



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Many people might know about Adult Forum – which meets most Sundays at 10:15 AM in our Choir Room. But did you know that Good Shepherd offers several other ways for adults to learn and grow?

- Dwelling Together – this group also meets on Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in the Small Group Room (formerly Deacon Jason's office) near the library. All are welcome to join in sharing, discussion, simple Bible study, and prayer. If you'd like more information, talk to Sue Plisch or Marla Todd.
- Table Talk Pub Theology – meets monthly from 6-8 PM on a Sunday evening at Triptych Brewing in Savoy. Pastor Lynette prepares discussion questions (they vary each month) covering topics from current events, faith, a Biblical concept, social justice, and more. No knowledge is required, just a willingness to share and listen. Folks often bring snacks to share, and Triptych offers both alcoholic and non-alcoholic options. Again, all are welcome. We often spread to two or more tables.
- Sunday Evening Book Group – also meets on Sunday evenings at 6 PM, but only once a quarter or so. We choose a book – usually with a spiritual theme - and make copies available for folks. We then meet at Sun Singer Restaurant to discuss and share our thoughts. Food at Sun Singer can be a bit pricey, but no one is expected to eat a meal. Choices range from a simple beverage to soup or an appetizer to a sandwich or plate of nachos.
- Adult Forum – I mentioned it above. This is the group that's probably the best known – thanks to Dean Olson's announcements during worship! Meeting most Sundays at 10:15 AM in the choir room, participants in Adult Forum can dip in and out depending on whether the current topic is interesting to them. Topics have included Bible studies, guest speakers from local non-profits, Special Olympian Susannah Scaroni, sacred architecture, Church history and polity, Biblical archeology, and much, much, more.

- **WELCA Bible Study Groups** – Women of the ELCA Bible Study groups also meet at Good Shepherd – regularly and enthusiastically. Currently, the schedule is the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM. All women, of any age, are welcome to join in the study that best fits their schedule. For more information, talk to: Gail Block, June Waller, Beth Followell or Carol Manley.
- **Occasional Seminars, retreats, special classes, and advocacy opportunities** – there's not a regular schedule, but a couple of times a year, adults have the opportunity to grow in their faith through a prayer retreat, an advocacy opportunity, or some other option. This fall, we're hoping to have a paint-and-pray gathering where we paint canvasses to take home or give as a gift – surrounded by community, fun, and some prayer. Watch this Scroll and our social media for upcoming opportunities and details.

It is my sincere hope that you find a way to grow in your faith. If none of these options are right for you, but you are still wanting to go deeper in some way, talk to me. There might be others who are hoping for the same thing – and we can get it started.

Blessings on the journey!

Pastor Lynette Chapman



WORSHIP NEWS

September 7 – Rally Day & Congregational
Bottle Cap Mural project after worship;
Choir returns

September 14 – First day of Sunday School
classes, Adult Forum, & Dwelling Together

September 21st – Celebration of Holy
Baptism

September 28th – Bell Choir Returns;
Congregational Service Project – School
Kits for LWR at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall



**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?
ALL VOICES WELCOME!**

GSLC Choir

SING
9am Sunday
Worship
GSLC Sanctuary
8:30am call time

REHEARSE
7-8pm
Wednesdays
GSLC Choir Room

**GOOD SHEPHERD
Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

God gave you a voice,
use it for His glory!

Join our choir!

Questions? Contact Julia Hartman



FUNERAL & VISITATION FOR ANNA WEST

Friday, September 12

Visitation time at 10:30 AM

Funeral at 11 AM

Luncheon follows in the Fellowship Hall



**Join our handbell
ringers!**

**Contact
Leon Harrell
with questions.**



ADULT FORUM

September 14
Religion & Science in Dialog

Ever wonder how Lutheran institutions are active in this area? Susan Baretto, our local expert, will introduce us to the topic, and her specific role in it for the ELCA.

September 21 - Al Mytty
 Title to be specified.

September 28 - WELCA Event
 Help pack school kits to be shipped to needy students.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

2nd-5th Sundays
10:15AM

Sit down for a chat, a conversation about a Bible passage, mutual support & prayer in the Small Group Room near the Library. Led by Sue Plisch.



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!
All men are welcome!



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday
September 25
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.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

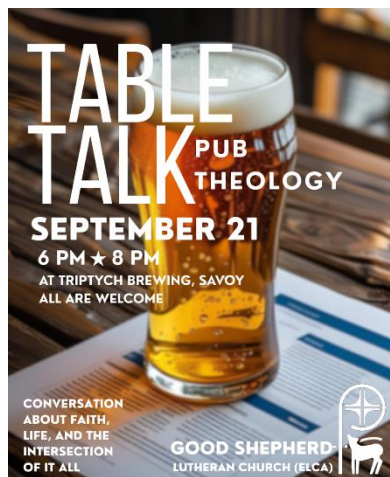
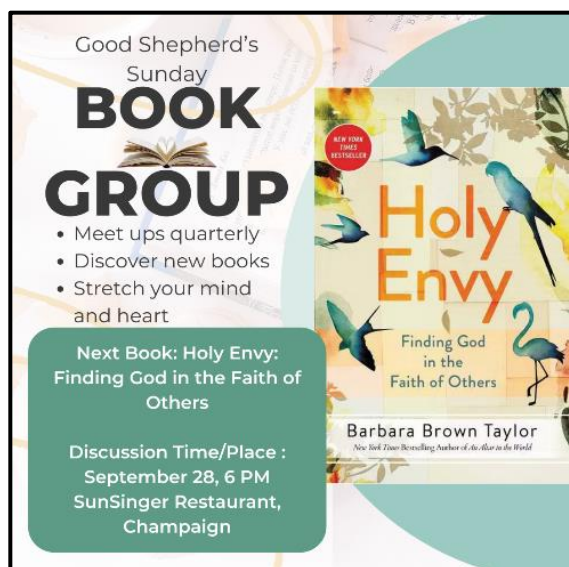


TABLE TALK PUB THEOLOGY GROUP

**Sunday
September 21
6PM**

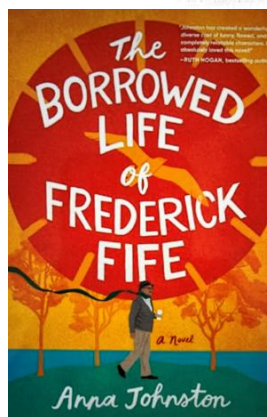
**Triptych Brewing,
Savoy**

Join us as we engage in meaningful conversations about faith, life, meaning, identity, culture, current events and more. Come with questions, 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. Non-alcohol options available. Questions? Want to submit a discussion topic? Talk to Pastor Lynette.



GSLC BOOK GROUP

**Sunday, September 28, 6PM
SunSinger Restaurant, Champaign**



WELCA BOOK CLUB

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

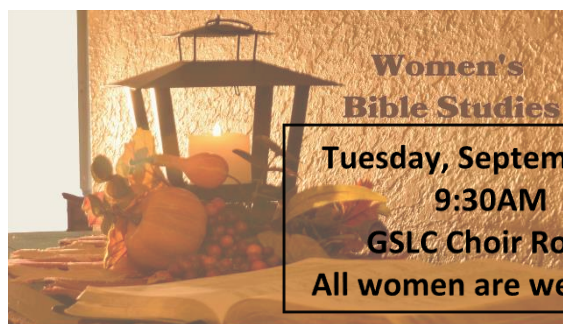
***The Borrowed Life of
Frederick Fife*
By Anna Johnston**

This is an endearing story about Frederick Fife, who finds himself mistaken for someone else with nowhere to go. He decides to borrow the life and walk in Mr. Bernards shoes for a while. He spreads joy and happiness everywhere he goes in the care home, where Bernard Greer made his home. He even reconnects with Bernard's estranged daughter, working to earn forgiveness her late father could never receive.

Bittersweet and remarkably perceptive this novel is about grief, forgiveness, redemption, and finding family.

Questions, contact Jan Nuss.

Book for October will be: *A Dress of Violet Taffeta* by Tessa Arlen



We use studies from *Gather Magazine*. Extra copies of the study are in the church hallway near the restrooms.

Bring Your Favorite Cup to the
C/SIS Women of the ELCA

Fall Gathering

Speaker

Pastor Jon Fry,
St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church,
will share stories
of Ministry on
the U of I Campus.



Speaker

Pastor Amy Zietlow,
Assistant to the Bishop,
will share a program
based on Joyce Rupp's
devotion book,
The Cup of Our Life.

My Cup Overflows

Saturday, September 20, 2025 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect Ave., Champaign

Registration Fee of \$20 includes morning snack & lunch

Scan the QR code for more information and to register:

Or call Nancy Schmidt at 217-556-0682.



Door Prizes, Silent Auction and Fair-Trade Market

Bring a non-perishable food item
for Good Shepherd and Grace Lutheran food pantries

You prepare a table before me. My cup overflows.

Psalm 23:5



PACKING LWR SCHOOL KITS

Sunday, September 28, 10:15AM

GSLC Fellowship Hall

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. We will be packing the school kits after worship service. Please plan to come help and share some fellowship time with others. It usually only takes about 30 min. to pack the kits. Contact Nancy Holm if you have any questions.

BOXES NEEDED FOR LWR KITS AND QUILTS

We're collecting empty medium and large size boxes for our packing event. They can be left in the nurse's office anytime from now until September 20.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



ST. ANDREW'S MONTHLY SUNDAY DINNER

Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or
[click here for sign up sheet.](#)

Join St. Andrew's on the **first Sunday of each month** for a warm meal and uplifting worship!



Dinner at 5:45 PM



Worship at 7:00 PM



Upcoming Dates:

- September 7
- October 5
- November 2



Meal Contributions Welcome!

St. Andrew's will continue using crockpots and reheating items, but we also welcome **hot food drop-offs between 5:15–5:45 PM** on Sundays.

Suggested items include:

- 1–2 vegetarian main dishes
- Salad
- Bread
- Dessert (or something equivalent)



Questions?

Contact **Agatha Barnes** at
agathak6@gmail.com or
 call/text **217-721-3666**



Bottom Line Diaper Bank

United Way of Champaign County's Bottom Line Diaper Bank provides diapers to families who need them, distributing over 13,000 diapers every month.

HELP MEET THE NEED Donate diapers, sizes Newborn, 1, 4, and 5. Donated diapers must be in unopened packages. Also donate children's underwear 2T to 5T.

WHERE Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 South Prospect Avenue, Champaign

WHEN 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. September 8-12



DIAPER DRIVE FOR UNITED WAY
Sponsored by CU Sunrise Rotary

September 8-12

8AM-5PM

GSLC Front Parking Lot

Help fill the MI-BOX container with diapers for the United Way of Champaign County!

DIAPER REPACKING SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, September 13 – 9 AM

Fellowship Hall (with Sunrise Rotary)

Help repack the diapers into groups for the United Way distribution.



QUILT RAFFLE

The Peacemakers Quilting Group has been busy the past year. We have sewn and quilted about 50 quilts, with the majority being sent to Lutheran World Relief at the end of October. This year, we will be having a raffle for 2 quilts. The money raised from the raffle will go towards shipping costs for the quilts and buying quilting supplies (batting - the middle layer in a quilt is the most expensive part).

The 2 quilts will be displayed in the Narthex September 28th - October 5th.

Raffle tickets will be sold at church on Sunday, September 28th and October 5th, or in the office (during business hours) the week of September 29 - October 3rd.

Tickets will sell for:

1 ticket - \$5

3 tickets - \$10

10 tickets - \$20

The winning tickets for each quilt will be drawn on October 5th (winner does not need to be present).

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Nef-Heffernan, Jodi Davis, Kara Greer, Lois McConomy or Jeanette Vetter.



PRIDE FEST OCTOBER 25, 2025

Help us live out our intention to welcome ALL in Jesus' name. Join Good Shepherd folks at the CU Pride Fest and Parade, Saturday October 25.

We'll meet at Good Shepherd at 12:15 and carpool to the parade route. If you want to meet us there, give Pastor Lynette your number so we can text a location once we're at the route. We'll plan to watch the parade and then wander the Fair for a while. All are welcome to help Good Shepherd show love and welcome and support to our LGBTQIA+ siblings!

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**



Join the 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT CONCERT

Hosted by The ELCA Choirs
of Champaign-Urbana
December 14, 2025

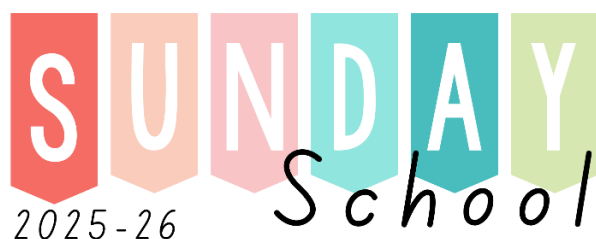
Sign Up Here



YOUTH NEWS



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



REGISTER HERE >



Please use the QR code to register your child/children for the year. Even if you've done it before, please register again so that we can update grades and contact information.

Thank you!



GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP

**Saturday, September 13
6-8PM**

7th-12th graders

If your child/grandchild would like to be included in emails for this group, please contact Pastor Lynette.



YOUTH CLUB

3rd-6th graders

There will NOT be a Youth Club meeting in September due to the WELCA event and Pastor's vacation schedule. Youth Club will resume in October.

If your child/grandchild would like to be included in emails for this group, please contact Pastor Lynette.



PUMPKIN UNLOADING

**Saturday
October 4, 9AM**

Join us as we unload the semi full of pumpkins for our pumpkin sale benefitting our youth programs. Watch for pumpkin sales sign-up opportunities!



BROOKDALE
— SENIOR LIVING —
presents:

SENIOR VENDOR FAIR

When and Where:
Wednesday, September 10th
11:00am–2:00pm
Brookdale Senior Living
1706 East Amber Lane,
Urbana, IL 61802

What's Happening:

- Vendor Tables with Information
- Raffle Basket Giveaways
- Vendor Food Trucks

RSVP Requested:
217-328-3150
Kendra.Cline@brookdale.com

Someone You Should Know!



Sandy

LIVE LOVE Volunteer Spotlight



**GOOD SHEPHERD
Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

Sandy Reifsteck

How long have you been a part of Good Shepherd? Since 1985 when I married my husband, he belonged to a Lutheran Church in Mahomet and I a Lutheran church in Thomasboro. We wanted to start together in "Our Church", thus GSLC! He passed away 10 years ago. We felt so at home and I continued.

Finish the sentence: Following Jesus means "Walking the Talk" being a disciple whenever I can but not pushing family and friends and strangers unless they are ready to hear.

What are you passionate about? How did you discover that passion? When working as an RN I taught courses in Clinician Patient Communication which breaks down to asking an individual their opinion, listening skills and giving a hug if that works too. I am also passionate about my family. They are SO IMPORTANT and come first after my God. We are going on a family trip in August this year!

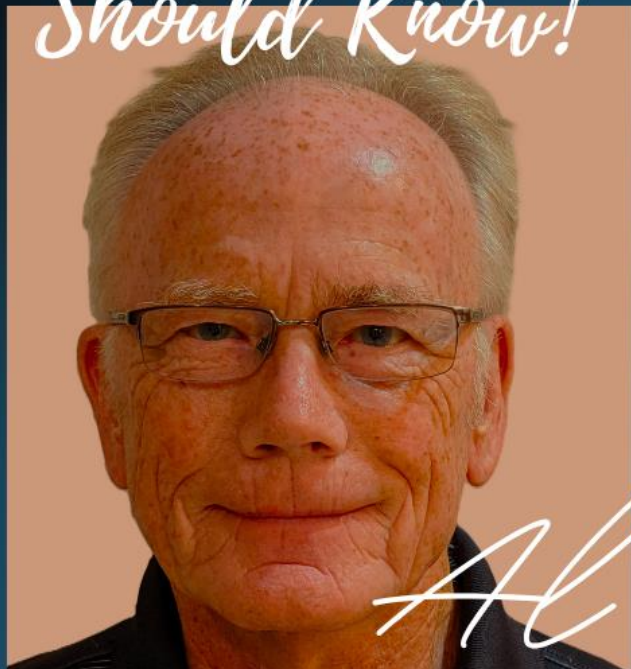
You were recommended because of a nomination from a member of GSLC. Does that surprise you? I felt honored! When I am in CU for 7 months in the summer and fall, I conduct "Ask a Nurse" prior to the Sunday services, and give communion to shut ins. I love this part of being a Faith Community Nurse for GSLC. This involvement may be resulting in this nomination.

What should people know about the community service work that you do? I volunteer at Carle Health as a Compassionate Visitor to patients in the hospital that are from out of town and need someone to care. I also am on the Nurse Honor Guard team who conduct a short 15 minute service prior to a nurse passing at their memorial or funeral service.

What is a favorite memory? When we started a training for the Parish Nurse program in 1998 coming to then Pastor Schneider and asked for his support. He said of course and we held the first training at GSLC, followed by others and Commission's also. The program went on to train 500 volunteer nurses and continues today with support from Carle Health.

Who else should we know about here at Good Shepherd? There are so many who work so hard for GSLC. Pastor Lynette comes immediately to my mind. She is so amazing with so many talents, We are so blessed!!!! However, a parishioner I would like to recommend is Jan Nuss. She appears to work behind the scenes, and I can always count on her to help me out when needed.

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LIVE LOVE

Volunteer Spotlight



GOOD SHEPHERD
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How long have you been a part of Good Shepherd? Since 2023

Finish the sentence: Discipleship is..... Or following Jesus means..... loving your neighbor, being a peacemaker, putting away the sword, welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, building the kingdom of God.

What are you passionate about? How did you discover that passion? The call to justice, which should be in equal balance with charity. I love the quote of the late Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife in Brazil, and one of the great prophets of Christian "Liberation theology": "When I feed the poor, they call me a saint, but when I ask why the poor are hungry, they call me a communist." We pray, "deliver us from evil". War is the ultimate evil, and I am passionate about advocating for peace and alternatives to war. In my view, we need to re-order our national priorities, and we need to challenge our country's and the world's propensity to war and militarism. I discovered this passion many years ago, but it became very evident through completing the "Just Faith" a faith-based program working to advance peace, racial equity, and a sustainable world.

You were recommended because of a nomination from a member of GSLC. Does that surprise you? There are so many charitable, and generous people at GSLC, so I trust they too will get to respond, and we will get to know them better. *What should people know about the community service work/work that you do?* I love the volunteer work I do for World BEYOND War partially because I get to meet people from all over the world who advocate for peace. The peace work is why I went to Palestine in February, to peace conferences in Washington, DC, Toronto, and Ireland. Also the reason for

the trip Ruth and I are making to Finland. But I also enjoy simple things like donating blood and platelets and helping out with charitable events. For about 15 years now, my wife, Ruth, and I have been part of a team that writes reflections on the daily scripture readings. We do this as part of a ministry with the Catholic parish we belonged to when we lived in Indianapolis. Through all of this, I hope that my peace, justice, and charity work is rooted in faith, a call from Jesus, and a call to do what I can to build the kingdom of God.

What is one thing you're deeply grateful for right now? My wife, who has stood with me for over 50 years and who supported me in my professional career, and through all my years of social justice work.

What about your work (volunteer or paid) is the most fulfilling to you? Feeling like maybe I am making a difference and maybe I am convincing a few that we can end war. The late Phil Berrigan, a former Catholic priest, and lifelong peace advocate, said, "The difference between doing something, and doing nothing, is everything." I want to do something, and I get energized when even one person becomes convinced that war is evil and can be abolished.

Why are you a part of this congregation? Because Pastor Lynette made it clear that this is a welcoming congregation with open communion. When we met with her she voiced support for the need for social justice advocacy.

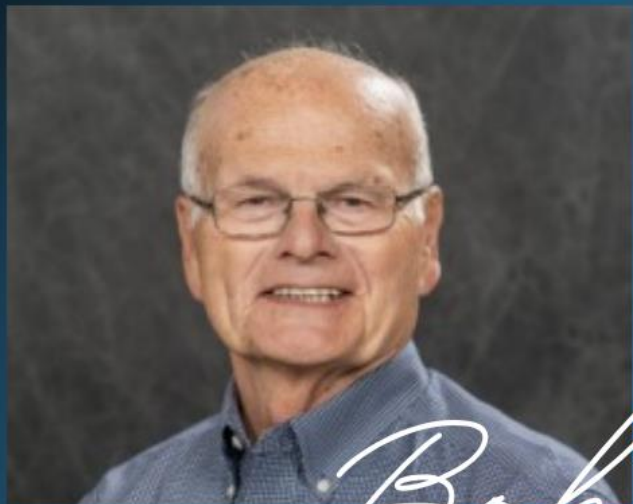
What is a favorite memory you have here at GSLC? Without naming him or any others, my favorite memory is watching the young people, the children, and their faith and trust. They give me hope.

Who do you think we should know more about here at Good Shepherd? Who would you recommend that we interview/talk to? Talk to Deacon Jason and seek out his views on social justice and peace. Bob Clark is a saint, and we should all know him.



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Someone You Should Know!



Bob

LIVE LOVE Volunteer Spotlight



GOOD SHEPHERD
Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Bob Clark: Donna & I came to Good Shepherd in November 1971 (54 years in November) Following Jesus and being a disciple is clearly outlined in John 21 Verse 15-16. Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. When Peter said yes Jesus' command was Feed my lambs, Tend and feed my sheep. As a follower of Jesus, I believe I'm a disciple of Jesus by loving, caring, sharing with my neighbor. Jesus' words as recorded in the gospel "when you do it to the least of these you do it unto me".

Good Shepherd is a "doing church". We are involved in a variety of outreach events that serve our neighbors, The food pantry and the work of family food deliveries through Empty Tomb and our little pantry have a direct impact on people's daily lives. The efforts our members make in shopping, storing, packing, and delivering food are inspirational. That's a program you can be passionate about. The food pantry is special to me on different levels. John & Sylvia Ronsvalle visited Good Shepherd in the early seventies and invited our church to join with other Christians in a food ministry and commit to making regular food deliveries to families who were suffering from food insecurity. Our church accepted the challenge, and the food deliveries started by members like my wife Donna continue to this day. I've helped with food deliveries for over half a century.

Members of Good Shepherd step up and serve when they see opportunities to join in meaningful opportunities. Teaching, preaching & reaching in Jesus' name is not just a tag line here it's a call to action. While it's quite flattering to be recognized by your peers as Someone to Know, we're all in this together. Good Shepherd has so many committed people with a variety of gifts to share. I hope I'm one of many of that group.

My career in public service encompassed 50 years of work with the US Dept of Agriculture and related work with Busey Bank. I continue to be involved with farm management in western Illinois. Since retirement I've had more time available to do a variety of volunteer work. Over the years that has included work with the east central conference and the Illinois Central Southern synod, I've been a delegate to the national church convention and served two terms on the Illinois district council of the American Lutheran church. I volunteer at Empty Tomb, drive the furniture truck, make food deliveries, help maintain the property, serve on the audit team and as an officer of the corporation am one of two assistant treasurers help keep operations moving. I am involved with LSSI's Storybook project making regular visits to the IDOC facility in Danville as well as collecting and delivering clothing to the prison for the men's use when they are released. I work on special projects from time to time like the youth pumpkin sale each fall and have made three trips with the mission team to El Salvador on habitat builds. I currently serve on the council and am the church treasurer.

I've been blessed in so many ways, I'm grateful for my family. If I can corner you, I'll talk about my 4 granddaughters until the cows come home. I'm grateful for good neighbors, a terrific church family, a pastor who shares the gospel with passion and so many other things. I was blessed with good parents who lived and taught me about the love of Jesus by their example. My earliest life memories were of Sunday school, Christmas programs, and bible school. I was blessed with a loving partner for over 50 years and thank God for the time we had together.

The most fulfilling part of my work today is the opportunity to share the gospel with others. I love to tell the story and if you hear me talking to a stranger in the parking lot, you might hear me say "By the way we're open on Sunday morning, stop by and check us out"

Why are you part of this congregation? Simple, a Good Shepherd member invited me. Most volunteers join groups for that reason; there were several Lutheran churches in the community when my family moved here. When we visited, we immediately knew we had found a home, but the reason we visited the first time was the result of a personal invitation.

Many many good memories. My two boys were baptized at Good Shepherd, my oldest son and his wife were married here, clearly some of my dearest friends are members and we share tremendous memories. Years ago, the church sponsored Block Aid, a very successful fund raiser for our fellow members, going through the rigors of cancer. With all those good memories, I suppose the kindest remarks I remember involved the opportunity to mentor a confirmand several years ago. When the mentorship concluded and it was time for confirmation we had a final visit with the pastor. The pastor asked my student what he hoped his future church life might be. He answered "I'd like to be just like Bob" Believe me that's humbling.

Who would you nominate for our Volunteer Spotlight series? I could name about a hundred, but Don Block, Patty Hart, Becky Fisher, and Jenelle Keene come to mind.

*Someone
You
Should
know!*



Please nominate someone from our congregation who is doing great things at church and in our community!



Scan the QR Code, write your nomination on the poster board in the narthex or email it to: katrina@gslc-cu.org



Feel free to use this Breeze Form Link to nominate someone for our "Someone You Should Know" spotlight.
<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/b659b5>

Order your GSLC gear today!
 Adult, Youth & Women's tee shirts along with canvas tote bags




Click on the QR code or go to:
<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/c23f43>



OPEN TABLE SUMMER WORSHIP





SAVE THE DATE!



FALL FUN FEST
Saturday, Oct 18
11-2
Fun for the whole family!

at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2101 S. Prospect, Champaign (corner of
Prospect and Devonshire)

- Live Music
- Pumpkin Sales
- Bake Sale
- Games
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Free Hot Dogs
(while supplies last)
- Free Kona Ice
(for the first 150 people)

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SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

	09/07/2025	09/14/2025	09/21/2025	09/28/2025
Acolyte	Logan Young	Levi Todd	Declan O'Connell	Jake Brucker
Communion Assistants	Jim Manley	Susan Barreto	Gail Block	Nancy Holm
	Nancy McCowen	Lucas Barreto	Tori Corkery	Mary Szyzka
	Nancy Olson	Jenelle Keene	Becky Fisher	Carol Steinman
Reader	Dean Olson	John Todd	Dan Corkery	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan
Chancel Care	Agatha Barnes	Agatha Barnes	Gail Block	Gail Block
Usher	Joe Chamley	Andrew Todd	Tim O'Connell	Nancy Olson
Nursery	Lisa Young	Carol Manley	Samantha Fisher	Marla Todd
Livestream	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann
Food Delivery	Doris Snyder & Carol Manley	Agatha Barnes	Ash & June Waller	Shelly Cekander
Food Packing	N/A	Lisa Young	Tori Corkery	Lisa Young
Flower Delivery	Agatha Barnes	Jenelle Keene	Lois McConomy	Patty Hart

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.



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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:00AM-3:00PM

Friday 8:00AM-Noon

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.***