



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 FRUIT

The New Testament loves the metaphors of fruitfulness, bearing fruit, vines and vineyards, fig trees and olives. It almost sounds like the writers were living in a lush orchard, looking out the window for theological inspiration, and seeing rows of trees and vines. One of the prime examples of these fruit-y metaphors occurs in Paul's letter to the church in Galatia, where he describes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control as "the fruit of the Spirit."

Intellectually, I know that Paul is talking about the gifts the Holy Spirit produces as part of natural growth. But whenever I hear this passage, I start thinking about apples and oranges, peaches and plums, dragon fruit and melons and kiwis. And I start remembering childhood Sunday School lessons where love was pictured with an apple and joy with a strawberry and patience with a pear. I have no idea why the lesson writers paired those particular fruits with those particular virtues – it might have been completely arbitrary – but to this day, I can't see a pear without thinking of patience! And I have no idea why love would be represented by an apple instead of a strawberry. In my mind, the strawberry looks a lot more like a heart!



But, if we try to match virtues with grocery-store fruit, we are missing the point. The point Paul and all of the other New Testament writers and teachers, including Jesus, are trying to make is that we are called to yield results of our connection with Christ. Our lives, rooted in the gospel, nurtured by the sacraments, will become more than they were before we were followers. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc., - these are only some of the things that can and will blossom and grow in the life of the disciple.

I'm also reminded of a peach tree that my mother planted in our backyard when I was a child. It grew and grew and we kept waiting, looking for fruit, anticipating the first bites of summer-sweet peaches and years of peach pies and cobblers and jarred peaches that brighten and warm the winter months. It took years, but eventually we saw the first flowers and the first fruits forming. And every day we'd check to see their progress. They grew, but they darkened to a deep purple-black. And instead of becoming fuzzy, the skin stayed smooth and became glossy. The peaches we'd long anticipated were actually plums! Somehow, the labels had gotten switched at the store and we weren't botanists enough to notice the difference until the fruit appeared. Those plums, by the way, were delicious. And it wasn't the tree's fault. A plum tree is only ever going to produce plums. And this tree produced them abundantly!



Sometimes the fruit that grows in us is surprising, unexpected, maybe even different than what we wanted – but still good. God's call to me fits my gifts; God's call to you will fit yours. And even though I sometimes dream of changing the world, I also know that God has planted me in this particular corner of creation for a reason and that the fruit I bear – the good things I get to share with others – is enough. I don't need to produce peaches instead of plums. I can simply produce – through God's grace and mercy and nurture – what I've been called to produce.

And that's a beautiful thing about fruitfulness – and all of those metaphors the Bible uses, too. It's better when we're all producing different kinds of fruit. The world needs all of the gifts of the Spirit it can get! And since no one person can be everywhere, do every ministry, embody every virtue, the Spirit's wisdom is brilliantly shown in the diversity of our discipleship.

And, to mix my metaphors, no matter what fruit we bear, we are all connected to the Vine, nourished and supported by that connection to Jesus Christ. And through Jesus, the Vine, we are connected to each other. What a bonus!

My friends, as you enjoy the fruits of the summer season, may you remember the fruits of the Holy Spirit, may you show them forth in your own life, and may the beautiful rainbow diversity of these gifts, grown in Christ, nourish our community – and the world!

In Christ,  
Pastor Lynette Chapman

## WORSHIP NEWS

June 7 – Graduate Recognition Sunday

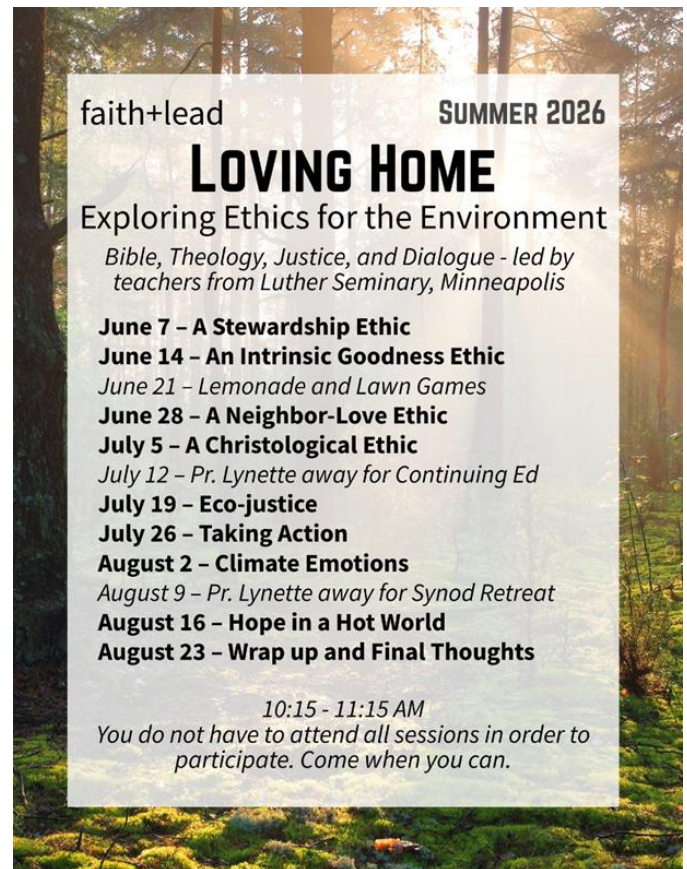
June 21 – Communion at the Rail  
Celebrating Father’s Day with Lemonade &  
Lawn Games following worship



### **Just BREATHE...**

We’re offering something new this summer: BREATHE, a summer evening worship, once a month, on the front lawn. This quiet time with God (and each other) will feature prayer and scripture and run from 7 – 8 PM. We may or may not have music, depending on whether we find a musician or not. Bring a lawn chair and a cool beverage. Relax and breathe in God’s presence.

All are welcome! Invite your friends. Our first gathering will be June 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue on the last Sunday of the month through September.



### **LOVING HOME – Exploring Ethics for the Environment**

#### **Adult Faith Formation – Summer 2026**

While our usual “Adult Forum” takes a break over the summer, you are invited to a different kind of faith formation experience. Starting June 7 and continuing throughout the summer as outlined on the posted schedule, we’ll explore a different facet of ethics for the environment most weeks. The content is provided through faith+lead – a lay theological education resource out of Luther Seminary, Minneapolis.

Pastor Lynette will facilitate and all participants will have their own resource book and student journal. You do not have to attend all sessions to meaningfully participate. Neither do you need any other pre-requisite! Learners of all levels are welcome!

This class will be held Sundays at 10:15 in the choir room/meeting room across from the office.

## **SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC**



### **CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP**

**Thursday, June 25  
6PM**

**Small Group  
Gathering Room**



### **GSLC PIECE MAKERS**

**Tuesdays  
Noon-3PM**

**GSLC Quilt Room**

No experience necessary. Most of our time is spent sorting, cutting, and ironing fabric. Jobs for every skill level! All are welcome! Contact Lois McConomy or Jodi Davis for more info.



**Join the men for coffee time!**

## **STAFF UPDATES**

### **Get ready for..... Vicar Hanna!**

Vicar Hanna Lieber will be joining Good Shepherd in August of this year. She is a student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA, on the path to becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA (otherwise known as – a pastor!). Part of seminary education is internship – practical, hands-on experience in a congregation. Seminary students fulfill the internship requirement in different ways. One way is through full-time work in an ELCA congregation with a supervising pastor for one year. This is Vicar Hanna's path – and we are delighted that we have been matched with her!

Vicar Hanna is a second-career student, originally from Wisconsin, and the daughter of a (now retired) ELCA pastor. We'll get to know more about her in the coming months – and we'll get to know her even better during the year she'll be working and learning in our congregation.

Right now, our priority is to find appropriate housing for Vicar Hanna and her furry family members (she has a dog and a rabbit). If you can help in that endeavor, please contact Pastor Lynette. We are looking for a two-bedroom ground floor apartment (or condo, house, townhouse) rental with laundry hookups and dedicated parking.

Seminarians may have different goals during internship, but all of them are working to learn the basics of parish ministry. Worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, working with volunteers and the church council, planning programs,

administration, stewardship, evangelism, teaching different age groups, relationship building, writing, communication, conflict resolution, civic engagement, theological integration, praying with and for people and groups... the list of things to learn and practice is long!

Mentored by Pastor Lynette, Vicar Hanna will be growing in her ability to do all of these things (and more). In the process, she'll bless our congregation, bringing her own voice and gifts to us. Once her year with us is done, she'll return to seminary for her final year of theological education and then enter into a call process wherever the Holy Spirit sends her! It is our hope that her year spent with us is a blessing to all of the congregations she will serve in the future, wherever they will be.

Some background information: Good Shepherd Council applied to Wartburg Seminary in early 2025 to become an internship site, with Pastor Lynette as a Supervisor. Our commitment to the larger church, our deep passion as a congregation for higher education, our congregation's stability and innovation, the presence of an experienced pastor – combined with your financial generosity over the past years – allows us to offer this opportunity to a seminarian. It's a one-year commitment, which could be repeated with a different student in future years if we desire.

Given the smaller number of seminarians available, we weren't sure if we would ever be matched. But suddenly, in the beginning of May, we were contacted about hosting an intern for the 2026-2027 year. And –

because of all we have in place already – the council was able to say a joyful “Yes!”

It is our hope that we will all joyfully welcome Vicar Hanna, her gifts, her desire to learn, her questions and her faithfulness when she arrives in August.

*Note: In this synod, we traditionally call seminary students “Vicar” instead of “Pastor” or “Deacon” – they'll get those titles at ordination. However, in England, Vicars are the local parish pastors, so apologies in advance if that causes confusion with any Anglophiles among us!*

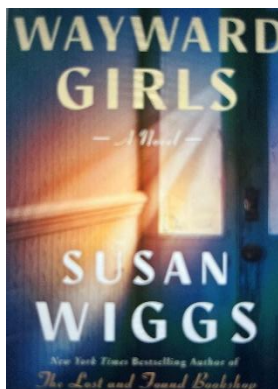
*Also, note the difference between the word “intern” and “interim”. Good Shepherd has had interim pastors in the past – most recently, Pastor Knight Wells before Pastor Lynette was called. An intern is a student – much like a student teacher – but full-time. An interim is someone who fills in and helps congregations navigate pastoral transitions.*

## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

**GAME NIGHT**  
Family Board Game Night  
Friday, June 12th  
5-8 pm at GSLC



Copies of the book are available in the narthex/lobby. Please feel free to take one! You can also borrow from the library, buy online, or pick one up from your favorite bookstore. Hope to see you there!

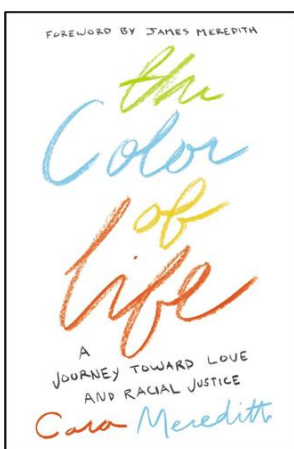


**WELCA BOOK CLUB**

**Thursday  
June 11, 9:30AM  
GSLC Choir Room**

*Wayward Girls*  
by Susan Wiggs

A historical fiction novel from 1968 about six teenage girls who are confined to a Catholic reform school in Buffalo, where they face abuse and injustice. Together, they find strength and solidarity while fighting for freedom and redemption.



**SUNDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
6 PM**

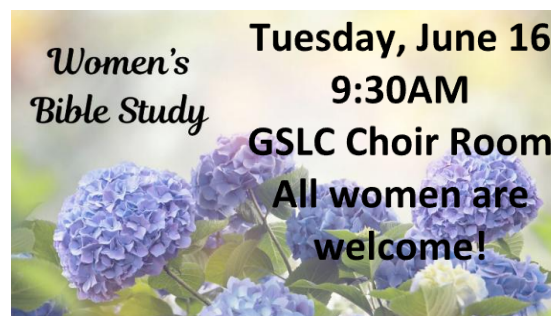
**SUNINGER RESTAURANT  
ON WINDSOR ROAD.**

Our next book is

**"The Color of Life: a journey toward love and racial justice" by Cara Meredith.**

Cara Meredith is the daughter-in-law of the famous civil rights activist James Meredith and found herself reexamining her understandings of race and racism in America after marrying into the Meredith family.

This is a personal journey, thoughtfully told, that invites us all to consider our own history and understandings and engage in a shared and loving movement toward greater racial justice.



**"I am worthy" is the theme for June, July & August. June's focus is: "I am created in God's image."** Be encouraged for one, two or all sessions on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. July's focus: "I am more than one thing." August's focus: "I am because you are."

All women are encouraged to pick up a free copy of "GATHER" magazine from the hallway near the nursery.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WELCA will be collecting school supplies for LWR school kits from **June 28 - Aug. 2** and packing them up this fall. 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 or string the straps for the 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

The school supply list will also be available on the table in the narthex. Please contact Nancy Holm if you have any questions about the supplies.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We need your help!  
**VOLUNTEER**  
 TO PACK FOOD

Sign up with Traci  
[staff@gslc-cu.org](mailto:staff@gslc-cu.org)  
 to help once a month!

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

# Fill The Silver Streak!

**Diaper Drive at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 Drop off Diapers at church anytime by June 28th

*Help fill local pantries for families in need*

**Sizes 5 & 6**

# I Love My Church

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
[www.gslc-cu.org](http://www.gslc-cu.org)

Do you love Good Shepherd? Would you like an easy way to show it? Take a yard sign home with you and 'plant' it in your yard for the summer! If you'd like to donate towards the cost of your yard sign, you are welcome to do so. They cost about \$11/sign.

We need your help!  
**Volunteer in the Nursery**

Sign up with Traci  
[staff@gslc-cu.org](mailto:staff@gslc-cu.org)  
 to help every 8 weeks!

# Summer

Families are in need.  
 Please donate what you can!

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

GOOD SHEPHERD Lutheran Church (ELCA)



## WHAT YOUR JOINT PAIN MAY BE TELLING YOU

Joint pain isn't always just part of getting older. It can be your body's way of signaling that something needs attention.

Understanding the cause of your pain is the first step toward feeling better and staying active.

### Explore:

- **Common causes of joint pain may include osteoarthritis, injuries and autoimmune conditions**
- **Signs your pain may need medical attention**
- **Nonsurgical treatment options that can help relieve pain**
- **When to consider more advanced care**

Getting an early diagnosis can help prevent further joint damage and keep you doing the things you enjoy.

### Get expert care for lasting relief

Joint pain can affect your daily life, from staying active to simply getting through your day. Orthopedic physicians, sports medicine specialists and physical therapists are available to find the right treatment. From physical therapy and injections up to surgical options, they give care tailored to your needs. If your joint pain isn't improving, it may be time to take the next step.

Information adapted from  
Banner Health in Tucson, AZ  
Sandy Reifsteck RN, MS Ed, LFCNA  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## YOUTH NEWS

WE'RE PLANNING A SUMMER OF ADVENTURE  
AND HOPING YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN IN!



### TUBING

What better way to pass away a summer day than floating down the river?

### Saturday, June 13 – Floating trip at Kickapoo State Park/Kickapoo Adventures

Meet at church at 9 AM for a 10:30 – 1:30 float (end time approximate). Tubes provided. Bring water bottles, sunscreen; and wear appropriate clothing and shoes. We'll have a picnic lunch at Kickapoo. The canteen should also be open, so you may choose to bring money (which we'll leave locked in the cars while we're tubing) if you want additional snacks or drinks. We should return to Good Shepherd by 4pm at the latest, but probably closer to 3.

Teens (7<sup>th</sup> grade and older) are welcome without a parent (although we'll need at least one parent to help drive and chaperone). Younger kids are welcome with their parent or guardian. \$15/person covers approx. 50% of the fees (which includes: tubes, life jackets, transportation, and a cooler raft).

Good Shepherd will cover the rest, including lunch. I'd also be glad to welcome a parent or older chaperone who would like to hang out near the cars and picnic supplies instead of floating. **SIGN UP ASAP in the narthex/lobby or by emailing Pastor Lynette.**



**LEADERSHIP LAB 2026**  
**For teens AND adults!**  
**JUNE 22-27, 2026**  
**Augustana College**  
**Rock Island, IL**

### What IS Lab?

PARTICIPANTS experiment and practice leadership for church and community while encountering an intense, transformational Faith experience.

What is the cost? \$420 per person (cost increases on 4/15), but Good Shepherd has funds to help with this cost.

#### Discounts Available (1 per registration):

**-1 FREE Adult Registration with the purchase of 5 student registrations**

**-10% discount for anyone who attended Leadership Lab 2025 (\$378/person)**

**-25% discount for participants from churches participating in Leadership Lab for the first time or have not attended in more than 5 years. (\$315/person)**

#### What is included in the cost?

- Rooming in a college dorm room
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner for the week
- T-Shirt

Learn more or register at  
<https://leadershiplab.net/>

**If you're interested in being part of a Good Shepherd group, talk to Pastor Lynette.**

ENCHANTED PARKS



**SIX FLAGS**

**St. Louis**

**July 23 – THURSDAY**  
**OR July 24 – FRIDAY**

**SIGN UP by June 30<sup>th</sup> and indicate your**

**day preference.** Teens (7th grade and older) are welcome without a parent (although we'll need at least one parent to help drive and chaperone). Families with younger kids are welcome, too. Cost: \$25 plus the cost of your food and drink. Good Shepherd will cover the rest of the admission fee (\$43 minus any discounts we find) and gas for the additional driver(s). Details about meeting time and return time will be finalized once we know who is going – but plan for a full, long day!



**August 9 – Mini Golf at Old Orchard links in Savoy @ 11:00 AM**

**\$5/person.** Includes 18 holes of mini golf, a game pass and ice cream! Sign up in the narthex/lobby.

Also in the works: Bingo with folks in a local memory care unit. We're currently working on a date. Once we have it, we'll share it with all the youth (and the rest of the congregation, too!)

If you have questions about any of these, please contact Pastor Lynette!

# PAINT WITH ME PARTY



**JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE**

	6/7/2026	6/14/2026	6/21/2026	6/28/2026
Acolyte	Jake Brucker	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Levi Todd	Jake Brucker
Communion Assistants	Cinda Brucker	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Tori Corkery	Nancy McCowen
	Joe Chamley	Carol Steinman	Becky Cook	Carol Steinman
	Becky Cook	Lois McConomy	Nancy Olson	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Reader	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Dan Corkery	Nancy Holm	Dean Olson
Chancel Care	Agatha Barnes	Agatha Barnes	Samantha Fisher	Samantha Fisher
Nursery	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jenelle Keene	Lisa Young & Marla Todd	Laurie Johnson
Usher	Agatha Barnes	Nancy McCowen	Becky Fisher	Patty Hart
Flower Delivery	Deb Swanson	Rick & Cindy Marrs	Dean Olson	Patty Hart
LiveStream	Darrell Hoemann	Jeff Young	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann
Coffee/Donuts				
Food Delivery	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan & Laurie Johnson	Jenelle Keene	Dean Olson & Bob Clark	Carol Manley
Food Packing	N/A	Carol Steinman	N/A	N/A

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.



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Keyboardist	Leon Harrell
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Bookkeeper	Dana VanDeveer Jones
Program Assistant	Katrina Widholm

## **Volunteer Spotlight for July: Marla Todd**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday – Thursday 8:00AM-4:00PM**  
**Friday CLOSED**

***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.***