



# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

July 2025



The grace of almighty God is the source of true joy in a Christians life. For it is in that grace that we are assured of God's love and forgiveness for humanity. Yet, we find ourselves endeavoring to follow the example set forth for us by Jesus. There is a word that relates to this act of following in an active way, intentionality. In our lives we not only confess our faith, but we do it in intentional ways.

You might do this in varied ways in your life, but everything we do intentionally we do to remind us of the teachings of Christ and the tenets of our faith. We pray and speak with God because we know that God is always with us. We read Holy Scripture to learn more about God and human interaction with God throughout history. This illuminates our understanding of God working in our present day. We worship God as we gather in community, for we know that gathering with people of faith encourages our walk of faith. These are only a few examples of intentionality.

As a pastor, I encourage the intentionality of our journey in faith. And there is one way that I was led by the Spirit to offer to you. In our baptism we receive



## Supplies and Backpacks!



We are gearing up for the beginning of another school year which begins at the end of August.

Each year we distribute backpacks and extra supplies to Birdneck and Seatack Elementary schools for children who cannot afford backpacks and school supplies. Not only are we helping out the student's 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. The collection box will be in the Narthex beginning **July 6 through August 10**. If you would rather make a monetary donation, please mark it either supplies or backpack, and someone will shop for you. The supplies will be delivered Wednesday, **August 18** since school begins **August 25**.

*We are Christ's hands and voice in the world*

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the Holy Spirit of God and find salvation in the body of Christ. It is always important to remember our baptism and the grace that is imparted in the Holy Sacrament.

To do this we keep water in the font so that you might dip your finger and make the sign of the cross to remember your baptism. Initially, when I tried this here at Good Shepherd, I found that the water began to affect the finish of the font when it was left there from day to day. Not wanting to damage the font, I knew that another approach would be necessary.

In my first congregation, the font was the oldest thing in our church, dating back to the Federalist period when Washington, D.C. was founded. It had a hand turned pewter bowl within it that was made in Philadelphia by Thomas Danforth III. As it was so old and valuable, we were advised not to keep water in it except for baptisms. As a solution to this I found a gold-colored hammered bowl to keep water in the font. And it became a blessing to the congregation as they remembered their baptism and grew away from the thoughts that making the sign of the cross was a “too Catholic” thing to do.

In remembering this solution, I found a gold-colored stainless-steel bowl to serve the same purpose here at Good Shepherd. It is my prayer that you will remember your baptism and remember the day you were sealed with the Holy Spirit to live the life of faith in Jesus Christ. Since you are His disciple, I encourage you to remember the way you entered this community, the body of Christ, in your baptism each Sunday. May this be a reminder of his continued presence and grace in your life.

In Peace,

Pastor Faron



## Shoes ForKids

*A part of our Christmas in July celebration, we will again be collecting new shoes to donate to the organization ForKids. You may bring your*

*donations in any time. If you don't have time to shop and would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your donation "Shoes". Shoes will be collected through July 27.*

"ForKids, inc. is a non-profit agency founded 33 years ago with a mission to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children. On any given day, ForKids' in-depth programs assist approximately 290 families including 870 children; their services now touch the lives of over 70,000 individuals each year. The agency provides housing, education and wrap around services for families experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. Services include counseling, tutoring, field trips, summer camps, classes in life skills, parenting, budgeting, GED tutoring, job coaching and case management."

## Financials for June



### Month

Support	\$29,293
Spending	<u>\$30,102</u>
<b>Under</b>	<b>\$ (809)</b>

### YTD

Support	\$153,133
Spending	<u>\$169,081</u>
<b>Under</b>	<b>(\$ 15,949)</b>

## Get ready! It's coming!

**I am so excited that I can hardly wait!**



On Sunday, **July 13th**, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with Carols and special music in worship. Soprano, Alice Chandler will sing the lovely *Gesu Bambino*, the children will play mini handbells for *Away in a Manger* and I will play a concert version of *Angels We Have Heard on High*. We don't have to wait until December to raise our voices in familiar hymns of the nativity.



So don't you dare miss it! Invite your friends and neighbors for some carol singing. Mark your calendars and get ready to joyfully sing your praise!

*In the Joy of Christ,*

*Dr. Parthun*

# Serving This Month

## July 2

Food Pantry

Robin Patrick, Sunn Hollenbach  
Sondra Lindstrom

## July 6

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Coffee Hosts  
Flowers & Lamps  
Food Pantry

Jacqueline Rosendahl  
Sunny Hollenbach  
Brad Tennant  
Buddy Anderson, Jim Van Slyke  
Robin Patrick  
Jeff Miller  
Parish Life Ministry  
Robin Patrick, Marilyn Berge  
Sondra Lindstrom 7/9  
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 7/12

## July 13

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Coffee Hosts  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Steve Jackson  
Jacqueline Ferguson  
Carlin Bachrach  
Jeff Miller  
Holly & Corey Riley  
Denise & Mike Haag  
Bobbi Skinner-White 7/16

## July 20

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Coffee Hosts  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Bobbi Skinner-White  
Kevin Jones  
Karin Lundgren  
Sunny Hollenbach, Buddy Anderson  
Sharon Withers  
Jeff Miller  
Bobbi Skinner-White 7/23  
Ruth Crews, Ulaine Pelton  
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 7/26

## July 27

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Flowers  
Coffee Hosts  
Food Pantry

Lesli White  
Cheryl Tennant  
Donna White  
Cheryl Tennant  
Jeff Miller  
Gwyne Van Slyke, Joy Whittaker  
Marilyn Berge 7/30



2 Annemarie Whiteside  
3 Shea Paisley  
7 Liam Archibald  
8 Dorothy Koenig  
11 Lou Irwin  
16 Judy Coyne  
19 Linette Knocklein  
21 Chris Welch, Josephine Farley  
31 Connie Miller

## Summer



## July 20

Immediately following worship,  
join us on July 20 for our annual  
picnic.

**Rain date is July 27.**



# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30-12:15 Reading Inst 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	3	4 <b>Offices Closed</b>  <b>Happy Fourth of July</b>	5 1pm-6pm Music Makers
6 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship  Collection of School Supplies Begins—August 10	7 9:30 am Food Pickup from Target	8  7:00 pm Church Council Mtg.	9 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	10  Work From Home	11 <b>Offices Closed</b>  7:00 pm Welch Small Grp	12 9am BC Busi- ness Mtg 10am—12pm Food Pantry  1pm-6pm Music Makers
13 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship Baptism of August Riley  Christmas in July	14 9:30 am Food Pickup from Target	15	16 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	17 Work From Home  Music Conf.	18 <b>Offices Closed</b>  7:00 pm Welch Small Grp	19
20 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship  Church Picnic afterWorship  	21 9:30 am Food Pickup from Target	22	23 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	24 Work From Home  8:30—3:30 Reading Institute	25 <b>Offices Closed</b>  9:00—2:00 Reading Institute	26 10am-12pm Food Pantry
27 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship  Baptism of Jack Tarrant	28 8:30—4:15 Reading Insti- tute :30 am Food Pickup from Target	29	30 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	31  8:30—3:30 Reading Institute	8/1  9:00—2:00 Reading Institute	