

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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## Importance of Daily Devotions

Daily devotions or quiet times are time spent each day dedicated to relating with God. When people speak of daily devotions, they are usually referring to a time of reading their Bible, doing a Bible study, or reading a devotional book, accompanied by a time of prayer. Some may simply pray. Some also include musical worship. No matter the format of a daily devotional time, it is important.



God desires a relationship with us. He created us and has redeemed us for this very purpose. These relationships are intimate. Intimacy takes time to build. We spend time – daily if possible – with those we love. This time is meant to further our knowledge of one another as well as give us enjoyment.

When we spend daily devotional time with God, we submit our will to His. God is in the details of our lives (Matthew 6:25-33). He cares about the details of each day with the love of a father or spouse and also with the interest of a master. We seek to further God's kingdom. Coming to Him each day is one way to know which direction to move. Daily devotions help us learn truth. When we spend time in God's Word, we gain wisdom and understanding.

Daily spending time with God is a way to worship Him. Time is a limited resource. What we spend our time on is an indication of what we value. When we spend time with God, we demonstrate that we value Him. We claim that He is worthy of attention and of praise.

God is our refuge (Psalm 46). Life is often chaotic and confusing. When it is, we run to God. If we desire to truly find rest and safety in God, it is helpful to know Him well. Such deep knowledge comes from daily time spent with Him. Daily devotions is a spiritual discipline that helps us get to know God, that ensures we stay connected to Him (John 15:1-8), that teaches us truth, that provides a place for worship, and that functions as a daily shelter in the midst of the storms of life.

***Pastor Dave***



## Financial Report for June

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$20,319	\$114,253
Expenses	23,374	129,577
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$ 3,055)</b>	<b>(\$ 15,324)</b>

Your faithful giving, especially during this time, is very much appreciated!



**RIP gives you the power  
to eradicate medical debt  
at pennies on the dollar.**

EVERY \$100 DONATED FORGIVES  
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### **Doing Good with *RIP Medical Debt***

More than 700 families across New Mexico and parts of Arizona are seeing their medical debt evaporate, thanks to St. Bede's Episcopal Church Santa Fe.

The church funded forgiveness for the families' medical debts through a \$15,000 donation to RIP Medical Debt — enough to cover all outstanding debts in the entire state of New Mexico and then some.

RIP Medical Debt identifies impoverished households that owe medical debt, buys that debt at pennies on the dollar, and pays it off with donations. The charity also notifies the debtor and credit agencies that the debt is cleared.

With its donation, St. Bede's parish wiped out nearly \$1.4 million of medical debt for 782 households.

A man went to Church. He forgot to switchoff and his phone rang in the church accidentally during prayer. The Pastor scolded him. The worshippers admonished him after prayers for interrupting the silence.

His wife kept on lecturing him on his carelessness all the way home. One could see the shame, embarrassment and humiliation on his face.

After all this, he never stepped foot in the church again.

AND

That evening, he went to a bar. He was still nervous and trembling. He spilled his drink on the table by accident. The waiter apologized and gave him a napkin to clean himself. The Janitor mopped the floor. The female manager offered him a complimentary drink. She also gave him a huge hug and a peck while saying, "Don't worry man. Who doesn't make mistakes?". He has not stopped going to that bar since then.

Lesson: Sometimes our attitude as believers drives souls away from God. You can make a difference by how you treat people especially when they make mistakes.



The Task Force is guided by the Holy Spirit as it plans a *Congregational Gathering* on **Sunday, August 29** followed by a *Community Fair* on **Sunday, September 19**. It is exciting to ask every member of our congregation to gather for fellowship, picnic food, and discussion on how to reach out in mission to our neighbors.

Then our church members will be volunteering to host and participate at the *Community Fair*, an event for our neighborhoods. Postcard invitations will be mailed to neighbors surrounding Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd as we share the love of Jesus Christ with all.

## BOARD BRIEFS

At the Board of Ministers meeting on Tuesday, July 13th, the following was discussed:

1. The Board of Ministers sadly accepted the resignation of Nancy K. She will be moving to Tennessee to be with her daughter and son-in-law. Her last day will be August 31. Nancy has been such a blessing to us (for over 25 years!) and will be greatly missed. We send her forth in excitement of a new adventure, all of our love, and God's eternal blessings. May God's Spirit continue to guide you, Nancy!
2. The Board of Ministers voted to accept the proposal from Matthews Roofing to repair our flat roof over the kitchen and the All Saints Hall walkway. We're aiming to have the work done early in October, and praying that the price of lumber will continue to drop.
3. Also, after looking at a few suggestions the Board voted to name our new butterfly garden 'Butterfly Garden'. Not too imaginative, but accurate.



**And the Lord said unto John, "Come forth and you will receive eternal life." But John came fifth, and won a toaster.**



We are planning to print a new church directory soon (before the end of August). Has your contact information changed? Do you have a new email address, cell phone number, or no longer have a landline? Please let the church office know as soon as possible so your listing will be correct.



strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

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June 25, 2021

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Dear Nancy,

On behalf of the Chicagoland Board of Directors, I would like to express our gratitude for your generous paddle raise donation of \$600.00 designated to Habitat for Humanity Lake County in support of the 2021 Habitat Hero Awards. It is because of the dedication of supporters like you that Habitat for Humanity can continue to grow and transform lives each year. For recognition purposes, your gift will be listed under the name **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**.

And thanks to the generosity of the Edwardson Family Foundation, your gift was matched.

Habitat for Humanity in the Chicago region addresses the critical need for affordable housing in the city and surrounding communities. With the challenges of these difficult days, the need for safe and reliable shelter has never been more important. Your support of Chicagoland Habitat will help affiliates across Chicagoland continue to **Rise to the Challenge** of helping local families own a safe and healthy place to call home.

Thank you again for partnering with Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity. We are so grateful for your support.

Kind regards,

Sarah Brachle Wagner  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity

*Thank you so much!*

Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity donation of \$600.00 by business check #18203 on 6/16/2021 designated for Event - Major - Restricted. For IRS purposes: No goods or services were provided to the donor by Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity in consideration of this charitable contribution.



## JOYS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jesus said to his disciples: "Let the little children come to me: do not stop them for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

Young children between the ages of 4 and 12 are welcome  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month  
to join our Sunday School class in the lower level  
from 10:30 to 11:30 AM  
following the 9:30 AM worship service  
while parents relax in a comfortable lounge near the classroom.

September 12th will be the first session of the *Joys of Sunday School* as we begin the new school year. All children age 4 to 12 are encouraged to come and enjoy the joy of singing uplifting songs, hear exciting stories, and participate in activities & making creative crafts. We pray together and play together!

All are welcome. You do not need to be members of the congregation. Tell your friends and neighbors!

September Sunday School sessions are on the 12th and 26th.





## I Will Call Upon the Lord

Call upon the name of the Lord

I will call upon the Lord,  
Who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
The Lord liveth and blessed be my Rock,  
An let the God of my salvation be exalted.

— Michael O'Shields

Life rarely goes as we've planned. If you're not living the life you thought you'd have, you have plenty of company. Life, it seems, is what happens when we had other things planned.

Such was the case with Asa, ancient king of Judah. A vast army took up battle positions against him. To his credit, Asa called on the Lord for help. Maybe he even sang a song like this one — for the Lord indeed saved him from his enemies.

When a friend shares bad news, or a job promotion passes you by, or your kids act like they hate each other, where do you turn for help? Turn first to God's throne and call upon Him. Our Savior stands there, interceding for us. He is always asking His Father for the strength and courage we need to find victory.

This requires that we stop focusing on our problems, trying to figure everything out, and thinking it's all up to us. When we call upon the Lord, He fights for us. He has the power to change circumstances, create new solutions, and sharpen our perspective. With our eyes off our problems, the battle is won. Then we can join the chorus and exalt the God of our salvation.

*Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, "Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you." 2 Chronicles 14:11*

**PRAYER:** Ask the Lord to help you call upon Him with your battles, your fears, and your worries. And trust Him for the victory.



Dear Mrs. Nancy Kreeg,

Thank you so much for your donation of 600.00 to Roseland Community "Good News" Daycare. We were invited to a Vacation Bible School in Sandwich Illinois. We loaded a School Bus taking over 40 children with us. It took 1 1/2 to get there, and it was worth every minute. The children learned about "Trusting Jesus," did Arts-Crafts, and Played games. What a blessing it was to get them out of the neighborhood. Please let the donor know; Thank you so much. Your donation covered the cost of bus bus.

By His Grace

Mrs Pearl

In May, the Generosity Gift was given to Roseland Community Good News Daycare in Chicago. We have received a wonderful "Thank You" from them, which is printed at left. It is such a joy to be able to do such good in and around our community!



**DON'T BE SHEEPISH...**



**JOIN THE FLOCK!**

at the  
**CONGREGATIONAL  
GATHERING**

in All Saints Hall

Following the Worship Service

**Sunday August 29, 2021**

**Food, Fun, Fellowship!**

## Why Do I Go Mourning? Psalm 42:9

Can you answer this, believer? Can you find any reason why you are so often mourning instead of rejoicing? Why yield to gloomy anticipations? Who told you that the night would never end in day? Who told you that the sea of circumstances would ebb out till there should be nothing left but long stretches of the mud of horrible poverty? Who told you that the winter of your discontent would proceed from frost to frost, from snow and ice and hail to deeper snow and yet more heavy tempest of despair? Don't you know that day follows night, that flood comes after ebb, that spring and summer succeed winter? Be full of hope! Hope forever! For God does not fail you. Do you not know that God loves you in the midst of all this? Mountains, when in darkness hidden, are as real as in day, and God's love is as true to you now as it was in your brightest moments. No father chastens always. The Lord hates the rod as much as you do; He only cares to use it for the reason that would make you willing to receive — namely, it brings about your lasting good. You will yet climb Jacob's ladder with the angels and behold Him who sits at the top of it — your covenant God. You will yet, amidst the splendors of eternity, forget the trials of time or only remember them to bless the God who led you through them and works your lasting good by them. Come, sing in the midst of tribulation. Rejoice even while passing through the furnace. Make the wilderness blossom like the rose! Cause the desert to ring with your exalting joys, for these light afflictions will soon be over, and then, forever with the Lord, your bliss shall never wane.

*Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe and you shall see,  
That Christ is all in all to thee.*

From "Morning and Evening" devotional by Charles Spurgeon

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