



## *Shepherd's Staff*

*June, 2018*

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### **Worship - It's All About God**

The Gospels tell us that Jesus worshiped regularly. It was a recurrent part of his daily routine. He would often go off to a quiet place to pray. And on the Sabbath Jesus was always to be found worshiping in the synagogue.

I find it interesting that Jesus worshiped so frequently. Now, it may seem like a silly question, but I wonder why? Surely Jesus did not need confession or absolution. And I'm quite certain that he knew Scripture far better than any preacher or teacher. So why did Jesus worship? The answer, I suspect, might give us a few clues about what worship is all about in the first place.

Too often we think we're supposed to "Get something out of worship." And on one level I hope we do. A great deal of thought and preparation goes into each worship service. Worship is the centerpiece of what we do as a church.

But the truth is, worship really isn't about "Getting something out of it". We gather to worship in order to offer something to God. At its core, worship is about God, not about us. It is about offering God our thanks and praise. The main reason for going to church is not to get our needs met; the main reason, the most important reason for going to church is to worship God.

In fact, worship is always about God, not about us. Since salvation is entirely God's gift, something that is neither deserved nor earned, we are called to worship simply as a response to God's grace. Yes, we may learn things. Yes, our faith grows. Yes, we experience the grace of God through Word and Sacrament, ritual and song. Yes, we build each other up in relationship. But in the end, the focus always remains upon what God has done and is doing among us.

When people realize this, something wonderful happens. They invariably

discover that they are much more likely to get something out of the experience than if they had come for any other reason. Whether we know it or not, one of our greatest needs is to worship God. When we quit focusing on ourselves and focus instead on thanking and praising God, one of our deepest needs is met and spiritual growth follows.

All that being said, I know that summer is a busy time with lots of other things to do on a Sunday morning. But please don't forget our fundamental need to worship God. We need it.

Pastor Rich



**Jim Anderson,  
Council President**

GSLC made a commitment to Area 10 (we are located in that area of the synod) to support congregations in transition. This is an additional commitment beyond our benevolence each month. The Synod appreciates our strong financial support of their ministry in the St. Louis area. Here's an update on what is happening:

At present, 11 of the 24 St. Louis area ELCA congregations are in some type of process of transition. Of these eleven, 8 are being served by the Transition Teams we have been developing for the current surge of transitions in St. Louis. Synod has developed this team approach because we do not have enough trained transitional ministers for all these congregations.

Each Team consists of a Resident Pastoral Minister and a Transition Consultant. A Resident Pastoral Minister serves a single congregation by leading worship, preaching, teaching, providing pastoral care, working with the committee structure of the congregation and other ministry groups in cooperation with congregation leaders and members. The Transition Consultant serves several congregations at the same time. Their primary task is to guide and support the congregation as it works through the process of preparing for the next chapter of its life and ministry. These Transition Consultants are trained in both intentional transitional ministry and family systems theory. The Team will be further augmented through the development of a "Tool Shed" of resources - experts in the St. Louis area who can provide help to congregations in specific ministries such as youth and family, music and worship, etc. At present, Rev. John Mann and Rev. Michael Kerr, along with Bishop's associate, Keith Hohly, provide oversight to the Resident Pastoral Ministers and the Transition Consultants. They provide monthly training and debriefing sessions for the Resident Pastoral Ministers as well as serve as Transition Consultants to congregations. Pastor Hohly wanted me to pass on his personal thanks for our support of this effort in Area 10.

This will be the last report to you as Congregation President. It has been an honor to serve with you in the ministry of Good Shepherd. It only seems like last Sunday, when I stood before you at my first congregation meeting (June 2016). I told you that we needed to look at a capital campaign, grow membership and

worship attendance and increase giving and stewardship to support our vibrant ministry. Additionally, we needed to strengthen our planning. We have accomplished many of these goals and have made significant progress on the others. We completed a successful \$ 2,000,000 capital campaign and are well on our way to significant improvements to our building and grounds. We kicked off WHIRL, which led to a larger strategic planning process and we now have teams dedicated to six areas working on strategic plans. Our membership is stable and the number regularly attending worship has grown slightly (more work to be done here, but the stage is set). We have a revitalized Stewardship Team and are seeing positive trends in our giving, with more to come during 2018. We called an Associate Pastor during all this work. We truly are an amazing, resilient Church and we are moving in the right direction.

I'm pleased to move to immediate Past President and continue to support our efforts in *"Following Christ, Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love."*

Jim Anderson

### **This Changes Everything** by: Pr. Josh

The cross changed everything. What Jesus did for us changed everything about how we understand God, ourselves, and one another. This is the theme for the ELCA National Youth

Gathering this summer, so throughout the summer we will be walking through our Epistle lessons together as a church, as well. June 3- July 8 we will journey through a series on 2 Corinthians called, *"This Changes Everything."* Preaching will center around this theme and text for these six weeks and we hope you will journey with us by reading 2 Corinthians in its entirety through the series. Perhaps you want to read it all at once, or spread it out as a daily devotional over the summer. We hope and pray that this sermon series will draw us all into God's word together as a congregation as we deepen our understanding of how the cross of Christ truly changes everything.

Here is a recommended weekly guideline of chapters to focus on throughout the series:

May 27 - 2 Corinthians 1-2

June 3 - 2 Corinthians 3-4

June 10 - 2 Corinthians 4-5

June 18 - 2 Corinthians 6

June 24 - 2 Corinthians 7-8

July 1 - 2 Corinthians 9-10

July 8 - 2 Corinthians 11-13



**Becky Howard**  
Director of Children & Family Ministry



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**Congratulations to the following young people who affirmed their Baptismal faith on April 29, 2018:**

Cole

Henry Adams, Ethan Clark Bader, Alexander James Bardo, Lauren Rose Borchelt, Zachary James Bostrom, Jacob William Brown, Kaden Clarke Christiansen, Lauren Yates DuPerrett, Grace Carol Feaster, Grace Caroline Geringer, Daniel James Haack, Charlotte Sophia Horning, Katherine Diane Hull, Luke Ezekiel Legler, Oscar Philip Mainquist, Karissa Ann Matzdorf, Landon James Oelschlaeger, Aliana Grace Sawall, Benjamin Dalton Schumacher, Jacob Steven Spoerle, Michael Thomas Witt.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Confirmation Class - 2018

**We have a lot going on this summer at Good Shepherd. Please remember the following groups in your prayers:**

- Music camp participants and leaders - June 4-8
- 20 incoming freshmen beginning FLY activities
- Youth and leaders heading to Confircamp June 18-22
- 42 youth and adults heading to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, June 26 - July 2
- VBS leaders as they plan and recruit for VBS Week, July 30 - August 3

**Save the Date for VBS 2018 | July 30 - August 3 | 9 am - Noon Registration is Open - [print form here!](#)**



VBS is offered to children age 4 (by August 1) through those entering 5th grade in August. Registration info online and in the Narthex.

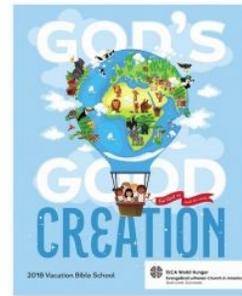
We are putting together **Team VBS!** Whether you are in middle school, high school or an adult with a passion for sharing your love of faith-filled fun with our youth, we'd love to have you on our team! Please email [Becky](#) or call her to find out how you can be a part of this year's VBS adventure.

**Summer Sunday School/Children's Church Begins June 10th - July 29th!**

This summer, we will once again offer Children's Church during the 9:30 service for preschool through elementary age children. Children will begin in worship with their families at the 9:30 service. After a short children's message during the service, our leaders will lead them to nearby classrooms for child-focused activities during the sermon, prayers and offering. We will focus our

discussion time on the ELCA's

*God's Good Creation* curriculum. Children will rejoin their parents in worship just prior to Holy Communion. If the transition is tough for our younger preschool friends, they are free to hang out with Miss Lisa and Miss Colleen in the nursery during the worship service. Looking forward to a great summer learning, laughing and growing together!



### Take Out Church -

This summer, bring a *Take Out Church* box with you on your family travels. Included in the box are ways that your family can PRAISE God, GROW in faith and SHARE God's love with others! Grab a box outside of Becky Howard's office throughout the summer.

### 2018-19 Children's Ministry Kick-off Events:

- August 19 - *God's Work, Our Hands* family project day
- August 26 - Sunday School Rally Day & CHURCH PICNIC
- September 9 - FIRST DAY of Sunday School PLUS ...
- FLIP FLOPS & FLAPJACKS FLY FUNDRAISER



**Join Our Children's Ministry Team!** We need you! You may lead a Sunday morning class (ages 2 to high school!), make coffee and greet folks every Sunday morning, lead Wednesday evening Youth Club art, craft & service classes, or serve as a middle school mentor. Please join our fun and rewarding ministry! Call or email [Becky Howard](mailto:BeckyHoward@church.org) at church to find out more!

### 2018 Middle School Summer Fun!

#### Register outside of Becky's office or 1st level Youth Hut

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|-----------------|---|
| Sun. June 10    | 12:15-2:00, Breakfast Games & Smoothie King. \$10 per person - limited space, first come/first reserved!                          |
| June 18-22      | Confircamp for registered incoming 7th and 8th graders  |
| Wed. July 11    | Incredibles 2 - pizza and movie 6 - 9 pm. Cost \$8, RSVP by 7/3   |
| Fri. July 20-21 | Summer Fun lock-in, 7pm, Fri. 7pm - Sat. 8am, no cost, RSVP by 7/15   |
| Sun. July 22    | 12-1pm VBS Middle School Junior Guide Volunteer Lunch & Training - Volunteer registration due by 7/10; lunch meeting RSVP by 7/19 |
| July 30-Aug. 3  | VBS Week - middle school junior guides needed 9am-12pm M-F  |
| Wed. Aug. 11    | 12-2 pm - Xtreme VBS for middle school youth - no cost, RSVP by 7/30  |

**Good Shepherd Family Games & Grill Event | Sunday, July 8th | 12 - 2 pm  
BBQ, Potluck, Games & S'Mores! All are welcome!**

## Blast Off For Books- The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Houston Literacy Campaign

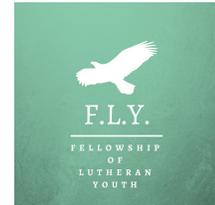


The Gathering will be collecting specific books for students in Pre-K through 6th grade. Donations can be put in the yellow envelopes in the pews with "books" written in the memo through June 17. This would make a wonderful gift to the many children in this district whose families struggle to provide books. Thank you!



**Fellowship of Lutheran Youth - FLY**  
**Pastor Amy Stewart**  
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*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. Isaiah 40:31*



### FLY Schedule

- June 3** 5:30-6:30pm, Gathering team and parent meeting (Room 150), followed by a C+ Gathering rehearsal
- June 6** 5:15-8pm, Demolition Ball and pizza; drop off and pick up at church; cost is \$10 (spots are limited)
- June 10** 12-1pm, C+ Gathering rehearsal
- June 13** 6-8pm, meet @ Swing Around Fun Town (Fenton); \$10 for unlimited play
- June 20** FLY at the movies for "Incredibles 2" at Marcus Des Peres Cine (time TBD); bring \$\$ for your ticket and snacks
- June 24** 12 pm , C+ Gathering rehearsal
- June 26- July 2** 42 youth and adults to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!!



**Jamie De Geer**  
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**Music Camp Presentations in the Gym! | Saturday, June 9th at 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, June 10th at 11:00 am**



Come, join our 2018 music campers as they present "All About That Baby" a musical with a 'traditional' Christmas Nativity setting which takes place in Bethlehem in the two days leading up to Jesus' birth. In a non-traditional "twist," this musical features

some very cool talking and rapping sheep (the humans are oblivious to these talented sheep!). Peek into two different worlds with different perspectives on the events preceding the birth of Christ.

Campers, Counselors, High School Helpers, Adult Leaders and Helpers will spend the week of June 4th rehearsing lines and songs, learning choreography, painting props and sets and learning about God's love through His word. Join us on this incredible journey of *Following Christ, Growing in Faith and Sharing God's Love!*

### **Service project for the music campers and attendees at the presentations**

We will be collecting items for the Parkway Food Pantry which collects food to meet the needs of children in our local school district. Please consider donating any of the following non-perishable items when you come to our presentation on June 9th or 10th, or anytime during music camp week, June 4th - 8th!

- Full size Cheerios
- Full size pasta
- Full size pasta sauce
- Loaf of Bread
- Full size nut butter
- Full size fruit spread that is gelatin free (pectin is fine)
- Evaporated Milk (or shelf stable mild)
- Mac & Cheese
- Tuna
- Regular can of fruit - any variety
- Regular can of veggies - corn, beans, carrots, peas
- Boxed snack items (such as granola bars)
- Laundry detergent



**Kathy Rebholz**  
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This May, Building Blocks Preschool releases another set of curious individuals into the world! Most of our five-year-old "graduates" have spent three to four years praying and singing in the sanctuary, learning more than just their ABCs and 123s, building relationships with their classmates and teachers, and most importantly learning about Jesus Christ. These children bring Jesus home with them and share His good news. How do I know? I hear the stories!



With that said, a big thank you to our dedicated teachers. They are talented and creative, loving and consistent, accepting and interested in others. Each teacher brings their own personality and talents. Furthermore, a special thank



you to Mrs. Susan Mayer, our Discovery Room Teacher, who completed her 21st year of educational service to Building Blocks Preschool this year! We have been blessed by her time, talent and dedication towards early childhood education. Susan and her husband, Dave, have been long-time Good Shepherd members. This wonderful ministry enriches the lives of all involved. On behalf of the Building Blocks Staff, thank you Good Shepherd for supporting this wonderful ministry.

The unlisted YouTube video shown at the completion ceremony is below. Have a crazy, beautiful summer and may God watch over you in whatever you do and wherever you go.

[2017-2018 Building Blocks Year End Video](#)

### **Congratulations to our high school graduates!**



**Keaton Adams** - Meramec College  
**Ryan Bauer**  
**Haili Beatty**  
**Daniel Brown** - Baylor University  
**Matthew Campbell** - St. Louis Community College  
**Anna Daugherty**  
**Elizabeth Eastlund**  
**Grace Essig** - Truman State University  
**Jane Farmer** - Drake University  
**Steven Fatzinger** - Missouri University of Science and Technology  
**Nick Fuss**  
**Jack Smith-Gackstatter** - University of Kansas  
**Aaron Hautekeete** - St. Olaf College  
**Rebecca Holmes** - Missouri State University  
**Brock Huse** - St. Louis Community College - Meramec  
**Jack Kinnaman**  
**Elizabeth Lewis**  
**Kyle Matzdorf** - University of Missouri  
**Matthew McMahon** - Missouri State University  
**Jakob Molskness** - United States Naval Academy  
**Kalyn Neuwirth-Deutsch** - DePauls Theater Conservatory  
**Joseph Niemeyer, Jr.**  
**Zach Stevens** - Fontbonne University  
**Riley Swain** - Carthage College  
**Quentin Van Buren** - Missouri State University

*Thank you to the Mission Sewing group for creating the beautiful blankets for senior gifts!*

### **Congratulations to our college graduates!**

**Alexa Baker**- graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Animal Sciences

**Grace Deitzler** - next starting her PhD in Microbiology at Oregon State University

**Eli Erickson** - graduated from Kansas University with a degree in Finance

**Hannah Jansen** - graduated from University of Missouri with a degree in Communication

**Jacob Prasuhn** - graduated in Dec from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Sports Management; he joined the army and ships out July 2nd

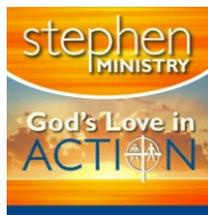
**Katie Repko** - graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Mechanical Engineering

**Jessica Ritchie** - graduated from Missouri University with degrees in Math and Statistics; next headed to Reykjavik University in Iceland to study Sustainable Energy

## Sharing Ramadan

Come Break the Fast with your Muslim Neighbors Open House at Dar-Al-Islam Masjid, Tuesday, June 5th, 6:00 PM. People from the all faith communities are invited to join our Muslim neighbors as they break the Ramadan fast and share a meal together. Tours of the mosque and other activities will be available. Interested? Sign up online at <http://www.cair-mo.org/ramadan>.

## You Can Play an Important Role in our Stephen Ministry...



... Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who might benefit from being matched with a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Wolf at church or email

[rwolf@gslcelca.org](mailto:rwolf@gslcelca.org) . To learn more about this ministry, check out our [website](#). It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

## Stewardship

### Rob Peglar, Co-chair

To all the brothers and sisters at GSLC - I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful it is to be back. I thank God for the opportunity to return to and serve this wonderful parish, as co-chair of the Stewardship Ministry Team, working alongside Christina Kling-Garrett. We have much to accomplish, but are strong in the knowledge that we are a (in Pastor Rich's words) 'unicorn church.' I truly believe that, and as such, know that together we can do great things, guided by the Holy Spirit.

I write you today to not only celebrate what we have done, but what we have yet to do. Pastor Rich preached about joy on the Sunday before Pentecost. To be

sure, we have great joy at GSLC, working together as God's people, but I must say to you all that this is no time to rest on our laurels, however many. I believe we are but scratching the surface of what is possible for us to accomplish. We are blessed with a wonderful, professional staff, at full strength, and an amazing number of Ministry Teams and small groups, through which we put our faith into practice.

For the rest of the calendar year, the Stewardship team will be focused on discerning the congregation's understanding of stewardship, especially in the sense that it is much (much!) more than just what we decide to contribute financially towards the operation of our beloved parish. Stewardship entails many things - and in the weeks to come, through the summer and fall, the team intends to conduct short discussions with many of the small groups and other teams, to discern what our collective understanding is now, and where God will take us in the future, both next year and in the years to come.

In particular, as I was looking through Scripture on the topic of stewardship, I came upon this rather intriguing passage - 1 Cor. 4:1-2. Paul is describing to the church at Corinth how to think about people, like himself, who proclaim Christ. He says, "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

Whoa. That's interesting, for sure. Quite challenging, actually. Now, I believe the people of GSLC are certainly trustworthy - so we pass that test. But how can we, out here in West County, as plain as plain can be, Midwestern folks, be stewards of God's mysteries? Really? That's a tall order - I mean, we're just typical people, right? Just good, well-intentioned, friendly people, going to school, working for a living or in retirement, raising our children and grandchildren, living our lives (hopefully) as God intended?

Well, guess what. The answer is yes - WE are stewards of God's mysteries. I think this dovetails very nicely with our belief that we are all ministers - not just those who we call 'pastor'. We are all stewards, all of us. Now, we don't have all the answers - but, truth be told, we do have all the resources we need. We are, using a colloquial word, crazy blessed. It never ceases to amaze me how blessed GSLC is as a parish and as a collection of the people of God.

## **Bible Studies & Adult Education**

The following Bible Studies are on break and will resume in the fall:

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

**Men's Bible Breakfast | Thursday Mornings | 6:15-7:15** Interested? On **June 7** we will have a meeting at Uncle Bill's. This is an opportunity to meet the group over

a hardy breakfast, and fellowship. For more info contact Shawn Geurkink at [sgeurkink314@gmail.com](mailto:sgeurkink314@gmail.com). Presently, Discussing "Strengthening Your Grip : How to live confidently in an aimless World" by Charles Swindoll (about living the Christian life).

**All Anew Women's Bible Study - Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room.** For more information contact Vicki Haugen-571.235.3935, Kim Sherwood-636.236.8601 or Marilyn Jones-636.394.3904.



**Visual Arts Group** - This is a weekly opportunity for people interested in creating art in a group setting. All GSLC members at any artistic level are welcome to come to work on their art and share

with others. All visual art media are encouraged - drawing, painting (acrylic and water mixable only), water colors, digital art, sculpture, etc. Meetings are Wednesday, 9:00 am - noon in GSLC Room 108. Contact Milt Blood , Paul Markovits, or Tom Schoenherr for more information. For information on GSLC small groups please click on the small group section of our [website](#).

**Afternoon Gamin' Gals** - 1st Monday of each month at 1:00pm in Room 108. Join us for cards, snacks and fellowship.

### Summer Potluck | June 6 | 6pm at Room 108

Watch the announcements for more dates. Bring a dish to share. For more information, contact Jan Hammer @ 314-608-6744.



### A New Parenting Group

This group addresses the specific needs of parents of children who identify as LGBTQ. This is a confidential and accepting group to help parents navigate the path of parenting a child(ren) who identify outside of the hetero-normative expectations of society. This group is for all LGBTQ parents regardless of where they, or their children, are on this journey. The next meeting will be held in the Fireside Room on Tuesday June 12, at 7:00pm. Contact Laura Neuwirth for more information: 314-749-6386 or [lkneuwirth@gmail.com](mailto:lkneuwirth@gmail.com)

## CANCER Now What? MINISTRY

**Every *Cancer-Now What?* book you give now includes the offer of care from one of Good Shepherd's Stephen Ministers.**

You can give a copy of *Cancer-Now What?* to anyone with cancer, whether nearby or far away. But if the person is in range of our congregation, each book now includes a special insert that describes Stephen Ministry care and how to contact a member of our Stephen Leader Team to learn more.

Information about Good Shepherd's Stephen Ministry is inserted after Chapter 57 of *Cancer-Now What?* that's titled, "Find One or Two Triple-A Friends." Triple-A Friends are people who will **Accept Absolutely Anything** a cancer patient needs to share. A Stephen Minister is a person who is gifted and equipped to be a Triple-A Friend to a person with cancer, or anyone facing one of the many stresses and roadblocks of life.

When you give a copy of *Cancer-Now What?* to someone diagnosed with cancer, that person receives a valuable book that helps him or her take action, find hope, and navigate the journey ahead. You're also giving the individual the opportunity to learn about how he or she can receive confidential, high quality, one-to-one care from one of our congregation's trained Stephen Ministers.

Do you know someone who would benefit from this helpful book-and also be happy to learn about receiving care from one of our Stephen Ministers?



### Service Team - Janie Wolfangel

The Service Team helps to organize many service-related activities within the church and one of those has been the "Baby Shower." We are very grateful for your overwhelming support and generosity with this endeavor. Items collected will go to Lutheran Family and Children Services.

**The Food Bin for the month of June** will support the Wings of Love and Youth Care Center. Item they have requested are: Dry Cereal (NO Cream of Wheat, Oatmeal) Dry Beans, Rice and Crackers. REMINDER: Boxed DRY Cereal Only!!

**Monthly Benevolence Fund:** Each month the Service Team has a theme which helps guide the selection of recipients for that month's Benevolence Fund disbursements. The Theme for May was Women's Concerns. The team researched several agencies and were able to help: Our Lady's Inn, Gateway 180, Microfinancing in Africa, Parkway Food Pantry and ELCA World Relief.

One of the agencies we chose to support is Our Lady's Inn. This organization provides a loving home and an array of services supporting pregnant women and their children suffering with homelessness. Since 1982, Our Lady's Inn has served as a life-affirming alternative to abortion for more than 6,000 women who have chosen life for their unborn babies. For more than 30 years these families have been sheltered and supported in their efforts to live healthy and productive lives, attain educational goals, gain employment, and secure stable housing.

The Service Team meets on the first Monday of the month! Our next meeting will be Monday - June 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. Please join us - we are always looking for new members to join us in this worthwhile ministry at Good Shepherd.

## A "Wink" from the Welcome Ministry Team by: Elliott Haugen



We just celebrated Pentecost and the role the Christian church has in spreading the word of God. We were reminded how the Holy Spirit inspired early believers to praise God in languages different than they knew. That reminds us of the multilingual, multicultural, multiracial mission of the church. Even though we are a broad and varied community, we share God's love and calling.

***"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28***

As the Welcome Ministry Team plans for the next new member orientation (July 22 and 29), we are reminded of the diversity of those who have already joined or are considering that option. We come to Good Shepherd from different backgrounds, geographical circumstances, educational and cultural experiences, and even denominations. However, as children of God we all share the love and need of Jesus Christ. Please continue to welcome, invite and include others (new and long-time members and guests) to be part of the Good Shepherd faith community and the journey you share here.

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 welcoming ministry.

### **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!

- ***World Without End*** by Ken Follett (June 19)
- ***Joshua*** by Joseph Girzone (July 17)
- ***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)

### **Chronologically Gifted (CG's)**

**Seminar and discussion on Planning a Legacy | June 21st | 10:30 am in Room 150  
Open to All!**

- Sponsored by the CG's & the Endowment Committee.
- A strictly informational/educational

seminar, which will be about Legacy planning & alternatives, charities of choice, family considerations, tax advantages, and methodologies.

- Lunch at Noon included, compliments of a Grant from Thrivent.
- Principal speaker & leader will be Mr. Steve Phelps, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA.
- Endowments are just one of the choices, but can memorialize the giver (or families) and render annual gifts in perpetuity whether to GSLC, the ELCA, or any charity or institution of choice.



Sign-ups will be available in the narthex soon. You may also call Dave Egertson, 314.205.8347, who is making arrangements and can answer any questions.

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