

Dear Partners in Ministry,

If you were at church this last Sunday (May 28th), you heard the recent news from the call committee and church council regarding our call process and search for a co-pastor.

Unfortunately, the candidate we were working with decided to withdraw their name from consideration.

After the call committee votes to recommend a candidate to the congregation council, the council takes over the process. The council meets with the candidate and also has preliminary discussions about a potential compensation package. These conversations are guided by the New England Synod compensation guidelines and the 2017 budget approved by the congregation last November. This is the step where we could not reach agreement with this candidate, leading to the withdrawal. The council was prepared to recommend this person to the congregation for a vote, so you can imagine the great disappointment we felt upon receiving this news.

So, what does this all mean? A few thoughts run through my mind that I think are important to share.

- First, everyone is especially invited to attend the Ministry Cabinet meeting on Tuesday June 6th at 7 PM to talk about this news further. Call committee members and council members will plan to attend as their schedules allow. They will answer any questions you may have, while also maintaining the confidentiality of the process. We will need to support each

other amidst the grief and disappointment that many of us may feel.

- Second, this candidate's decision in no way reflects poorly on us as a congregation. To the contrary, they were very impressed by Good Shepherd. In our interviews, both sides felt very hopeful that we had found a match. However, when we began figuring out a compensation package, we could not reach agreement. Despite a number of conversations, we reached an impasse. We felt like we made a generous offer, and to go further would have been harmful to Good Shepherd's financial situation. The fact that both sides felt so hopeful about this potential match has made the feeling of disappointment stronger, both for me, the call committee, and the council.
- Third, the process begins again. The New England Synod will again send additional candidates to the call committee. A pastor's job is often to ask the question, "What is God doing through this?" So I ask, what is God doing through this news? At the moment, I am not sure. But, I have great trust that it will become clear in time. For whatever reason, the match between this candidate and Good Shepherd was not meant to be. That means the right match is still to come.

In the meantime, let us continue in the mission we share of "growing, nurturing, and making disciples in Christ"! Despite disappointing news, we still have God's work to do as the body of Christ. Let us gather in worship each Sunday. Let us minister to and with our

children on Children's Sunday on June 4th. Let us bless our high school youth who will leave for their mission trip at the end of the month. As the first community of Christians did, let us continue to devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). And let us trust that each step we take will move us forward into the future God has in mind for Good Shepherd!

walking with you, Pastor Jeff

AGO Scholarships Awarded – Congratulations



to Abbey Kelley-Lanser, who is one of six students awarded a scholarship by the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of

Organists to study organ in the coming school year.

She will study with Mark Mummert, who is the cantor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester. This summer Abbey will be attending the Lutheran Summer Music Program at Valparaiso University in Indiana, for which she also received a scholarship. We look forward to her continuing to share her musical talent at Good Shepherd!

2017 Graduates

We congratulate the following members of our congregation and as they graduate from High School and head off to the following colleges!

Julia Bigwood – *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

Kyra Chevalier – *The University of Vermont*

Michaela Frederico – *Montserrat College of Art*

Hannah Laak – *Wentworth Institute of Technology*

Matthew Petry – *Providence College*

Connor McCordick – *Westfield State University*

Ryan McCordick – *UMASS Amherst*

Jace Ricci – *Montserrat College of Art*

Elise Ribaud – *Colorado State University at Ft. Collins*

Ben Salfeld – *Trinity College*

Lisa Sulmasy – *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*

Erica St. Jean – *Cornell University*

Jonathan Wolf – *UNH Durham*

We congratulate the following members of our congregation who have graduated from college/university or graduate school.

Corrine Ahrabinejad – *Bachelor's in Psychology from The George Washington University*

Sam DiStefano – *Bachelor's in English with minor in Communications from Goucher College in Maryland*

Nicole Harvell – *Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia*

Kirsten Laak – *Bachelor's in Public Health from Worcester State University*

Peter Mistark – *PhD. in Physics from Northeastern University*

Please let us know if you have graduated from College or Graduate School as we will acknowledge our members as they come in.

We also acknowledge the granddaughter of Penny & Jim Black and former member of Good Shepherd Heather Hynick – *Bachelor's in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin at Madison*

JULY/AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE

Friday June 23rd

Please email your articles to Caryn Francese in the office at office@goodshepherdcares.org

Ministry Cabinet Meeting The next Ministry Cabinet meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We will first meet together to share information about our committees. Then we will meet jointly with the Congregation Council and the Search Committee for a Q&A about the status of the search for a new co-pastor.

Please plan on attending this important and informative meeting. Also, please share this invitation with your committee members - they're all invited!

Ned Rich & Pat Fontes, Co-Chairs, Ministry Cabinet

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES



Celebrate with us! With joy we received new members at our 9:00 service on May 21. At the 10:45 service that day, nine of our young people became Confirmed Members of Good Shepherd. But the celebrations continue!

June 4

Pentecost is one of the major festivals of the church year. At 8:30 we will celebrate with trombone soloist, Jeff Schiebe, and a brass quartet accompanying hymns. The choir has a rather jazzy anthem, and I'm working on a special Bach postlude, *Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott*, for that day.

Children's Sunday will be celebrated at the 10:15 service. Sixth Graders from the MidWeek program will give the sermon, and Sunday School Singers, Grace Notes, Joyful Noise, and Allegro Chimes will bring special music to the service.

June 11

Holy Trinity will also be **Bell Sunday** at the 8:30 service. Gospel Ringers and our new Morning Chimes group will share in the music,

and some members of the Allegro Chimes will accompany the Chancel Choir, in their last offering of the choir year. The 10:30 service will be led by New Direction Praise Band.

June 18 begins the part of the church year that is called **Ordinary Time**. But at Good Shepherd it has been far from ordinary. Once again, I am looking for singers and instrumentalists who would like to share their talents in solos, duets or ensembles. This is a great way for young players to keep practicing during the summer, and we welcome players of all ages.

We are excited that Lucas McFetridge has joined New Direction. Special thanks to Kent Arnold who is teaching him to play bass, and coaching him in the band. Please see Randy Gomez if you would like to sing or play with this excellent group! They continue to lead the 10:15 service throughout the summer.

Hymn Sing Preludes During the summer, I'd love to incorporate favorite hymns in the prelude time. Please leave suggestions in the basket on the organ, and we can sing a few verses of your favorite hymns in the prelude time.

As we come to the end of our program year, I want to thank all who have led our youth music groups: Jen Lentz, Julie Hamilton Grant, Julie Schwingbeck, Dana Gillin, Karen Morrissey, and Jen Fischer. Thank you to the families who have made sure that your children were at rehearsals and warm-ups before church. And thank you to the Chancel Choir and Gospel Ringers for sharing their time and talent. I feel truly blessed to share in music ministry with you!

In Christ, Bess Sproul

June Lectionary	
Date	Readings
June 4th PENTECOST	Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, & John 20:19-23
June 11th Holy Trinity	Genesis 1:1--2:4a, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 & Matthew 28:16-20
June 18th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]
June 25th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:1b-11 & Matthew 10:24-39

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WE NEED YOU!!! During the summer months, July & August, it is difficult to find people to serve as worship support at our two services, 8:30 and 10:15. As such this year we are giving everyone, even if you have never served before and thought you might like to try, the opportunity to sign-up in the narthex at church to serve in worship. In addition, due to Pastor Jeff being alone in July & August we are in need of an extra communion assistant at both services. At the 8:30 am services we need crucifers, acolytes, worship assistants, communion presenters, ushers and greeters. At the 10:15 am services we need lectors, communion assistants, ushers and greeters.

BECOME A DISCIPLE IN CHRIST!



O.W.L.S. in June Red, white and blue are the focus of our catered luncheon on Tuesday, the 13th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall, when we celebrate Memorial Day, Flag Day and July 4th! Wendy Ying will speak about her trip to Scandinavia. Please make your reservation and meal choice with Joan Olson.

SAVE THE DATES – JUNE

June 4th

PENTECOST & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Summer Service Schedule

8³⁰ & 10¹⁵ Services

Children's Sunday Service at 1015 with a picnic and games to follow

Please bring a side dish and dessert

June 6th

Men's Breakfast

8 (Christine's)

Ministry Cabinet Meeting

7 pm (FH)

Learning Committee Meeting

7³⁰ (CED)

June 8th

Gospel Ringers

6³⁰ (BL)

June 9th

Friday Group – Bible Study

9³⁰ – KOB

Parkinson's Support Group

10³⁰ – 12 Noon (FH)

June 9th & 10th

Synod Assembly

June 11th

Holy Trinity & Bell Sunday

Summer Service Schedule

8³⁰ & 10¹⁵ Services

June 13th

Men's Breakfast

8 (Christine's)

OWLS Luncheon

12 (FH)

Council Meeting

7 (KOB)

June 16th

Parkinson's Support Group

10³⁰ – 12 Noon (FH)

June 18th

Summer Service Schedule

8³⁰ & 10¹⁵ Services

Godspeed for TAGS going on Mission Trip

June 20th

Men's Breakfast

8 (Christine's)

June 23rd

Parkinson's Support Group

10³⁰ – 12 Noon (FH)

July/August Messenger Deadline

Email to office@goodshepherdcares.org

June 24th – July 1st

TAGS Mission Trip to Taylorsville NC

June 25th

Summer Service Schedule

8³⁰ & 10¹⁵ Services

June 27th

Men's Breakfast

8 (Christine's)

June 30th

Parkinson's Support Group

10³⁰ – 12 Noon (FH)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday, June 5th and running through Tuesday, September 5th there will be someone in the office each day from **9 am to 3 pm**



Please consider signing up for **Simply Giving™** so that Good Shepherd can count on your contribution even while you are away. Contact Stan Corbett, Financial Secretary at finsec@goodshepherdcares.org to sign up. The online giving form is accessible for changes in your pledge. Go to <http://www.goodshepherdcares.org/online-pledge/> anytime to add a pledge or amend your current pledge.

DATES TO REMEMBER THRU THE SUMMER MONTHS

Now through Sunday, September 3rd

Summer Schedule

8:30 am – Traditional Service

10:15 am – Contemporary Service

June 4th

3rd Sunday of Pentecost – Children's Sunday

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am & 10:15 am

Sunday, August 27th

Blessing of the Backpacks & TAGS Mission

Trip Sermon

Sunday, September 10th

Rally Day - *One Festival Service at 9:45 am and a picnic after. Outside, weather permitting*

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. – SEPTEMBER 10TH

Each year, we do a

Congregation-wide service



**God's work.
Our hands.**

project on Rally Day in September. Not only is this a Congregation-wide project, but it is ELCA-wide as well. While we all do different projects, congregations throughout the ELCA come together and participate in God's Work, Our Hands.

Last year we created Blessing Bags – a Ziploc bag filled with items for the homeless. We have decided to make them again this year. We will fill them with things like, socks, band-aids, water bottles, granola bars, and prayer cards. We will then bring these bags home, to keep in our cars, and distribute when we see someone in need of a "Blessing Bag".

If you are interested in helping to organize this project, please contact Joann Duncan at 774-232-2334 or the3duncans@verizon.net.

Middle School Youth Group and TAGS
Volunteered at
Community Harvest Farm, Wed. May 3rd



Each Spring middle and high school youth are invited to serve for

an afternoon at Community Harvest Farm in Grafton. All food grown here is donated to the Worcester County Food Bank.

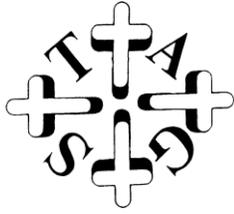


This May the youth who attended, along with some parents, planted 800 cabbage plants.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MAY 21ST



Teens At Good Shepherd



Together Always Growing Spiritually

June brings Pentecost, Children's Sunday, a Blessing of those of us going on the Mission Trip and the Mission Trip itself. Please mark your calendar and watch your email for updates!

CALENDAR DATES

Sun. Jun 18th – 10¹⁵ Service Blessing for the Mission Trip Participants

Followed by a meeting for parents and youth at 11³⁰ All mission trip participants and their parents should plan to attend!

Sat. Jun 24th – Sat Jul 1st Mission Trip to Taylorsville, NC

Sun. Aug 27th – TAGS Mission Trip Sermon

Thank You!!!! Throughout the year we as a staff are blessed with the assistance and diligent work of several members of our congregation who do many things in and around the church office which makes the staff's workload a bit lighter. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers who are here, sometimes every week and sometimes as special projects come up, but always with a smile and a willingness to make Good Shepherd Lutheran Church shine:

Bert Barton	Diana Barton
Richard Bergemann	Jim Black
Ellen Cloutier	Stan Corbett
Pat Fontes	Al Graefing
Barbara Grande	Karen Koengeter
Stephanie Leclair	Christiane Mellow
Carl Miett	Bev Moehling
Kay Zimmermann	

Special thanks: Our IT team continues diligently to make sure our technology issues are little more than hiccups. We are thankful for Jason Stuehmer, Greg Walker, Mike Ribaudo, Jim Scanlon, Ned Rich & Dave McCordick.

Volunteers help the church office run . . .

Any time you are able to give to the office helps make our entire congregation, the programs we offer, and the outreach we do run that much more efficiently. Call, email, or stop by anytime and let us know if you want to be a regular volunteer or want to be on our special project call list.

In addition, *my vacation this summer* will be **July 28th returning August 7th**. We are looking for volunteers to be in from **9– 3** on a few of the days to help out in the office answering telephones, copying, etc. Please let me know at office@goodshepherdcares.org if you would like to come in for a full day or a few hours.

Tuesday, August 1 st	9 am to 3 pm
Wednesday, August 2 nd	9 am to 3 pm
Thursday, August 3 rd	9 am to 3 pm
Friday, August 4 th	9 am to 3 pm

Please call the office to schedule some time.

Thank you - Caryn



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ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Day	Opportunity	Time(s)	Contact
Sundays	Adult Forums	9:00 & 10:45 am	Mark Booher mark.booher@verizon.net
Mondays	Bible Study	9:30 am	Joan Olson jeolson@verizon.net
Tuesdays	Men's Breakfast	8:30 am	Tom Olson tomo815@me.com
Wednesdays	Super Wednesday	6:30 pm	office@goodshepherdcares.org
Fridays	Friday Group	9:30 am	Joan Olson jeolson@verizon.net

See Calendar for more specific about locations
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NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

Caryn H. Francese, Notary Public



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