



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:

Creating Community

This past year the Central/Southern Illinois Synod, adopted a new vision statement, mission statement, and values statements – all of which informed a new set of priorities and goals. (Copies of all of these are posted near the office.) Among the goals and understandings reflected in that work was the shift from “congregation” to “communities of disciples.” This was to reflect the growing number of non-building-based communities that are still functioning as groups of disciples, following Jesus in love and service. But it also emphasizes that call for us to not just be “churchgoers” or “members of a congregation”, but disciples – actively following Jesus.



As a community of disciples we call “Good Shepherd”, we are disciples: we try to remain focused on Jesus and on his calling to us. We work to serve our neighbors, grow in our faith, worship our God, and advocate for the most vulnerable. We offer opportunities for prayer, for comfort, for strength in difficult times, and for folks to try to learn to talk to one another and hear one another’s concerns.

If you were to describe yourself as a kitchen utensil, which one and why?

Are you a hugger or a non-hugger? Why?

Which movie always makes you laugh?

Are you a rule-breaker or a rule-keeper?

What's on your night stand?

What's your favorite place to get ice-cream? Why?

If you could revisit any place you've been, where and why?

What is something that everyone should experience at least once?

What are you reading or bingeing right now? Would you recommend it?

What drives you crazy?

As a community of disciples, we are also community. But what does it mean to be community together? Are we a loose gathering of like-minded people? Are we people who care for one another in times of need? Are we people who know each other – and seek to welcome and know others – more deeply?

The Bible describes Christian community as people who are bound together in serving Jesus and their neighbors, as people who weep

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together and rejoice together, who complement each other's strengths for weaknesses, and who build each other up in love. This type of Christian community is never exclusive. It is always Spirit-led and Spirit-fed, formed by grace and re-formed through love and forgiveness. It is made up of beloved and imperfect people who are honestly seeking to grow in relationship with God and in service to neighbor.

None of this happens overnight; none of it happens automatically. Instead, the building of Christian community takes time, intentionality, and a little bit of willingness to share something of ourselves with one another.

The first step, of course, is simply building familiarity and finding connections. One way we can do that is through regular "Nametag Sundays" – the next of which will be August 17. We know folks don't want to wear nametags every week, but we're hoping that you're willing to try it out quarterly – each time with a little different twist and invitation. This time, we'll invite you to wear a nametag during and after worship. But after worship, we'll hand you a card or a piece of paper with a question on it and we'll encourage you to ask someone that question (and they'll ask you theirs). The questions won't be too overly personal but will give us fun prompts that can lead into deeper conversations.

I hope that you'll joyfully – or at least cautiously – participate. And hopefully, along the way, get to know each other a little bit better – all so that we can be that community of disciples following Jesus.

In Jesus' name,
Pastor Lynette Chapman

WORSHIP NEWS



August 3 - Summer Worship Gathering
9AM in the Fellowship Hall

August 17 – Name Tag Sunday – Pub
Theology in the evening

August 24 – Installation of New Council
Members; Annual Meeting following
worship

August 31 – Labor Day Weekend

September 7 – Sunday School resumes –
Congregational Art project and beginning
of year fun at 10:15 AM

September 14 – First day of Sunday School
classes, Adult Forum, and Dwelling
Together

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



GSLC PIECE
MAKERS

Tuesdays
Noon-3PM

GSLC Quilt Room

No sewing experience necessary in order to participate. Most of our 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.



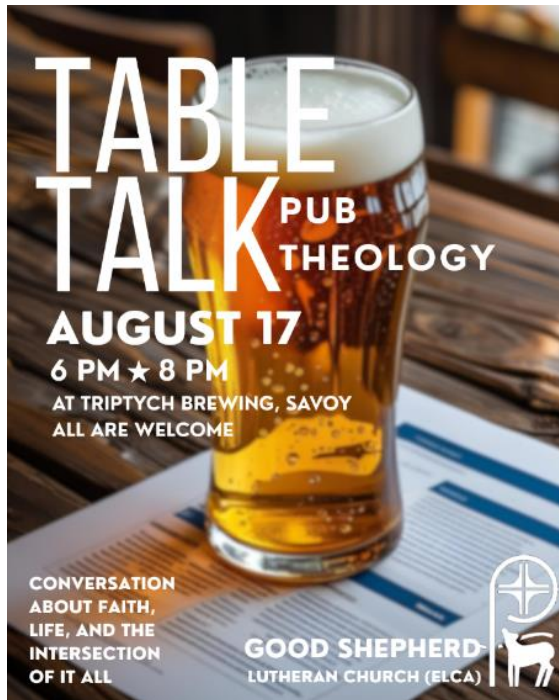
CANCER PRAYER &
SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, August 28
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.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

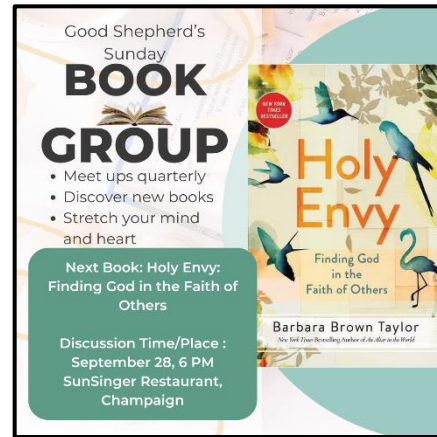


**TABLE TALK
PUB THEOLOGY GROUP**
Sunday, August 17, 6PM
Triptych Brewing, Savoy

Join us as we engage in meaningful conversations about faith, life, meaning, identity, culture, current events and more. Come with your questions, your curiosity, and pull up a chair. No advance prep or reading is needed but be ready to engage with people of varying backgrounds, perspectives and life experiences.

Friends are welcome! No drinking is required, NA options available.

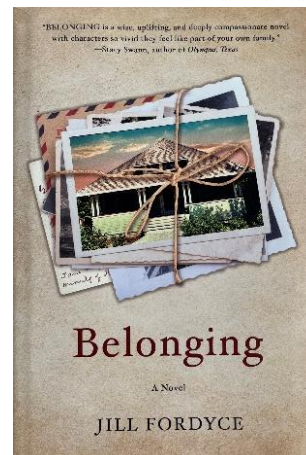
Questions? Want to submit a discussion topic? Talk to Pastor Lynette.



**SAVE THE DATE
GSLC BOOK
GROUP**

Sunday, September 28, 6PM
SunSinger Restaurant, Champaign

Women of the **ELCA**



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday
August 14, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

Belonging
By Jill Fordyce

This is a story about the events that transform our lives. Spanning three decades it tells of first love and heartbreak, friendship and secrets, family and forgiveness, hometowns and coming-of-age, and memory and music. The heart of the story is Jenny's struggle to undo her childhood that has deeply affected her life and to accept that you do not need to hide a part of yourself in order to belong.

Questions, contact Jan Nuss.

Book for September will be *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston



Tuesday, August 19

9:30AM

GSLC Choir Room

All women are welcome!

We use studies from *Gather Magazine*. Extra copies of the study are in the church hallway near the restrooms.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LWR

WELCA is collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits until **August 10**. 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. If you would like to help sew school bags, please contact Rebecca Nef-Heffernan. We hope to make 100 school kits.

School supplies needed for each kit:

- 4 - wide-lined or college-lined approx. 8 x 10.5-inch spiral notebooks, 70-page count (no loose-leaf paper)
- 5 - black or blue ballpoint ink pens (no gel pens)
- 1 - box of 16 or 24 regular crayons
- 1 - pair of child-safe blunt scissors
- 1 - 2.5-inch eraser
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1 - plastic or wooden 12 in. long ruler marked in inches and centimeters
- 5 - unsharpened #2 plain wooden pencils with erasers

Questions? Contact Nancy Holm.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The ELCA has made it very easy for folks to advocate and contact Members of Congress on vital issues. It's important that Members of Congress hear new voices, people they have not heard from before.

Sign up at: [ELCA Advocacy](#) or learn more at: [Sumud for Justice in Palestine and Israel](#)



PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED

Have you been crocheting or knitting? Or are you someone who's looking for a project? We give out prayer shawls to folks who are going through medical treatment, grieving a loss, or just in need of some comfort and love.

If you have a smallish afghan/prayer shawl to share or would like to create some for us to give away, please talk to Nancy Olson or Pastor Lynette. If you are interested in getting together with others to create as a community, again, reach out to Nancy Olson or Pastor Lynette.



STORYBOOK, It's All about the kids

The Storybook team from Good Shepherd and St Matthew's Lutheran churches is active this summer continuing regular monthly visits to the Illinois Department of corrections facility at Danville, recording offenders as they read storybooks which are sent home to their children. The team has also been busy with outreach and assisting Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to expand the reading program to other Illinois correctional facilities.

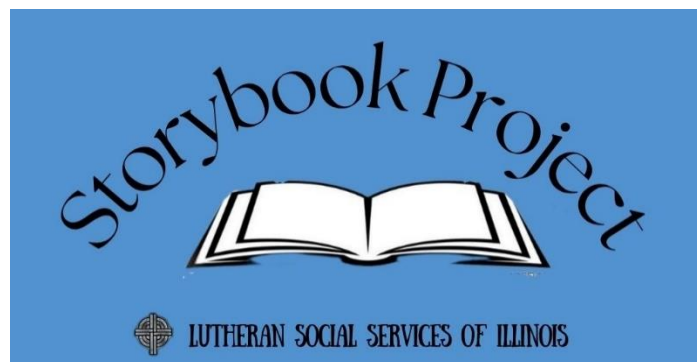
June 27th a team consisting of Dan & Tori Corkery, Jill Quisenberry, and Bob Clark traveled to the LSSI facility in Sterling-Rock Falls to conduct training for nearly twenty Lutheran church members and LSSI staff who are preparing to start Storybook teams at IDOC facilities in Dixon and Pontiac Illinois. LSSI requested our help in training and providing hands-on tips to these new volunteers from Chicago and other areas of northern Illinois as they prepare to join the Storybook team.

Team volunteers have also provided speakers to outside groups. Recent team member speaking engagements include Urbana PEO Chapter FF, Sunrise Rotary, and Altrusa International of Champaign-Urbana. We're happy to talk about Storybook and share stories of

the impact we see from our monthly interactions. If you belong to a group that would be interested in a presentation on the Storybook message, let us know. The Storybook team is self-funded and welcomes the opportunity to share our story.

During our regular visits a team volunteer works with each offender to select a new storybook to read and mail home. The team selects and purchases a wide range of children's books to display allowing just the right book to be picked. At holiday times a Christmas or Easter themed book might be chosen, other times maybe a book about a hero to look up to, baseball, getting along with friends, or sometimes just an old favorite like Clifford the big red dog. Once the book is selected, another volunteer records the reading, the recording is burnt onto a CD and both are mailed to the child.

Because the teams' contact is with offenders, the chaplain, and staff, many of the stories we share focus on that interaction. We can share information about prison size, statics, recidivism, and the positive impact we can observe on those individuals, however, just as important if not more so is the impact on families, especially the child receiving the gift. A book sent home with Daddy's voice reading the story, a book that is sometimes read over and over at bedtime, and a message from Dad at the end saying "Listen to your mom, pay attention to your teacher at school, and I love you" can mean a lot. Anecdotally we've heard of kids taking their book and CD to school for Show & Tell and proudly saying "That's my Daddy reading to me". Our Storybook team's motto is **It's all about the kids** and comes from hearing offender's stories about what these books and recordings mean to their kids. During his earthly ministry, Jesus told us to Love the Little children. I believe Storybook is one way to show that love. ~Bob Clark



YOUTH NEWS



GAME NIGHT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, August 15, 6-10 PM

Bring your favorite games to our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Ice cream and toppings provided, bring a snack to share and your favorite games. Come when you want, leave when you must. Friends and neighbors welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 7 – Sunday School Kick-Off event at 10:15 AM, more info to come.



GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP

Resumes for 7th-12th graders on Saturday, September 13 at 6 PM.

Watch for details mid-August. If your child/grandchild would like to be included in emails for this group, please contact Pastor Lynette.



YOUTH CLUB

Resumes for 3rd-6th graders on Saturday, September 27 at 4 PM.

Watch for details mid-August. If your child/grandchild would like to be included in emails for this group, please contact Pastor Lynette.

Order your GSLC gear today!
Adult, Youth & Women's tee shirts along with canvas tote bags

Click on the QR code or go to:
<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/c23f43>

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Bottle Cap Collection

Please start collecting plastic bottle caps of any size and color, bring them to church by September 5th
For an upcoming beautification project!



What a Summer we are having and could have into early Fall.

What can **YOU** do to stay safe on **HOT DAYS**

1. Stay in air conditioning as much as possible
2. Drink more H₂O than usual. **Don't wait until you're thirsty.** If you are on water pills, ask your provider how much you should drink
3. Take cold showers or baths to cool down
4. Do not engage in very strenuous activities and get plenty of rest
5. Check on a friend or neighbor and have them check on you
6. Keep up with your local news for health safety updates
7. **Seek medical care immediately** if you have, or someone you know, symptoms of heat related illness like muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting
8. Enter your zip code on the CDC Heat Risk Dashboard (www.cdc.gov/heatrisk)
9. Consider walking inside a mall or grocery store when hot outside

Older adults may find adjusting to sudden changes in temperature more difficult. Why? The likelihood of having a chronic medical condition can affect changes in the normal body response to heat. They are also more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body's ability to control its temperature or sweat.

STAY COOL

Sandy Reifsteck RN, FCN, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Someone You Should Know!



Jenelle

LIVE LOVE Volunteer Spotlight



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How long have you been a part of Good Shepherd? Twenty-five years.

Finish the sentence: Discipleship is sharing God's love... What are you passionate about?

How did you discover that passion? I have a passion for community and feeding people. My grandparents were a huge part of my life, and they lived their lives with faith and family at the forefront. My goal is to follow in their footsteps.

What should people know about the community service work/work that you do? I don't do anything extraordinary. I simply believe in showing up and doing my best to pitch in.

What is one thing you're deeply grateful for right now? That my sons are growing up to be loving and kind men.

What about your work (volunteer or paid) is the most fulfilling to you? I am a mental health therapist. I believe that every person is created in God's image and has amazing potential. I hope I help people find ways to love themselves and others.

Why are you a part of this congregation? I came here because I was raised in the ELCA church and thought I would "check it out". I have had two church families in my life, and I am grateful for both of them.

What is a favorite memory you have here at GSLC? Trips to El Salvador for service and Houston and New Orleans for the youth gatherings. Also, being surrounded by sweet "kids years", I helped with VBS.

Who do you think we should know more about here at Good Shepherd? Who would you recommend that we interview/talk to? Carol Manley as she has welcomed so many people to this church, including me many years ago.



Feel free to use this Breeze Form Link to nominate someone for our “Someone You Should Know” spotlight.
<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/b659b5>

NEW COUNCIL 2025-2026

Each year, our congregation elects folks to serve on council. Our council functions as a board of directors, as leaders of specific groups and programs, and/or coordinators behind the scenes. They spend time in Bible study, prayer for our congregation, doing long-term visioning and planning, and serve as a sounding board for Pastor Lynette and other staff members when they have new ideas or when concerns arise.

This year, **John Hart will be our Council President. Carol Steinman agreed to serve as Vice-President. Sam Fisher remains as our Secretary and Bob Clark continues as the Treasurer.**

Discipleship: Led by Steve McConomy and Al Mytty. Discipleship will continue to help coordinate Sunday School and Youth and

Family events/groups, as well as also help us grow our adult education and advocacy ministries.

Fellowship: Led by Kim McFarland, helped by a wonderful committee that includes previous chairpersons.

The goal of the Fellowship Committee is to help foster Christian community in our midst and to help us care for members in need.

Outreach: Served by Darrell Hoemann, who will function as the chairperson, as well as **Jim Catt and Carol Steinman.**

The Outreach Committee coordinates service opportunities like food deliveries and the Storybook Project, while also working to invite new folks to be part of our community and helping us all to spread Jesus’ love in word and deed.

Resources: Led by Joe Chamley and also involves **Ash Waller** (Stewardship) and **Jeff Young** (Property). The resources group helps us manage our facilities and finances.

Worship and Music: Chaired by Sam Fisher, but also includes **John Hart** and, potentially, **Steve McConomy.**

This committee is responsible for planning worship and making sure resources and volunteers are in place so worship can happen weekly and well.

Please pray for these leaders, give them your support, and prayerfully consider becoming a part of Good Shepherd’s leadership in the future. Our council is a thoughtful, prayerful, group of people whose goal is to help all of us live out our calling to praise God, teach about Jesus, and serve our neighbor.

Welcome New Member



Tracy Gady



Pastor sharing her dulcimer with the congregation
on Sunday morning!

AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

	08/03/2025	08/10/2025	08/17/2025	08/24/2025	08/31/2025
Acolyte	Jake Brucker	Andrew Todd	Declan O'Connell	Donovan Dewing	Levi Todd
Communion Assistants	Zechariah Fisher	Tori Corkery	Tim O'Connell	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Dean Olson
	Samantha Fisher	John Todd	Lois McConomy	Becky Cook	Dan Corkery
	Carol Steinman	Nancy Holm	Carol Manley	Cinda Brucker	Joe Chamley
Reader	Agatha Barnes	Marla Todd	Jim Manley	Greg Fisher	Nancy Olson
Chancel Care	Sally Widholm	Carol Steinman	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley
Usher	Nicole Paul	Dan Corkery	Dean Olson	Agatha Barnes	Nancy McCowen
Nursery	Laurie Johnson	Carol Manley	Samantha Fisher	Marla Todd	Amy Chamley
Livestream	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann
Food Delivery	Dean Olson & Bob Clark	Bob Clark	Jodi Davis & Vickie Wilson	Rick & Cindy Marrs	Patty Hart
Food Packing	N/A	Carol Steinman	N/A	Patty Hart	N/A
Flower Delivery	Carol Steinman	Rick & Cindy Marrs	Deb Swanson	Laurie Johnson	Dean Olson
Coffee/Donuts	Kim McFarland & Nancy Olson	Nancy Holm & Jim Manley	Patty Hart & Becky Fisher	Lisa Young & Samantha Fisher	Kim McFarland & 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.



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Keyboardist	Leon Harrell
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Bookkeeper	Dana VanDeveer Jones
Program Assistant	Katrina Widholm
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

(Through August 15)

Monday – Thursday 8:00AM-4:00PM

Closed Friday

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@qslc-cu.org.
Paper copies are also available at the church.***

