

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church July 2023 Newsletter



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

We are told in Ecclesiastes 3:1 **“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”**

Forty-Eight Years ago, this August 3rd I began serving here at Good Shepherd. It was the beginning of an absolutely wonderful journey with our Lord and the Good Shepherd family.

It is **time** for me to share some exciting news about our future here at Good Shepherd.

After much prayerful consideration over the past year, I believe it is time for me to transition this Fall into retirement.

This certainly has not been an easy decision. I have a deep love for you.

If I had it to do all over again, this is still the place I would have wanted to serve.

God will bless this church with a new Pastor and the future here will be some of the greatest in the history of our church. Until then pray for the next pastor who will serve here at Good Shepherd. God knows who he is and in His good timing will bring him to serve here.

Deuteronomy 31:8 tells us, **“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

Keep your eyes on Jesus and not on the waves!

I look forward to seeing what God has in store for Good Shepherd!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ray

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Go ... Sell All You Have? "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18–22).

Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have; our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are born into the church by water and the Word giving us duties to others in the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

Consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save to provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family. The station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. For all that we have and all that we are is given

to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, through His Word.

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With Pastor Ray's announced retirement, we give thanks and praise to God for he and Debbie's decades of faithful ministry with Good Shepherd. Our Elder and Fellowship boards will be preparing a celebration this fall to recognize this tremendous milestone.

To prepare for this transition, please know that our leadership team is actively engaged in planning for this change with the Southern District's advising. As I understand it from our GSLC history, we've never had a vacancy and it's been well over twenty years since we've done a pastoral call. For many, this is unfamiliar territory and change is always challenging. While we see many unknowns today, we know that God sees the path He wants for us. We must be faithful to trust in His plan and will seek His guidance through much prayer.

We are evaluating our call options and potential members to serve on our call committee from across the congregation. I anticipate calling a special voter's meeting next month to seek congregational approval to proceed with the next steps and establish the call committee. I will provide more details on our schedule soon and recommendations ahead of the voter's meeting.

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Customs and Manners of Bible Times

Light in the darkness

Light in the dark peasant home was a necessity. To sleep without a light was a sign of utter poverty. The light indicated to all outside that there were sleepers present. For anyone to be put outside into the darkness was therefore a disaster (Job 18:6). For God to light one's lamp was a supreme blessing (Psalm 18:28). Therefore, when Isaiah says that the Messiah will not put out a lamp if the flax is smoking, but will trim the wick and replenish the oil, it is a comforting picture of God's care for wayward followers. Isaiah 42:3

Water

Water normally had to be collected from the local well, and because the collection was such a chore everyone dreamed of the time when he would have his own cistern (a hole cut out of rock and rendered with waterproof plaster so that water could be stored in and drawn from his own wellhead). Sennacherib promised that if the Israelites in Jerusalem would surrender to him, he would provide them with this status symbol (2 Kings 18:31).

When the cistern was dry, at the end of the summer, it made a good hiding place, as Jonathan and Ahimaaz found (2 Samuel 17:18-19). There was no means of sanitation in the simple peasant homes, although advanced drainage and sewerage systems did operate in later cities such as Caesarea and on the Temple site in Jerusalem. Health laws had been carefully laid down in the Torah (for example, it was stipulated that excrement should be buried during warfare,

Deuteronomy 23:13), and supplementary laws were built up in Judaism that maintained basic health. No stables for example, could be built under human dwellings.

Submitted by Beverly Steele



The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Election

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received 52.32% of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for a fifth term of office, 2023–2026.

The election took place, according to Bylaw 3.12.2.4, starting June 17 (six weeks prior to the convention) via internet balloting provided by YesElections (formerly Election-America). The 6,053 pastoral and lay voters validly registered by the congregations and parishes of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.3) before the deadline (electronic registration by March 19) or their substitutes (as validly submitted before June 9) served as the voters for this election. Of those, a total of 5,000 votes were cast, constituting a vote percentage of 82.60% of the electorate.

The results of the ballot tallied and reported to the Secretary of the Synod by YesElections are as follows:

- Harrison was voted president-elect with 2,616 votes (52.32%);
- Ferry received 1,593 votes (31.86%);
- Ball received 341 votes (6.82%);
- Snow received 318 votes (6.36%); and
- Lange received 132 votes (2.64%).



Junior Year Wrap-up

Hello all,

With Junior year complete, here's another update.

My classes last year went amazing. Tutoring Greek and taking Greek V has continued to improve my Greek skills. I still have a lot to learn and will continue to learn well past college and seminary but I am continually becoming more and more proficient in Greek. I also now have beginner Hebrew under my belt. Next year will be a great opportunity to solidify the basic Hebrew skills I have learned this past year. My other two classes, classes on Youth ministry and the Psalms, also went well as I learned many practical ministry things in Youth Ministry and many theological points in the Psalms.

Extracurricular activities continued as usual. BUILAD, the men's ministry that I have led for the past two years ran smoothly and experienced some great growth as we were able to reach out to many of the guys at Concordia. I also enjoyed getting active through intramural basketball and ultimate frisbee. These provide time to relax from busy days and get some good running in at the same time.

One thing that has made my time at college so amazing is the great friends I have found there. My roommates have been amazing and have been there for me when I needed them. The entire Pre-seminary program as well as the entire campus ministry program has also been amazing and I couldn't have asked for better friends. I will always be grateful for the memories I have made with these great people. I have the privilege of calling my friends.

On more year left. I look forward to continuing to study Hebrew next year in Hebrew IV as well as Greek with Greek VI. I also look forward to taking a class on Lutheran worship. My final class of next semester is the first half of my senior seminar which will mostly consist of a lot of research for a final paper in the spring. I will be moving into a coordinating council position in Campus Ministry which will oversee multiple ministries, including BUILD, and provide assistance to the leaders of those ministries. Another exciting year is on the docket, and I look forward to one more year at Concordia to continue to grow before moving on to Seminary.

God's Blessings
Zeke Potts



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| 7/1 - Fran Chandler | 7/20 - Margaret Goulden |
| 7/6 - Patricia Rudolf | 7/21 - Marion Wright |
| 7/7 - Doris Day | 7/24 - Don Hudson |
| 7/9 - Tim Finn | 7/24 - Beth Bier |
| 7/11 - Allen Hemmer | 7/24 - Jon Anderson |
| 7/11 - Carol Panzenhagen | 7/29 - Susan Sharpe |
| 7/13 - Ann Lienemann | 7/29 - Karrell Staton |
| 6/14 - JJ Anderson | 7/30 - Laura Hill |
| 7/16 - Violeta Brunner | 7/30 - Mike Eckhoff |
| 7/18 - Sherry Kruschke | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/11 – Jim & Mary Keeler

7/28 – Don & Martha Haggerty



JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 AM Praise Band
2 Early Communion Both Service Mite Collection 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 6:00 PM Youth Group	3	4 Office Closed	5 9:30 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Pastor's Midweek Bible Study	6 6:00 PM Elder's Meeting	7	8 8:00 AM Praise Band
9 Late Communion 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 6:00 PM Youth Group	10	11 7:00 PM Lifetree Cafe	12	13	14 1:00 PM Bible Study	15 8:00 AM Praise Band 9:00 AM Lifetree Mtg
16 Early Communion 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Puppet Show 10:45 AM Contemporary 4:00 PM Voter's Assembly 6:00 PM Youth Group	17	18 7:00 PM Lifetree Cafe	19	20 6:00 PM Council Meeting	21 1:00 PM Bible Study	22 8:00 AM Praise Band
23 Late Communion 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 6:00 PM Youth Group	24	25 7:00 PM Lifetree Cafe	26	27	28 1:00 PM Bible Study	29 8:00 AM Praise Band
30 Both Communion 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM 5th Sunday Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 6:00 PM Youth Group	31					



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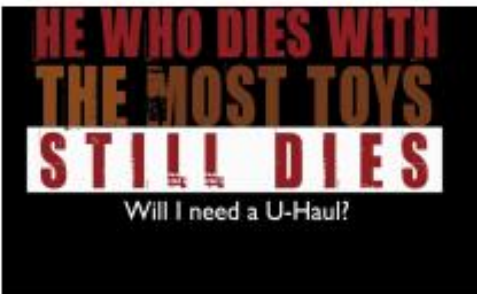
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He Who Dies With The Most
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This is the Life - 1 The Missing
Ingredient

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This is the Life - 2 The Visitation

Farewell Thanks to Dianna



Praise Band Practice



Youth Group is busy this summer





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Regular Sunday Worship Times
Traditional Worship @ 8:00 AM
Contemporary Worship @ 10:45 AM

Sunday School @ 9:30 AM



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