

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

September 2021



Pumpkins

Hot Cider

Leaves

Sweaters

Chico's

Fall is here...

Hot Coffee

Boots

Hay Rides

Hot Cocoa

cozy blankets



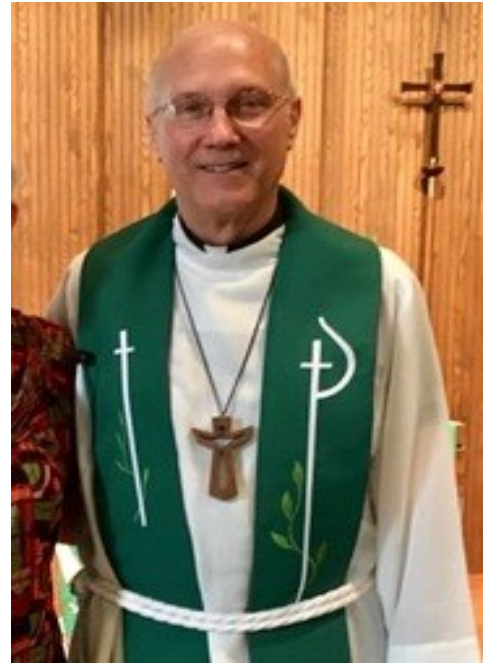
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September is the time when many congregations emphasize Christian Education. They do this because they want their members to keep growing. You know the old saying, *"When you stop growing you start dying."*

Friends of Jesus grow! They listen to Jesus, learn from Jesus, imitate Jesus, do what Jesus says and do what Jesus does. They don't sit still. Their relationship with Jesus grows. They get to know Jesus better and better. They learn to trust him more and more. Their love for him deepens and matures. Friends of Jesus grow throughout their lives. Growth begins in baptism and continues until the day when life on this earth ends.



They never stop growing. We grow by spending time with Jesus. Especially important is time hearing God's Word and being fed in the Meal of Holy Communion. These are the tools the Holy Spirit uses to help us grow. Friends of Jesus make it a point to use these tools at every opportunity because they want to grow.

Brian Reynolds will be here on September 12 to discuss : "When to Consider Moving to A Senior Living Community and Begin Downsizing." Watch for other classes this Fall.

Sunday School for children begins soon. This is an important way they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Be sure to invite the children you know to come. Offer to give them a ride. Continue to encourage them throughout the year. I pray that each of you will experience growth in your relationship with Jesus this fall.

Whether you are young or old, new to the faith or quite mature, I pray that you will challenge yourself and take some new steps this fall to help you grow.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Generosity Fund Update

Social Ministry continues to be blessed by the monthly contribution of a generous member of our church of \$600 to use for worthy causes.

The Generosity Fund for July was used for our Christmas in July campaign, which provided gift cards, toiletries and school supplies to families in District 23 and 25.

Our thanks to the generous family who make this possible!

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

FLU SHOT SUNDAY



On Sunday, October 3rd, we will once again offer flu shots after worship. This would be a good opportunity to introduce someone to our church and it will also offer you the opportunity to not have to make an extra trip to the doctor. Flu shots will be administered in the church office. Medicare covers the cost of the injection for those over 65. For those under 65, the cost is discounted from the price at the Walgreens locations. Children 10-18 can receive a flu shot with parental consent.





Christmas in July

On behalf of the Social Ministry Committee, we would like to thank the entire congregation for their overwhelming support of this year's Christmas in July event. In addition, a big thank you goes out to Linda and Eric E. for securing a generous donation from Thrivent that was used for the purchase of headphones and hygiene products. The CIJ event was "wrapped" up the third week of August after the donations were delivered to Wheeling School District #21 and Prospect Heights School District #23. Thanks to you (and Thrivent), we were able to provide enough hygiene products for 50 families (10 more than last year!) in the Wheeling School District and all of the school supplies (and more!) that were requested by the Prospect Heights School District. In addition, a generous number of gift cards were also donated to each district for distribution to their families in need. The following is a list of our donations:

- 95 Toothbrushes
- 55 Toothpastes
- 60 Deodorants
- 40 Shampoos
- 45 Conditioners
- 10 Shampoo/Conditioner Combos
- 122 Bars of Soap
- 12 Body Washes
- 5 Dental Flosses
- 2 Hand Creams
- 60 Body Lotions
- 20 Sets of Headphones
- 8 Packs of Crayola Colored Pencils
- 9 Packs of Crayola Washable Broad-Tip Markers
- 28 Rulers with Metrics and Holes for Binders
- 4 Zippered Fabric Pencil Pouches with Holes for Binders
- 7 7-Pocket Expanding Files
- \$1,025 in Gift Cards to Target and Walmart

Both districts were VERY appreciative of the support from LCGS, as they see many families struggling as our country continues to emerge from the pandemic. Unfortunately, a number of the families are homeless and struggle to keep their children in attendance at the schools. The donations WILL help to make a difference in the lives of the families in need within our own community. Our call to action during what continues to be a challenging time in our world, has been a testament to our faith here at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Thank you again for your generous support!

"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
Prospect Heights, IL
CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

Church Office Administrator needed for Lutheran church in Prospect Heights, IL. Candidates must possess word processing, Microsoft Office, and bookkeeping experience; knowledge of QuickBooks and Publisher software a plus. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Producing the bulletin for Sunday and other services;
Preparing monthly, annual and financial reports and other fiscal responsibilities;
Being a welcoming, friendly and helpful presence to all who visit the office, members and guests alike.

Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and skills. This position is 30 hours per week in-person during weekday office hours.

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Qualified applicants please send resume to: lcgsparishoffice@gmail.com.

BOARD BRIEFS

The Board of Ministers met Tuesday, August 10th, during one of the storms that passed through, so it was a Zoom challenge as internet service was interrupted; but we managed to reconvene an hour later.

Topics discussed were Nancy's position — the Executive Committee has developed job descriptions and are now in the process of advertising the position.

The roof over the kitchen and along the eaves of All Saints Hall desperately needs replacement. The work is scheduled for the end of August or early September.

Congregational Gathering on Sunday, August 29th. Looking forward to fellowship (with safety in mind) and sharing a meal.

Update from out Board President, Terry O.

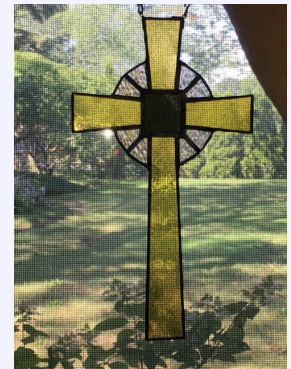
(Given at Congregational Gathering 8/29)

As you all know, Nancy K. has left the position of Office Administrator. Her last day was originally going to be August 31, but she took some vacation days and her last day in the office was last Thursday. I had asked her if we could put out an announcement so everyone would know her true last day,



but she said "Please don't do that". As you may also know, she did NOT want any kind of farewell party—too emotional for her. BUT we were able to present her with 3 gifts from our congregation: a generous check from our donations; all of our notes of appreciation (on the yellow index cards)—thanks to Bev M. and Cathy B. for putting that together; and a stained

glass cross, made from our old stained glass from All Saints Hall, our original sanctuary. One like it has hung in the office for years, so now she'll have her own.



Nancy has agreed to work remotely for a time, until a replacement is found . . . nope, no one could replace her . . . let's just say a new employee. It's amazing how much of her duties can be done electronically. And we have people on our end who have learned how to print bulletins and documents. This is designed to be a short term solution; hopefully it will go smoothly.

On another subject, we have contracted to repair/replace the flat roof over the sidewalk along All Saints Hall and kitchen. Work should begin soon. Despite the price of lumber, Property and Finance (as well as the Board) feel that it should be done before winter. You may recall that we had the flat roof over the offices and garage fixed a few years ago.

Lastly, a big THANK YOU for your generous support, especially of our Social Ministry projects; most recently for the Christmas in July which supported our local school districts. Though we have had to spend some time in relative isolation in the past 18 months, your generosity has not waned.

Financial Report for July

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$16,805	\$ 131,058
Expenses	20,211	149,828
FUND BALANCE	(\$ 3,406)	(\$ 18,770)

Thank you for your faithful giving.



Join Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) on Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. for "Traveling Route LSSI," our 40th annual True Friend Celebration - a statewide VIRTUAL event. Proceeds will support LSSI's Children's Community Services, including our Foster Care Program. We welcome keynote speaker **Rick Steves**, Traveling Writer and TV Personality, who will explore the idea of travel as a spiritual act that

promotes empathy, solidarity, and connection. We will also honor Beverly Moody and the life of Richard Moody with this year's True Friend Award.

Here at Good Shepherd, on Sunday, October 17, the half-hour Celebration video will be shown during Adult Ed., followed by a reception.

Visit LSSI.org/Friend to learn more about the event and supporting the Foster Care Program.

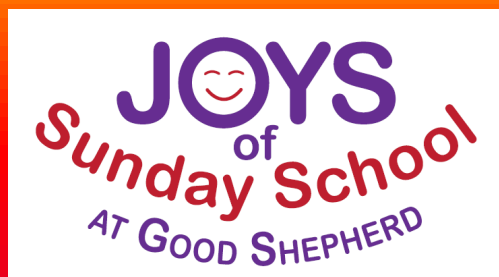


Humanitarian Prayers and Action



Besides the global Pandemic, there are many concerns in our world. Pray for our Armed Service personnel and refugees from Afghanistan, plus draught, wildfire, earthquake and hurricane victims. We also can pray for and provide financial support to our Lutheran organizations that are responding to their needs. Learn more at their websites: lirs.org (Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services); refugeeone.org (Chicago area);

lwr.org (Lutheran World Relief); elca.org (ELCA World Hunger).



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

Children ages 4 to 12 are welcome to
S u n d a y S c h o o l
to learn about God's love for everyone!

* MUSIC * BIBLE STORIES * GAMES & ACTIVITIES * ART *

Sunday School meets from 10:30 to 11:30 AM
on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (see calendar)
+ Sunday Worship Service is at 9:30 AM every Sunday +

2021 FALL CALENDAR

September 12:	10:30	Sunday School session
September 26:	10:30	Sunday School session
October 10:	10:30	Sunday School session
October 24:	10:30	Sunday School session
November 14:	10:30	Sunday School session
November 28:	10:30	Sunday School session
December 12:	10:30	Sunday School session
December 26:	10:30	Sunday School session

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**Sunday Church School Registration
2021 - 2022 School Year**

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Name/Phone # _____

Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Baptism date _____

Grade level as of September 2021 _____

Allergies _____

Other helpful information: _____

How did you learn about our Sunday School? _____

Please return your registration form to the church.

Congregational Gathering on Sunday, August 29th

Sponsored by Renew, Revise, & Rekindle Task Force Team

The “flock” that gathered on Sunday, August 29th were not “sheepish”! 32 attendees conversed in small discussion groups of 6 or less people per round table in All Saints Hall. Table leaders were members of the Task Force team. The program opened with Invocation by Pastor Dave, update of congregation news by Board President Terry O., and Bev M, shared history of the Task Force formed in March 2020 along with future plans.

- + **Renew involvement** within our congregation is the first step. Thus, individuals signed up to commit to serve as a volunteer in various church ministries.
- + A future opportunity to **Rekindle our relationships** centers on growing and learning through Small Groups. Over 20 various kinds of groups were listed for people to sign-up for those that interest them and/or to learn more about a group. The Task Force is planning ahead to when the COVID situation improves. Then people can be matched up with other members (and friends) in their selected Small Groups. Or people can organize their own group & invite others.
- + **Survey Responses** were reviewed with table discussions centered on what originally brought us to Good Shepherd and what we think people today are seeking. Perhaps they don't have any idea what “a church” is all about. How can we know their needs and concerns? The advice is to walk around your community & neighborhood and notice who lives there – young families, older folks, singles, ethnicities. Talk with them & **listen!** *We should be looking at what God is already doing around us and get on board with whatever that is!*

Ending comments from 8/29 from Terry O.:

I just spent a week with my cousin following her hip surgery. She has found (as many of us have) that she had to plan her movements before she would get up or walk, something she normally wouldn't have even thought about. I've heard it called “muscle memory”, when you do things automatically without thinking about it.

I think we at Good Shepherd are in a similar situation. After the trauma of the pandemic . . . whenever ‘after’ happens . . . we have to plan our movements. Good Shepherd's generosity ‘muscle’ is as strong as ever, but we will have to use other muscles we haven't used in a while. We have to be intentional about reviving our involvement, pursuing interests, and reconnecting to our Lord; and to each other. We need to be in motion— All of us, in which ever way we can. It's much easier to continue sitting and not getting up, but it's not healthy.

Ultimately, thanks to ideas suggested today, we want to meet and listen to our neighbors. We will discover ways to serve them, and ways they may want to help with our programs/ministries, all with the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel. After all, that is what we are called to DO. Let us all be praying for the end of this pandemic, and guidance as we move to our future.

The Gathering ended with a delicious cook-out picnic menu enjoyed by all.

Note: if you did not attend the Gathering, check out the Library Kiosk to sign-up to Renew your involvement by volunteering. Rekindle our congregation through your selections of Small Groups. Copies of the Survey Summary are available.



Adult Education at Good Shepherd

Join us for Adult Education at Good Shepherd! Topics vary, from Bible study to current events to church history. Guest presenters add to the variety throughout the year as well. Come join us for presentations and discussion aimed at deepening your faith and equipping you to follow your calling in the world, whatever that calling might be. We meet in Good Shepherd's Library/Lounge following the Sunday Worship service. The following sessions are scheduled:

Sunday, September 12: Brian Reynolds from the Lutheran Home presents
"Downsizing When Moving"

Sunday, October 3: Pastor Dave leads a discussion on the topic, "Satan, Father of Lies"

Sunday, October 17: LSSI True Friend Celebration Video and Reception.



From Nancy K. to my beloved friends at Good Shepherd,

Words are not adequate to thank you for 25 wonderful years serving as your Office Administrator. I have been overwhelmed at the generosity, the kind words, phone calls and cards from so many people telling me that I will be missed. Good Shepherd has always been like a second family to me. I have made lifelong friends, have seen dear friends leave us, and have rejoiced with you and cried with you — and loved you. It is very hard to leave such wonderful people, but I take you with me in my heart.

I am so grateful for the generous check which came from your contributions, and most especially for the keepsake of your wishes written on index cards and put together as a gift. It touched my heart to read your words of encouragement and love in a way I could never explain. I will remember each and every one of you with special affection. You are the kindest, most generous people I have ever known.

I will be thinking of you in the days ahead, and thanking God for bringing me to Good Shepherd so many years ago. And I will not say goodbye, but only "auf wiedersehen" - goodbye, until we see each other again. I love you all.

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