

September 14-15, 2019 | Weekly Newsletter of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

notes & news

Welcome

... worship theme ...

“LOST AND FOUND” Luke 15:1-10 ~ Some self-righteous punks, Pharisees and scribes, grumbled because Jesus welcomed sinners to his table and ate with them. So Jesus told a couple of parables that illustrate the persistent love of God to search for what was lost so that they will be found. This weekend we will look at two stories about the lost being found. We will rejoice that the one lost sheep was found by the shepherd that left the ninety-nine. The other story for this weekend is about the woman who searched doggedly until she found her lost coin. There is more theological importance to these stories than the assumption that the shepherd and woman should have bought a Tile to send out Bluetooth signals. This weekend rejoice that the mission of God is to seek and to save the lost. .

... capital campaign update ...

We have surpassed our minimum goal of \$1.5 million and are on the way toward our challenge goal of \$2.5 million. So far, 91 families have made pledges to our campaign “Renewing Our Shepherd” with more are expected. Volunteers will be reaching out to the families who have not yet considered a commitment in the coming weeks. Many members volunteered - some for different tasks in addition to their primary role - and have worked hard to bring us to this point. Above all, we thank God for His provision, and for His Word springing forth in the generosity of His people. He is lovingly providing for His church to go forward confidently into the future, trusting in Him to gather, nurture, and serve us, because Jesus loves.

S P O T L I G H T



Summer Challenge Results ~ Congratulations to the Merz family for winning the 2019 Summer Challenge! This family racked up points by reading chapters in the Bible, praying for their pastors and teachers, and attending church and Sunday school on a regular basis. They will enjoy a pizza outing at Crispelli's with the Nimtzes! Also, congratulations to the Atias family for having their tally sheet drawn from the hat for a Crispelli's gift card. Finally, special thanks to the Gaertner, Siefker, Kamm, Hall (Tom), and Perrault families for participating! Stay tuned for the Advent Challenge which is just around the corner!

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

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churchoffice@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!

Fourteenth 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.....915
"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ezekiel 34:11-24
1 Timothy 1:5-17
Luke 15:1-10

SERMON HYMN.....609
"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"709
"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"740
"By Grace I'm Saved".....566

CLOSING HYMN802
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Participants in Worship

PREACHERRev. Dr. Evan Gaertner
LITURGISTRev. Steve Woodfin
SATURDAY MUSICIANS:
Jannah Garback | Alex Wilson
SUNDAY ORGANIST Scott VanOrnum
SUNDAY MUSIC 8:30am: Senior Choir
11:00am: 3-8th Grade Choirs

Church Attendance

(Last weekend)

Saturday 6:00pm 81
Sunday 8:30am..... 114
Sunday 11:00am 239
Weekend Total..... 434

From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed
SEPTEMBER \$ 107,311

Date	Envelope & Plate
Sept 1	\$ 18,374
Sept 8	\$ 27,610

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
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*
Eric Brushaber *friend of Bob Johnson*
Rachel Cash *daughter of Rick & Marilyn Lane, surgery 9/10 to repair severely fractured ankle and leg*
Dutcher family *friends of Pfeiffers*
Jan Haezebroeck
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*

ETERNAL VICTORY

Carol Miller

Born April 28, 1959

Called Home September 9, 2019

THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks to the Our Shepherd family, my Mary Martha sisters, and Wednesday Adult Bible Class for their prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food during my sister June's fatal illness. A special thanks to Pastor Ray and Sandi Scherbarth and Pastor Steve and Kim Woodfin for visiting with Holy Communion. Hats off to the luncheon committee for the delicious meal prepared for my family and friends.

God's blessings, May Aird

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*
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 Pope *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 Nimtze
Jacob Rebecca
Sarah Steele
Nic Stroeters
Roger VanVechten
Tyler Volz
Kara White

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

VOTING TO CALL A SECOND GRADE TEACHER AND A YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE WORKER

Sunday, September 22, 12:15pm

The agenda for this meeting is available at the Welcome Center (posted September 8). We will vote on two items:

1. To extend a divine call to Mrs. Susan Grams, currently serving our school as 2nd grade teacher. Because of the timing of staffing changes this summer, Mrs. Grams has been serving on a contract. We now have opportunity to extend her a divine call to serve as the 2nd grade teacher at Our Shepherd.
2. To extend a divine call to a candidate to serve as the Assistant Director of Spiritual Education and Service. This person will serve a youth and family life worker. The call committee will meet this Wednesday to determine the slate for the meeting on Sept 22. Information about the candidate will be available by this weekend and also presented at the voter's meeting.



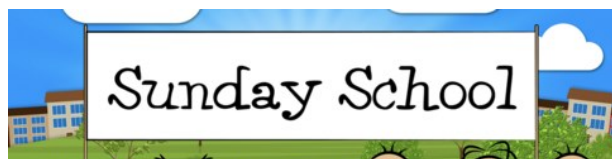
We are committed
to nurturing one another through the
study of God's word, Christian education,
and living life together. We accomplish this
by engaging in small groups and supporting
one another through life's circumstances.

Take to Nurture

This week's focus:

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise you for your youth,
but set the believers an example in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.



School is back in session and so is Sunday School. **ALL WE NEED IS YOUR CHILDREN!**
We welcome all children ages 3 through Grade 6 and any adults who love to work with
children. We gather in the Lower Level every Sunday morning at 9:45am.

Children age 3 through Pre-K meet in the Little Lamb's room. Kindergarten through 4th grade
take part in the rotation and meet by the stage. Grades 5 and 6 will meet in the GLOW room.

Our first rotation is called the Six days of creation and runs until October 6th. We welcome the
following volunteers as our faithful teachers. Julia and Mat Alder - Paul's Tent (drama and
theme games); Suzan Barbe - Lydia's Loom (arts and crafts); Jessica Merz - Martha's Kitchen
(food involved lessons); Jessica Siefker - Micah's Movies (videos and lessons); Linda Fairo -
GLOW (God's Love Our Witness); Lizzie Nimtz - Little Lamb's (Preschool); Kim Kern - Opening.

Next Sunday, we will have a special group lesson on prayer led by our Capital Campaign
prayer warriors. Come join the FUN!!

What's Happening

new member classes

Sunday, September 29th

9:45am - Church Library

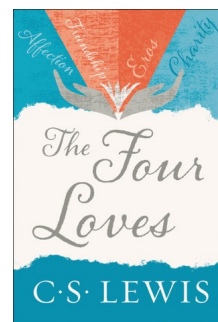
PLEASE REGISTER

Details on our website's

"Next Steps" page

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. If interested, email
Andrew Tursic (andyroo573@gmail.com)
or call/text (859) 907-9750.



School NEWS



Lutheran High Northwest

Are you weighing options for high school for your son or daughter? GET THE SCOOP on Lutheran Northwest at our Open House for prospective families Wednesday, 9/18, from 6:30-8:30pm. Stop in, tour the school, enjoy some FREE ICE CREAM & meet our awesome staff! Hear first-hand about the life-changing difference of a Lutheran education from some of our amazing students. Learn about exciting new programs including Interim & Leadership Development! This event is open to families of all grade levels, so please join us & discover how the Crusaders are LEARNING FOR LIFE! LEADING IN TRUTH!

Visit www.lutherannorthwest.com and follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @LuthNorthwest

Trunk or Treat

You are invited to our third annual Trunk or Treat Event, Friday, October 25th from 5:30-7:30pm in the church parking lot. Details to follow in the upcoming weeks!

WE ARE IN NEED OF DECORATED TRUNKS! If you would like to decorate your car, please fill out the registration form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/BnRXM1JCXq4UwngT7>

You are asked to provide a minimum of 500 pieces of candy & a non-edible option. Questions regarding trunk decorating or volunteering, please contact:

Missy Macavage
(248) 645-0551

admissions@ourshepherd.net



LHNW Homecoming Friday, September 27th, 5:00pm tailgate

Lutheran Northwest invites alumni and grade school families to Homecoming 2019! Football team will play Southfield Christian at 7:00pm, but that's just part of the fun! Come for the Tail Gate at 5:00pm and for the K-8 Punt, Pass & Kick Competition from 5-6 (every participant gets a free t-shirt & top 3 in each age category will be awarded trophies during the game's 1st quarter break); visit the Future Crusader tent for freebies & fun activities; watch the teams warm up starting at 6:00pm; share in the halftime excitement as the King & Queen are crowned & elementary age children are allowed on the field with footballs; and enjoy a post-game reception with cider & donuts. ALL children K-8 get in free. Alums, we'll also be recognizing the Classes of 1989, 1999 & 2009 so round up your classmates for a reunion! Check out the details of this and other events at www.lutherannorthwest.com/events.



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.

Volunteer. Engage. Support.

Get INVOLVED



FAMILY OF GOD

www.fogdetroit.com

OS will provide another meal at Family of God (FoG) church this Tuesday, September 17th.

Needed:

- 1) 3-4 helpers to do food prep at 3:00pm in the OS kitchen
- 2) Drivers and others to go to Family of God about 5pm to serve, and mingle. Dinner begins promptly at 6:15pm
- 3) At least 4 volunteers to travel back to OS around 8:00pm and help Terry Hynes with clean up!

More opportunities to serve meals at FoG:

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

Contact Terry Hynes for details:

thynes2537@sbcglobal.net or 248-631-8369



OAKLAND LITERACY COUNCIL

Oakland Literacy Council

The OLC is a non-profit organization offering free, one-on-one tutoring to adults seeking basic literacy or English as a second language. Despite the affluence of Oakland County, approximately 100,000 residents are estimated to be functionally illiterate. These adults are unable to perform daily tasks you and I take for granted, such as writing a job application, deciphering a prescription label or reading to a child. The OLC wants to change that.

With a waiting list of over 100 students, we need more volunteer tutors. No experience is necessary. We will train you. Volunteers attend a six-hour training session at the Bloomfield Hills location and are then matched with a student who lives near them. Tutors commit to working with their student for two hours each week at either the local public library, a coffee shop or other public location. If you are interested, upcoming training sessions are on October 19th and November 20th.

Contact Tina Norton, Tutor Coordinator
43700 Woodward Ave, Suite 20
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-253-1617 office
tina.n@oaklandliteracy.com
www.oaklandliteracy.com



Church Extension Fund

Thank you to Gail Moine for serving as our awesome CEF coordinator! Gail is ready to step down and train someone new for this joy-filled task. It requires about 1 hour a week. It is a great program getting children to learn how to save and support the work of Missouri Synod churches. Gail will provide "training", it's very easy and tremendously rewarding. Please contact Gail if interested. (gmoine4@wowway.com or call 248-583-1841). Thank you!

You're Invited!



Luther
the Rock Opera
Words and Music by
Lost And Found
based on
Luther, the graphic novel
by **Dr. Rich Melheim**
with images and illustrations
by **Jonathan Koelsch & Sherwin Schwartzrock**

Come hear the story of Martin Luther and the start of the Reformation, like you've never heard it before.
Lost And Found perform their original songs along with 300 images from the graphic novel to set the scenes.

Monday, Oct 21, 2019
7:00pm
OUR SHEPHERD CHURCH
2225 East 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI
\$10/person or \$20 max/family

Free Admission for Our Shepherd members, school & child care families. Get tickets from the church or school office, or at the Welcome Center starting the end of September.

Camp Restore Detroit
Restoring Hope

Camp Restore Detroit Fundraiser

Camp Restore Detroit (CRD) was established in late 2016 with the mission of demonstrating hope while working together to restore our Detroit community. In 2018, CRD had more than 25 groups of campers stay at Mt. Calvary for a total of approx 2,000 "camper nights" (i.e. hotel nights). The camper volunteers accomplished so much - helping homeowners in the area with projects, helping clean up blight in the area, working at nursing homes and missions for at risk children, plus helping with numerous Vacation Bible School programs at Mt. Calvary and sister congregations! For up to date information on these activities, please check out the Camp Restore Detroit section of Mt. Calvary's website at www.mtcalvarydetroit.org.

You are invited to the Camp Restore Detroit Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, October 13 from 4:00-7:00pm. This event will be held at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 23801 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, MI. Your donation of \$25 includes \$10 for dinner and \$15 donation to CRD. There will be a silent auction as part of the fundraiser with many items that may be of interest to you.

To donate items for the silent auction, please contact Susan Riske (riskese@comcast.net or 586-286-0025). Please include a list of the contents of any gift basket(s) donated and the total cost of the items included.

Make reservations by calling 313-527-3366 by Monday, September 30.

September

LET'S celebrate

birthdays

September 15~Sunday

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 16~Monday

6:30pm.....Mary Martha Meeting - Church Library
6:30pm.....Board of Finance - WW Conf Rm

September 17~Tuesday

10:00am.....Quilting - Lower Level Rm 5
12:30pm Women's Bible Study - Church Library
2:00pm.....Family of God Food Prep - Church Kitchen
6:30pm.....Child Care Board - WW Conf Rm

September 18~Wednesday

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

September 19~Thursday

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

September 20~Friday

September 21~Saturday

7:00am.....Men of Integrity Bible Study - Lower Level
6:00pm.....Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary

College Ministry

As we have done in the past, goodie boxes will be packed and mailed mid-October to our college students, along with a letter of encouragement from the pastor. Please help us fill their goodie boxes! You may leave items in the church library marked COLLEGE MINISTRY by October 13th. Suggested donations:

Chewy granola bars, snack size candy bars, packs of gum, individual packages of cookies, cocoa, chips or pretzels, microwave popcorn, fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, instant oatmeal and Kleenex.

Thank You!

September 14

Chris Vieregge
Emma Quirk
Roger Cato
Robin Richer
Erin Zimmerman

September 15

Mandy Marsili

September 16

Tristan Hall

September 17

Roger Felax
Dan Miller
Christine Earl
Matt Newcomb

September 18

Mark Joseph
Anna Zimmerman
Ronda Klausmeier
John Klausmeier

September 19

Bree Voss
Clyde Splittstoesser
Stephanie Atias
Christian Woodfin

September 20

Madeline Lawrence
Jeanette Meraw

September 21

Howard Adams

September 22

Olivia Smith
Jane Poyhonen
Henry Bender
Dave Beens
Mark Moine
MacKenzie Mills

baptism birthdays

September 14

Liana Peitsch

September 15

Dick Zuehlke
Joey Morrison

September 16

George Felker
Ruthann Flint
David McDaniel

September 17

Norm Sparks
Laura Krahn
Hannah Hall
Sydney Vollmert

September 18

Nancy Preece
Lucas Gaertner

September 19

Lauren Moine

September 20

Paul Schroff
Jim Oswald
Kim Lemke
Carlton Payne

September 21

Glen Nelson

September 22

(none)