

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Fifth Sunday After Trinity) July 9, 2023

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

*by Mark A Wood*

### **FIRST ARTICLE GIFTS: FULLY EQUIPPED**

Telling Jesus' story can be very challenging. We live in a world that is openly hostile to the Gospel, one in which hardened sinners daily resist the grace of Christ. Yet while we may be dismayed by the challenges that confront us, our Lord is not. Through His First Article gifts, He equips us with all that we need to be faithful witnesses where, when and with whom He has placed us.

First Article gifts are the things that God has provide us "to support this body and life." In his explanation of the First Article, Luther states, "He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them." All these things and the other things that Luther lists in his explanation, make up the "everything" that supports our highest priority in life.

### **HERE AND NOW: TELL HIS STORY**

Yes, we live in a time in which the Gospel is despised and rejected. So did Luther. So did St. Paul. So did Jesus. We are, after all, the Church Militant and we live under the cross. But we confess, even so, that the Lord who "has made me and all creatures" — and who loves all that He has made — is a good giver. Above all else, He has given us His only begotten Son for our redemption. He has given us a place in His Second Article story. He gives life to those who hear and receive the Gospel proclaimed by His Third Article witnesses. And, through His First Article gifts, He gives us all that we need to be faithful and effective witnesses to the people He has (or will) put into our lives.

As long as you are here on earth, be of help to your neighbor: Tell His story.

*taken from The Lutheran Witness (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) January 2019, pgs. 11-12.*

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given by Marvin Thompson in celebration of Joyce's 91st birthday which was/is Saturday, July 8th. We thank Marvin & Joyce for sharing this celebration with us at Good Shepherd.

## JULY MISSION PROJECT: LUTHERANS IN AFRICA

Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of July is Lutherans in Africa. There are many who call themselves Lutheran in Africa but have never heard of Luther's Small Catechism or the Lutheran Confessions. Rev. James May, founder of Lutherans in Africa, has been invited by many of the Bishops to teach their pastors and catechists historic Lutheranism. One of the best ways to educate them is to provide good Lutheran materials. And so, translating the Small Catechism, the Book of Concord, Good News magazine, etc. into the various languages spoken in Africa has become a substantial part of the work of LIA. They also do evangelism and mission work among people who have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace through faith. Your donations to the July mission project will be used to teach and to produce translations of above materials.



## 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 Thomas Goodroad was ordained at his home congregation, **Trinity Lutheran Church, Kearney, MO on Sunday, June 25th.** Pastor 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.**

## HIGHER THINGS: REFLECTIONS

The Reflections devotional booklets for **June 25—July 29, 2023** are available at the information center and on the bulletin table in the narthex.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

All elected officers of Good Shepherd are invited to be installed at **either morning service on Sunday, July 9th.** This includes both newly elected officers and officers that are continuing their terms of office. Please make an effort to take part if you can.



## 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 (3)
- **Joyce Thompson**, recovering from a hospitalization (4)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (6)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery (4)
- **Clarice Mackey**, mother of Chris Mackey, hospitalized in Washington following surgery (5)
- **Mark Tallman**, former boss of Linda Clark, in treatment for pancreatic cancer. (5)
- **Alan**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, dealing with cancer in his thyroid (4)
- **Gary**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for God to strengthen his faith (3)
- **Rita Lichtenfeld**, mother of Rich, recovering from surgery (2)
- **Lucy Roberts**, recovering from surgery for her broken right arm (2)
- **Marlene Smith**, grandmother of Beth Huff, hospitalized (1)
- **Ted Von Kampen**, friend of the Obermeiers, dealing with cancer and other health issues (1)
- **Monique Grotrian**, friend of the Bauers, battling cancer for the second time (1)
- **Janet Kniep**, dealing with swelling in her legs (6)
- **Elaine Egner**, recovering from eye surgery for glaucoma (2)
- **Ruth Brisbois**, recovering from eye surgery (6)
- **Teri Firestone**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from foot surgery (3)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (4)

- **Ron Graphenteen**, recovering from surgery (6)
- **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. (6)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for healing from her celiac disease. Prayers that her new medication will promote healing where it is needed. (4)
- **The family of Joyce Aupperle**, who was taken to her eternal home this week. (2)
- **The family of Amy Steele**, whose mother was taken to her eternal home recently (2)

## SAVE THE DATE!

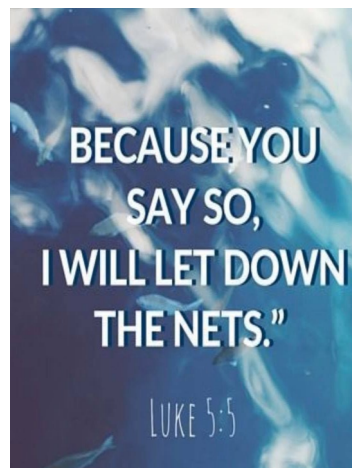
Save the date for Pastor Poppe's Retirement Party on Sunday, August 6, 2023. We will be celebrating his 26 years of faithful service to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and to His Lord and Savior, Jesus. E-mail invitations have been sent out with full details for you to RSVP. If you have any questions,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

## VICAR FAREWELL POTLUCK

Join us as we bid farewell to Vicar Kerstein on Sunday, July 23rd with a potluck meal in the fellowship hall following the second service (approximately 12 pm). Those with the last name beginning with A-K please bring a main dish and a side dish. Those with L-Z please bring a main dish and a dessert. Contact Sarah Kaldahl to help with set up, trays, drinks, and clean up.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Luke 5: 5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’”** All our toil, all our work, all our efforts mean nothing without the Lord’s guidance. But if we walk in the Word of Jesus ... well look what happened to Simon Peter! The Lord gives grace, and He promises to bless our efforts and bring forth further blessings that we never expected.



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** **(July 9 thru July 15)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Megan Lichtenfeld	Sarah Stepp
Curt Christiansen	John Reigle
Angie Frerking	Vicki Rockel
Loree Kirilloff	Disney Turek
Brantley Reinke	Anthony Pflanz
Chloe Theewen	Gabriel Buhr
Adam Von Busch	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

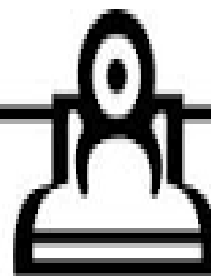
Dean & Darla Posner  
Lavern & Beverly Obermeier  
Kyle & Shelley Poore

## **LIFE MOMENT**

Announcing a pregnancy, feeling a fetus kick, cradling a newborn, attending a baptism, what happens and what we experience defy description. Grieving and believing over a terminal diagnosis, listening to an aged neighbor’s wisdom and reminiscences, holding a loved one’s hand at a hospital bedside, singing hymns and reciting Scriptures as a relative enters eternity, the encounter exceeds even the beauty and power of words.

## **RETIREMENT PARTY DISPLAY**

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



### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION** **JULY 2, 2023**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**  
WED., JUNE 21: 71  
SUN., JULY 2: 219

**OFFERING:**  
\$ 13,295.00

**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  
**\$ 90.00**  
in principal only gifts.

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

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Wed., July 5): Alan Brodbeck  
(Sun., July 9): 8 am: Loraine Harnett  
10:30 am: Peg Olson  
(Wed., July 12): Scott & Dee Indgjer

**ELDER TODAY:** (Wed., July 5): Ken Knaus  
(Sun., July 9): Matt Phillips  
(Wed., July 12): Mark Reinke, Wayne Gudgel

**USHERS:** (Wed., July 5): Von Busches (D, R, A & A)  
(Sun., July 9): 8 am: Graphenteen, Stehlik, Von Busch (A&A)  
10:30 am: Perrin, Keller, Princes  
(Wed., July 12): Pfeister, Eckhoff, Perrin, Schmidt

**ACOLYTES:** (Wed., July 5): R. J. Huff  
(Sun., July 9): 8 am: Braxton Beed  
10:30 am: Broderic Beed  
(Wed., July 12): Sam Perrin

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Wed., July 5): Khloe Bauer  
(Sun., July 9): Mayah Stolcpart  
(Wed., July 12): Claire Moline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Wed., July 5): Reva & Dennis Von Busch  
(Sun., July 9): Marilyn Meyer  
(Wed., July 12): Arlene Nelson

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Wed., July 5): Reva & Dennis Von Busch  
(Sun., July 9): Gayleen Potter  
(Wed., July 12): Arlene Nelson

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., July 9): Dale & Marilyn Meyer



### **DEBT-FREE BY 2030**

Good Shepherd is embarking on a project to pay off our mortgage by 2030. There is a letter on the bulletin table written by Pastor Moline on how this could be accomplished. It is entitled, "Be Ready For A Favorable Wind." There has been some confusion about how to contribute to this effort. We have created a label to attach to some plain white envelopes to be used for donations to this project. The envelopes are labelled "Principal Only Mortgage Reduction Fund" and are located in a basket on the bulletin table. You are encouraged to use these envelopes and to put your name or envelope number on the line at the top of the envelope so that your donation will appear on your contribution statement at the end of the year. Funds in the green-bordered envelopes that are labelled "Mortgage Fund" will be used to make our monthly mortgage payments. Please also include your name or envelope number on these.



## 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)  
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)  
Arluss 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 Dorian Merritt who will celebrate her 92nd birthday and for Dean & Darla Posner who will celebrate their 52nd anniversary. A card will be available to sign until Sun., July 16th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



## 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.

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN RESPITE CARE

Are you caring for someone with dementia and needing a break? We are here to help! Our mission is to provide a caregiving break for you, the caregiver, while providing engaging activities for your loved one and ongoing support options for you. This service is free, however, pre-registration is appreciated. Services are provided on Saturdays from 10 am — noon. The next scheduled dates are July 29th and August 26th. Go to <https://messiah.us/our-ministries> and click on the Respite Care Project to pre-register. For questions contact [mol-george@unomaha.edu](mailto:mol-george@unomaha.edu).

***"God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"***

***~ Thomas Jefferson ~***

***"The history of Liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it."***

***~ Woodrow Wilson ~***