

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

July 2023



I will sing of the
LORD'S great LOVE forever,
with my mouth I will make your
faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your
LOVE stands firm forever,
that you have established your
faithfulness in heaven itself.

Psalm 89:1-2

PsalmsQuotes.com



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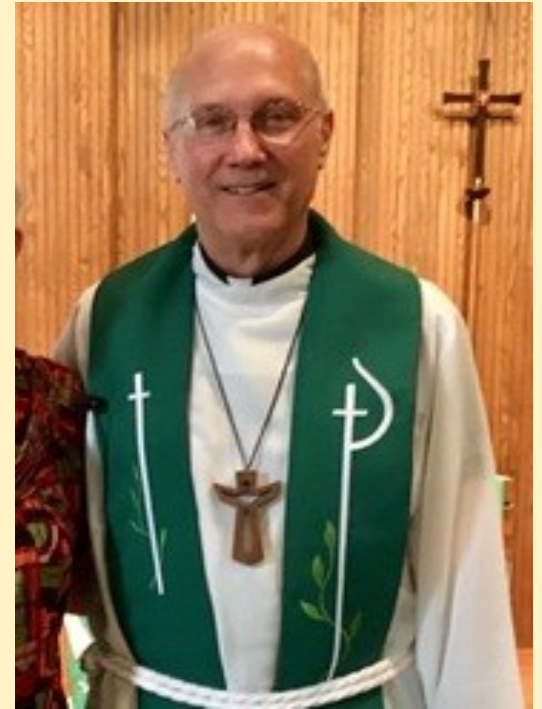


A WORD FROM PASTOR DAVE

July 2023

Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." I think this passage from the Scriptures has given many people peace for the present and hope for the future.

I can remember many times as a young boy growing up on our dairy farm in Prairie View when I helped my dad milk the cows. I would try to help by carrying a large bucket of milk into the cooler. As he saw me struggling with the weight of the bucket he would come, put his hand over mine, and help me carry the burden. Dad would bear most of the burden and the task would get done.



Many times in life we have difficult burdens to carry also. Our heavenly Father is willing to bear the burdens of life with us. We survive because our Father bears the heaviest parts of the burden. There isn't a problem or difficulty which any of us faces that he refuses to help us solve. He always stands ready!!

Not only does our heavenly Father help us carry the burdens of life, but God also gives us the strength to carry out the mission he has for us personally and as the church. There isn't a task too large that we can't do without the help of Christ who is present with us through the Holy Spirit. What might God be calling on YOU to do as part of YOUR personal ministry or part of YOUR corporate ministry at Good Shepherd? Families need help! Schools need help! Our congregation needs help! How can you be a part of the team in whatever area God is calling you?

Remember the words of St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Ask for God's help! Then trust God to deliver, and then rely on God to be with you every step of the way.

Let me take this opportunity, once again, to express a word of thanks to all of you. Nancy and I have been delighted to spend the past five years with you. It has been a tremendous joy for both of us and it has been a great honor and privilege for me to serve as your pastor. Together we have served the Lord. Together we have served people in our communities and throughout the world.

Looking back, we can see that God has been at work among us. Looking forward, we know that God will continue to be at work in and through this congregation. God has promised to do so, and God has a way of keeping the promises He has made to us. Good things will happen as you follow Jesus and share the grace of God with one another and with the people in our community. We will keep you in our prayers and will be excited to watch as Good Shepherd becomes even stronger. May God be with you and bless you! Keep the faith. Love God. Love others. Be the people of God!

Pastor Dave





It's green season inside the church and outside as spring turns to summer. The Altar is decorated in Green paraments and a Palm on Sundays from Easter to Advent, with a change in color on one or two Sundays and then back to green. Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

Enjoy the greenery on the altar during Sunday services.



Financial Report for May

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$18,449	\$104,586
Expenses	\$31,192	\$121,575
FUND BALANCE	(\$12,743)	(\$16,989)

Thank you for your faithful giving.

refugeeone.org

June 22, 2023

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WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR
SUPPORT IN THIS WORK
OF WELCOME. THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Dave,

Thank you for helping refugees from all over the world as they rebuild their lives.

RefugeeOne is serving hundreds of refugees from Afghanistan as they continue to adjust to life in Chicago, providing support for thousands of Ukrainians as more arrive every week, and welcoming other newcomers from Syria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burma, Guatemala, and elsewhere.

No matter where they're from, refugees arrive to Chicago relieved to have a safe place to call home and dreaming of a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Your generosity gives them a warm welcome and opens doors of opportunity to build a flourishing future – through housing support, English classes, employment coaching, youth programming, mental health care, and more.

We're so grateful for your donation of \$700.00. Thanks again for your help in making Chicago a welcoming place where refugees can succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenn Bosma Goodwin".

Jenn Bosma Goodwin
Interim Director of Development

RefugeeOne is a 501c3 organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift. RefugeeOne EIN: 36-3817743. (479)



Generosity Fund Report

Thank you to the member family that continues to provide funds each month – in 2023 it is \$700 each month – for our committee to designate programs in need. We feel so privileged to have this opportunity to continue this service to the community, country & world.

June, 2023

\$700 to RefugeeOne

Every year, RefugeeOne welcomes hundreds of refugees through the US State Departments Refugee Admissions Program. Having fled violence, persecution & war, vulnerable refugees from around the world come to the U.S. to rebuild their lives. They come from Afghanistan, Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria & Ukraine. Resettlement is a long & often difficult process. RefugeeOne not only equips refugees with the skills needed to survive, but provides a full range of coordinated services that empower refugees to build the foundation for a flourishing life here in the United States.

Resettlement Services: Include a furnished apartment, as well as cultural orientation & comprehensive family adjustment services. Help them learn English, prepare for the American workforce & find jobs. The ultimate goal is to help them become self-sufficient in as few as 6 to 9 months.

Sewing Studio: RefugeeOne's vocational sewing program provides refugee women with an opportunity to develop marketable job skills & new economic opportunity. It offers beginner & advanced courses, each of which include a vocational English Language Training component & equip students to make alterations, find work, build a social network & earn income from home.

Wellness Program: RefugeeOne provides trauma-informed health & mental health care designed specifically for displaced refugees & immigrants. They identify their needs through universal screenings, implement treatment/service plans & provide resources to promote overall wellbeing. Support services include: individual/group therapy, home visiting, support groups for LGBTQ populations, pregnant moms or survivors of domestic violence, medical case management & dental services.

Immigration Assistance: RefugeeOne provides immigration & citizenship assistance for refugees & immigrants living in the US who need help maintaining legal residency status, reuniting with family members, asylum status & obtaining US citizenship status.

For more information regarding this organization please look online at their website refugeeone.org.



The next **Parking Lot Hunger Drive**

will be

Friday, **July 21st** From 10:00 AM until Noon.

The Wheeling Township Food Pantry
needs your help now, more than ever!

All donations are so appreciated by Wheeling Township and especially by those they serve! Feel free to bring your donations each Sunday. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to contribute also.

The Top 5 Most Needed Items for July are:

Jelly

Fruit - peaches, pears, pineapple

Potatoes - instant mashed, au gratin, four cheese, scalloped

Beans - white northern, cannellini or kidney

Beef stew or corned beef hash

Jewel and Aldi Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 or less are also appreciated.
(Donations of fresh fruit and/or vegetables need to be made directly to the
Wheeling Township Food Pantry).

THANK YOU For your faithful and generous
Support of our monthly **Parking Lot Hunger Drive!**

Meaning Behind the 13 Folds



The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.

The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Christmas in July



The Social Ministry Committee is happy to announce that Christmas in July is finally here! Once again, we will be serving families in need at school districts 21 and 23 within our community. For our Christmas in July program, we will again collect school supplies, hygiene products, gift cards, and monetary donations for families in need within these districts. Beginning Sunday, July 9th, there will be a table set up in the Narthex with sign-up sheets for donations. Forms for gift card purchases will also be available at the table.

Item donations will be due Sunday, July 30th. Gift cards can be ordered through our Shop, Share, and Donate Program. Orders for gift cards will be due Sunday, July 30th. Collection containers will be placed at the tables for all donations. Donations may also be delivered at the Parking Lot Hunger Drive on Friday, July 21st from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

With many families within our communities struggling to make ends meet, please consider supporting our Christmas in July program. Help make this another successful Good Shepherd event! And as we prepare for another school year, please remember to keep our school administrators, teachers/staff members, students, and their families in your prayers!

1 John 3:18 - "...Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and acts."

Board Briefs

- ◆ The courtyard project has finally been completed. The new grass is growing very nicely. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to water and weed the grass and plants.
- ◆ Special events: On May 28th we celebrated the confirmation of Daniel and on June 4th we wished Al and Dyeanne safe travels as they move to California.
- ◆ We will be planning Pastor Dave's farewell in July. Anyone that would like to participate in the planning, please, contact Pauline.



~ Get Your Game On ~

Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month after service for cards, board games.

It's not whether you win or lose, it's the fun you'll have.

Shop - Share –Donate

Thank you to those who purchase Shop – Share – Donate gift cards.

A donation of \$100 will be given to the **Christmas in July** program.

The next ordering date will be July 30th (Cards purchased will be available August 6th)

NOTE: Ordering dates in 2023 are **November 5th and December 3rd**

Grocery shopping online or at the store, use a Jewel or Mariano's gift card to pay for groceries, at Kohl's, or J. C. Penney's for clothes, Home Depot, Lowes or JoAnn Fabrics for home improvement and craft supplies, buy cards for these purchases through the Shop-Share-Donate program at LCGS.

See the vendor's list in the Shop-Share-Donate box, on the Kiosk or
CHECK OUT THE FULL LIST OF VENDOR'S ONLINE at <https://www.raiseright.com>

Did you know? -

August is Back to School– Buy gift cards to use when purchasing back to school supplies and snacks. (You're never too old to learn). **Buy gift cards for "Christmas in July" donations**

August 13th is Filet Mignon Day – Make mine medium – Buy grocery gift cards to purchase your filets to grill or a restaurant card from Ruth's Chris Steak House to dine out.

August 25th is National Banana Split Day – YUMMY - Buy Oberweiss, Coldstone Creamery or Dairy Queen gift cards to use to satisfy your sweet tooth. Or buy grocery gift cards to purchase your Banana Split fixings... don't forget the nuts.

August 30th is National Toasted Marshmallow Day – Buy grocery gift cards to stock up on marshmallows to roast.

Plan ahead...

September 4th – Labor Day – Buy the grocery gift cards to use when purchasing all your Labor Day barbeque needs.

September is National Honey, Chicken and Rice Month – Buy grocery gift cards to stock up on honey, chicken and rice to make your favorite meals and snacks.

September 16th is Mexican Independence Day - Buy grocery gift cards to purchase ingredients for nachos, tacos or your favorite Mexican Dish. Or better yet, buy a restaurant gift card (Chili's, Lettuce Entertain You or your favorite choice) and go out for Mexican dinner.

Fall begins September 23rd – Where did Summer Go? - Buy Home Depot, Lowe's or Menards gift cards to purchase your fall gardening needs.

October is Fire Prevention Month – Home Depot, Walgreens and more cards are available to purchase new batteries for your fire and smoke detectors.

Sweetest Day is October 21st - Fannie May and See's Candies gift cards are available to purchase chocolates or buy a gift card from one of restaurants to take your sweetie out to lunch or dinner.

October 22nd is National Nut Day – (Aren't we all?) Check out the grocery and retail cards available to purchase your favorite nuts.

October 24th is National Bologna (B-O-L-O-G-N-A) day. Check out the grocery and retail cards available to purchase your favorite bologna.

Stock up on your Halloween supplies –Target, Walgreens and Walmart cards are available to purchase treats for the neighborhood goblins.

**Purchase grocery gift cards to use when buying your donations to the food pantry*

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Denise.

Shop - Share –Donate

Thank You!

Outdoor Music, Festivals and Fun in the Neighborhoods

Frontier Days Festival at Recreation Park

in Arlington Heights

Friday, June 30th - Tuesday, July 4th

Music Food Rides

Sounds of Summer concert series at Harmony Park

in downtown Arlington Heights
with live music from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

on

Thursdays & Fridays

July 6: The Chain – Fleetwood Mac

July 7: Billy Elton

July 13: Hillbilly Rockstarz - Country

July 14: Boy Band Night - Group pop hits

July 20: Too Fighters – Foo Fighters

July 21: How Rude – 90s pop

July 27: Stache – Top 40 hits

July 28: Blooze Brothers

Wheeling Summer Entertainment/Car Show at the Performance Pavilion at Heritage Park

On **July 14th** from 7—9pm

for **7th Heaven**

This band made it their personal duty to bring all the great '80s songs you love to life in full force.

On **July 16th** from 5-6:30pm

for **Kaleidoscope Eyes**

Chicago's premiere acoustic Beatles tribute band.

They pay homage to the band that's the official soundtrack of generations of families.

On **July 22nd** from 1-4:00pm

for **Car Show**

See a wide selection of classics and classics-in-the-making. Talk to the owners of each vehicle and learn what it takes to find, restore, and maintain these amazing cars. Live music by Rosie & the Rivets. Food will be available for purchase.

On **July 23rd** from 5-6:30pm

for Davidson County Band

a high-energy country band that covers the best of today's country music as well as your favorite classics.

Buffalo Grove Summer Concert Series at Willow Stream Park

On Tuesdays from 6:30—8:30pm

On **July 11th** Yankee Cowboy—Country

On **July 18th** Classical Blast—Rock Classical Style

On **July 25th**—Industrial Drive—Rock

In Prospect Heights at the Gary Morava Recreation Center Pool S'mores Poolside Bingo

On **July 19th** from

5:30—7:30pm

This event has a \$7 fee and you must register.
Call (847) 394-2848 for more information.

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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 AM Communion 10:00 AM La Iglesia - ASH	3 4th of July Holiday - Church Office Closed 6:30 PM TOPS	4 4th of July Holiday - Church Office Closed	5 7:00 PM La Iglesia - Bible Study	6 7:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	7 7:00 PM La Iglesia - Prayer Group	8 8:00 AM Men's Study Group
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