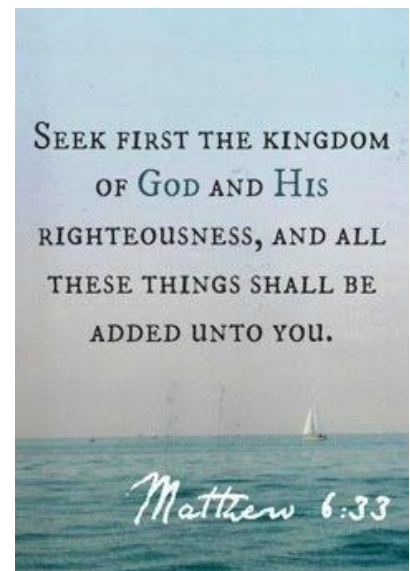


Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity) Sept. 17, 2023

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HOW DO WE TRUST GOD?

by Rev. Peter Gregory

Trust God to provide. Easier said than done, of course. It is also easy to misunderstand. To non-Christians, “trust God” sounds like we expect God to drop manna from heaven and that our work has nothing to do with it. It is as if we just expect everything to magically — or miraculously — work out. The alternative, it seems, is to stop waiting around for God and work as if our lives depended on it. This presents our work as the way to take care of ourselves when we can’t be sure of God. So, just work hard.

This is not only the way the world sees it. Christians also bounce between these two poles: dependence on God and worry that it is all up to us. But is it really an either/or? What does the Bible say?

The Bible encourages us to trust God, but it encourages us to trust God while working hard. Consider these passages:

- **Matthew 6: 25-34** Jesus promises that our heavenly Father, who clothes the flowers and feeds the birds, will take care of us too. The parable is not about avoiding work but guarding against anxiety.
- **II Thessalonians 3: 6-12** God teaches us to avoid idleness and be productive, working hard to take care of ourselves and those to whom we have a duty. St. Paul points to his own life as an example for Christians.
- **I Timothy 6: 6-10** St. Paul urges Christians to be content with the food and clothing that God provides and to avoid the love of money, which leads to all kinds of sin.

God provides for us by making the earth fruitful. He provides the food, resources and raw materials that sustain and bless our lives. The ability to work and the enjoyment of the fruitfulness of the earth are gifts from Him. In addition, civil authorities and structures, such as a stable government and good economy, provide the setting in which we can work and receive our daily bread. In other words, God typically provides for us through these regular, ordinary means.

How then do we trust God while working hard? Here are a few practices:

- **Bring your needs** each day to your Father in heaven through prayer, especially by praying, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Tell your Father about your fears, concerns and worries.
- **Pray for peace and order** in society so that your work can flourish and your daily needs can be met.

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- **Be faithful** each day in whatever work you have been given, whether paid or unpaid..
- **Write down a list** of things for which you are grateful, including your work and your wages, and thank God for them.
- **Remember the difference** between what you need (food, clothing, shelter) and what you want. Peer pressure and advertising often encourage us to be dissatisfied with what we have and make us think that we need more than we truly do.
- **Share with others** in need and pray for them. Volunteer at a community meal, a clothing bank or a homeless shelter.
- **Intentionally rest** from your work and revel in God's promises as you attend the Divine Service and Bible study at church.

Work hard and trust God to provide through that work — both for you and through you for others.

taken from The Lutheran Witness (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) August 2021, pg. 11.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE HOME CLASS

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.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE HOME MEAL

Because we as a church have chosen not to utilize Thrivent Choice Dollars, we are in need of donations to be able to provide the main dish for the Building Faith in the Home class. If you are willing to donate money for the BBQ chicken sandwiches for September, please give donations to Sarah Kaldahl by Sept. 17th. Thank you for your assistance.

FIRST AID TRAINING CLASS

The Security Committee will be hosting a CPR-AED First Aid Class put on by Pulse Finders at Good Shepherd on Thursday, September 28th starting at 6:00 pm. The class will cost \$60.00 per person and will be approximately 2 hours. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in attending the class.

THANK YOU

Dear members of Good Shepherd,
We are so grateful for your continued support for Luther Classical College in Casper, WY. Thank you!

God has blessed our efforts so far, as this month we mark exactly two years until our opening. We remain on track — thank God for His blessings — and are in high spirits as we also remain focused on our year-end goals. Your gifts make a tremendous impact in this regard.

Thank you again for your generous support!
Yours in Christ,
The LCC Development Team



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**, for a continued gain in strength (2)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (6)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for prayers that her current diet will provide healing for her celiac disease and that the medication will give healing for her eosinophilic esophagitis (3)
- **Alberta L'Ecuyer**, grandmother of Marlyse Goodroad, in hospice care (5)
- **Gary Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that his faith may be strengthened (6)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful procedure to more effectively deliver his medication (5)
- **Donna**, mother of Jimmy Stepp, anticipating surgery (3)
- **Dee Grams**, sister of Dean Posner, having health problems (3)
- **Wayne Schuster**, nephew of Rich & Lorelee Novak, recently diagnosed with cancer. (3)
- **Rich Lichtenfeld**, recovering from shoulder surgery (4)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, in palliative care following the death of her husband (3)
- **Harrison Snedeler**, friend of Grace Marshall, having surgery to address lung issues (3)
- **Lori Sidlo**, recently diagnosed with memory issues (1)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, dealing with complications following surgery (1)
- **Tish Loomis**, having medical tests. Pray for God's guidance for the doctors in finding causes and treatments (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 (2)
- **Emilia Schellenbach**, niece of Tim Schellenbach, in treatment for thyroid cancer (4)
- **Sandi**, sister of Jimmy Stepp, having surgery (3)
- **Helen Snook**, having cataract surgery on Sept. 18th (1)

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT

The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society is working to help support our Siberian Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ. Funds raised are used to support the Pastoral Office, purchase communion supplies and altar ware, purchase Bibles and VBS materials, etc. Your offerings are also used to support mission efforts and for mercy work in Siberia to meet physical needs and to care for both body and soul.

PANTRY SHOWER

Let's welcome Vicar Garrison with a pantry shower! Bring in canned goods or chips....napkins or soap, toilet paper, a gift card to your favorite grocery store....the possibilities are endless! Please have all items to the table in the narthex by September 24th. Contact Elizabeth Moline (701) 640-7989 with any questions.

LIFE MOMENT

No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, in the land of the living, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

FLOWERS

Flowers today are from Don & Peg Olson in remembrance of Peg's mom, Darlene Holle, and Peg's sister, Sharon Schoenleber.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Matthew 6: 25
“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.” Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (September 17 thru September 24)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Patty Chewning	Ben Pflanz
Nik Sandman	Gary Rockel
Joannie Michel	Kimberly Berndt
Rhett Egger	Robin Phillips
Sharon Burke	Ron Kimes
Matt Phillips	Don Wiese—98 yrs old

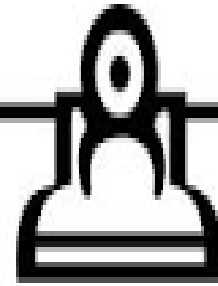
Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Nathan & Britney Damme
Pastor Timothy & Amy Steele
Eric & Bridgette Beed
Aron & Wendy Wiest

“Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It therefore has nothing (as far as I know) to say to people who do not know they have done anything to repent of and who do not feel that they need any forgiveness. It is after you have realized that there is a real moral law, and a Power behind the law, and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that Power — it is after all this, and not a moment sooner that Christianity begins to talk.”

“We all want progress. But progress means getting nearer to the place where you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turn, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. If you are on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road, and in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive man. . . Going back is the quickest way on.”

C. S. Lewis



FINANCIAL INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., SEPT. 6: 74
SUN., SEPT 10: 271

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 5,596.41

CORPUS & MEAL FUND:
\$ 18,950.82

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-
GAGE: \$ 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 ac-
complish this.

Between July 1 and Sept. 10, 2023
We have received
\$ 29,185.00
in principal only gifts.

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Sept. 17): 8 am: Higgins
10:30 am: Sidlo

(Wed., Sept. 20): Perrin
ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Sept. 17): Wayne Gudgel, Matt Phillips
(Wed., Sept. 20): Joel Kaldahl

USHERS: (Sun., Sept. 17): 8 am: Higgins, Huff, Schnell, Wilkens
10:30 am: Fitzgerald, Perrin, Princes

(Wed., Sept. 20): Von Busch (A & A), Eckhoff, Kaldahl
ACOLYTES: (Sun., Sept. 17): 8 am:
10:30 am:

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Sept. 17):

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Sept. 17): Wendy Stepp
(Wed., Sept. 20): Marilyn Meyer

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Sept. 17): Suzie Znamenacek
(Wed., Sept. 20): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Sept. 17) Don & Peg Olson

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

As of just last Thursday, August 31st, I first met with Pastor Moline and Pastor Goodroad to start planning on the vicarage year ahead. I am overjoyed that you all are willing to receive a vicar and glad that it can be me, even if neither you nor I was expecting it at this point.

I am starting work on September 5th and am excited to get going because it looks like there is a lot to be done. Currently I'm staying with family in Malcolm, NE, but as soon as the paperwork is processed I'll move into an apartment on 40th and Yankee Hill.



I grew up several miles west of Malcolm, NE on a farm where my folks still live. We've never done any crops, just cattle, pigs, and chickens. I have one brother in Lincoln who is married and they have a baby girl together. All four of my grandparents live in and around Lincoln. My family has always been an important part of my life.

I attended public school in Malcolm, and then went to Concordia Seward where I majored in English and took pre-seminary courses like Greek and Hebrew. Both in high school and college I participated in competitive speech which is at least one small reason why I thought maybe I'd enjoy being a pastor. Notice, however, that I'm not mentioning if I was very good at competitive speech—I'll let you decide that for yourself as you listen to my sermons—it's just something I enjoy doing and getting better at.

I pray that the Lord will bless our work together to His glory.

Yours in Christ,
Vicar Jacob Garrison

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 (at home)
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 Francine Poppe, Sharon Burke and Don Wiese (98th Birthday) who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Sun., September 17th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

***"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning."*— Psalm 92**

Since Covid, Good Shepherd has made the change that every Sunday and Wednesday service would be a communion service. This has been a great blessing to our congregation, allowing us to receive the Sacrament of the Altar for "forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." Our long-term plan is to continue to receive the Sacrament of the Altar every Sunday and Wednesday service.

Since that change took place 3 years ago, we have had some who have missed singing the daily prayer offices like Matins and Vespers. After some consultation with the Board of Elders, we are happy to announce an opportunity for a weekly Matins service beginning in early September.

Beginning September 7 at 12:30 we will hold a Matins service immediately before the beginning of our Thursday Bible study. The Matins service will be in the church sanctuary and the Bible study will still be held in the fellowship hall. The entire congregation is invited to one or both weekly events.

During our Matins services each week, our Office Hymn will be the Hymn of the Month, and we will preach through the Gospel of John. In this way, we will be offering an additional opportunity to hear God's Word and to work toward memorizing the Hymn of the Month. These homilies will be audio recorded and used as a part of our daily devotion cycle.

Speaking of that cycle, we will also be paring down our daily devotions. Rather than providing daily video devotions 5 times a week, we will be providing them only 3 days. Monday will be Pastor Moline; Friday will be Pastor Goodroad. Thursdays will be the homily from the Matins service.

This will provide an opportunity for God's Word from Good Shepherd on 5 of 7 days in the week. Sunday and Wednesday Divine Services, Monday and Friday video devotions, and Thursday Matins. We are talking through the possibility of holding a brief daily prayer service on Tuesdays, but we haven't worked out the details as of yet.

We invite you to make use of these opportunities to hear God's Word and to receive His gifts. There is nothing more important in the world than hearing God's Word, by which the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies us in the Christian faith. If you have any questions, please let one of the pastors know.

In Christ, Pastor Moline and Pastor Goodroad