

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Third Sunday After Trinity) June 25, 2023

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## **EVANGELISM: THIRD ARTICLE WITNESSES, TELLING THE SECOND ARTICLE STORY, USING THEIR FIRST ARTICLE GIFTS**

*by Mark A Wood*

"We live on earth only so that we should be a help to other people...that we may bring other people also to faith as He has done for us." This is what Dr. Martin Luther preached in a sermon on I Peter 2 in 1523. Really? Being witnesses of Jesus is our *only* reason for being in the world? Some might argue that Luther was overstating his case to emphasize that witnessing is very important and he didn't actually mean that it is our *only* reason for living in the world. But he went on to say, "Everything then should be directed in such a way that you...make it your highest priority to proclaim this publicly and call everyone to the light to which you are called."

"Only", "everything" and "highest priority." Luther used these words to drive home the point that the Lord strongly desires His children to "be a help to other people" by bringing them the hope and healing that is found only in Jesus. God's people boldly "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2: 9) to those who are captive to the darkness of sin and death.

### **OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY?**

Why, if witnessing is so vitally important, do we tend to shy away from speaking about Jesus with the people in our everyday lives? As the influence of the Church has decreased in our society, it's become more difficult to be Christ's witnesses in a world darkened by many kinds of false beliefs. We've lost our influence in our society, we are no longer respected by people in our culture, and we've become pre-occupied with other things. Far from our "highest priority," evangelism has taken a distant back seat to myriad other activities in our busy lives. We have let the world tell us that faith is a personal and private matter, not something to be shared in public. Other voices now dominate the public arena and tell us what is good, what is right and what is true. Yet whatever the reasons may be, the end result is the same: Christians have grown silent — even though that silence harms and imperils the very people whom we are called to serve as witnesses of Jesus.

A recent report by the Barna Group summarized the reasons why we do not engage people in spiritual conversations. "People who don't talk very often about faith offer different reasons, but most of these fall into two broad categories: *avoidance* and *ambivalence*." In other words, either we are (*see page two*)

too afraid or we just don't care enough (or both). We are unwilling to risk our friendships, reputations, careers or social status by speaking to the people around us about Jesus.

## REPRIORITIZING

How do we overcome our "avoidance and ambivalence"? How do we shift our priorities so that proclaiming God's Word to those in spiritual darkness is our first love and "highest priority"? How do we shake off our fears and discover the joy of being Christ's witnesses?

The answer to these questions are found in the same place: who Christ Jesus is and what He's done for us. We confess both of these realities in the Apostles' Creed, and if we look closely, we find that its three articles provide us with a firm foundation for being witnesses of Jesus. *(continued next week)*

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## JUNE MISSION PROJECT

The mission project for the month of June is the support of Pastor Franco and his efforts to host Vacation Bible School for the families of his congregation in Venezuela. Your donations will help them to feed the children and purchase materials needed. For more information, talk to Ramon Marcano.



## UPCOMING FAMILY PARK DATES

We had a blast at the park dates in June, and we are looking forward to more park dates in July!



All families are invited to a park date on **July 11, 2023 from 10 am—noon at Trago Park off of 22nd & U Streets**. We will meet at the sprayground area. The sprayground is free, so be sure to bring swimsuits for some water play. There are picnic tables at this park as well. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.

We will also be gathering for a park date on **July 25, 2023 from 10 am—noon at the Bennet City Park located at 605 Monroe St. in Bennet**. There is a free sprayground at this park as well, so this will be another opportunity to cool off from the

summer heat. There is also a shelter with picnic tables. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.

Contact Elizabeth Moline at (701) 640-7989 or Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327 or Amanda Civic at (402) 304-6620 with questions.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Pastor-elect Thomas Goodroad will be ordained at his home congregation, **Trinity Lutheran Church, 1715 S. Jefferson St, Kearney, MO on Sunday, June 25th at 4:30 pm**. Pastor Poppe will be preaching at this service. Pastor-elect Goodroad will be installed here at Good Shepherd on **Sunday, July 9th at 4:30 pm with a potluck supper to follow the service. Please bring a main dish and a side dish. Cake and drinks will be provided.**

## JUNE VOTERS' MEETING

The annual voters' meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 27th at 7 pm**. Some items of discussion will be the budget and election of officers. Questions may be directed to Joe Ehrich, Pastor Poppe, or Pastor Moline.



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

*If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may*

*call during the 6th week to renew it.*

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (1)
- **Joyce Thompson**, recovering from a hospitalization (2)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, as she recovers from surgery for a cochlear implant (6)
- **Joyce Aupperle**, in hospice care at home (1)
- **Loraine Harnett**, recovering from knee surgery on May 11th (6)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (4)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from a knee replacement and following infection (5)
- **Ray & June**, parents of Deb Burow, for success in upcoming surgeries (5)
- **Michael**, cousin of Barbara Kumm, whose son was born at 30 wks. due to pre-eclampsia. Please pray for Dominique's recovery (5)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, who fell and fractured a vertebrae (6)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery (2)
- **Clarice Mackey**, mother of Chris Mackey, hospitalized in Washington following surgery (3)
- **Mark Tallman**, former boss of Linda Clark, in treatment for pancreatic cancer. (3)
- **Stella Nuckels**, sister of Marc Huff, having back issues (3)
- **Jerry Alm**, father of Dee Chrisler, recovering from a fall (3)
- **Alan**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, dealing with cancer in his thyroid (2)
- **Gary**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for God to strengthen his faith (1)

- **The son-in-law of Lynda Mahloch**, recently diagnosed with cancer (6)
- **Lowell Clifford**, grandfather of Ashley Ehrich, dealing with broken ribs following a fall. (6)
- **Ron Graphenteen**, recovering from surgery on May 31. (4)
- **Janet Kniep**, dealing with swelling in her legs. (4)
- **Elaine Egner**, having selective eye surgery for glaucoma (1)
- **Dawn & Tom Vontz**, sister & brother-in-law to Dee Indgjer. Tom is on a kidney transplant list at UNMC & Mayo. Dawn is giving a kidney through a paired donation. (4)
- **Ruth Brisbois**, recovering from eye surgery on June 6. (4)
- **Teri Firestone**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from foot surgery (1)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for healing from her celiac disease. Prayers that her new medication will promote healing where it is needed. (2)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (2)
- **Thanksgiving for Nathan & Kathryn Pennington**, who were married on Sat., June 17th and for Nathan's call as Director of Parish Music at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Washington, MO.
- **Thanksgiving on the 90th birthday of Elaine Van Valkenburg** (1)

## SAVE THE DATE!

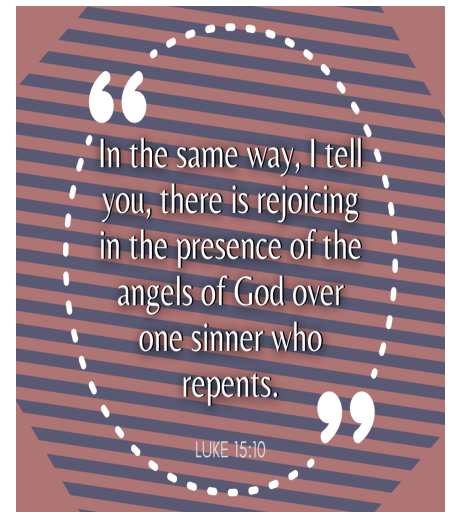
Save the date for Pastor Poppe's Retirement Party on Sunday, August 6, 2023. We will be celebrating his 26 years of faithful service to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and to His Lord and Savior, Jesus. E-mail invitations have been sent out with full details for you to RSVP. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Kal-dahl at 660.238.7327.

## FLOWERS

The flowers on Sunday, June 25th are provided by Elaine Egner in loving memory of Joseph Egner. We thank Elaine for adding God's created beauty to His house today.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Luke 15: 10– “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents”** Jesus eats with sinners, not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt or any number of other sins, the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (June 25 thru July 1)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Don Baden    Elaine Van Valkenburg  
Lorelee Novak    Vivian Brinkmeyer  
Walter Schnell    Lora Wilkens

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Marc & Beth Huff  
Kevin & Megan Meyer

## **LIFE MOMENT**

Our witness to the worth and purpose God assigns to every human life doesn't have to be timid. Let the joy of life's gift (Romans 6: 23) have fire (Jeremiah 20:9) in our hands, and let its hope have volume (Matthew 10: 27) from our mouths, to lift up the humble and turn back the proud. We enter the spiritual battle with courage, compassion, and Christ Jesus (Psalm 91: 3-6)!

## **RETIREMENT PARTY DISPLAY**

Photos with or of Pastor Poppe will be included in a display for his retirement party in August. Please e-mail any photos you may wish to submit to [fellowship@goodshepherdlincoln.org](mailto:fellowship@goodshepherdlincoln.org). The more pictures, the merrier! Questions? Contact Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
JUNE 18, 2023

**WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:**  
\$ 11,253.00

**ATTENDANCE:**  
WED., JUNE 14: 64  
SUN., JUNE 18: 204

**OFFERING:**  
\$ 10,529.00

**MAY VANCO:**  
\$ 4,675.00

**OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE:** \$ 1,741,589

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030

We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Last week we received  
\$ 2,570  
in principal only gifts.

## **SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:**

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Wed., June 21): Scott & Dee Indgjer  
(Sun., June 25): 8 am: Alan Brodbeck  
10:30 am: Don & Peg Olson  
(Wed., June 28): David Perrin

**ELDER TODAY:** (Wed., June 21): Dale Meyer  
(Sun., June 25): Matt Phillips  
(Wed., June 28): Matt Phillips

**USHERS:** (Wed., June 21): Huff, Kaldahl, Schmidt, Pfeister  
(Sun., June 25): 8 am: Indgjer, Huff, Kaldahl  
10:30 am: Novak, Keller, Perrin  
(Wed., June 28): Indgjer, Klutz

**ACOLYTES:** (Wed., June 21): Ethan Von Busch  
(Sun., June 25): 8 am: Zach Von Busch  
10:30 am: Nolan Keller  
(Wed., June 28): Job Ehrich

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Wed., June 21): Chloe Theewen  
(Sun., June 25): Claire Moline  
(Wed., June 28): Haidyn Shubkagel

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Wed., June 21): Marilyn Meyer  
(Sun., June 25): Ella Moline  
(Wed., June 28): Karen Huff

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Wed., June 21): Marilyn Meyer  
(Sun., June 25): Deb Grimmette  
(Wed., June 28): Karen Huff

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., June 25): Andrew & Jeana Wood

## **SOUNDBOARD VOLUNTEERS**

Additional volunteers are needed to operate the soundboard during services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639 if you are interested. There will be a training session for volunteers later in the summer.

## **CAMP LUTHER SUMMER 2023 (Heirs: Titus 3: 7)**

Your camper will discover what it means to be an heir of Christ. In Titus 3: 7 we are taught that by His grace, we become heirs of eternal life. Through studying God's Word, chapels, and campfires, they will explore how and why we receive the greatest inheritance of eternal life. The month of June is booked but **there are still a few openings in July**. Information brochures on the camps and how to register are available on the bulletin table in the narthex. LWML scholarships are available — contact Maureen Marshall for details at (402) 902-9125.

## **WEBSITE FOR ORDINATION**

If members from Good Shepherd are not able to travel to Kearney, MO for Pastor-Elect Goodroad's ordination, it is supposed to be aired live on YouTube. There is a link on the Trinity Lutheran website they can click on. Website is <https://www.trinitykearney.org/>

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:**

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them. Below is the beginning of an answer to this request. Further developments are in our thoughts.

Ron & Janet Amack (at home)  
Joyce Aupperle (at home)  
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)  
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)  
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)  
Elaine Egner (at home)  
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)  
Janet Kniep (at home)  
Tish Loomis (at home)  
Bob McClellan (Gateway Vista)  
Cindi Olson (Country House)  
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)  
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)  
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)  
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)  
Georgene Duer (at home)  
Verneda Gerdes (at home)  
Arylss Ketelsen (Savannah Pines)  
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)  
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)  
Dorian Merritt (at home)  
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)  
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)  
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. **We currently remember Joyce Thompson who will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 8th. A card will be available to sign until Sunday, July 2nd.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



## **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN FISH FEED**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 11400 Panama Rd., Crete, NE will be hosting a benefit fish feed on Sunday, June 25th from 11 am—1 pm at Kramer Hall. The menu will include fish, brats, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, and drinks. There will be a free-will offering which will be given to Orphan Grain Train to help with operating expenses. Also accepted will be good clean clothing, shoes, toys, quilts, non-breakable housewares, school supplies, and health items. Funds donated will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

## **GOODROADS MOVING DAY**

Pastor Thomas & Marlyse Goodroad will be moving into their home at 6007 S. 25th St. on Tuesday, June 27th. We will begin with a house blessing at 5 pm and then help to unload their belongings, after which, we can all retire to Good Shepherd for the voters' meeting at 7 pm. All helping hands are welcome.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TUITION GRANT**

The Christian education grant funds are available annually upon application to eligible and approved members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to financially support the Christian education of its children through homeschool or LCMS education. Further explanation and the application for reimbursement of expenses are available on the bulletin table in the narthex. Questions may be directed to [gsincoln-treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gsincoln-treasurer@gmail.com) or to Pastor or another member of the finance committee. Applications can be submitted to Ken Knaus, church treasurer by July 15th.