

THE STAFF NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER

What's happening at Good Shepherd

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Highlights!

ECHO Drive-Thru Food Drive

Sunday, September 13th
11:00 am—3:00 pm

ECHO Community Meal

Saturday, Sept 26th
12:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran
Church

Evening Worship Svc

6:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 6th
Sunday, Sept 13th
Sunday, Sept 20th
Sunday, Sept 27th



Connor Jacob	9/4
Reggie Hare	9/7
Kaleb Isaacs	9/8
Denise Crandall	9/15
Tabitha Hornby	9/19
Zander Olson	9/24
Cristina Hanada	9/28
Carter Risch	9/28
Enid Branham	9/30
Gloria Jacobson	9/30
Todd Sullivan	9/30



Jerry & Robin Kuter
9/29



Our second Drive-thru Food Drive for ECHO on August 8th was a huge success. We collected 1267 items and \$160 in donations! We had a wonderful turn out from our church family as well as our Janesville community. Thank you for all of your generous donations. A big thank you to Cordy Madorin for all of her help and her "God idea" and to my hubby, Dan who worked tirelessly packing and loading and unloading all of the food items.

Thank you to Pastor Mike for making announcements and spreading the word. Thank you to Jan and Jack Hendricks for changing our sign out in front of church to help spread the word of our event. Our next Drive-thru Food Drive will be on Sunday, September 13th from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. as we begin to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a congregation.

Also coming up in September, our church will once again be hosting the ECHO Community Meal at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 26th at noon. Due to Covid-19, all meals will be served as Take out only. We will need help that morning cooking and packaging the meals in to go containers. A sign-up sheet will be at church on the kitchen counter or please call me (608-931-1372) if you are able to assist that morning and early afternoon. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. We expect to package 120 meals.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Your support is so appreciated.

Thank you,
Rita

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

There is no doubt that we are living in a most unusual time. The pandemic has brought us uncertainty, anxiety, fear, and even added division. People are even taking sides about wearing masks. (Which currently is mandated. And we appreciate you wearing them when you visit.)

We are inundated with stories about death tolls, infection rates, and the ever-changing policies recommended to keep each other safe. Including the decisions as to whether or not we should send our children back to school.

There are protests around the country, we have witnessed the terrible tragedy in Beirut, an upcoming election (please vote), and many have had to go on unemployment for the first time in their lives. Even here, at Good Shepherd, we have needed to continue to adapt to this new (but hopefully temporary) normal.

So, it might sound a bit weird to hear that I am really excited. Things have changed, but the ministry and mission here, have become innovative and powerfully successful. We have seen incredible growth in reaching people through live feeds on social media platforms.

We have witnessed our first two drive thru food drives that the community is embracing. We have joined together for a prayer vigil. And we watched in awe as God joined yet another couple in holy matrimony. The Holy Spirit is active here, even in these challenging times.

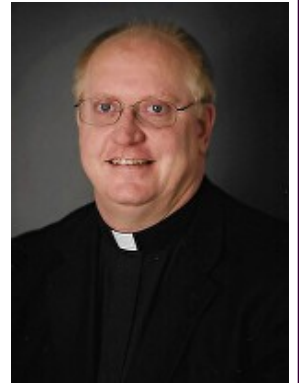
But the good news, is we are just getting started. On Sunday, September 13th, we will be celebrating fifty years from when the first ever service was held at Good Shepherd. Now, I know, we can't gather in mass. But we now can be together live through our phones and computer screens.

On that day, I will be leading service based on the oldest bulletin I could find. A remembrance of those early beginnings. The council, is preparing tri-folds about the vast ministries we have had throughout the fifty years. They will be available for viewing at your leisure throughout the months ahead. If there is anything you would like to add, feel free to do so. We would love to see as much history as we can.

And, we will also be having another drive thru food drive on that day. So you can bring in your donations without even getting out of your car. (Gonna need some volunteers to help out with that effort.)

What a great way to celebrate God's mission and ministry at Good Shepherd. Giving back to our neighbors for all God has given us. It's an awesome start, as we begin the next fifty years of this Body of Christ. Spreading the Good News through word and deed! God be with you, until we meet again.

Pastor Mike





COVID-19 continues to hold our and the nation's focus as summer comes to an end.

It is very reassuring to see our congregation continue to support Good Shepherd despite the challenges facing us both as individuals and as a congregation— Thank you!

I am happy to report we have applied the near \$80,000 (!) raised for debt retirement to the mortgage balance, and refinanced the balance with the aid of the SBA at 2.75% for 30 years, and a payment of under \$450/month. Thank you all and thanks to God for that great effort!

Date	Total	Budget*	Over/Under	General Fund Bal
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
June	6,584.00	14,192.32	(7,608.32)	14,582.72
July	11,414.69	14,192.32	(2,777.63)	12,022.32

As you see from the chart above, June was rather a slow month, but there was a strong rebound in July!

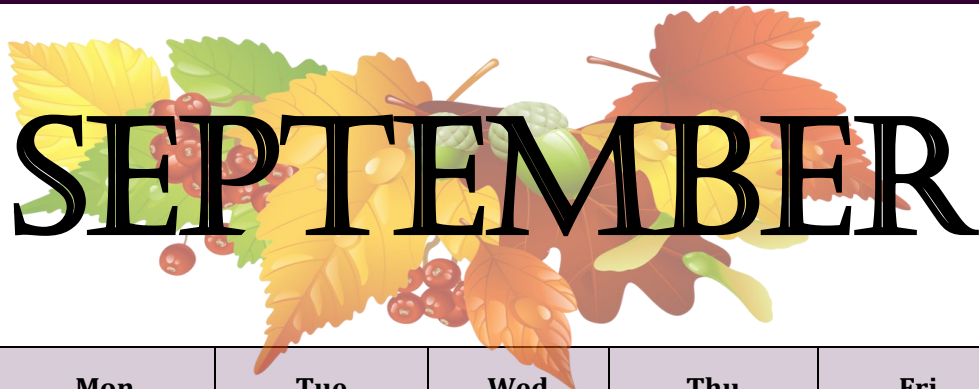
God Bless you all for your continuing support of His work here at Good Shepherd!

While we were able to resume benevolence payments in May, we established guidelines at that time to ensure we were mindful our account balance does not drift negative. This summer (in large part due to the low June offerings), we determined we needed to again temporarily suspend those benevolence payments. May God grant us a stronger fall and the ability to resume those payments soon.

Once again, thank you for meeting the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, changing schedules and challenges, and continuing your support of Good Shepherd with your offerings, time, and prayers.

Peace,

Dan



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <u>9:30 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	7 Church Office Closed Labor Day <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	8	9	10 <u>6:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	11	12
13 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>11:00 am—3:00 pm</u> ECHO Drive-Thru Food Drive <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	14 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	15 <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for newsletter articles	16	17	18	19
20 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	21 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	22	23	24	25	26 <u>12:00 pm</u> ECHO community Meal at St. John's Lutheran Church
27 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	28 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	29	30			

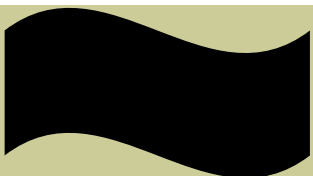
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Remember to mark your calendars. Sunday after Labor Day, we go back to our regular worship service time of 10:00 am. Sunday, September 13th, is the date we will resume the 10:00 am service time.

The Good Shepherd family would like to welcome new member, Jessie Webb, who joined our congregation on August 16, 2020.

