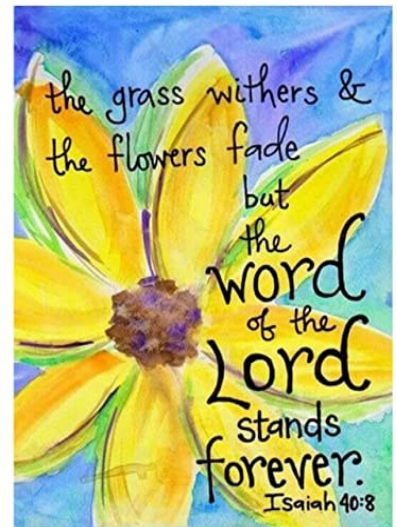


# Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Twentieth Sunday After Trinity) Oct. 22, 2023

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## A PEDAGOGY LED BY THE WORD

*by Joe Willman*

The art and science of teaching are not new concepts. Some of the pedagogical approaches used today, such as the Socratic method, have their roots before Jesus walked on the earth. As Christians, we know that the command to teach comes from God:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.** (Deut. 6: 4-7, emphasis added)

This command to teach is for all of God's people. It's to Israel. It's to the church. It's to you, even if your official title is not "teacher."

So then, what is the purpose of this teaching? Is it purely an academic pursuit? Is the end goal of the instruction of God's revealed Word the same goal as the instruction of math, science, language arts or physical education?

To answer that, you must first ask yourself, "What is the goal when teaching each of these subjects?" On its own, the goal of teaching math is to memorize basic facts and learn how to apply them to simple and complex operations. Scientific instruction leads students to understand and observe how the world and things in the world function. The end goal of teaching is to help the learner gain knowledge. But teaching the Word, the teaching of Christ crucified for sinners, has one purpose:

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20: 31)

Unlike math, there is no test to measure how much faith we have. Unlike science, there is no experiment to prove that we have faith. Unlike language arts, there is no grammatical convention to follow to have a correct faith. Unlike, physical education, there is no activity we can do to prove we can stay inside a target faith zone. The teaching of the faith, that is, the teaching of God's revealed Word, cannot be assessed. (see page 2)

The goal of teaching all that Christ has commanded us (Matt. 28: 20) is that those we teach might believe (John 20: 31).

Teaching all that Jesus has given us to speak flies in the face of conventional educational theory. Modern education theory wants evidence that you know what you have been taught. Jesus wants you to know Him. Modern educational theory praises grit and pull-yourself-up-by-your-bootstraps mentality. Jesus gives you His gifts. Modern educational theory moves on to new content once you have shown proficiency in previous material. Jesus invites you to return to His Word over and over.

. . . The purpose of teaching God's Word is to make disciples (Matt. 28: 20). And a disciple spends a lifetime learning the revealed Word of God. This Word of God is living and active (Heb. 4: 12). Luther put it this way in the Large Catechism:

The Word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, it is bound never to be without fruit. [Isaiah 55: 11: Mark 4: 20]. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts [Philippians 4: 8].

So, what is teaching that is informed by the revealed Word of God? It is teaching that trusts that God will do what He promises to do. It trusts that the Word will deliver faith to those who hear it.

Dear Christian, know that this Word is not only for those you teach but for you too. So teach the Scriptures. Learn them. Commit them to memory. Go receive God's gifts that are for you! Continue doing these things, trusting that God's Word will do what it says it will do:

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth: it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Is. 55: 11)

*taken from The Lutheran Witness (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) February 2020 pg. 7.*

## REMEMBERING OUR CHURCH WORKERS

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you. . . writes St. Paul in his letter to the Phillipians (Phil. 1: 3). With this same gratitude let us remember and thank our pastors, vicar and all who teach God's Word to us and our children during the month of October.

## 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.





## 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 (5)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful adjustment of his medication (3)
- **Wayne Schuster**, nephew of Rich & Lorelee Novak, receiving cancer treatment. (2)
- **Lori Sidlo**, recently diagnosed with memory issues (5)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, dealing with complications following surgery (5)
- **Tish Loomis**, having medical tests. Pray for God's guidance for the doctors in finding causes and treatments (5)
- **Anne Nelson**, daughter-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from a fall.(4)
- **Sandy Ernst**, grandmother of Megan Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (4)
- **Barb Kumm**, recovering from hand surgery (2)
- **"Buddy"**, born to John & Ashley McClinton, friends of Eric & Lisa Klutz, at 24 weeks. Please pray for continued strength and healing (1)
- **Scott Clark**, nephew of Linda Clark, hospitalized with COPD (2)
- **Ellie Anderson**, friend of Grace Marshall, dealing with health issues and pain, Please pray for peace, answers, and alleviation of pain. (2)
- **Karen Kammann**, for guidance in making a good decision about treatment options (1)
- **Tom Schmidt**, brother of Rev. John Schmidt, having heart issues (1)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, having back surgery on Wed., Oct. 25th (1)
- **Elaine Egner**, dealing with heart & lung issues (1)

- **Dawn & Tom Vontz**, sister & brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer. Prayers of thanksgiving for a successful transplant of a kidney from Dawn to Jenny Carouthers, who is doing well. Prayers for her continued health. Brother-in-law, Tom Vontz is now actively awaiting a suitable donor. (1)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, awaiting medical test results (2)
- **Karen Tagge**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from surgery (3)
- **Rose Beck**, grandmother of Angela Von Busch, having health issues (2)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of Zane Wesley Mankin**, to Mike & Sky Mankin, relatives of Adam Mankin (2)
- **For the family of Paula Kriz**, friend of Wendy Stepp, who was taken to her eternal home recently. (1)

## OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT

The **Haiti Lutheran Mission Society** has a three-part mission. This includes the saving of souls, the healing of bodies, and the providing of accredited Christian education. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere where 70% of children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition. Check out the brochures on the bulletin table for more information.

## NEWS & NOTES DELIVERY

Delivery of the News & Notes via E-mail has been discontinued. You must subscribe to the daily e-mails which will provide a link to the church website where the News & Notes will be posted. Use the following link to subscribe: <http://eepurl.com/gXwekf>.

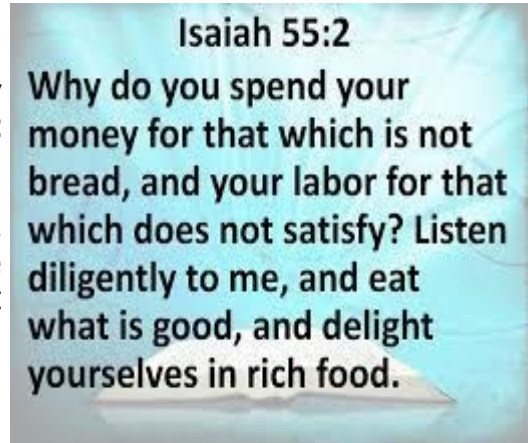
**Copes will still be available on the table in the narthex as usual and paper copies will be mailed to our shut-in members.**

## FLOWERS

Flowers on Sun., Oct. 22nd have been given to honor Sandy Langemeier on her birthday by her daughter and son and their families.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– Isaiah 55: 2– “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy.”** What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places “where moth and rust destroy” (Matt. 6: 19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about how we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (October 22 thru October 28)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Anita Armitstead	Andrew Smith
Brent Stehlik	Irene Ehrich
Jennifer Dlouhy	Wendy Wiest
Sandy Langemeier	Sara Buhr
Ruth Eisenmann	Deb Burow
Samantha Roblyer	Kyler Cover

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Kevin & Lisbeth Christiansen  
Calvin & Shanon Roblyer

## **LIFE MOMENT**

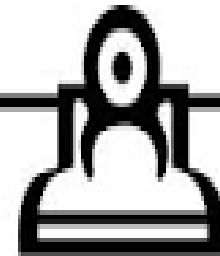
By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!

## **REFORMATION CELEBRATION**

Join us on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at noon(ish) in the Fellowship Hall for a Reformation Celebration with brats, trivia for the adults, and a coloring/drawing competition for the kids. The elders will serve brats and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish to share. Free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of brats and hot dogs. Extra funds will be added to the vicarage fund. Contact Sarah Kaldahl (660.238.7327) with questions.

## **OWLS FELLOWSHIP**

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) will be meeting on the first Friday of each month for fellowship, games, etc. at 2 pm. Please bring a snack to share. The next date will be November 3rd.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
OCTOBER 15, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:  
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:  
WED., OCT 11: 69  
SUN., OCT. 15: : 217

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:  
\$ 6,506.50

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 Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, 2023  
We have received  
\$ 307.50  
in principal only gifts.

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

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Sun., Oct. 22): 8 am: Alan Brodbeck  
10:30 am: Jerry Sidlo  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Scott & Dee Indgjer

**ELDER TODAY:** (Sun., Oct. 22): Dale Meyer  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Dale Meyer

**USHERS:** (Sun., Oct. 22): 8 am: Stehlik, Higgins, Indgjers  
10:30 am: Von Busches (D & R), Klutzes  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Pfeister, Huff, Indgjers

**ACOLYTES:** (Sun., Oct. 22): 8 am: Aaden Von Busch  
10:30 am: Gabe Moline  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Declan Reinke

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Sun., Oct. 22): YunMi Kort  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Claire Moline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Sun., Oct. 22): Marilyn Meyer  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Sue Stolcpart

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Sun., Oct. 22): Christine Brugger  
(Wed., Oct. 25): Sue Stolcpart

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., Oct. 22): Lavern & Beverly Obermeier

## **MISSION PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER**

In the month of November Good Shepherd's mission project will be Pastor Michael & Irene Paul, serving our Lord in Taiwan. Their new apartment is located in Chiayi which gives them a whole new set of neighbors to get to know and with whom to share God's love and saving Word. We have in the past hosted several Bible study hours in which they shared some of the challenges that are presented in learning about the cultural differences they have encountered. Their love for God's children and patience in teaching is quite evident.

## **TREAT BAGS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

We will again be preparing treat bags for our college students as they approach the end of the semester. Please contact Elizabeth Moline (701) 640-7989 or [molineae@gmail.com](mailto:molineae@gmail.com) if you would like to donate money or treats or if you would be willing to help assemble the bags. All donations need to be received by November 8th.

## **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 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)  
Dorian Merritt (at home)  
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)  
  
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 Joe Burke, Sandie Tvrz, and Tish Loomis who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., Nov. 8th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

## **VIDEO DEVOTIONS**

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 4 days. Monday will be Pastor Moline; Tuesday will be Vicar Garrison, and 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 6 of 7 days in the week. Sunday and Wednesday Divine Services, Monday Tuesday, and Friday video devotions, and Thursday Matins.

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

## **THANK YOU**

Members of Good Shepherd,  
After working here for a month now, I wanted to let you know that I have greatly appreciated the warm welcome you have given me. My pantry is full of green beans, mac & cheese, peanut butter, and Crispix (11 boxes total) along with many other items — even a first aid kit! To make it better, the items were all graciously carried out to my car thanks to bags and boxes as well as readily available kid power. My wallet is full of money and gift cards to Hy-Vee, SuperSaver, and Russ's Market among several other stores so that I can shop freely. Because of these things, I am feeling no lack of Christian love and care from you all. Thank you kindly. I have already been learning a lot from you and look forward to all I will learn this year alongside you.

In Christ,  
Vicar Garrison