

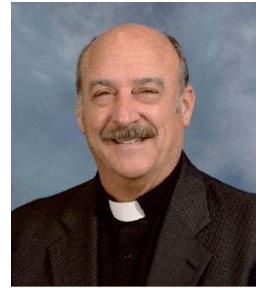


# The Shepherd's Voice

July 2023

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## PASTOR'S PAGE



Welcome to the summer season! That being said, it has been my experience over the last 25 years that there is a tendency within the church to think that everything in the Church slows down in the summer. After all, we just went from two worship services to only one worship service for the summer. And, yes, I know that many people use the summer months to travel and in-person attendance at church worship services may be lower than during other times of the year.

Yet, our readings that we will be hearing in worship are to the contrary. It appears in the readings that Jesus is doing just the opposite. He is “ramping things up” in the way he makes his identity as the Word Incarnate known and making discipleship a key part of his mission.

Well, then, think on this: As God in Jesus acts in and among us, how do we become and remain disciples? Yes, I mean you. Jesus is calling disciples to share the good news of the coming reign of God. The world we live in is similar to what Jesus's original disciples faced due to the fact that the “good news” may not have been considered “good” for all who heard. Jesus teaches us much about discipleship by how he responds to questions about who he spends time with, who Jesus calls, who Jesus claims, and who Jesus sends. This sending – in the first century and in the 21<sup>st</sup> century - is ongoing. And, today, just like in the first century world, discipleship necessitates a continual and arduous sending, accompanied by success, failure, and the need to innovate. The successes mixed with failures and continual need for innovation is the result of who others want Jesus to be versus who Jesus actually is. Jesus causes us to bear in mind our traditions, the people with whom we associate, and what it means to be grace-filled.

Here are some questions to ask yourself. How does Jesus break religious molds? Whom does Jesus choose as part of his circle of followers? Is it contrary to who we think Jesus should choose?

Here is some more food for thought. What does what we say, think, and do within our congregation reveal about us as individuals and as a congregation? Does it matter who is in and who is out? How is this community represented and cared for in this congregation? Who is unknown and/or excluded? Are we aware of/concerned about/ thinking about how this congregation is serving both our members and the community in which we live?

Even as we enjoy some good old-fashioned R&R, we are called to labor in service to those who are hungry, who are homeless, and who cry for justice and mercy. The Prophet Micah asks the question, “What does the Lord require of you?” Remember the answer to Micah’s question (Micah 6:8), which directs us to live in our Baptism as we practice walking humbly, seeking justice, and loving kindness.

Well disciples of GSLC?

Pastor Dennis



**REMINDER**

Confirmations Classes

Tuesdays @ 4:00 PM



## Church Council News

We were so thrilled with the children's performance after Vacation Bible School. It was nice to hear all the young voices. We are also smiling at the full church thanks to the one service. It is always nice to meet friends from "the other" service.

There will be car washes by the Spanish Church on July 1st. They do a good job and the money goes to their mission works.

Be sure to reserve August 17th at 2:00 for the Healing Service. This is open to all and it is beneficial for healing of body, mind, and spirit. The service is not long but very worth attending.

AS ALWAYS, please volunteer any way you can as this is OUR church and many hands make lite the work.

Your Council

### **Executive Council Meeting**

July 6th @ 9:30 AM

### **Council Meeting**

July 13th @ 3:00 PM

### **From The Nominating Committee**

Note: Elections are coming up soon, anyone wanting to run for a position on the Church Council, please leave your name and contact information in the church office or contact one of us on the Nominating Committee.

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## Deacon's Corner

The Fourth of July is coming soon,  
Pool parties with family and fun.  
Night time is fireworks Ka-Boom  
And children around do run

All seems good for 247  
years keep adding up,  
a birthday granted by heaven  
and cheers poured into our cup.

This fourth of July for a country so great,  
Petition our Lord to **renew and set straight**,  
To teach us to love and help those with needs  
Show Christ in our lives and our deeds.

This Fourth of July, with parades and bands  
Show pride in our newfound land.  
Yet, Jesus is Lord  
And on His promise, we stand.

Deacon Rick



**God does not give you riches to hoard, but to use for His glory.**

“True enjoyment of wealth comes not from possessing it, but from investing it as God intended—in things that count for eternity.”

(<https://www.gty.org/library/articles/A186/investing-in-eternity> - excerpted from “Grace to You”  
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*Stewardship is living  
out our commitment  
to Christ.*

## Applying Bible Principles

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, his son in the faith, “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God. . . .They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future...” (*1 Timothy 6:17-19*)

The first response some of us would have to this passage might be something like this: “Well, that certainly excludes me, for I am definitely not what could be described as rich.” Alternatively, when asked “How rich are you?”, some of us may respond with a recitation of our material possessions. We list bank accounts, stocks, bonds, houses, vehicles, and other so-called assets as tangible evidence of our wealth or lack there-of.

But is that how rich we are? Not really. “Rich” is a relative term. What seems meager to one person might be considered great wealth by another. What is viewed as very little by someone in this country might be viewed as very significant by those in other lands.

Please remember that all that we have comes from God’s hand as a direct result of His blessing. We own nothing. We are just managers and stewards of what rightfully belongs to Him.

Adrian Rogers said this, “If you want to know how rich you are, add up everything you have that money can’t buy, and then add what you’ve sent on to Heaven. That’s how rich you really are.” When we give back to the Lord with the right heart attitude, we “lay up treasures in heaven.” There are two ways to accomplish this.

One is to give to the work of the Lord. As we do that, particularly through giving our tithes and offerings here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we make deposits in what one writer described as the “Bank of Heaven”.

Another way is by giving to others, just as Paul instructed Timothy. In fact, one of the primary reasons God provides bountifully for us is so we can give to others. In light of this, we should apply Paul’s counsel to our lives. As we follow his instruction, giving in the name of the Lord Jesus to meet the needs of others, we “lay up treasure” for the coming age.

A life-changing principle taught by our Lord is this: As we minister to others in His name, even to those who might be considered by some to be the “least” of His brethren, we minister to Him (*Matthew 25:40*). And as we minister to Him, God in turn continues to pour out His blessings upon us. That’s the truth described by Solomon in Proverbs 11:25, “A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.”

We know that the foundation for happiness is a proper relationship with the Lord. But to fully experience that happiness, we must build on that foundation in practical ways. One of the best ways to do that is to give to others. That's why the first of the "Ten Rules for Happier Living" is this: "Give something away with no strings attached."

(<https://bible.org/illustration/ten-rules-happier-living>)

Unfortunately, all of us are infected to some degree by the curse of selfishness. God's Word admonishes us to keep a healthy balance. We are to look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interests of others.

We can do that first and foremost by giving unselfishly in the Lord's name to His work and to people in need, wherever they are. Every time we give to the Lord's work here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and every time we give to meet the needs of others, we give away a little of our selfishness and our me-first attitude. And as we do, we can be confident of God's promise that we are storing up "treasure in heaven", treasure that will someday reap eternal benefits.

Dennis DeHaan, Editor of "Our Daily Bread" from 1971 to 1995, wrote,

*If we would fear and love the Lord,  
And strive to keep His holy Word,  
Our neighbor's good would always be  
Of great concern to you and me.*

Another writer expressed it this way, "Investing in the lives of others and growing in our relationship with God are spiritual treasures. They are not subject to destruction or thievery. They are fully protected. Their value never diminishes." (*author unknown*)

And as our Lord Jesus Christ expressed it so pointedly,

"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (*Matthew 25:40*)

Now ask yourself, how rich are you?

*Shelly Fortin, Stewardship*

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***Is Jesus calling you to serve?***

**A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex.**

***Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.***

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# Adopt a Highway Program



Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, **July 15th at 8:00 AM**. We meet at the church. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and pickers are provided. For any questions, contact Linda Koch at [LCK1164@gmail.com](mailto:LCK1164@gmail.com) or 386-589-4727.

**God uses money to enable us to give to others.**

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them . . . to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17-18).

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# Social Ministry



Publix.

**Saturday Night Pick-Up  
&  
Food Share Monday Delivery**

TBD



# WELCA NEWS

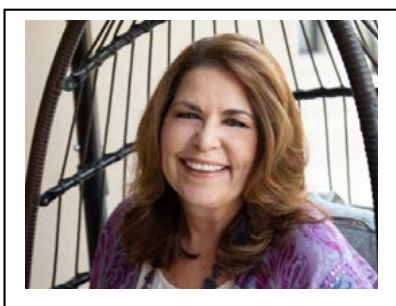
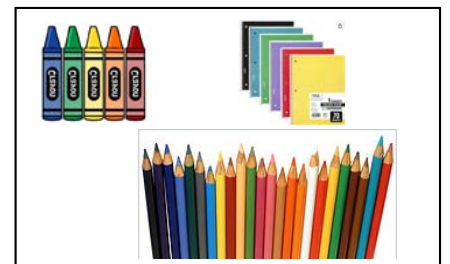
*As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.*

**A combined Circle meeting was held on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.** Shelly Fortin led the discussion using the May/June Gather magazine Bible Study entitled “Salvation Now”.

There will be no Circle Meetings in July or August.

**Our next Circle Meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Shelly Fortin will lead the Bible Study, using the September/October Gather magazine. Refreshments will be provided by Maggie Bregger and Helen Maidhof.

**Our SUMMER PROJECT will take place on July 29<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to pack school supplies and to watch a Movie about Martin Luther. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Please plan to bring your friends and family to this fun event!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>,** Janice Martin, our local Senior Liaison and Advocate will be in our Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM to discuss Senior Living, including Assisted Living Options, Senior Services available in our area, and the work she does as a Senior Advocate. Copies of her books will also be available for purchase.

**Our next WELCA Board meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd.**

*Shelly Fortin*, President, GSLC WELCA





# Serving Our Savior

SOS Food Pantry  
PO Box 640774  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464  
email [sos4food@gmail.com](mailto:sos4food@gmail.com)



## Food for Thought Ask Yourself These Questions

1. Why should we share what we have with others?
2. How does giving to meet the needs of others enable us to minister to God as though He were receiving our gifts directly?
3. How does giving to others enable us to make investments for eternity?

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### Dan's World



### Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)

## Worship & Music

July 11th @ 10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting



## Memorials and Special Gifts

Vacation Bible School by the Giffords and Cheryl Cox

Mortgage Fund by Geraldine Fallanca in memory of **Joe Fallanca**

## Health Ministry



Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Ann Neville, Donna Pease, and John Colson. On the last Sunday of every month, we provide blood pressure screenings after service.



See you July 30th

## Building/Property Committee

Property Team was given the okay to put a park bench under the entrance walkway.





Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM



Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe



Wednesdays @ 9 AM

*A Time for Prayer*

# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Spanish Church Carwash
2 10 A Worship	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 7:30A - SOS 11A - Security Meeting 1:00P - Newcomer's Club	6 7:30 A- SOS  9:30 A Executive Council	7 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	8
9 10 A Worship	10 1:30P Fellowship Committee Meeting	11 10 A- Worship & Music 4:00P- 1st Communion Class	12 7:30A-SOS	13 7:30 A- SOS  3:00P Church Council	14 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	15 8A - Adopt a Highway 
16 10 A Worship	17 	18 10:00A - Evangelism 4:00P- 1st Communion Class	19 7:30A-SOS 10:00A - Quilters 1:30P - Policies & Procedures Committee	20 7:30A - SOS 9:00A Pastoral Care Committee 10A - Evangelism	21 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	22 8A - 10P Spanish Church Prayer Meeting
23 10 A Worship	24	25 4:00P- 1st Communion Class	26 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Craft n Share	27 7:30A - SOS 	28 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	29 1:00P - WELCA <i>Summer Project</i>
30 10 A Worship 	31		<u><a href="#">Link to Pastoral Prayer Calendar</a></u>			

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Richard & Diane Pawelko	07/03/81
Jim & Mimi Waara	07/11
Walter & Nancy Johnson	07/19/53
Michael & Angela Busler	07/30/04



2 - Cathy Stetson	10 - Robert Moll Shelly Fortin	21- Tina Gespedes
3 - Gladys Steele		24 - Jo Ann Clutz
5 - Ed Granger	11 - Jack Gomes	28 - Pastor Dennis Koch
	12 - Mike Kirkeby Cassandra Swartz	30 - Don Schroeder
9 - Rose Drennen	20 - Stacy Bahner Kimberly Swartz	





**Let us remember:**

Bendtsen, Elin	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Masters, Leith	Wildman, Joe
Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Jimenez, Jeanette	Meltesen Family	
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Johnson, Carol Lee & Roger	Miles, Ilse	
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis, Linda, & Michael	Mongardi, Eloise	
Costa, Denise	Lauer, Barbara	Page-Wood, Jeremy	
Drennen, Rose & Family	Lawrence, Ivalee	Pawelko, Diane	
Fowler, Bob	Lepore, Linda	Wagner, Carole	
Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lowe, Faye	Whitcomb, Ray	



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

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Moll, Bob	Philipp, Dick	Wheatley, Frank
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**All who serve our country in the military:**

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Springer, Dennis
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Stroble, Jeramy
Day, Kenneth	McCann, Jim	Swain, Jr., Terry
Harrington, Bryan	Miller, Tyler	Thomas, Peter Chris
Heinz, Karinne	Much, Jason	Thompson, David
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Timpe, Chris
Hicks, Nathan	Posa, Codymicheal	
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	



**Relatives and Friends:**

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Campano, Thomas	Fidwell, Eloise	Hertel, Karl
Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Fowler family	Iudiciani, Georgia
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Fratto, Joseph	Johnson, Jim
Beefink, Paul	Clarke, Charlotte	French, Suzanne	Kraft, Carter
Bell, Ian	Clarke, Father Peter	Garling, John	Krol, Shirley
Bluver, Linda & son	Crooks, Candi	Gifford, Judy	Lattuca, Nancy
Blyth, Ruby	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goetter, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim
Brace, Quin	Dortin, Rachel	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Brugger, Tristan	Drake, Matthew	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lobenthal, Jean
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice	Loftin, Tracy

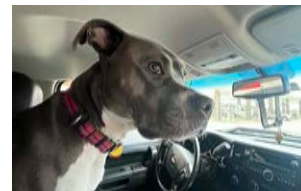
Longworth, Kathy	Pach, Barbara	Smrdel, Louis	Wilson, Karen
Lublemon family	Page-Wood, Jake	Stewart, Sam	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Lundsford, Victoria	Pope, Jeff	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wolff, Jack
Magnotta family	Pufahl, Jean	Thatcher, Jean	Woods, Donna Jean
Magrum, Corbin	Queen, Max	Thompson, Lori	Wolf, Nick
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Rajotte, Keith	Traywick, Edward	Wright, Matthew
McHugh, Mark	Ralph, Bruce	Tuegel, Chuck	
Meidl, Nancy	Rambaldini, Jim	Vespa, Hazel	
Mena, Steve	Robertson, Jeanine	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
Moncanu, Sandra	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Wells, Emmarie	
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wierzel, Rosalee	
O'Berry, Darlene	Sillen, Rita	Wilder, Gayle	
O'Keefe, Chris	Small, Brenda & Steven	Williams, Dorothy	

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. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

## Newsletter Editor

**ALL** submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to:

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*Stephanie*

August  is **July 17th**.

**ALTAR & COMMUNION**  
TBD

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**  
TBD

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Discontinued for Summer*

**USHERS**  
**10:00**  
Angela & Mike Busler  
Harv Johnson  
Tom Stickler

**MEDIA CENTER**  
Fran Stetson  
John Gifford  
Joe Adams  
Dan Cashman

**LECTORS**

**July 2nd**

Ann Neville

**July 9th**

Margot Berger

**July 16th**

Lisbeth Lisbeth

**July 23rd**

Lisbeth Goetter

**July 30th**

Shelly Fortin

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Susan Fowler





God's work. Our hands.

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# Kids Corner



## Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love                                               
31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking                                      
12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow                                               
28 42 7 8 27 37

A present                                      
1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears                                               
19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room                                               
40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)                                      
34 17 41 30

To take a long walk                                      
14 2 9 38

A high body temperature                                               
45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things                                               
13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea                                               
10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee                                      
6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.



Click the Black Bear to learn more

