

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

October 2018 Newsletter

FROM PASTOR DAVE

May God bless you from Good Shepherd!

The time has (finally!) come. This month we will celebrate how Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has been a “holy place” for 75 years! To celebrate fully, it will be helpful to consider how any place can be called “holy.” How has this congregation been a holy place for you?

Through this summer I have been touched deeply by studying and praying the Psalms of Ascent. This collection of 15 Psalms (Psalms 120-134) describes how in ancient Israel pilgrims were invited to travel from their homes to the temple in Jerusalem 3 times a year for the major festivals of Passover, Weeks, and Tabernacles. The journey could be dangerous. These Ascent Psalms describe the physical challenges involved, but also take us to the underlying spiritual movements expressed. Beginning with a sense of living as aliens among those who hate peace, the pilgrims could ultimately celebrate the peace that could only be found from meeting God through worship in the temple in Jerusalem. The entire collection provides a curriculum of spiritual growth and concludes with these words of blessing to the families as they began their return journeys home: “May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion” (Psalm 134:3).

I feel a similar blessing when I leave Good Shepherd and embark on my perilous journey across the bridge to Park Point, and I trust that you also know what it is to meet God there and feel the transforming power of God’s presence. But I appreciate this blessing even more when I realize the full theological depth of what it is that makes a place “holy.” The Psalms assume: 1) every “place” is created by God. No “place” is self-generated and stands outside the Creator-creature relationship with God. This starting point leads to 2) no physical place (not Israel, Jerusalem, the temple, or even Good Shepherd, at the corner of Colorado and 45th Avenue East) can be “home.” When all of these physical structures and places disappear, it becomes clear that 3) only a relationship with God can be our home. The people of God six centuries before Christ learned that only through the devastation of the Babylonian Exile (Psalm 89) could they affirm “LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations” (Psalm 90:1). This foundational truth became the starting point of authentic worship that was the goal of the Psalms of Ascent.

This is also the deep starting point for us as we celebrate our anniversary. The presence of God is what makes any place holy. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, promises that the place that is our home is an abiding relationship with God. What makes Good Shepherd a holy place for us is meeting God, made known in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We live out this dynamic relationship through worship in Word and Sacrament, where all are welcome. We are called to make a difference in our world by reaching out locally and globally and globally with the love of Christ. We become a place where faith of all ages is nurtured through an encounter with a living God.

Because of the presence of God, it was possible for the pilgrims to experience the blessings of peace and justice. Individuals, families, communities and the nation as a whole received the blessing of God. They returned to their homes transformed. And so it is for us this month. In the depth and height of our anniversary celebration, may God bless you from Good Shepherd!

A fellow pilgrim,



Pastor Dave



Oh, baby! We have some news...

Clayton, Jasper and I have some exciting news to share – our family is growing! We are expecting our second baby at the end of March, 2019. We are so excited, and we humbly ask for your prayers and support as we prepare for our new addition. With a grateful heart, Katie Rich (Director of Youth and Family Ministry)



Did you know we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry? If you are a knitter or crocheter and would like to create with others, we meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the gathering space.

See Rachel Moseley with any questions!



For information about retreats and facilities, including the new Voyageur Lodge overlooking Lake Vermilion, visit www.VLMcamps.org! To book your retreat, contact the VLM Office at (800)331-5148.

Family Fall Festival 2018 Experience nature's spectacular color show this fall at Camp Hiawatha! **Come to camp on October 7th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for our annual Fall Fest!** Activities include crafts, games, pumpkin painting, and a picnic supper. Cost is \$5/person, or \$20/family.



We are seeking quilters to help us cover each of the beds in Voyageur Lodge with a quilt! With your help, we can make this beautiful building even more comfortable and inviting for our guests. Interested quilters can join us October 26-28 at Camp Vermilion for a weekend of sewing. Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team, we will be purchasing the material to use for these quilts, and have someone willing to machine quilt them for us. Interested quilters can choose their pattern and cut needed material from our stash.



Can't join us that weekend but still want to help? We are happy to host you for a day or two of sewing that fits your schedule. Or stop by camp, cut your material, and work on the quilt at home.

***See Amie Abenth at church if you cannot make it to camp and we can bring the material to LCGS! ***



Money is a powerful force in our lives. Jesus says that what we do with our money has the ability to take our heart with it (Luke 12:34). God cares about what we do with 100 percent of our money, not just the fraction that we give to the church. How do we steward all our money and make sure that the ways we use money aligns with our values?

To answer this question the Stewardship Committee is considering offering a person finance training course and/or single session on family money issues and consumer protection topics.

In October, we will be surveying our members on needs and interest in these courses, through an on-line survey link in the weekly e-newsletter or a paper copy available at the church. The stewardship committee appreciates your time in completing the survey.

“dit-ty bag” noun- a receptacle for odds and ends, especially one used by sailors or fishermen.

“Create” and OWLs have teamed up for a **service project for the Seafarer’s Center**. Please pick up a “ditty bag” at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space and fill it with the items listed. Then drop it off in the office. We will deliver these at the end of October.

Wash cloth,	Full size bar of soap,	Tooth brush,	Tooth paste,	Two razors,	Sturdy comb,
Travel size shampoo, conditioner and lotion,			Medium or small sized notebook,	Pens, Pencils	
Sewing kit (optional)	First aid kit (optional)				

Thoughts from our Parish Nurse ~ Intervene and/or Inspire

Often but especially if writing, I have to wait for what I call Inspiration. Thoughts bounce around but do take a while to come together. Finding a message to share which reaches out to many is my goal.

I find that I am both full of advice and compelled to share my knowledge. I also love to ask others for their guidance. Sure I don't always use their wisdom but I feel it's a good beginning. This fall I am thinking about pruning my raspberries (my brother tells me trim to "knee high" on Super Bowl Sunday)and how to effectively intervene. To translate that means my thoughts are again on recruiting volunteers.

To intervene is to plant my ideas about How "you and yours" can serve , help, and offer time at church. My goal really is to inspire "you and yours" in ways you may not have considered before now. The first and foremost thought is the willingness to be involved. Then find your connection. Our Worship team talks often of the "40/ forty" people it takes to hold a service. What can you do with those opportunities?

My challenge today is to inspire you to find a connection to serve at Good Shepherd. Many links and needs. Find a familiar name and you will find those well connected and ready to help "you and yours" find a new opportunity. Remember keeping busy keeps you warm.....fall is coming!

Thanks, Linda Susens, Parish Nurse

Create, Laugh, Learn!

We are looking for donations of wool sweaters or blankets that we will be making into warm mittens. The Create group will be donating the mittens to area shelters. Thank you!



Tuesday, October 23rd: come learn how to make woolen mittens from washed sweaters and blankets. These are lined with fleece and will keep hands warm over the winter! Mittens will be donated to Bethany Children's Home! Contact Sue Boutin 525-3994

Sunday, November 4, 3-6pm in Church basement

Come and join us to play board games, cards and a pizza dinner. Bring your favorite game to this multi-generation event for singles, couples and families. We will order pizza Sammy's Pizza for dinner.

Hosted by Lois Opseth who can be reached at 218-340-3605 or oawbud-dy@msn.com for questions.



Food Donations: Just a reminder that we always accept food donations for CHUM. Place any nonperishable foods in the wooden cross in our entryway or in the grocery cart near the welcome center. Thank you!



OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutheran)

October 16th @ 10:00AM -OWL's AAR Tour with lunch at Sunset Lounge to follow

AAR Aircraft Services is an independent provider of aviation services to commercial and government customers in more than 100 countries, providing world-class service on a diverse range of aircraft platforms including Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier and Embraer.

AAR is the largest MRO operator in the country and operates over 2 million square feet of hangar space, employing 3,000 American workers at five locations throughout the U.S.

The Duluth facility employs approximately 360.

AAR is located at 4600 Stebner Rd., approximately 1.2 miles west of the Sunset Lounge.

Join us for Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, October 28th at our 11:00 Worship

Our 10th Graders will be confirming their faith and affirming their baptismal promises at the 11:00 worship service. These 10th Graders have spent *three years* in Confirmation classes, preparing for this moment; come celebrate with us!

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Sunday School Announcement:

In the month of October, we will be learning two Bible Stories: *The Widow's Offering*, and *10 Men Healed* (but only one says thank you.)



On Sunday, Oct. 14: Please plan on joining the entire congregation in celebrating our 75th Anniversary at a special 10:00 am worship service. Sunday School children will be leading the congregation on the opening hymn as part of our 75th anniversary worship on Oct. 14. There is only one service that morning, at 10am. We are asking all Sunday School children to come at 9:30am to rehearse this with the Good Shepherd Choir. We have been working on the song during Sunday School opener, but please come and be part of the celebration. The song repeats simple words so there will be time to learn it that morning. Parents are welcome to help organize us. We will be carrying in ribbons and some percussion instruments.



Sunday, Oct. 21 is Pumpkin Patch Sunday! These aren't Halloween Pumpkins – they are Thanksgiving Pumpkins! Come to Family Sunday School to find out more – all ages meet together in the Fellowship Hall

For all Confirmation Students (Grades 7-9):

The Middle School Gathering at Cragun's is coming soon!

Please keep this event, students, and adult leaders in your prayers!

Saturday, November 17-Sunday, November 18

Highlights: Amazing Speaker! Energetic Band! Hotel Life! Hundreds of students from all over northern Minnesota! And the whole event is planned and lead by high school students!

Registration forms are due on Wednesday, October 10th

Cost: \$75 Scholarships are available! Just ask!

Cost includes: Transportation, Activities, Hotel, Dinner (Sat), Breakfast (Sun), and adult leaders. Cost does not include quick lunch stop on Sunday.



There will be no Confirmation on Wednesday, October 31st

And remember, if you see a teenager trick-or-treating at your house – celebrate that! How fun if they still want to dress up and run around the neighborhood! How fun that they haven't decided they're "too cool" for costumes! How fun that they can celebrate with their friends, neighbors, or younger siblings! Let them be little... And give them an extra piece of candy. The teenager at your door might be one of our Confirma-

LCGS IS PRAYING

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

Oct 7 Sheila & Scott Stevens, Nicholas, Dylan and Rylee; Ethan Ferguson; Deborah & Jack Steinbach

Oct 14 Marilyn Wilkinson; Elsie Freimuth; Marj Skafte; John & Marion Hedenberg; Joe & Lin Johnson

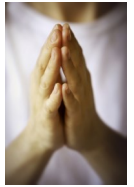
Oct 21 LoAnn & Pete Stone, Sidney and Jewel; Austin Ferguson; Carrie & Rick Gertsema;
Sarah & Justin Steinbach, Haiden, Quinlynn, Ethan and Eowyn

Oct 28 Marliee Storest; Kristi & Brian Fischer, Sydney, Caroline, Campbell and Catherine;
Tina Stoneburner and Jacqueline

Prayer

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:6

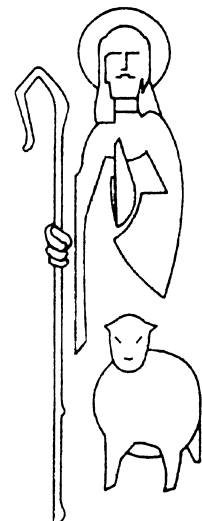


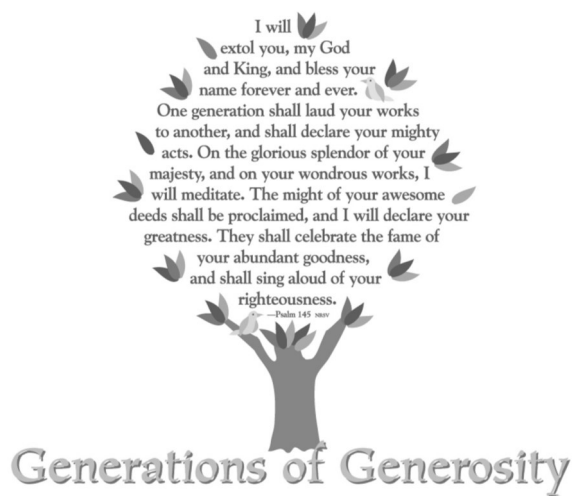
PRAYER REQUEST - If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, please email 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>9:30</u>		<u>9:30</u>
8/26	113	9/2	93
	<u>8:45</u> <u>11:00</u>		<u>8:45</u> <u>11:00</u>
9/9	136 109	9/16	104 34
	<u>8:45</u> <u>11:00</u>		
9/23	167 37		





Stewardship Annual Financial Response

November 4-18, 2018

In his chapter “Stewardship of Money and Finances: Practicing Generosity as a Way of Life” in *Beyond the Offering Plate: A Holistic Approach to Stewardship* by Adam Copeland at Luther Seminary, Dr. David King challenges us to reframe the way we think about money:

“How do we think theologically about money? What are the stories that frame our history with money? In a consumer culture, how much is enough? And confronted with countless opportunities, what are my particular passions, where I can invest my finances and my vocation in God’s work in the world? Reframing stewardship holistically moves us beyond the maintenance of church buildings or balancing individual budgets. It leads us to consider reimagining our relationship with money as a central aspect of discipleship. It allows us to be truth-tellers, acknowledging the countless way that our anxieties over money and the power it often has over inhibit our ability to fully embrace the Christian life and the community that we want to pursue.”

Our congregation continues its 75th Anniversary year with a unique opportunity to hear the stories of how past and present members have been faithful stewards, nurturing our congregation into deepening discipleship, loving God and loving our neighbor. David King suggests looking back to see the stories of generosity that have shaped us through our lives and pondering these questions:

What is your earliest family memory of giving and volunteering?

Who have been some of your heroes and roles models that reflect a generous life?

To what people and places do you feel a sense of gratitude?

What are the one or two life experiences that have shaped who you are today?

What is precious to you?

What values do you want to pass on to your family and friends?

Make a commitment this fall to consider these questions and a deeper exploration of stewardship and the Word during Sunday worship:

November 4- Mark 10:17-31. The rich man who lacks “one thing.” All Saints Sunday.

November 11- Mark 12: 28-34. The First commandment: Love God with all your heart. Special Celebration Brunch for all families between worship.

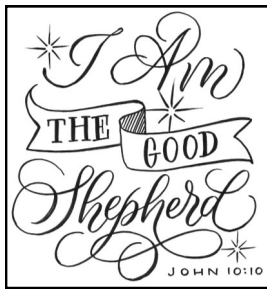
November 15- Simple supper and stewardship Bible study with Pastor Mesner

November 18- Mark 12:38-44. Widow’s offering of her “life.” Commitment Sunday.

By looking back and asking where we have been the recipient of gifts, how they affected us and where our own passions and gifts lie, Dr. King suggests that we can look then look ahead to “reshape our moral imaginations” for the future. Be sure to join us as we look forward to celebrating our past and present and envisioning our future together as a committed community of faith, with Christ as our center.

Paula Tsufis, Stewardship Committee





75th Anniversary Worship and Banquet on Sunday October 14, 2018
Mark your calendars to join in our special 75th Anniversary Worship and Banquet

There will be only one morning Worship at 10 a.m. with Bishop Tom Aitken followed by a catered Buffet Banquet. There will be no charge for this event however a free will offering will be taken. Families are welcome and child care will be offered during the event, if desired.

RSVP to the church office by October 5th. 525-1922



**Do you have any pictures of the church and members?
Maybe a wedding or church picnic? We would love to see
them! Or make copies! Let's see how we have changed
through the years!**

Celebrate our 75th Anniversary by purchasing a Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Ornament!

Cost is \$10

But sharing your love of church with friends and family is priceless!

Ornaments will be available starting on October 14th for our Anniversary Celebration

The front of the ornament features a beautiful winter photo of our church building taken by Pastor Tim.

The back of the ornament features "A Blessing for Our Christmas Tree," a small prayer you can read aloud year after year, as you decorate your tree.

We hope and pray that this will be an eye-catching ornament that will inspire many conversations about faith and church for many years to come.



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