



The Shepherd's Voice

August 2024

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President's
REPORT

Council President's Message

As we begin the transition of searching for a new Pastor, we will start working with Pastor Bob Yankovitz on the various forms that need to be completed and other details that will further us along in the process. While this process will be ongoing, we also need to keep in mind the other needs of Good Shepherd.

One need we have is for someone to take over the quarterly trash pickup that Linda Koch has led for several years. There is minimal planning to do before the actual road cleanup, but we need someone to take this project on if we are to continue the Adopt a Highway program. This was a wonderful outreach program started by Linda and it would be a shame if it were to end. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Vera Swade or me. There are other needs on all of our committees and I hope that more people will start to volunteer for the various needs of these committees. Later this year, you will hear more on this subject during the Stewardship Campaign.

August 18th will be our annual Rally Day. There will be no congregational meeting after service that day. I know for several years there has been a semi-annual congregational meeting immediately following the worship service, but our bylaws dictate when we have our meetings. Our congregational meeting will be held in October. I plan to have a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws in the Narthex this month.

Finally, since we have many new faces, you may have noticed the table in the Narthex with the name badges for you to fill out and wear with a provided lanyard. There is another option available. Joe Marchetti's son, Donald, has been making a magnetic name tag that several members have purchased. The cost is \$5.00 and usually, you will have them in a week or two after ordering. If you are interested in ordering a name tag Donald can be reached at 401-568-8017 or 11thhourssigns@gmail.com

Grace and Peace,

Joe



Church Council News



The Council met on July 11 and approved the following items:

- Purchase of a four-piece set of paraments for Pentecost not to exceed \$500.00.
- Intern Rick Mainster as the Boy Scout Charter Representative replacing Pastor Koch.
- Designated August 18th as Rally Day for 2024.

In other news: There will be a reception on August 4th to welcome Interim Pastor Bob Yankovitz immediately after worship service.



Executive Council Meeting

August 1st @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

August 8th @ 3:00 PM



WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

Molly Arbogast

Bethene & Robert Boardman

Ericalyn Fernandez

Renee & Terry Hambel

Karen Monsen

Jean Pufahl

Dewitt Story



Christians often refer to the many “gifts of God”, but this is a bit misleading. When you give someone a gift, it’s free, without any expectation of return. The person to whom you gave the gift now owns it and it is theirs to do with whatever they like. This isn’t true with God. Because God created everything, God owns everything, and there is no

relinquishment of ownership when God entrusts blessings to us to steward. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.” (NLT) In Psalm 50:12, God makes it clear: “...all the world is mine and everything in it.” (NLT) The author of Hymn 686 nailed it: “We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.” We have the responsibility to care for what belongs to God, and to use the abundance of resources from God in a way that does God’s work. As Grace Duddy Pomroy says in *Embracing Stewardship*, “Stewardship is the way we use the abundance that God has entrusted to our care to love God and our neighbor.” This is really important because often we think that once we hand over God’s 10%, the rest is ours to play with. Not so.

Although stewardship of financial resources is a very big part of stewardship as a whole, it isn’t all of it. Most of us have heard “time, talents, treasure” until it runs through our brains when we’re trying to sleep. We are to do God’s work with our hands. Here (in no particular order) are some chapters from Good Shepherd’s stewardship story:

- Part of our financial gifts go to churchwide ELCA, which does tremendous work in missions, hunger relief, disaster relief, and many other areas in this country and around the world.
- Quilts and personal care kits made and/or assembled here serve provide shelters and hygiene products abroad.
- Needy parents and children are given necessary supplies and education through the World’s Greatest Baby Shower.
- Hand-made items are created for shut-ins, dresses for girls in Africa, prayer shawls, and lap robes for those who could use them.
- Gifts to the most recent Rachel’s Day beneficiary help the Pregnancy and Family Life Center provide services and supplies to families and single parents.
- The highway in front of our church is cleaned up.
- Many people in Citrus County receive food they depend on through SOS.
- Children in our county receive clothes and Christmas gifts through our Angel Tree.
- Gifts of school supplies mean many teachers don’t have to use their own money for things they need and children whose families can’t afford supplies can still get them.
- Members, guests, and family members are served coffee and goodies on Sundays and food at funeral luncheons, Lenten suppers, and special events and our kitchen is kept clean and orderly.
- An annual budget is created, offerings are counted, bills are paid, and the church’s financial resources are monitored and used responsibly.

- People sing in the choir, serve on committees, read the lessons, play instruments, set up and clean up after Communion, mow the lawn and care for the church building and grounds, provide security, take blood pressures and provide assistance and advice on medical conditions, record services and monitor the sound system...the list may not be endless, but it's long.

No doubt everyone can identify which of the above constitutes the use of time, talent, or treasure, or perhaps more than one category. We can easily see that we give money to our church not only to pay the bills, but to fund our mission.

Stewardship is a way of life. The definition of stewardship is, according to Lutheran pastor and educator Clarence Stoughton, "...everything I do after I say, 'I believe.'"



Please remember Sundays are a day for worship for **ALL** members of the congregation. This includes Pastor, Interns, Deacons, Music Director, Media Center, Council Members, Fellowship Members, and all that work to make worship possible to all. Please **DO NOT** interrupt their mental preparation for worship by bringing your concerns to them prior to worship. The Ushers are there to help you if you need assistance.

Serving Our Savior

Update from June 2024

Families served: 531

People served: 1,502

Pounds of Food: 29,865

Average pounds per person: 17.22



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Beverly Hills, FL 34464
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Can goods always needed

Thrivent Choice

The following Thrivent for Lutheran Members have directed August's Choice Dollars to be given to Good Shepherd.

Lois L Johnston
Linda C Koch

Memorials and Special Gifts

To the Quilters by Sue Buldiger.

To the SOS Food Pantry by Sally Hennessey.

To the Memorial Fund by Karen and John Griffing in loving memory of **Karl Weissert**.



Craft 'n Share

Resumes in September!



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.

THANK YOU to all who donated to the Rachel's Day collection. Together we raised over \$610 for the Pregnancy and Family Life Center!

WELCA will resume our regular schedule in September, with a Board meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 11:00 am. On Tuesday, September 17, circle Bible discussion group will resume. We will watch and discuss a DVD and other materials about Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther. Katie has been called the Morning Star of Wittenberg and the First Lady of the Reformation and was a truly fascinating woman in her own right. All women are invited! Please join us!

Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader

Social Ministry





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

Harv Johnson & Betty Sanger



Quilters

Everyone is Welcome to Quilters.

Picture of baby quilts.

Please join us to tie or pin some material.

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.



Worship and Music

August 6th @ 1:00 PM - Monthly Meeting

Choir resumes August 7th

Bells resumes August 27th

See you this month!!!



Health Ministry



Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings after worship. **See you August 25th.**



Thank you

To all my friends at Good Shepherd Church,

Thank you for all the get well wishes that I received when I had my Lumbar Fusion back surgery. I am healing well, but with some pain. All the nurses and therapists say I am doing great. I'll be glad when the staples come out. It going to be a long process wearing the brace, but with God's help I will heal with no problems. All your thoughts and prayers are a great comfort. Thank you!

Amy Gilbert



I can't thank my church family enough for all the wonderful cards I received following my knee surgery. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. I'm going in the right direction and look forward to when I can get back to work at church.

Peace be with you.

Betty Sanger





Music Director's Special Message

Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 PM. We will have a "Welcome Back/Come Check Us Out Party" at our first rehearsal. Choir members, if you know of anyone interested or who likes to sing, please invite them to join us. We have been opening with a very short devotional that leads into our warm-up and then working on anthems. Anyone with an interest in singing, even if you have no musical background and just enjoy singing, call me.

Handbell/Hand-chime Rehearsal will resume on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 PM. We will have a "Welcome Back/Come Check Us Out Party" at our first rehearsal. Bell members, if you know of anyone interested or who just likes music, please invite them to join us. We have a great group with lots of fun working together playing bells/chimes and learning more about them. Anyone interested who may have questions, please contact me. Don't think you can't do it because you don't know anything about music.

Early Morning Singers! We are going to rename your group because we now have one service on Sundays. Now, that doesn't mean it might not change in the future, but for now, we are going to try "Pop Up Choir". This includes anyone in the congregation or anyone that you may know who likes to sing! We will meet the 2nd Sunday of every month in the choir room at 9:15 AM. We will rehearse an easy hymn to sing during the service. You will sit with the congregation and come up to the choir loft during the service to sing your hymn. Any questions, please contact me.

Renate
(352) 228-7809



?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

In the final poem of Psalms, what musical instrument is mentioned as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above



Fellowship

Our next month's Fellowship Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 12th at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

Get ready for **RALLY DAY** on August 18, 2024! Get out your best recipes for baked beans, coleslaw, salads, and desserts! Sign up sheets for set-up, clean-up, what type of food you will be bringing, and the total number of people wishing to attend will be in the Narthex next weekend. Everyone is welcome!

There are sign-up sheets near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help with serving coffee and clean-up **AFTER** worship. Please see Elaine Giammasi before you step into the kitchen so that I can give you a tour and go over the changes that have been made under my leadership. We have plenty of help with set-up every Sunday. Thank you, ladies of the Fellowship Committee, for ALL you do!

Join us weekly in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and conversation with our church members. We are always looking for new items to share, especially gluten free, and sugar free. Baked goods are always welcomed.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair
John Giammasi, Co-chair



Special Dates



7th - Purple Heart Day

18th - Rally Day

20th - Primary Election



August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe</p> <p>First Thursday @ Noon Lunch @ Angelotti's</p>				<p>1 7:30A-SOS</p>  <p>9:30A Executive Council</p>	<p>2 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>3</p>
<p>4 10A Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>5 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>6 1P - Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>7 7:30A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir</p> 	<p>8 7:30A - SOS</p> <p>1P Evangelism 2P -Stewardship 3:00 P Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>11 10A Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>12 1:30P Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:30A-SOS</p> <p>11:00A - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>15 7:30A - SOS</p>  <p>10A-11:30A Citrus Hills POA Meeting</p>	<p>16 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>17</p> 
<p>18 10A Worship Sunday School</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>21 7:30A-SOS</p> <p>10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>22 7:30A - SOS</p> 	<p>23 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>24</p>
<p>25 10A Worship Sunday School</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:30P - Bells</p>	<p>28 7:30A-SOS</p> <p>11:00A - Bible Study</p> <p>6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>29 7:30A - SOS</p> 	<p>30 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>31</p>

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



John & Carol Colson	08/15/15
Rolf & Shirley Storsteen	08/15/64
Pr. Dennis & Linda Koch	08/20/88
Dennis & Pam Moore	08/23/64
Tom & Sue Fowler	08/24/90
Joe & Grace Wildman	08/30/52
Jack & Angela Eggert	08/31/90



1 - Brenda Landfried
Pat Weissert

3 - Dave Sotrinis

4 - Carole Wagner

6 - Bill Knarr
Valentina Cespedes

8 - Vera Thorne

13 - Gloria Peterson

14 - Judy Knecht

17 - Kathy Swartz

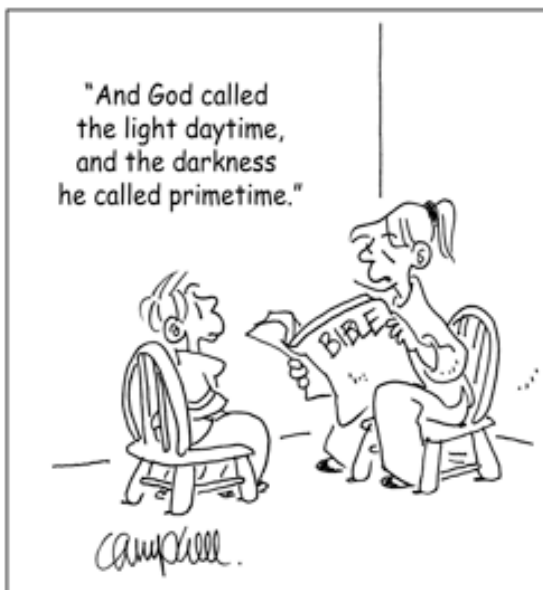
19 - Darlene Hedin
Robert Landfried
22 - Linda Lepore

25 - Lynn Bechdolt
Janet Richardson

26 - John Nelson

29 - Gary Knecht
Carol McClune
Diane Spengler


31 - Grace Wildman



Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10)



Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Lauer, Barbara	Mongardi, Eloise
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Jimenez, Jeanette	Lawrence, Ivalee	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Cashman, Dan	Johnson, Carol Lee	Lepore, Linda	Pawelko, Diane
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael	Masters, Leith	Peterson, Gloria
Costa, Denise	Krenauer, Linda	Meltesen Family	Wagner, Carole

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

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lowe, Faye	Moll, Bob
Philipp, Dick	Pufahl, Jean	Whitcomb, Ray		

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	Fratto, Joseph	Iudiciani, Georgia
Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Garling, John	Johnson, Jim
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Gifford, Judy	Kraft, Carter
Beeftink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	Goetter, Lisbeth	Lahera, Andy
Bluver, Linda & son	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goetter, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim
Blyth, Ruby	Dortin, Rachel	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Brace, Quin	Drake, Matthew	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lobenthal, Jean
Brugger, Tristan	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice &Declan	Loftin, Tracy
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Fidwell, Eloise	Hertel, Karl	Longworth, Kathy
Cahoone, Bill	Fowler family	Hunt, Jim	Lublemon family

Lundsford, Victoria	Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie
Magnotta family	Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Wierzel, Rosalee
Magrum, Corbin	Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Williams, Dorothy
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Queen, Max	Smrdel, Terri	Wilson, Karen
McHugh, Mark	Rajotte, Keith	Stewart, Sam	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Meidl, Nancy	Ralph, Bruce	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wolff, Jack
Mena, Steve	Rambaldini, Jim	Thatcher, Jean	Wood, Harper
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Reiner, Linda	Thompson, Lori	Woods, Donna Jean
Nine, Tim	Riccio, Gino	Traywick, Edward	Woolf, Nick
O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Tuegel, Chuck	Wright, Matthew
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
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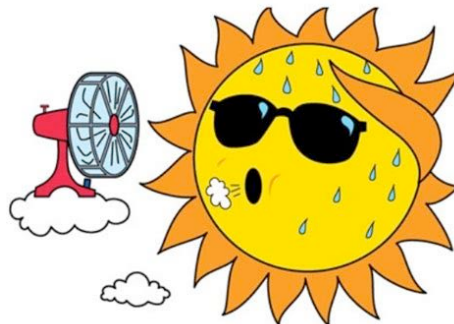
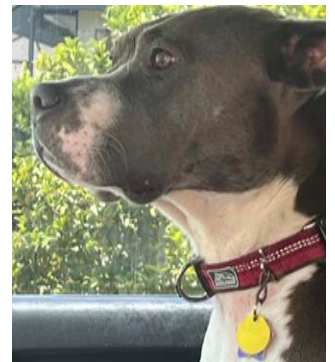
Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to gslchernando@gmail.com.

Stephanie

September  **is August 17th**



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

August 4th & 11th

Dave & Peg Bocker

Gary Knecht

August 18st & 25th

Carole & Randy Wagner

Gary Bush

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman



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LECTORS

August 4th

Brenda Landfried

August 11th

Shelly Fortin

August 18th

Sue Okimoto

August 25th

Ann Serafin

DEACON in Training

John Colson



God's work. Our hands.

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Kid's Corner



BACK TO SCHOOL



PUZZLE

AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH	IS	LIGHT	WORD
MY	FOR	LAMP	ON
	YOUR	A	FEET
		A	ON

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

Answer: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with

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What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

MY PRAYER JOURNAL

TODAYS DATE _____

MONTH: J F M A M J J A S O N D

DAY OF THE WEEK: S M T W T H F S

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

GOD, I ASK YOU FOR:


I'M THANKFUL FOR:

I'M SORRY FOR:

 SOMETHING GOOD THAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS:

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SOMETHING NOT SO GREAT HAPPENED TODAY, AND I NEED PRAYERS: 

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A SPECIAL NOTE OR PICTURE FOR GOD:

I AM PRAYING FOR: