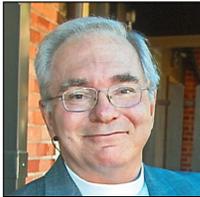




# Shepherd's Staff

August 2018



**Rich Wolf**  
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Words matter. What we say, and how we say it, makes a difference. When it comes to matters of faith, we use our words carefully. But words only go so far.

At one point in his career, Martin Luther didn't have much good to say about the book of James. Luther's whole understanding of God revolved around the realization that God saves us, not based upon the good works we do, but simply out of pure grace, received through faith. James, however, rather boldly asked, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?"

Luther was convinced by the Bible that we aren't saved by our good works. Those deeds of love and mercy are what we do in response to what God has already done for us. Thus, Luther didn't have much good to say about James' question, "Can faith save you?" "Of course it can!" Luther said. Words matter.

But later in life, Luther came around. For words can also be empty. Words can be smokescreens. We are saved by grace, not grammar. God is good to us that we might be good to others and a well phrased sentence, regardless of good intentions, doesn't fill a hungry belly on a cold winter morning. Only food does that.

The Christian faith is very down to earth. We trust the God who revealed himself to us by coming down to earth in Jesus. God's love became real in the person and the work of Jesus. And Jesus charged his followers to do what they had seen him do - love, care, teach, heal and serve.

So we say things like "God's work, our hands." We realize that God has no hands, arms or feet but ours. That we are the body of Christ in the world, continuing to do what we think Jesus would have done. Clearly words matter, but words only go so far.

In Jesus, we are free from the condemnation of the law. In Jesus, we are free to be who God has created us to be. In Jesus, we can live without fear about eternity. We are free then to love others, to care for the needs of those we might never meet, to share what we have been given for the sake of others, to speak up on behalf of those who have no voice, to show mercy, to be gracious and grateful for life. I consider it a great blessing to be a part of Good Shepherd where faith is put into action day in and out as we proclaim the Gospel not only with words alone, but also with actions that make a difference in the lives of people near and far.

Pastor Rich

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**Glenn Kraft**  
**Council President**

Generous To The Core...

Being raised in a modest family, son of a Missouri Synod school teacher and secretary, financial scarcity was front and center.

With three boys, my mother really worked to stretch the dollars. I recall complaining when mom would mix whole milk with powdered milk because we could save so much money. It tasted terrible, yet I knew we needed to endure.

Although I was aware that money was tight, I was reassured that if we all did our part, our future was bright. My brothers and I also worked from an early age, did our chores, were involved in school and church activities. In a way, our schedules were rigorous as we did what was required to make ends meet and to prepare for our futures. Money was scarce, but hope and the future looked abundant. Although dad really wanted his sons to be preachers or teachers, his banker, attorney and accountant sons live their lives in the church as active members. I am grateful for my parents who taught me to focus on doing my part, and trusting God.

At GSLC, I have become aware of so many people who go above and beyond to do the things they see are needed. But they make my role more difficult in that they ask me not to raise them up as special and make them to feel uncomfortable. So, I won't do that (Carl). No, I won't expose the many special people (Jim, Lyle, Dave) who work tirelessly to keep things functioning. No, people (Vickie) don't need recognition (Amy), they don't need to be held up (Karen), or even made to feel special (Bob, Larry, Joyce). But maybe we need a forum for these stories. Why should I alone be fed by the generosity of our members? And what many other stories don't I know?

From this message, please join me in thanking the members that touch you. Please notice what others are doing and brag on them, just a bit.



**Becky Howard**  
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### **Rally Day & Church Picnic - Sunday, August 26**

The fun starts at 9:30 with youth and parents meeting in the sanctuary for a blessing and official kick-off to a new year of opportunities for God's children of all ages to learn and grow together. We hope you'll join the celebration!



Rally Day continues as follows:

- Little Lambs, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten youth (ages 2, 3 & 4 by 8/1/18) and families will visit classrooms to meet their teachers.
- Elementary youth and families will head to the gym for a brief introduction to a new year in Rotation Sunday School programming before heading to the three Rotational Sunday School classrooms for more fun in Cooking & Science, Bible Skills & Games, and Movies & Art!
- Middle School youth and families may head downstairs to the Middle (Room 147) for fun and information about this year's Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Confirmation Instruction SOS programming.
- High School youth can head to the FLY room for a look at what's in store for Sunday mornings this year.
- Other adult and youth learning opportunities in the Gym:
  - Youth Club Hut: Wednesday evening ministry program - PREP (Elementary youth ages 2nd - 5th grade)
  - Sunday morning adult education for both the Bible Study and Topical Discussion Groups
  - The Parenting Group table with the fall schedule. We meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month for fellowship, support, learning and laughter.
  - Information on Feed My Starving Children and Trunk or Treat!

Family-focused projects continue until the congregation picnic at noon in the gym with a fried chicken and potluck dinner. There will be great food, a bounce house, face painting, crafts, and games for all. Check out the display in the Narthex for more info!



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

**Mark Your Calendar for the 6th Annual**  
**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday,**  
**August 19 at 9:30am**

Nearly 10,000 ELCA congregations are dedicated to using our hands to do God's work. Projects will be set up in the gym for hands of all sizes, ages and abilities. Projects include:

- making sandwiches for Trinity Soulard's Soup Alley
- creating greeting cards for our deployed military through Project Boomerang
- assembling hygiene kits for the homeless
- creating prayer pillows for Gateway 180 Homelessness Reversed program
- assembling chemo care kits
- creating Be Bold Prayer Beads and wind chimes for folks at Magdalene House and Humanitri

Check out the collection site in the Narthex to donate items needed for these projects.

## Sunday School Classes Officially Begin September 9

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**Amy Stewart**  
**Director, Youth Ministry**  
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- Aug 1 6-8:30pm, FLY service project and game night
- Aug 5 12-1pm, Gathering reunion/debrief lunch (FLY room)
- Aug 12 2-5pm, City Museum, \$12, please RSVP by Aug 5 to make sure we have enough people, drivers needed
- Aug 19 12:15pm, 2019 Summer Mission Trip interest meeting (FLY room)
- Sept 9 8am-noon, FLY pancake fundraiser (see FLY email to sign up)  
6-8pm, FLY Night kickoff! (note the extra time for this first night... other FLY nights will continue at our normal time of 6:30-8pm)



**Kathy Rebholz**  
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**What is Building Blocks?**

Chapel Time for Spiritual Growth



Table Time



Science and Discovery



Gross Motor Development, Social Growth



Story Time



Art and Music Appreciation



**ONOC Movie + Discussion Night**  
**Black Panther: Sunday, August 5 |**  
**4:30 - 7:30**



We will view the film "Black Panther".  
Delicious popcorn will be provided. Childcare provided in the form of a "mini-movie night" for little ones to enjoy an age-appropriate film.



**Feed My Starving Children - FMSC**  
**Registration Begins August 11 & 12 for Good Shepherd members! Open registration begins 8 am August 13.**

Pack dates are October 10-14th. Check your calendar and reserve 2 hours to help pack 850,000 meals! Registration can be done on line or in the Narthex beginning August 11. Each meal costs \$.22. To pack 850,000 meals, which feeds 2,329 kids, \$187,000 is needed. Every donation helps get us closer to our goal. Turn hunger into hope with your own 2 hands!

**You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry**

Riding a bike. Using a new computer program. Ironing a shirt. Training is important whenever



anyone learns a new skill. Training is important in Stephen Ministry too.

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is beginning soon! To find out more about what this ministry has to offer, contact Pastor Wolf or one of our Stephen Leaders. More information and sign up is on the display table

in the Narthex.

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## Stewardship

**Michael Kerber, Stewardship Team**

### Expand the Joy This Summer at Good Shepherd

I love summer. I should say, I REALLY love summer.

When I was a kid, time stood still during summer. Soaking in every moment at summer camp. Floating off Aunt Mary Ann's dock in the Ozarks. Learning that hot dogs aren't just for eating, they're for catching fish at Vlassis Park! And my favorite, taking my friends swimming at Grandma Loretta's house near Castlewood. These days, my kids get to do that at the same house, but it's now 'Papa Lou's house.'

Have you ever known a Grandma or a 'Papa Lou' who wasn't just 'Grandma' or 'Papa Lou' to the grandkids? They were called 'Grandma' and 'Papa Lou' by all their friends too? If so, then you know Grandma Loretta and you know Papa Lou. They share love all year long. That's just who they are.

Grandma, Papa Lou, and Good Shepherd have a lot in common. Their love has touched many generations, and more importantly, sharing their love and joy with so many people never took a 'summer break.'

Just open your bulletin each week and you'll see. As summer continues at Good Shepherd:

- Faith and God's love being shared every day
- New and old friendships growing every week
- Our 100+ ministries, support groups & small groups meeting weekly
- Choir & Music groups meeting every week
- FLY students meeting 30,000 other students in Houston to share God's love
- Volunteers working the vegetable garden, fixing our building, or cooking up the most amazing BBQ fellowship last weekend.
- VBS for hundreds of kids from around our Church and community is almost here!

It takes a tremendous amount of resources from our church and members, as well as expenses from the General Fund (building maintenance costs, utility

costs, church staff and hundreds of volunteers) to support these great things.

As our Church grows, its expenses and day-to-day needs grow. I believe that we are blessed to have this kind of challenge. Your gifts of stewardship are greatly appreciated and they 'Expand the Joy' shared here at Good Shepherd.

Whether it's a small increase in your financial contributions to the General Fund or through volunteering your time and talents, please consider how you can support our growing needs of stewardship at Good Shepherd.

I hope that your summer has been as wonderful for you as it has been for me. May God's peace and love continue to expand through you and through our wonderful church for generations to come

Sincerely,  
Michael Kerber, Stewardship Team

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## **Bible Studies & Adult Education**

More information to come for the following Bible Studies on break until fall:

- Monday Night Bible Study
- Sunday Morning Adult Topical Discussion
- Naomi Circle
- CG's Bible Study

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study Resumes September 9 - 9:30 AM - Room 214**

Join us and bring your ideas as we decide our next study. All are welcome. Questions? contact Steve Spoerle at [fsspoerle@gmail.com](mailto:fsspoerle@gmail.com)

**Men's Bible Breakfast** | Thursday Mornings | 6:15-7:15 at the Winchester St. Louis Bread Co. New Study - We'll explore what Biblical stories mean to people around the world. "Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations" Four sessions written by seminary Prof. Mark Powell. Join us for coffee, fellowship, and inspiring discussion. For more info contact Shawn Geurkink.

**All Anew Women's Bible Study** - Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information contact Vicki Haugen-571.235-3935, Kim Sherwood-636.236.8601 or Marilyn Jones-636.394.3904.

**Thursday Lunch Bunch** - The Thursday Lunch Bunch will begin a new Beth Moore series titled James on Thursday, September 6 at noon in Room 205. This is an 8 week study about the Book of James and some scholars say it resembles the book of Proverbs. Come join us to get to know James. Bring your lunch and drink and be a part of this journey. Study books will cost

\$16.00. If you have any questions please contact Joanna Brooks at 314.640.4946 or email [joannabrooks2000@gmail.com](mailto:joannabrooks2000@gmail.com). All are welcome!

## Small Groups

Group Name	When	Where	Contact Person
Visual Art Group	Wednesdays 9AM-Noon	Rm. 108	Milton Blood <a href="mailto:MiltonBlood@charter.net">MiltonBlood@charter.net</a>
GSLC Book Club	3rd Tuesday of month @ 7:30PM	Fireside Rm.	Emily Horning <a href="mailto:emilyhadenhorning@yahoo.com">emilyhadenhorning@yahoo.com</a>
Mission Sewing	3rd Tuesday of month @ 9 AM	Rm. 150	Sandi Bahr @ <a href="mailto:sandi1979bahr@outlook.com">sandi1979bahr@outlook.com</a>
Parenting Small Group	TBA	TBA	Laura Neuwirth 314- 749-6386 <a href="mailto:lkneuwirth@gmail.com">lkneuwirth@gmail.com</a>
Gamin'Gals	1st Monday of month @ 1 PM	Rm 108	Jan Hammer 314-608-6744
Prayer Shawl Ministry	3rd Tuesday of month @ 10 AM	Fireside Rm.	Barb Rouse 636-256-1933

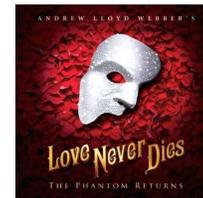
For more info on small groups visit:[goodshepherdlutheran.com/smallgroups](http://goodshepherdlutheran.com/smallgroups)

## Chronologically Gifted Save the Date! Two Great Events in September!

**Thursday, September 20:** A group favorite - Lunch at the Hawthorne Inn, Labadie, MO

**Thursday, September 27:** Fox Theatre, Lunch and 1 pm Show - Sequel to the Phantom of the Opera "Love Never Dies".

**Sign up for the Fox at the CG bulletin board and pay in the church office by August 19th. Lunch + Show = \$76 per person.**



## College Students

We will be asking God's blessing on your school year with a send-off during worship on August 11/12. PA would also like the following information from you before you leave for school, so that we can keep up with you and cheer you on! As soon as you get this information, please email it to her at [astewart@gslcelca.org](mailto:astewart@gslcelca.org) or put it in box #39. Even if nothing has changed from last year, please send it again! We need your: Name, College, Address, Email,

Cell # (if you want to be added to the college GroupMe group).

If you are heading to a Lutheran College, be sure to apply for the GSLC scholarship! See Pastor Amy for an application, due August 31, and to discuss your school's potential fund matching.

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# CANCER Now What?

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## MINISTRY

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### God Has Blessed Us to Be a Blessing to Others

Good Shepherd is digging into the book of Ephesians during August. Chapter 1 starts with blessing: God's people blessing God and God blessing us "in Christ with every spiritual blessing" (v. 3). People diagnosed with cancer have said that they have been blessed when someone gave them the book *Cancer-Now What?* because it helped them take action, find hope, and navigate their journey through cancer. Free copies of the book are available next to the Information Desk in the narthex for you to give to a person with cancer. Complete a card (saying you took a book) and use the Giver's Guide with ideas for ways to give the book. When you give a copy of *Cancer-Now What?* you are blessing a person who really needs it, and you are a blessing from God.

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### Flip Flops and Flapjacks Sunday (FLY Fundraiser)

On Sept 9th, we will kick-off the Fall with a casual Sunday and Chris Cakes pancakes! Wear your flip flops to worship and enjoy breakfast and fellowship in the gym between services, from 8:30am-11:30am. Proceeds benefit FLY.

Advanced purchase tickets are strongly encouraged and will be sold beginning on August 19th. Tickets are \$10 per person (children 2 and under are free). Contact Pastor Amy for more info: [astewart@gslcelca.org](mailto:astewart@gslcelca.org).



### Service Team Janie Wolfangel

The Service Team helps to organize many service-related activities within the church. In July we collected "back-to-school" items for Shaw Elementary School in the City and also "Christmas In July" items for First Step Back Home. Your generosity is going to make a lot of children happy. Thank you very much.

**The Food Bin for August** will support the Maplewood/Richmond Heights School District - Weekend of Wheels (WOW) program. They are asking for cereal, oatmeal, kid's snacks, pasta side dishes and muffin mixes.

**Monthly Benevolence Fund:** The theme for July was Children/Youth. The Team researched agencies in the St. Louis area and we were able to help: Project Backpack, St. Louis Crisis Nursery and Lutheran Family and Children Services, Kids in the Middle and Safe Families (Bethany Christian Services.)

One of the agencies we supported in July was Safe Families (Bethany Christian Services.) This agency's mission is to protect and enhance the lives of vulnerable children and families. Safe Families is an alternative to foster care, children are placed into homes through the courts and foster families receive compensation for their care. Through Safe Families, Host Families receive no compensation for caring for the children and parents voluntarily have their children stay with them. The goal of the Safe Families ministry is to offer support in a time of need and reunite children with their families in a stronger home environment. This temporary care for children in need gives parents time to establish stability in their homes.

The Service Team meets on the first Monday or Tuesday of the month, our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. We are always looking for new members to support this worthwhile ministry at Good Shepherd - Please join us!

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### **Bordersville Bibles - by Sarah Fatzinger (FLY youth)**

During the ELCA Youth Gathering, our group spent our service day at a small church in the destitute town of Bordersville, TX. We spent our day painting, fixing the music system, and cleaning up the outside brush. The people at the Seeds of Praise Ministries were very welcoming and extremely grateful for the service that we provided. While we were there, we noticed that within the 12 pews, there were only 11 Bibles. The Bibles were damaged; some with ripped covers and torn pages. The poverty-stricken church can't afford to purchase any new Bibles. This is why we're raising \$450 to purchase 30 new Bibles for the church. Any donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated. During the month of August, please place donations in the yellow envelopes in the pew or mark your offering as "Bordersville Bibles." Checks can be made out to GSLC. Thank you!



*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. (Proverbs 19:17)*

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**A "Wink" From the Welcome Ministry Team**

by: Elliott Haugen



You may be familiar with the saying - "you are what you eat." Wow, it's hard to be honest with myself on that one! But I suggest a parallel idea - "you are who you meet." It is possible we have all met God through our worship services and our connections with others. But there is actually a two-way effect in our "meeting" opportunities. We learn from parents, teachers, mentors and others who help develop us. But when we interact with others, we also have an impact on them in ways that enrich their lives.

Good Shepherd continues to be blessed by another group of new members, welcomed at the Sunday, August 12 (9:30) service. Please make time to meet these new members and partners in our faith journeys. You certainly have things to share with them. Check out their names, contact information and interests, as included in the August 12 bulletin. Later in the month their photos and bio information will be posted on the "New Member" bulletin board (across from the coffee pots.) Names and contact information will also be included in the online directory on the "Member Access" link on the Good Shepherd [website](#).

Just as significant, however, is that these new members may also become blessings to you. Certainly others who have joined our congregation have become good friends and important parts of our lives. Therefore, please welcome these new members and invite them to join in our life at Good Shepherd.

*Note: A "wink" is a brief form of communications that implies a hello or friendly greeting. Watch for future Winks with thoughts and information about Good Shepherd's shared welcoming ministry.*

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### **GSLC Book Club**

Summer is upon us! Stretch out in a hammock and enjoy one of our selections. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Fireside Room and we'd love to have you join us!

- Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover (Aug 21)
- The Power by Naomi Alderman (Sept 18)
- The Radium Girls by Kate Moore (Oct 16)
- A State of Freedom by Neel Mukherjee (Nov 20)
- Fly Boys by James Bradley (Dec 18)

Questions or to be added to the email list: [emilyhaydenhorning@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyhaydenhorning@yahoo.com)

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**2018 Golf Scramble: Benefits Feed**  
**My Starving Children! Sunday,**

## September 30 at The Falls Golf Club in O'Fallon, MO

- 11:30 am Registration & Lunch
- 1:00 pm Shotgun Start (4 person scramble, singles welcome!)
- Cost: \$65 each (\$260/foursome). Register by Sept. 27.
- Checks payable to GSLC, 327 Woods Mill Rd., Manchester, MO 63011, Attn: Scott Martin
- Questions? Scott Martin: 636-346-2122
- Looking for business & family hole sponsors. Narthex display soon!



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