



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

August 2026



God's peace,
Pastor Faron

If I were to ask you what is the most valuable thing in your life, what would your answer be? Land, a house, a car, investments, or maybe your grandmother's ring might come to mind. But all of these things are things that we apply value to. Do they really have value?

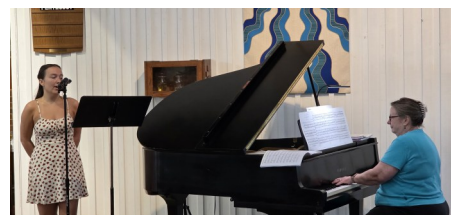
There is a story attributed to Benjamin Franklin and regardless of whether it truly came from Franklin or not, it bears something that we should think about. It goes like this:

There was a shopkeeper who was busy with his work behind the counter. A woman came in browsing the shelves to see what products were being offered. Upon seeing a price that she disagreed with she interrupted the shopkeeper's work to complain. She told him that she considered the price "unfair." After listening to the complaint, the shopkeeper

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Blessed

The choir may have taken a break for July and August, but we have been blessed with some of them willing to provide us with Offering Solos.



Alice Chandler



Mike Solhaug



Skip Banner



Greg Chandler

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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promptly changed the price by increasing the cost of the item. The woman then became even more animated in her complaints, and we realize that she considered the first price to be too much and that was what she meant by “unfair.” Again, the shopkeeper listened to her and then increased the price once more. The woman was livid and asked why the shopkeeper was not listening to her? The shopkeeper responded, “Madame, I have been listening to you. But what you fail to see is that you are wasting my most valuable possession, MY TIME!”

I don’t know if it is something that we often consider, but what is the value of our time. After all, time is something that cannot be reclaimed once it has passed. So, how does one begin to place a value upon it? Can time actually be purchased? During the “sermon” on the mount Jesus asked, “Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

Time is a precious gift and it is one that almost has a sacred nature to it, for we do not know how much time we have in this lifetime. So, that brings to mind an important question, what do we do with our time?

It would seem that people in history thought about this and we find evidence in phrases we still hear today. For instance, when have you heard of visiting someone as “paying” a visit? Or when observing something or someone we speak of “paying” attention. The use of the word “pay” sounds as if people understood that there was value in how we use our time.

What do you do with this most valuable resource in your life. How do you “spend” it? And how much do you give to God? Oh, I understand that there are many things that occur in our lives. And some of us, realizing the limited nature of our time, try to squeeze as much living as possible into each and every day. But who is it that gave you your life? Who has gifted you with senses to enjoy the days you are given? And how do you say thank you to God?

We might struggle to offer things to God, but one thing we can certainly do is give time to the God who blessed us with every day we have experienced. As your pastor, I invite you to ponder these things. Give time to God. Focus your life upon the Lord. I can assure you that you will never regret spending time with the Creator. Become as devoted to God as God is to you. After all, Jesus gave all for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Faron

Christmas in July Sunday! What a glorious day as Christmas in July was celebrated. The gifts of shoes totaling 109 pairs to be donated to the ForKids organization as of this printing. Well done Good Shepherd!



109 Pairs of shoes in the box

Donna White delivered the shoes to ForKids. They were very grateful as always for the donation of new shoes for all ages.

A thank you note from ForKids!

Dear Friend,

Good Shepherd Lutheran's generous support of 109 pairs of shoes (WOW!) and assorted clothing items on 7/3/2026 provides a turning point for families facing the fear and uncertainty of housing insecurity. Everyday, parents are doing whatever it takes to keep their children safe, stable, and thriving, even when the odds feel stacked against them.

You may read the full letter posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Property Team Ministry

What has the property team--Norm Beard, Mike Haag, & Roger White been working on? The room HVAC units that are 25+ years old have come to the end of their lives. The team has been busy replacing the units with mini-splits. The exterior of the circle has been pressure washed and painting is in progress. The canopy lights have been cleaned.



Supplies and Backpacks

A new school year begins August 24. 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 12.**

Backpacks and supplies will be delivered to the schools **the week of August 16.**



Blessing of Backpacks and School Supplies! Mark your calendar for August 16Th. 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 the family and friends of **Daniel Eugene Guest**, who died July 20. Dan served as the Treasurer at Good Shepherd for 12 years.

Congratulations to Emma & Greg Chandler on the birth of their son, River Calin Chandler, on July 27. He is the baby brother to Bennett & Griffin. Proud grandparents and great grandparents are Cheryl & Brad Tennant, and Mary Ann & Norm Beard.

Griffin was so excited to go see his new brother so he could see what color his hair was, blonde, brown, or even pink.



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of July 29, 2025

	July	YTD
Support	\$ 19,677	\$ 180,409
Expense	\$ 31,288	\$ 200,212
Over/[short]	\$[11,611]	\$ [19,803]

Farewell Dear Friend

Most of the Good News Sisters group and the Food Pantry workers had a wonderful luncheon for Marilyn Berge at Azars . Marilyn has been a vital part of these two groups since coming to Good Shepherd 11 years ago. She will truly be missed. We wish her God speed. May she find comfort in her new home.



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 is scheduled to be at Good Shepherd on **Thursday, August 20 2026**. Learn more and schedule your appointment by going to **www.ilsa.social/habc** or call **800-324-9458** to schedule your appointment! A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.

August 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship	3 9:30 Food Pickup Target	4	5 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	6	7 Office Closed 8 10:00 am Food Pantry
9 9:30 Worship Deadline for School Supplies & Backpacks	10 9:30 Food Pickup Target	11	12 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	13	14 Office Closed 7pm Welch Sm Grp 15 9am Breakfast Club Business Mtg
16 9:30 Worship Blessing of Backpacks	17 9:30 Food Pickup Target	18	19 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	20 8:00 am Life Linde Screening	21 Office Closed 22 10:00 am Food Pantry
23/30 9:30 Worship	24/31 9:30 Food Pickup Target	25	26 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's	27	28 Office Closed 29 12-4 pm VA Bch Recovery Event in TKH

Those Who Serve

August 2

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

Bobbi Skinner-White
Roger White
Donna White

Carlin Bachrach

Sunny Hollenbach - August Birthdays

Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 8/8

August 9

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

Lesli White
Sunny Hollenbach
Karin Lundgren
Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren
Cheryl Tennant

Ulaire Pelton, Robin Patrick, Gwyne Van Slyke 8/12

August 16

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

Skip Banner

Bradley Tennant

Robin Patrick

Robin Patrick 8/19
Norm & Mary Ann Beard 8/22

August 23

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

Steve Jackson

Sunny Hollenbach

Ruth Crews, Gwyne Van Slyke 8/26

August 30

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

Jacqueline Rosendahl

Ulaire Pelton, Robin Patrick 9/2