

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:



Summer is a time of growth, especially for our gardens and the farmers' fields around us. Summer is also often a time of vacation for students and teachers – and the changed schedules can give people the freedom and flexibility to get away, spend time outdoors, or even just enjoy long, lazy evenings.

In the church, summer is a 'green' time – often called "Ordinary Time". There aren't many holy days, Sunday School and a lot of our programming takes a break and committees only meet as necessary. Choir and bell choir are on hiatus. The staff spends time cleaning and catching up on projects and planning for

the months ahead, but everything seems to slow down just a bit.

Still, even though the rhythm of our days and of our life together changes, it's still centered on Sunday worship. Whether you're worshipping God in the sanctuary on Sundays at 9 or joining the livestream (live or later) from home or vacation, or even if you're worshipping with a different community or with family, the practice of worship helps ground and shape our weeks.

This summer, at Good Shepherd, our worship will use some new music with a Latin feel, connecting us with Christians throughout the Americas. We'll also be using a prayer song to shape and focus our prayers. And about once a month, we'll experiment with a different way of exploring the Word or sharing Communion or even praying the Lord's Prayer. Of course, we'll have some special music from members and friends along the way. Our hope is to keep worship relevant and meaningful, engaging and fresh, even while maintaining the familiar rhythms and patterns that nourish our relationship with our Lord.

I sincerely hope that worship will help to nourish your growth this summer, anchor your weeks, and provide connections with both God and neighbor. Most of all, I hope and pray that this "ordinary time" becomes extraordinary as you are continually made new by God.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Lynette

# <u>WORSHIP NEWS</u>



SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS THIS SUMMER!

Instrumentalists and singers of all ages and skill levels are invited to

participate in special music during worship. GSLC members or friends can <u>sign up using</u> <u>this form</u>. Have questions? Contact Leon Harrell at <u>leon@gslc-cu.org</u>.

# <u>SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC</u>



**GSLC PIECE MAKERS** 

Tuesdays Noon-3:00PM

#### **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, July 24 6:00PM

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, July 20, 6:00PM

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.

# Women ELCA



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday July 10, 9:30AM GSLC Choir Room

*The Briar Club* By Kate Quinn

This is a historical fiction

book with a murder mystery set in the middle of the 1950s. Taking place in a rundown all female boarding house in Washington DC, this story is about female friendships and secrets, and the chilling atmosphere of McCarthyism era and the backdrop of the Red Scare. The novel developes several characters and the challenges women faced in the 1950s.

Questions, contact Jan Nuss.



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 from **July 1 to 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

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Please contact Nancy Holm if you have any questions about the supplies.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



#### **C-U AT HOME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Summer is a fantastic time to get involved at C-U at Home, and we have a variety of opportunities for individuals, families, church groups, and corporate teams to make a real difference.

#### \*\*Yard Work & Landscaping Projects\*\*

They're scheduling flexible yard clean-up days to help beautify the grounds around our housing properties. Volunteers might pull weeds, plant flowers, spread mulch, or clean up trash and debris. No experience necessary — just bring your willingness to help and a pair of gloves!

#### \*\*Welcome Kits & Supply Drives\*\*

Help prepare welcome kits for new residents! These include basic hygiene items, towels, socks, and snacks. You can coordinate a drive with your workplace, church, or neighborhood group to gather needed supplies. They'll provide a list and everything you need to get started.

#### \*\*Administrative & Organizational Help\*\*

They're also looking for volunteers to help with filing, preparing materials, organizing donations, and helping them get ready for the transition to their new campus. If you have a few weekday hours to spare and enjoy behind-the-scenes work, this is a great fit.

## <u>\*\*Mentorship & Relationship-Based</u> <u>Roles\*\* (Coming Soon)</u>

Later this summer, they will begin onboarding volunteers for deeper relational roles, including one-on-one mentorship and prayer partnerships. These roles will require orientation and background checks, but they are excited to begin forming that foundation now.

Whether you're looking to serve once or regularly, they'd love to help you find your place there. If you have a group interested in volunteering together, they will work with your schedule to make it easy and impactful.

Interested? Reach out to Aleta at aleta@cuathome.us. We can't wait to connect with you!

### 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: <u>ELCA Advocacy</u> or learn more at: <u>Sumud for Justice in Palestine and Israel</u>



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Our very own Bob Clark helps facilitate the "Storybook Project." The team includes Bob, Doris, Jodi, Tori, Dan, Betsie and Lois. This program allows incarcerated parents to record themselves reading a book to their children. Oftentimes this is the only gift a parent can give to their kids during the holidays. We work with the men's correctional facility in Danville.

This program is currently self-funded by Good Shepherd, and we provide well-trained volunteers, the children's books and the cost of mailing them to the children. A volunteer sits with parents to record a story, which is then burned onto a CD. The CD and book are mailed to the child or children at no cost to the family. "I am thankful for the opportunity to help bring The Storybook Project to the Danville prison. Participants in the program show their appreciation to our volunteer group each and every time they participate. It is heartwarming to witness these parents as they communicate back to their children and share a storybook and in most cases an audio of them reading the book. Sometimes it's even a favorite book from their own childhood! How wonderful to witness! I have to admit that sometimes we get a little choked up!"

- Jodi Davis

# YOUTH NEWS

This summer, we're keeping it simple with a couple of low-key events for all ages.

July – Service Project (TBD – working on it, though)

## August - Game Night and Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 15, 6-10 PM Bring your favorite games to our airconditioned Fellowship Hall. Enjoy sandwiches and ice cream. Come when you want, leave when you must. Friends and neighbors welcome!

September 7 – Sunday School Kick-Off event at 10:15 AM



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



## Graduate Recognition







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	07/06/2025	07/13/2025	07/20/2025	07/27/2025
Acolyte	Donovan Dewing	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jake Brucker	Levi Todd
Communica	Cinda Brucker	Nancy McCowen	Dan Corkery	Dylan Keene
Assistants	Becky Cook	Susan Barreto	Tori Corkery	Mary Szyszka
	Nancy Ulson	Lucas barreto	веску соок	веску гізпег
Reader	Dean Olson	Bob Coverdill	Lois McConomy	Sue Plisch
Chancel Care	Mary Szyszka	Mary Szyszka	Alex Dewing	Alex Dewing
Usher	Jim Manley	Patty Hart	Eric Brucker	Joe Chamley
Nursery	Laurie Johnson	Lisa Young	Carol Manley	Jenelle Keene
Livestream	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann
Food Delivery	Ruth Meyer	Rebecca Nef- Heffernan & Laurie Johnson	Jenelle Keene	Gerald & Rosalyn Roosevelt
Food Packing	Tori Corkery	N/A	<b>Carol Steinman</b>	Mary Szyszka
Flower Delivery	Laurie Johnson	Dean Olson	Patty Hart	Jenelle Keene
Coffee/Donuts	Kim McFarland & Nancy Olson	Lisa Young & Jim Manley	Patty Hart & Becky Fisher	Lisa Young & Samantha Fisher

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

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

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Monday – Thursday 8:00AM-4:00PM Closed Friday

## Deadline for Scroll is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>staff@gslc-cu.org</u>. Paper copies are also available at the church.