

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

June 2018

June

June is a wonderful month of the year! It's the beginning of the summer season; the time we like to participate in outings with the family to the seashore and mountains, camping, hiking, swimming, etc. God blesses us so much! We get to enjoy His creation in a myriad number of ways.

We pray His continued watch over us to protect us from harm and danger; His continuing love of us in Christ Jesus, the Lord.

Flag Day is on the 14th! Fathers' Day, the 17th. John the Baptist Day is the 24th. This last is especially big in Lapland of Norway every year.

The psalmist wrote many centuries ago: "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord. With my mouth, I will make known the faithfulness of my God to all generations." *Psalm 89.1.*

As we move along through the summer, let's remember to give thanks unto God our heavenly Father in all our activity and doing of things. We are so very blessed to be His children for Jesus' sake. All our many sins and shortcomings are forgiven of Him. We are given His clear directives in His holy precious Word. We bask in the warmth and glow of His love at every turn.

God bless us all!

Noel D. Kass, Interim Minister

President's Corner

May brought to a conclusion our call process that was started when Pastor Gerken announced his retirement. At a Call Service Voters Meeting, the congregation decided to have Pastor Brad Varvil as its next pastoral candidate. A number of things need to come together in order for our congregation to issue him a call. Let me explain how this will work:

- While Pastor Varvil was in Missouri, some things happened and he resigned his LCMS pastoral commission. In order to issue a formal call to him, he will need to be reinstated as an active roster LCMS pastor. This is a process that can take some time. Pastor Varvil must reapply for reinstatement through the district which he resigned from. This means it starts with the Missouri district.
- After he submits his reapplication, he then must be interviewed by a committee of District Presidents. Once the interview process is over, the committee will make a recommendation to the full Council of District Presidents. A two-thirds majority vote is needed for reinstatement.
- This is not an easy process. It is also not a quick process. The whole process could be 3 – 6 months depending on timing, or up to 12 months should the timing be delayed for

whatever reason. Only after reinstatement can we as a congregation issue a call for Pastor Varvil to serve this congregation.

Pastor Koss has agreed to continue to serve us until a conclusion to the reinstatement and call process.

Our Call Committee worked very hard and had many meetings to go through all the candidates biographies and information. I wish to thank them for all their hard work and many hours.

June will bring many opportunities to serve our Lord. There will be Confirmation June 10th, Father's Day June 17th, and graduations. Both Concordia and Mount Rainier Lutheran High School will have graduations in June. Please contact the school for days and times. It does show our support for the students of the schools and for the schools themselves.

I also want to remind everyone of our prayer time each Saturday at 7 pm in the sanctuary. It's a really good time to come closer to God.

Blessings to all,
Joe Morton, President

Prayer Time

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Saturday Evening Prayer starts at 7 pm. All are invited to pray.

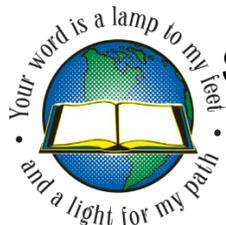
"Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Classen
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Cunningham – Jaech
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Jindra – Merkel, L.
4	Julian Doyle (253-584-7244)	Merkel, R. – Scott
5	Tony Huset (253-753-3764)	See - Zmuda



Sunday Sermons are now being audio recorded

and are available for you to listen, share, and enjoy again anytime on our website @ www.goodshepherdluth.com

UNASHAMED!
Boldly Standing for Jesus

Counselor Dates:
 July 13-21, 2018

Camper Dates:
 July 16-20, 2018

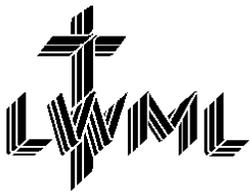
“For I am NOT ASHAMED of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”
 Romans 1:16

Youth Camp

Trinity Lutheran Bible Camp will be July 16 – 20 at Millersylvania State Park. The theme this year is “Unashamed, Boldly Standing for Jesus.” This is for completed 3rd – 7th grades. Cost is \$200. Please see the office for details.

Vacation Bible School

We **will** have **VBS** this year! Are you willing to help support the ministry? There is always more than one way of showing support. First and foremost we need prayer support. We also need committed people to help run **VBS. Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for **July 23-27**. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex. If you are willing and able to help, please check the sheet and sign up soon for a position. Thank you!



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

Tuesdays:

Bible Study (9:15 am)

Sisters in Christ, Welcome to Summer!

We, you and I, continue Bible Study Tuesday mornings and are currently using the 2017 Catechism. When was the last time you studied the Catechism? How about joining us on Tuesdays?

Quilters are also busy on Tuesdays. Do you like to sew but are unable to come on Tuesdays? How about making 60" X 80" washable quilts at home that can then be sent to Lutheran World Relief?

Washington – Alaska District LWML Convention is June 15-17 in Spokane. I attended all WA-AK District Conventions from 1980 through 2014 but find I can no

Quilting (10 am)

Mites—Sunday, June 10

longer do so. Please pray for the decisions made at this convention.

Mites are needed to fulfill goals of District and National LWML. Current District goal is \$170,000. National Mission Goal is \$2,075,000. The projects include such endeavors as the completion of a Lutheran school building in Uganda and sharing Jesus with people with disabilities, along with many more worthy projects.

Tacoma Seafarers Auxiliary does not meet in June or July. Please remember items for Christmas Boxes. Our goal of 150 filled boxes is about 10% of the boxes given out. Keep this in prayer.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Jane Oberg

Trips to the Holy Land

THERE ARE THREE TRIPS TO THE HOLY LAND PLANNED THIS FALL.

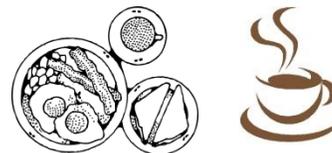
- **October 20 – November 11** - Land of the Bible Cruise, hosted by Paul Maier
Fliers on the table in the narthex or see office for details.
- **November 7 – 15** - Hosted by Pastor Kurt Onken
See office for details
- **November 27 – December 6** - Hosted by Pastor Toby Joeckel
Flier is on the table in the narthex or see office for details.

Men's Ministry Schedule for June



June 2nd – 8 am—Coffee
“Time for a Little Smackdown”
(Mark 5)

June 16th - 8 am—Full Breakfast
“A Ruler Caves, a Shepherd Cares”
(Mark 6)



Cooks Needed



Each Tuesday evening, a group gathers and prepares a meal for the community. Our cooks are getting older and it is harder for them to do this wonderful work. Are you a good cook? Do you have one Tuesday to give every 4-6 weeks? Your service is needed. See Kathy Popplewell if you can help.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -
July 23 – 27 from 9 am – 12 noon
Ages 3—10
Register Soon!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES RADIO PROGRAM AND RESOURCES:

The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KLAY radio at 10 am Sundays.

The recordings are also available on their website (www.lhm.org).

The Lutheran Hour Ministries offers daily devotions, along with other opportunities to serve, through their website at www.lhm.org.





Preschool News www.littlelambstacoma.com

Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



Thank you to all the faithful supporters of the preschool, whether by prayers, donations, participation, or volunteering, we appreciate you!

Our **Summer Camp** dates are **June 19 & 20, 26 & 27, July 10 & 11, 17 & 18, July 31 & August 1, and August 7 & 8.** Each “week” of camp is **\$35** and is independent of the rest. Students may come to any one / all of the camps.

Registration is underway for the '18-'19 school year. We will begin classes on Tuesday, September 4. We have openings in our

1 day Toddler Class,

2-day Three Year Old Class,

3-day Four Year Old Class,

and our

4-day option for older four year olds and young five year olds.

We are excited to be offering these choices so the children can be placed in the class that is best for them. Please come in to the preschool or check our website for more information.

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Thank you for your dedication, belief in, and support of Good Shepherd’s preschool. We are in ministry with the church and appreciate the prayer support.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher



Carillons

Have you noticed the silence from the Church Bell Tower? This is because our carillons are not working. The cost to replace them is as much as \$10,000. Can you help? Donations can be made at the office or in the offering basket. Please mark them for the carillons.