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**September
Newsletter
Deadline:
August 15**

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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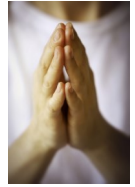
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LCGS IS PRAYING

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



July 1 Trish & Pat Earley, Claire and Sarah; Jeannette & Paul Ierino;
VLM Campers: Molly, Beau, Darby, Hadley, Aylin, Elise

July 8 Kenneth Backstrom; Donald Edstrom; VLM Campers: Elianor, Jackson, Rosaleah

July 15 Mary Sorensen; Diana & Ken Irons; VLM Campers: Alivia, Brenna

July 22 VLM Staff: Especially Sanna Berdahl from LCGS

July 29 VLM Campers: Ann, Chris, Alivia, Kellen, Emma

August 5 Dianne & Michael Kaarbo, Angela and Joseph; Delores Cahoon, and Carolyn;
Carrie & Bill Hackbarth, Isaak and Garin; VLM Camper: Elizabeth

August 12 Heidi Kahlstorf & Michael Harvey and Lily; Wendy Lane, Molly, Tyler, Ryan;
Mila & Brian Landstrom

August 19 Jill & Tom Kaiser; Mary Hains; Kim & Wayne Elmer; Elaine Elmer;
Dana & Dave McNamee and Molly

August 26 Juliet Kaiser, Calvin and Dominic; Shelly & Jon Larson; Brandon Kunst

Prayer for July and August:

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement;....
Philippians 1:9

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

| | <u>8:45</u> | <u>11:00</u> | | <u>8:45</u> | <u>11:00</u> | | <u>8:45</u> | <u>11:00</u> |
|------|-------------|--------------|------|-------------|--------------|------|-------------|--------------|
| 4/29 | 134 | 32 | 5/6 | 134 | 23 | 5/13 | 95 | 58 |
| | <u>8:45</u> | <u>11:00</u> | | <u>9:30</u> | | | <u>9:30</u> | |
| 5/20 | 176 | 73 | 5/27 | 95 | | 6/3 | 190 | |
| | | <u>9:30</u> | | | | | | |
| | 6/10 | 113 | | | | | | |



20TH ANNUAL "BACK TO SCHOOL WITH BACKPACKS" PROJECT FOR KIDS IN NEED OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Help give every child in Duluth a successful start to the school year! For many children, the first day of school is an exciting adventure. However, for those who lack the basic supplies, it may not be a day that they eagerly anticipate.

HERE'S HOW WE CAN HELP

---Go to **chumduluth.org** to find out what the greatest needs are

---Make a \$20 donation so supplies can be purchased

ITEMS NEEDED TO FILL A BACKPACK

Wide ruled notebooks
College ruled notebooks
College rule loose leaf paper
Pocket folders
Box of crayons
Colored pencils
Backpacks



To ensure fairness to all students, each backpack is packed identically based on this list. It is most helpful to CHUM that we not include additional items in our donations. If unable to donate a full backpack, the items most needed are backpacks, colored pencils, crayons, and pocket folders.

If making a monetary donation, checks should be made out to CHUM. Financial donations can be placed in the Reaching Out Leadership Team box to Marcia's attention in the church office. Please mark it for the Backpack project.

Look for the yellow school bus on July 22nd and place the items in it. It will be up until August 5th. Marcia Semerau will deliver LCGS donations to CHUM on Wednesday, August 8th. Any questions please contact her at 722-1042 or at msemerau@hotmail.com

Thank you for supporting local students!

OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)



• **Sunday, July 22nd, 2:00 p.m. - "Music Man" at the NorShor Theatre**
• **ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD!**

• **Twins vs. Kansas City Royals - AT PRESS TIME THERE ARE ONLY 2 TICKETS LEFT!**

• Sunday, August 5th, 1:10 p.m. game time
• Trip to Target Field in a LCS luxury coach, 47 passenger
• Leave church around 9:00 a.m. returning after the game is complete
• Cost is \$52.00 which includes the bus & game ticket in section 208
• Host is Marcia Opie - contact her at 525-2310 or rosebud2310@msn.com

Damiano Serving team: Sunday, July 15th, 1:30 to 6 PM. We prepare and serve dinner to our homeless/in-need friends in Duluth! It's important work and we would love for you to join us!

Linda Susens

"Create, Laugh, and Learn"



July 15th @ 4PM Lester Park Golf Course -9 Hole Fun Golf !!! Families, Singles, and Couples! No Skill Required! Just Laughter! Prizes \$22 includes golf and cart. Back to club house for food and beverage. 16 people minimum to get price so let's go! Pat Johnson is hosting. brucepat2207@gmail.com

Spiral Bracelet Class: August 27, 2018

Offered from 9 AM – 12 noon or 6 PM – 9 PM Fellowship Hall Instructor: Becky Buchanan

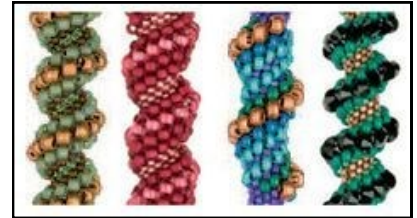
Cost: \$20.00 Kits: \$5.00 - Proceeds go to VLM (Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry)

Sign up by August 19th either on sign-up sheet in gathering space or call Becky @ 218-310-1777. Please designate what type of bracelet you would like to make and I will make up kits accordingly.

I will have kits available. Not too many places carry Japanese seed beads any more. Joanne Fabric's has a limited amount. I did not see Delica beads at all. You can always order on line. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Supply list:

- 1 container each of 2 contrasting color Beads. Either, Japanese seed beads or Delica beads – size 11. (Czech beads are not uniform and have irregular holes. They do not work well for this technique). You could also use size 8 seed beads, if you like the larger bead look.
- Bead needle
- Bead Thread
- Clasp & soldered jump ring or button to match.
- Needle nose pliers (bring if you have).
- Table OTT light (bring if you have).



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.

Here are some of the celebration ideas that are emerging.

If you would like to be part of a work group for any (or all!) of these possibilities, please contact the person(s) listed below. If you have a suggestion not listed please mention it to our anniversary central planning team of Karen Keenan, Paula Tsufis or me. Thank you!

Picnic Planning Team

Gathering LCGS History through Stories

New Church Directory

Walk from Cooke Street to Colorado Street

(Retrace the geographical spiritual journey of LCGS)

Banquet Planning Team

Worship Services and Music Recitals

Church Grafitti

(share their favorite memories, places and dreams for LCGS!)

Christmas Tree Ornament

Gift to Gloria Dei, our "Mother Church"

Paula Tsufis, Cyndi Venberg

Amy Loken, Bonnie Keppers, Ben Keppers

Cyndi Venberg, Marge Kangas

Cal Loken, Men's Bible Study

Rachel Moseley, Cyndi Venberg, Paula Tsufis

Grace Monson, Linda Turpening

Katie Rich and NFLT

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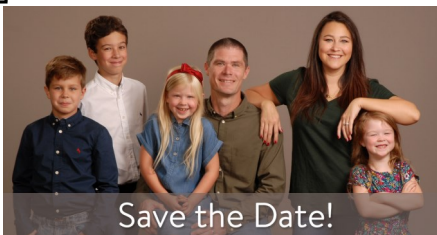
Nan Asperheim, Pat Johnson

Thank you for your unique part in our history, our mission, and our celebration.

We HAVE to celebrate!



Pastor Dave Mesner



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Pictures being taken in July and September!

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 dates: 7/17-7/19 and 9/25-9/28 . 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! Call Cyndi with questions 218-391-8953

July dates are filling fast!! Register on Sunday at church or on our website: lcgsduluth.org



Join us for an old fashioned **“Lutheran Potluck Picnic”** on **Sunday July 29 at 11 AM.** Drop off your favorite potluck picnic dish in the church kitchen before worship at 9:30am:

A-F (family last name): Salads

G-M: Main Dish Hot Dishes

N-Z: Desserts

Also: Wear your favorite “vintage” or “outrageous” **potluck apron!** (Guys you can do this too!)

Children’s games and activities

Bring lawn chairs and your favorite lawn games!

Beverages and tableware will be provided. In case of rain, we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall.

Please call the church office if you need a ride or need special assistance to attend. 525-1922

WE NEED SOME HELPING HANDS!!

Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/qQQEtAW>

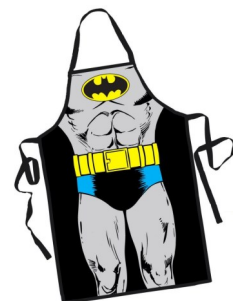
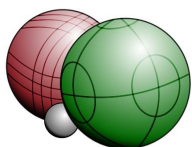
Help Set Up

Kitchen Help

Help with Planned Games and Activities for Children

Clean Up Crew

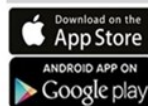
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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

July & August 2018 Newsletter

FROM PASTOR DAVE

75 Years: "We HAVE to Celebrate!"



The father had no choice . . . he HAD to celebrate! His youngest son had publicly shamed the family by demanding his inheritance early, treating his father as if he were already dead and abandoning his responsibility to the family. The son had become lost to his father as he disappeared from sight on a journey to a distant country to find his "life."

In that place the youngest son had "thrown away" his life and experienced unspeakable humiliation. One day the father glimpsed what he had never expected but always hoped for, his son returning home. What would the father do? Use this opportunity to emphasize a life lesson? Demand a public apology? No! The son that he thought was dead was alive! The "lost" was "found!" The father interrupted his son's rehearsed confession speech with a bear hug, a kiss, a robe, a ring and a once in a lifetime meal! He HAD to celebrate! (The word "have/had/must" denotes absolute necessity. It is the same word used to indicate that Jesus "had to" die and rise again for the sins of the world.) The height of the celebration had to reflect the depth of what had happened. Nothing less than the best clothes and extravagant food would express the abundant love and forgiveness this family had experienced.

We have no choice . . . we HAVE to celebrate! For 75 years God has been with this congregation in this place in deeply spiritual ways. Lives have been changed. Christ has been present as this congregation has gathered around the living Word and the life-giving sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. This originally Swedish Lutheran congregation today shouts emphatically that "all are welcome!" The Gospel has been proclaimed locally and globally in expected and unexpected ways. Before we were an official congregation this gathering was intentionally dedicated to nurturing faith through a Sunday School (1909) and two years later (1911) a Ladies Aid. Today we continue to "nurture the faith of all," in many ways.

We HAVE to celebrate, and the height of our celebration must reflect the depth of God's transforming power with us from 1943 to 2018! We are envisioning a year-long celebration from Good Shepherd Sunday in 2018 (April 22) to Good Shepherd Sunday 2019 (May 12). This time of celebration will involve:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Thanksgiving | Thanking God with specificity for our past history |
| Vision | Offering our gifts for the mission God is calling us to in the future |
| Transformation | Creating life changing experiences of worship, mission and nurture |

We need your presence, suggestions, strengths and vision to fully realize the power of this anniversary!

Events that have been placed on our church calendar at this point are:

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| July 29, 2018 | <i>Congregational pot luck picnic after worship</i> |
| October 14, 2018 | <i>75th Anniversary Banquet</i> |
| November 4-18, 2018 | <i>Generations of Generosity Stewardship Celebration</i> |
| May 12, 2019 | <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i> |

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Youth and Family Ministry News!

Good Shepherd Families: Watch Your Mailboxes in August!

We will be sending letters to individual families with more information about fall programs, including...

7th Graders: Welcome to Confirmation!

8th and 9th Graders: Welcome BACK to Confirmation

10th Grader: Ready to Affirm Classes

ALL Sunday School Families: Calendar and Registration Information

All of these mailings should be coming your way by the end of August. If you have not received this information by September 1, feel free to contact Katie!

Please hold ALL the students and children in our community in your prayers, but these summer months especially we pray for:

Prayers of thanksgiving for VBS – all the children, youth volunteers, and adult volunteers

Prayers of guidance for all our campers and camp staff (and peace for parents/families at home)

Prayers of transformation for our high school students returning from Houston as they reflect on the theme
“This changes everything”

Prayers of peace for our young people as we look towards fall and the new changes and challenges that may bring

We pray for safety and protection, we pray for joy and laughter, we pray for each family here at Good Shepherd, as we experience God’s renewing presence in these beautiful summer months.

Jesus Rescues!!

We had a great week at VBS!

Thank you so much to all our volunteers and you who donated items to be used during the week!

Look form more pictures and news soon!

