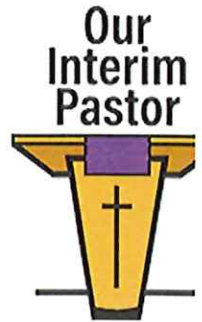




The Shepherd's Voice

August 2025



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PASTOR'S DEVOTION

It is difficult for me to believe that it is already August and summer is quickly winding down! We have about 1 month before our fall schedules and busier routines begin. May you enjoy these last days of summer to their fullest and remember as you walk with God there will be true blessing. I would like to share with you a "Summer Blessing" and a few meandering thoughts as we walk in the light of God's love.

A Summer Blessing

May you continue to walk with God this summer?

In whatever you do, wherever you go.

**Walking with God means walking with honesty and with courage, walking
With love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.**

May you talk to God this summer?

Every day in every situation.

**Talking to God means praying words of
praise for the beauty of creation,
saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times,
also for well-needed vacations.**

**May you talk to God this summer, asking for His help in
all your decisions and future planning.**

**May you walk in God's love, joy, and peace
and talk to God every day. Amen**

One Harp, A Gentle Summer Breeze, and Prayer: One summer a young woman had been rehearsing some songs, leaving her harp before an open window to do some summer chores. Suddenly, she heard the sound of distant and very lovely music. It lasted only a few seconds and left her very puzzled. When it happened again she noticed that the sound came from the instrument and was caused by the gently breeze from the open window playing on the harp strings. At times of prayer, we can be like that harp, by allowing sufficient calm to gather round us so that the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, may play his music in us. But remember, it was gentle breeze, and the music could be heard only because of the surrounding stillness.

Join us for some Summer fun as we Celebrate Rally Day 2025 on Sunday, August 24th. During our 10:00 AM Worship Service our Sunday School Children and teens will be doing a special skit about *Moses and the Parting of the Red Sea* and we will *Be singing a Special Song together!* Following our Worship Service and *Bi- Annual Congregation Meeting* there will be *a Summer Picnic with hotdogs all all the fixins!* After our Scrumptious Picnic Lunch, we will have some fun playing *a game for all ages* called *Minute To Win It!* If you don't know what *Minute to Win it is* stay to discover what this game is all about as our children and teens challenge you! **THE CHALLENGE IS ON!**

*With God's Joy and Peace this Summer and Always,
Pastor Bob*

Council News

The Council met on July 10th and approved the following items:

- The Building Use request of Life Line Screening to use Fellowship Hall on October 27th.
- Set August 24th for Rally Day/Semi-Annual Congregational meeting.
- Set October 26th for Trunk or Treat from 3-6 PM.
- Appointed Martie Zacharczyk to the Council to fill the remaining term of Sally Hennessey.
- The purchase of two battery backups for the computers of the Administrative Assistant and the Treasurer.

Put in newsletter each month:

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Executive Council Meeting

August 7th @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

August 14th @ 3:00 PM

**SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING August 24th**



CHURCH TREASURER

Must know how to use QUICKBOOKS software. This position only requires a few hours a week and must attend staff, executive, and council meetings. Contact Joe Adams, Council President, for more information at Joseph.adamssr@gmail.com



President's Message

I am happy to report that in July we were awarded a 2025 Hunger Mini-Grant by the Florida-Bahamas Synod. This \$300.00 grant will help to supplement our Little Food Pantry that many of you have been donating canned goods for that purpose. As a reminder, the Little Food Pantry was an Eagle Scout project that was donated to Good Shepherd. Any canned goods donated to this Pantry are always welcome and are stored in the back of the kitchen.

As many of you know, Sally Hennessey has resigned as a Council member and from her committee assignments. Sally has accepted the Music Director position at St. Timothy Lutheran in Crystal River. Sally served on several committees and will be greatly missed. We do welcome Martie Zacharczyk to the Council who will serve the remainder of Sally's term. I look forward to working with Martie.

Finally, August 24th will be our Rally Days/Congregational meeting. This will be an important meeting as we review and vote on our Bylaw changes. We will also vote on changes to the Constitution, to comply with the changes adopted at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. Copies of the proposed changes have been emailed to all of you we have email addresses for. If you have not received that email, please contact Lucia at the church office (352) 746-7161.

Grace and Peace,

Joe

Call Committee



As the Call Committee moves closer to completing the Mission Site Profile one of the areas that the Call Committee has been required to address is how we as a community of God will support a new Pastor.

Each one of us needs to evaluate how we are currently supporting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and commit to continuing those efforts. No matter who the Pastor is, the Church will not survive if WE do not do our part.

The Call Committee has identified 5 ways that the congregation needs to commit to supporting the church and thereby supporting a new pastor. We need to practice these things now.

- Be welcoming, loving and provide a supportive environment – sounds easy enough, but as I heard recently “if our actions don’t speak Gods word, our words never will”. People that visit GSLC generally find it to be warm and welcoming – this should be true for anyone who walks through our door – not just guests.
- Be open to change – change is hard for all of us, whether it is a hymn we don’t know, clapping in church, a new way of delivering the message of God. Who knows what creative and different ways our pastor may bring to GSLC – sure it may not “work”, but we need to be open and supportive to trying something different.
- Continue to financially support the church’s mission and activities. Each of us has been blessed in many ways and it does take financial commitment to keep the doors open.
- Integrate/Involve the new Pastor into existing activities and challenges we are facing. Just with everyone starting a new job, certainly a new Pastor doesn’t expect a perfectly running organization – but as a church we are involved in so many good things and our membership is strong – we must continue to do “our jobs” and encourage the new pastor to get involved.
- Continue to volunteer – yes, every Sunday there is a plea for more volunteers – it takes a lot of people to meet the needs of our congregation. The survey results identified “we need more volunteers” so I challenge each of you to evaluate what gifts you have, and how those gifts can be applied to a volunteer opportunity. It also doesn’t have to be a lifetime commitment – try an activity and if it isn’t for you – try another opportunity – you also don’t have to do it alone – work with a friend. I encourage you to look for opportunities that fit your interest NOW, don’t wait for a new Pastor.

The call committee thanks you for your continued prayers and support.

John Lepore, ZoAnn Weimer, Mel Pease, John Reichert, Lenore Deck, Nina Giglio

Worship and Music

Meeting – August 5th at 1 PM



Eucharistic Ministry

Volunteers are always needed to assist at Services held at assisted living facilities. Compass Rose is the first and third Mondays. Quality Care is on the second Monday. The Reserve is the fourth Monday. All services start at 10 AM and volunteers are needed before service to assist those needing help.



Contact Rick Mainster or Sharon Maxwell.



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 always accept donations for Hygiene Kits



Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows. We will be finalizing the food with buffet settings, salads and dessert tables.

Our Rally Day is set for Sunday, August 24, 2025, after worship and following our Congregational Meeting. Please sign the attendance sheet in the Narthex. Another sign-in sheet will be added for salads and desserts. Good Shepherd will provide hamburgers, cheese, hot dogs, rolls and potato chips. All are welcome.

If you would like to help with serving coffee, tea, or with cleaning up after worship, please sign your name on the volunteer sheet near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping when you can. It will take about an hour of your time once a month and will be greatly appreciated. We are asking our congregation to occasionally help with bringing a dessert. It does not need to be homemade. Anything from a bakery whether it is gluten free, sugar free, or a regular dessert will help with making our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance.

NOTE: Volunteers are needed in the Fellowship kitchen with serving coffee after worship service!

Elaine Giammasi, Chair

John Giammasi, Co-chair

Serving Our Savior

Update from June 2025

Families served: 532

People served: 1,434

Pounds of Food: 32,595

Average pounds per person: 22.7



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Florida Bahama Synod Assembly
Esther Page-Wood

Jeremy and I had the privilege of representing Good Shepherd at the recent Florida Bahama Synod Assembly, the following is a synopsis of the proceedings.

The general assembly meeting was procedural in nature, with little dissent on any of the ballot items. Everything passed with little, if any discussion or dissent. There is a good article about the event in the June 17 edition of E-Spirit newsletter which some of you regularly receive.

Good Shepherd was recognized in two ways. We had the designation of Super Stars for donating more than our pledged amount to Synod. We were also recognized for reaching our 40th Anniversary milestone this year.

Our keynote speaker, Rev Emily Harkins, pastor of The Dwelling in Winston-Salem NC was dynamic. She is pastor of a church without walls serving the homeless and underserved of Winston-Salem. Links to her presentations can also be found in the June 17 edition of E-Spirit.

A particularly moving presentation was given by Lutheran Services Florida with their work with immigrant families and the current deportation climate. For minors they provide foster care and seek placement with relatives who are permanent residents or citizens and adoption services. There is a real need for services for adults as they go to their immigration and citizenship hearings with the threat of being detained and deported. Bishop Suarez shared that his sister who has been in the US for years and was in the final stages of obtaining her citizenship was being deported. The grief and angst that spread across the assembly during this presentation was palpable.

We attended the two workshops that we felt were most relevant to Good Shepherd. One was a presentation by Vision to Action grants. We saw the opportunity for Good Shepherd to possibly partner with the Spanish Language church that is already using our facilities. Currently Good Shepherd is in the process of securing grants through this organization. The second workshop we attended was The New Front Door: Digital Media Outreach in 2025. There was a wealth of ideas on how Good Shepherd could use their current Facebook site, YouTube and other media sources. There were also ideas and resources on developing further services.



Property Committee

The Property Team would like to thank all of the volunteers that stepped forward to help build and provide a handicap ramp for Melissa and John Gifford. We had some people working with their hands , some providing drinks and food and some with their donations to buy the materials.

The Property Team

Harv Johnson

Joe Adams Betty Sanger

Linda Lepore

Bob Bonomo

Sharon Maxwell

John Colson

Nina Giglio

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Mel Pease

John Gifford

Willy (John's son in law)

Dan Cashman

Fran Stetson

Tom Fowler

John Lepore

Stephanie Adams



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We built two platforms and 43'-0 of ramp, four days of hard, hot work.
We A Team Sweet Pea !

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in getting an accessibility ramp in place for Melissa on her release from the rehab facility.

The Good Lord showed us all favor, in letting us complete the ramp just about at the moment our daughter was bringing her home.

We are humbled by your outpouring of support and assistance. Believe me, you have done this unto the least of these and been the best neighbors ever.

We wholeheartedly thank you all.

God's peace, and In His Service,

John & Melissa Gifford

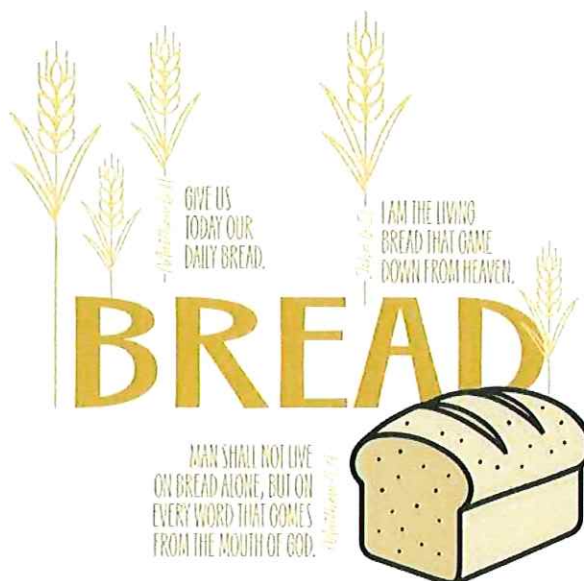
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Quilters

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 10:00 am. All are welcome to join us. For any additional information contact Judy Teague at 352-344-4944.



Publix Bread Pick-up
: Sign up in the
Narthex



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



1 Robert Destromp	17 Kathy Swartz	26 Nancy Watson Dearborn
Brenda Landfried	Jacqueline Baldwin	27 John Giammasi
3 Dave Sotrines	18 Zoann Weimer	29 Gary Knecht
7 Terry Hambel	22 Linda Lepore	Carol McClune
8 Vera Thorne	23 Sally Hennessy	Diane Spengler
13 Gloria Peterson	25 Lynn Bechdolt	31 Grace Wildman
14 Judy Knecht	26 John Nelson	



Let us remember:

Benefiel, Karen	Costa, Denise	Lauer, Barbara	Mongardi, Eloise
Brit-Buster, Elizabeth	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Lepore, Linda	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Cashman, Dan	Jimenez, Jeanette	Mster, Leith	
Clark, Dawn	Krenauer, Linda	Meltesen Family	

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

Earl, Jim	Frost, Joann	Hartsfield, Silvia	Lowe, Faye
Moll, Bob	Peterson, Gloria	Pufahl, Jean	Whitcomb, Ray

All who serve our country in the military:

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

Relatives and Friends

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Campano, Thomas	Frato, Joseph	Hertel, Karl
Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Garling, John	Hickman, Ken
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Gifford, Judy	Hickman, Daryl
Beefink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	Goetter, Lisbeth	Hunt, Bob
Bluver, Linda & Son	DeVenutti, Lisa	Goetter, Thomas	Ludiciani, Georgia
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Brace, Quin	Drake, Matthew	Goodloe, Ernestine	Kraft Carter
Brugger, Tristan	Eckloff, Dennis	Granger, Jeff	Koch, Dennis & Linda
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Cahoone, Bill	Fidwell, Eloise	Hart, Jim	Lavaja, Jim

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Magrum, Corbin	Pope, Rick	Smrdel, Terri	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Queen, Max	Stuart Family	Wolf, Jack
McHugh, Mark	Rajotte, Keith	Thatcher, Jean	Wood, Harper
Meidl, Nancy	Ralph, Bruce	Thompson, Lori	Woods, Donna Jean
Mena, Steve	Rambaldini, Jiom	Traywick, Edward	Woolf, Nick
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Riccio, Gino	Tuegel, Chuck	Wright, Matthew
Nine, Tim			
O'Berry, Darlene			

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 admin@gslchernando.org for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

We would like to express our gratitude to our Newsletter editor, Stephanie Adams, for her hard work and dedication through the years. We appreciate you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

Please be there at 9:15 AM

3rd, 10th, 17th

Angela & Mike Busler – Robert Destromp

August 24th & 31st

Cherie Earl, Maggie Kirkeby and Harv Johnson

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August 3rd

Pat Mainster

August 10th

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August 17th

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August 24th

Shelly Fortin

August 31st

Martie Zacharcyzk

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John Colson





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Kid's Corner



Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!



Lesson tie-in

Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11, KJV

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

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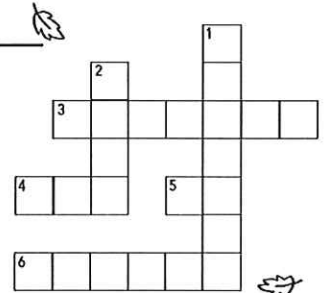
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST, YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.

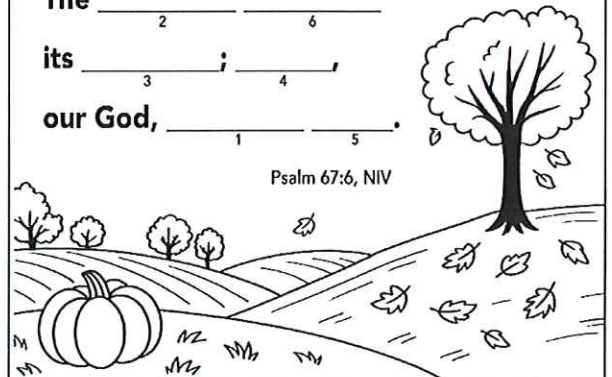


The _____

its _____ ; _____

our God, _____

Psalm 67:6, NIV




Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



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2025



**WEDNESDAYS
A TIME FOR PRAYER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe Every Tuesday @ 7:30 a.m.			Lunch at Angelotti's First Thursday @ Noon		1 8:00 	2
3 10:00 am Worship	4 10:00am Compass Rose 1:30pm Social Ministry 6:00pm Sp. Lang. Church	5 9:00am Weight Watchers 11:00am Call Committee	6 09:00 am Prayer 10:00 am Quilters 2:00 pm Newcomers 6:30 pm Choir practice	7 7:30am SOS  9:30 am Executive Council 1:00 pm Outreach 2:00 pm Stewardship	8 8:00 	9
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31 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship NOISY OFFERING 11:00 am Sunday School						