

Shepherd's Staff

Ministry of the Month - Bible Studies/Adult Education



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Be Known. Know Others. Do Ministry. ***Grow Spiritually.***

This is the vision we have as staff for *everyone* at Good Shepherd. How do we do that? Each month we will be highlighting ministry areas to help you find those opportunities to grow spiritually, do ministry, and build deeper relationships.

How do adults grow spiritually at Good Shepherd? Have you ever thought, "I attend. I meet people sometimes, but how do I move beyond acquaintances to really being known and connected? What is that next step?"

One of the **best** ways to develop new relationships while deepening your faith is to jump into one of the many bible studies or adult education groups. Every week, hundreds of people from Good Shepherd engage in God's word, but those who read scripture in intentional community together experience something remarkable. Some of these groups meet on Sunday mornings, some during the weekdays, some in the evening, and some bright and early (before work)!

There is something for everyone, and all these groups are open to new people at any time.

"I started going to Sunday Morning Bible Study a few years ago and immediately wondered why I had waited so long! I have met great people and have had great discussions. However, there is one negative - it's only an hour long!" - Joe Ritchie, MD

"What's the best way to enjoy a Sunday Morning? To meet together with friends! And that's what happens when we get together - we study, share and learn together as friends."

- Robin Spence

"We are a small group of men and women who gather to expand our knowledge. Encouragement & support of fellow members has naturally developed." - Marilyn Jones

Sunday

(Mornings – Between worship services)

- Sunday Morning Bible Study (Great for those who really want to dig into the Word)
- Sunday Morning Topical Class (Great for curious minds! A variety of engaging topics)
- Parent Fellowship (Great for parents of Sunday School kids)

(Afternoons)

- Basecamp (Monthly, men's fellowship and service group)

Weekdays

(Daytime)

- CG's (Twice monthly)
- After Lunch Bunch (Women's bible study)
- Naomi Circle (Women's Bible Study)

(Evening)

- Monday Pastor Bible Study
- All Anew (Women's Bible Study)
- Lectio Divina (Women's dwelling in the word spiritual practice)
- Book Club
- Our Neighbors, Our City (Monthly, the intersection of race and faith)

(Earlybirds)

- Men's Bible Breakfast (Thursdays, 6:15 at Panera Bread Co.)

Learn more about any of these on our [Community Group Finder](#) (also available on the mobile app).

Thank you to all our amazing leaders who give their time and their hearts to guide us in these ministries! Thank you to Robin, John, John, Tim, Marques, Urb, Annette, Jenny, Sandi, Brenda, Kim, Kathy, Emily, Steve, and Bill! You all make a tremendous impact on people's lives, our church, and the kingdom of God.

What's next for you?

Peace,
Pastor Josh



Emily Horning
Children and Family Ministry



Delaney Rhea and Pr. Amy Stewart
Youth & Family Ministry

There's still time to register! Sunday School will begin on September 11 from 10:10 to

10:50 am, with check in starting at 10 am. [Register for Sunday School Here.](#)

Upcoming events:

Little Lambs, Kindergarten, and 6th graders will all celebrate a milestone on September 11, at either worship service they attend. Little Lambs and Kindergartners will receive an age-appropriate Bible and 6th graders will receive a Confirmation blessing.

First Communion instruction for 1st graders (and any older child who has not received it) will be held in the evening on September 7 and 14 (must attend both dates). Dinner will be served at 6 pm, followed by class at 6:30 pm. Sibling care will be provided.

[Register for First Communion Here.](#)

Feed the Need STL FMSC Youth Pack!

We are excited to participate in this awesome ministry again! We are bringing all our youth and families together to pack as much food as possible! We will work as one giant team – kindergartners, high schoolers, even adults! This is an awesome opportunity to make a difference, and to learn about the hunger in our communities and around the world.

Youth and their families are invited. Pizza will be provided for those who attend. We will pack food from 4:00-6:00, then enjoy some yummy pizza until 6:30! Sign up here:

[Sign up for Youth Pack Here](#)

SHiNE, RiSE, and FLY Wednesday night fun for grades 2nd - 12th will begin on September 7 (SHiNE begins September 21).

- **SHiNE (2nd - 5th) registration:** [Register for SHiNE Here](#)
- **RiSE (6th - 8th) registration:** [Register for RiSE Here](#)
- **FLY (high school):** [Register for FLY HERE](#)

We look forward to a great year of Sunday School, Wednesday nights, and family fun!



Feed the Need STL

By: Dianne Unverfehrt

The problem of worldwide hunger may seem overwhelming, but working together we can make a difference. At the upcoming Feed the Need STL MobilePack, two people can pack enough food to keep a child alive for more than a year. There are still openings on all shifts

for volunteers to reach our goal of packing 1 million meals and feeding 2,750 kids a hot meal a day for a year. Sign up for one or more shifts at

<https://feedtheneedstl.org>.

Our meals are specially formulated for severely malnourished kids and are packed with rice, soy, vegetables, and vitamins. The meals are shipped to incredible partner organizations that work hard to reach the neediest children.



You can also help stop hunger in our area by bringing an item to the food pack for [Operation Food Search](#).

Operation Food Search is an amazing organization that distributes food each year to 330 community partners in 27 Missouri and Illinois counties and feeds more than

115,000 kids a year. Hunger is a serious problem in the bi-state region, but it is solvable. See Food Drive Needs for the list of most wanted food drive donations. Bring your donations to the Mobile Pack and place them in the blue barrels!

Sign Up Now!

A "Wink" from the Welcome Ministry Team

By Elliott Haugen



Happy Labor Day! It's September and we will soon experience a seasonal change when fall begins on the 22nd. This phenomena is a reminder that we need to be a relevant, responsive church with worship, ministries, and programs that support us, regardless of our season of life. This was reinforced when we welcomed eighteen new members on August 28. They vary in age, characteristics, and backgrounds, but they all found Good Shepherd. This congregation provides what they seek to support their individual faith journeys, and foster their relationships with God and each other.

During our new member orientation sessions, attendees stressed the importance of being a part of a friendly and supportive faith community. In a recent sermon, we heard about the healing impact of being in a welcoming, caring and engaged community. It is wonderful that Good Shepherd strives to live what we learn and believe. The Welcome Team and our new members are thankful for your ongoing, love-based efforts to develop this Spirit-led and loving community of believers.

"We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Romans 12:5

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

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.

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