



MESSENGER June 2018

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As spring weather finally(!) arrived this month, I've taken to walking to Good Shepherd when I can, usually accompanied by Zin (who is only too happy to act as a one-dog welcoming committee for the parish office). This time has come with unexpected gifts—the chance to meet new people, to think, and to pray. Often my prayers come out as hymns, and this morning as I walked, the one that kept coming to mind was an African-American spiritual, "Guide My Feet."

Guide my feet, while I run this race...for I don't want to run this race in vain!

It's a heartfelt plea set to an upbeat melody, and as a prayer, it's never been very far from my heart during these past few months of discernment and transition. You know as well as I do that discernment isn't easy, and that this prayer is its refrain: prayer that God guides our feet, and that God's will is the one that gets done.

With this hymn-prayer still in my head this morning, I reviewed the scripture readings for this weekend's installation, and these words from Isaiah jumped out at me:

"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness." (Isaiah 42:6-7)

This morning, these words struck me as a prophetic answer to that hymn-prayer. They offer profound reassurance that the call we have discerned together comes from God, and that the God who gives it is one whose presence never fails, who never lets go of our hand, who has intentions for us and for people we haven't even met yet—intentions for illumination and liberation!

I've already seen the ways that Good Shepherd is living into Isaiah's holy vision and have already found joy in this first month here to be running this race with you. I feel particularly blessed to have arrived among you at a time when your leadership is once again lifting Good Shepherd's mission statement to "Grow, Make, and Nurture Disciples in Christ" up to the light, and discover anew a fresh meaning for us in this time and place. I hope many of you will make time on Saturday, June 23rd from 8:45a-12p to come workshop our mission statement together and add your voices to that ongoing discernment. (I'm going to be visiting family that weekend but am excited that I'll have the fruits of that meeting to come back to! The job our consultant gave to me, as a fresh pair of eyes, is to be a good student and asker of questions as we do this work.) In the meantime, I look forward to getting to know each of you better over the coming months and years. I'm grateful for the wonderful hospitality I've received from you so far (especially those nametags!), and already feel such joy in joining the race that God has

set before you—now, before *us!* May God continue to guide our feet—we don't want to run this race in vain!

May the peace of Christ be with you always,
Pastor Larson

Sisters and brothers of Good Shepherd:

Thank you for all the good and generous wishes as my time as your transitional pastor came to an end. I felt honored by all the farewell events and have been blessed by my time with you. ~Pastor John Nieman

Our New Horizons program is off to a great start. *We have currently raised \$107,250 and on our way to meeting our goal of \$500,000.*

Some questions that have come up during our conversations so far are:

What are you going to do with the money raised if pledges do not end until December 2020?

All money donated to New Horizons will be sent to Thrivent Financial to pay down our mortgage principle within 30 days of receipt whenever possible. We will get an immediate payback on your contributions. We will re-amortize our mortgage as needed throughout the year, so our payment will be reduced.

Are you going to apply all funds directly to the principle or lower the term of the mortgage?

It is our intent to apply all funds to reduce our principle. Once the program is over Church Council will make the decision to continue the mortgage term as it is or to reduce the length of the loan based on our financial condition at the time.

We will release a series of Cottage Meetings soon which we hope you will attend so we can answer any questions you may have. Please sign up for a time that suits you best!

Thank you for all that you do for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

New Horizons Committee: Jochen Salfeld, Brad McRae, Kathy Grim, Jim Black, Michaela Joyce & Dale Hava

June O.W.L.S Luncheon

This month, we will commemorate three patriotic holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day when we gather on Tuesday, June 12th, in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon. Wear the colors red, white and blue. We will enjoy the music of the "Chimes", led by our music director, Bess Sproul. Chef du Jour Catering will be cooking for us once again, with the popular menu of beef, chicken or vegetarian entrée, and side dishes. A delicious cake will be the dessert. Please call Joan Olson to make your reservation with your desired selection.



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

As we head into summer, I am reflecting on all the people who volunteer their time to make the music program at Good Shepherd such an important part of worship here. Randy Gomez and I are staff, but we couldn't do our jobs without the dedicated musicians who come every week to help lead worship. So first, **New Direction**, who work under Randy Gomez's leadership. Be sure to thank him, and Bruce Grams, Kent Arnold, Michelle and Lawrence Kati, Nancy Fenton and Linda Frederico, who are the regulars with the band. They welcome newcomers and folks who come as alums to sing from time to time. They would love to have another guitarist! Each week our 7:45 and 9:00 worship is enhanced by **trumpeters** Marilyn Reiman and

Bob Frederico. Marilyn also gathers special brass choirs for Christmas and Easter, and will lead a brass quintet for Pastor Larson's installation on June 2. Have you thanked them recently?

I think of the youth choir directors: Jen Fischer, who so ably leads the **Allegro Chimes** group. They had a great year, enjoying the music and the fellowship, and playing beautifully when they had a turn to serve in worship. Be sure to thank her, and encourage your child to play with the group next year.

And I think of the leaders of **Joyful Noise**: Jen Lentz, Julie Schwingbeck and Karen Morrissey. Jen has training in early childhood music and music therapy, Julie has a background in Barber Shop music, and Karen is a sought after accompanist for young instrumentalists. What a great team to be leading our 1st to 5th graders! Please thank them!

Julie Hamilton Grant and Martha Engvall have led our littlest singers, the **Grace Notes**, and that has sometimes been a boy choir! What a great way to get the boys knowing that singing can be such fun. Julie was a music major, and came up through an outstanding children's choir program in Rochester, NY. Martha is multitalented, singing, playing piano and flute, and has teaching experience. Be sure to thank them.

The **Gospel Ringers** meet every Thursday from September to June, continually learning as they are playing bells. We will be celebrating Bell Sunday on June 10 at the 8:30 service. Please come, and thank them for their service to Good Shepherd.

The **Chancel Choir** leads the 9:00 service, preparing a new anthem for every Sunday. They are dedicated, talented musicians, and it

has been a joy to work with them. Please thank them, when you see them!

The **Midweek Singers** have finished their program for this year, but they have grown into fine young musicians, singing in harmony and sharing the Good News. I will always hear them singing "Only by Grace Can We Enter" and hope they will always keep that message in their hearts.

ServantSong recently came together to form the **Resurrection Choir** for the funeral for Jack Conway. This is an important ministry, as we support a grieving family with music to soothe, comfort, and bring God's message of love and peace. Thank you to all who joined in that. And thanks also, to those who come every month to sing at Beaumont. As Ellie Bigwood says, "We probably get more out of doing that than they do."

And there are others, too: cantors who help out periodically at the 7:45 service, and Morning Chimes who play together before OWLS meetings...I'm sure I am not remembering everybody. But when you see or hear them, please thank them!

During the summer, we will be looking for instrumentalists to bring special music for Prelude, Postlude and/or offering. All instrumentalists, from students to professionals, are welcome!

It bothers me when I hear, "What will we do without Bess?" I am leaving, but I am not taking these wonderful musicians with me. Good Shepherd is truly blessed with musical talent, and the next music director and organist will be truly blessed to be here, just as I have been blessed.

In Christ, *Bess Sproul*

Youth Ministry News

Teens At Good Shepherd



***Together Always
Growing Spiritually***

June brings thoughts of summer vacation, and with that our final preparations for the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston!

CALENDAR DATES

Sun. June 3rd – Help with the Children’s Sunday service at 10:15 AM and the games/cookout afterwards

Sat. June 9th – Bake sale at Fruit Street Fields in Hopkinton 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. This is the last fundraiser for the trip to Houston, so please come and help! Meet at 66 Fruit St.

Sun. June 10th Recognition of High School Graduates in worship All high school graduates are especially invited to attend either the 8:30 or 10:15 worship service, as we will celebrate you in our services this morning.

Sun. June 24th 10:15 AM – For all those going on the mission trip, plan to come to the 10:15 worship service and sit together for a special blessing before our trip the next week.

The service is followed by a required meeting for parents and youth of all going on the trip to Houston.

Tues. June 26th – Mon. July 2nd – ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston

Save the date – Sunday August 26th 8:30 and 10:15 AM– those who went on the

Houston trip share their stories and experiences in worship this day!



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

June Lectionary

Date	Readings
June 3rd 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, & Mark 2:23--3:6
June 10th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1 & Mark 3:20-35
June 17th 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 & Mark 4:26-34
June 24th 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 & Mark 4:35-41

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CAMP CALUMET REGISTRATIONS

It's time to register for summer camp at Camp Calumet Lutheran in West Ossipee, NH. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.calumet.org. Be sure to include Good Shepherd as your church. Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity - ages 8-16. Let the CED Office know when you've registered so that a \$100 campership can be sent to Calumet *in your name*



Concordia Camperships

In past summers we have helped send up to 20 youth from Concordia Lutheran in Worcester to Calumet during the first week of the summer and one teen to L&S. At this writing, we know of 7 campers who are going to Calumet from Concordia. Calumet has offered **20** slots again for this summer. Your Learning Committee has committed to provide up to 20 camperships @ up to \$250.00 each.

Calumet Staff

So far we have heard that congratulations are in order for: Jo Casey, Francesca Bianchi, Bella Estes, Dominic Hanna, Amy Gillam O'Riley, Bryan O'Riley, Elise Ribaldo Abbey Soukup and Audrey Soukup who have all been offered positions at Calumet this summer. **Did we miss anyone?**

ADULT LEARNING

Adult Forum has ended for the year but will resume in September.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 2018



The Sunday School year will culminate on **June 3rd**.

The **Children's Service will be at 10:15 a.m.** Midweek 5th & 6th graders will offer the sermon.



Bibles will be presented to all second graders and older students new to Good Shepherd who are in attendance. Those who are not in attendance will receive

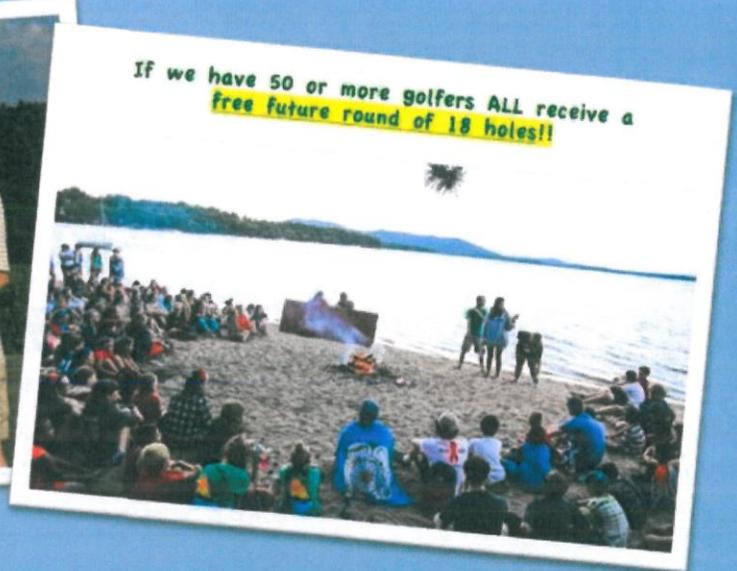
theirs at our Rally Day Service in September. All of our children's choirs will be adding their voices and chimes to the service.



All Church Picnic – bring a side dish and a dessert please
Games and Christian Cabinet
Bouncy House

Bethel Lutheran Open

June 23, 2018 at Pine Ridge Country Club



Hole Sponsors - \$100 for a full sign or \$50 for half sign

**Eighteen holes with cart, great contest prizes, with luncheon - \$125
Luncheon only; Hot Chicken and Fish buffet, appetizers - \$35**

- * Help **Bethel Men's Group** send kids to Camp Calumet a beautiful place where it's cool to be kind!
- * Golf: 8:30am shot-gun start, best ball
- * Luncheon and Golf in memory of Ray Odgren

Golf is rain or shine with 8:30am shot-gun start, best ball. Luncheon starts at 1:30. Registration with payment is needed by June 1 for sponsors, June 5 for golfer or Luncheon.

For questions write to Preston Sturdevant PSturde809@aol.com or Dave Legg at DLeggEnergy@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church							June 2018
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
Summer Schedule 8 ³⁰ Traditional 10 ¹⁵ Contemporary					1	2	
					9 ³⁰ Friday Group - Bible Study 10 ³⁰ - 12 Parkinson's Support Group (FH) 12-1 AA (DFH)	7 AA (DFH)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
2nd Sunday of Pentecost Children's Sunday Summer Schedule 3- 6 ¹⁵ GS 30508 CR 11 6 - 8 ³⁰ GS 30365 FH 7 ³⁰ AA (DFH)	12 Noon AA (DFH) 4 - 5 ⁴⁵ GS Troop 30634 DFH	8 Men's Breakfast (Christina's) 9 ¹⁵ - 11 ¹⁵ EI Music Group (Nursery & FH) 12-1 AA (DFH)	9 ¹⁵ EI (N & FH) 12 ³⁰ - 2 ⁴⁵ Staff Meeting	Synod Assembly (Springfield)			
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Summer Schedule 4th Sunday after Pentecost 7 ³⁰ AA (DFH)	12 Noon AA (DFH)	8 Men's Breakfast (Christina's) 9 ¹⁵ - 11 ¹⁵ EI Music Group (Nursery & FH) 12-1 AA (DFH)	12 ³⁰ - 2 ⁴⁵ Staff Meeting	9 ¹⁵ EI (N & FH) 10 ³⁰ Beaumont 8 AA (DFH)	July/August Messenger Deadline 10 ³⁰ - 12 Parkinson's Support Group (FH) 12-1 AA (DFH)	7 AA (DFH)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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KEY: BL = Bell Loft * CED = Christian Ed Office * CR # = Classroom # * DFH = Downstairs Fellowship Hall * FH = Fellowship Hall * KOB = Library * L = Lounge * MR = Music room * N = Nursery * NO = Nurse's Office * S = Sanctuary							



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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 jeolson423@icloud.com
Tuesdays	Men's Breakfast	8:30 am	Tom Olson tomo815@me.com
Wednesdays	Super Wednesday	6:30 pm	education@goodshepherdcares.org
Fridays	Friday Group	9:30 am	Joan Olson jeolson423@icloud.com

See Calendar for more specific about locations

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