

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Twelfth Sunday After Trinity) August 27, 2023

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GOD'S CARE AND MIRACLES

A miracle is when God directly intervenes in nature in such a way that the natural order of things is overruled. Something happens that goes beyond nature. For example, Jesus restored sight to a blind man (Mk. 8: 22-26); Elijah brought a young boy back to life (I Ki 17: 17-24). These were genuine miracles.

Yet sometimes we see unusual and wonderful things happen within the natural realm. For example, a horrendous automobile accident may demolish a car, yet the driver walks away with barely a scratch. A tornado turns and misses a building full of people. A plane's landing gear will not operate properly, yet the pilot lands the aircraft safely. A vicious cancer is treated with radiation and chemotherapy and goes into remission. We should be cautious about calling such events miracles in the biblical sense. Even though they are amazing, they are probably different from miracles in that they do not supersede the natural order.

Theologian Norman Geisler gives an example. During the landing of the Allied troops at Normandy, France in World War II, fog rolled in and gave cover for the soldiers. Many lives were saved through this protecting fog. We are thankful to God for providing this unexpected and wonderful gift of protection, but God did this special act of *providential* care through nature. In other words, Jesus walking on water would be a miracle, but soldiers walking through a fog that appeared at just the right time is not a miracle (Norman Geisler, *Miracles and the Modern Mind* [Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1992], 124-125).

An example from the book of Exodus may provide further help. In 10:2, the Lord promises to work signs before the people. What follows are various plagues and the crossing of the Red Sea. To prevent the Egyptians from killing the Israelites on the beaches of the Red Sea, the angel of God moves a cloud between the two groups (14: 19-20). To this point, the story about the cloud sounds similar to Geisler's story about the fog at Normandy. However, the next verse tells us that the cloud brought darkness to the Egyptians but light to the Israelites. This is not natural cloud behavior.

If the fog at Normandy had brought darkness to the Nazis but lit up the beaches for the Allies, we would certainly point to the event as a miracle. However, as Geisler describes the Normandy event, it seems like an example of God's providence.

Providence is "that activity of God whereby He uninterruptedly upholds (preserves), governs, and directs" all of life (*Lutheran Cyclopedia*, ed. Erwin Lueker [St. Louis: Concordia, 1954, 1975] (see page 2)

Providence is God working through the laws of nature on our behalf. Sometimes, He directs the forces of nature so that something unusual and wonderful happens. But a miracle is still something different. In a miracle, God reaches into human life in such a way that natural law is set aside for that moment to accomplish some special and unique purpose.

~from *The Lutheran Study Bible* (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2009, pg. 1674.

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

Travel sizes of the above are also welcomed.



THANK YOU !!!

Barb and I would like to express our thankfulness to everyone at Good Shepherd for the overwhelming love and support, not only for all of the retirement festivities, but for the last 26 years, 4 months, and 6 days! Words cannot express how thankful to God that we are for you!! Thank you for all the notes, cards, gifts, and love. Thank you for all the hard work and planning to make August 6 such a special day for us and our families. The corpus is simply breathtaking! (It fits so well in our sanctuary that many guests were surprised to hear that it hasn't been there since day one.) Thank you to Pastor Moline and Pastor Goodroad for the beautiful vespers service. Thank you to all of the former vicars who took time to travel, call, write, and record. Thank you for the amazing replica cross and corpus for our home. While we plan to do some travelling over the next several months, we will be at Divine Service and Bible Study whenever we are in town, and listening on KNNA when we are on the road to "The Word, The Word, The Word!" We know that you will show the same love and support and encouragement to Pastors Moline and Goodroad and their families that you have shown to us, and that the transition will be smooth and seamless. We greatly desire and appreciate your continued prayers and support in this new chapter for us.

God's richest blessings in Christ to all of you!!

Clint and Barb Poppe

"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. (We missed you!) There are a couple of spots left to sign up to bring food and to help serve. Please contact Elizabeth Moline (701-640-7989) to volunteer or with any questions.

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**





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 (4)
- **Joyce Thompson**, recovering from a hospitalization (5)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (4)
- **Hayden Higgins**, friend of the Knauses grandson, struggling with complications of muscular dystrophy (6)
- **Thomas Carr**, son of Jim & Marilyn Carr, recovering from a stroke (6)
- **Tish Loomis**, recovering at home from a hospitalization. (6)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for healing from her celiac disease. Prayers that her new medication will promote healing where it is needed. (5)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery on August 16th (4)
- **Alberta L'Ecuyer**, grandmother of Marlyse Goodroad, entering hospice care (2)
- **Jan Stehlik**, for healing from foot and rib injuries and recovery after being hospitalized for a kidney infection (5)
- **G6ry Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that his faith may be strengthened (3)
- **Deb Mackovic**, sister of Terry Princ, anticipating back surgery (2)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful procedure to more effectively deliver his medication (2)
- **The family of Kim Lange's sister**, at the death of their 12-year old son (2)
- **Patti**, fiancé of Jim Sherbo, beginning cancer treatment soon (4)
- **Shirley Kalina**, prayers that the right medication and dosage would be found to help her reach a satisfactory place in her health (3)

- **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 (5)
- **Rich Lichtenfeld**, recovering from shoulder surgery on Fri., Aug. 11th (3)
- **Thanksgiving for Alan Young**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, for successful treatment of his health issues (1)

BUILDING FAITH IN THE HOME

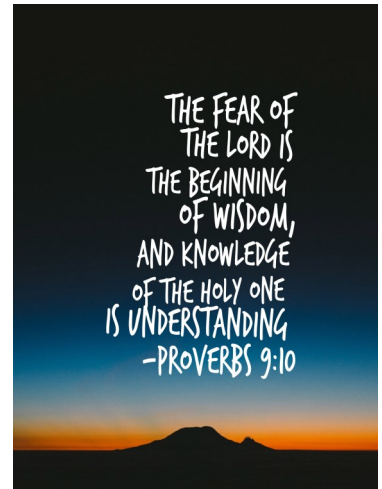
The next session of the Building Faith in the Home will be on Sunday, Sept. 24th following the 10:30 am service. The subject of this session is "Order in the Home". Parents of children age 0—18 are encouraged to participate. BBQ chicken sandwiches and chips will be provided and families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The meal will be followed by a presentation for the parents and childcare/games for the children.

INFORMATION CENTER

Please sign in at the information center. If you are a visitor, we will notify your congregation that you have attended if you would list the church and location of your congregation. When signing the attendance pads, please **check all boxes that apply**. For example, if you are a member of Good Shepherd and are also planning to commune, please check both boxes. **If you would like to receive the News & Notes by e-mail** and are not currently receiving it, please give us your e-mail address. **If you have recently changed your contact information**, please fill out one of the "Change of Household Information" cards on the Prayer Request box.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– II Corinthians 3: 5
“Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God” We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough and makes us capable. This is the beginning of wisdom: we are utterly dependent on God’s mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence, for if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His way?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **(August 27 thru September 3)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Haidyn Alexander	Irma Brandt
Lauren Georgeson	Maynard Michel
Jim Sherbo	Betty Bluhm
Cherie Travis	Sara Cover
Rev. John Schmidt	Francine Poppe

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

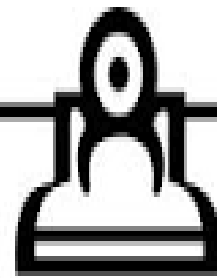
Nick & Kacy Totenhagen (at Seminary)
Matt & Stacy Durr
Joe & Lucy Roberts (50th)

LIFE MOMENT

The rainbow is a reminder that God’s grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God’s amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of genuine gratitude.

MIDWEEK CLASSES BEGIN

All families with children who will be in grades 2 through 8, high school students who have not been confirmed, and other interested individuals are invited to Good Shepherd on Wed., Aug. 30th at 5:30 pm for a special meeting in the fellowship hall to discuss this year’s mid-week/confirmation classes. At this meeting we will share the Wednesday schedule for the year, hand out materials, and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will conclude at 6:25 and then we will move to the sanctuary for worship; this will be our format throughout the year. It is important for families to worship together and we encourage you to make this a priority. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Moline or Pastor Goodroad.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION **AUGUST 20, 2023**

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., AUGUST 16: 53
SUN., AUG 20 : 246

OFFERING:
\$ 9,467.00

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,732,996.27

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
\$ 225.00
in principal only gifts.

VANCO FOR JULY:
\$ 4,675.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., Aug. 23): Scott & Dee Indgjer
(Sun., Aug. 27): 8 am: Tim Higgins
10:30 am: Terry Fitzgerald
(Wed., Aug. 30): Alan Brodbeck

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., Aug. 23): Dale Meyer
(Sun., Aug. 27): Mark Reinke
(Wed., August 30): Mark Reinke

USHERS: (Wed., Aug. 23): Perrin, Eckhoff, RJ Huff, Kaldahl
(Sun., Aug. 27): 8 am: Kaldahl, Graphenteen, Von Busch (AA)
10:30 am: Keller, Eckhoff, Klutzes
(Wed., August 30): Von Busches (AA), Pfeister, Eckhoff

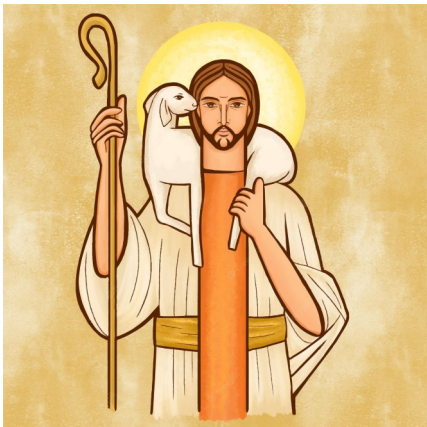
ACOLYTES: (Wed., Aug. 23): Zach Von Busch
(Sun., Aug. 27): 8 am: Ethan Von Busch
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., August 30): Aaden Von Busch

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., Aug. 23): Ingrid Ehrich
(Sun., Aug. 27): Khloe Bauer
(Wed., August 30): Mayah Stolcpart

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., Aug. 23): Marilyn Meyer
(Sun., Aug. 27): Sondra Rathjen
(Wed., Aug. 30): Sue Stolcpart

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., Aug. 23): Marilyn Meyer
(Sun., Aug. 27): Gayleen Potter
(Wed., August 30): Sue Stolcpart

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Aug. 27) Loraine Harnett, Marilyn Meyer



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

On Sunday, August 13 Good Shepherd welcomed a number of people who had become members since August of 2022. Some you might already have greeted and gotten to know; others may attend a different service than you do and you do not know them well.

Photos were taken last week and will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall at some point. Thanks to Dee Indgjer for the display on the bulletin board with photos taken at recent baptisms, confirmation, and the installation of Pastor Goodroad. The bulletin board has been empty for several months and it

is good to see it being in use again. Check it out for the names of those who were received last Sunday and introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

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.

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)
Arlyss 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 Irma Brandt and Betty Bluhm who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., August 30th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

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 theological talk radio. Some of the programs available are: Proclaiming the One, At Home in Your Hymnal, Nebraska Table Talk, In Layman's Terms, etc.. Our community programs include When Music Was Music with Rev. Jack Kirk, Bringing Back Bach with Pastor Adam Moline, and 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.

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Greetings and peace to you in Christ our Savior from the Kieser family. My family and I would like to thank you for everything that you have done for us during our time at Good Shepherd. The diapers, wipes, and other important baby things were very helpful as two babies were added to our family.

We have moved to Ft. Wayne where Nathan will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary and are settling into our new home. William and Arthur have been growing a lot and are using up all the diapers and wipes that you gave us. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to come back to visit Good Shepherd, to show William and Arthur where they were baptized and to say "hi."

Thank you once again for everything. Your support helped us so very much. We thank God for Good Shepherd and for our time there. Your Family in Christ,
The Kiesers

FLOWERS

The flowers on Sunday, August 27th are given in thanksgiving by Joe & Lucy Roberts in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1st. We thank Joe & Lucy for adding more of God's beautiful creation to our services this morning.