

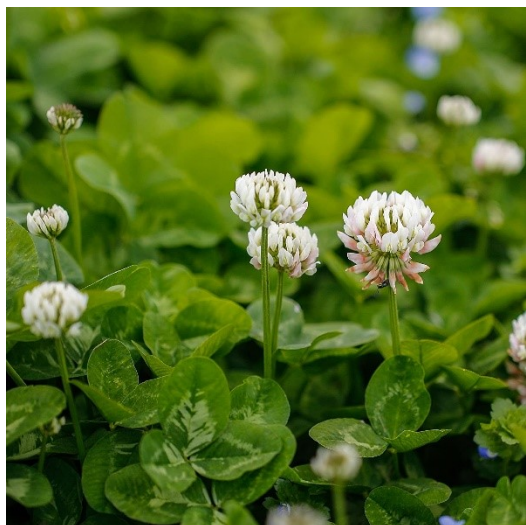


THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

# The Shepherd's Scroll

Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus' Name

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



## Green and Growing

I read an article this week about how more and more folks are replacing their traditional lawns with white clover. These 'lawns' require less mowing (4x a season), no chemical treatments, support pollinators like bees, fix more nitrogen than grass, and release more oxygen into the atmosphere. They also tend to be more drought-tolerant than grass and will likely stay green even in long stretches without rain. All in all, they are significantly 'greener' than grass. There are cons, to be sure, but I'm intrigued. And I'm now thinking about sowing white clover

in my yard where it will gradually take over..... I just wonder what my neighbors will think!

I'm intrigued by the idea from an ecological stewardship / reducing carbon footprint point of view: any opportunity we have to make an impact for the better on this world is worth at least considering. But I'm also intrigued by the idea from a spiritual and theological perspective: What do we choose to grow in our lives? What seeds do we sow in the yards of our hearts?

The summer months of the church year mark the beginning of the long 'green season' – the Sundays after Pentecost that where all of the paraments become green and we hear stories of growing faith, parables about mustard seeds and farmers' fields and wheat (and weeds). Here in Illinois, the summer months also bring the greening of local farmers' fields as the soybeans spread out their leafy carpet and the corn stalks grow so high it feels like driving along leafy tunnels. The things we see in our own yards and gardens green and grow, too – sometimes too fast - like thistle and burdock and creeping charlie.

Of course, a weed is only defined by what we want vs. what we don't want, meaning white clover could be a weed or not-a-weed depending on your position. We could also talk about beneficial plants vs. harmful plants, or native plants vs. invasive species. There are lots of ways of dividing growing things into good things and not-so-good things. As I think about what I choose to grow in my yard – or as my lawn – I wonder about what I choose to grow in my life. What seeds am I sowing for growth in my faith?

There are many different options, all of which might be valuable at different times and in different situations. The cover crop may not provide food, but will certainly help improve the soil. So what is necessary in this season of my faith life? To be able to feed others? Or to have the very ground of my faith enriched?

For example, this summer, I could spend my time lazing in front of the television or planted constantly in front of a computer screen (like I am now). I could spend hours scrolling social media or listening to the news. Some of these things might be necessary, at least in small doses, but will they sow good things into my faith life?

I could also choose to spend time reading theology and church history, church growth tactics and stewardship planning manuals..... again, perhaps necessary from time to time, but maybe not what I need for growth right now.

Instead, I might choose to spend more time in scripture itself, perhaps with well-written devotionals that help give me new insights into God's word. Or I could spend time serving others or sharing a meal with friends, planting seeds for relationships and the growth of community. Maybe I could spend more time in nature – putting my hands in the soil (or the clover seeds!) and caring for this beautiful world in a way that helps me tread more lightly upon it. Any of those things could be good seeds to sow in my faith life this season. I will have to pray and discern which ones will bring the most growth.

And, through all of it, I will need to leave room for the movement of the Spirit. Because what I think is necessary for my growth might be different from what God is bringing. Just like the seeds brought by birds and the breeze will spring up without my efforts being involved, God's Spirit will blow through our lives, bringing new things without our expectation.

How about you? What will you 'plant' this summer in your faith life? What seeds will you sow to change the landscape of your heart? Will you make time for worship, for prayer, for time caring for creation? Will you build community or serve others? Will you be open to what that pesky dove of the Spirit drops into your heart? Whatever it is, I can't wait to see the green growth throughout this green season.

Peace and joy in the growing,  
Pastor Lynette Chapman

# WORSHIP NEWS

## Sunday, June 4 – Graduate Sunday!

We'll honor our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments. Join us as we pray for God to bless them along their new journey.

## Sunday, June 25 – Outdoor Worship

Join us as we worship outdoors for the first time this year!

**cookies,  
cornhole  
& croquet**

**Sunday  
June 25  
10 AM**



**all are welcome!**

**Join the fun right after the service on June 25! Cookies and lemonade will be served, and croquet courts and cornhole boards will be set up for some friendly games.** There'll be trophies and bragging rights! (If you'd like to volunteer the use of a cornhole board, please let Nancy Holm or Kim McFarland know. A few more would be helpful.)



**Thank you to all the people who organized and taught education classes on Sundays.**

**Your time and energy is greatly appreciated!**

Jason Fisher, Ginger Hundgen, Marla Todd, John Todd, Eric Brucker, Tim O'Connell, Megan O'Connell, Dan Corkery, Joe Chamley, Amy Chamley, Samantha Fisher, and Susan Hinrichs taught in the Pre-K through High School youth this year. Thank you to Julia Hartman for leading music. Our youth Sunday School attendance increased over the year, and we are looking forward to new things next year.

**As always we can 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](mailto:shinrich@ieee.org)) if you are interested in teaching.**

Dean Olson and Cinda Brucker coordinated the Adult Forum classes. They brought in many interesting speakers.

Amber Bruggman and Sue Plisch hosted the Dwelling Together Small Group. A consistent community has developed with Dwelling Together.

Finally thanks to Barbie Tuttle for running the nursery during the education hour. Thanks to her, parents can attend classes and the younger kids have a place to go.

**FELLOWSHIP MEETING**  
**Monday, June 5, 6:30PM**  
**Via ZOOM**

We'll discuss events in the works for August, September, and October. Anyone interested in working with the Fellowship Committee is welcome to attend.

The Zoom link for the meeting is:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85134131048?pwd=SGY3bWYvakdGbE9ncmhONC84SzM4UT09>



**FELLOWSHIP  
MEET-UPS**

**Join members of Good Shepherd for meet-ups in June and July!**

**Meet-ups are great opportunities to get to know fellow members better.**

**-Wednesday, June 21, from 12:00-1:30 PM, bring-your-own picnic lunch to Hessel Park (on Kirby between Neil and Prospect).** Look for Pastor Lynette in a shady area, and plan to bring a lawn chair in case all tables are full. Please note, this meet-up will not be held if the temperature is above 85° F.

**-Wednesday, July 12 at 5:30 PM, 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.



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

**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**



**USED SHOE COLLECTION**

Andrew Todd and Reid Bruggman will be collecting shoes this summer as part of a confirmation project. They can take any kind of shoe, regardless of condition. Those shoes that can be used by others, will be. Those that are no longer usable will be recycled. Andrew and Reid are doing this project to help people and the environment by keeping shoes out of landfills. This project reflects both of their passions—helping those in need and helping the environment.

A collection box will be arriving at GSLC sometime this month. Collection event dates will be on Sunday, June 25 from 10am-Noon at GSLC and Saturday, June 10 from 9-11am at the Fisher Fairgrounds.





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LING ALL QUILTERS, CUTTERS, PRESSERS,  
ORGANIZERS!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF NEEDS YOU.

**Consider joining the PIECE MAKERS!**

**GSLC is starting a quilt group: THE PIECE MAKERS.**

You may think...

"I don't know the first think about how to quilt, or sew" or "I'm not very good at sewing. You don't want me to touch anything that would be sent anywhere but to the trash."

**Even if you are not a talented quilter or needle master, your assistance is needed.**

Perhaps you have fabric you'd like to donate. Organizers are needed to arrange our workspace. We need people who will cut the fabric, tie the quilts and who can contact community resources for donations of sewing supplies, etc. for our projects. All levels of skills are welcome! Anyone who wants to participate will have an opportunity to serve.

If you are interested in becoming a PIECE MAKER, contact:

Jodi Davis

Email: [jodidavisillini@yahoo.com](mailto:jodidavisillini@yahoo.com)

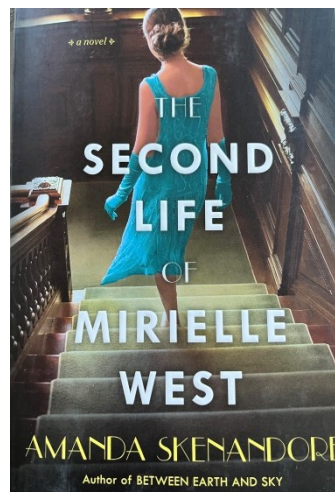
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Women of the **ELCA**



**WELCA BOOK CLUB**

**Thursday, June 8  
9:30AM**

**GSLC Choir Room**

***The Second Life of  
Mirielle West***

**By Amanda  
Skenandore**

This novel, set in the 1920's, was inspired by a true story of a Louisiana leprosy hospital where patients were forcibly quarantined. A Los Angeles socialite, Mirielle West is diagnosed with leprosy and sent to rural Louisiana for hopefully a quick cure. It turns out to be much more like a prison than a place of healing. It is her story of resilience and hope.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions [jannuss3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jannuss3@sbcglobal.net).



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**GSLC Choir Room**

**All women are  
welcome!**

**Ruth Bible Study:**

**Tuesday, June 20, Noon  
(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.**



## WELCA NEWS

We had great attendance at our annual WELCA Spring Brunch on May 6th with 28 women attending. Thank you to Gail Block for organizing this and for all those who brought food for the brunch. After the brunch, 141 personal care kits were assembled for LWR. The kits will be stored at church until the end of October when they will be taken to the local Ingathering and sent to LWR.

A big thank you to all GSLC members who donated items for the kits or made monetary donations.

**School kit bags for LWR are currently being sewed by several church members.** Please contact Rebecca Nef-Heffernan at [jheffe7393@aol.com](mailto:jheffe7393@aol.com) if you would like to help cut fabric or sew bags. School supplies for those will be collected at church in July and August.

**WELCA will have a planning meeting in August to discuss fall/winter activities.** Watch for an announcement about the date for that. We are currently looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to lead our Fall Bake Sale fundraiser. Please contact Nancy Holm at [nlholm@comcast.net](mailto:nlholm@comcast.net) if you would be interested in leading that activity or to learn more about what is involved.

## Lost & Found



the office door!

## 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

# YOUTH EVENTS



## CANOEING/HIKING TRIP

**Saturday, June 24**

Middle School & High School youth are invited to a canoeing/hiking trip to Kickapoo State Park in Oakwood, IL. Plan to meet at 7:30AM at the church. Bring: drinks, snacks, sunscreen, and any other items you may need. Contact Eric Brucker at [ebrucker1@gmail.com](mailto:ebrucker1@gmail.com) or text 217-714-9553 if you plan on attending.



**Congratulations to our graduating Senior, Max Bruggman! He plans to major in Geology.**

## CANCER PRAYER SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, June 22, 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. If you have any questions, please call or email Parish Worker Marilyn at (217-549-7706) [parishworker@gslc-cu.org](mailto:parishworker@gslc-cu.org).

## JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

06/04/2023				06/11/2023		06/18/2023		06/25/2023- OUTDOOR SERVICE	
Acolyte	Reid Bruggman	Andrew Todd	Jake Brucker	N/A					
Communion Assistants	Dean Olson Nancy Olson Carol Steinman	Marla Todd Jeremiah Todd Betsy Kakoma	Nancy McCowen Lois McConomy Susan Hinrichs	Nancy McCowen Agatha Barnes Cinda Brucker Dan Corkery Tori Corkery					
Reader	Dan Corkery	Joe Chamley	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Susan Hinrichs					
Chancel Care	Tori Corkery	Tori Corkery	Myrna Johnson	Myrna Johnson					
Food Delivery	Rick & Cindy Marrs	Gerald & Rosalyn Roosevelt	Patty Hart/Bob Clark	Susan Hinrichs					
Flower Delivery	Patty Hart	Dean Olson	Carol Steinman	Agatha Barnes					
Nursery	Maria Dewing	Laurie Johnson	Lisa Young	Max Bruggman					
Lemonade & Cookies	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jim Manley/Nancy Holm/Kim McFarland					
Usher	Nicole Paul	Jim Manley	Ash Waller	N/A					

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at [staff@gsllc-cu.org](mailto:staff@gsllc-cu.org) to be added to our volunteer list.



## ART DONATED TO THE CHURCH



Thanks to June and Ash Waller for the donation of two beautiful framed prints by the Chinese-American artist He Qi. These colorful prints represent the end of the flood and the baptism of Jesus. We've hung them in our choir room/Adult Forum space. Stop by and take a look.



### GSCLC TO HOST CPR CLASS

A CPR class will be scheduled at GSCLC 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](mailto:celeste@coverdill.net)



### GSCLC's HERB GARDEN IS READY FOR SPICING UP YOUR MEALS.

Chives, sage, mint 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. Parsley, rosemary and tarragon have recently been planted and will be ready soon.



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 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 [staff@gscl-cu.org](mailto:staff@gscl-cu.org). Paper copies are also available at the church.***