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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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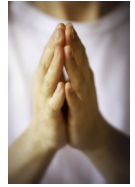
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LCGS IS PRAYING

Good Shepherd randomly prays for all its members.
During these weeks we are keeping the following in our prayers:



May 6	Karen Holden; Rachel & Jim Moseley; David Moseley; Karen & Louis Somrock
May 13	Ashley & John Holmgren, Braelyn and Brynlee; Karin & Phil Sollom; Jeff Somrock
May 20	Linsy & Chris Holst, and Hudsyn; Ashley & Dan Moseley, Oliver and Jack; Brianna & Joe Solberg, Brooke, Aylin and Gunnar
May 27	Sue & Lee Holte and Kemin; Sara & Dennis Muellner, Elizabeth and Caleb; Susan Soderholm; Mary & Dick Husby
June 3	Amie & Joel Abenth, Ella and Isak; Mara & Todd Falteisek, Macade and Ella; Sara Galchus and Sophie
June 10	Lara & Charlie Ahrens, Dane and Peter; Sherril & Criss Dashner; Barbara & Donald Garnett
June 17	Gen & Russ Allen; Kim & Dan Dauner, Emma, Ian and Charlotte; Robert Garnett
June 24	Kay & Timothy Allen; Mary Davidson, Hogan and Ailie; Paula & Bill Garnett

Prayer for May/June:

...behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Proverbs 1:23

PRAYER REQUEST - If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, please email Patti at office@lcsduluth.org.

PRAYERS FOR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS shared with the Prayer Chain (and in the Prayers of the Church) will begin with "God knows the names of all for whom we pray..." unless permission has been granted by the hospitalized individual or a family member of the individual. This is in keeping with our Privacy Policy. If you have questions/comments regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss it with one of the pastors.

Worship Attendance

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	8:45	11:00			8:45	11:00
4/15	82	20		4/22	138	68



Houston: Here We Come! After a year filled with planning, preparing, and fundraising – it's finally here: our trip to Texas! The Synod Journey (first stopping in Galveston for service projects and Bible Study) to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas! Please pray for this group as the travel – we pray for a transformational experience as they focus on the theme for the Gathering: This Changes Everything.



Sunday, June 17: Join us in worship as we bless and commission the group before the trip

June 23-July 2: Please pray for the group every day of this amazing experience

Wednesday, July 11: After returning and resting, the group will meet with Pastor Tim to reflect on their experience

Sunday, July 15: We hope to share stories and photos during worship – please join us!



Congratulations to all High School Seniors!

Your church family wants to celebrate with you, too! Please join us in worship on Sunday, June 3 at the 9:30 am Worship service. We will invite you to come forward for a prayer and blessing. (We would also love to put together a photo slideshow, so send us copies of your favorite grad and baby photos!)

OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)



- **Tuesday, May 1st** - Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area of Burnett County near Grantsburg, WI
- <https://www.crexmeadows.org> A 30,000 acre property managed by the Wisconsin DNR and home to a large variety of nesting birds and wildlife.
- Taking a 29 passenger mini coach from Voyageur - **Leaving church between 5:00-5:30 a.m.** Bus cost \$30
- Meeting at the visitor center at 7:45 a.m.
- No fee for Crex - enjoy a 24-mile driving tour in the wildlife preserve (don't forget to bring binoculars) / naturalist to narrate / bird check off list.
- Burnett Dairy for lunch, cheese and gift shop (expenses on your own) **Return to church around 2:00 p.m.**
- Sign up with Sue Boutin at 218-349-5991. She needs reservations and deposits to assure your spot by April 23rd
- **Thursday June 28th, 6:35 p.m.,** Huskies baseball!! Stay tuned for more information! Host is Marcia - contact her at 722-1042 if interested
- **Sunday, July 22nd, 2:00 p.m.** - "Music Man" at the NorShor Theatre
- Balcony seating in rows E-F-G (block of seats for 30) \$35.00
- Reservations and payment to Marcia Semerau by June 29th
- If you have season's tickets and are interested in sitting with the OWLS group, talk to Marcia
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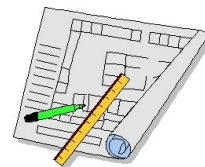


Did you know that 2018 is Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd's 75th Anniversary? June 6th as a matter of fact! We are a mission start of Gloria Dei! We will be celebrating throughout the year! AND having a new photo directory published! Do you have pictures you can share of the churches? Sunday schools, weddings, picnics? We'd love to see them! Contact Amie at the office at communications@lcgsduluth.org

"Create, Laugh, and Learn"

May 6th Sunday 12:00-1:00 Upper Lakeside Room- "Ask an Architect" Jody Keppers

Are you planning a building project or considering a renovation? Come join us for a casual discussion about things to consider for your project. Drop off your question in the box in the Gathering Space for Jody to address or just come and join the discussion.



June 26th Monday 10:00-3:00 Fellowship Hall "Barn Quilts" with Marcia Opiem

Barn quilts are painted wooden quilts which adorn barns, houses or buildings. We will be making a 16 inch square wooden quilt design and paint it all in one day. Bring a lunch. Class and supply fee. Check for updates. Adults or children with a parent. Call Marcia@ 525-2310 with questions.

Mission: We create community through our interests which enrich our lives and become gifts we share with others. We welcome all ages and talents to celebrate and connect with each other the way God intended all humans to be. Some activities will be free while others will charge a supply fee or donation to a charity.



I would like to thank the congregation for all your prayers during my health issues these past 4 months, the get well cards and e-mails. This time has been quite a struggle for me but with your prayers I am doing better. Also, thanks to Pastor Dave for a number of visits while I was in the hospital and to Pastor Tim for his calls. Although I am doing better and attended church on Palm Sunday and Easter, I still have a ways to go. I am continuing to ask for your prayers that I will totally heal and gain back strength and stamina.

God's richest blessings on you all. ~Cheryl Racine



Serving on Sunday's! Our Hunger team gathers on select Sundays to help serve meals on Sunday evenings. We alternate between Damiano center (start at 1:30 and help with meal preparation to serving itself) and The Union Gospel Mission (start at 4:30 for serving meal and cleanup.).

Consider volunteering for this great ministry for the opportunity to both help with meals, but also to support the ministry of both these organization while sharing fellowship with other members.

Talk to a Hunger Team member! Serving schedule on ROLT bulletin board. June 10th is Damiano serving!

Advice is both Cheap and Priceless! -Linda Susens Parish Nurse

I have one son and several nieces and nephews (grown ups now) and over these years, I have learned that my advice is politely received but probably considered fairly "lame" and rarely requested. Doesn't stop me from worry and concern about life's choices and thinking about "wisdom" to be shared.

I have learned though to support without advising and avoiding interference. It is good to have support persons within your circle, persons to both confirm and affirm your choices.

Spring just may get here finally. I am full of advice for hauling stones, painting sheds, and the timeline for planting. I will share when asked but will I be busy working! So the extent of my advice is find someone(s) who will give you both priceless and a bit cheaper advice in your life. Expand your wisdom through the grace of listening, use "experts" in the area of need (your health care provider) for guidance, gardeners and others as needed and watch the weather for all the nourishment of rain (prayer) and protection needs. Joyous spring!

New Electronic Giving at Good Shepherd

Stewardship leader "test drives" new options

By Paula Tsufis, Stewardship Committee



Did you know...

34% of churchgoers prefer to give by recurring payment via credit card?

The number of checks written between 2000 and 2015 declined by **50%**?

50% of Americans carry less than \$50 cash?

60% of adults would prefer to give electronically to the church? Source: Vanco Payment Solutions

I'm so excited to have new electronic options for giving at Good Shepherd. If you're not eager to go "electronic," no worries, the church will always welcome gifts by cash or check via envelopes in the Sunday offering or by mail. Our Simply Giving® program where donations are automatically debited from your checking account will also continue.

To offer electronic giving, our church has expanded our services with VANCO Payment Solutions. Online security is important, and this company offers state-of-the-art security for online and mobile donations. Your personal and financial information resides protected "in the cloud," not on the church office computers or servers. This doesn't mean your information will never be "hacked," but if you're currently doing any online or mobile financial transactions, the security is the same. To illustrate these new options, I thought I would walk you through my thought processes and how I initially navigated these new modes of giving.

Online Give+ Available mid-May with our new website: www.lcgsduluth.org

I decided to try out EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) from my checking account on the online giving page. The first step is to access the secure VANCO *Give Now* application embedded in the church website. Click on the online giving graphic or Giving menu tab on the church home page www.lcgsduluth.org. I then clicked on the "Sign In/Sign Up" section in the application to set up an account with my name, address and methods of payment. I entered my usual monthly commitment amount and the routing and account number of my checking account and submitted. I quickly received a donation receipt via email.

Text Give + (218-297-7664) -Limited to General Offering Fund at this time.

I entered the church's mobile giving number in my iPhone message app with the amount of my gift in the text and hit the send arrow. I immediately received a message back with a web link to the VANCO payment site where I could donate to the General Offering Fund. I received a donation receipt via email. I saved the Text Give+ phone number in my iPhone Contacts as "Good Shepherd Text Payments" to use again.

Mobile Give+

I have an iPhone so downloaded the Give+ App from the Apple App Store. You then have to locate your church so entered the church's zip code 55804 and sure enough, Good Shepherd was there! I decided to do a donation to the upcoming youth Houston trip. I used a credit card and also checked the box to donate just a bit more (about 3%) to cover the processing fee for the transaction. This app is also secure and can be opened via password, PIN or touch ID. You use the same login as for the online giving page.

QR Code+

I also tried out accessing our mobile payment webpage by scanning the QR Code (square black and white thing) via a free QR Reader app on my phone. It worked perfectly to access a mobile webpage with the same church funds and donation options.

Where to Get Help

There are several detailed documents also on church website Ways To Give page to download and read. YouTube also has instructional videos on Give+ (Search VANCO Give Plus). Feel free to email me at paulatsufis@gmail.com with your questions or concerns. I'll email or call you back. Best bet for help? Ask one of our teens at church!

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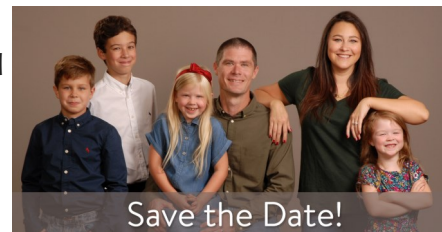
Mark your calendars! Our Summer **Worship** Schedule Starts May 27th!

Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 9:30am!

Summer office hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:00pm, Fri: closed.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY! PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN IN JULY!

Please join us for a free professional photography session and be included in the new Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd's Directory. We need you to help make our directory complete! **Photography starts July 17th.** You will receive a free 8x10 portrait, a free printed directory, and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Remember, This directory will not be the same without YOU!



Thursday, May 10th 2018 LSS Benefit for Youth: "Make Hope the Focus"

This event is dedicated to the work being done in Duluth by Lutheran Social Services, the city and area resources. The Center for Changing Lives is a safe place for homeless youth in our area to call home while they go to school and so much more.

Breakfast registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the meal & program at 8:00-9:00a.m.

OR, lunch registration beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the meal & program at noon-1:00 p.m.

Greysolon Ballroom, 231 East Superior Street

LCGS will have several tables. There is no cost to attend, although these are fundraisers for LSS Youth Services.

Contact Marcia at 218-722-1042 April 27th if you're interested in attending.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION STATEMENT:

A Community of Christ

Experiencing God † Reaching Out † Nurturing Faith

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

May & June 2018 Newsletter

FROM PASTOR TIM

From Pastor Tim about the Sabbatical

Dear Congregation,

You are such a generous people. Though clergy sabbaticals come highly recommended for the sake of the long-term vitality of a congregation, many congregations, for a variety of reasons, don't follow this practice. Years ago, our church adopted a policy supporting clergy sabbaticals, and now you have granted a sabbatical to me. I am humbled and deeply thankful. What a blessing!



Renewal.

Deep, rich, spirit-filled growth.

A connection, with roots

so deep

into the Source of Life that

it creates

vibrancy, vitality, and vigor

- new life.

Deep, rich, spirit-filled growth,

this is what I pray for in

our sabbatical.

Over this past year I have been invited to think about what I would do for a sabbatical experience. I went back to what I learned when applying for the 2006 National Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant: their research indicated that sabbaticals focused on "renewal" bring the best long-term vitality to congregations. The central question on the application was "What would make your heart sing?" and they recommended that clergy think in terms of family relationships, study, travel, and hobbies.

Over the three Sabbatical months (April 9 to July 8), I will be focusing on things that make my heart sing. I will continue the studies I became so wonderfully immersed in through the Lilly grant: Family Systems Theory as it applies to congregational leadership. Central to this is learning the systems of one's family of origin, then working on being the best self you can be in the midst of that system, as well as in all other systems. Since 2006, I have been interviewing family elders to learn our family history; I am excited about having time now to process these notes, and to scan in all the old photographs with correct names in place.

In thinking of travel that would make my heart sing, I was immediately drawn to taking a trip that would include spending time with Laura in a place that was important to her – she had spent a year of her education in Oxford and London. It will be a delight for me to see those places and hear her stories. We will also take time for quiet cottage life and long walks while touring north into England's countryside and lake district.

As I lean forward into this, I feel overwhelmed by your amazing graciousness. Throughout this renewal time, I'll be experiencing your caring presence – please know how deeply appreciative I am. What a blessing!

Pastor Tim

On May 6, a children's choir from Ascension Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie

will sing at both services. The choir is directed by Barb Savereide and consists of about 20 young people from 3rd to 6th grade, singing a variety of music to add to our worship.

We are delighted to host this group on their annual trip to Duluth!



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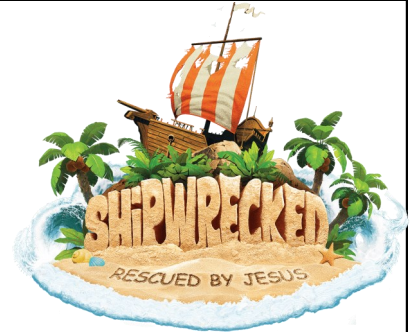


Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked

June 18-22 9:00 am – Noon

Registration Deadline is May 20th or when full!

And spots are filling up fast!



Preschool (age 3*) – entering 5th Grade

Current 5th-6th Grader can join us as “Volunteers in Training”

Current 7th-9th Graders can volunteers as “Crew Leaders”

Older youth and adults needed as volunteers, too! Just let us know what you are interested in!

*All preschoolers must be potty trained

You can register online now!



To register a child participant (Preschool – Current 4th Graders), go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/OretzZKmJSTNgaI42>

To register a youth volunteer (Current 5th Graders – 12th Graders), go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/42WAWAJTgJvrWull2>

To register as an adult volunteer (parents, grandparents, caring members of the congregation, etc...) go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/216ifj3E1QTiorzv1>

Yes, we do need adult volunteers!!! Even if you can only help for a day or two, let us know!

We'd love to have your help, whenever it works for your schedule!

We have chosen a May 20 Registration Deadline so that all t-shirts can be ordered and arrive on time this year! This deadline applies to ALL – kids, volunteers, even adults!

THANK YOU!
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As our Sunday School and Confirmation Years are wrapping up this spring, we want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all of our dedicated parents and volunteers! Thank you to our Sunday School Leadership Team who planned a wonderful year. Thank you to our many Sunday School Teachers who were willing to teach week after

week. Thank you to our Confirmation Mentors, who faithfully met with their Small Groups week after week. Thank you to our Confirmation Retreat Leaders who gave up significant amounts of time to make those weekends possible. Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked “behind the scenes” making things run smoothly. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who encouraged our students to participate. Thank you for making faith and church a priority in your busy family schedules. We have had a wonderful school year here at Good Shepherd, which is all made possible by our amazing volunteers!!