

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity) Sept. 24, 2023

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THREE WORLDVIEWS PARENTS NEED TO CONFRONT

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The power of culture is undeniable. It shapes our ideas about morality, law, history, literature, politics and religion. It informs our attitudes regarding community, family and raising children. In an age dubbed the Post-Christian Era, in which the culture around us is growing increasingly hostile to our convictions, the worldviews our children embrace should concern us. If we do not teach our children to love Jesus, the world will teach them not to.

Here, then, are three common contemporary challenges to a Christian worldview, along with takeaways for parents seeking to confront them.

ONE WORLD, ONE GOD?

God operates in both spiritual and material realities — both in His eternal kingdom and in the created universe of time, space and change where our human story now unfolds. God's people embrace both realities. Unbelievers know only one.

Teaching this truth to our children is a challenge because our dominant culture dismisses God and exiles spiritual realities to the realm of fiction. The godless myth of only one reality, however, puts children at great spiritual risk. Promises of heaven, miracles, eternal life, prayer, a physical resurrection, angels, Jesus' real presence or God's free grace cannot — will not — resonate without a biblical worldview that sees God as the King of all reality, in heaven and on earth.

TAKEAWAY FOR PARENTS:

Make a point of daily communicating the wonders and blessings of belonging to God's kingdom to your child.

THE MORAL SHELL GAME

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Western civilization was a common moral platform based on God's Ten Commandments. Our secular culture, however, now grants equal status to three alternative moral platforms: constitutional law, scientific studies, and popular opinion.

True, all three are useful. We rightly teach our children to see them as blessings from God. But none of them acknowledges that our relationship with God is the only foundation for a God-pleasing ethic. The Constitution is a manmade document.
(see page 2)

Scientific studies are subject to revision with new information. Popular opinion is fickle. These cannot be viewed as the moral equivalents of God's Law. They are imposters.

TAKEAWAY FOR PARENTS

Take advantage of every opportunity to bind God's commandments to the hearts and minds of your children

A NARCISSISTIC AGE

Narcissism is not a new phenomenon. (Adam and Eve thought they could become God's equals.) Yet today's digitally enhanced form of narcissism threatens the faith of many young believers. And who should wonder why? The popular culture bombards them with messages that urge them to trust their own instincts, dream big, plot their own courses. It tells them they are superior to others — bronze gods and goddesses, permanently cast in their own Snapchat images.

Godly character requires an intense focus on humility — which includes shifting your gaze to something beyond yourself. Jesus washed the feet of His followers to teach them humble servitude, saying, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (**JOHN 13: 14**).

TAKEAWAY FOR PARENTS

Teach your children that greatness in God's kingdom happens when we trust that Jesus loves us and forgives us and look to Him for our self-worth. They don't need to turn the world upside-down because He has done it for them on the cross.

taken from The Lutheran Witness (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) May 2018, pg. 23. by Kenneth Kremer, author of "Embracing Godly Character: The Christian Community's Response to a Godless Culture."

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.

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.

FLOWERS

The flowers on Sunday, Sept. 24th are given by Paula Erickson in loving memory of her husband, Rick. We thank Paula for adding the beauty of God's creation to our sanctuary this morning.

TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS

There are times when members of Good Shepherd are in need of transportation to medical appointments in the Omaha/Bellevue areas and are unable to transport themselves. If you would be interested in helping out someone in this situation or a similar one, please let the church office know. We will keep a list of volunteers and phone numbers to possibly assist in these situations.

The person with an unread Bible has no advantage over the person who does not own one.



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**, for a continued gain in strength (3)
- **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 (4)
- **Alberta L'Ecuyer**, grandmother of Marlyse Goodroad, in hospice care (6)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful procedure to more effectively deliver his medication (6)
- **Donna**, mother of Jimmy Stepp, anticipating surgery (4)
- **Dee Grams**, sister of Dean Posner, having health problems (4)
- **Wayne Schuster**, nephew of Rich & Lorelee Novak, recently diagnosed with cancer. (4)
- **Rich Lichtenfeld**, recovering from shoulder surgery (5)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, in palliative care following the death of her husband (4)
- **Harrison Snedeler**, friend of Grace Marshall, having surgery to address lung issues (4)
- **Lori Sidlo**, recently diagnosed with memory issues (2)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, dealing with complications following surgery (2)
- **Tish Loomis**, having medical tests. Pray for God's guidance for the doctors in finding causes and treatments (2)
- **Cathy Meints**, having a hip replacement on Sept. 28th (1)
- **Anne Nelson**, daughter-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from a fall.(1)
- **Sandy Ernst**, grandmother of Megan Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (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)
- **Emilia Schellenbach**, niece of Tim Schellenbach, in treatment for thyroid cancer (5)
- **Sandi**, sister of Jimmy Stepp, having surgery (4)
- **Helen Snook**, recovering from cataract surgery on Sept. 18th (2)

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.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Rev. John Schmidt will be leading the service on Sept. 24th on Main Street Living for the Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity. For those who are unable to join us at Good Shepherd this Sunday, you have the option of worshipping with Rev. Schmidt and the Main Street Living Choir on KLKN, channel 8 at 10:30 am.

OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT

Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of October will be the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– Ephesians 3: 14-15 “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living..



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (September 24 thru September 30)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Don Wiese _ 98th Birthday	
Gunner Baumann	Barb Poppe
Brett Cover	Jan Knaus
Bennett Bellows	Jordyn Lemke
Amy Sandman	Wendy Stepp

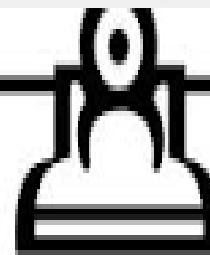
Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
Rich & Suzie Znamenacek

LIFE MOMENT

Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and world over.

LIFE CHAIN 2023

Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1st from 2:30 –3:30 pm on “O” Street. Good Shepherd members will stand on the south side of “O” Street from 53rd to 54th (Piazza Terrace) in front of Michael Tish Jewelers. Pro-Life signs will be provided. Please join us for this annual silent prayer vigil in support of all human life, born and preborn. Parking is available in the Michael Tish parking lot. Questions? Contact Sandy Langemeier at (402) 486-1361.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., SEPT. 13: 65
SUN., SEPT 17: 230

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 5,247.00

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. 17 2023
We have received
\$ 29,270.00
in principal only gifts.

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Sept. 24): 8 am: Alan Brodbeck
10:30 am: Terry Fitzgerald
(Wed., Sept. 27): Scott & Dee Indgjer

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Sept. 24): Dale Meyer
(Wed., Sept. 27): Dale Meyer

USHERS: (Sun., Sept. 24): 8 am: Graphenteen, Kaldahl, Von Busch
10:30 am: Klutzes, Novaks
(Wed., Sept. 27): Kaldahl, Pfeister, Perrin, Huff

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Sept. 24): 8 am: Gabe Moline
10:30 am: R J Huff

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Sept. 24): Claire Moline

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Sept. 24): Marilyn Meyer
(Wed., Sept. 27): Karen Huff

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Sept. 24): Sheila Turek
(Wed., Sept. 27): Karen Huff

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Sept. 24) Don & Peg Olson

SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE CLASS

This series of classes is a great overview of the Lutheran doctrine as it is taken from God's Word. If you would like to review the basics, bring a friend, or explore what Lutherans believe, teach and confess, this class is for you. This series of classes can lead to communicant membership at Good Shepherd. Classes are meeting between services (about 9:20 am) in room 109 beginning on October 1st. If you have questions, please check with Pastor Goodroad or the church office.



FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

The fall 40 Days for Life prayer vigil will be held from September 27th to November 5, 2023 from 6 am to 7 pm daily in front of Planned Parenthood at 5631 S. 48th St. Lincoln Area Lutherans for Life will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood from 4 pm -7 pm each Monday in October. Join us for an hour of prayer on Mondays or choose a time that works for you. Please park at Cornerstone Christian Church, 4849 Old Cheney Rd. For more information contact Sandy Langemeier at (402) 486-1361.

BRATFEST 2023

Plans are underway for Bratfest 2023 on October 29th. More details to come.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated to providing food for the Building Faith in the Home meetings. The session on Sept. 24 is covered with enough left over to purchase food for the next event. Your assistance is appreciated.

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 Dean Posner and Anita Armitstead who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., Oct. 11th.** 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