

Ruth circle would like to invite women interested in connecting in friendship, faith, and service, to join with us on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30pm at church in the Gathering Space. There will be refreshments and some planning for this coming year. Women of all ages are welcome. For questions, or more information, please contact Lois Opseth [owabuddy@gmail.com](mailto:owabuddy@gmail.com) or Debbie Sanders, [debra.k.sanders@icloud.com](mailto:debra.k.sanders@icloud.com)

**Do you enjoy singing? The GS Choir would love for you to join them!** Good Shepherd choir will meet for a potluck picnic on the Monson's patio Wed. Sept. 7 at 5pm. Please bring a simple food to eat outdoors. Or just come. We always have plenty. All present, former, and potential future choir members and friends are welcome. Indeed. Anyone interested in choir is more than welcome. We are a relaxed and friendly group and we welcome all ages.

Please contact Debbie Sanders if you have any questions.

Rehearsal 6:30- 7:15pm on Wednesdays:

Sept. 21

Sept. 28

Oct. 5

Oct. 12



**Camp Sunday!! September 18th** We welcome Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Director Joel Abenth and staff will be leading worship and sharing how Outdoor Ministries partner with congregations including LCGS! **WEAR YOUR CAMP T-SHIRTS OR CAMPING GEAR!**

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,

Thank you for your donation of \$345.00. Your gift has been designated for CHUM's Food Shelf.

Homelessness and food insecurity in Duluth are increasing, and because of you we are able to continue to find innovative ways to respond and serve our neighbors in need.

CHUM is proud to be a diverse community that celebrates together, welcomes all comers, stands in solidarity with our neighbors, demonstrates generosity, practices fellowship, and spreads love in the world. Thank you for being part of that community.

Sincerely, Scott Van Daele, Distributive Services Director

Dear People of Good Shepherd! The sending and blessing that you gave River and I was heart-warming and long-lasting! Honestly, it was almost too much... but, then, that is who you are! Wildly generous and loving! Know that WE miss you and remember you with love!

Pastor Nancy and River



## Watering Flower Pots through September

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is looking for some people to water the flower pots at church. We are hoping to have someone come to church on Monday and Thursday, Pull the hose out of the brown hose holder to the length needed to reach the front door pots. Then use the faucet key, found in the hose box to turn on water and water generously. Also condition the pot by taking off dead leaves. Then roll up the hose, put the key back in it's spot and you are done. The pots are under the roof so they will still need watering but if it's raining on your day just come the day after. Thank you for your generosity of your time and energy. Any problems can be answered by Cyndi Venberg 218-391-8953.

If you need any help signing up please call (218-525-1922) or e-mail ([office@lcsduluth.org](mailto:office@lcsduluth.org)) the church office. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod45a8a72faafcc61-watering1>

## Youth and Family Ministries!

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am worship – Blessing of the Backpacks**

**followed by Church-wide service projects and a picnic lunch**

*Join us for a special back-to-school worship service at 9:30 am, plus church-wide service projects! **One of our goals is to collect Snacks for Schools: boxes of fruit snacks, granola bars, etc... for teachers and staff to pass out to kids as needed. Please bring a box or two to donate to our project, as you are able.** We will also have some special offerings (like a noisy offering) for books, backpacks, etc... To top it all off – we'll have a picnic lunch together to celebrate the day. I hope you can join us!*

### **September Sunday School:**

- Sept. 11: Blessing of the Backpacks and Church-wide Service Project (Bring your own backpack, plus a box of snacks to donate, as you are able)
- Sept. 18: Camp Sunday! Crafts before worship, Gaga Ball after Worship. Worship itself will be camp-themed and include the Day Camp Photo Slideshow from this summer
- Sept. 25: Family Sunday School: Everyone, all together at 8:45 am in the Fellowship Hall to learn about Sunday School this year: the theme, calendar, Bible Stories, plus a special take home activity
- Looking Ahead to October 2, 9, and 16: all kids will meet together in the Fellowship Hall while parents get to know each other in a Small Group.

### **Confirmation**

**Confirmation Kick Off for all 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders** will be Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Parents please attend. *Those interested in being a Confirmation Mentor this year will meet Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. Contact Katie for more information.*

### **Confirmation Sunday 2022**

Save the Date: **Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** this year during the 9:30 am Worship Service. Those 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands will meet together on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Then, they will schedule and complete their interview with Pastor Dave. Finally, there will be a final rehearsal (with parents) on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 pm. Invite your friends and family – this is a big moment for all!



# “Sing a New Song” Stewardship Annual Financial Response 2022

September 25 – October 23

Paula Tsufis  
Stewardship Committee

Individually and as a community we have been dealing with great loss. In our increasingly secular culture, we experience an accelerated world with a focus on external things that are not life-giving or provide true meaning. We are exhausted by the chaos of the pandemic and the losses of lives, relationships, financial stability, and church community.

As Christians, and as stewards of God’s grace and love, we understand that everything we have comes from a loving God. During this year’s Annual Financial Response, we will explore how God *also* provides the way forward out of difficult times of “exile” by placing a new song in our hearts. You are invited to soak in the poetic wisdom of the Psalms describing this process and to explore our congregation’s response today as God orients our hearts to our true treasure of a life lived in generous community, mission, and joyful praise to God.

## You are Invited to Join!

### **“Sing a New Song” Preaching Series with Pastor Dave Mesner**

The Psalms describe a “new song” as a song sung from the heart, celebrating the presence of the LORD as a response to exile. Pastor Dave will preach on Psalms 33, 40, 96 and 98 on Sundays at 9:30 AM starting on September 25 through October 16.

### **Commitment Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Guest Homilist and Catered Brunch**

We will have a guest homilist, Deacon Colleen Bernu, Director for Evangelical Mission and Synod Minister for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, will preach on Psalm 150, the culmination Psalm in the Psalter. Worship will be followed by a catered brunch after worship where Deacon Bernu will also be our guest speaker.

### **“Sing a New Song” Discussion Series with Lay Leaders**

What is our new song for Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd? Adults and teens are invited to an informal, small group discussion of the sermon 11 AM-12 PM after worship in the Upper Lakeside room. Lay leaders Bob Franseen, Sulo Kangas, Paula Tsufis and Craig Sanders will lead these roundtable discussions. This is a great time to meet some new people. Consider bringing a friend to join!



# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

September 2022 Newsletter

## *Sing a New song!*

It is time for a new song! This will not necessarily involve new words or tunes, but it will be a song God places in our hearts at a time of challenge. God's new song carries God's presence and power, and is beyond our ability to create in our own power. God gave the gift of a new song to the exiles imprisoned in the country of their enemies. They learned that God was absolutely present in that hopeless situation in a very specific way: through the words of the Bible! Every time they opened those powerful words, God was speaking to them. No time or place is beyond the reach of God's word.

We have an opportunity to experience the new song in worship this fall. As we clarify our mission and vision, and continue to emerge from the losses of the pandemic, God's word will bring the new song into our hearts, transform us, and launch us to the ends of the earth with that good news. From September 25 through October 23 each worship service will feature a psalm specifically chosen to lead us to the new song. Each worship service will be followed by an opportunity to share and hear stories of how the new song is bringing life to our fellow brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd. The small groups will be guided by lay leaders of your congregation. The series will culminate on October 23 when Deacon Colleen Bernu preaches at our worship service and speaks at a celebration banquet. Deacon Colleen is the NE MN Synod Minister for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. She has been guiding our congregation through a process of congregational vitality. You are invited to sing the new song!

Here is the schedule for "Sing a New Song!"

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>New Song</b>	<b>Preaching</b>	<b>Small Group Leader</b>
9/25	33	God's word	Pr. Dave	Bob Franseen
10/2	40	God's word placed in our heart	Pr. Dave	Craig Sanders
10/9	96	Sung day by day	Pr. Dave	Sulo Kangas
10/16	98	Delivered from impossibility	Pr. Dave	Paula Tsufis
10/23	150	Hallelujah!	Deacon Colleen Bernu	Celebration

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**[www.lcgsduluth.org](http://www.lcgsduluth.org) Look for news every Wednesday!**

Did you know we have a prayer team? We receive prayer requests from members for loved ones, friends, acquaintances. The prayer team is notified via e-mail and prayers must remain confidential. We know prayers work and brings our church community closer. If you pray, and want to join this ministry, contact [communications@lcgsduluth.org](mailto:communications@lcgsduluth.org). Thank you!





# 2022 Summer





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M-Th 9:00-4:00 Fri 9:00-12:00

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