

August 2023

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd



Following Christ calls for a shift in our understanding and perspective. We move from viewing the world in our own way to the desire of seeing things in the way that Jesus did. This is not our doing, but the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. As a pastor, this is one of the most important things that happens and guides our thoughts and ways of approaching things as we imitate the Good Shepherd.

Our Lord taught the disciples that the gentiles Lord it over one another and their powerful one's exercise authority over them. (my paraphrase) He followed this by saying, "It shall not be so with you." In other words, all of us should work together to follow Christ rather than acting like a dictator, or boss, or manager. You will find this true in the Church and the office of Pastor. In following this, I will often be talking with you concerning our collective ministry.

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You Make A Difference



We donated 99 pairs of shoes for the ForKids organization. They were taken to ForKids organization on Monday, July 31.

Papua New Guinea!

Many Papua New Guinea pastors with children face a decision to stay in the ministry or leave to find employment elsewhere. Why? Pastoral compensation is low and there isn't "extra" to have their children educated. Affording the uniforms, books and supplies can be overwhelming. Good Shepherd annually sends \$600 support to offset education costs for the pastors' children. Please consider donating. Mark your donations as **PNG or Papua New Guinea**. *Our sister synod.*



Another way you can make a difference. Thank you.

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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When I was called by the Spirit to this place, one thing that was mentioned was having ideas for ministry. And while I definitely do have ideas, those ideas are only useful if the community here wishes to participate in those ideas as ministry. I could endeavor to create many programs or types of ministries, but they are only useful when things are fulfilled.

Furthermore, if the pastor does all these things, then the pastor is approaching our Lord and asking what path we should take. Then he listens for the will of God and discerns what God would want for us. This sounds wonderful initially. But in doing so, the pastor also takes away the opportunity for the people of God to pray and discern the will of God for the community's ministry.

An excellent example of this is the possibility of some sort of Sunday School program. Rather than simply saying one is needed, I asked for those who are interested in this to enter conversation and discernment of what that might look like here. There was a response to this, and a process is developing to explore what that could look like, for the Lord has blessed us with many families with children.

No doubt, you remember Sunday School from your lifetime and the instruction you received about Jesus. I would hope that we certainly want to have that opportunity for these little ones that we love. But it is not only about them. Groups have formed already for women and the men that could accommodate more people should they be led to attend.

Finally, a pastor never comes to a congregation with intentions of changing ministry for the sake of change alone. Instead, we review what God is doing through you now. We look at the community and the possibilities for service. Then we ask you, God's people, what are the next things, the next steps, the next ministry that Christ wishes to see here. Then we discern together.

The ministries that are happening now should all continue, for God is accomplishing amazing things in and through you. It will not be long till God's Work, Our Hand's Sunday is here. In so many congregations I have seen, this has been a focus for outreach into the community. But I am thankful to say that here at Good Shepherd. That does not take place only for one Sunday a year, but it happens every day.

If you have ideas for ministry, we can share them and discuss where God is calling us. Some have already been shared with me and further discernment will happen concerning those ideas for ministry.

So, thank you for the way you follow Christ and for the way you show your neighbor Christ's love.

Shalom,
Pastor Faron



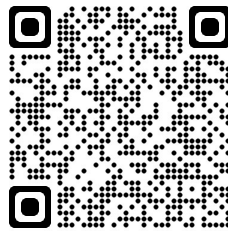
Our latest financial snapshot for the month of July 2023 is shown below.

As of July 30, 2023

	July	YTD
Support	\$ 21,419	\$ 169,725
Expense	\$ 31,610	\$ 186,818
Over/[short]	\$[10,191]	\$ [17,093]

For those who appreciate the convenience of online payments, Good Shepherd offers electronic giving. Whether it is a one-time gift, or automated regular giving, you can setup a payment by visiting our website at

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!



National Youth Gathering



"The 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, in New Orleans, LA. The Gathering brings together thousands of high-school age Lutherans from across the country and overseas. The Gathering is a place to broaden our understanding of God's love; To pay attention to advocate for, and care for our neighbors; and to know that as both saint and sinner, we are loved. We'd love for you to attend! For youth (9th-12th grade in the fall of 2023) who are actively participating in the life of Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd will cover a large portion of the cost to attend. Registration begins soon; please reach out to Jennifer Jordan at jennifer.jordan@1stclassre.com or to Pastor Faron at pastor@goodshepherdvb.org if you're interested in attending!"



Supplies and Backpacks

A new school year begins August 28. Last year we gave enough supplies to fill 55 backpacks and extra supplies to Birdneck and Seatack Elementary schools for children who could not afford backpacks and school supplies. Not only are we helping out the students family but also the teachers who usually provide from their own pockets for supplies in their classrooms. In addition to school supplies, we are collecting backpacks in which students can carry their books and supplies. If you would rather make a monetary donation, please mark it either supplies or backpack, and someone will shop for you.

Backpacks and supplies will be delivered to the schools **Wednesday, August 23.**



August

Birthdays

- 3 Diane Hudkins, Justin Colquitt
Ricky Colquitt
- 5 Sharon Withers, Jon Shochet
- 7 Margaret Gray
- 8 Alice Chandler, Elias Kokkinakos
- 9 Ruth Crews
- 11 John Addison, Sr.
- 17 Sharon Culver
- 20 Chuck Berge
- 22 Melissa Lake
- 24 Laila Lake
- 27 Frances Sunderland
- 30 Geri Smiejan
- 31 John Solhaug

Anniversaries

- 13 Nancy & Karl Blumenberg
- 15 Connie & Bruce Johnson
- 27 Shannon & Robert Doolittle



With Deepest Sympathy

In memory of a life so beautifully lived. **Milton Monteau** died peacefully, July 26. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Peace and comfort for Pastor Faron on the death of his uncle, Kenneth Evans in North Carolina.

Nancy & Karl Blumenberg
1382 Newtown Langhorne
Rd, Newtown, PA 18940



Nancy & Karl Blumenberg, Judy Coyne, Gregg Flick, Margit Fountain, Cindy Olson, Jimmy Spaits, Jr.; **Homebound:** Betty Gerber, Dorothy Koenig, Ola Krueger, Elizabeth Meeks, Mary Miller, Ray & Beverly Seif.

An Opportunity to Be Involved!

Hello, all my Good Shepherd Lutheran brothers and sisters!

I have a question for you. Think back, way back, to the days before the pandemic. Think back to those Thanksgiving luncheons we used to have. Remember how great they were, all that food, turkey after turkey; and the pies, don't forget the pies! I couldn't count how many pies there were. We would open it up to all the surrounding neighborhoods, and they would come, family in tow. We would all sit together, new faces and familiar faces, eating and celebrating together as one big family. At the end we would send everyone home with leftovers, happy knowing everyone would have a great Thanksgiving. There's no doubt Jesus was shining down on us on those days!

This is my question: Are we ready to bring that celebration back? It's going to take some effort, it's going to take some planning, it's going to take some food, but oh the feeling you get when it's over! Not the overstuffed, let me sit in my chair feeling, but knowing that you reached out, and did something good, and made the world, for a few minutes, a much better place. Think about it and let me know. I am looking for volunteers to form a committee. I am in the church directory, or you can get my information from Pat, or you can just find me; I'm the big guy in the far left pews. Thank you! God bless you all!



Steve Newsome



Meet Our Members

Jennifer Jordan

Jennifer is a native of Virginia Beach. She is married to Josh Jordan and they have two children, Jonah and Jullianna. Jennifer is a graduate of Princess Anne High School, College of William and Mary, Universidad de Granada, CELTA certificate from the Uni-

versity of Cambridge.

Jennifer began her work career working with her father at J & J Sales—Distributors for Panama Jack, Virginia Beach City Public Schools as a substitute teacher, and currently at Signature Homes as a Real Estate agent. Her hobbies include: traveling, hiking, paddle boarding, going to concerts, grabbing coffee with fiends, and playing outside with the children. She began attending circa in 2012; her brother, Jon and his family were attending Good Shepherd.

Jennifer said she enjoys most about Good Shepherd are the many opportunities to get involved, the sense of community, the worship and music, and the Bible study group that she was in for many years. Her favorite hymn is “Let My Prayers Rise Up” [during the Lenten service]. Her favorite authors are: Paulo Coelho, and Anne Hoffman.

Melissa & Ken Lake—Melissa & Ken are natives of New Mexico. They attended New Mexico State University. Melissa currently works for Leidos; Ken works for Top Golf, and previously Nascar. Their hobbies are running [Melissa] and BBQ and gardening [Ken]. They joined Good Shepherd in 2018, because their previous church was too far away and had changed pastor. They enjoy the sense of community and all the people most. Their favorite hymn is The Lord’s Prayer. Favorite types of books are fiction, mystery, magic, and humor.



August is “**Tuna Fish**” month for the food pantry. This will replenish our supply.

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 “**Tuna Fish**” .

Sunday July 30

Public Recognition of Our New Members:



Mike & Denise Haag, Alice Chandler, Barbara Case

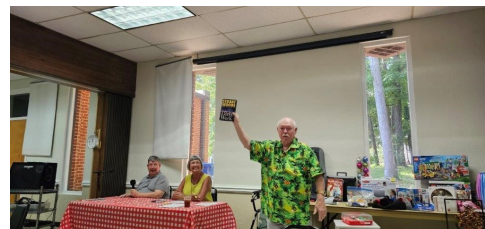
Christmas In July Duet

Alice Chandler
Ethan Wilson-Leavell



And to wrap up the day, Church Picnic and Bingo.

I understand everyone had a good time.



The first BINGO winner!

Our Ushers even dressed alike.





AUGUST 2023

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Those Who Serve

August 2

Food Pantry

Carlin Bachrach, Mary Ann Beard

August 6

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

Steve Jackson
Sunny Hollenbach
Karen Welch
Jim Van Slyke
Sunny Hollenbach

Denise Haag, Marilyn Beard, Gwyne Van Slyke 8/9
Ruth Crews, Eilene Roth 8/12

August 13

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Ushers
Altar Guild
Coffee Host
Flowers
Sanctuary Lamp
Ambry Lamp
Food Pantry

Jackie Rosendahl
Roger White
Donna White
Buddy Anderson, Sunny Hollenbach
Ulaine Pelton
The Jerlin Family
Rachel & Brian Jerlin in celebration of Isabella's Baptism
The Jerlin Family
Annemarie Whiteside in memory of her parents
Carlin Bachrach, Robin Patrick 8/16

August 20

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

Bobbi Skinner-White
Karen Welch
Jacqueline Ferguson
Crlin Bachrach, Robin Patrick
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens
Jim Owens, Ruth Crews

Annemarie Whiteside—Pia's 6th birthday
Denise Haag, Gwyne Van Slyke, Marilyn Berge 8/23
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 8/26

August 27

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

Lesli White
Karen Welch
Karen Welch

Cheryl Tennant, Shirley Ammon

Bobbi Skinner-White, Robin Patrick 8/30



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Readings for August

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Isiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

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1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

20
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

27
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Congregation & Virginia Synod

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| August | School Supply Drive for Birdneck & Seatack Elementary Schools
Deadline August 23. |
| 27 | Blessing of Backpacks & School Staff |
| September | |
| 10 | Rally Sunday [TBD]
Stewardship Campaign |
| October | |
| 21 | Installation of Bishop Milton @
First Presbyterian Church
Waynesboro, VA |