

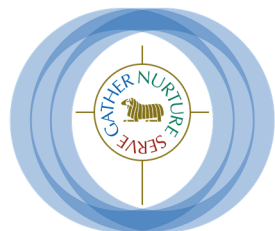
September 7-8, 2019 | Weekly Newsletter of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Welcome *notes &* news

... worship theme ...

“CHOOSE LIFE” Deuteronomy 30:15-20 - Today life and death are set before us. The stink of death and despair can become overwhelming, but we do not need to give up hope. Life lived only as a matter of obedience stinks. Commit this day to live life in the promises of God, and you will discover in all moments of life the joy of God. The good and the bad and the wrong and everything in-between will become a moment of hope when we trust the life and love of God to be at work. With a heart opened by the Spirit of God and lips loosed by the love of God - choose life, choose hope, choose promise. How can we make this choice for life and love? Only by believing that Jesus Christ speaks life and love into the eyes of the brokenhearted.

... commitment weekend - now is the time! ...



RENEWING
Our Shepherd Lutheran
CHURCH • SCHOOL • CHILDCARE

Now is the time to make your commitment to the Renewing Our Shepherd Lutheran Capital Campaign. We are asking all members who have not yet made their gift commitments to please do so today. We need all of you to make our campaign a success. Every gift makes a difference.

Please stop by the West Wing Childcare Classrooms 2 and 5 after any worship service to visit with a campaign representative and make your commitment. Thank you, and God bless you for your support.

SPOTLIGHT

Kids of the Rock . . . Sunday School Fall Rotation starts this Sunday, “Six Days of Creation”. Children ages 3 through 6th grade are eligible for Sunday School; we meet in the Lower Level. Thank you to Kim Kern, director, and faithful volunteers who teach our children as they are nurtured in God’s Word. Lizzie Nimtze (Little Lambs-Preschool), Julia and Mat Alder (Paul’s Tent-drama & games), Suzan Barbe (Lydia’s Loom-arts & crafts), Jessica Merz (Martha’s Kitchen-learning with food), Jessica Siefker (Micah’s Movies-video lessons), Linda Fairo (GLOW-God’s Love Our Witness-grades 5-6).

New this year: register your children online at:
<http://ourshepherd.net/sunday-school-registration>

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

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!

Thirteenth 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.....605
"Father Welcomes"

SCRIPTURE READINGS:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-35

SERMON HYMN.....853
"How Clear is our Vocation, Lord"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"427
"Take My Life and Let it Be"783
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross425

CLOSING HYMN660
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Participants in Worship

PREACHERRev. Dr. Evan Gaertner
LITURGISTRev. Mike Vieregge
SATURDAY MUSICIANS:
Jannah Garback | Dan Gross | Pete Zajicek
SUNDAY ORGANISTTodd Sager

Church Attendance

(Last weekend)

Saturday 6:00pm 75
Sunday 8:30am 92
Sunday 11:00am222
Weekend Total389

From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed
AUGUST \$ 107,311

Date	Envelope & Plate
Aug 4	\$ 18,100
Aug 11	\$ 38,505
Aug 18	\$ 23,577
Aug 25	\$ 53,305
TOTAL	\$ 133,487

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

Campaign Messenger

Renewing Our Shepherd Lutheran Campaign
Issue 4 | September 8, 2019

This is Commitment Weekend!

This is Commitment Weekend, the culmination of our Renewing Our Shepherd Campaign. We are now asking all those who have not yet pledged to our campaign to please make your gift commitment this weekend.

Many volunteers have been recruited and will start reaching out to members who have not yet made gift commitments - either in their homes or by phone - to ask them to do their part and prayerfully consider their campaign gift commitment.

Please open your hearts and homes to this dedicated group and listen thoughtfully and thoroughly to their request. Then, please do your very best in the way of a gift.



If you'd like to save us a call or trip to your home, you may stop by the West Wing Childcare classrooms 2 and 5 after any worship service this weekend.

These same volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and to gratefully accept your gift decision, whatever it may be. Please do your part to help make our campaign a success and do your very best in the way of a three-year pledge.

The very future of our faith community in many ways depends on everyone's generous response. Thank you and God bless you for your support!

Follow Up Activities Set



We hope to connect with everyone we can this weekend to offer an opportunity to give to our campaign. For those we do not hear from, our volunteers will follow up either in person or by phone over the next few weeks. During these conversations our volunteers will more fully explain our campaign effort and invite everyone to make an investment.

Our plan is to contact all members and friends of our church in the most personal way possible. We want to be sure that everyone has the chance to learn about this exciting and essential effort, and to make their gift commitment.

In the ensuing weeks, all those who

have done their part and made campaign gifts will have their name listed in a special bulletin insert. If you would like to be included on this special list, please do your part and make your gift.

Everyone's support is needed. All gifts are greatly appreciated and play a large part in determining our campaign's overall success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commitment Weekend
September 7 & 8

Celebration Weekend
October 5 & 6



Financial News

Our Campaign's purpose is to raise the funds required to complete needed repairs to our church and school.

A *minimum goal* of \$1,500,000 has been established, which will enable us to replace our roofs and the single pane windows on our buildings at both campuses, replace

failing HVAC systems, improve our parking lots and add security lighting on both campuses. A challenge goal of \$2,500,000 also has been set which, if met, will enable us to finish the proposed projects without lingering debt.

Minimum Goal
\$1,500,000
Challenge Goal
\$2,500,000

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God has bestowed on you.”

· Deut. 16:16-17 ·

Gifts Needed

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this Chart of Gifts illustrates:

Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum Needed	# Received	Total Received
\$300,000 or more	1	\$300,000	0	\$0.00
\$150,000 - \$299,999	2	\$300,000	1	\$200,000
\$75,000 - \$149,999	4	\$300,000	2	\$200,000
\$50,000 - \$74,999	6	\$300,000	1	\$50,000
\$25,000 - \$49,999	12	\$300,000	8	\$282,000
\$10,000 - \$24,999	30	\$300,000	13	\$185,000
\$5,000 - \$9,999	60	\$300,000	6	\$43,000
Less than \$5,000	121	\$400,000	7	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$2,500,000	38	\$980,000

We need a broad base of support and a few fairly substantial gifts in order to assure our campaign's success.

Now, not everyone is in a position to make one of these top-tier gifts (like those listed under Giving Opportunities). But if you can, do what other's can't.

Then watch in awe at our wondrous results.

Wondrous Results Require Top-Tier Gifts



Giving Opportunities

There are a number of special giving opportunities available to donors of qualifying gift amounts. These show what the church can do with gifts of various levels. They also allow for the unique chance to dedicate a gift in honor or memory of someone.

Item prices are not necessarily reflective of their actual costs but, rather, are based on the item's prominence, our needs, and our community's gift abilities. Although these gift contributions may be made over the three-year giving period, recognition will be given when the gift is received in full.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

· 1 Peter 4:10 ·

Infrastructure Gift Opportunities

Roof – School Building	\$ 290,000
HVAC System – School Building and Gym	\$ 150,000
Roof – School Gym	\$ 135,000
Roof – Church classrooms	\$ 75,000
HVAC System – Church West Wing	\$ 75,000
Security Cameras – Church	\$ 25,000
Security Cameras – School	\$ 25,000
Parking Lot Lighting – Church	\$ 20,000
Single-Pane Windows – School (25 rooms)	\$ 12,000 each
<u>Single-Pane Windows – Church (11 rooms)</u>	\$ 8,000 each
Parking Lot Spaces – School (100)	\$ 1,000 each
Parking Lot Spaces – Church (230)	\$ 1,000 each

Church Facility Gift Opportunities

Organ Restoration	\$ 500,000
AV Improvements/Live-Streaming	\$ 50,000
Sanctuary – Lighting	\$ 25,000
Atrium – Sanctuary Doors with Windows	\$ 25,000
Sanctuary Carpeting	\$ 25,000
Lower Level	
Ceiling Tiles and Wallcovering	\$ 25,000
Carpeting	\$ 25,000
Classroom Bathrooms (25)	\$ 10,000 each

Giving Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in regular offerings and contributions. Gifts can be made in a variety of ways.

Pledges

Pledges payable over three years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright, and are therefore essential to meeting our goal and potential. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward the total pledge is encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are another way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider *in kind* gifts such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; real estate such as land, homes, or vacation and rental properties; or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry, and antiques.

Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another way to support our cause. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now but will not be received until later. These can include gifts through a will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and trust arrangements.

Every Gift Makes a Difference



While gifts may come in various shapes and sizes,
each gift to our capital campaign makes a difference.

So, please join with all of the others who have already
given and give your gift today — right away.

With it, our campaign will be more successful and
complete. Without it, there's a noticeable difference.

PRAYER

In Need of Prayer

Irene *friend of Veters, recovering from liver transplant*
 Eric Brushaber *friend of Bob Johnson*
 Dutcher family *friends of Pfeiffers*
 Jan Haezebrouck
 Al Kroening
 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*
 Fred Wilkerson
 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*
 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*
 Marilyn Pape *friend of McCaffreys, lung cancer*
 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

Shirley Brushaber *friend of Bob Johnson*
 Jim Currie

In the Military

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

ETERNAL VICTORY



Anne Rouce
 Born June 3, 1931
 Called Home August 30, 2019
 Mother of Jeff Rouce (Christine);
 Grandmother of Evan and Elisabeth



Robert E. Kohs
 Born March 29, 1929
 Called Home September 1, 2019
 Father of Bob Kohs (Carol) and
 Cheryl Kohs (Chuck Melekian)



It's a Girl!

Amelia Gertrude Bender
 7lb 2oz ~ 20 inches long
 Born September 1, 2019

Parents: Stephen & Jennifer Bender
 Big Brothers: Charlie and Henry

ALTAR FLOWERS



In Honor of
 Dan and Cindi Hodgman's
 20th Wedding Anniversary
 September 12th

September

September 8~Sunday

7:15am and 9:45amPrayer Vigils - Sanctuary
8:30am and 11:00am..... Worship - Sanctuary
9:45am..... Bible Education Hour and Sunday School
9:45am..... Confirmation Class - Church Gym
12:30pm First Communion Class - Church Library

September 9~Monday

9:00am Moms Next - Church Library
6:30pm..... Board of Resources - Dave's Office
7:30pm..... Board of Elders - Church Library

September 10~Tuesday

10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5
6:30pm..... PTL Curriculum Night - School MPR

September 11~Wednesday

9:00am MOPS Enrichment - Lower Level
10:00am..... Adult Bible Study - Church Library
6:30pm..... Women's Bible Study - Church Library
6:30pm.....Call Committee - Lower Level

September 12~Thursday

6:30am Men's Bible Study - Church Library
9:30am..... Women's Lifelight Study - Church Library
10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5
6:00pm..... Child Care|Preschool Staff - Lower Level
7:30pm.....Senior Choir Rehearsal - Church Balcony

September 13~Friday

September 14~Saturday

7:00am Northstar Scout Training - Lower Level
6:00pm.....Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary

Education Hour at 9:45am this Sunday
is filled with new beginnings!

- Sunday School Fall Rotation starts - "6 Days of Creation".
Preschool- 6th grade meets in the lower level.
- Youth Confirmation meets in the church gym.
- Teen Bible Study meets in the Teen Room.
- Adult Bible study begins a new study on the "Five Love Languages" in the lower level.

So many wonderful moments of God at work will be visible
this Sunday at Our Shepherd.

birthdays

September 7

Jeff Bieber
Donna Beens

September 8

Ellen Woodfin
Randy Geralt

September 9

Brett Almany
Heather Lower

September 10

Brooklynn Ussery
Carl English

September 11

Emily Johnson

September 12

Max Vollmert
Sharon Splittstoesser
Mary Rocz

September 13

Conner Lemke
Jenny Gordon
Nicole Hanson

September 14

Chris Vieregge
Emma Quirk
Roger Cato
Robin Richer
Erin Zimmerman

September 15

Mandy Marsili

baptism birthdays

September 7

Karli Sugg
Hunter Dillon

September 8

Ella Schultz

September 9

Mike Michalski

September 10

Dorothy Dixon
Steve Woodfin
Debbie Pierce

September 11

Jonathan Durr

September 12

Debbie Jones
Abbey Grieser
Brooklyn Pratt

September 13

Adrienne Sager
Brandon Davis

September 14

Liana Peitsch

September 15

Dick Zuehlke
Joey Morrison

