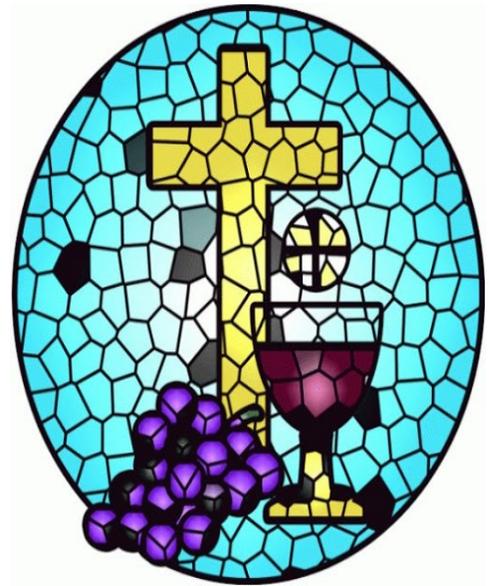


# Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Trinity XIV) September 13—September 19, 2020

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KNNA radio: 95.7FM or [www.thecross957.org](http://www.thecross957.org)  
Services broadcast live Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am  
and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



## **“WORTH” SHIP:**

Worship is usually defined as honoring or revering a supernatural being or power. This adoration is done with appropriate acts, rites, or ceremonies. In fact, the word worship and its formation are peculiar to the English language going back to the root words of worth and ship, that is, a being or power that has worth and merit and is to be honored and adored.

There is much about this meaning of worship which is salutary. God has worth, merit. That merit or worth is to be adored and honored. However, the main thrust of the English word worship is from the worshiper to the worshiped. The direction is from us to God. We recognize the merit or worth of God. When we recognize the merit or worth of God, we offer God appropriate acts, rites, and ceremonies of worship. The English word worship makes the activity ours. It is something that we do when we have recognized the greatness of God.

Such a view of worship is antithetical to the Evangelical Lutheran understanding of worship. The dictionary understanding makes worship our action or response. It turns worship into an anthropocentric activity that is measured

and normed by what we do, by what we understand God to be. The evangelical Lutheran understanding of worship is just the opposite. It is from God to us . . .

[Roger D. Pittelko, “Corporate of the Church” in *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice*, edited by Fred Precht. (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1993), p. 44-45]

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to all who donated items for the college student “Welcome Back” bags. Your support for this project is appreciated.

Thanks also to those who have supported our mission project (Good Shepherd’s community radio station: KNNA 95.7 FM). The total donated in the month of August was \$2,181.00. May God use these funds to reach out into the Lincoln community and beyond to grow His Kingdom.

## **FLOWERS TODAY:**

The flowers today are provided by Connie Swenson in memory of Lester & Adeline Swenson, parents of Connie Swenson and Sharon Wilkens. We thank Connie for remembering His saints and their importance in her life.

## THRIVENT DISASTER RELIEF

Thrivent is providing a way to multiply efforts to help with the Iowa disaster of Aug. 10th. Anyone — not just Thrivent clients — can donate online to support the following support organizations assisting with disaster relief efforts:

Iowa District East LCMS  
Lutheran Services in Iowa  
GoServ Global

United Way of East Central Iowa

For every \$2 in personal donations through Thrivent's online giving platform, Thrivent will add \$1. This match will run until the \$50,000 cap is met or October 15, 2020, the sooner of the two. Donations must be made through Thrivent's online giving platform in partnership with InFaith Community Foundation. Go to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) and click on Generosity then InFaith Community Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Stepp.



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues.
- **Vern Jansky**, husband of Adrienne, recovering from surgery.
- **Roger Ketelsen**, in rehab following at stroke.
- **Andy Ingwerson**, friend of the Indgiers, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- **David**, neighbor of Karen Kammann, in hospice care.
- **Marta**, friend of Darla Posner, diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength, peace and healing and for strengthening of faith for her, her daughter Kayla and the family
- **Loren**, friend of Joe Velasquez, hospitalized. Please include his family in your prayers.
- **Kelly**, daughter of Shirley Green, for a proper diagnosis and proper treatment to begin.
- **Lynn**, mother of Amy Steele, recovering from surgery.
- **Mildred Humphrey**, recovering from a serious fall.
- **Brenda Bailey**, cousin of Maureen Marshall, who lost her husband suddenly of a heart attack.
- **Jim Cather**, for healing from some health issues.
- **Long-term Care Prayers:**
  - Sheldon Wolff**
  - Victoria Sample**
  - Ron & Janet Amack**
- **Prayers for those in the military:**
  - Paris Renter**
  - Ron Van Valkenburg**
  - Kylen Schnell**
  - Craig Moline**

The Wedding of  
Martha Leah Fritz  
and

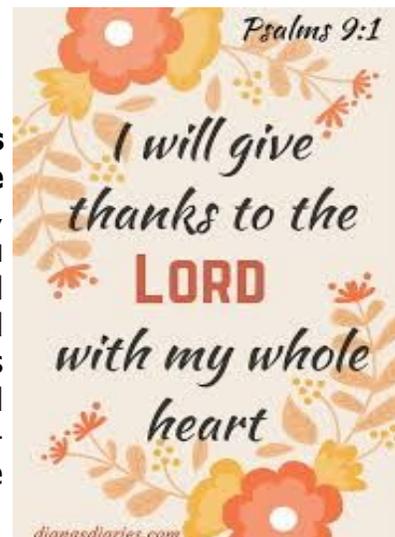
Pastor Lawson Kent Short  
will take place on  
September 18, 2020  
in  
Roseville, MN

If you would like to send a card  
or note, you may reach them in  
care of

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Luke 17: 18-19** — “(Jesus said), ‘Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you. It’s only natural. And thus, our stewardship is only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **NEXT WEEK (September 13–19):**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Jon McNabb	Lucy Roberts
Dylan Baumann	Lesley Ahrens
Gretyl Bader	Gary Heckman
Gary Rockel	Nik Sandman
Sam Lichtenfeld	Joannie Michel

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Doug & Vicki Hughes  
Mark & Lori Reinke  
Nathan & Britney Damme  
Vicar Timothy & Amy Steele

**LIFE MOMENT: Trinity XIV** — Jesus’ merciful words and ways work life and healing (Proverbs 4: 20-22). He brings forth brilliant and abundant fruit (Galatians 5: 22-23) even from flesh like ours (Galatians 5: 19-21) that was born broken. We who take these words to heart — and the hearts we touch with them — will live indeed.

**FROM INVISIBLE TO INDISPENSABLE** is the theme of the Lutherans for Life Regional Conferences in 2020. To find out more go to [lutheransfor-life.org/conference](http://lutheransfor-life.org/conference).

***“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable . . . (I Corinthians 12: 22 ESV)***

## **MISSION PROJECTS**

Imagine not being able to put food on the table for the people in your family. Many in Venezuela face this terrible situation on a regular basis. Our mission offerings for the month of September will be sent to our contacts in Venezuela to distribute to those brothers and sisters in Christ who are in this kind of need. Your contributions for this project can be placed in the basket at the west end of the fellowship hall or placed in an envelope at the offering box in the narthex. Please label it “Venezuela Mission.”

FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED  
\$ 10,740.00

ATTENDANCE: WED — 42  
SUNDAY — 194

OFFERING: \$ 11,740.00

## **FAMILY BIBLE STUDY**

Starting Sunday, July 19, Family Bible Study will be available in-between services. The fellowship hall has been redesigned and approved by pastors and elders, in order to accommodate current social distancing guidelines.

- The entire family is invited! One family unit per table in chairs facing the direction of the pastor at the podium.
- We have 22 tables set up properly, each distanced at a minimum of 6' from other tables in every direction.
- The tables can accommodate up to 5 people each. Come and see the new arrangement in the fellowship hall!
- We have 110 chairs to accommodate the Bible Study, which is 50% of the capacity of the fellowship hall.

Stay tuned for forthcoming information on our other weekly Bible studies. We give thanks to God and look forward to sharing more of God's Word with you!

## **REGARDING THE MAYOR'S MASK MANDATE**

Our pastors and elders met on the evening of July 21 to discuss the July 20, 2020 update to the Directed Health Measure from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

The pastors and elders unanimously agreed that our current practices and procedures fall within the Mayor's mandate without requiring masks.

- *From our pastors: The Mayor of Lincoln has issued a mask mandate for all public gatherings in Lancaster County July 20—August 31. There is much debate on whether this qualifies as a 4th Commandment issue. It is not our vocation to debate or enforce such mandates, but rather to preach and teach God's Word in its truth and purity and administer His precious sacraments according to His command and promise. You are free in the Gospel to follow the mandate if you wish. Our policy at Good Shepherd remains the same: masks are encouraged but not required. Let your conscience be your guide. Please continue to follow the 6-foot social distancing guideline so that we may continue to ease back to normal as the DHMs allow.*
- *Our return to a Sunday Bible Study for families on July 19 was a success! Plans are being made to ensure the continued safety of us all.*
- *Sunday Bible Study for families will continue until further notice. Many of our Sunday School teachers are in at-risk categories, and we do not want to burden their consciences.*

**DOORKEEPERS TODAY: 8 am: Alan Brodbeck  
10:30 am: Tim Higgins**

**ELDER TODAY: (Sept.13) Mark Reinke**