



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:



### Season of Change

What's the famous quote about weather in Illinois? If you don't like the weather, wait 10 minutes – it will change!

Right now, it seems like changes at Good Shepherd are happening as fast as the proverbial weather outside. The bad news is that transitions and changes can bring upheaval and uncertainty. The good news is that transitions can also bring new people and opportunities.

When Deacon Jason announced his transition to synod staff, the Church Council began a process of listening and praying, considering and planning. We've met with Pr. Amy Zietlow to learn about what a call process might look like. We've talked to some youth directors from other congregations. And we'll be meeting next week to put together some more concrete plans and hopefully even a search committee who will help us find new leadership for Youth and Family ministry here at Good Shepherd. It's important work – work that's asking us to look not just at 2024, but forward to 2030 and beyond. What hopes do we have for youth and families at Good Shepherd? And what talents, skills, and gifts will help bring those hopes to fruition?

We are also facing big transitions in our musical ministry. Fenella's program at the University was discontinued and she and her partner left Champaign to pursue other opportunities elsewhere, leaving us without a choir accompanist. This came shortly after our long-time organist, Linda, announced her upcoming retirement. The Worship and Music Committee decided to pursue hiring one person to fill both the role of choir accompanist and primary worship musician. They've already put together a job description, posted the job in different places, and the search committee is receiving resumes. However, we also know that playing the organ is a dying art. This means that our next primary musician will likely be a keyboardist specializing in piano – not an actual organist. While we're hoping that we will find someone who can play the organ, we're also trying to be realistic, seeking a qualified keyboardist who will lead our singing, accompany the choir, and enhance our worship of God in this place. We've also

asked Julia Hartman, our choir director, to become a full-year employee instead of just the 9 months September through May. Julia's skill with the guitar and voice will enhance and broaden our worship in different ways, and I look forward to her musical leadership in worship alongside Linda this summer.

All of these changes and transitions leave me feeling both excited and apprehensive. Change is hard and finding and welcoming new leadership can be a challenge. However, the gifts people have to share are beautiful. And letting those gifts shine will enhance our life together in ways I can't even imagine at this point.

Plus, as people of faith, we know that God is with us in all of the transitions of life – be they quick weather changes or whole new directions. The God who walks alongside us, who supports and encourages, challenges and guides, is with us in these transitions, too. We can trust that God's Holy Spirit IS at work, helping these processes and searches bear good fruit for the future of ministry at Good Shepherd.

So what can you do in this time of transition?

- 1) Pray. Keep Good Shepherd, the search committees, the Council, and the processes in prayer.
- 2) Support the committees and me. There's extra work to be done right now. Where you can step up or help out, do so. Volunteer your own talents and gifts. If you are musical, help with music. If you value our children's faith, volunteer to help with youth activities or Sunday School.
- 3) Appreciate the work that's being done. Thank Linda and Julia for their ongoing leadership. Support the parents who are coordinating youth events. Encourage our New Orleans chaperones and youth participants.
- 4) Be patient. Our committees and search teams are all volunteers with busy schedules and other concerns. The talent pool of candidates is not enormous. We want to fill these positions, but we also want people who will help us grow into the future. It may take time. And we may have to get creative in the meantime.
- 5) Keep an open mind and heart so that we can welcome whoever and whatever God brings our way. Prepare yourself for more changes and transitions ahead as we welcome new leaders and/or new directions for ministry.

Together, we will weather these changes and transitions. Together, led by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, united in purpose in Jesus' name, we will move into the future God is imagining for us. Thank you, as always, for your partnership in the gospel ministry we share. Thank you for your prayers, your support, your appreciation, your patience, and your openness to what God is already doing in our midst.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Lynette Chapman



## WORSHIP NEWS

### SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SUMMER

**June 9 – Graduate Recognition**

**June 23 – Brief Congregational Meeting following worship; Lemonade, cookies and lawn games following meeting.**

**June 30 – Opportunity for anointing and prayer for healing during and after worship**

**July 14 – Recognition of Linda Pein during worship; sending of National Youth Gathering participants**

**July 28 – Outdoor Worship – Sing-along style worship on the front lawn**

We're also looking forward to having some small singing and instrumental groups enhancing our worship over the summer, thanks to Julia Hartman and choir members and musicians from our congregation.

### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Enjoy lemonade, cookies, and lawn games for all ages after the church service. Also, kids can try out the new gaga ball court.

### 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.

## SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 

### Cancer Prayer & Support Group

Are you or a loved one experiencing cancer? Have you recently gone through treatment or are you facing treatment soon? Come together for support, prayer, and mutual care.

All are welcome.

**Fourth Thursdays  
6-7 PM  
Small Group Room**



### CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP Thursday, June 27, 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**  
*Making the world a better place  
one piece at a time...*

**Tuesdays 12-3 PM**  
*Meets in the classroom closest to  
the Fellowship Hall*

**All skill levels welcome!**

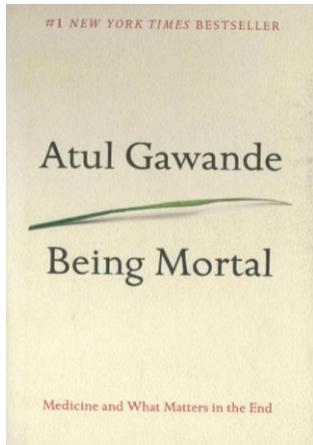
### GSLC PIECE MAKERS

**Tuesdays  
12-3PM**

Sewing experience is NOT needed 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



**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.

## TRIVIA AFTERNOON IN AUGUST

**We had a great turnout for the Trivia event held in February, so we are organizing another Trivia event for a Sunday afternoon in August. Watch for details coming soon.**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## 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](http://SOLAGRATIACSA.COM/VOLUNTEER)

*Come Help Us Feed Our Community!*



# CHURCH YARD SALE

**"ONE SUMMER DAY" A FUNDRAISER FOR CU AT HOME**  
**Saturday, August 10**  
**8AM-Noon**  
**GSLC**  
**Front Parking Lot**

Is your closet full? Drawers overflowing? Can't even fit the Christmas decorations in the attic? Are you thinking, I need more storage? Or perhaps you have too much stuff.

What you need is a yard sale – specifically the “ONE SUMMER DAY” YARD SALE, sponsored by Good Shepherd.

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

We have just two requirements:

- At least half of your sales will be donated to CU at Home, our faith partner assisting people without addresses.
- Cash only.

If you have any questions,  
contact Dan Corkery



## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### A WEEKLY LOOK INSIDE C-U AT HOME

(A message from the board)

Members of our board gathered for their annual strategic planning retreat. Staff were invited to sit in on the first hour, during which our executive director Melissa Courtwright offered some reflections on the progress we've made as an organization over the past couple of years. Following are some highlights from her presentation.

"C-U at Home has undergone significant transformations in recent years," Melissa reported, "all centered around better serving our clients and community. The

organization has upheld its reputation as a trailblazer, a legacy that began with [founder Melanie Jackson's] visionary establishment of C-U at Home in 2012."

Melissa called the development of our Mid-Barrier and Advanced Shelter models, along with our unique Pathways to Progress program, innovative concepts that "challenged conventional perceptions" of how individuals facing homelessness can experience lasting life transformations.

Milestones achieved since late 2022 include relocating both our women and men's programs from our former congregate shelter site at 70 E. Washington to their current residential locations in the community, seeing 8 individuals make the transition to advanced shelter houses, and celebrating with three clients who have successfully graduated from our program.

"C-U at Home is dedicated to a profound mission: empowering individuals and eradicating chronic homelessness," she concluded. "The unwavering support of our board enables our staff and clients to pursue this noble cause with gratitude. Your ongoing support remains integral to the realization and continuation of this mission."

That last sentence extends to all of you whose ongoing support makes our work possible and allows us to continue impacting lives in meaningful ways.

Thank you!

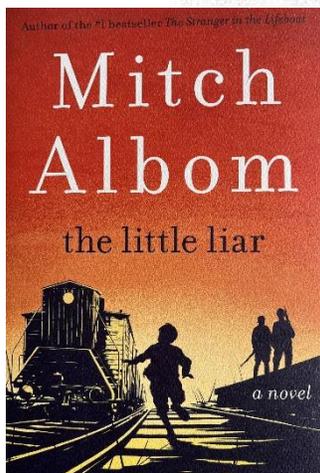
Until next time!

Rick Williams

Ministry Development Associate



# Women of the ELCA



## WELCA BOOK CLUB

**Thursday**  
**June 13, 9:30AM**  
**GSLC Choir Room**

***The Little Liar***  
**By Mitch Albom**

This novel is an unforgettable story of truth and lies set during the Holocaust in Greece. An eleven year old boy is tricked into encouraging Jewish people from his community to load trains heading north. When he realizes the consequences of the betrayal, he can never tell the truth again. He spends the rest of his life changing names, changing locations and identities, desperate to find a way to forgiveness for himself and from the people he loves most.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.

Book for July is *The Women*  
 by Kristin Hannah

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**All groups meet in the**  
**Choir Room**

**Ruth Bible Study:**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 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.**

## WELCA SPRING BRUNCH AND GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY

Thank you to all who attended the WELCA Spring Brunch on May 11, sharing good food and conversation. And thank you also to everyone who stayed after the brunch to help put together the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We packed 150 kits. A very special thank you to Gail Block for organizing the brunch and overseeing the personal care kit supply donations.

Additional thanks goes to everyone in the congregation who donated supplies for the kits or made monetary donations. These kits will be sent all over the world to those in need.



## UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICES

**Shirley Swanson** – Saturday, June 8  
 -10am visitation followed by 11 AM service.  
 Meal following.

**Robert "Bob" Espeseth** – Saturday, June 15  
 -11am service followed by meal and sharing.

**Kathleen "Kae" Helms** – Saturday, June 22  
 -11am service.

Please keep all of these families in prayer as they grieve, and support the efforts of our Samaritan teams to provide desserts and assistance.

# YOUTH EVENTS

## NEW ORLEANS YOUTH GATHERING

July 15 – 21

We're excited for this upcoming youth gathering! Please be in prayer for our leaders and young adults as they attend this event. Adult Leaders, Pastor Lynette Chapman, Jenelle Keene and Greg Fisher, will be accompanying our youth congregational members including Donovan, Zechariah, Silas, Dylan, Jeremiah, and Sofia.



## YOUTH CAMPS AT LOMC

Check out all the wonderful camps available for youth of all ages! Click on this link for more info and to register:

<https://lomc.org/summercamp/>

### **COSTS FOR CAMPS:**

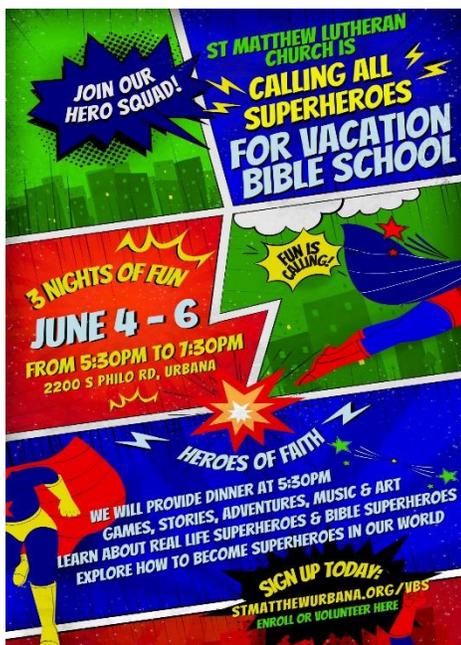
**Full Week Camps: \$550**

**Partial Week Camps: \$400**

**Actual Fee: \$475 and \$325**

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 per camper is required to hold your space.

Please note: Good Shepherd will be offering scholarships to help offset the cost to kids interested in attending. Families should contact Pastor Chapman.



## ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30PM

Sign-up at: <http://stmatthewurbana.org/vbs/>

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## JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

	06/02/2024	06/09/2024	06/16/2024	06/23/2024	06/30/2024
Acolyte	Dylan Keene	Zechariah Fisher	Jake Brucker	Donovan Dewing	Jeremiah Todd
Communion Assistants	Lois McConomy Carol Steinman Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Nancy Olson Susan Hinrichs Cinda Brucker	Becky Fisher Nancy McCowen Mary Szyszka	Tori Corkery Dylan Keene Jenelle Keene	Mary Szyszka Samantha Fisher Tim O'Connell
Reader	Steve McConomy	Dean Olson	Bob Coverdill	Dan Corkery	Jim Manley
Chancel Care	Jenelle Keene	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley	Tori Corkery	Tori Corkery
Food Delivery	Nancy McCowen & Carol Manley	Susan Hinrichs	Gloria Arizaga	Deb Swanson	Shelly Cekander
Flower Delivery	Jenelle Keene	Dean Olson	Deb Swanson	Carol Steinman	Laurie Johnson
Nursery	Laurie Johnson	Samantha Fisher	Lisa Young	Maria Dewing	Marla Todd
Coffee & Donuts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usher	Susan Hinrichs	Tim O'Connell	Joe Chamley	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Nancy McCowen

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

## JUNE IS FAMILY FITNESS MONTH!



Family Health & Fitness Day will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024! Celebrated the second Saturday in June each year, this special day promotes the importance of parks and recreation in keeping communities healthy and active.

Find local activities to join and the many parks to visit in Champaign at: <https://champaignparks.org/>

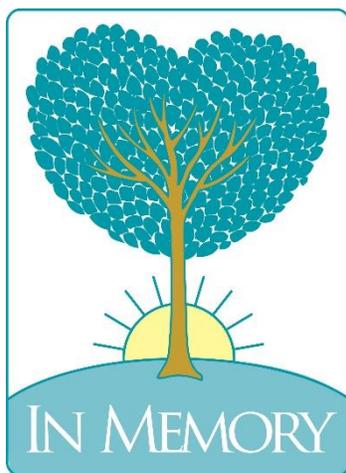
Find local activities to join and the many parks to visit in Urbana at: <https://www.urbanaparks.org/>

Faith Community Nurses (Parish Nurses) support you in making decisions to have family time through walking and exercising together. I'd love to know what you have planned for your family, feel free to contact me!

Sandy Reifsteck RN, FCN (Parish Nurse) GSLC

Also, a BIG THANKS to all those who made our Boon Drive in May a success!

## NEW TREES PLANTED IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES



Three new trees have been planted in the memory of Good Shepherd's heavenly departed members. Two of the trees have been planted on the southeast side of the sanctuary in memory of Tom Holm and Sonja McManaway. A new flowering tree has just been planted in the northwest corner by the fellowship hall to replace the tree that was removed last year. Friends of Karen Loeschen provided funds to purchase the new tree. A tree's life is long, is living and is always giving back life. They are a wonderful tribute that will live on.

We are blessed that those departed were in our midst and grateful their family & friends have chosen to honor their memory by beautifying Good Shepherd.

## PROPOSED NEW LANDSCAPING/PATIO



Last year we were the recipients of patio bricks that St. Andrews graciously gave to us when their old building was torn down. These bricks were fairly new, and we moved them to our church for possible use. It is important that we use the gift of the bricks on our property.

The Property Committee approved getting proposals for using the bricks to make a new patio on the southwest side of the sanctuary near Pastor's office that is a perfect shady spot for members and staff to sit to have quiet

time, meditation time, or use for a lunch break. The lowest bidder was Merrill Landscaping (around \$8,000) who provided a lower bid by several thousand and answered specific questions about effects on tree, drainage away from the building, and the need for additional bricks. We are keeping the tree. Merrill has provided a color image of the proposed plan, and it has been placed in the narthex for view by members. Questions can be addressed to Bob Clark, Don Block, or Jeff Young.

The Property Committee is trying to make every effort to reduce the maintenance of the property. We have been fortunate to have a few members who have worked on keeping our property manicured and weeds in the beds under control. We are grateful for their efforts and service in this manner. It is a laborious job to maintain flower beds, and it is important that we continue to make efforts to reduce maintenance.

We will be combining funds from memorial funds, the capital budget, and from any generous contributions of members who have interest in this project to improve outside areas of our property.

2101 S. Prospect Avenue  
Champaign, IL  
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# CHURCH KEYBOARDIST WANTED

## WE ARE HIRING!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA) is a progressive and liturgical Christian community seeking a primary worship musician who will collaborate to inspire praise and worship of our God through hymnody, sacred song, and instrumental music.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- A **bachelor's degree in music, or equivalent experience**, and sufficient keyboard skills to sight-read 4-voice hymns, liturgical service music, and choir anthem accompaniments.
- Experience within a **collaborative musical environment**, working with staff, instrumentalists, vocalists, and/or volunteers.
- Availability **Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings** for worship and rehearsals.

**PREFERRED SKILLS**

- Knowledge of **liturgical worship** tradition, and a sufficient theological understanding of the faith to select appropriate music and texts for worship.
- **Organ** competency preferred, but not required.
- Ability to direct our active **Bell Choir** is preferred, but not required.

**Posted May 2024 to start on or before Aug. 1, 2024**

**WE OFFER:** rehearsal space and teaching space, if desired; a 12+ voice choir; a 3-octave Bell Choir; Allen Renaissance 40+ stop R250 Organ; Steinway Grand Piano. We value creativity and collaboration.

Send your resume or questions to:  
✉ [choirdirector@gslc-cu.org](mailto:choirdirector@gslc-cu.org)

**PART-TIME**  
**\$20,000 - \$24,000/year**



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Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Organist	Linda Pein
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 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@gslc-cu.org](mailto:staff@gslc-cu.org). Paper copies are also available at the church.***