you stand before him with joy, eager to report on your giving and management of his assets?

Stewardship



## Coffee Hour

Join us on Zoom for a virtual "coffee hour" each Sunday from 9:30 am - 9:45 am just before worship on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:00 am. To join, go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), click



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Linda Koch

Meeting ID: 779 5950 0409 - Passcode: 2WbJSa



*Enable us to open ourselves to you,  
O God, that your love might flow  
into our spirits.*



Greetings Good Shepherd Family!  
Here is the schedule the music department will be following:

- 1st Sundays-The Flock (Please get in touch with Lynn Bechdolt for rehearsal times.)
- 2nd Sundays-Choir Ensemble (Any members of Early Morning Singers and Chancel Choir are welcome. We will rehearse at 9:15 AM before church.)
- 3rd Sundays-Bell Choir (Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 1.)
- 4th Sundays-open for soloists or duets. Please contact Renate at 352-228-7809.

Anyone interested in singing may join us on 2nd Sundays at 9:15 AM.

Regular rehearsals for Chancel Choir will begin at a later date. We need to wait and see what happens with COVID.

Stay well, stay safe and God Bless!

Renate



## Adopt-A-Highway

Our next Adopt-a-Highway Road Clean-up will take place on Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 am. We will meet at the CVS at the entrance to Terra Vista and pick up trash along a 2.25 mile section of Norvell Bryant Highway. Please email Linda Koch at [LCK1164@gmail.com](mailto:LCK1164@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. Final instructions and details will be emailed to you a few days before the clean-up. Thank you!

Linda Koch



# When God crosses our paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).



### Bible Quiz

Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness



Answer: (See Exodus 7:14 -12:32.)



Message on the outside sign of Faith Temple Church, Sioux Falls, SD:

*"We welcome all denominations — \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100."*  
— via Rev. Jeff Hayes



**Katherine Gramolini**  
July 13, 1934 – August 4, 2020



**Kenneth Wayne Drennen**  
January 17, 1930 – August 20, 2020



*"Rest in peace good and faithful servants."*



## Memorial and Special Gifts

The following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of August:

- To the Memorial Fund by Mary Ann Jordan in memory of **Audrey Vogel**.



*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*  
—Nelson Mandela

# Puzzle!

Using the code, fill in the blanks to discover what we should do each day.

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Answer: Talk to God and listen for God. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)



*em* doodles by Chris Hambrecht

OUR MISSION: TO FIND



SOMEONE TO BLESS TODAY!!

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## Time for a pop quiz!

Tests don't end once you finish school. Churchgoers of all ages can regularly conduct these quick assessments:

- The worship test: Do I faithfully attend worship services and Bible studies?
- The weather test: Am I a “fair weather” Christian? Do conditions that wouldn't keep me from work keep me from church?
- The work test: Am I willing to put my talents to use for my church? Can the congregation count on me to help however possible, or am I too busy elsewhere?
- The wallet test: Do I regularly contribute or tithe? Am I giving my “first fruits” to God so the church can conduct his work?



### A Prayer

*Eternal God! Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful; courage enough to look forward and be hopeful; faith enough to look upward and be humble; kindness enough to look outward and be helpful. Amen.*



## What's your calling?

When you have a sense of calling — whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber — there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. [That's] not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means.

—Charles R. Swindoll



Coming Soon!

# *Empowered by Grace!*

## Doing Your Best

Stewardship is living out our commitment to Christ.



## Witnessing

"Be active in sharing your faith."  
~Philemon 6



## Serving

I enjoy helping others.



## Giving

"Excel in this grace of giving."  
~ 2 Corinthians 8:7



*"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."*

2 Timothy 2:1

## Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up

Cliff & Ann Possinger

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## Food Share Monday Delivery

Cliff & Ann Possinger



God, this Labor Day weekend, I thank you for the work to which you have called me — at home and beyond. May I glorify you in all I do.



## Empowered by Grace

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, “May I use the telephone?” The druggist replies, “You certainly may,” and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, “Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?” The man replies, “No, we already have a stock boy.” The boy suggests, “If he isn’t doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job.” The man replies, “No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing,” so the boy hangs up the telephone.

The druggist over-hears the conversation and says to the boy, “I’m sorry you didn’t get the job.” The boy says, “I don’t need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work.”

What if you could call God to ask him how he saw your effort in fulfilling the purpose for which he created you? What kind of marks would he give you for being his witness, or how you were doing in

your service to others, or how you were doing in your giving? What kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person relying on the Holy Spirit to do his will or working in your own strength and giving yourself credit for your successes? When God looks at you, does he see that you acknowledge him as the source of all that is good? Does he see you seeking to use his strength and wisdom? Would God tell you that he is pleased with the ways you are using the time, talents, and money he has entrusted to you?

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God’s standards, but because of what Christ did for us on the Cross, we are forgiven for all the times we have failed to honor God with our behavior and efforts to please him. By his grace he molds and transforms us into God-pleasing people who seek to please him. In Christ, we can do God’s work well.

Starting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, we are offering a Stewardship program entitled “*Empowered by Grace, We Invest for Time and Eternity*”. This program includes a weekly Bible Study as well as other materials geared to the Stewardship theme for that week.

Each week, the materials for this program will be included with the weekly email (or snail-mail) worship service packet you are currently receiving. We hope and pray that you will continue to participate in the weekly worship services and join us in these Bible Studies.

*Shelley Fortin*

Stewardship



## Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2020*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2020*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 13, 2020*
- GSLC Election Ballots due, *September 15, 2020*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2020*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2020*

All programs and meetings are postponed until we get the all clear from the CDC.

# SEPTEMBER 2020

Facebook Live – Worship with us  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00A – Executive Council Zoom 	3	4	5
6 10:00A – Worship  	7 <b>Labor Day</b> 	8 10:00A – Zoom Worship & Music 	9 8:00A-SOS	10 8:30A – SOS  3:00P – Council Zoom 	11 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	12 8:00A – Adopt-A- Highway Clean-Up 
13 10:00A – Worship  	14 10:00A – Zoom 	15  Annual Church <b>ELECTION</b> Ballots Due 	16 8:00A-SOS 1:00P Zoom Combined Circle 	17 8:30A- SOS 	18 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	19
20 10:00A – Worship  	21 10:00A – Zoom 	22 	23 8:00A-SOS	24 8:30A- SOS 	25 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	26
27 10:00A – Worship	28 10:00A – Zoom 	29	30			

Sunday worship is at 10:00a.m. on Facebook Live and You Tube unless otherwise noted.

Zoom Coffee 15 with GSLC online from 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Walter & Helen Maidhof	09/05/53
Bob & Connie Adams	09/08/73
John & Lisa Nelson	09/11/87
John & Julie Gray	09/21/77
Jim & Gerry Kauth	09/23/77
Fran & Cathy Stetson	09/23/96
Dell & Gloria Peterson	09/24/66
Steve & Diane Spengler	09/25/64
Walt Seefeld & Carol Chacon	09/30/07



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Nancy Haley	14 – Sylvia Hartsfield Barbara Johnson	21 – Julie Gray Janet Richardson
2– Roger Johnson	15 – Amy Gilbert	23– Maggie Bregger
6 – Lucille Tompkins-Davis	16 – Wendy Knarr	24– Ryan Towne
8 – Marty Hester	17 – Pat Wolff Elin Bendtsen	27 – Cheryl Cox Dortha Robinson Hope Schortemeyer
11 –Jon Lepore Derek Nelson	19 –John Colson	28 – Terry Lucente
12 – Linda Cashman	20 – Dylan Schortemeyer	30 – Abigail Swartz

**MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES**  
**SEPTEMBER 6 13, 20, 27**

**ALTAR & COMMUNION**

TBD

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

TBD

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Louise Osborn, Lead  
TBD

**GREETERS**

TBD

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

**10:00AM**

**September 6**

Deacon Bob Bonomo                      Ann Neville

**September 13**

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**September 20**

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**September 27**

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**CRUCIFER**

**10:00AM**

**USHERS**

**10:00AM - TBD**

**NURSERY**

Susan Fowler



*(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)*

***Let us remember:***

Adams, Connie  
Benefiel, Larry & Karen  
Boerger, Dave  
Bregger, Jack  
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth  
Brockschmidt, Fred  
Burfeindt, Janet  
Clark, Dawn  
Creager, Ray & Carolyn  
Drennen, Rose & family  
Hassinger, Douglas & Donna

Hester, Marty  
Hoell, Lucille  
Jernberg, Sandy  
Jimenez, Jeanette  
Johnson, Barb  
Johnson, Carol Lee  
Koch, Pr. Dennis & Linda  
Lawrence, Ivalee  
Masters, Leith

Olson, Louise  
Page-Wood, Jeremy  
Pawelko Diane  
Swade, Ken  
Whitcomb, Maxine & Ray  
Wildman, Joe  
Wolff, Jack  
Wudel, Richard, Jeff & Julie

***Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:***

Halstead, Deborah  
Hehn, Margaret  
Hickey, Madelyn

Maidhof, Walt & Helen  
Mandell, Sheila  
McGauran, Marion

Moll, Bob  
Philipp, Dick

***All who serve our country in the military:***

Burba, Jake  
Ceballos, Jason  
Cwicklinski, C.J.  
Day, Kenneth  
Gaertner, Jerrod  
Harrington, Bryan  
Heinz, Karinne  
Hickman, Richard  
Hicks, Nathan  
Holman, Evan

Jackson, Brad  
Johnston-Garcia, Christian  
Luchay, Alan  
Martin, Aaron  
McCann, Jim  
Muchow, Jason  
Piott, Trenton  
Posa, Codymichael  
Radloff, Steven  
Radosevitch, Eric

Seefeld, Jessica  
Springer, Jr., Dennis  
Stroble, Jeremy  
Swain, Jr., Terry  
Thomas, Peter Chris  
Thompson, David  
Timpe, Chris  
Walton, Les

## *Relatives and Friends:*

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Goodloe, Ernestine	Powell, Bill
Balastieri, Casey	Graves, Janice & Declan	Priselac, Lorrie
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Guberman family	Rajotte, Keith
Beck, Bryan	Johnson, Pr. Felice	Ralph, Bruce
Bell, Ian	Johnson, Jim	Rambaldini, Jim
Blyth, Ruby	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Reggin, The Rev. Susan
Bourdeaux, John	Koch, Michael	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Brockschmidt, Donna	Kraft, Carter	Small, Brenda & Steven
Brugger, Tristan	Koch, Michael	Stroble, David
Burgess, Louise	Krol, Shirley	Stuart, Neil & family
Burkhardt, Faith	Lavaja, Jim	Thompson, Lori
Campano, Thomas	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Traywick, Edward
Cashman, Lynda	Lobenthal, Jean	Tuegel, Chuck
Cato, Cecelia	Loftin, Tracy	Urban, B.J.
Cipollone, Elaine	Loger, Dennis	Van Wyk family
Clarke, Father Peter	Longworth, Kathy	Waara, Jerry
Clarke, Charlotte	Lundsford, Victoria	Walker, Betty
Costa, Denise	Magrum, Corbin	Wells, Emmarie [6]
Crawford, Cleola	Magri, Steve	Wilder, Gayle
Davis, Larry	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary	Williams, Dorothy
De Gina, Frances & family	Maidhof, Jeremiah	Wittmann family
Dille, Jim	Mainster, Arlene	Wood, Rowen
Dortin, Rachel	McHugh, Mark	Woods, Donna Jean
Fidell, Eloise	McPhee, John	Woolf, Nick
Fratto, Joseph	Mehnert, Edward	Woolley, Carol & family
Fowler family	Mena, Steve	Wright, Matthew
Gaertner, Kent	Nickerson, Mike	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Garling, John	O'Berry, Darlene	Young, Bill
Gifford, Judy	Oehl, Lita	Young, Ron
Goetter, Tom	Orr, Gail	
Goforth, Jeffrey	Page-Wood, Jaaken	

***Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list.***

***September, 2020***



## A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

### What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

### What you do:

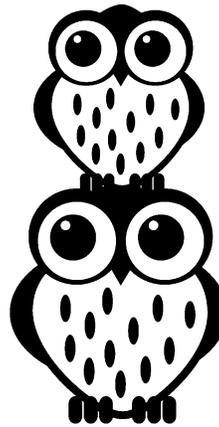
1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
  2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
  3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
  4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
  5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
  6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school.
- Happy reading!

## PUZZLE

### WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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|---------|-----|
| school  | —○— |
| paper   | —○— |
| wisdom  | —○— |
| read    | —○— |
| play    | —○— |
| learn   | ○—  |
| grow    | —○— |
| pencils | —○— |
| pray    | —○— |
| art     | —○— |
| student | —○— |
| kids    | —○— |
| apple   | —○— |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous





God's work. Our hands.

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