

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

June 2019



Since Ginny and I will be taking a car trip to Chicago for our granddaughter's graduation, I will not be in church for the first three Sundays in June. Rather than flying, we are driving so that we can visit a considerable number of relatives and friends who no longer are able to travel. We also have a couple of books we want to read along the way, when conversation lags. Traveling this way means that the journey itself, instead of being empty time to be endured until we arrive at our destination, is an experience in itself to be explored and enjoyed. The trip becomes a journey not only of traversing the miles between here and Chicago, but of maintaining relationships, sharing joys and sorrows of those we love, and discovering depths of meaning in simply showing up and being together.

I recently read an article on the *Mental Geography of the Book of Acts*, in which the author pointed out the obvious, that Luke is not only a theologian but a travel writer. Think of the number of journeys that are detailed in that book. Luke's overarching mental picture is one journey after another, as the Gospel spreads from Jerusalem until at last "we came to Rome." It is no wonder that it is Luke who shares the historical detail that before they were called Christians, the followers of Jesus were referred to as "People of the Way." Luke would have us imagine the life of faith as a journey. The travels of the apostles and especially Paul are recounted as examples of how the Spirit leads people to new places and peoples; across

boundaries of distance, culture and religion to an ever widening picture of the Gospel's influence. That doesn't mean that every follower of Jesus has to hit the road. Sometimes the most profound journeys are those of our hearts and minds as we come to view ourselves and the world differently. Acts includes more than one account of how the minds of the church leaders in Jerusalem, who never left there, but whose minds were changed regarding the place of Gentiles as members of the church.

We could also view Good Shepherd's search for a pastor as a journey. With enthusiasm and hope you began your journey nearly two years ago. At that time you may have hoped that it would be like a plane trip, going through the process of checking in, enduring the tedium of the flight and then arriving at your destination in a relatively short period of time. But this journey has lasted longer than expected, and while hopes are high for this latest call, some are tired of it and just want it to end as quickly as possible. As the journey continues we might ask ourselves if the purpose of the journey is more than arriving at the goal of securing a pastor. Might it also serve the purpose, for each of us, of giving training in how to live by faith or learning how to sustain hope? If we look at the journeys in Acts and we see that quite often those being led by the Spirit didn't have a clear picture of where to head next. There were times the Spirit gave explicit direction (as in Paul's vision of the man from Macedonia Acts 16:9). But more often it was finding direction through developing circumstances or just heading on down the road. Can you see that the journey is important in itself, not just in gaining a pastor, but in molding us as a people of faith and hope? Travel well dear people of God, for you travel not alone.

Keith Eilers, Interim Pastor

President's Corner

Can you believe its June already? Where has the year gone? Seems time is flying by (one day at a time).

June brings with it graduations, Father's Day, Flag Day and the true beginning of Summer!

Graduations are a time to celebrate accomplishments. Each graduate has completed schooling and is now ready to either continue with college or go into the working world. We want to wish each and every one of them God's blessings as they take on their next adventure.

Flag Day (June 14th) is a time for all Americans to remember our nation. Each stripe on the flag represents one of the original thirteen colonies and each star represents a state. Each American should fly their flag with pride and remember all who have gone before us.

Father's Day (June 16th) is a day to honor our fathers. This is a day to say "thank you" for their sacrifice for our families. God said it best in Deuteronomy 5:16 "Honor thy father and thy mother." It can't be said better than that. We also

should remember that our Heavenly Father gave the ultimate gift to all of us in His Son Jesus Christ.

Next is the official start of summer on June 21st! Schools will be out, summer camps will be in full swing, the sun shining, vacations, weddings...to name just a few things that will happen. Get out and enjoy each and every day!

On May 19th we had a Voters Call Meeting to issue a call for our next pastor. The congregation voted to issue a call to Rev. Micah Schmidt. Pastor Schmidt is a native of Tacoma and knows the area and our congregation. We are praying for him and his wife as they consider our call. We all need to be reminded that it's God's will to be done, not ours!

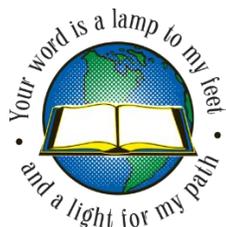
As always, if you have something on your mind, bring it up to a church leader. We can't read your mind and communication is always the best policy.

See you in church!

Joe Morton, President

Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Classen
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Cunningham – Jaech
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Jindra – McMichael
4	Julian Doyle (253-584-7244)	Michelotti – Scott
5	Tony Huset (253-753-3764)	See - Zmuda



Sunday Sermon Recordings

are available for you to listen, share, and enjoy on our website @

www.goodshepherdluth.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES RADIO PROGRAM AND RESOURCES:

The recordings of radio broadcasts are available on their website www.lhm.org.



Lutheran Hour Ministries offers Daily Devotions, Video Based Bible Studies, Media Programs, and other opportunities to serve, through their website.



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

Tuesdays:

Bible Study (9:15 am)

Welcome ALL women of Good Shepherd!

Join us on Tuesdays for Bible Study and Quilting – no experience needed. Drop in and visit! We will enjoy your company!

Where do Mites go? Here are some examples: 1) Mission Outreach for at-risk young women in Africa: \$1000,000. 2) Lights for Christ Scholarships – Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala: \$95,000. 3) God's Word Changes Everything - Lutheran Bible Translators: \$95,000...and many more worthy mission projects. You, by your Mites, are part of these wonderful endeavors.

Keep in mind Seafarers Christmas Boxes – 150 of each item is needed to fill 150 boxes: New Men's

Quilting (10 am)

Mites–Sunday, June 9

Socks, Toothpaste, deodorant, etc. We will soon have a poster up as a reminder.

Please remember these dates and plan to attend!

- **September 27-29, 2019** is the **District Retreat** with the theme: **"Where's the JOY?"** at the Red Lion Hotel, Richland House in Richland, Washington. Plan to attend!
- **"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey. Psalm 119:103"** is the theme of the **Fall Rally on Saturday, October 19, 2019** at St. Paul Graham. Put this event on your calendar and plan to attend!

Remember Mites!

Pray, praise, and give thanks!

Jane Oberg



Men's Bible Studies in June

Saturday, June 1st – 8 am

"A New Gospel, a New Approach – Luke 1:1-4"

Saturday, June 15th – 8 am

"The Christmas Story" – Luke 1-2





**THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S
LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL
2018-2019**



Preschool 1



Preschool 2



Further Fridays



TWOsday Tuesdays



Intergalactic adventure about God's plan of salvation!

VBS 2019

Vacation Bible School July 22 – 26

9 am – 12 pm

Volunteers Needed!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION (One form per child, please)

*Student First Name _____ *Student Last Name _____

Nick Name _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Grade entering: _____ Home Church (if applicable): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or special Needs: _____

It would be nice if my child is placed in same group as (child's name): _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup Name: _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

General Information: _____

(Please check the boxes below for permissions granted.)

- Medical Release:** I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.
- Photo Release:** I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.
- Permission to Attend:** I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____