

Good Shepherd  
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### Highlights!

#### Evening Worship Svc

6:00 pm

Sunday, July 5th

Sunday, July 12th

Sunday, July 19th

Sunday, July 26th

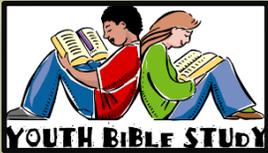
Sunday, August 2nd

Sunday, August 9th

Sunday, August 16th

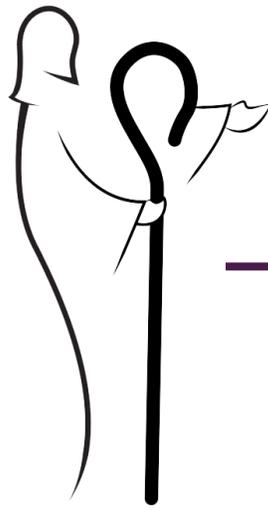
Sunday, August 23rd

Sunday, August 30th



As we start trying to get back to normal, "Time to Read" will begin again on July 12th at 5:15, and every second Sunday of the month. All ages are welcome. Please come and listen to our favorite Bible stories. If you want to come and share your favorite story, please contact Michelle Boardman at 608-359-2625, or email mboardman18@gmail.com. We hope to see you all there!

*"There's nothing tricky about prayer. It's simply tuning in to God's presence - and God is always present. Not simply alongside me, but within me at the deepest part of who I am."*



# THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

## JULY/AUGUST

*What's happening at Good Shepherd*



Thank you to everyone who stopped by on Saturday, May 30, for our ECHO Food Drive. We collected 429 items! It was an amazing response in a short amount of time. Thanks be to God!



Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Over the last few weeks, I have noticed a change in many I have counseled. I have heard laments of “things will never be the same.” “I don’t think we will ever return to normal.” And, “Everything is so different.” But along with it, there is beginning to emerge a sense of energy, and an aura of excitement.

It is a unique mix of emotions and sentiment. And I want to begin by telling you that I don’t know what the future will be. But I am renewed and energized in the excitement of listening to what and where God might be calling us towards next.

Yet, I also would like to remind all of you, that things are always in influx. Things have always changed. The world your Grandparents knew, is vastly different from the one that we claim as “Normal.” And the biggest life changing event in history, took place as Jesus made everything new.

But that wasn’t just a one time thing that happened so many years ago. Every day, every hour, every moment, our Lord continues to make us new. Guiding us in our faith, forgiving us our sins, and leading us into paths untrodden. Where we might share this Good News of God’s unending grace with the world.

All this new change, is creating an entirely new landscape of opportunity to participate more fully in God’s mission. So, yes, things are different. From protests to the ongoing virus, to economic issues, and countless others, the times are changing. It is again time, for us to listen to God’s call and look to the future. A future we get to make together!

Here are some of the new things happening at Good Shepherd. Spring cleaning has been modified. Instead of grouping together to complete it, needed jobs are now posted on the window of the sanctuary. Individuals that want to help, can come at their leisure to complete any number of the things needed. (If the church is locked up, call me.)

August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a prayer vigil. Contact myself or Cordy to reserve your time slot! This has been a wonderful experience for all involved in years gone by. And there is no doubt that this community, city, state, country, and world could use more prayer.

September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first service at Good Shepherd. It’s a bring your own lunch, remain socially distanced, and enjoy the music, decorations, and worship. And we will record it, so that those that are safely at home, can still be part of it. We will also have a much larger celebration next year, when we celebrate 50 years of joining the ELCA.

Last, I still want everyone to be safe. Don’t feel obligated, or guilty if you currently aren’t attending. When you are ready, we will be here for you. And if you need something, please, contact me. As for service, people have begun to slowly filter back in. Bulletins are back, music is back, and volunteers are taking on the roles of reader and greeter again. But we must remain vigilant in order to protect and love our neighbor. Stay home if you are ill. Wear masks (they are available here if you need one), maintain social distancing, and respect each other’s right to be safe, and feel safe.

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” Thanks be to God!

And may God be with you, until we meet again.

Pastor Mike.





Welcome to the Treasurer's update for the "Summer of Covid"!

Naturally, COVID-19 has impacted and occupied our focus since late March. We have adjusted worship practices to maintain safety of congregation and staff, and it seems every step we take is hobbled by quarantines, face masks, and social distancing!

I want to thank you all for your response to Good Shepherd during this challenge! Despite fears, concerns, and a greatly altered worship schedule and practice, you have continued to show your love of Christ and His flock by supporting Good Shepherd during these challenging times!

Date	2020 General Fund Receipts		Over/Under	General Fund Bal
	Total	Budget*		
January	14,527.20	14,192.31	334.89	(16,795.68)
February	7,974.24	14,192.31	(6,218.07)	(24,789.31)
March (5 sun)	15,070.90	17,740.38	(2,669.48)	(18,451.51)
April	23,771.01	14,192.32	9,578.69	(4,081.88)
May (5 sun)	14,245.02	17,740.40	(3,495.38)	18,325.80

\*Budget is based on weekly numbers. Months with 5 weeks will be higher

***Again, Thank You for your continuing support of God's work here at Good Shepherd!***

And COVID has given God another opportunity to show us how he works in unimaginable ways. Note the sudden jump on our General Fund from April to May? While the COVID pandemic is tragic, it made available to Good Shepherd two federal programs that have provided fully forgivable loans to maintain our payroll during this health crisis. God has shown us a bright spot during this tragedy to help us provided stability to our church when we need it—while we worried, he showed us yet another surprise!

Thanks to the combination of your continued support and God's grace, the council has been able to resume sending out payments on our benevolence support.

As we move forward this summer to continually changing schedules and challenges, please continue to remember supporting Good Shepherd with your offerings, time, and prayers.

Peace,  
Dan

***"Pray all the time. If necessary, use words."***



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Your increased support in the past two months has accomplished the following. Good Shepherd was able to address the Ministry to the World part of its budget for the first time in over a year. It has paid \$600 to the ELCA Benevolence and \$300 to Echo the Benevolence. Good Shepherd has also paid off its VISA credit card balance.

Thank you.

Just to make you aware, the following benevolences in the Good Shepherd budget have not been addressed in over a year: Lutheran Social Services, Crossways, Lutherdale, Good Samaritan fund, and Lutheran Campus Ministry. These could be addressed with only a slight increase in giving. For my part, every Sunday after Gloria makes out the check for our regular offering, I will check my wallet. If I have an extra \$5 in it (there may only be \$1 or maybe just a nickel, whatever the amount), I will thank the Lord for helping me and my family make it through the week and include it in the offering.

Please know that your offerings and continued support will not only bless this congregation, but also the greater good.

Again, thank you and blessings to you all.

Ross J.  
Stewardship



Do you ever wonder what difference just one person's prayers make? God does listen to our individual prayers, but Jesus also encouraged us to have unity in prayer. On **Saturday, August 29**, Good Shepherd will have another **Prayer Vigil from 6 AM, until 5 PM.**

We need prayers for:

**Our COUNTRY**  
**Our COMMUNITY**  
**Our CONGREGATION**  
**Each other**  
**Ourselves**  
**Our family and friends**

Needed for the Prayer Vigil:

Prayer – ers , 30 minute time slots  
 Prayers, constant  
 Shepherds, one hour time slots

Sign-up will begin August 9. Watch for more details, or contact one of the planning members: Cordy Madorin, Gloria Jacobson, Gloria Oleston, Linda Kamla, or Ruth Demmon.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	6 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	7	8	9	10	11
12 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>5:15 pm</u> Youth Bible Study <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	13 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	14	15	16	17	18
19 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	20 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	21	22	23	24	25
26 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	27 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	28	29	30	31	

# AUGUST

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2 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	3 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	4	5	6	7	8
9 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	10 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	11	12	13	14	15 <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for newsletter articles
16 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	17 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	18	19	20	21	22
23 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	24 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	25	26	27	28	29 <u>6:00 am—5:00 pm</u> Prayer Vigil
30 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	31 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts					



## July

Logan Fellows	7/4
Rita Milbrandt	7/5
Allan Branham	7/6
Sarah Jacob	7/6
Ross Jacobson	7/6
Sherry Ferguson	7/7
Wally Trudeau	7/7
Gail Kinyon	7/8
Lori Knoble	7/9
Olivia Anderson	7/13
Syd Rauworth	7/17
Claudene Murray	7/20
James Smith	7/21
Sarah Butcher	7/23
LeRoy Wildes	7/23
Brittany Itnyre	7/24
Mike Schuenke	7/26
Nicholas Graffin	7/29
Carl Anderson	7/30
James Miller	7/30
Sydney Schoeberle	7/30
Mason Wallenkamp	7/30
Abbey Olson	7/31

## August

Corey Boll	8/3
Pat Waege	8/7
Janice Felda	8/11
Felicia Hornby	8/11
Ava Heeren	8/13
Bill Hendrickson	8/14
Ruth Demmon	8/18
Diane TeBeau	8/20
Logan Cook	8/21
Katie Schumacher	8/21
Kris Arneson	8/29
Dale Arneson	8/30



## July

Rod & Pat Wilberg  
7/25

## August

Bob & Mike Hornby  
8/2

Tom & Ginny Carpenter  
8/3

Dan & Rita Milbrandt  
8/3

Gene & Sherry Kasten  
8/10

John & Lu Anne Schumacher  
8/11

Dave & Pat Waege  
8/20

Syd & Beverly Rauworth  
8/27

*"I don't have to figure out the right words to get started praying,  
God is already speaking to me. All I need to do is turn off the  
"mute" button."*



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Eat Out for Hunger on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Below you will find other ways you can help ECHO out. Thank you for your continued support.

Rita Milbrandt  
608-931-1372

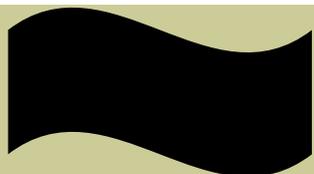
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Return Service Requested

## JULY/AUGUST 2020



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**ECHO NEEDS**  
FRESH VEGGIES.  
PLEASE PLANT EXTRAS.



## Bicycles and Fans Needed

*ECHO assists clients with fans to keep cool in warm weather and bikes for clients to get to jobs.*

*Last year ECHO was able to provide fans to 104 clients.*

*Last year ECHO was able to provide bicycles to 29 clients.*

*Please consider donating a bicycle or fan to those in need.*



## ECHO Needs

Soup and Crackers  
Mac & Cheese  
Cereal

Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Canned Meals  
Instant Coffee  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Feminine Supplies

Toilet Paper  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
Shampoo  
Conditioner



### Senior "Stockbox" Program

**Free Food** for income eligible seniors (60 & over)

Registration & distribution at ECHO

**Mon.-Thurs. from 1-3pm**

Box contents vary, but may include cereal, pasta or rice, canned goods, canned meat, juice & Wisconsin cheese.

**Wisconsin ID required**

Income limit: 1 person \$1,354; 1 person + spouse \$1,832

Stop by ECHO or call Marge at 754-5333 for more info.

Sponsored by the Hunger Task Force in Milwaukee