

# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

July 2019



I can resonate with the disciples, when they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. It wasn't that they had never prayed. It was that they had noticed the frequency, intensity and eloquence of Jesus' prayer life. So Jesus taught them a model prayer, the depths of which we in our generation are still uncovering. I most appreciate it after I have struggled to put into words the concerns and joys of my own heart, and notice the narrow range of topics which come from me. Comparing the Lord's Prayer to my own prayers makes me painfully aware of just how much I need to learn to pray. The Lord's Prayer often concludes the prayers of the people in our worship order. To me it says we have grappled with our own thoughts and found them inadequate for the larger perspective of God, so we say, "Lord teach us to pray."

One of the petitions in that prayer leads us to pray for good government. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." Lest we picture God's governance as far removed from the tumult of politics as we know it, Paul expressly encourages prayers for those in authority: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." I Timothy 2:1-2 So in our public prayers there is often a petition for the nations and those who lead them. But the difficulty is then deciding for what and how do we pray. In the heightened tension of our current political landscape it's like walking through a minefield in which people sniff out and take offense at what

they consider to be partisan language and emphasis. In our context Paul could probably come across as supporting a Republican agenda because he encouraged prayers for the president. The prophets would be seen as being unpatriotic because they so vehemently criticized kings and their policies.

As we move toward the celebration of our country's founding, we might do more than wave the flag, and sing the songs of patriotism; we might pray. As you shake your head in agreement, allow me to ask a second question: how will we word our prayers? Will our prayers reflect more the political divides of our country or the will and behaviors of God? Will they be prayers asking God to support our side of an issue in the current we against them climate or will they reflect the ways and purposes of God as we have come to know them through Christ Jesus? In the intense emotional climate, which only promises to become more so, do we pray for God's will, God's kingdom, which may be at odds with our will and country? In the prayers of the Church there is a prayer for the church asking God to strengthen her where she is right and to discipline and reform her where she is wrong. Knowing how often and easily the church can lose its way, should we not assume that we as a people, with our leaders might also lose our way and stand in the need of correction? Patience and discernment are needed virtues in such times. Like the disciples our prayer may be "teach us to pray" for how we pray will influence how we live.

*Keith Eilers*, Interim Pastor

# President's Corner

July has arrived. Summer is now in full swing. What do you have planned? Are you taking a trip, maybe camping, or even just staying home? WE often get so caught up with our schedule that we forget the church is still here and needs your support. We remember the church when something happens, but do we remember the church when things go according to plan?

Good Shepherd continues to keep its doors open regardless of the circumstances. We are here to serve you in need, help where we can, and supply support where and when needed. Your prayers keep us going. God, who is faithful and just, doesn't abandon the church. He carries us when the going gets tough. You also can be a faithful servant of Christ by your attendance and participation in church services.

As most have heard by now, Pastor Micah Schmidt has declined our call. While this is disappointing for us, we do wish him a long and memorable career in service to our Lord wherever that may be.

I would like to update you on some areas the Church Council is working on:

1. We are planning to do another pictorial directory. We will do this once we have a new full time pastor. We will keep you posted on the progress.
2. We are going to move the food bank from the office annex to the kitchen area in the fellowship hall. This will allow it to serve those people who come to the free meal on Tuesdays. It has been discussed with everyone involved and this move was agreed upon.
3. We also continue to look for a permanent chairperson for the Altar Guild. We currently have a temporary chairperson. It is a rewarding job for service to our Lord.

These are the main areas the Church Council is working on at this time. Your input is always important. You can speak to any council member or the office with your concerns.

May God bless each and every one of you this summer!

See you in Church on Sunday!

*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](http://www.goodshepherdluth.com)

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES RADIO PROGRAM AND RESOURCES:

The recordings of radio broadcasts are available on their website [www.lhm.org](http://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)**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We are so blessed to live in the United States of America! We are free to worship God as we want to and when and where we want. Bibles are easy to own. We are free to study God's Word and share it with others. Treasure the freedom and blessings we have in the United States of America!

Bible Study and Quilting meet on Tuesdays **ALL** summer ***except*** during VBS. Join us any Tuesday!

**Quilting (10 am)**

**Mites—Sunday, July 14**

Please remember Mites and also items for the Seafarers' Christmas Boxes.

You should mark your calendar for the WA-AK District Retreat September 27-29 in Richland, and the Rainier Zone Fall Rally at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Graham, on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks,

*Jane Oberg*



## Men's Bible Studies in June

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 8 am**

**"Final Preparations" – Luke 2:22-52; 3**

**Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 8 am**

**"Walking Headlong into Resistance and Opposition" – Luke 9, 10, & 15**





# Preschool News [www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com)

## *Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs*



The preschool is happy to announce that Melika Mindemann will be coming back to our preschool to teach. Melika will be our new Jr. Kindergarten teacher. We welcome her back for Melika as she prepares for a brand new class to begin at our school.

Another changer at our preschool is coming for Kelly Johnson, our toddler teacher. She has accepted a full-time position in Seabrook, Washington, and will be moving there very soon. Please pray for our board for wisdom and discernment in hiring our next teacher for directing that right person to our preschool.

Also, our preschool is looking for one assistant as Jami Garza and Sara Rogers will not be returning. With the Jr. Kindergarten also beginning, we will only need to hire one assistant this time. We request your prayers for guidance with this position also. Thank you.

The preschool will not only be changing staff; the look of the basement in the annex building will be changing a bit as we do some remodeling to accommodate the Jr. Kindergarten class. We appreciate your prayers through all these endeavors during this summer.

Summer camps are open and we have four left. Please contact the office for more information if interested.

Two more summer play-dates are coming us: Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:40 am – 1:00 pm in the playground. Please join us there— just for fun!

Serving our Savior,

*Bonnie Huset*  
Director / Teacher



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: \_\_\_\_\_