



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus' Name

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Praying for Rain



This summer has been one of the driest summers on record for central Illinois. We haven't had this dry of a summer since 2012 – and before that, since 1988. As I write this, we have had one very modest rainfall in the last month. While that leads to beautiful, clear, low-humidity sunny days (also a rarity for Illinois summers), it also means that our region's farmers and farms are suffering.

The peoples of the Bible lived in an arid climate. It wasn't always that way. There was a time when the cedar forests of Lebanon were world-famous and the rich grazing lands along the Jordan river were fought over. But, as humans lived and moved through those areas, gradually things changed. The Babylonians, and later the Romans, built enormous aqueducts to move water great distances. Nehemiah dug wells and aqueducts into Jerusalem to provide water for the people during both peacetime and siege. The prophet Jeremiah led the people in prayer during a time of great drought.

Water was such a precious resource that wells become key meeting places for people from Rebekah (Isaac's wife) to Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Wells and springs also become symbols for God's provision and God's presence. Psalm 42:1 – "As a deer longs for flowing streams so my soul longs for you, O God." Psalm 63:1 – "O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." Even the promises of restoration we hear in Isaiah use the metaphor of water: Isaiah 43:19 - "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 58:11 – "The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."

But even beyond being a symbol of provision and presence, water also becomes a symbol of hope - hope for a better future. Today, as we long for rain and pray for rain in our own region, we, too, are hoping. We are hoping for a better future for the crops, certainly. But we are also hoping for springs of justice, for refreshment for parched souls, and for the quenching of our deepest thirsts.

What do you hope for? What do you thirst for? How can you bring flowing streams of hope to your community? This dry summer, as we pray for rain, may we also seek God. As we worry about the crops, may we also be concerned about those for whom food is a daily issue, and for the farmers whose livelihoods are under threat. And as we look at our dry yards and gardens, may we remember the One who, in the driest times, still gives us hope for a better tomorrow. And remembering, may we share that hope with others.



Peace in Christ,
Pr Lynette Chapman

Prayers for Rain by Pr. Thomas Weitzel, ELCA

O Lord our God, look down upon our dry lands and parched earth, and come quickly to save us. Send your clouds of water to rain down upon us as your righteousness and love rain down upon our hearts. Fill us with faith and trust in you that we may give you glory now and in your heavenly presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord of the sun and of the rains, your faithful people thirst again in your sight. Our crops languish in the sun. Even your little creatures are stressed in the heat. As you answered the prayers of Israel of old, quench the thirst of your people, our lands, our crops, and all creatures. Bring forth the rains that sustain and foster growth in the seasons and cycles that you marked with your creative hand. In you alone we trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, July 2 – Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Sunday, July 16 – First Communion

Sunday, July 30 – St. Andrew's Sunday

Join us as we welcome and hear from St. Andrew's new Pastor, Jon Fry.

Sunday, August 27 – Congregational Annual Meeting



FELLOWSHIP TIME WITH LEMONADE AND COOKIES

After the church services on July 30 and August 27, enjoy time to share

lemonade, cookies, and conversation with other GSLC members.



PREPARING FOR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

In looking ahead to this fall, we can always use more teachers, especially for the High

School age group as Jason will be splitting his time with some of the other age groups. Contact Susan Hinrichs (shinrich@ieee.org) if you are interested in teaching.



**Office hours for
the Summer are:
Monday thru
Thursday
8AM-4PM
Closed Fridays**



Meet-ups are great opportunities to get to know fellow GSLC members better. The Fellowship Committee makes the arrangements and participants are responsible for paying for their own meals and activities.

Wednesday, July 12, 5:30PM- Join other GSLC members at El Toro Mexican restaurant at The Fields. Look for Nancy Holm under the tented area. This meet-up may be moved inside if the temperature is above 85° F or if it is raining.

Thursday, August 3, 5:00PM - Several GSLC members will be in the Champaign- Urbana Theatre Company's production of *The Music Man*, so let's have a meet-up for dinner and/or the show. Feel free to attend either or both events. Dinner will be at 5pm at Neil Street Blues restaurant, followed by a 7pm performance of *The Music Man* at the Virginia Theater. Tickets for *The Music Man* are \$20.50 for adults, \$15.50 for students or people 55 and older, \$10.50 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and under, with a \$2 processing fee per ticket. An online form link will be listed in the Shout Out or you can sign-up on the sheet at church, so we have an idea of the number attending. Contact the Virginia Theater ticket office at 217-356-9063 to purchase your tickets for the performance. We suggest you purchase your tickets soon to get the best seats.

Sunday, August 27, 11:00AM - BOWLING!!!

All ages are welcome to come to Old Orchard Lanes for bowling with other GSLC members. Cost is \$5 per person per game. Bowling shoes are required and can be rented for \$2. An online form link will be listed in the Shout Out or you can sign-up on the sheet at church, so we have an idea of the number attending and arrange for enough lanes.

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**

USED SHOE COLLECTION THANK YOU

Reid Bruggman and Andrew Todd completed their confirmation project in June – and, thanks to you, ended up with more than 35 BOXES of shoes! They also collected specialized athletic shoes like soccer cleats and donated them to programs who provide that gear to kids who can't afford it. The shoes have been sent to be reused, refurbished, or recycled, keeping 100's of pounds of shoes out of landfills.

This project benefits folks in need and our environment – things that Reid and Andrew are passionate about. Well done, Andrew and Reid! And thanks to the congregation, to their families, to Thrivent (which provided some of the shipping funds), and to everyone who donated!

**WOW!****Sorting the shoes!**



PIECE MAKERS UPDATE

Jodi and Lois couldn't be more excited by the response to "Calling All Quilters"!

Meeting Times:

Tuesday noon-3pm starting **August 15**

Mondays 6:30-8:00pm starting **August 21**

Initially, they will meet weekly but are flexible and can change to twice monthly if that seems to work better. As for the Monday evening group, if starting time (5:30 or 6:00 for example) would work better, let Jodi or Lois know.

Needs:

- **Organizers to set up supplies!**
- **"WISH LIST" of supplies to help them get started:**
 - Cutting Mats
 - Roller cutters/blades/scissors
 - Surge protector, extension cords
 - Iron & Ironing boards (2)
 - Rulers
 - Pins
 - Sewing clips
 - Machine
 - Blankets (for batting)
 - Sheets (for backing)
 - Bins for donated material
 - Fabric (great opportunity to reduce your "stash")
 - Heat erase pens
 - Shelving
 - Monetary donations for supplies

Jodi and Lois are very excited to get this project off and running. They look forward to producing quilts for Lutheran World Relief as well as other items for the greater Champaign-Urbana area and our GSLC community. Most of all, they look forward to deepening the relationships they have at GSLC.

Please come join us. There is a place for everyone! If you have any questions, please contact:

Jodi Davis: jodidavisillini@yahoo.com, (217) 840-5078, or Lois McConomy: mcconomy.lois@gmail.com, (217) 899-1985

STORYBOOK ACTIVITIES

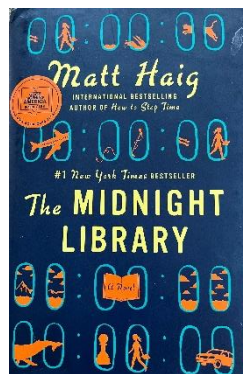
The East Central Storybook team recently completed a monthly trip to the Danville Correction Facility. This medium security men's prison is part of the Illinois Department of corrections. Our team coordinates visits with the chaplain and sets up shop in the prison chapel. We bring Storybooks for prisoners to select and read. Team members record and send books to children, nephews and nieces, and occasionally grandchildren back home.

Along with the reading prisoners can write a short note of encouragement or record a message for their child. Our team then burns a CD and mails the package home to awaiting children. The joy showing on a man's face when you say "Glad you were able to read today, we'll have your book in the mail this afternoon and your son/daughter should have it before the weekend" is worth the trip.

Last week Betsy Kakoma, Dan & Tori Corkery, and Bob Clark made the trip to Danville. Twenty-seven prisoners read and

sent books home. Thirty-five children had the joy of receiving a book and were able to hear dad's voice read a story just for them. This is not a difficult task, as some of us would say, "it's inside work and there's no heavy lifting". LSSI started Storybook to help children and dads keep in touch with each other, strengthen family connections, and to give hope to families who are separated. Prison officials report recidivism is much lower for prisoners who participate in these types of programs.

Our team would love to have new members join. Time commitment is usually one morning a month, and we are typically back at church by 11:30 am. You are invited to become a part of this ministry. Talk to any team member for more information.



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday, July 13, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

The Midnight Library
By Matt Haig

This book is listed as fantasy/science fiction.

Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. One book tells the story of your life, another tells what your life could have been if you made different choices at any time in your life. This book portrays the pointlessness of dwelling on our regrets and instead encourages us to aim for self-acceptance.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions jannuss3@sbcglobal.net.

WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday, August 10 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

The Reading List

By Sara Nisha Adams

A lovely book about books and how they bring us together. Follow along as Aleisha reconnects with her grandfather and shows us how fiction can help us escape our grief and loneliness and build connections. Aleisha is a teenager working in a library. She finds a list of books and shares the list with Mukesh, a widower, who deeply misses his wife. This starts a friendship based on the love of reading that becomes a theme in their everyday life.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, July 18, Noon, GSLC Choir Room

All women are welcome!

Ruth Bible Study: (Note the time change)
 Bring your lunch and join us for Bible Study! Our two other Bible study groups will return this fall.

We use the WELCA magazine *Gather*.
Copies available near the WELCA bulletin board in the hallway.



SUMMER WELCA MEETING

Monday, July 31
6:00PM
GSLC Choir Room

Join with other women from church for the summer meeting of our Women of the Evangelical Church of America (WELCA) group. We'll have light refreshments and a brief presentation by Laurie Johnson about

highlights of her recent trip to the Holy Land. Then we'll discuss our upcoming activities and any new ideas we should consider for the future.

Topics to discuss:

LWR School Kits - bag sewing and supply collection, Thrivent grants for supplies, and packing dates - update by Rebecca Nef-Heffernan (chair)

Possible Bake Sale Fundraiser October 8

November Thankoffering

Possible Christmas Brunch - need chair or co-chairs

Christmas Cookies for senior members organized by the three WELCA Bible studies

The Zoom link (for those wishing to join online) will be sent out in the Shout Out a week or two before the meeting. Please contact Nancy Holm (nlholm@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR LWR

Beginning July 9 thru August 20, WELCA will be collecting school supplies to fill the school bags we have been sewing. We hope to fill 100 bags. The list of supplies below will also be on handouts at church and in the Shout Out. A box for the supplies will be placed in the narthex. A number of stores such as Walmart and Target have supplies on sale now.

Items Needed: (4) 70-sheet notebooks – wide or college-ruled, no loose leaf paper; (1) 30-cm. ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other;

(1) pencil sharpener; (1) pair of safety scissors; (5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (secured together with a rubberband); (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) (secured together with a rubberband); (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons; (1) 2 ½" eraser.

YOUTH EVENT

FAMILY SWIM EVENT

Saturday, July 22, 2:00-5:00PM

Beat the heat and join families from the church at Sholem pool in Champaign for fellowship and fun. Enjoy the splash pool, lazy river, slides and snacks. Contact Susan Hinrichs (shinrich@ieee.org) if you think you can make it.



Appreciation goes out to Good Shepherd's Parish Nurse Ministry for one of several ways it serves our congregation. Prior to recent knee replacement surgery, I was able to borrow a basic walker to use and keep on hand as I transitioned to a cane.

After Ruth Bible Study in April, it was easy to stop by the office near the south bathrooms at church and select one among others, all in fine condition. Then I just left a note on that office desk stating I had taken a walker, leaving my name and phone. It was just as easy to return it on Sunday five weeks later.

When I told one of our Parish Nurses, Sandy Reifsteck-Rueter what a convenient help this was for my husband, Jim, and me, she pointed out that other assistive medical equipment is available for loan.

Thank you to those who had shared such resources and to GSLC nurses who quietly serve our Lord and us.

Joy in Christ, Carol Manley

Thank you from Twin City Garden Club to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church staff and congregation for the use of your facility throughout the 2022-23 year. We are fortunate to have an assessable space for us to hold our meetings, workshops, luncheons, and Spring Plant Sale. We appreciate our long-standing relationship and look forward to many more years of partnership. Thank you again.

Cheryl Weber-President, Twin City Garden Club

Thank you from the family of Sheryl Bautch, the former Director of Family Service of Champaign County

I would like to thank you, your staff, and Good Shepherd Church for allowing us to use your space to host a Celebration of Life for my sister Sheryl Bautch recently (June 3, 2023). The day was great, and the celebration was beautiful and moving, thanks to Sheryl's friends and family who attended, and to the beautiful and spiritual space you so generously provided!

We were able to get most of it set up Friday evening, and we ended up with about 50-55 people who ate lunch, visited and reminisced about Sheryl, and took the time to share stories about her life.

We ordered the main food in from Hickory River Smoke House, and had additional dishes and desserts brought by the participants.

Kenny Goode was our musical guy, and he provided moving background music that added to the wonderful ambience of the event.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts! Sheryl was there in spirit and the stories told allowed us all to feel her presence just a little bit.

Thank you again for your generosity, and your flexibility with our timing and needs! God bless you and have a wonderful summer.

Best, Vicki Bautch



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, July 27, 6:00PM

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Thursday, August 24, 6:00PM

GSLC Choir Room

If you are living with cancer, are a cancer survivor, a caregiver for someone impacted by cancer, or care about someone with cancer, please join us as we share, care, and pray for each other. Our plan is to meet on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you have any questions, please call or email Parish Worker Marilyn at (217-549-7706) parishworker@gslc-cu.org.



Just a reminder that lovely **prayer shawls** are on a rack in the Narthex which are just waiting to find a home. If you know of anyone who is in need a warm fuzzy reminder of God's love, please take a shawl to give to them. Blessings and prayers are attached for you to use when giving the shawl to a friend, family member, or stranger! Thanks to the folks who keep knitting and crocheting!



LOST AND FOUND

If you happen to be missing any items, please check our Lost and Found Box located on the bottom shelf of the table by the office door!

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN OUR AREA

St. John Lutheran School Job Openings.

St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool, LCMS, are seeking a Middle School Math/Science Teacher, Classroom Aides, and After School Care Teachers/Assistants for the 2023-2024 school year. These are wonderful opportunities for qualified individuals to be a part of a team impacting the lives of students for Christ through education. If you are interested, please visit their website

(www.stjohnls.com/employment)

or contact Mrs. Cheryl Black, Principal, at cblack@stjohnls.com. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.

Mrs. Cheryl A. Black, Principal

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Marjorie and Jim Catt moved to Champaign from California about a year ago to raise their son Jonathan in the Midwest near family. They have been attending Good Shepherd ever since and joined the congregation on June 25, 2023. Both Marjorie and Jim are Electrical Engineers and work full time while raising Jonathan who starts kindergarten this fall.

Their family loves to be active with walks, working out, camping, and traveling. They just recently spent 1 ½ weeks traveling in Portugal while Jonathan stayed with Aunt Sue (Plisch). Jonathan is very active, loves water play and also Miss Barbie in our nursery!

They look forward to putting down roots here and becoming part of our community through participating in service events like Nativity Walk.

When you see them at church, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our community of faith.

	07/02/2023	07/09/2023	07/16/2023	07/23/2023	07/30/2023
Acolyte	Levi Todd	Reid Bruggman	Donovan Dewing	Dylan Keene	Jake Brucker
Communion Assistants	Susan Hinrichs Joe Chamley Tim O'Connell	Nancy Holm Tori Corkery Betsy Kakoma	Jeremiah Todd Marla Todd Nancy McCowen	Jenelle Keene Lois McConomy Cinda Brucker	Nancy Olson Dean Olson Dan Corkery
Reader	Dean Olson	Lois McConomy	Sue Plisch	Steve McConomy	Tori Corkery
Chancel Care	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley	Carol Steinman	Carol Steinman
Food Delivery	Gloria Arizaga	Ruth Meyer	Jenelle Keene	Dean Olson	Shelly Cekander
Flower Delivery	Dean Olson	Betsy Kakoma	Deb Swanson	Jenelle Keene	Patty Hart
Nursery	Marla Todd	Sadie Bruggman	Maria Dewing	Carol Manley	Laurie Johnson
Fellowship	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nancy Holm & Nancy Olson
Usher	Sally Widholm	Dan Corkery	Tim O'Connell	Jim Manley	Patty Hart

Chives, sage, mint , parsley, rosemary, tarragon and tyme are ready to be harvested in the Reformation heritage garden located in front of the cross. Please help yourself. Use them fresh or try drying some for later use.

AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

	08/06/2023	08/13/2023	08/20/2023	08/27/2023
Acolyte	Jake Brucker	Reid Bruggman	Andrew Todd	Donovan Dewing
Communion Assistants	Jenelle Keene Lois McConomy Cinda Brucker	Tim O'Connell Dan Corkery Tori Corkery	Dean Olson Nancy Olson Jeremiah Todd	Nancy McCowen Lois McConomy Carol Steinman
Reader	Betsy Kakoma	Jim Manley	Marla Todd	Nancy Holm
Chancel Care	Sally Widholm	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Nancy McCowen	Nancy McCowen
Food Delivery	Vicki Wilson	Bob Clark & Walt Tousey	Susan Hinrichs	Deb Swanson
Flower Delivery	Lois McConomy	Carol Steinman	Jenelle Keene	Patty Hart
Nursery	Lisa Young	Amy Chamley	Dylan Keene	Samantha Fisher
Lemonade & Cookies	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nancy Holm & Patty Hart
Usher	Nicole Paul	Joe Chamley	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Susan Hinrichs

**GSLC TO HOST
CPR CLASS**

A CPR class will be scheduled at GSLC in September or October. If you are interested in learning how to save lives, or want more information, please email Celeste Coverdill celeste@coverdill.net

CONFIRMATIONS AND BAPTISMS



**Andrew Todd
&
Reid Bruggman**



**Walter
Ferraz de Oliveira**



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Pastor Emeritus	Edward D. Schneider
Deacon	Jason Fisher
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Parish Worker	Marilyn Dudley
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Organist	Linda Pein
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Nursery	Barbie Tuttle
Accompanist	Larisa Chasanov
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck Elizabeth Kakoma Celeste Coverdill

Summer Office Hours
Monday– Thursday
8:00AM – 4:00PM
Closed Fridays

Deadline for Scroll is the 15th of every month.

***Bulletin / Announcement / Shout Out
Deadline is Wednesday at noon each week.***

***If you would like to receive a printed copy
of the Scroll, please contact Traci at
staff@gslc-cu.org. Paper copies are also
available at the church.***