

Welcome *notes &* news

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“Sharing God’s Blessings on the Road with Jesus” (Luke 14:1-14) Imagine what it would be like to have unlimited resources? How much joy would there be in giving generously out of a never-ending abundance? And what if we didn’t worry about what others thought, but lived and gave as God calls us? Jesus has that joy - His life is centered on inviting into God’s presence those who do not deserve an invitation. In today’s text, He invites us to do the same - free ourselves from the constraints of what others think, instead being “God’s helper.” As we encounter others on the road, Jesus gives us the assignment of handing out the gifts of assurance of forgiveness and salvation in Christ.

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Sign up to lead or join a small group this Fall. Look for the small group table in the atrium this month. We will resource, equip, and train all those interested in facilitating a small group in your home, or in the home of someone who would like to serve as a host. Our small groups will be studying “A Consumer’s Guide to Dr. Luke.” Send questions to nimtzm@ourshepherd.net or call Mark (248-646-6100, ext 118).

S P O T L I G H T



Thank You Coach!

John Marshall has been with our school Chess Club since its first meeting in 2004. For the last 15 years, he has led and served as the club has grown to include students from first through eighth grade, coming from all experience and skill levels. Students have participated in club-wide and state-wide tournaments, and hosted many chess masters. We thank God today for John, who after these 15 years has announced his retirement from active service on the OSLS Chess Club.

As the club begins its 16th year, it is in need of additional volunteer coaches. Do you have a passion for chess? Consider serving the students who meet every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00am. You don’t need to be a chess expert - basic knowledge is sufficient. If you’re an OSLS parent, you can also earn time and talent hours. Questions? Get in touch with Coach Jeff Gallo, 248-819-8199 or jeff.gallo@gmail.com.



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

CHURCH • SCHOOL • CHILD CARE

Church

(248) 646-6100
2225 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham
churchoffice@ourshepherd.net

School

(248) 645-0551
1658 Lincoln, Birmingham
schooloffice@ourshepherd.net

Child Care Center

(248) 645-5273
Church and School Locations
earlychildcare@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, 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!



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

All worship services are presented on the screen. Sunday morning we follow Divine Service One, page 151. God bless our worship together.

OPENING HYMN.....738
"Lord of All Hopefulness"

SCRIPTURE READINGS:
Proverbs 25:2-10
Hebrews 13:1-17
Luke 14:1-14

SERMON HYMN.....842
"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"Where Charity and Love Prevail"845
"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"685

CLOSING HYMN850
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Participants in Worship

PREACHER	Rev. Steve Woodfin
LITURGIST	Rev. Dr. Evan Gaertner
SATURDAY MUSICIANS.....	Jannah Garback Jamison Jones
SUNDAY ORGANIST	Scott VanOrnum

Church Attendance

(Last weekend)

Saturday 6:00pm	54
Sunday 8:30am	102
Sunday 11:00am.....	285
Weekend Total	441

From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed
AUGUST \$ 107,311

Date	Envelope & Plate
Aug 4	\$ 18,100
Aug 11.....	\$ 38,505
Aug 18.....	\$ 23,577

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
~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

Irene *friend of Veters, recovering from liver transplant*
Kevin Curley
Dutcher family *friends of Pfeiffers*
Jan Haezebrouck
Jim Holbrook *son in law of Chuck & 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*
Will Schmidt *age 10, nephew of Emily Gottschling*
Daniel Tharpe
Nicholas Verbruggen *friend of H. Adams*
Ruth Wright *mother of Sue Barbe*

Prayer
CHANGES
Things

Those with Cancer

Linda R. *friend of Rae Vieregge, brain cancer*
Cindy *friend of Marlene Jennett, brain cancer*
Gloria *friend of Anne Fournier*
Kalvin *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

Cancer (Con't.)

Sarah Reichart *daughter of the Wahnefrieds*
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 Nimtze
Jacob Rebecca
Sarah Steele
Nic Stroeters
Roger VanVechten
Tyler Volz
Kara White

BAPTISMS

BAPTIZED SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Paige Olivia Ruppert
Jack Preston Ruppert
Parker Nealon Ruppert
Paxton Kim Ruppert
Parents: Michael and Jackie Ruppert

BAPTIZED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Lily Katherine Ollenberger
Parents: Jordan and Jillian Ollenberger
Grandparents: Mark and Janet McLoughlin
Aunt: Lauren McLoughlin
Sponsors: Kaitlin and Kyle Holmes

Lily Mae Koschmann
Parents: Alexander and Heather Koschmann
Sponsors: Rebekah Koschmann | Rachelle Parises

ALTAR FLOWERS



In Honor of
Helen Ewing's 94th Birthday
August 26th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to Gretchen Swanson for using her awesome serving talents to make a fantastic cover for the dishes in the new kitchen pantry. Kuddos Gretchen!

Put me on your fridge!



September 2019 Michigan District
Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes

#10 – Expanding the Connecting Kids to
Christ Tutoring Program - \$25,000

September is here, and for many the school year is on our minds. Some find school easy; some need some extra help. East Bethlehem Church in Detroit is reaching out to inner-city communities with tutoring in reading, vocabulary, and math and the Michigan District LWML is helping to provide support. For information on all grants, go to www.lwmlmichigan.org/. Under Missions, select Grants.

We have been blessed with an education, and with the chance to help others receive one. How great is our heavenly father in providing this opportunity!

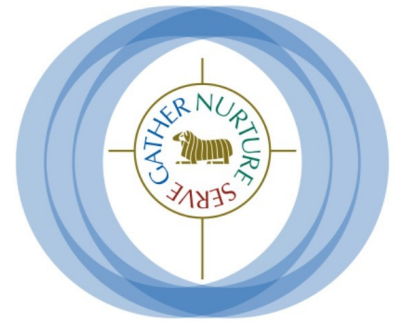
In 1820, only 12% of the world population could read. Today, only 17% cannot – what a beautiful gift! About 20% of adults in the U.S., however, cannot read well – contributing significantly to life issues. In Detroit, only 7% of students can read at grade level. In addition, the school system ranked the lowest in the nation for mathematic skills.

The Michigan District LWML chose to support tutoring efforts in Detroit as one of its grants for this biennium. Please consider assisting in this support this month!

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Add to the prayer list a prayer for those who benefit from the LWML grant.	Labor Day Read Proverbs 1:8. Mite box offering \$1.00	Think of a skill you would like to learn or improve.	Pray for children who need tutors. Mite box offering \$1.00	Spend time in Bible study.	See what school supplies are used by schools in your community.	See what is used in school kits of Lutheran World Relief.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Write a note of encouragement to the chair of the Education committee of your congregation.	Read Psalm 143:10. Mite box offering \$.50	Make a list of ways that could learn or improve a skill of your choice.	Pray for tutors. Mite box offering \$1.00	Spend time in Bible study.	When shopping, obtain some extra school supplies!	Give a gift of school supplies to a local school for students in need.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Make a treat for the Sunday School class.	Read I Timothy 2:1. Mite box offering \$.50	Work on improving a skill.	Pray for parents of children who need tutors. Mite box offering \$1.00	Spend time in Bible study.	Leave a mustard seed for someone in your household.	Contribute a school kit to Lutheran World Relief.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Write a note of encouragement to a Sunday School teacher.	Read Proverbs 23:26. Mite box offering \$.50	Work on improving a skill. Journal your progress!	Pray for continued support of tutoring programs. Mite box offering \$0.50	Spend time in Bible study.	Reflect on your favorite teacher from your youth. Mite box offering \$0,50	Check out the new partnership between LWR and IMA.
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Write a note of encouragement to one of the Bible study leaders in your congregation.	Read Psalm 25:4. Mite box offering \$.50	<p>In September, with the school year beginning we consider the students in The Connecting Kids to Christ Tutoring Project - \$25,000 (#10).</p> <p>Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of education! Amen</p>				

Mark Your Calendar: Renewing Our Shepherd Capital Campaign Update



RENEWING
Our Shepherd Lutheran
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September 7 & 8 Commitment and 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 7th4:45-5:45pm

Sunday, September 8th7:15-8:15am

Sunday, September 8th9:45-10:45am

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

SCHOOL’S IN SESSION! Our Shepherd's annual Back to School BBQ was a great success! Close to 370 people gathered at the school campus last Sunday to celebrate the opening of a new school year. Thanks to the PTL and all volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make this great event take place! All glory be to God!





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.



Moms
Next!

**MOMSnext is coming to
Our Shepherd Lutheran!**

Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th
Mondays of the month, at 9-11 am.
First meeting is September 9th, 2019
and continue through May.

We meet in the library of
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
2225 E. 14 Mile Road,
Birmingham, MI 48009

Speakers + Discussion
Activities on relevant topics

Interested? Questions? Ready to
register? email us at
momsnext@ourshepherd.net

Theme 2019-2020

to the full

**What is
MOMSNEXT?**

MomsNext is a community
of moms with school-aged
kids (elementary through
high school).

Meetings are a place where
conversations about
parenting, marriage and life
balancing build
relationships. Together we
dig into the deeper
questions of letting our kids
grow--then eventually go.

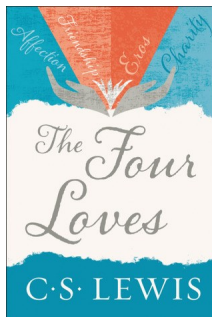
#thisismotherhood

MOPS.ORG

**Young Adult
Small Group Study**

We welcome you to join us for a fellow-
ship dinner/study at our home (15 min
east of Our Shepherd). We will be going
through "The Four Loves" by C.S. Lewis.

Meetings are every other Wednesday,
from 6:00-8:00pm. Our next meeting is
September 4. If interested, email Andrew
Tursic at andyroo573@gmail.com or
call/text (859) 907-9750.



What's Happening

confirmation orientation
Tuesday, September 3rd
6:30pm - Lower Level

first communion classes
Sunday, September 8th
12:30pm - Church Library

**PLEASE REGISTER
FOR BOTH EVENTS**
Details on our website's
"Youth Ministry" page

college students

Make sure you are on our list for the college
ministry program. Send contact information
to kaharper51@comcast.net. We need your
school name and address, email and phone
number. Blessings on your course of study!

new member classes
Sunday, September 29th
9:45am - Church Library

PLEASE REGISTER
Details on our website's
"Next Steps" page



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

Thanks to so many of Our Shepherd volunteers, this ministry to our neighbors at Family of God in Detroit has been a great success! Here are the scheduled dates for the remainder of this year.

Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, October 22
Tuesday, November 19
Tuesday, December 17

Contact Terry Hynes for details:
thynes2537@sbcglobal.net or 248-631-8369

Family of God Lutheran Church
www.fogdetroit.com

RECRUITING Youth Usher Team

Young men and women (eighth grade and up) are being recruited to take part in a new team. Ushering is a fun and easy and rewarding way to serve, while not requiring an outside time commitment. For information contact Josh Morrison at morri-son.joshua7@gmail.com.



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.

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

MUSIC

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

September

September 1~Sunday

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

September 2~Monday *Labor Day-Church Office Closed*

September 3~Tuesday

10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5
12:30pmWomen's Bible Study - Church Library
6:30pm..... Confirmation Orientation - Lower Level

September 4~Wednesday

10:00am..... Adult Bible Study - Church Library
6:30pm..... Women's Bible Study - Church Library

September 5~Thursday

6:30am..... Men's Bible Study - Church Library
10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5
7:30pm....Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Balcony

September 6~Friday

1:00pm..... Pinochle Club - Lower Level

September 7~Saturday

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

birthdays

August 31

Laurie Schewe
Mary Domenico

September 1

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

September 2

Mikaila Doede
Adreanna Brown
Olga Miller
Pat Landreth
Erin O'Keefe

September 3

Lauren Eshelby
Nancy Preece
Carlton Payne

September 4

Ryan Groth
Samantha Fairo
Marilyn Robertson
Carolynn Hilsinger
Diane Cairns
Michelle Schroff
Jill Hoegemeyer

September 5

Caleb Doede
Ed Wagner
Cindy Oliver
Tim Farah

September 6

Christian Newcomb
Sophie Atias
Dave Wagner

September 7

Jeff Bieber
Donna Beens

September 8

Ellen Woodfin
Randy Geralt

It is MITE WEEKEND!! The Mite Box is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary waiting to receive your monthly donations. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missions!

baptism birthdays

August 31

Judy Raetz
Meagan Halstead

September 1

Jim Anderson
Charlene Zink

September 2

Bella Schleede

September 3

(none)

September 4

Debbie Clow
Olivia Schleede

September 5

Jordan Seemann

September 6

Ed Berg
Eric Austin

September 7

Karli Sugg
Hunter Dillon

September 8

Ella Schultz



The image shows a purple banner for LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission). On the left, there is a photo of a 'Mite Box' with a hand placing a coin into it. The banner contains the following text:

LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

The Mighty Mite Box!

WHAT IS THE BOX FOR?
THE 75 YEAR PURPOSE
OF LWML - MISSION

Deposit mites the first full weekend of each month!

Find our Mission Mite box on the back table in the Sanctuary.