

August 24-25, 2019 | Weekly Newsletter of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church



... worship theme ...

*“Finding the Narrow Door on the Road with Jesus”* (Luke 13:22-30) Jesus was asked, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” The questioner may be wondering about which behaviors will get a person into the kingdom. How many will be counted as having done enough? How many? Jesus does not provide an answer to how many. Jesus does point to one common truth about all that enter the kingdom of God. No matter what direction people come from to the kingdom the ones who recline at the table in the kingdom of God are known by the Master. When you trust that Jesus knows you, then you saved, you have a spot at the Table of the Lord, and you are a part of the kingdom of God.

... school opening service and barbecue ...

Our 2019-2020 school year begins during the 11:00am worship service. Afterward everyone is invited to the “Back to School Barbecue” over at the school beginning at 12:45pm. There will be fun activities for children, and great food!

... blessing of the backpacks ...

All ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship this weekend for a special backpack blessing to kick off the new school year. All students, teachers, librarians, administrators, and school workers are invited to participate in this blessing as part of the worship service you attend.

... confirmation | first communion ...

The 2019-20 Confirmation program begins with orientation on September 3rd, 6:30pm in the lower level. First Communion begins on Sunday, September 8th, 12:30pm in the church library.

**Please note: The Confirmation Retreat is October 4-6**, and includes first and second year Confirmation students. More details can be found on the Youth Ministry page at [ourshepherd.net](http://ourshepherd.net). Register your student online by clicking the “online registration form” link. Questions? Contact Pastor Woodfin at [woodfins@ourshepherd.net](mailto:woodfins@ourshepherd.net).

## Have you had a busy summer? So has the Renewing Our Shepherd capital campaign!

While you have been “on the road with Jesus”, the RENEWING OUR SHEPHERD Capital Campaign launched and is in full swing. If you missed our kick-off celebration, please visit

<https://cutt.ly/RenewingOurShepherd.com>

and watch our campaign video. The video outlines our goals, plans, and giving opportunities.



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Our Shepherd gathers, nurtures, and serves because Jesus loves.



**We join together** to worship God because of the love He has shown us in His son Jesus Christ. As we worship, we are assured of our forgiveness. By gathering we are responding to the love of God in Christ Jesus with our prayers and praise.

# Our Shepherd Lutheran

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## Church

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churchoffice@ourshepherd.net

## School

(248) 645-0551  
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schooloffice@ourshepherd.net

## Child Care Center

(248) 645-5273  
Church and School Locations  
earlychildcare@ourshepherd.net

[www.ourshepherd.net](http://www.ourshepherd.net)

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### Regular Worship Schedule

Contemporary Saturdays  
at 6:00pm

Traditional Sundays  
at 8:30am and 11:00am

Bible Education Hour  
Sundays 9:45- 10:45am

### Giving made easy

Text "give" to 248-430-4403

If you're home or away, Kindrid | Give.Church makes it easy to schedule regular donations. Click on "Give" at [ourshepherd.net](http://ourshepherd.net), or text "give" to Our Shepherd's dedicated giving number (above). It's easy to change your gift and giving dates at any time. Give it a try!

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

All worship services are presented on the screen. Sunday morning we follow Divine Service Four, page 203. God bless our worship together.

OPENING HYMN.....680  
"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 66:18-23  
Hebrews 12:4-24  
Luke 13:22-30

SERMON HYMN..... (on screen)  
"Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" .....641  
"My Lord, What a Morning" ..... (on screen)  
"Give Me Jesus" ..... (on screen)

CLOSING HYMN .....672  
"Jerusalem the Golden"

## Participants in Worship

PREACHER .....Rev. Dr. Evan Gaertner  
LITURGIST .....Revs. Vieregge and Woodfin  
SATURDAY MUSICIAN..... Jannah Garback  
SUNDAY ORGANIST ..... Todd Sager

### Church Attendance

(Last weekend)

Saturday 6:00pm ..... 54  
Sunday 8:30am ..... 111  
Sunday 11:00am ..... 163  
Weekend Total ..... 328

### From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed  
AUGUST \$ 107,311

Date	Envelope & Plate
Aug 4	\$ 18,100
Aug 11	\$ 38,505

### Notes & News Deadlines

Articles due Mondays at noon.  
Additions to the Prayer Page  
due Wednesdays by 5:00pm.  
NO CLASSIFIED ADS PLEASE.

Email:  
[publications@ourshepherd.net](mailto:publications@ourshepherd.net)  
~OR~  
Text: 248-672-8248

Articles are subject to editing.  
Include run dates. If no dates  
are submitted, items will run for  
two weeks. Flyers may run as a  
full page one time only, then is  
reduced to half page or smaller.

Katie Priskorn, Editor

# PRAYER

## In Need of Prayer

Elena *friend of Jo Demeyer, recovering from elbow surg.*  
 Irene *friend of the Vettters, needs liver transplant*  
 Tim Barbe  
 Stephen Cash *Rick & Marilyn Lane's son in law*  
 Dorothy Coordes  
 Kevin Curley  
 Dutcher family *friends of Pfeiffers*  
 Beverly Held  
 Jan Haezebrouck  
 Jim Holbrook *son in law of Chuck and Eileen Root*  
 Al Kroening  
 Linda Madson  
 Dorothy McAllister *friend of Alice Macey*  
 Kellee Morford *daughter of Arline Sheffer*  
 Jean Pfeiffer *mother of Kurt, upcoming surgery*  
 Florence Raetzel *mother of Karen Pfeiffer*  
 Laura Reading *mother of Karl, hospitalized*  
 Will Schmidt *age 10, nephew of Emily Gottschling*  
 Sandra Schram *recovering from knee surgery*  
 Daniel Tharpe  
 Nicholas Verbruggen *friend of H. Adams*  
 Ron Vieregge *recovering from hip surgery 8/16*  
 Ruth Wright *mother of Sue Barbe*

*praying*

## OS Prayer Warriors

Activate our prayer chain by contacting  
 Marlene Jennett: [kanabkitty@wowway.com](mailto:kanabkitty@wowway.com)  
 or 248-709-6316

*Prayer chain requests are kept private.*

## Homebound Ministry

We are in need of blank note cards. Please put in Jackie Hetrick's mailbox (37B) or on the pickup shelf in the church Library. For more info or to help with this ministry, call Jackie at 248-759-4329. *Thank you!*

## Thank You

My sincere thanks to the congregation, prayer circle and dear friends, for your prayers and cards during my illness. They sustained my spirit during that time and I am grateful to everyone. Yours in Christ, *Emelia Parent*

## Those with Cancer

Linda R. *friend of Rae Vieregge, brain cancer*  
 Cindy *friend of Marlene Jennett, brain cancer*  
 Gloria *friend of Anne Fournier*  
 Calvin *friend of the Pfeiffers*  
 Robin *friend of Nancy Preece*  
 Amy Arini *niece of Vicki Schram, breast cancer*  
 Rick Baker *friend of Tom and Ellyn Downs*  
 John Belert *Eileen Root's father, bladder cancer*  
 Lisa Bonham *friend of Joy Miller, lung cancer*  
 Kelly Burns *relative of Howard Adams, ovarian*  
 Jennifer Carbary *friend of Mark & Lisa Moine*  
 Nicholas Davis *nephew of Michelle Schulmeister*  
 Erin Fallucca *stage 4 colon cancer*  
 Michelle Foster *friend of Tom and Ellyn Downs*  
 Bob Foth *prostate / lymph nodes*  
 Shirley Engel Harris *aunt of Sherri Flesher*  
 Edith Iwarma *aunt of Bob Johnson*  
 Bruce Jones *cousin of Joy Miller*  
 Susan Kemmer *daughter of Dick Zuehlke*  
 Diana Klaub *grandmother of Corey Kelso*  
 John Little *friend of the Fick family*  
 Cheryl Madson *sister of Linda, breast cancer*  
 Dan Morris *brother of Roy Morris*  
 Tim Perry *friend of Anne Zowada*  
 Laurie Putman  
 Sarah Reichart *daughter of the Wahnefrieds*

## Cancer (Con't.)

Jeff Robertson *son of Marilyn Robertson*  
 Tommy Schomaker  
 Kelly Schultz *Don & Diana's daughter in law*  
 Payton Shock *age 10, friend of the Cudneys*  
 Holly Tacoma *sister of Stacey Carlson*  
 Austin Tomlinson *friend of A. Zowada*  
 Kathie Jo Wright *breast cancer*  
 Kisha Williams *friend of Sandy Fletcher*  
 Lisa Zimmermann *friend of the Stroeters*

## In Hospice Care

Jim Currie

## In the Military

Keith Allen  
 Andres Galarza  
 Nick and Val Kulesza  
 Erik Marcus  
 Moneake McNeal  
 Nathaniel Nimtz  
 Sebastian Pica  
 Jacob Rebecca  
 Sarah Steele  
 Nic Stroeters  
 Roger VanVechten  
 Tyler Volz  
 Kara White

## ETERNAL VICTORY



Charles Henry O'Grady  
 Born February 18, 1927  
 Called Home August 19, 2019

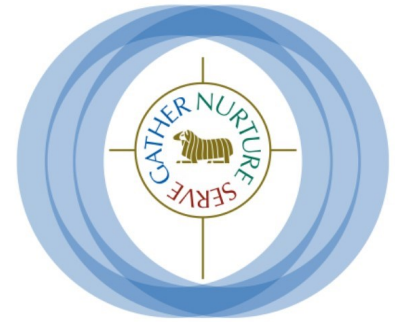


Nicole Jacqueline Dargitz  
 Born September 24, 1980  
 Called Home August 10, 2019  
 Cousin of Heather Koschmann

*Forever in our hearts*



# Mark Your Calendar: Renewing Our Shepherd Capital Campaign Update



**RENEWING**  
Our Shepherd Lutheran  
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## ➔ August 24 & 25 Witness Weekend

God is extraordinary and He certainly works in these ways. Join us at any of our three weekend services to see how the Lord is moving in the lives of others and our church.

## August 26<sup>th</sup> Creative Giving Seminar 7:00pm Lower Level

Our capital campaign helps us meet our needs today and lays the foundation for our future. In order to reach our goals, we're asking members to consider maximizing their financial impact by contributing gifts of assets, and to make these significant contributions through creative giving strategies. Creative giving strategies allow you to:

- Increase your current income
- Avoid taxes
- Make a generous gift to our campaign and our church community

Join Ron Chewning Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to learn more.

## September 7 & 8 Commitment & Celebration Weekend

On this day we turn in our Commitment Cards. This will be a time of commitment to sacrifice and faith. We have the opportunity to invest in something larger than ourselves - something that will outlast our lives on this earth.

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).*

God put us on earth to do a specific work that only we can do. Ephesians says God created us to do good works and He planned in advance what we would spend our lives doing. However, He didn't expect us to do that work alone. **Let's celebrate what we can accomplish together as we commit to Renewing Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Capital Campaign. Stay tuned for celebration details.**

## September 7 & 8 Renewing Our Shepherd Guided Time of Prayer

One of the essential components of our capital campaign is not only seeking God's help that our campaign is successful, but also that the Lord be in partnership with those who contribute.

Join us to move our campaign and faith forward together!

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> ..... 4:45-5:45pm**

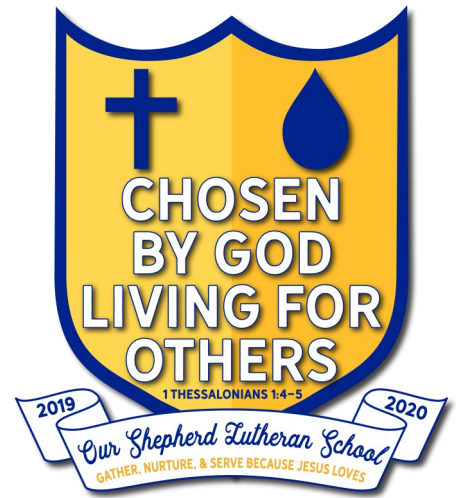
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> ..... 7:15-8:15am**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> ..... 9:45-10:45am**

If you have questions, please contact  
Jill Hoegmeyer at 248-890-0830, or Jessica Merz 313-460-4621

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## Greetings to you, in our caring Christ!

What an exciting day today is for us all at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, School and Childcare. Today we celebrate the opening of the 2019-2020 school year! Our school theme is "Chosen by God, Living for Others", 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5. Our Bible Verse reminds us how God gathers us together as His Children to nurture and serve because Jesus loves. God has blessed us with an outstanding faculty and staff. They are:

**Sarah Kosciuk**, Preschool Teacher, Age 3

**Lauren McLoughlin**, Preschool Teacher, Age 3

**Alysia Tyson**, Preschool Teacher, Age 4

**Cindy Vieregge**, Preschool Teacher, Age 4

**Nicole Kelso**, Kindergarten Teacher

**Michelle Winkler**, Kindergarten Aide

**Debbie Pierce**, 1st Grade Teacher

**Sue Grams**, 2nd Grade Teacher

**Kim Kern**, 3rd Grade Teacher

**Tammy Sellers**, 4th Grade Teacher

**Wendy Nimitz**, 5th Grade Teacher

**Esther Spanos**, 6th Grade Teacher and Assistant Principal

**Christi Gaertner**, 7th Grade Teacher

**Corey Kelso**, 8th Grade Teacher

**Sarah Mischley**, LSEM (special education)

**Kelsey Peper**, Technology Teacher

**Craig Rhoads**, Physical Education Teacher

**Jeannie Bay**, Art Teacher

**Kaitlyn Koslakiewicz**, Music Teacher

**Argelia Morales**, Spanish Teacher

**Katie Priskorn**, Upper Grade Choir Director and Church Office Manager

**Stephania Morrison**, School Office Manager

**Missy Macavage**, Admissions Director

**Laura Jones**, Tuition Manager

**Shannon Ozias**, Food Services Director

**Janet McLoughlin**, Director of Children's Education and Care

**Sharon Dunsmore**, Preschool Director

**Emily Gottschling**, Childcare Director

**Paul Dwyer**, Childcare Office Manager

**Rev. Dr. Evan Gaertner**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Mike Vieregge**, Pastor

**Rev. Steve Woodfin**, Pastor

**Dr. Mark Nimitz**, Director of Spiritual Education and Service

**David Priskorn**, Director of Operations

What a blessing to come together again this school year as the Our Shepherd family, growing in His grace and knowledge. Christ is our Good Shepherd. May we heed His voice and follow Him this school year and always. Thank you for your support and prayers for our beloved school.

In His love,  
Janet McLoughlin, Principal



We are committed

*to nurturing one another through the study of God's word, Christian education, and living life together. We accomplish this by engaging in small groups and supporting one another through life's circumstances.*

Take  to Nurture

This week's focus:

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our Gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Attention Ladies! Lifelight will resume September 5th, with a study on Revelation. We meet Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00am in the church library. Please text contact Phyllis (248-252-1512 or phylls98@aol.com) for more info. Order deadline is August 22 to ensure study guides will arrive on time. Invite a friend! All are welcome!



## COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our college ministry of encouragement for students is gearing up. We want to support and pray for your college student. Information needed: name, school address, phone, email, school name, and anticipated graduation year. Email Kathy Harper kaharper51@comcast.net, or put the information in Kathy's mailbox (35C) by September 9. Local students are also encouraged to participate - college is still a challenge, even when we are close to home. Thanks to Kathy Harper and Andrea Coughlin who organize this ministry.

**REMINDER**  
**SUMMER CHALLENGE SHEETS**  
are due to Mark Nimtz by August 31st!



## Our Shepherd Nursery NEEDS YOU!

We are pleased to continue offering a staffed nursery for our littlest lambs during worship. We are currently recruiting loving individuals to help out. For more information contact Meg Perrault at meganperrault@gmail.com. The position pays \$15/hour.

**REMINDER**  
**NEXT WEEKEND IS MITE WEEKEND**

The Mite box will be on the back table in the Sanctuary. Please support our missions!!

## BOOKSTORE



Come visit us for all your  
back to school needs!!

## Clearance Sale!

Bookstore is open from 9:30am-11:00am. We are also open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm (weekdays please come to the church office for assistance). Any questions, call 248-646-6100 or email bookstore@ourshepherd.net.





## We tell people

*about Jesus both through words and actions. As our relationship with Jesus grows, our lives overflow with His love as we serve others. Our service to our community finds its source in God's amazing grace.*



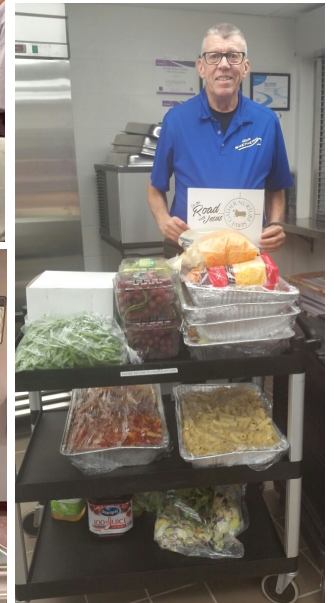
## FAMILY OF GOD

The dinner on August 18th at OSLC to benefit the feeding of the Family of God community project was a great success, earning over \$2,600. Thanks to all who made this possible like Ron Rebecca and family for catering the delicious meal here, as well as all those who assisted with advertising, setting up the dining area, decorating, cleaning, and kitchen help! Most of all, thanks to the donators for allowing us to use their Thrivent Action cards and all who donated \$25 or more for the meal. We were blessed to hear the message from Amanda Becker, Family of God staff member, during bible class and at the dinner and Pastor Jim Hill's sermon at each service.

Monday, August 19th, Terry Hynes was On the Road With Jesus to deliver unserved food from the dinner at OS, to the Family of God. Their community will be able to share in our bounty! Praise be to God!



*blessed*



## GREETINGS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The choir season officially begins with Senior Choir Rehearsal on Thursday, September 5th, 7:30-9:00pm in the church balcony. If you've been thinking about joining our ranks we encourage you to contact either Todd Sager or Mary Hewelt. You'll find our contact information below.

The Senior Choir is such a blessing to all who participate. On a typical Thursday we don't just prepare music for Sunday. Choir rehearsal itself is an act of worship and service, and one of the best remedies for a challenging week. It is an opportunity to be in fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ, share a prayer request, and be blessed by being gathered together in His name. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to connect with others as we serve Christ!

Todd Sager, Director of Music  
sagert@ourshepherd.net

Mary Hewelt, Choir Manager  
mahewelt@gmail.com | 248-789-6831



# August

## BLOOD + DRIVE

THANK YOU to the blood donors / volunteers who came to the August 19th Blood Drive. A total of 28 pints were collected and each pint will help 3 people. The need is always there!

Next Blood Drive is Monday, October 28th from 1:00-7:00pm. Register online at red-crossblood.org or call Beth at 248-760-0468.

Please consider making this opportunity part of your fall agenda. Thank you!

*Beth Jagnecki, OS Coordinator*

### August 25~Sunday

8:30 & 11:00am .....Worship Services - Sanctuary  
9:45am ..... Bible Education Hour and Sunday School  
12:45pm ..... Back to School Barbecue - School

### August 26~Monday

6:30pm..... Church Council Meeting - Church Library  
7:00pm..... Creative Giving Seminar - Lower Level

### August 27~Tuesday

10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5

### August 28~Wednesday

6:30pm..... Call Committee Meeting - Lower Level  
6:30pm..... Women's Bible Study - Church Library

### August 29~Thursday

6:30am ..... Men's Bible Study - Church Library  
10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5

### August 30~Friday

### August 31~Saturday

6:00pm.....Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary

## birthdays

### August 24

Dave Boehne  
Angela Allen  
Lizzie Nimtz

### August 25

Jeremy Fick  
Matthew Gunn  
Alaina Ballentine  
Ed Springs  
Louis Vieregge

### August 26

Helen Ewing  
Heather Poyhonen

### August 27

Chloe Bowyer  
Zachary Shore  
Jackson Heisner  
Josh Klausmeier

### August 28

Jack Hoch  
Sherri Flesher  
Mike Michalski

### August 29

Lucy Boone  
Sandy Schram  
Christine Lee

### August 30

Katie Tietz  
Linda McDonald  
Mary Hewelt  
Kaitlin Holmes

### August 31

Laurie Schewe  
Mary Domenico

### September 1

Brynn Cudney  
Luke Gassel  
Char Howcroft  
Gene Danescu  
Larry Durr  
Noah Buerkel  
Sean Ledbetter

## baptisms

### August 24

Lizzie Nimtz  
Ella Heisner

### August 25

Alissa Butcher

### August 26

Paul Dallmann  
Sofiya Kostiuik

### August 27

Joe Sobczak  
Aaron Dittel  
Jack Hoch  
Ethan Teeling  
Hannah Merz

### August 28

(none)

### August 29

Mitchell Payne

### August 30

Tim Morris  
Greg Gramzow

### August 31

Judy Raetz  
Meagan Halstead

### September 1

Jim Anderson  
Charlene Zink

LET'S  
celebrate

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

Helen Ewing

celebrating 94 years August 26th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

