



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:

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

**Created to be Brave.
Created to be Authentic.
Created to be Free.
Created to be Disruptive.
Created to be Disciples.**

These were the 5 themes of the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Our group of eleven got the opportunity to explore and live out these themes in worship, through listening to and discussing speakers, in interactive stations, and by serving.

During one of our Sunday worship services in August, our youth will get a chance to share more about those themes – and how those ideas encourage their lives of faith and discipleship. We'll share pictures and stories and amazing moments from the 5-day experience. We may even share a song or two (on video – they're great songs, but we're not up to any sort of performance level with them).

I encourage you to explore, too. To visit the ELCA National Youth Gathering website and watch one or more of the livestreams. Although the messages and music are aimed at youth, there are themes and ideas that can connect with any generation.

One of the speakers I really enjoyed spoke Friday night. Sally Azar is a young pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Ordained just last year, she was the first Palestinian woman to be ordained in the Holy Land and now serves a congregation in Gaza. She spoke passionately about her experience attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in the past and how that was part of her formation to be a pastor. But she was even more passionate about how we can be brave, authentic, free and disruptive disciples of Jesus, standing up for justice and flipping the tables of injustice, serving people in need and living as peacemakers even in the most challenging situations, like the one she and her people find themselves in Palestine.

I was so glad that our youth got to hear from her about how the Christian church in Gaza is working for peace and justice. But anyone who listens to her message will be inspired. If you want a recap of all of the themes in one speaker, I'd encourage you to listen to her.

One of my favorite experiences came during our day exploring the city. During a downpour, we dashed into a lovely little bistro in the French Quarter called Amelie's. It was on the fancy side with marble tables and art everywhere. But, they made room for us and we got to sit down to a lovely meal of muffaletta sandwiches, chicken and waffles with andouille gravy, salad made with local watermelon, and more. The food was delicious, but what will stick with me was our interaction with the server/proprietor. After all of our youth and adults had ordered and waited patiently and then eaten (with gusto and appreciation), each one handed back their empty plate with a sincere word of thanks. The server was visibly stunned by our youth's politeness and gratitude. She told one of our leaders that they had been worried about this week, thinking it would be the low point of the summer in terms of sales, but instead they'd had several groups like ours for both breakfast and lunch. And everyone had been enthusiastic to try new food, full of gratitude and incredibly well-behaved. This was the impression we made. As 16,000+ ELCA youth and leaders across New Orleans: enthusiasm, gratitude, willingness to support the local economy and learn about local culture, polite and engaged. We made a good impression. The youth from Good Shepherd made a good impression – as good an impression as NOLA made on them.

In fact, one day as we were walking, an older gentleman who was selling beads on the sidewalk approached me. I was all ready to politely decline purchasing anything from him, but he didn't want to sell – not to us anyway. Instead, he wanted to say thank you. "Thank you kids for all you're doing for New Orleans," he told me. "It means a lot."

And it meant a lot to me to hear that. It means a lot to me that you supported and sponsored our group to go to NOLA and have this incredible experience. Thank YOU for all of your prayers, your pumpkin-selling and buying, your generosity for the Youth Program, and for entrusting me and the other leaders with your kids. It means a lot.

Pastor Lynette Chapman

WORSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SUMMER

August 4 – Leon Harrell’s first day with us

August 11 – ELCA Youth Gathering Stories shared in worship

August 18 – Welcoming New Members

August 25 – Annual Meeting follows worship



**WELCOME
LEON HARRELL!**

Leon Harrell has been hired as our new Worship Keyboardist.

Leon brings experience as both a pianist and an organist. He is a composer, with a DMA in Music Composition from UIUC, an MM in Composition and Music Theory from the University of Louisville, and a BM in Composition and Theory from East Carolina University. Mr. Harrell teaches piano in the Champaign-Urbana area and lives locally with his spouse and children. Leon is looking forward to providing music for our weekly worship, accompanying the choir, and leading our bell choir. He loves making music and helping others to grow in their ability to make music, too. Please welcome Leon as part of our staff and introduce yourself. Leon’s first Sunday will be August 4.



NURSERY NEEDS

The Nursery could use some new toys, and you can help! We need puzzles, Legos and/or other new or gently used toys for ages 0-6. Floor puzzles or puzzles up to 100 pieces preferred.

Large Legos or Duplos would be great. Drop off items in the Nursery, or donate money for purchases, just indicate it’s for the Nursery.



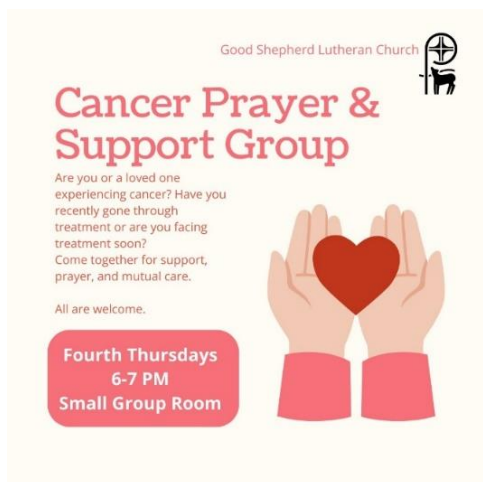
YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTER

We have begun the search for a new Youth and Family Minister.

The council met in June to do some discernment and a small group of parents was assembled to put together a job description and form the search committee in early July. Now we’re ready to put the word out and start interviewing! If you know of someone who might be a good fit for this position, please have them send their resume to Pastor Lynette, pastor@gslc-cu.org, along with a letter of interest.

Please keep this search process in prayer as we seek God’s guidance and wait for the person God will send.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP **Thursday, August 22, 6PM** **Small Group Gathering Room**

All are welcome!

Feel free to invite anyone who may be battling, recovering from, or has family or friends living with a cancer diagnosis.



GSLC **PIECE MAKERS** **Tuesdays** **12-3PM**

Sewing experience is NOT needed in order to participate. Most of our meeting time is spent sorting, cutting, and ironing fabric. There are jobs for every skill level! All are welcome!
 Contact Lois McConomy or Jodi Davis for more info.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

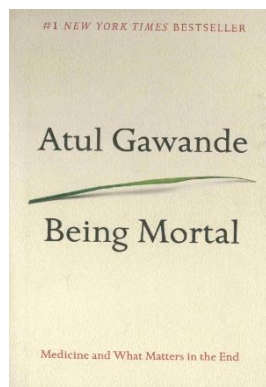


TRIVIA **AFTERNOON**

Sunday, August 18, 3-5PM
GSLC Fellowship Hall

Enjoy an afternoon of playing trivia! Bob Coverdill will be our emcee. Those attending are asked to bring a snack to share. There is no other cost or registration in order to participate. Lemonade, soda, and iced tea will be provided.

We are also inviting members of St. Matt's, Grace, and St. Andrew's to join us. Get together with friends/ family to form a team or join a team that afternoon. Hope to see you there!



GSLC BOOK GROUP
Sunday, September 15, 6PM
@ SunSinger Restaurant
Champaign
We'll discuss the Book
"Being Mortal"

Add this book to your Summer Reading List: "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande.

Dr. Gawande addresses end of life conversations, dying with dignity, and other challenging topics in a thoughtful, personal, and moving way. How do we live a life filled with meaning even in our 'declining' years? How do we live to the last with autonomy, dignity, and joy?

Other books planned for the coming year include: "The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Hinton, "Ask Me for a Blessing (You Know You Need One)" by Adrian Dannhauser, and "Everything Happens for a Reason (and other Lies I've Loved)" by Kate Bowler.

If you have suggestions, please talk to Pastor Chapman.

This book group gathers around books that challenge our understanding of the world, inform our discipleship, and help us grow as people of faith in the world.



12 Basket Challenge

Let's refill our food pantry! During the month of August, we'll see how many laundry baskets of food we can fill up in our worship space. Our goal is 12 - but with your help we might fill even more!



12 BASKET CHALLENGE

When Jesus fed the 5000, there were 12 baskets of food left over! **Help us fill 12 (or more!) laundry**

baskets full of non-perishable food for our food pantry this August. The need is great due in part to rising grocery costs. But we can help.

BOGO deals, coupons, even discounts for higher quantities may feed both our own families and those in need. Bring your donations to worship on Sunday mornings OR drop them off during the week M-TH 8-4.

VOLUNTEER AT SOLA GRATIA FARM

SOLA GRATIA FARM IS A COMMUNITY-BASED FARM WITH A FOCUS ON ADDRESSING LOCAL FOOD INSECURITY. COME HELP US GROW FOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND LEARN ABOUT VEGETABLE FARMING!



UPCOMING WORKDAYS

ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK DAYS ON THE FARM. EVERYONE AGE 10+ WELCOME!

MARCH 23, 1-3PM

APRIL 27, 1-3PM

MAY 25, 1-3PM

JUNE 22, 9-11AM

JULY 27, 9-11AM

AUGUST 24, 9-11AM

SEPTEMBER 28, 1-3PM

OCTOBER 26, 1-3PM

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP ONLINE

[SOLAGRATIACSA.COM/VOLUNTEER](https://solagratiacsa.com/volunteer)

Come Help Us Feed Our Community!



UPDATE ON THE MISSION FUND AND EL SALVADOR BUILD TRIPS

By Dean Olson

Many of you know that Good Shepherd last went on a Habitat for Humanity International build trip to El Salvador in 2019. Initiated by Jim Hack and Don Block in 2011, Jim subsequently led build trips to El Salvador for a decade. These annual efforts, typically to Santa Ana or Ahuachapan (both in the west), were curtailed due to Covid.

Habitat efforts in El Salvador shrank accordingly, with our annual on-the-ground Habitat leader, Francis Padilla, laid off for a time, along with nearly all her local Habitat co-workers.



Finally, things have changed, and Fancis was re-hired. It would be more accurate to say things have started over, not resumed. The Habitat International staff in the USA has changed, with new people, new themes, new web pages, new procedures, and new requirements. The start-up of activities was announced in a Zoom session in April that I was required to attend as a prospective group leader.

Habitat created a contact list of interested groups and after about 9 weeks, I was interviewed online, introduced to the person leading the Thrivent Partnership, and given a long list of things to do including: obtaining CPR and first aid certification, reviewing group requirements to determine eligibility, describing our group history, filling out forms, and passing a background check. All these steps are in progress, and happily, Thrivent is again involved and will make a sizeable donation to Habitat El Salvador for each group trip made. In the past, this has been \$8000 per visit, but the new amount has not been announced.

Trip costs have increased considerably from about \$800 per person in 2019 (plus air

fare) to an estimated \$1600 per person in 2025 (plus air fare), and the group minimum size is 10, with 12 preferred.

In addition, travelers must be at least 18 years old, with no provision for minors. So, changes indeed.



It was in 2014 that we sent a Habitat work group to help dig out the foundation for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Santa Ana. At the time, Pastor Carlos Najera led the church build after serious earthquake damage of the original structure, and achieved backing from Habitat, which rarely deviated from building housing.

Ever since, we have supported Cristo Rey, and we are in frequent contact with Pastor Vilma Lopez, who runs a youth program out of the church for the desperately needy neighborhood.



We continue to send funds for Pastor Vilma's Kids quarterly via donations passed through our Jim Hack Memorial Scholarship Fund. Pastor Vilma remarks, "Thank you from all the children, youth, and families at Cristo Rey in Santa Ana, El Salvador. It is hard to think what would happen to us were it not for your generosity to our ministries. We appreciate all your dedication and love to us. God bless you." The Facebook page for Cristo Rey is [here](#).

A summary received in May 2024 from Pastor Vilma describes the annual activities that our donations to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church help support. Very bad weather resulted in damage to the church and neighborhood and some donations were no doubt spent on repairs, shelter, and food.

- January - Shop for school supplies and bags
- February - Deliver textbooks
- March - Deliver school and sports uniforms
- April – Provide a small fee so parents can pay the monthly cost at the school their children attend
- May - Celebrate traditional harvest holidays with a day of food delivery and festivities for the children
- June - Take students to buy shoes for school and sports
- July – Take students to buy basic clothes such as dresses, pants, underwear, socks, etc.
- August and September - Prepare for Independence Day and participation in parades

- October and November – Beginning of Bible Schools in Church with artistic presentations by the children and young people; farewell to the school year with special costumes and events
- December - Celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; food package deliveries to each young person and child to help their families.

Please continue to prayerfully support these vital outreach ministries. Consider traveling to El Salvador on a Habitat-Thrivent partnership build trip once everything, including funding, is in place. If you can, make a donation to the Mission Fund to support a build trip, or to Pastor Vilma's Kids, which goes directly to Cristo Rey. With some prayerful effort, we hope to revive our outreach commitment to El Salvador build trips so we can again go on a regular basis and make a big difference in working with Habitat for Humanity International to provide housing for families in need.



ONE SUMMER'S DAY

TRUNK SALE

8-12

Saturday, August 10

Benefits C-U at Home

CASH ONLY



GSLC members and their friends are invited to bring their stuff and set up shop in the front parking lot. GSLC and CU at Home will handle the advertising, although you're welcome to promote it through your social media.

We have just two requirements:

- At least half of your total sales will be donated to CU at Home.
- Cash only.

Sign-up for your spot at:

<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/6388da>

If you have any questions, contact Dan Corkery



at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2101 S. Prospect Ave., Champaign
Register for a spot:



Please sign up to join the ELCA Advocacy Network [here](#). You will receive occasional emails asking you to endorse various ELCA positions on a variety of justice, peace, and social issues.

GSLC locally and ELCA nationally are committed to advocacy and “work through political channels on behalf of the following biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease.”

Learn more about the ELCA advocacy mission [here](#).

*Our GSLC [Statement of Belief](#) states: **We believe in serving others and making a difference in the world. When we serve others and address social issues that affect the common good, we live out our Christian faith.***

If you have any questions or want more information contact Al or Ruth Mytty. Together our amplified voices can make a difference.

Women of the ELCA



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday
August 8, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

Familia
By Lauren Rico

This is an emotional and heartwarming story of Gabby and the woman who claims to be her sister. The girls have been separated for 25 years. With nothing or perhaps too much in common, Gabby and Isabella set out to find the truth though it means risking everything they've known for an uncertain future and a past that harbors many more surprises. The girls work together to solve the mystery of their generational family.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.

Book for September is *Look Closer*
by David Ellis.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All groups meet in the
Choir Room

Ruth Bible Study:
Tuesday, August 20, 9:30AM

All women are welcome to
attend this study for the
summer.

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



The collecting of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief continues through August 18. A list of supplies needed was in the July Scroll or there are half sheets on the table in the narthex with the supplies listed.

Please place donations in the large box in the narthex, or monetary donations can be made on the church website, designating the donation for WELCA. We hope to have supplies to fill 100 school bags.

Please contact Nancy Holm if you have any questions.

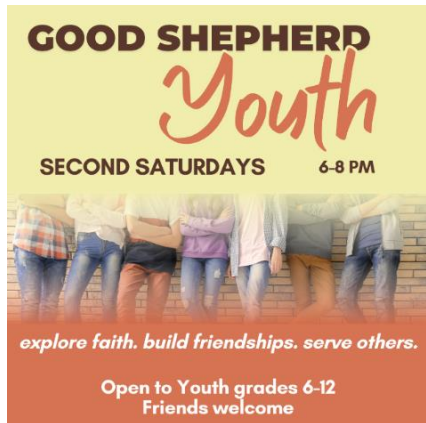
If you would like to help sew school bags, please contact Rebecca Nef-Heffernan.



WELCA SALAD SUPPER
Monday, August 26, 5:15PM
Fellowship Hall

All women at Good Shepherd are invited to attend a salad supper potluck. It will be a great time to relax, chat, and enjoy a variety of yummy salads. **Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or email Nancy Holm if you plan to attend.** Please bring a salad (6 to 8 servings) to share if able. Lemonade, soda, and iced tea will be provided. After the meal, we will have a brief meeting to discuss plans for our fall and winter activities at Good Shepherd.

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH GROUP!

With or without a Youth Minister, we are restarting Youth Group this fall – on a regular schedule.

We're going to try the Second

Saturdays of the month – easy to remember and to plan in advance for.

Our first gathering will be Saturday, September 14, 6-8 PM. We'll have calzones to eat, sardines to play, and spend some time talking about service projects, adventures, and faith.

RSVP to this first meeting using the link that will be in our weekly Shout-Out or by emailing or texting Pastor Lynette.

CONFIRMATION



Parents – watch for a letter coming from Pastor Lynette about confirmation this year.

We're still offering the independent/mentored track, but we're also going to be offering a Sunday morning option for any youth who want to move towards confirmation. In short, the curriculum we're going to use with the High School class for the next two years will also cover most of the basics needed to be confirmed. Participation in our High School class will provide that base instruction – as well as engage the faith lives of youth who've already been confirmed.



Deb Swanson and family would like to thank everyone who helped with Shirley's memorial service

and the meal afterwards. The help, support, kind words, and prayers were very much appreciated.

Thanks for a memorable celebration of my retirement July 14. Musicians who participated were greatly appreciated - Amy, Laurie, Chee Hyeon, Tatiana and Aaron, Kara, John and the Bell Choir, and all the whistlers who brought smiles to our faces.

The flowers, refreshments, expressions of gratitude, cards, calls, gifts - all amazing tributes that made for a happy, heart-warming day!

Gratefully, Linda Pein

CELEBRATING LINDA PEIN



AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

	08/04/2024	08/11/2024	08/18/2024	08/25/2024
Acolyte	Declan O'Connell	Donovan Dewing	Levi Todd	Dylan Keene
Communion Assistants	Carol Steinman Tim O'Connell Nancy Olson	Jim Manley Cinda Brucker Joe Chamley	Susan Hinrichs Rebecca Nef-Heffernan Lois McConomy	Nancy Holm Samantha Fisher Mary Szyzka
Reader	Nancy Holm	Sue Plisch	Marla Todd	Becky Cook
Chancel Care	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Myrna Johnson	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Myrna Johnson
Food Delivery	Bob Clark & Dean Olson	Bob Clark & Michael Jay	Jodi Davis & Vickie Wilson	Rick & Cindy Marrs
Flower Delivery	Carol Steinman	Patty Hart	Lois McConomy	Jenelle Keene
Nursery	Dylan Keene	Laurie Johnson	Jeremiah Todd	Jenelle Keene
Fellowship	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usher	Dean Olson	Patty Hart	Dan Corkery	Becky Fisher

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at staff@gslc-cu.org to be added to our volunteer list.

SENDING OUR KIDS TO
THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
IN NEW ORLEANS



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Keyboardist	Leon Harrell
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
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.