

July 2023

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd



Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. This is a wonderful greeting that reminds us of God's desire for each of us. And as it is God's desire, it has also become my desire for each of you.

Years ago, I saw a graphic that was printed by the Lutheran Brotherhood that depicted the Christian year. Half of that year focused upon the life of Christ and the many events throughout his life. While the other half was referred to as common or ordinary time. This season of Pentecost focuses on humanity and our response to our Lord. It gives us time to reflect upon the ways that we live out our faith from day to day.

The warmer summer days are often days of rest and relaxation. In the same way that the days warm our bodies, the Spirit of God warms us from within and renews our spirit. This is a time of blue skies, warm evenings, and laughter shared with family

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New Members

The following individuals have made their desire to join the family of Good Shepherd:



Alice Chandler—Affirmation of Faith

Michael & Denise Haag—Letter of Transfer

Lisa Richie—Affirmation of Faith

Debbie Risotto—Affirmation of Faith as an Associate Member

Jimmy Spaits, Jr.—Affirmation of Faith

A public recognition will be held at a later date when everyone may join in welcoming them to the family of Good Shepherd.

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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and friends. I hope that when you think of these things that you also think of your congregational family that loves you.

I often think of vacations and holidays during this time of year when we take time to leave or “vacate” our normal surroundings to journey to a place where the normal obligations of life are far behind us. This, in and of itself, serves to renew us as we rest and realize there are times when we can just be still. These are special times where we can sit with our thoughts and reflect upon our lives and the many blessings that we have. Years ago, a member of a parish shared a story with me about going hunting. It was something he had done since he was a young boy and he always looked forward to this time of being out in God’s creation. This was such a big event in Pennsylvania, where he lived, that even schools and some businesses closed on the first day of hunting season.

He shared that he was out in nature where he had a tree stand and once he had climbed into that place, there was nothing more to do than to wait. Hours would sometime pass while he sat there waiting for deer to approach. But this was an unusual time that he spoke of. For on this day his mind was captive to the God who created all that he was seeing. While thinking of this, he was suddenly aware of God there in that place. His heart quickened pace, his hair stood on end, how could he have never noticed God in such a real way before? As he spoke, tears began to roll across his cheeks. I told him that it sounded as if he had experienced Holy Ground.

As he continued to reflect upon this holy moment, he shared how he wished he could return to that place in the hope that it could happen again. For he was so swept away by the presence of God that he had lost all recollection of what he was doing or why he was there. He told me that many deer along with several bucks had appeared and he had no interest in killing them. Smiling he said, “I just let them live.”

I thanked him for being willing to share such a sacred story with me, but asked what he thought God wanted to share with him? If there was nothing more than that incredible feeling of the Lord’s presence, then that was truly a gift. But I challenged him by saying there was more.

We all have “Holy Ground” moments at some point in our lives. They are times and places that we never forget. But the additional gift in this is when we learn to take that Holy Ground with us, wherever we may go and throughout each day. Then we learn to exist and walk in the presence of God always.

In relation to this time of year, we find that there isn’t only one time for renewal, but that we are always renewed by God’s presence with us. I invite you to think of this, to carry God with you throughout your life. Learn to live in a constant state of renewal, a life of grace and peace.

Pastor Faron



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

Financial Update

Financial Snapshot As of June 27, 2023

	May	YTD
Support	\$ 15,398	\$ 147,991
Expense	\$ 25,938	\$ 155,199
Over/[short]	\$ [7,540]	\$ [7,207]

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 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!



July 30th

Following the service on July 30th the congregation will celebrate summer with our annual picnic. The church will

provide burgers, hotdogs, buns and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or side dish. A sign up sheet is located in the welcome center. We are in need of at least two portable grills. Please contact Cheryl Tennant if you can provide a grill. We will play BINGO at the picnic. We are asking for donations of “white elephant, gently used” items for prizes. All ages will be playing so a donation for any age will be appreciated. We also need a volunteer to lead any other activities for the day.

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You Make A Difference

Thank you very much Pat!

The Rev. Jofrid Landa and the Norwegian Seamen’s Church are very grateful for your kindness and hospitality. We look forward to having our service here again next year.

Katharina Powers



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.



White Elephant BINGO prizes! Most of us have some white elephants in our homes—possessions unwanted by the owner but a

BINGO winner would love as a prize. Drop your white elephants in the conference room on Sundays. If you would like to help in the planning or cooking for the picnic, please contact Cheryl Tennant at (757-567-9992).



Birthdays

- 1 Shelby Miller
- 2 Annemarie Whiteside
- 3 Shea Paisley, Esmere Litz
- 7 Liam Archibald
- 8 Dorothy Koenig
- 11 Loy Irwin
- 14 David Tester
- 16 Judy Coyne
- 19 Linetter Knocklein
- 21 Chris Welch, Josephine Farley
Mckenna Miller
- 30 Fran Bryant
- 31 Connie Miller

Anniversaries

- 2 Ulaine & Ron Pelton
- 13 Shelby & John Solhaug
- 21 Frances & Steve Sunderland [50]
- 25 Linda & Patrick Barclay



Church Brochure

What unanswered questions do you have when attending a different church? Church's core beliefs? Outreach opportunities? Bible Studies? Fel-

lowship Events? Love the church, now how to join? These questions can be answered in a brochure for guests and for you to share with friends.

Good Shepherd needs **YOU** to make this a reality. As part of a creative team there are several ways to serve....photography, wording, layout ideas, production. Contact the church office, any council member, or drop a note in the offering plate indicating your interest to help.



Additional Graduations to Highlight!

Kelsey Welch graduated from Logan University, College of Health Science, with a Master of Science Degree in Sports Science and Rehabilitation. We are so proud of you Kelsey.

Mikayla Holmes graduated from Landstown High School with honors. She is the granddaughter of Jim & Geri Smiejan.

Jacqueline Mims graduated Suma Cum Laude from Landstown High School STEM Academy. Jackie is the daughter of the Revs, Scott & Cathy Mims.. She will be attending Cornell University in the fall..

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

June 18, 2023



Griffin Parker Chandler



Meet Our Members

Steve Jackson

Steve is a native of Illinois. Steve and his wife, Judy have two children, Gary Jackson and Shawn Foster. He worked as a Federal employee for 39 years and officially retired on December 31, 2022. Steve’s hobbies include yardwork, golf, and softball. Steve said he came to

Good Shepherd because he wanted to try a smaller congregation, and joined Good Shepherd in 2014. He enjoys the most that we are not a big church. His four favorite hymns: We Are Marching in the Light of God, We Are Called, I Know That My Redeemer Lives, Shine, Jesus Shine. His favorite movie: The Sound of Music. His favorite Scripture : The 23rd Psalm

Zoe Goranson—Zoe is a native of Virginia Beach. She received as BA from Valporaiso University and a Master of Social Work from Norfolk State University. She was married to Tom Fisher [deceased], and they have two children, Nathan King, and Mike Fisher. Zoe worked for 46 years in the helping profession, 10 years as a Speech Therapist, and the rest as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Her hobbies include gardening, crafts, and floral work. Zoe’s family moved from Norfolk to Virginia Beach after her father died. Good Shepherd was on the oceanfront at that time. Her father had been raised Lutheran, Her mother later became one of the first women ordained a Lutheran minister. She enjoys singing and music most. Zoe has co many favorite hymns, but chose three: Soon and Very Soon, Christ Be Our Light, I Am the Bread of Life. Her favorite book [usually the one she is readg] “Drema New Dreams” by Jai Pausch. Her favorite movie is “Otto” Her favorite Scriptures:” Let not your heart be troubled,” and “This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”



July has been designated “**Soup**” month for the food pantry. All flavors of soup. 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 “**Soup**” and someone will shop for you.



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. Registration is open. You may contact Pat Morgan for additional information.



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Those Who Serve

July 2

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

Steve Jackson
Sunny Hollenbach
Ethan Wilson-Leavell
Chris & Karen Welch
Cheryl Tennant, Shirley Ammon
Parish Life Ministry

Carlin Bachrach, Marilyn Berge 7/5
Ruth Crews, Eilene Roth 7/8

July 9

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

Jackie Rosendahl
Donna White
Karin Lundgren
Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren
Sunny Hollenbach

Mary Ann Beard, Bobbi Skinner-White 7/12

July 16

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

Bobbi Skinner-White
Kevin Jones
Trish Farley
Sunny Hollenbach, Cheryl Tennant
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens
Jim Owens, Ruth Crews

Carlin Bachrach, Marilyn Berge, Sunny Hollendach 7/19
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 7/22

July 23

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

Lesli White
Sunn Hollenbach
Karin Lundgren
Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren
Ulaine Pelton, Sunny Hollenbach

Robin Patrick, Joy Whittaker 7/26

July 30

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Usher
Altar Guild

Skip Banner
Karen Welch
Jacqueline Ferguson
Mark Rosendahl, Buddy Anderson
Robin Patrick, Carlin Bachrach



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Farewell and God Speed Karl & Nancy Blumenberg



It is with a heavy heart that we had to say farewell to Karl and Nancy, June 25, as they have moved to Pennsylvania for health

reasons and to be closer to their daughter. Both Karl and Nancy were very active in the life of Good Shepherd since April 2001, choir, knitting group, Good Shepherd Sisters, property team, Men's Bible study group, usher, counter, and I'm sure I missed something. We will miss them. Please keep in touch.

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

- July 13-15 Summer Power in the Spirit
- July 16 Sunday School Prep Meeting
- July 17-21 VBS [Emmanuel Lutheran]
- July 23-28 Junior High Servant Event
First Lutheran, Norfolk
- July 30 Christmas in July Shoes ForKids
Summer Picnic and activities
following worship Bingo, etc.
- August School Supply Drive for Seatack
Elementary School
- September Rally Sunday [TBD]
God's Works, Our Hands
Blessing of Backpacks &
School Staff
Stewardship Campaign
- October 21 Installation of Bishop @ Presby-
terian Church Waynesboro, VA