

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

September 2024

Special Sermon on September 22, 2024, based on this article from August.

What are we Striving for?

This past week Catherine and I met with Pastor Pierce and Mark Kruse from Campus to discuss our shared partnership with Campus Lutheran. As most of you know, our agreement with campus was originally for 3 years, and now that we have officially started the third and final year of this original agreement, we met to discuss what our relationship looks like going forward. Both Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd are in agreement that we wish for our congregations to continue partnering in shared ministry together, even after this original 3-year agreement is up, and the shared ministry grant is no longer available to us. With this in mind, we met to re-evaluate our Memorandum of Understanding, which is our original agreement, and to adjust some of the language in it to help us better clarify what it is we are striving for, and what we hope to accomplish as two congregations working together as part of the one Church.

After the meeting, I got thinking about something; we had talked about what Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd were striving to do together (something that we are still trying to put words); but what about Good Shepherd herself? What are we striving for? Now, there is no shortage of dedication and hard work here, at least not from what I can see; since being called to be your pastor here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, I have come to recognize that it is full of many people that care a lot about it, who give generously of their time, effort, and resources. I have also noticed that those who do so carry a burden of worry and concern for the well-being of this congregation and her continuation, and that this burden has left many here tired, worn, and maybe even discouraged. But let me encourage you with something else I see, a congregation where the report from visitors is that we are warm and welcoming; where a visitor wanders into our doors thinking we are the church next door, and yet ends up staying because he feels like he belongs here. This is a church where Christ is still at work, so take heart and hear these words of encouragement He has for you.

31Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32**For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33**But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Christ still has a mission and a purpose for this church and I want everyone here to know this and take it to heart.

Finally, I end this brief word with a question, one I want everyone to think about carefully and answer in about a month from now when I give a special sermon over it. This is not a rhetorical question, nor is it accusatory or critical of Good Shepherd; if anything, you could say this is meant to encourage and motivate, for this is a sincere question made in good faith.

My question is this: Good shepherd is a valued and important part of this community and should be for years to come because . . .

Pastor James Lanning

September Church Events

9/03 Mission Committee 7 pm
9/04 Adult Bible Study 10 am
9/04 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
9/08 Sunday School Rally Day
9/09 LWML 1 pm
9/10 Ministerial Alliance @ Crossroads Assembly
9/11 Adult Bible Study 10 am
9/11 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
9/12 Heritage Hall 2 pm
9/13 Catherine out of office for LWML District Board
9/17 Stewardship Workshop at Campus 5:30 pm
9/18 Adult Bible Study 10 am
9/18 Worship Committee 5 pm
9/18 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
9/19 Shared Ministry meeting at Campus 6:30 pm
9/25 Catherine Off through 10/3
9/25 Adult Bible Study 10 am
9/25 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church is offered on non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon for children ages 4 through 4th grade.

PET PROJECT

Pick up will be arranged by calling when we have items ready. At this time, they will no longer be accepting pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and clean dry plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Please make sure your jugs are clean and dry inside.

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Monday-Thursday 9-12
contact Church Office at 573-682-3941

Shared Ministry Update

Campus Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church continue to collaborate in ministry to *make the next generation of disciples* from among our member households and among unchurched people in the region. Some updates on our current ministry sharing efforts are shown below:

Prayer Group – The Shared Ministry Prayer Group continues to meet each Wednesday at 8:00 pm via Zoom. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. This group would like to create and publish a prayer “calendar” that shows what will be prayed for each week/month. The prayer calendar would be made available via Church Updates, web pages, and announcements. We would encourage all members to pray for these specific intentions each Wednesday at 8:00 pm either by joining the Zoom prayer meeting or by praying on their own wherever they are. The link to the Zoom meeting is found here: campuslutheran.org/pray

1. **Information about both churches** has been added to the City of Hallsville website: <https://hallsvillemo.org/worshp>
2. **Strategic Plan** – The Shared Ministry MOU is being rewritten and renamed to Shared Ministry Covenant. The plan is to make the CLC strategic plan and the GS strategic plan congruent with the Shared Ministry Covenant and have all three in place by July 2025.
3. **Shared Ministry Events (recent & upcoming):**
 - CLC VBS – June 21-23; GS VBS – Aug 11-14
 - Pool party VBS kickoff - Aug 10 in Centralia
 - CLC Fall Bazaar – Oct 12
 - GS Craft fair/trivia – Nov 10
 - Hayride at GS - Oct 27; 4pm start for games, food, fellowship, and hayride

LCMS – Missouri District Work Anniversaries
Celebrating Called Workers in 2024
Good Shepherd is blessed to have a shared ministry collaboration with Rev. Dr. Kent Pierce at Campus Lutheran Church.



25 Years

Dawn Kesel
Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City

Rev. Robert Liebmann
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka

Rev. Dr. James Mueller
Messiah Lutheran Church, Weldon Spring

Rev. Dr. Kent Pierce
Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia

Update from GSLC's Summer Student Worker at Campus

I am grateful for the experiences I have had at Campus Lutheran Church so far this summer through the Summer Student Worker position. The Lord has challenged me and helped me grow in so many ways. Here is a glimpse of what I have been up to this summer: Vacation Bible School – My roles at VBS included helping with decorating, assisting with leading some of the opening and closing sessions, leading a Bible story, and giving the children's messages. We had a lot of fun "diving into friendship with God!"

American English Class – I have taught the American English class for international students on Friday mornings a couple of times. This provides them with an opportunity to practice English. Since I have a background in agriculture, we have talked about agriculture in the United States and in Missouri. Teaching this class has been such a sweet experience. I enjoy forming relationships with the participants and learning about the places they are from.

The Gathering – I have been leading the college group, The Gathering, on Wednesday evenings. We are studying the book of Ephesians and enjoying some snacks. It is a great community of fellow college students.

Youth – It has been fun to attend the Wednesday Hide Out throughout the summer. It was also fun to participate in the Youth Family Olympics on June 30th and get to know the youth and their families.

"Journey of Faith" study – It has been a great experience to assist with writing the adult small group Bible studies for the "Journey of Faith: A Guide to the Book of Exodus" series that will start in September. I have grown in my faith and learned a lot in preparing this.

Grace Road – I have observed the Grace Road children's ministry a few times on Sunday mornings. On July 14th, I had the opportunity to lead it as we talked about being adopted into God's family through Jesus.

In addition to the Summer Student Worker position at Campus, I have had some opportunities to gain ministry experience at Good Shepherd. I gave two children's messages during worship services, and I led two Bible lessons at Vacation Bible School. Through this, I have developed skills in writing and delivering children's lessons. It has been sweet to gain experience in the church I have attended my whole life!

It has been an honor to serve with all of you, gain experience in ministry, and learn so far this summer. This has been a great time of growing in my faith in Jesus, leaning on Him, and preparing to serve to the best of my ability in DCE ministry. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Christina Gronefeld

Summer Highlights



Many GSLC church members were incredibly involved in August with numerous opportunities to connect with people in Centralia. From serving children's lunches at the city square one week to being present at the Back-to-School Block Party, to Vacation Bible School and the annual church swim party. Many thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and assistants with the lunches, VBS, making food for the Annual Teacher's lunch. There was also an Operation Christmas Child craft day in August (I did not have photos to include).

VBS Fun!



Pool Party



Back to School Block Party at the City Square



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	2	3 Mission Committee at 7 pm	4 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	5	6	7
8 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship Sunday School Rally Day after worship with food, Fun, games, and contests	9 LWML at 1 pm	10 Ministerial Alliance noon at Crossroads Assembly	11 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	19 2:00pmHeritage Hall	13 Catherine Out	14
15 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	16	17 Stewardship Workshop At Campus	18 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Worship Committee at 4:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	19 Shared Ministry at Campus 6:30 pm	20	21
22 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship	23	24	25 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Worship Committee 4:00 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	26 Catherine Out	27 Catherine Out	28 Catherine Out
29 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service Catherine Out	30 Catherine Out	1 Catherine Out	2 Catherine Out Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	3 Catherine Out	4	5



MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS
JUDY MAHIEU AND ERNESTINE RAMSEY WILL CELEBRATE SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH.

September Birthdays

Darrell Gronefeld 9/4
Kelsey Jaeger 9/4
Angel Arnall 9/11
Donna Hoek 9/16
Benjamin Robertson 9/18
Gary Seider 9/18
Judy Mahieu 9/19
Wiley Rojas 9/21
Cody Jaeger 9/26
Kayne Walters 9/27
Aaron Seider 9/29
Ernestine Ramsey 9/30

September Anniversaries

Vivian & Matt Diener 9/5
Palmyra & Richard Dubbert 9/5
Henry & Kimberly Rainey 9/22





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

September 1

"The One"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does!
(Genesis 24:14)

September 8

"Conditioned by the Unconditional"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish. (Genesis 25:23)

September 15

"Bent Necks and a Better Brother"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people-- people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks-- but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us. (Genesis 27:35-36)

September 22

"All He Has to Say"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level. (Genesis 28:15)

September 29

"Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love.
(Genesis 29:20)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

September 1: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 7:14-23

September 8: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

September 15: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 9:14-29

September 22: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 9:30-37

September 29: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 9:38-50

Serving The Lord

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Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at www.churchupdates.org

churchupdates

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

August 4
Attendance 46
Current \$ 2,487.00
Building \$ 190.00
Total \$ 2,677.00

August 11
Attendance 51
Current \$ 2,121.00
Building \$ 190.00
Total \$ 2,311.00

August 18
Attendance 56
Current \$ 1,514.00
Building \$ 190.00
Total \$ 1,704.00

August 25
Attendance 51
Current \$ 1,440.00
Building \$ 350.00
Total \$ 1,790.00

Current
10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building
100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

Other August Deposits

8/04/2024	Fellowship Hall (Volleyball)	\$ 140.00
8/11/2024	Shared Ministry Support	\$ 1,250.00
8/11/2024	Partnership Grant	\$ 500.00
8/11/2024	Sunday School	\$ 28.00
8/25/2024	Tomorrow's Teachers/Preachers	\$ 100.00

Offering envelopes - please use your envelopes for your church giving as much as possible. It makes things much easier for our financial secretary when counting and recording member information. If you need envelopes just let Tracy know and she can get you some. Thank you.

Philippians Workshop

Helping pastors & laity collaborate on stewardship

The workshop is designed to bring together pastors and congregational lay leaders. Each congregation will know best just what lay leaders should attend, but for many congregations the board of stewardship, treasurer and church council are a good place to start. We especially delight in opening up the Scriptures for pastors and congregations who have struggled with stewardship in the past or who have been reluctant to take up an intentional stewardship focus for whatever reason.

Does your parish struggle to meet the budget? Does the thought of hearing (or preaching) a sermon on financially supporting the church make you cringe? How do we encourage generous giving without becoming legalists?

ON **Tuesday, September 17th, Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO** will host the **Philippians Workshop** with LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship, Reverend Heath Curtis. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for your church. Lay Leaders arrive at 5:30 pm for dinner before the workshop; out the door no later than 8 pm. There is no cost to attend; register on the MO District website to make sure an appropriate number of meals will be available.

<https://modistrictlcms.regfox.com/2024-philippians-workshop>



Do you like to sing?

Seeking choir participants for the Christmas season.

Please let Donna know if you are interested.

(Thanksgiving Eve service is at Campus this year)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Robert Moss (Brenda's husband) – recently diagnosed with melanoma; **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Ronald Miller** – health issues; **Leah Morgan** – Andy Morgan's sister-in-law-recovering from injuries from car accident/mourning her husband; **Jase Morgan**-nephew of Andy Morgan-mourning his father; **Jenni Murray**-Margaret Parker's daughter-injured in motorcycle accident; **Savannah Tarwater** - high risk pregnancy, baby has CDH; **Ron Borgman; Bruce Mills**-(Jacki's brother-in-law)-health issues; **Sheryl Morgan** (mother of Andy Morgan) – death of son/health issues; **Ryan James**-cousin of Betsy Cochran-health issues; **Dick St. John**-Brenda Moss' father-health issues; **Sherry Morse**-health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**-health issues; **Craig**-suffering with spinal stenosis-friend of Randy Simmons; **Verda Adkisson; Mark Blanton**-Betsy Cochran's cousin-waiting for liver transplant; **Susan Ross; Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Bill & Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz**-recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme**-treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey; Jane St. John; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan**-stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**-daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**-daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - Pastor Tim Schulte and wife **Erin; Campus and GSLC LAMP teams; LAMP AK & Canada mission teams**
Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross-infant needs heart transplant; **Dylan Dick**-health issues; **David**-health issues; **Marlene**-health issues; **Fran Schnarre**-health issues.

ARMED FORCES: Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy-brothers of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps-grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy-son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**-great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden**-grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY - will be Sunday, September 8th.

We will have pulled pork for lunch – please bring a side dish to share.

We have relay races, yard games, and water balloon activities planned!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back for the pie eating contest! Please put your name and what flavor pudding you would like your pie to be!

ATTENTION: YOUTH AGES 14-20

If you are interested in attending the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 19 - 25, please contact Alane Gronefeld.

The registration papers are due October 15, 2024.

This is a life changing event held every 3 years that brings together thousands of youth and adults as a community of God's people to learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

October Newsletter items are due by 9 am on Monday, September 23rd.

I will be **out** of the office **Friday, September 13** (for a doctor appointment and the MO District LWML Executive Board meeting) and **Thursday, September 26th through Thursday, October 3rd** (for vacation).



Pastor James Lanning

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