



# The Shepherd's Horn

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## Pastor's Pages

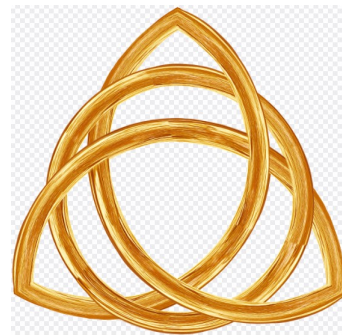
Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. I imagine these imperative statements are very familiar to all of us as we hear them every Sunday. And sometimes, the things that we say repeatedly become somewhat rote. Yet, the reason for the repetition is in the hope that the things that we proclaim in faith change and form us into the way of Christ.

You will notice I used the word “**into**” rather than in the way of Christ. There is a reason that I do so. In the scriptures, in the original Greek, we find this phrase, *pistou eis Christou*. Eis means into rather than in and that is significant. For anyone can believe in something or someone. But to believe into someone speaks of action, formation occurring as we walk more like our Lord daily. This relates to my first sentences written here. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

To go in peace means that we become

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## Holy Trinity



**June 4, 2023**

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity is the central doctrine concerning the nature of God in most Christian churches, which defines one God existing in three coequal, coeternal, consubstantial divine persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

*In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

Though the Trinity is mainly a Christian concept, Judaism has had parallel views, especially among writings from the kabbalah tradition.

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a peaceful presence in the world. Surely our world is filled with more than enough strife and Christ knows this. But you are sent into your lives to show that there is another way to live. You do it by keeping and remaining at peace.

Often when I teach about this I will reference the wedding service from the seventeenth century Book of Common Prayer from the church of England. This is the service that begins with the familiar phrase, “Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today...” In this service, those in attendance are asked if there is any reason known that this man and woman should not be wed to speak now, or forever hold your peace. In this example, holding our peace means to remain silent, to hold our comments to ourselves. In other words, it speaks of behavior.

To serve the Lord in our lives is often associated with things we DO in service, and I have found this congregation to be amazing in this way. People are blessed and fed in this place. Lives are changed and people are healed from addiction. Just to mention a couple of the many things that happen within these walls. One of the things that I teach is that there is something that is equally, if not more important in service. That is BEING.

To carry peace in our hearts begins with the proclamation of peace to us in a way similar to the peace that was declared on a night so long ago by angels to the shepherds in the fields. But to experience the peace that Christ brings requires that we live into that peace.

There is that word again, “into.”

Perhaps the greatest form of service that we accomplish in the name of the Lord is to follow the teachings of Christ. I have often thought it would be a wonderful study to go through a synopsis of the four gospels from beginning to end and to list the teachings of Christ. For Christ told his apostles to go into all the world making disciples. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey my commandments. Those commandments are Jesus’ teachings.

When we do just that, follow Jesus’ teachings, something remarkable begins to happen to our lives and to us. When we do unto others as we would have them do unto us. When we forgive as we are forgiven. When we love our enemies and pray for those who would wish to do us harm. When we guard the words of our mouths as James taught us that our tongues are small flames that can burn down an entire forest, we are following Christ.

And the amazing thing that happens? Peace! Peace within us. And that peace doesn't only remain within us, but it flows to others that we encounter.

So, I ask that you ponder these things in your hearts. And the next time we hear "Go in peace, serve the Lord," may we do it in thought, word, and deed with the help of the Holy Spirit that abides within us all.

Shalom,

Pastor Faron

## Financial Update 2023

Our latest financial snapshot for the month of May 2023 is shown below.

Financial Snapshot As of May, 2023		
	May	YTD
Support	\$ 20,196	\$ 129,578
Expense	\$ 25,659	\$ 129,251
Over/[short]	\$ [5,462]	\$ 127

Good Shepherd offers electronic giving for those who appreciate the convenience of online payments. Whether it is a one-time gift, or automated regular giving, you can setup a payment by visiting our website at [www.goodshepherdvb.org](http://www.goodshepherdvb.org) and click on "Online Giving" at the top. Or scan the QR code. Many people have found this to be a handy feature, especially for times when life gets overwhelmingly busy. As always, we greatly appreciate all who contribute to our life and ministry together here at Good Shepherd. Your gifts do more than keep the lights on – they touch lives!



Online

Pastor Faron, Kevin Jones, and Mike Solhaug will be attending the Synod Assembly June 9-11. Yes, there will be worship on June 11 with communion. Pastor Engdahl will be presiding that Sunday.

## You Make A Difference

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Community & Food Pantry Volunteers,

I am truly thankful for our generous donation of food for my family. Thank you! Love and eternal life.

*A Client*

### Virginia Beach Education Foundation

Dear Ms. White,

Thank you and the members of Good Shepherd for your generous donation to the Beach Bags program. Your contribution is vital to fill Beach Bags that will be distributed to and nourish students across our city.

During the school year, Virginia Beach City Public Schools distributes weekly 800-1100 Beach Bags to our students who could otherwise go hungry over weekends. The number of bags distributed doubled to 38,000 in 2021-2022 over the prior school year.

Sincerely,

*Debbie G. Hughes*, Coordinator

**ForKids**  
Help Us Help Homeless Families



A German and Scandinavian tradition is on the night of December 5, children put their polished boots outside the door before going to sleep. The next morning, St. Nicholas Day, they find their shoes filled with small gifts from St. Nicholas.

Good Shepherd celebrates the tradition a little differently. We give shoes to ForKids in Norfolk. ForKids' mission is breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families & children. Please place your donations of new everyday wear shoes under the tree in the Chapel [area to left of the pulpit] **no later than July 30**, the day we celebrate Christmas In July. All

sizes needed—toddler to adult. If you prefer, mark your monetary donations as ForKids.



Over the years, this has been a very well supported outreach opportunity with an average of 75 pairs of shoes donated.



## Birthdays

- 2 Karl Blumenberg
- 4 Declan Patrick
- 7 Shirley Fritzingler
- 8 Shelby Solhaug, Andrew Paisley
- 13 Turner Paisley
- 15 Katie Blagus, Finn Welch
- 19 Sondra Lindstrom, Anne Clark
- 24 Ray Seif
- 25 Marilyn Berge
- 27 Connie Johnson

## Anniversaries

- 2 Karen & Chris Welch
- 9 Shea & Andrew Paisley
- 17 Ricky & Mikayla Colquitt
- 18 Randie & Richard White
- 19 Claudia & Skip Banner
- 28 Connie & Tim Miller
- 29 Heather & Kevin Welch



**Beverly Seif** has moved to a facility closer to her daughter in PA. Please send mail only to Beverly at 25 Cove Road, Room 109, Duncannon, PA 17020.

### Email Update:

Jennifer Jordan's new email is [jennifer.jordan@1stclassre.com](mailto:jennifer.jordan@1stclassre.com)

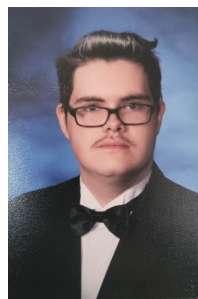
*Congratulations!*

## Change of Command for Michael Farley



Pastor Faron attended the Change of Command Ceremony for Michael Farley at NAS Oceana, May 11. He became Commander of VFA 81 Squadron with a fly over. Pastor said it was a very impressive sight. After Michael exited his plane, Josephine and Anderson released the banner to reveal CDMR Michael "Slayer" Farley on the side of the plane. We are so proud of you Michael.

## Honoring Our 2023 Graduate Trevor Gray



We rejoice with the Class of 2023 on June 4, and with their friends and families. Congratulations especially to Trevor, son of Lucy & Gabe Blagus, grandson of Ken & Margaret Gray. Trevor is graduating from Green High School. He has enlisted in the

Army as a forward observer and goes to basic training on July 5th. After basic training, he ships out to Germany.





## Meet Our Members

### Ethan & Michaela Wilson-Leavell

**Ethan** is a native of Washington State. He attended Technology & Access Foundation [TAF] Academy, and Western Washington University. He has worked as a lumber stacker, haunted house

scare actor, appliance deliverer lead, Senate Session Aide, Costco Front End Assistant/Membership Clerk/Supervisor. His hobbies are video and board games, hiking, music [singing & ukulele]. He and his wife Michaela joined Good Shepherd in 2022. We wanted to find a welcoming community after we moved to Virginia Beach, and Ethan wanted to learn more about church. He most enjoys the community events and singing in the choir. His favorite hymns are Come to Me, Thirsty Pilgrim, Lift High the Cross, Immortal Invisible, Gond Only Wise, and I Come With Joy. His favorite movie is How to Train Your Dragon.

**Michaela** is a native of England U.K. She attended Teesside University. She has worked as a dance instructor, background actress, model, receptionist, retail sales, and currently a personal trainer. Her hobbies are dance, yoga, hiking, baking, and equine. She joined Good Shepherd because she felt a calling to return to church, and to find a sense of community. She most enjoys the friendship and community she has made here, the hymns, sermons, and lunches. Michaela's favorite hymns are Spirit Open My Heart, Lift High the Cross, Soon and Very Soon, and Let the Vineyard be Fruitful. Her favorite book is A Sorcerer at Tiffany; favorite movie is Pretty Woman. Favorite Scripture is *Matthew 7*, "Ask and ye shall receive."

The month of **May** has been designated "**Pork n Beans**" month for the food pantry. This will replenish our supply which is running low.



Our clients really like this item. You may put your donations in the baskets in the narthex. If you don't have time to shop, you may make a monetary donation and mark it "**Pork n Beans**" and someone will shop for you. Thank you in advance for caring.



*At the Water's Edge* is a week-long servant event will be held at First Lutheran, Norfolk.

Youth who have just **completed the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade**, and their adult advisors. We spend the week together experiencing the Christian life through worship, fellowship, fun and service. And of course, being near the beach, we also spend some time *at the water's edge*.

*At the Water's Edge* is the perfect opportunity to grow together in faith and to deepen your relationships with other Lutheran youth from across the Virginia Synod. We will spend the week of **July 23-28** serving at various local agencies, learning about issues such as domestic hunger, homelessness, and immigration, as well as experiencing some of the unique opportunities for fun and recreation that the Beach has to offer. The **all-inclusive** cost for the week is only **\$110.00 per youth participant** (includes meals, tools and supplies, any evening activities, and a T-shirt). Adult leaders are FREE. In terms of a summer youth mission trip, you won't find a better deal than this!

**Join Us This Summer!**

### Vacation Bible School

**July 17-21**

**9:00 am—12:00 pm**

**RENEW!** All children ages 3—5th grade are welcome and invited to participate in Vacation Bible School at **Emmanuel Lutheran**, 3900 Virginia Beach Blvd. More information will be published in the bulletin announcements and in the July Shepherd's Horn. You may contact Pat Morgan .



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# Those Who Serve

## June 4

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Host  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Skip Banner  
Donna White  
Bradley Tennant  
Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren  
Ulaine Pelton, Sunny Hollenbach  
Parish Life Ministry

Mary Ann Beard, Linda Radix 6/7  
Ruth Crews, Eilene Roth 6/10

## June 11

Presiding Minister  
Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Host  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Rev. Dr. C. Marcus Engdahl  
Steve Jackson  
Roger White  
Geri Smiejan  
Sunny Hollenbach  
Carlin Bachrach, Robin Patrick

Robin Patrick, Marilyn Berge 6/14

## June 18

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Host  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Jackie Rosendahl  
Sunny Hollenbach  
Karin Lundgren  
Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren  
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens  
Emma & Greg Chandler  
Shirley Ammon  
Mary Ann Beard, Robin Patrick 6/21  
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 6/24

## June 25

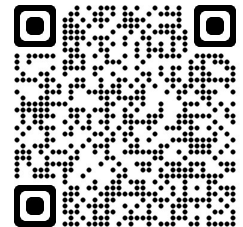
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Chuck Starbranch  
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Robin Patrick, Carlin Bachrach

Linda Radix, Marilyn Berge 6/28

## Here's How to signup.

Scan the QR Code which will take you directly to the Signup Genius page. You may also call Pat at 757-319-4847 or email her at [patm@goodshepherdvb.org](mailto:patm@goodshepherdvb.org).





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**Readings for June**



**June 4 —Holy Trinity**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**June 11—Time After Pentecost**

Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 18—Time After Pentecost**

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

**June 25—Time After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

**UPCOMING** Congregation  
**EVENTS** & Virginia  
Synod

- June 9-11 Synod Assembly
- July Christmas in July [TBD]
- July 13-15 Summer Power in the Spirit
- July 17-21 VBS [Emmanuel]
- July 23-28 Junior High Servant Event  
First Lutheran, Norfolk
- July 30 Christmas in July  
Summer Picnic
- August School Supply Drive
- September Rally Sunday [TBD]  
God's Works, Our Hands  
Blessing of Backpacks &  
School Staff  
Stewardship Campaign
- October 21 Installation of Bishop @ Presby-  
terian Church, Roanoke, VA