



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

September 2025



While visiting with a member of the parish I was asked a question, "Pastor, it has come to my attention that there are people who speak of me in an unfavorable manner. Jesus taught that you shall know a tree by the fruit it bears. Do others saying bad things about me mean that I am bearing bad fruit? For if I lived like Christ, no one would say bad things about me, right?"

It's an interesting question and I can see the person's concern, but I told them that another person speaking ill of them most assuredly has nothing to do with them bearing bad fruit. There are many reasons that this is true. Jesus is God, both while on earth and in heaven. While here, people said many things against him, people were displeased with him and his teachings.

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Supplies Packed and Delivered



Karen Welch packed up her car and delivered our donations of backpacks and school supplies to Birdneck Elementary and Seatack Elementary Schools. Thank you for your generous donations, Below is a breakdown of most of the items. **AWESOME!**

Here is a list of some of the items donated:

64 backpacks,
140 boxes crayons
68 composition books
48 packs notebook paper
40 pencil boxes, 60 box colored pencils, 80 pencil sharpeners, 60 rulers, 54 boxes of pencils, 60 packs colored markers, 60 pocket folders, 48 erasers, 60 pairs scissors, 60 varied count glue sticks, miscellaneous supplies [Expo markers, pens, notepads, Kleenex sanitation wipes], and two filled backpacks for 2 children at another beach elementary school.

Life Line Screening served a total of 73 people. The organization likes to come to Good Shepherd. If you have ever thought about having this done, there will be another opportunity December 2.

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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And so much that they nailed him to a cross. The fact that people said things against him and killed him did not prove that his message was wrong. It only proved where the people's hearts were that chose to judge him. And it proved who they were following.

An apple tree is known for apples. It does not matter what we think of apples, nor does it matter what an orange tree might think of an apple tree. The apple tree is still an apple tree. And God created all the trees.

Jesus was not teaching that we should judge, for Jesus taught us that we should not judge. What Jesus was teaching is linked to him saying that we should be wise as serpents, but as innocent as doves. In other words, be wise and do not be misled. Be innocent, doing your best to do no harm to others. For when you harm others, you actually harm yourself.

Jesus also spoke of bearing good fruit, which immediately implies that there is also bad fruit. Jesus teaches that those who do not bear good fruit will be cut off and thrown into the fire. We can look to the Apostle Paul for an understanding of this when he speaks of the fruits of the Spirit.

The fruits of the Spirit are listed as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

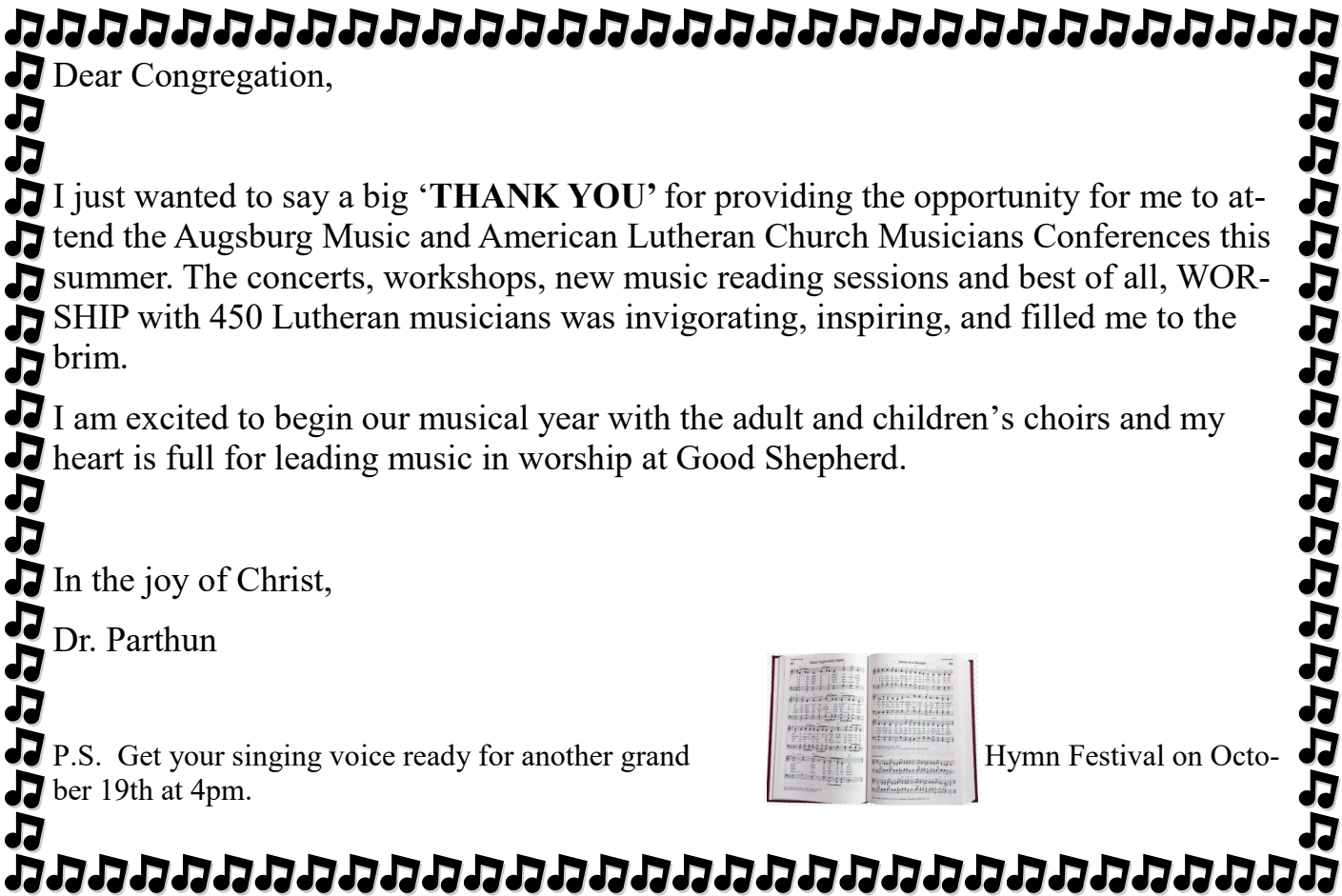
The fruits of the Flesh are listed as fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

Therefore, when you live your life unto Christ, be aware of these things. When you hear someone speaking evil, complaining, quarrelling, consider the tree. Not that you should judge, for Christ alone is the judge. But that you might be wise in recognizing and knowing what you are hearing.

When you hear someone whose heart is light, merry, joyful, and looks for the good in others, encouraging them to always be good, consider the tree.

Shalom, Shalom

Pastor



Dear Congregation,

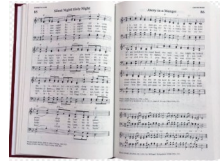
I just wanted to say a big ‘**THANK YOU**’ for providing the opportunity for me to attend the Augsburg Music and American Lutheran Church Musicians Conferences this summer. The concerts, workshops, new music reading sessions and best of all, **WORSHIP** with 450 Lutheran musicians was invigorating, inspiring, and filled me to the brim.

I am excited to begin our musical year with the adult and children’s choirs and my heart is full for leading music in worship at Good Shepherd.

In the joy of Christ,

Dr. Parthun

P.S. Get your singing voice ready for another grand
ber 19th at 4pm.



Hymn Festival on Octo-

Financial Update
Below is the monthly report for August.

As of August 31, 2025		
	Month	YTD
Support	\$ 29,036	\$ 207,069
Expense	\$ 30,487	\$ 226,926
Over/[short]	\$ [1,451]	\$ [19,857]

Lets make an effort to close the Gap!

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.



Birthdays

- 1 Robert Doolittle
- 2 Norman Beard
- 4 Alexander Shaw
- 8 Shelley Fulmer
- 11 Frank Gurdziel, Michael Solhaug
- 13 Morgan Shochet
- 14 Karin Lundgren
- 17 Sunny Hollenbach
- 20 Robin Patrick
- 25 Shirley Ammon
- 26 Mazzie Jackson
- 27 Ola Krueger-Rouzie
- 30 Jim Smiejan

Anniversaries

- 2 Donna & Roger White
- 7 Trish & Michael Farley
- 11 Margaret & Ken Gray
- 22 Cheryl & Bradley Tennant
- 27 Judy & Steve Jackson



Peace and comfort to **Sondra & Dink Lindstrom** on the death of their daughter, Megan. A celebration of her life was held August 16. May she rest in peace.

It's Time to Fall back into Sunday School!



Now that school is back in session, it is time to fall back into Sunday School. Rally Day 2025 will be held in Taylor-Keister Hall on **Sunday, September 14**. The schedule is as follows:

Children's Chapel

We are continuing Children's Chapel, an educational-worship experience held during the time of our regular Sunday morning worship service. Children 2 years old through 2nd grade are invited to spend time experiencing the day's lessons through music, games, interactive storytelling, and crafts. They will then rejoin the main assembly during Holy Communion.

Children's Choir (10:45 am)

Children are encouraged to meet with Dr. Parthun in the Music Room from 10:45—11:15.

At **11:15**, children will meet with their teachers to encounter the worship readings for the day through various activities such as arts and crafts, Biblical storytelling, music, and service projects.

Adults

The **women's & Men's Bible study** groups will meet immediately after worship.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm Choir Rehearsal	3 10:30am Food Pantry 11am Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	4	5 Offices Closed	6
7 9:30am Worship 10:45am Rally Sunday	8	9 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Church Council	10 10:30am Food Pantry 11am Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	11	12 Offices Closed	13 10am -12pm Food Pantry
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Those Who Serve

September 3

Food Pantry

Robin Patrick, Denise Haag, Sandy Lindstrom

September 7

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

Skip Banner
Sunny Hollenbach
Michael Solhaug
Buddy Anderson, Mark Rosendahl
Sunny Hollenbach
Sunny Hollenbach
The Beard Family
The Chandler Family
Marilyn Berge, Bobbi Skinner-White 9/10
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 9/13

September 14

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

Steve Jackson

Debbie Rissoto

Cheryl Tennant
Rally Day Celebration—TKH

Denise Haag & Mike Haag, Gwyne VanSlyke 9/17

September 21

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

Jackie Rosendahl

Debbie Rissoto
Sunny Hollenbach, Kevin Jones
Cheryl Tennant
Parish Life Ministry Team—September Birthdays

Marilyn Berge, Robin Patrick, Sondra Lindstrom 9/24
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 9/24

September 28

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

Bobbi Skinner-White

Chris & Karen Welch
Cheryl Tennant
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Community Groups

All meet in the fellowship hall unless otherwise noted.

Sunday

Friends of Bill AA—6:30 pm

Monday

ACOA—12pm –Rm 4

Ladies Line Dancing—4:00 pm

Next Frontier AA—6:30 pm

Virginia Beach AA—8 pm—Rm 4

Tuesday

SSA—12pm—Rm 4

SCA—2nd Tuesday—7pm

Wednesday

Men's Book Study AA—7pm—Rm 4

Friday

ACOA—7pm –Rm 4

NA –How Grp—7pm

Saturday

Breakfast Club Business Mtg— 3rd Sat
9am—10am

Monday—Saturday

Early Bird Breakfast Club—6:30am—Rm 4

Breakfast Club: Monday—Saturday - 8am

We Are Making A Difference Through Our Food Pantry



The items for the month of **September** is everything. Our shelves were depleted at the end of August. We served **83** families totaling **324** individuals. Your donations are crucial to keep this ministry up and running, and to help those in desperate need of food. Monetary donations are always welcome. Someone will do the shopping for you.



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Address Service Requested



Good Shepherd has had a hearing loop since 2014. A hearing loop (HL) is a

special type of sound system for use by people with hearing devices. The HL provides a magnetic, wireless signal that gets picked up by the hearing device when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. Good Shepherd also has 3 headsets with receivers that individuals may use during the service. Ask an usher for a headset.

Bible Readings for September

Sept 7 —Time after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Sept 14—Time After Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sept 21—Time After Pentecost

Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sept 28—Time After Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31