



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

August 2025



God's peace,
Pastor Faron

If someone were to ask you what the three expressions of the church were, what would your answer be? Many times, when I pose this, people will look at me somewhat bewildered. But it is a good and appropriate subject for this moment, for as you are reading this the churchwide assembly of the ELCA is taking place in Phoenix.

The three expressions of the church have to do with the polity or organization of the church. Historically, there are many approaches to polity and through those approaches we become familiar with words like Bishop, Presbyterian, etc. Some of these approaches bear more or less authority within the church depending upon the denomination. For example, our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters have what is called a magisterium. This is the teaching authority of the church and states that it is the church that interprets scripture.

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July A Busy Month

Exciting things happened during July. We collected shoes for the ForKids organization, had a good time at the Annual Picnic and most importantly two Baptisms.



Leila Lake played the Offertory music on the organ and Dr. Parthun's sister Rebekah James was visiting and sang a solo during communion.

How blessed we are to have people share their talents.



We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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Indeed, if you look at the first pages of a Catholic Bible you will find the imprimatur. This gives the printer permission to print the Bible.

Our church polity still vests authority within the congregations. And this is why your pastors are not assigned or appointed by a central authority. We trust our congregations, the people of God, to pray, to search the Lord's will for their congregation as led by the Holy Spirit, and to follow the Lord's will. This is not only the way that the pastor is called but is necessary to be called by a congregation before a pastor is ordained by a Bishop. So, the congregation is the first of the three expressions.

The second expression is the Synod. And a synod will have a constitution in the same way that a congregation does along with a Bishop and their support staff. Some synods are larger, like here in Virginia, with several members of staff to assist the congregations in the mission and ministry of the church. While smaller synods may have only the Bishop and one assistant.

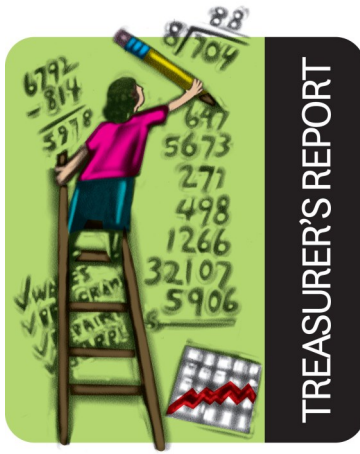
The final expression of the church is the Churchwide body consisting of the presiding Bishop and support staff that works in conjunction with the Lutheran World Federation and the Conference of Bishops. I have also had members of congregations that served on the Churchwide council, which is similar to a congregational council, but represents the national body of the church.

I ask that you keep those meeting to conduct the business of the church to remain focused upon God in their decisions and deliberations. Especially, as our presiding bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, will be leaving and they will be calling another bishop to lead the ELCA.

We sometimes speak in an almost casual way about our prayer life. But our prayers are heard by God and are truly important. As we pray, we pray for guidance not that our will be done, but that God's will be done, so that all may know Jesus Christ and his forgiveness.

Shalom,

Pastor Faron



As always, we give thanks for your support of our ministries. However, if you look at the numbers below, you will see we have a long way to go.

As of July 29, 2025

| | July | YTD |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Support | \$ 22,152 | \$ 180,222 |
| Expense | \$ 25,699 | \$ 194,780 |
| Over/[short] | \$ [3,547] | \$ [14,558] |

Christmas in July! WOW!

What a glorious day as Christmas in July was celebrated. The Baptism of August Sykes Riley, the gifts of shoes totaling 99 pairs to be donated to the ForKids organization as of this printing. Additional money has come in so our numbers will increase. Well done Good Shepherd!



99 Pairs of shoes in the box



Supplies and Backpacks

A new school year begins August 28. Last year we gave enough supplies to fill 65 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. The deadline is **August 10**.

Backpacks and supplies will be delivered to the schools **the week of August 17**.



Blessing of Backpacks and School Supplies! Mark your calendar for August 17th. Teachers and students are asked to bring their bags, briefcases to be blessed.



Birthdays

- 3 Diane Hudkins, Justin Colquitt
Ricky Colquitt
- 5 Sharon Withers, Jon Shochet
- 7 Margaret Gray
- 8 Alice Chandler
- 9 Ruth Crews
- 11 John Addison, Sr.
- 16 Phyllis Banzi
- 17 Sharon Culver
- 20 Chuck Berge
- 22 Melissa Lake
- 24 Laila Lake, August Riley
- 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

Peace and comfort to Roger & Donna White and family
on the death of Roger's mother
Elizabeth Priest in Reno, NV.

Repurposing of Rooms

The property team of Norm Beard, Mike Haag, and Roger White have been hard at work switching the conference room



and the nursery. The nursery is next to the Narthex, and the conference room is now in the old nursery room.

Check it out and see what a great job they have done. You take pride in your church!

Johann Sabastian Bach 1685-1750



J.S. Bach was a German composer of the late Baroque period and wrote music for the principal Lutheran churches in Leipzig. He was prolific and wrote for orchestra, keyboard, organ and voices and adopted Lutheran hymns in his four-part chorales, sacred songs and vocal works. He was a devout Christian and has been referred to as the "the fifth evangelist" composing over 300 cantatas on gospel readings and large works for orchestra and choir, including the most famous B minor Mass and St. Matthew and St. John Passion. I have decided to devote the five Sundays in August to playing music of Bach for the prelude and postlude to pay homage to his incredible talent and love for God.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Dr. "P"

*Choir rehearsal resumes
on Tuesday, September 2
at 7pm in the choir
room. All are welcome!*



Choir Practice Resumes

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We rejoice and give thanks as the following boys were welcomed through Holy Baptism into the Christian faith and the family of God at Good Shepherd.

July 13, August Sykes Riley



Parents, Corey & Holly Rae Riley, Sponsor Meghan Riley.

July 27, Jack Jeffrey Tarrant



Parents Matthew & Alexandra Tarrant, Sponsors Caroline Karamis, Ryan Tarrant.

August 2025

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | | | 1 Office Closed 8:30 Reading Institute 7pm Welch Sm Grp | 2 |
| 3 9:30 Worship | 4 | 5 8 Life Line Screening 7 pm Council Meeting | 6 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study | 7 8:30 Reading Institute | 8 Office Closed 8:30 Reading Institute | 9 10:00 am Food Pantry |
| 10 9:30 Worship Deadline for School Supplies & Backpacks | 11 | 12 | 13 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study | 14 8:30 Reading Institute | 15 Office Closed 8:30 Reading Institute 7pm Welch Sm Grp | 16 9am Breakfast Club Business Mtg |
| 17 9:30 Worship Blessing of Backpacks | 18 | 19 | 20 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study | 21 8:30 Reading Institute | 22 Office Closed 8:30 Reading Institute | 23 10:00 am Food Pantry |
| 24/31 9:30 Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study | 28 1-6 Blood Drive  | 29 Office Closed | 30 12-4 pm VA Bch Recovery Event in TKH |

Those Who Serve

August 3

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

Skip Banner
Sunny Hollenbach
Michael Solhaug
Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren
Carlin Bachrach

Parish Life Ministry August Birthdays
Marilyn Berge, Gwyne Van Slyke 8/6
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 8/9

August 10

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

Steve Jackson
Kevin Jones
Jacqueline Ferguson
Jim Van Slyke, Buddy Anderson
Ulaine Pelton
Sunny Hollenbach

Robin Patrick, Sunny Hollenbach, Bobbi Skinner-White 8/13

August 17

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

Jacqueline Rosendahl

Robin Patrick

Robin Patrick, Denise Haag, Sandy Lindstrom 8/20
Norm & Mary Ann Beard 8/23

August 24

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

Bobbi Skinner-White
Karin Lundgren
Michael Solhaug
Sunny Hollenbach
Robin Patrick, Sharon Withers

Marilyn Berge, Sandy Lindstrom 8/27

August 31

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

Lesli White

Carlin Bachrach



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**Thursday,
August 28th
1:00pm—6:00
pm**

Please visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter Good Shepherd to schedule and appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to

15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Volunteers Are Needed to Sign People In!
You can make a difference in someone's life!



Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association?

Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease.

Life Line Screening will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025** and are offering a special screening package for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by going to **www.lisa.social/habc**) or call **800-324-9458** to schedule **your appointment!** A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.