

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Tenth Sunday After Trinity) August 13, 2023

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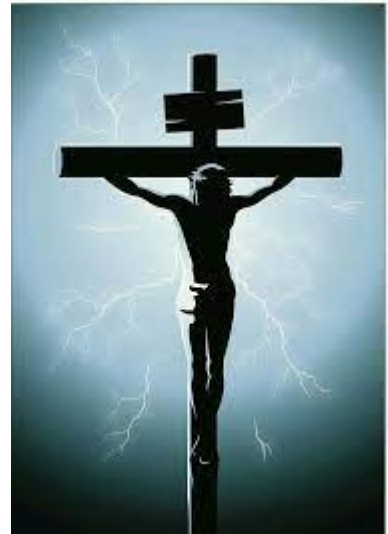
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and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW CORPUS YET?



We were able to dedicate it to God's glory at the Retirement Vespers Service on August 6th. It has only been up for a short while, but I thought I would share with you the impact that it already is having on our congregational members.

The impetus for purchasing the corpus was the retirement of Pastor Poppe. He has often commented that he wished there was a corpus on the cross in the front of the sanctuary, but lamented that it wouldn't happen until he died. The day the corpus was installed, he was cleaning out his office in the church. When he stepped into the sanctuary, he was taken aback, and immediately sat down in a pew and was quiet for several minutes. He was speechless, something that doesn't often happen for Pastor Poppe. When finally, he spoke, all he could say was "This is spectacular."

The first Sunday service with the corpus installed was July 30th. That morning, there were many positive comments from our members on its impact. Many stated that it looked like it had always been there. Many commented on how well it matched the front of our sanctuary. But the most common comment was how impactful it was to see a visual depiction of the love of God in our church sanctuary. It brought to many people's minds the words of I John 4, "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins," as well as I Corinthians 1: 23, "but we preach Christ crucified."

During the service that morning, as the words of scripture were read, and the sermon was preached, it was nearly impossible to look in any direction other than at the cross. During the distribution of communion, every person was looking at Christ. That morning, during Children's Choir practice, the kids were also impressed. They spent the entire Bible study hour asking questions about the details they noticed, from the depiction of Jesus' scraped knees, to the location of the nails. They asked questions that displayed they already have a tremendous faith and understanding of the sacrifice of Christ. One of the Sunday School kids even went home, and stood on the couch cruciform, telling his parents all about the corpus. We all might remember the words of Hebrews 12, let us look "to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

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Just a quick reminder to bring things to a close. The corpus is not the object of our worship, Christ is. The corpus is a teaching tool, a visual depiction of what really happened to Jesus so that our sins might be forgiven. We look at the cross now, realizing the depth of our sin, and the price that was paid so that we might have life eternal with God. We do not worship the mere statue, we worship Christ.

If you have any questions about the Corpus, please let Pastor Moline or Pastor Goodroad know.



UPCOMING FAMILY PARK DATES

We had a blast at the park dates in June and July, and will be wrapping up our summer park tour in August.

We will be ending our summer park tour with one last hurrah on **August 22, 2023 from 10 am to noon at the Lincoln Children's Zoo**. All families are invited. We will meet at the indoor playground in The Secret Jungle and go on from there. There are tables located throughout the zoo. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch. If you arrive late, please call or text for our location within the zoo.

Thank you for joining us on our summer park tour. Please keep an eye on the News and Notes for future play date during the school year.

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

MEET GRANDY FROM KENYA

In February, our congregation generously gave through the **Mission Project of the Month to Christ's Care for Children in Kenya**. Now, we have heard from one of the children who attends one of the schools funded by this organization. Grandy's picture and letter are on the LWIM table in the narthex. Take a moment and read what he has to say about his life in Kenya. Thank you for supporting these children and sharing Jesus' love with them.

LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL

Little Learners Christian Preschool has a few spots available for this fall since they have opened an additional pre-K class to accommodate a large demand. Little Learners would like to offer any member/regular attender of Good Shepherd a **10% discount on tuition**, should they decide to enroll their child. You may contact Little Learners at **www.mylittlelearners.com or call (402) 840-1196**.

INFORMATION CENTER

When signing the attendance pads, please check **all the boxes that apply**. For example, If you are a member and are also planning to commune, please check both boxes.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

The Lutheran Food Pantry is collecting at this location. A brown box located on the table by the south balcony stairs is where donations may be placed. The following items are requested:

- Family-sized toothpaste
- Family-sized shampoo
- Family-sized bars of soap
- Toothbrushes (No battery or electric, please)

Thanks for your assistance in filling the box for people in need.



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 (2)
- **Joyce Thompson**, recovering from a hospitalization (3)
- **Alan**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, dealing with cancer in his thyroid (3)
- **Monique Grotrian**, friend of the Bauers, battling cancer for the second time (6)
- **Ruth Brisbois**, needing further treatment for eye issues (5)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (2)
- **Karen Huff**, recovering from aortic valve replacement. (5)
- **Peg Dolphens**, sister-in-law of Corie Christiansen, struggling with her faith (5)
- **Hayden Higgins**, friend of the Knauses grandson, struggling with complications of muscular dystrophy (4)
- **Thomas Carr**, son of Jim & Marilyn Carr, recovering from a stroke (4)
- **Tish Loomis**, recovering at home from a hospitalization. (4)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for healing from her celiac disease. Prayers that her new medication will promote healing where it is needed. (3)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, anticipating surgery on August 16th (2)
- **Alberta L'Ecuyer**, grandmother of Marlyse Goodroad, with medical issues (5)
- **Jan Stehlik**, for healing from foot and rib injuries and recovery after being hospitalized for a kidney infection (4)
- **Jerry Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that his faith may be strengthened (1)

- **Dawn & Tom Vontz**, sister & brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer, awaiting approval for a kidney transplant for Tom. Dawn will be donating a kidney in exchange for the kidney Tom will be receiving. Please pray that all goes well (3)
- **Patti**, fiancé of Jim Sherbo, beginning cancer treatment soon (2)
- **Shirley Kalina**, prayers that the right medication and dosage would be found to help her reach a satisfactory place in her health (1)
- **Rich Lichtenfeld**, having shoulder surgery on Fri., Aug. 11th (1)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Good Shepherd will welcome new members who have completed Pastor Moline's Summary of Christian Doctrine class and those who have joined us by transfer since our last new member welcome in June of 2022. Join in **on Sun., August 13th at 9:20 am in the fellowship hall** to welcome and get acquainted with some of our newest members.

PARENTS MEETING

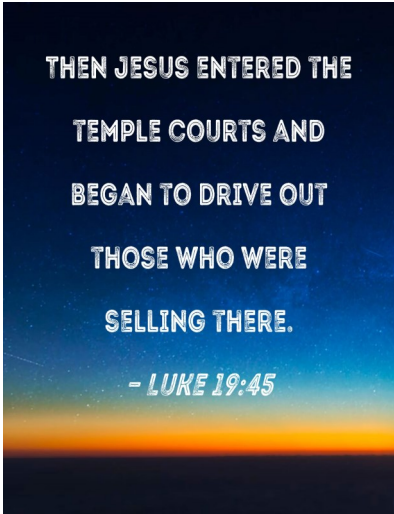
If you plan for your child(ren) to attend Children's Choir and/or Sunday School, please attend the Parents' Meeting on **Sunday, Aug. 20th at 9:30 am in room 109**. You should have received a letter in the mail with a registration form enclosed. Please bring the completed form with you. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, you may contact Jerika Perrin, Elizabeth Moline, or Marlyse Goodroad. If you did not receive the letter and information in the mail, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639 with questions or to receive a copy.

"WELCOME BACK" COLLEGE STUDENT MEAL

On **Sunday, August 27th** after second service there will be a meal for all our college students to welcome them back at the start of the school year. There is a **sign-up sheet** in the narthex if you would be willing to bring food or help serve. Please contact Elizabeth Moline (701-640-7989) with any questions.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– Luke 19: 45-46– “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, ‘It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers’” The sellers in the temple were doing the right thing in the wrong place. Being a merchant is a fine occupation that is pleasing to God. But using the Lord’s house for your personal gain? That makes a mockery of what the church is for. This is God’s house, where we come to hear His Word and worship Him in word and deed. We’re not looking for a profit here — we’re looking to give back and support the preaching of God’s Word and the church’s care for the poor and needy.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **(August 13 thru August 19)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Shirley Kalina	Michelle Leising
Sandy Prenosil	Anna Civic
Jerry Kohl	Adam Poppe
Luverne Myers	Erin Loper
Rachel Wortmann	Megan Egger
Linda Weber	Miles Civic

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
Scott & Tonya Pierson

LIFE MOMENT

In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words “Christ is risen” are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel.

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge with thanks those who helped with the installation of the corpus: Jason Macklin, Blake Macklin, Allen Wilkens, Aron Wiest, Joel Kaldahl, Vicar Noah Kerstein, Pastor Adam Moline, and Pastor Thomas Goodroad.

Thanks also to everyone who helped to plan, prepare, set up, serve, and clean up for Pastor Poppe’s retirement party. You are much appreciated.

PHOTOS

Did you take any photos at Pastor Poppe’s retirement party? If so, please email them to molineae@gmail.com by August 14th so they can all be shared with Pastor Poppe. Thank you!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
AUGUST 6, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,253.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., AUGUST 2: 74
SUN., AUG 6: (Morn) : 326

OFFERING:
\$ 13,748.50

OUR OUTSTANDING
MORTGAGE: \$ 1,732,996.27

Our goal is to pay off the
mortgage by 2030

We need \$2,300 per week do-
nated in principal only pay-
ments to accomplish this.

Last week we received
\$ 1,075.00
in principal only gifts.

VANCO FOR JULY:
\$ 4,675.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., Aug. 9): David Perrin
(Sun., Aug. 13): 8 am: Loraine Harnett
10:30 am: Peg Olson
(Wed., Aug. 16): Ruth Cheek

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., Aug. 9): Chad Renter
(Sun., Aug. 13): Wayne Gudgel
(Wed., August 16): Wayne Gudgel

USHERS: (Wed., Aug. 9): Von Busches (D & R), Huff, Schmidt
(Sun., Aug. 13): 8 am: Sidlo, Graphenteen, Indgjer
10:30 am: Novaks, Princes
(Wed., August 16): Indgjers, Klutzes

ACOLYTES: (Wed., Aug. 9): R J Huff
(Sun., Aug. 13): 8 am: Broderic Beed
10:30 am: Job Ehrich
(Wed., August 16): Sawyer Shubkagel

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., Aug. 9): Claire Moline
(Sun., Aug. 13): Chloe Theewen
(Wed., August 16): Claire Moline

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., Aug. 9): Reva & Dennis Von Busch
(Sun., Aug. 13): Ella Moline/ Haidyn Shubkagel
(Wed., Aug. 16): Arlene Nelson

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., Aug. 9): Reva & Dennis Von Busch
(Sun., Aug. 13): Deb Grimmette
(Wed., August 16): Arlene Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Aug. 13) Mark & Lori Reinke



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 encour-

aged 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.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the members of the altar guild on Sunday, Aug. 20th between services in the sanctuary.

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)
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 Jerry Kohl and Shirley Kalina who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., August 16th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



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 date is August 26th. Go to <https://messiah.us/our-ministries> and click on the Respite Care Project** to pre-register. For questions contact molliegeorge@unomaha.edu.

AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: KNNA COMMUNITY RADIO

Good Shepherd's Community Radio station will be the mission project for the month of August. You can access KNNA LP 95.7 FM on your radio or over the internet at www.thecross957.org. KNNA's programming includes Lutheran Bible studies, and Lutheran theological talk radio. Some of the programs available are: Proclaiming the One, At Home in Your Hymnal, Nebraska Table Talk, In Layman's Terms, and daily devotions in English and Spanish. And, of course, our community programs include When Music Was Music with Rev. Jack Kirk, Bringing Back Bach with Pastor Adam Moline, and a program bringing news about local sports during the school year. Check out KNNA at different times and days during the week to get an idea of the variety of programs available. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH PICNIC

Join us for **the church picnic on Sunday, September 10th** at the home of Scott & Susan McKinney. The McKinneys will provide the main dish (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken) and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert, fishing poles, and swimsuits for the kids for the slip-n-slide. Seating for 50 is available, so also bring a chair. The picnic will **begin at 3 pm with supper served at 4 pm. Please sign up** to attend in the narthex so that we can plan for food and drink numbers. Address is: **3231 West Covered Bridge Dr., Lincoln, NE.**