



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:



Inhaling and Exhaling

This month, we celebrate the festival of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit and the “birth” of the church. Luke (the writer of Acts) describes the scene: “suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they [the disciples] were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” (Acts 2:2-3)

There are several fascinating details in this text. One is the “violent wind” described in Acts 2:2. This word used here is a Greek word for breath. So, more literally, the translation could be “a sound like the rush of a violent breath”! A great exhalation! God breathing God’s Spirit out into the world – literally blowing new life into the lungs of every living creature. I love this image! It is so interconnected with the scenes of God breathing life into Adam, with Jesus “giving up his spirit/breathing his last” on the cross, and with creation itself, when the “wind/spirit/breath” of God sweeps over the face of the waters.

With all of these images, it shouldn’t surprise us that the power-source of the Christian, the Holy Spirit, is described in terms of breathing. After all, God’s very name is “breath-y”. Think about it: in Exodus 3, God gives his name to Moses as “I am who I am”. This name is known by the Hebrew letters (transliterated into English here) YHWH. Even though we have no idea how to pronounce these letters – because no vowels are ever given – we sometimes make them “Yahweh” or “Jehovah”. But what if we don’t try to put in vowels? What if we just say the syllables as they are? Yh. Wh. Saying “yh” expels air from our mouths and “wh” can be said on an exhalation or an inhalation. Try it a couple of times – “yh” on the way out; “wh” on the way

in. Slow it down. Notice anything? You're breathing! God's name is on your breath. God is as close to you as your breath. God is in your breathing. God's name is breath itself. However you think about it, this intimate name of God is "breath-y".

This great exhalation of Pentecost breathed new life into the disciples and gave birth to the church. It is that same breath/Spirit that animates us even today as we seek to live out the mission of Jesus Christ and carry His word of life, love, and salvation into the world in which we live. We inhale, asking the Spirit to fill us; we exhale, asking the Spirit to send us.

Inhaling and exhaling are one of the essential rhythms of life. We do it (usually) without thinking. Yet, paying attention to our breath is one way to center ourselves, to seek peace, to calm racing minds and hearts. And only a few short years ago, we couldn't have spoken about inhaling and exhaling without also thinking about COVID-19, safety, illness, and masks.

We've been praying for the work of the Holy Spirit among us at Good Shepherd for more than 6 months now. Daily, weekly, monthly, individuals and groups have prayed for the Holy Spirit to "breathe new life into Good Shepherd" as we move into the future God is imagining for us. I wonder if you've seen or felt the wind-y breath of God filling this place..... and if you've been able to speak about it with others.... I certainly have. That inhalation and exhalation have given new life in some beautiful ways here, and have challenged me personally to slow down and pay attention to God's "breathing" in our midst.

Whether or not you've felt the Holy Spirit at work at GSLC or in your own life recently, I still pray that you might inhale – that you might live and breathe in God. May you be revived and animated by the wind of the Spirit. And may you exhale God's word of life, love, and salvation on your breath and in your words every day.

Wishing you a "windy/Spirit-filled/breath-of-life" kind of day – week – year!
Pastor Lynette Chapman

PS. The words we're talking about here are "pneuma" – Greek and "ruah" – Hebrew. Both can mean almost interchangeably "wind", "spirit", or "breath". (pronunciation hint: pneuma is the root word for pneumonia)

WORSHIP NEWS

May 5th – If Pastor Chapman is still healing, we'll welcome Pr. Jennifer Hartweg-Brown as our guest preacher. Cross+Gen will explore how "God's word is sweeter far than honey"! with honey tasting, buzzy questions, un-bee-lievable games, a hive of scripture to sweeten our lives, and bee-eautiful ways to help pollinators.

May 12th – We pray for Women of Faith in our congregation and beyond.

May 19th – Pentecost Celebration and LSSI Sunday. We'll welcome Pr. Kelly Neiman-Anderson from LSSI in both worship and as the leader of Adult Forum. We'll celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in song and action and pray for the further movement of the Spirit in our church and through Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.



JOIN THE COFFEE/DONUT BRIGADE

Interested in helping for an hour or so during our fellowship time on Sundays? We need a few more people to help make and serve coffee or serve donuts on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Nancy Holm or Kim McFarland if you would like to volunteer.



INTERESTED IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Sign-up at this link:
[Sunday School Teachers](#)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME JUNE 23

Enjoy lemonade, cookies, and lawn games for all ages after the church service on **June 23**. We will be taking a break from our usual coffee and donuts for the summer months.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR MAY

We will hold classes for all ages on Sunday May 12 with our final Sunday of classes before summer being May 19.

If you can help out with Sunday School by being an extra adult, prepping curriculum or supplies, or leading a class, please talk to Susan Hinrichs, Tim O'Connell or Pastor Lynette.



Cross+Gen

May 5, 10:15AM
Fellowship Hall

Our last intergenerational gathering of the school year welcomes you to explore how “God’s word is sweeter far than honey”! We’ll have taste some different honeys, discuss buzzy questions about our faith, play some un-bee-lievable games, explore a hive of scripture to sweeten our lives, and work together to make bee-eautiful ways to help pollinators. As always, all are welcome!



ADULT FORUM TOPICS

May 12 - *Bubblegum and Resurrection: Learning to talk about our own faith.* Led by Pastor Lynette, we'll spend time telling stories to each other in small groups and practicing how to speak about things of faith in a personal, relational, and easy way.

May 19 - *Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson; Manager of Church and Community Engagement for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI).*



YOUTH AND FAMILY/DISCIPLESHIP TEMPORARY POSITION

We are looking for someone to help lead our Discipleship and Youth ministries 10-15 hrs./week in the short term. This person should love Jesus, like kids, and be available on Sunday mornings. Background checks will be required. If you're interested or know someone who might be a good fit, please contact Pr. Lynette.

RETIREMENT!

Our organist of 18 years has announced her upcoming retirement at the end of the summer. For reasons concerning her health, primarily arthritis, Linda Pein does not feel she can continue much longer as our organist and primary worship musician. We are so sad to hear this, on all levels. Please watch for information about a celebration of her ministry among us.

In the meantime, Worship and Music Committee is putting together a search committee for a new Church Musician. Please keep Linda and the Committee in your prayers. And please pray for God to send us the right person for the future.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

Dwelling Together is a group that meets Sunday mornings after the service to be more entwined in each other's lives.

We read the Word, share challenges in our spiritual walk and gain support from one another.

If you are looking for connection and encouragement, join us from **10:15 - 11:15 am the 2nd through 5th Sundays in the Small Group Gathering Room.** All are welcome!



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, May 23, 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

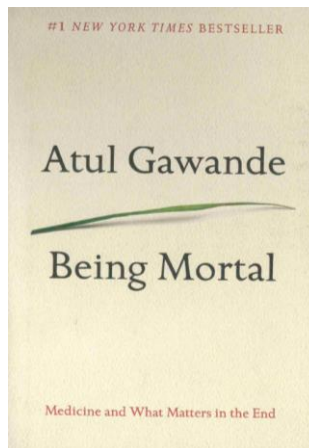
**Tuesdays
12-3PM**

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.

PS: If you didn't get a chance to read "Blood Brothers" by Elias Chacour, several copies are now available in our church library. It comes highly recommended by everyone who read it, especially if you're looking for some history and perspective, including a faith perspective, on the situation in Palestine.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



GS LC ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, MAY 19

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be again having a blood drive the Sunday after Mother's Day.

Donating blood is a safe, simple, and rewarding experience that usually only takes 45-60 minutes and **actual blood donation is only 10-12 minutes.** Did you know you can give blood every 60 days or 2 months? I may be contacting you if you donated in the fall of 2022 as a reminder to help us out again.

We need to promise 25 individuals with a maximum of 35.

Please use this link to register:

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/126747

FACTS: C-U Impact Life is the SOLE supplier of blood to all of our area hospitals and is the equivalent of "shopping local". A single whole blood donation will save up to 3 lives, right here in are own backyard. Thank you so much for this consideration!! Sandy Reifsteck RN, FCN (Parish Nurse) GSLC

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

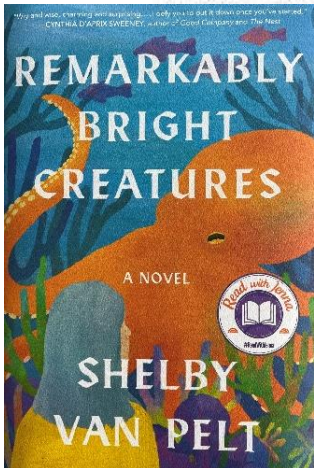
OCTOBER 26, 1-3PM

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP ONLINE

[SOLAGRATIACSA.COM/VOLUNTEER](https://solagratiacsa.com/volunteer)

Come Help Us Feed Our Community!





WELCA BOOK CLUB

**Thursday
May 9, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room**

***Remarkably Bright
Creatures*
By Shelby Van Pelt**

This story is an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope. A seventy-year-old lady is working the night shift at an aquarium mopping floors and tidying up. Her husband has died, and her son mysteriously disappeared over thirty years ago.

She becomes acquainted with a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. This heartfelt story reveals there's plenty of living to do for those with their eyes and hearts open to the unexpected.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.

Book for June is *The Little Liar*
by Mitch Albom



WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH & PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

**Saturday, May 11
10AM**

GSLC Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather for our annual Spring brunch and after we eat, we will assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We're still collecting items for kits.

**Please continue to purchase:
dark bath towels, combs, nail clippers, and individually wrapped 4 oz. bars of bath soap. A box is located in the Narthex for your donations.** The kits will be sent to LWR in October.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help refugees as well as socialize with our Good Shepherd sisters. I hope you will be able to join us for fellowship and food.

Any questions, please call Gail Block.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**All groups meet in the
Choir Room**



**Rachel Bible Study:
Monday, May 20, 2:30PM**
**Ruth Bible Study:
Tuesday, May 21, 9:30AM**

**We use the
WELCA
magazine
Gather. Copies
available near
the WELCA
bulletin board.**



YOUTH EVENTS



NEW ORLEANS YOUTH GATHERING

July 15 – 21

We currently have 9 youth and 4 adults signed up to go to New Orleans this summer, including the Adult Leaders Jenelle Keene and Greg Fisher. **IMPORTANT: We have the ability to add 1 more female youth and up to 3 more male youths to our group. Contact Pastor Lynette immediately if you're interested.**



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://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=731&campCode=arx&linkCategory=Summer+Season>

COSTS FOR CAMPS:

Full Week Camps: \$550

Partial Week Camps: \$400

Actual Fee: \$475 and \$325

A non-refundable deposit per camper is required to hold your space. Full week and partial week camp deposit: \$75 per camper

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

MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

	05/05/2023	05/12/2023	05/19/2023	05/26/2023
Acolyte	Levi Todd	Pasha Jacobs	Declan O'Connell	Reid Bruggman
Communion Assistants	Dylan Keene Susan Hinrichs Jeremiah Todd	Samantha Fisher Lois McConomy Cinda Brucker	Tim O'Connell Becky Fisher Mary Szyzka	Carol Steinman Nancy McCowen Dean Olson
Reader	Marla Todd	Nancy Holm	Joe Chamley	Tori Corkery
Chancel Care	Doris Snyder	Beth Followell	Sue Plisch & Alex Dewing	Myrna Johnson
Food Delivery	Jodi Davis & Vickie Wilson	Rick & Cindy Marrs	Ash & June Waller	Agatha Barnes
Flower Delivery	Gail Block	Lois McConomy	Betsy Kakoma	Deb Swanson
Nursery	Jenelle Keene	Carol Manley	Amy Chamley	Max Bruggman
Coffee/Donuts	Samantha Fisher & Kim McFarland	Nancy Holm & Don Block	Patty Hart & Becky Fisher	Laurie Johnson & Kim McFarland
Usher	Jim Manley	Aaron Jacobs	Betsy Kakoma	Dan Corkery

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.



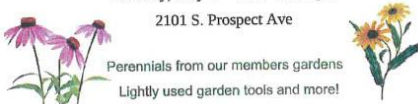
Twin City Garden Club

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 4th 8am – 12:00pm

2101 S. Prospect Ave

Perennials from our members gardens
Lightly used garden tools and more!



TWIN CITY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Mark your calendars for the Twin City Garden Club Plant Sale from **8 am-noon on Saturday, May 4**, in the front parking lot of the church. Perennials, bulbs, and more will be available for sale. All plants are grown by garden club members. In addition to plants for sale, there will be “garage sale” with tools, pots, lawn ornaments, etc. Plant sale proceeds will be used to fund community projects.



STORYBOOK ACTIVITIES

The Storybook team has had a busy spring completing monthly visits to the Illinois Department of Corrections facility in Danville. The most recent visit, April 17th, saw 6 volunteers record dads reading stories to their children. Twenty-three children will receive a brand-new storybook of their very own to look at as they replay the reading over and over.

The team has added two new members and is actively working with LSSI and prison officials to expand our prison coverage to include the women’s prison in Decatur. We hope to make an announcement concerning the expansion in the not-too-distant future.

A display promoting book purchases has been up in the narthex at St Matthews and Good Shepherd. If you haven’t had the opportunity, take a few minutes and check it out. We dedicated new books at Good Shepherd April 14th and recognized our team members with a blessing.

Thanks to your support, nearly \$500 of new books are now available for prisoners to choose to read from. Our team developed a flyer which was delivered to each eligible prisoner at Danville inviting them to sign up for the storybook opportunity. We are regularly advised that recidivism reduces when prisoners are involved in programs involving reading or learning. Please continue to pray for the storybook program. Donations of new children’s books or a check to GSLC with storybook notated on the memo line are always appreciated.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kristi Buhr and Jon Kraut



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Organist	Linda Pein
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Accompanist	Fenella Theodore
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

Office Hours
Monday– Friday
8:00AM – 2:00PM

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