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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

SHARING GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER



Brooke and I came to Good Shepherd when our children were very young. We have watched both our children and the Congregation grow and change over the years. It is almost scary that this summer Viktoria, my granddaughter, joined Church Council.

Just as my personal journey has experienced a major change this summer so has Good Shepherd. A pastoral change after 18 years is never easy. Just as it isn't easy to think a young woman baptized and confirmed by Pastors Peter and Janell is now a leader in the Congregation. Change is difficult for all of us; however, change also provides us great opportunity.

It is the opportunity which I find most exciting and challenging in both my personal journey and the Congregation's journey. This next step on our journey allows us to explore new options, listen to new voices and change as needed to be a vibrant ministry on the corner of South and South Main. Each of us has a role in the Good Shepherd journey and we need to actively participate as we move forward.

The Church Council is working diligently to ensure a successful next step in this journey. The leaders of the Congregation need you to continue using your time, talent and treasure to support our ministries as we study the best next steps.

The Journey Continues ... What part will you play?

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FAITH FORMATION

A new school year is here and Faith Formation is all set to go.

Family Faith Journey for children pre-K to grade 3 and their families will continue in the Fellowship Hall. The members of the Team working on the lessons are ready to go. Each Sunday, children with their families will explore a Bible story.

Confirmation for children grades 7th-9th will continue in the Good Shepherd Center. The Faith Formation Team has recruited members of the Congregation to take on this very important ministry. The Parent-Student orientation meeting is scheduled for September 16th. Contact Daren Bernecker for more information.

The Adult Class will continue to meet in the Conference Room of the Church. The Class will continue their study of Mark.

The Faith Formation Team is excited to announce a new program in our Sunday morning offerings. A program for children in 4th to 6th grade will start on September 16th. The program takes on some aspects of a "traditional" Sunday morning church activity in that it will be children and leaders only many weeks. The program has a "non-traditional" piece as well as members of the congregation will be invited to participate some Sundays.



WHAT'S NEXT? THE CALL PROCESS

Recognizing that adjustments might be made to your congregation's process, here is what you can expect in this time of transition:

1. The bishop, with your council's approval, will appoint an interim pastor to serve with you.
2. Your council will establish a contract with the interim pastor and will negotiate responsibilities and compensation.
3. A variety of gatherings will occur during that transition. Representatives of the bishop will address questions, listen to ideas about ministry, describe the process in more detail, and gather information.
4. A call committee will be established according to the guidelines of your constitution.
5. The associate of the bishop assigned to your mission district will provide orientation to your call committee.
6. The council and call committee will write a Ministry Site Profile (a description of your congregation and the qualities you are looking for in a pastor).
7. The call committee will receive the names of potential candidate(s).
8. The call committee will enter an interview process with the candidate(s).
9. The call committee will keep you informed of the progress of its work. The specifics of the potential candidate(s) are all confidential at this point.
10. After the call committee makes a decision on a candidate, the committee and the candidate will meet with the council to share information regarding the recommended candidate.
11. The council through its officers and the call committee chair person will prepare a letter of compensation and benefits for the candidate.
12. The council will vote to recommend the candidate (with at least a 2/3 majority) to the congregation.
13. Members of the congregation will be given the opportunity to meet the candidate.
14. The council will call a special congregational meeting to formally vote on the candidate.
15. If a congregation votes "yes" (with a minimum 2/3 majority), a letter of call is signed and forwarded to the bishop and sent to the pastor.
16. The candidate has 30 days to consider the call.
17. If the candidate accepts the call, an installation date is set. If the candidate declines the call, the call committee goes back to work with the associate and synod bishop.

Through the whole process, your prayers are essential.

Pray that the Holy Spirit guide you, your call committee, your council and your synod in discerning whom God is calling to serve as your next pastor.



OUR MINISTRY JOURNEY CONTINUES

The members of Good Shepherd are the backbone of our ministries. It is through dedicated servants that we are able to fulfill the mission of Good Shepherd. As we transition into the next chapter of our journey we need disciples to serve in all areas of ministry in order to proclaim God's love to all of our members and the community. Please contact one of our congregation leaders to share your talents.

Ministry Team Leaders

Worship: Elizabeth Keator

Faith Formation: Daren Bernecker

Connection Building: Lynn Muchler-Stash

Witness and Service: Debbie McGuiness

Outreach: Chris Casazza

Finance: Libby Yeager

Property: Brook Yeager

Officers

Guy French: President

Harry Heck: Vice President

Mollie Rance: Secretary

Libby Yeager: Treasurer

Jim Parks: Financial Secretary

Council Members

Daren Bernecker, Guy French, Dawn Gallagher, Harry Heck, Kay Korb, Mollie Rance, Lynn Muchler-Stash, Gary Smith, Viktoria Yeager



Children of all ages are invited as we kick off our
Fall Faith Formation activities

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

The Women of the ELCA will meet on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm at the the Good Shepherd Center. We will start a three-part Bible study on Repentance, written by Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. You will need a Bible and the September issue of "Gather" magazine, which contains part one, "Time after time: Turning to God". Please plan on staying for a short meeting following the Bible study. For more information, call Jane Hensley: 570-829-4394.

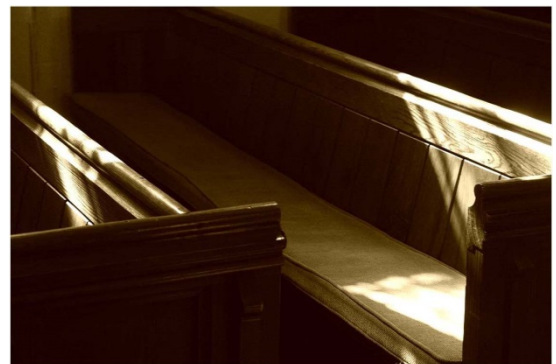


PASTORAL TRANSITION PERIOD

During the period of transition all requests for pastoral services (eg., baptisms, weddings, funerals) should be made through the church office. Requests will then be referred to an available pastor. If you have any questions about this policy, please speak with the President of the Church Council, Guy French.

PEW ENVELOPES: WHITE OR GREEN?

The pew envelope racks contain both white and green offering envelopes for your convenience in making either designated and/or non-designated offerings to the church. The respective designations are noted on each color envelope. Members, please include your name and/or envelope number on either color envelope for proper crediting. Please note that non-designated contributions on the white envelopes will be credited toward "weekly" and non-designated contributions on the green envelopes will be credited toward "Communion". Thank you, in advance, for your support of the ministries of Good Shepherd. Jim Parks, Financial Secretary



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 2

Communion Assistants: Kay Korb

Greeter: Bea Bryan

Ushers: Deb Dervinis, Charlene Moules, Daren Bernecker, Chris Casazza

Counters: Liz Keator, Gary Smith, Chris Casazza

September 9

Communion Assistants: Evelyn Jones, Lois Myers (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Diane Martin (8:30); John Daley (11:00)

Greeters: Evelyn Jones (8:30); Karen Figel (11:00)

Ushers: Darren and Alex Martin, Samantha and Preston Perkins (11:00)

Counters: Sally Ritchie, Gary Phillips, Daren Bernecker

September 16

Communion Assistants: Helen Johns, Carl Hurst (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Doris Romanowski (8:30); Kay Korb (11:00)

Greeters: Helen Johns (8:30); Charlene Moules (11:00)

Ushers: Doris & Barry Romanowski (8:30); Brian & Fran Yekel (11:00)

Counters: Jane Hensley, Lynn Muchler-Stash, Carol Phillips

September 23

Communion Assistants: Helen Johns, Lois Myers (8:30); John Daley, Liz Keator (11:00)

Lectors: Jane Hensley (8:30); Liz Keator (11:00)

Greeters: Jane Hensley (8:30); Mollie Rance (11:00)

Ushers: Cliff Jones, Dan Jacobs (8:30); Jane Newman, Tionna Mangino, Gary & Wilma Gardner (11:00)

Counters: Guy French, Kay Korb, Viktoria Yeager

September 30

Communion Assistants: Evelyn Jones, Sally Ritchie (8:30), Guy French, Kay Korb (11:00)

Lectors: Helen Johns (8:30); Ariana Saxe (11:00)

Greeters: Barry & Doris Romanowski (8:30); Jean Zinn (11:00)

Ushers: Doris & Barry Romanowski (8:30); Dionne & Brooke Fisher, Guy & Adrienne French (11:00)

Counters: Jane Hensley, Lynn Muchler-Stash, Carol Phillips

Altar Guild: Tammy Ioanna, Debbie Habib, Sandra Gorr, Donna Yaple, Lynn Muchler-Stash, Bea Bryan