

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
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MAY 2021



***THE RISEN CHRIST AND THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ...***

These things characterize the month of May as the Easter season continues greeting us with the hope of the resurrection. This year's Holy Week and Easter celebrations were a time to rejoice at God's work through Christ. But we recall the presence of God is still very much among us as May also helps us recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As we look around at the work of God through Good Shepherd, we can say not only that "HE IS RISEN" but also that:

**"GOD IS MOVING IN OUR WORLD TODAY."**

***MOTHERS DAY – MAY 9***

We recognize the care from all motherly figures as extensions of God's care for us.



***WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST – MAY 23***

The Spirit of God enters our world with hope and power.

***SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS BEGIN ON MAY 30***

We will again resume summer worship hours with in-person services on Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Our online service will post at 8:30 am, the same time as our earliest Sunday service.



***HEARTFELT THANK YOU***

*As the Easter Season inspires us to give thanks for the gift of Christ, Good Shepherd is blessed with so many reasons for which to give thanks. We want to especially thank the following groups and people:*

- ♥ The Bell Family, (Pastor Andrew, Angela, Kalina, Isaac and Marek) for blessing Good Shepherd with your presence and joining us in ministry.
- ♥ Aaron Basch, Cindy Gansel, Michelle Podewell, Joy Ausec, Donna Choquette, Kyle Gansel along with all the musicians who shared their gifts to brighten our time in Lent and celebration in Easter.
- ♥ All the volunteers who continue to help us provide in-person worship. Thank you for your efforts to help us all worship together.
- ♥ Jan Nelson for her diligence in ensuring our facilities are kept clean and looking good.
- ♥ All who bought flowers and plants to decorate the chancel for Easter. A special thanks to Fasel and Sons for providing the flowers that brightened our sanctuary for Easter Sunday.
- ♥ Shawn Erickson, Melinda Moore and Amy Meier for the work they have done to help members of our congregation line up appointments for the COVID vaccine.
- ♥ Dwight Janzen and his crew for their dedicated work to help our facilities meet the technological needs which have been so valuable this last year. A special thanks must go to the Erickson family for supplying us with the tools necessary to complete this project.
- ♥ The "tech crew" who continue to help prepare the online worship service.
- ♥ Tracy Heilman for coordinating the distribution of the chancel flowers and delivering them.
- ♥ Hank Lang and his crew for all their work to beautify the grounds.
- ♥ The fantastic group of Sunday School staff who have helped and continue to pour into our young people the great joy of Jesus.
- ♥ A heartfelt thanks from Pastor Buresh for all the expressions of love undertaken to celebrate his birthday.
- ♥ All the volunteers who continue to help with the newsletter mailing.
- ♥ Everyone who works to make Good Shepherd a loving and faithful community.



## THE PEOPLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD — APRIL 2021

### The Holy Baptism

Kaylee Margaret Parz — April 25, 2021



### New Parents:

Daniel and Samantha (nee Rosenquist) Darling, a son, Oliver Cameron

Nick and Kate (nee Brett) Manusos, a son, Nicholas Charles, III

### New Grandparents:

Pam Lyon, a grandson, Roland June Lyon

Jan and Jim Nelson, a grandson, Patrick Mathias Gartner, III



### Weddings:

Ashley Rauch and Justin Stojkovic — March 27, 2021



### Known to have been ill or hospitalized

Nicole Baldwin, Frank Bort, Nancy Firkin, Matt Husar, Chuck Krout, Sandra Lignell, Dawn McNicholas, Susan Miscovic, Connor Mish, Susan Mish, Tom Morsovillo, Bob Murphy, Hank Paulsen, Vicki Wilk, Char Wolfe and Rich Wolfe



### Known to have Experienced Bereavement

The Rosenquist family upon the death of Sandy's father, Robert E. Brobst

The Kindstedt family upon the death of Jim's wife, Marilyn

The Traverso family upon the death of Jay's mother, Mary Ann

The Miller and Price families upon the death of Carol's aunt, Lovey Novreski

The Higgins family upon the death of Carolyn's son, Hugh

### Funerals

† **Rick Schwartz** — March 27, 2021 — The most joyful usher that Good Shepherd has ever seen, Rick graced us with 66 years of his smile and a faith that spoke volumes. Our love goes out to his family and friends.

† **Betty Holke** — March 29, 2021 — Betty "Boop" loved her family of faith. Whether it was participating in the OFF Club or countless other activities, she was a staple at every activity of Good Shepherd. Our prayers go out to the Holke and Sweeney families.

† **Kevin Udani** — April 7, 2021 — Kevin made the most of his 52 years on earth dynamically giving of himself for his family and his community. We keep his wife Lisa, children MacKenzie and Caden, along with all Kevin's family and friends in our prayers.

† **Ruth Sava** — April 17, 2021 — Ruth's dedication to her family and Good Shepherd made her incredibly memorable. She lived her faith through singing, serving on the Missions Committee, participating in Bible Study and in countless other ways. We continue to lift up her daughters and their families in our prayers.



## THE WORK OF MISSIONS . . .



We continue to take food to the Palos Food Pantry. May requests include: skillet dinners, Jell-O, pudding, baked beans, canned tuna and condiments (ketchup, mustard, pickles, etc.). Thank you!

Let's not forget our veterans!! They are especially in need of cans of pop and individually wrapped snack items. There are two BLUE bins in the narthex to collect these items. A big THANK YOU to Cheryl Davidovitch for delivering these items as we collectively say THANK YOU to our veterans.



During April, the missions committee designated \$40,000 to various groups and organizations to help share God's love. Be sure to read the weekly Tuesday email that includes a different thank you letter every week so you can share in the excitement and thanks from these groups!



## MISSIONS

### ADULT EDUCATION AT WORK

As the May flowers spring and the trees continue to become fully green, we together are invited to grow to know God and blossom in a way that beautifies the world with God's love. Join in these weekly opportunities to be strengthened and grow in your faith.



"Just A Quick Word" Mondays at 4:00 pm on Facebook and the YouTube Channel. A short weekly video exploring the intersections of faith and real life.

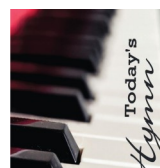
Bible Study Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am on Facebook. We do a deep dive into a passage from scripture to know God through God's Word. The video discussions are available live or anytime afterwards.



## HOPKINS PARK WOOD SPLITTING DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 8

Students—earn 5 hours of Community Service!

Most Pembroke Township/Hopkins Park residents depend on wood to heat their homes. 50 volunteers are needed from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Bible Witness Camp. Entrance for the camp is on the North East corner of E 2500 S Rd & S 16000 Rd. Look for the Bible Witness Camp sign on S16000 Rd. To make this a success there is a need for volunteer equipment such as: pick-up trucks capable of delivering bed loads of wood or a trailer for doing the same, chain saws, wood splitters and wheel barrels. Help is also needed to set up tables and chairs, as well as servers to feed our volunteers. Please consider donating the following items: paper plates, napkins, cookies, snacks, chips, coffee and water. If you have any questions and would like to volunteer, please contact either Rick Korallus 630-688-4771 or Nick Leep, 219-743-2692. Please remember to bring a pair of work gloves with you.



Hymn of the Week on Wednesday mornings on Facebook. Michelle Podewell uses the gift of music to invite us to reflect on God through well-known hymns.

"Where is God? A time of prayer and reflection" Thursday evening at 7:00 pm on Facebook. We take a half hour and hit pause on the busyness of life to look for God at work around us. It's a great way to explore God's presence and guidance in a prayerful way.



All of these weekly activities require no prior discussion or reading. Simply stop by or check them out and integrate them into your weekly schedule.

### MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive has been scheduled by the Church and Community Committee. It is a one day event scheduled for May 11, 2021 from 1:00—6:00 pm. A mobile unit will be in the parking lot. Please call the church office if you would like to give blood.





## OUR SENIORS AT WORK . . .



Welcome Spring! The "OFF Club" board members want all of you to know that we miss seeing you. We really look forward to being able to get our

monthly meetings of fellowship and fun up and running as soon as possible. In the meantime, *stay safe and be well!*

## OTHERS AT WORK . . .

### Attention All Bowlers:

May 1st will be our last day of bowling for the 2020-21 season. There will not be an end-of-year banquet due to health and safety concerns. We will still award prize money though, based on the final league standings. We have contact information for all of the bowlers so we will make sure you receive your award ASAP.



## BOWLING

If you have not yet done so, we need to know if you will be returning to bowl next fall. Some of you who did not bowl this year may wish to return as well so please let Donna Choquette or Erik Nelson know so information can be made available for next year's new officers. Also, if there are new people who wish to bowl or form a team, please let Donna or Erik know that as well. New bowlers are always welcome!

Thank you to all who put up with the many changes and adjustments we faced again during this past bowling season. Hopefully the 2021-22 season will find us in a position closer to "normal!" Have a safe and fun summer!



*Spring is a great time to spend outdoors!* The Landscape Team is looking for additional volunteers for the coming season. Work on your own schedule. Contact Hank Lang at (708) 371-0378 if you are interested. Thank you!



## VOLUNTEERS are key!

### Volunteer to help at in-person worship!

A *big thank* you to everyone for pitching in to help us continue to worship in-person during this pandemic. This includes all who attend, for their assistance in following these temporary changes. We are especially thankful for the volunteers who check off names, pass out bulletins and communion and assist in different ways. *Would you be able to help in one of these significant ways?* If so, contact the church office and let us know.

**Save the Date: Pastor Bell's Installation at Good Shepherd on June 27.** This



Installation  
of  
Pastor Bell

occasion will celebrate the coming of Pastor Bell to Good Shepherd as he will formally be installed that day. Look for more details in our June newsletter.



### ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Please complete the form on the last page to help

us identify all of you, our upcoming graduates. We will be recognizing all of our graduates in the next newsletter. Also, those graduating from high school will be recognized at a service later this summer.

*Once again, to celebrate Pentecost*, we are ordering red geraniums. You may take the flowers home or leave them at church to be planted. If you would like to order a plant(s), please complete the form found on the last page of the newsletter. Thank you!



## OUR YOUTH AT WORK . . .

### Confirmation Youth

A big "THANK YOU" to all involved in Confirmation this year. This was certainly a year with challenges but you all dedicated yourselves to the hard work of growing in your faith. If you have yet to take your final exam, **please contact your teacher right away.**



#### **Attention:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class:** Be on the look out for emails in the coming weeks with more information about the

Witness to the Faith and also the Confirmation Service on September 26. We look forward to those events providing a capstone to your time in Confirmation and recognizing your work and your faith.

### **Confirmation Day at LOMC!**

**Tuesday June 22, 2021**

Summer is coming and *we are ready to get off of Zoom and out into the sunshine with our Confirmation Students!* LOMC is offering one day events this year that we think will be perfect for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>



graders. So, if your student is in confirmation or just finished, we want them to join us for a day at camp! There will be hiking, archery, Bible Study, games, events led by the camp staff and a great day full of fun, faith and friends.

Pastor Chris, Pastor Andrew and Mrs. Lori will be leading this event, but we may also need additional parents to help drive and chaperone for the day depending on numbers. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and should return by about 5:00 pm that evening. The cost for students is \$10 with the church covering the rest. If you are interested, reach out to Pastor Bell for more details and to reserve your spot.

## High School Youth

### **Taskmaster Competition**

### **All High School Youth**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm**



We are inviting all our high school youth to come meet our new Associate Pastor Andrew Bell and join us

for a competition called **Taskmaster!** Use your brains, speed and skills with your teammates to complete 3 tasks in quick thinking, fast paced timed events! Winners take home FABULOUS PRIZES. Also wear clothes that...can take a stain. After that we will have a short devotion and close with prayer. The event will last about an hour.

This is a great chance for all our youth to get together *in-person* for the first time in a long time. Pastor Bell has been reaching out to high school families and they seem ready to be in person, safely, again. *Please call the church at 708-448-4170 or text Pastor Bell at 979-270-1239 to reserve a spot* so we have enough food and materials. Of course, events will be socially distanced and outdoors (in case of poor weather, a well ventilated family life center). There will be individually wrapped drinks and snacks, and we ask students to bring a mask for when we can't be socially distanced.

We hope to see lots of high school youth with us! We've missed you and Pastor Bell would love the chance to get to know as many of you as possible. So come and see if you can be the Taskmaster of Good Shepherd!



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CONTINUED

### Contact Info for Youth Group



Pastor Bell is collecting contact info for high school youth as we plan for the future. He's reached out to all families we have phone numbers for but just in case, we're asking here as well. If you are interested in hearing about and attending future youth events, we'd love a cell phone number for the high school student or parent, whichever is best. That way we can keep everyone in the loop easily and quickly. This is especially important as we start conversations about next school year and summer 2022 trips. Of course we will still post events here in the newsletters, but texting often reaches people faster. So contact the office or text Pastor Bell directly at 979-270-1239 with your info. Thanks!



### CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AT WORK



**All aboard!** Climb aboard the Rocky Railway Express Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendars for July 12-16. Planning for an all outdoor VBS has begun. Please watch your email inboxes for further details as they become available. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please let Mrs. Lori know.

**In-Person Sunday school is eager to welcome you!** Plan to join us as we gather together to hear God's word and have some fun. Invite a friend to join you. Please remember the following details:



**Please RSVP:** When calling to reserve for worship, let us know your children will be attending Sunday School and tell us their names. Please try to complete your RSVP by Friday each week.

Remember to **RSVP**

**Plan to bring and wear your mask** the entire time inside the building.

**Symptom Screening:** Take your child(ren)'s temperature prior to coming to the building. If they are running a fever or have other symptoms of illness, please stay home. You will be asked to self-certify at check in.

**Bring Supplies:** The first time your child(ren) attend...Bring a gallon size baggie with your child's name on it. This bag will



be kept at the church and only they will use those supplies from week to week. *Include the following:* crayons, glue stick, scissors, markers and a pencil. Children may also bring a water bottle with their name on it.

**CHECK-IN TABLE** **Check In:** Please escort your child(ren) to the Sunday school table for check in. It will be located by the stairs, in the old Narthex. Once checked in, your child(ren) will be escorted to their class location. Siblings will be kept together. You will also receive your Family Pick UP sheet for your dashboard.

**Pick Up:** Drive-Up to Pick UP!

Once worship is complete, go to your cars and pull up to the back Family Life Center doors (double brown doors). Please have your Family Pick UP sheet displayed on your dashboard as you pull up to the doors. The teachers or assistants will escort your child(ren) to the car. Please plan to pull forward to do any buckling so that we can keep the line moving.

**Parents please note:** In Person Sunday school will not be meeting on Sunday May 30. Virtual Sunday school will have a lesson video posted at 9 AM.







## MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AT WORK

Virtual Sunday school will continue to be offered on Sundays at 9 AM. The Virtual Classroom will be updated weekly with the new lesson, music, Zoom invites and other opportunities as they arise.

The Summer Sunday school In-Person session will begin on June 6 and runs through August 29. We are looking for teachers and assistants for this fun and less formal session. Please call or email Mrs. Lori if you are interested in helping. You may volunteer for just one Sunday or more as your schedule will allow.



Virtual Summer Sunday school will continue with a video lesson released at 9 AM each Sunday. We are always looking for those that might like to 'star' in one of our video lessons by leading a segment of the video. Please let Mrs. Lori know if you are interested.



Sunday School Zoom Activities give your children an opportunity to see their Sunday School friends and teachers! Mark your calendars to join us! We have a lot of fun together and would love for you to join us on the following dates:

May 2	Preschool 3's and 4's Craft
May 9	Grades 3-5 Craft and a game
May 16	Grades K-2 Craft and a game



### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . . Please notify the church office if you have**

a daughter or son graduating from high school or college this year. If you have a college grad, we need to know his/her degree and the field in which he/she majored. With this information, we can list their names and congratulate them in our next newsletter. Please either email the information to Donna, call the church office or complete & drop-off/mail the form below by May 17. Thank You!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_



### **RED GERANIUMS** will add to the beauty of our sanctuary on *Pentecost*

*Sunday* which is May 23. Anyone wishing to purchase a plant may do so by either emailing the information to Donna, calling the church office or completing & dropping off/ mailing the form below by May 17. Thank You! Plants may be taken home after the 11:00 AM service on May 23 or left for planting on the church grounds. Please indicate how many plant(s) you desire. Thank You!



Price: \$12.00 each

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

