

# notes & NEWS

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS (details inside!)

October 21	October 23	October 25	October 28
<b>LUTHER: THE ROCK OPERA</b>	<b>FAMILY OF GOD PREP/SERVE DINNER</b>	<b>HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT</b>	<b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b>

... welcome hannah walsh! ...

October 3, 2019

Our Shepherd Lutheran  
2225 E 14 Mile Rd.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

To the members of Our Shepherd Lutheran  
Church and Pastor Gaertner,

It is with excitement and joy that I write you to notify you of my acceptance to serve as the Youth and Family Ministry Leader at Our Shepherd Lutheran. This decision was reached after many hours of prayerful consideration, discussion with godly advisors who know me and leaders of your congregation and I know that the Lord has led me to serve with you.

Our conversations have been both encouraging and a blessing to me. I look forward to the ministry to which God has called me as well as the opportunity to serve among his people at Our Shepherd.

I appreciate all the time you have taken to speak with me regarding this position and the prayers that you have offered on my behalf. I can assure you that I will serve faithfully according to the gifts with which God has blessed me.

In Christ, *Hannah Walsh*





**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.

### Welcome Visitors!

We pray you are strengthened in your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ as you worship with us. Please fill out the “Guest” side of an attendance card located in the pew racks and pass it to the center aisle during the offering so we can get to know you better. If you wish to commune, please read our statement of faith on the laminated pew card God’s blessings on your time with us and look forward to seeing you again.

### Regular Worship Schedule

Contemporary Saturdays  
at 6:00pm

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

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

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### From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed  
**SEPTEMBER \$ 107,311**

Date	Envelope & Plate
Sept 1	\$ 18,374
Sept 8	\$ 27,610
Sept 15	\$ 19,249
Sept 22	\$ 13,918
Sept 29	\$ 36,749
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 115,900</b>

### Where to Find Information

The Notes and News monthly newsletter will be distributed the first weekend of each month. The newsletter will be available online throughout the month, also at the Welcome Center or under the “Gather, Nurture, Serve” sign on the slat wall outside the Sanctuary doors. This area is our Information Center. You will find our prayer bulletin, a listing of monthly birthdays and baptism birthdays, a calendar of events and more! We encourage you to visit the Information Center every week.

### Notes & News Deadlines

Articles due on or before the 25th of each month. **NO CLASSIFIED ADS PLEASE.**

Email: [publications@ourshepherd.net](mailto:publications@ourshepherd.net)

Text: 248-672-8248

Articles are subject to editing.

*Katie Priskorn, Editor*



### Giving made easy

Text “give” to 248-430-4403

Kindrid | Give.Church makes it easy to schedule regular donations. Click on “Give” at [ourshepherd.net](http://ourshepherd.net), or text “give” to our dedicated giving number (above). It’s easy to change your gift and giving dates at any time.

### Church Attendance

Aug 31 - 6:00pm ..... 75  
Sept 1 - 8:30am ..... 92  
Sept 1 - 11:00am ..... 222  
Weekend Total ..... 389

Sept 7 - 6:00pm ..... 81  
Sept 8 - 8:30am ..... 114  
Sept 8 - 11:00am ..... 239  
Weekend Total ..... 434

Sept 14 - 6:00pm ..... 80  
Sept 15 - 8:30am ..... 140  
Sept 15 - 11:00am ..... 276  
Weekend Total ..... 496

Sept 21 - 6:00pm ..... 115  
Sept 22 - 8:30am ..... 124  
Sept 22 - 11:00am ..... 257  
Weekend Total ..... 496

Sept 28 - 6:00pm ..... 69  
Sept 29 - 8:30am ..... 121  
Sept 29 - 11:00am ..... 228  
Weekend Total ..... 418

## ALTAR FLOWERS



**OCTOBER 6**  
In Honor of  
George & Linda Bagdasarian  
50th Wedding Anniversary



**OCTOBER 13**  
In Honor of  
Ray and Sandi Scherbarth's  
15th Wedding Anniversary  
October 15th



**OCTOBER 20**  
In Honor of  
Marv and Elaine Ihnen's  
28th Wedding Anniversary  
October 19th

## BOOKSTORE

### NEW HOURS

Our Bookstore is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm (please come to the church office and we will assist you!) The Bookstore will no longer be open on Sunday mornings. Any questions, call 248-646-6100 or email [bookstore@ourshepherd.net](mailto:bookstore@ourshepherd.net).

## WEDDING

*Haley Shields and Jacob Klausmeier*  
To be joined in Holy Marriage  
October 26, 2019

Son of John and Veronica Klausmeier  
Nephew of Howard and Ronda Klausmeier

# 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

## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



Deposit mites the  
first full weekend  
of each month!

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

**Free Admission for Our Shepherd members, school & child care families.**  
Tickets available at the church or school office, or at the Welcome Center.



## 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.



### Fall Small Group Bible Study Campaign

The mission of Our Shepherd Lutheran is to **Gather**, **Nurture**, and **Serve** because Jesus loves. Small Group Bible Studies offer a great opportunity for **gathering**, **nurturing**, and **servicing**. A Small Group is a group of people who gather regularly for the purpose of growing in their relationship in Christ, often through Bible Study.

Jesus modeled the importance of small groups in His relationship with the twelve apostles. The early church carried this tradition on when they, "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer." Acts 2:42. Consider joining a small group as a Leader/Facilitator, Host, Participant, or Ambassador. A leader facilitates the study and discussion . . .

**Leader/Facilitator** - will be trained and are not expected to have all answers to every question.

**Host** - open their home and provides hospitality and refreshments. (The Leader may also serve as Host)

**Participant** - join and regularly attend small group.

**Ambassador** - represent small group ministry in the congregation and community.

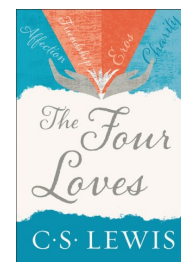
Denis Agosta is one individual who stepped out in faith to serve as a small group leader, and his wife, Val, is the host. Having never facilitated a small group before, Denis shared, "Just push past the fear and do it. When you lead or teach, you are the invariably the one who ends up learning. You don't have to be a Bible expert, believe me, I'm not; but we all end up learning together."

For more information, contact Mark Nimtzm at [nimtzm@ourshepherd.net](mailto:nimtzm@ourshepherd.net) or Josh Gottschling at [jgottschling@gmail.com](mailto:jgottschling@gmail.com).

## Young Adult Small Group Study

We welcome you to join us for a fellowship dinner and bible study at our home (15 min east of Our Shepherd). We are studying "The Four Loves" by C.S. Lewis. Meetings are every other Wednesday, from 6:00-8:00pm. Next meetings are October 16th and 30th. Email Andrew Tursic ([andyroo573@gmail.com](mailto:andyroo573@gmail.com)) or call/text (859) 907-9750.

Join Us



## Women's Retreat

When: November 1-3 (Fri-Sun)  
Where: Maryville Retreat Center  
18307 Taylor Lake Rd, Holly  
Cost: \$190 - Full Weekend  
(Includes Room & Meals)  
\$85 - Saturday Only  
(Includes Meals)

"Created for His Glory"  
based on Isaiah 43:7



Valerie Matyas  
Visual Faith Coach  
[www.visualfaithmin.org](http://www.visualfaithmin.org)



Come for the weekend, one night or just for the day. Pricing based on double rooms; single rooms are available for additional \$50. All rooms have a private bath. Full weekend includes dinner Friday, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Saturday only includes 3 meals on Saturday.

Registration is available online  
[www.ourshepherd.net](http://www.ourshepherd.net)



We welcome 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.

Our current rotation is "The days of Creation". Join our Campfire Openings with music led by Alex Wilson. We thank our teachers Jessica Merz, Sue Barbe, Mat & Julia Alder, Linda Fairo, and Lizzie Nintz who leads our littlest lambs (age 3-PreK) in learning more about their Lord. Come join the FUN! Questions, please contact Kim Kern, Director of Children's Ministry (kernk@ourshepherd.net).

OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
**TRUNK or Treat**  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH  
 5:30PM-7:30PM  
 OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 2225 EAST 14 MILE RD. BIRMINGHAM, MI  
 JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREATING, PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES  
 & FUN FOR ALL AGES!  
 FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE - NO SCARY THEMES  
 VISIT OURSHEPHERD.NET TO REGISTER A TRUNK!  
 Questions, please contact Missy Macavage  
 (248) 645-0551 or admissions@ourshepherd.net



Cross Country  
(Oliver Poyhonen)



Student Council



Soccer



JV Volleyball

**School NEWS**

School faculty and staff were asked to pick "ONE WORD" to focus on for the school year. It helps us to be intentional and focus our words and deeds. It is part of our prayers. Each staff member's photo and word are on display in the front hallway showcase on the school campus.

Our School is blessed to have an active Student Council. These 4th-8th graders, and their sponsors Mrs. Peper / Mrs. Kelso, volunteer to help with school events such as Trunk or Treat, Fall Harvest Night, and the Giving Tree. Class Representatives and Officers are: 4th Grade-Jackson Heisner & Andrew Kulikowski; 5th Grade-Canaan Baker & Lucy Novak; 6th Grade-Ella Heisner & Addison Troska; 7th Grade-Ashley Cadicamo & Arden Baker; 8th Grade-Grace Novak, Cameron Simpson, Sophia Alder, Hannah Merz, & Tori Kern.

Fall sports teams are off to a great start! Our soccer team placed 2nd at the LHNW tournament & Cole Bieber was named to the All Tournament Team. Girls Volleyball placed 3rd. Sophia Alder & Lorelai Gallo were named to the All Tournament Team. Our cross country team has been successful in recent meets at Spencer Park and Lutheran North. And our JV Volleyball team made it to the Semi-Final match at the Trinity Utica Tournament.



## 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

www.fogdetroit.com

Our ministry to feed the community at Family of God Lutheran Church:

NOTE!! October event date has been changed! It will take place Wednesday, October 23rd.

Needed: 3-4 helpers for food prep at 3:30pm in the OS kitchen; many drivers and others to go to Family of God about 5pm to serve, and mingle. Dinner begins promptly at 6:15pm; at least 2 volunteers to come back to OS around 8:00pm and help Terry Hynes with clean up.

Future opportunities to serve meals at FoG:  
Tuesday, November 19  
Tuesday, December 17

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

## BLOOD + DRIVE

Monday, October 28th

Lower Level from 1:00-7:00pm

Pre-register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call Beth at 248-760-0468. Remember to drink plenty of fluids, but not tea, the few days before donating. Also, try and eat iron rich foods to prepare for giving blood. Many thanks for all of the support over the last year and all of the lives that have been saved because of your generosity. The next Our Shepherd Blood Drive will be in January 2020.

Beth Jagnecki, OS Coordinator

## College Ministry

As we have done in the past, boxes will be packed and mailed mid-October to our college students, along with a letter of encouragement from the pastor. We need donations! Items may be left 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!

## LWML FALL BREAKFAST 2019



"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" Titus 3:5

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**

**Huntington Woods Lutheran Church**

12935 W. Eleven Mile Road,  
Huntington Woods, MI, 48070

**9AM-12PM**

Registration begins at 8:30AM

**Cost: \$7 per person**

Fresh fruit, breakfast casseroles, and vegetarian options

**FEATURED SPEAKER: MATTHEW HEISE**



LUTHERAN  
HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION

We will be taking a collection for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Please RSVP to \_\_\_\_\_ at this church with the number coming by October 30th.

Interested parties may contact: Barb Hynes  
dleemon1811@wowway.com / 248-227-0241

# PUT THE FUN FUNDRAISER

## 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP *to Washington DC*



The 8th grade class has their first fundraiser of the year. They are selling high quality, microfiber bed sheets. They are soft and wrinkle free with no pilling or fading and fits mattresses up to 16" deep. Michelle Gallo bought a set from another fundraiser last year and loved the sheets so much she brought the sheets to OSI! Any size bedsheet set is \$40. Set includes flat sheet, fitted, sheet and 2 standard pillow cases. Twin (one pillow case with twin) - Full-Queen - Cal King and King are available. See any 8th grader to see fabric samples and colors and to purchase.



Our first restaurant event is this Sunday October 6th at MOD Pizza in Troy (Big Beaver and Rochester Rd). You can get your family fed between 12:30-6:00pm and help the 8th grade earn money for their class trip. YOU MUST HAVE the flyer present when ordering to receive the funds. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your support!



### NOTHING RAISES FUNDS LIKE A GOOD BURGER



Bring this flyer into Bagger Dave's® and we'll donate 15% of your groups net sales back to your organization when you dine in or take out.

\*Must present this flyer to server prior to ordering at the specified location(s), on the date and time listed below in order to receive donation credit. Donation credit only offered on the date at the location indicated on flyer. Offer excludes additional promotional discounts. Gift certificate purchases cannot be used toward donation credit.

**Our Shepherd Lutheran-Fellowship nite to support 8th grade trip**  
**Monday October 28, 2019 • 5pm-9pm**  
**Only Valid at 2972 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley 248.543.3283**

Santa Shop



“Regiftables” for Santa Shop  
 As in the past the 8th graders will be doing a “Santa Shop” fundraiser. Students at the school will have a chance to bring in money and shop for their parents, grandparents, siblings and relatives with the help of an 8th grader. We need donations of new items that the students will be able to purchase and are small enough for them to carry home. Examples : small toys, towels, flashlights, lotion, stationary, pens. You can drop off items in the church and school office over the next month. Questions contact: Jessica Merz [crossyed@juno.com](mailto:crossyed@juno.com).

# Scrip News

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Scrip Coordinator: Erin Springer 248-770-2999 scrip@ourshepherd.net

## Calling all scrip veterans! I need your help!

I am trying to compile a tips and tricks sheet to give to new Scrip families (and to add scrip tips in this newsletter and in the lamb's connection). I would like to crowd source this project and get feedback from those of you who are seasoned users of Scrip. Please share with me your tips, tricks, pitfalls, dos and don'ts -- any information you think would be helpful to share with new families (like the tips located in this newsletter). What is the inside scoop on how to make the most of scrip? What have you learned not to do along the way? What would you tell new families about scrip? Many of you have been using Scrip much longer than I have, and I know you all have so much knowledge to share! Please share your tips, tricks and advice with me so I can compile them all and share them with all new families that enroll. Please email me at [scrip@ourshepherd.net](mailto:scrip@ourshepherd.net)



October  
Order dates

**Physical Card Orders will be 10/4/19 and 10/18/19.**

Orders should be placed online or put in the scrip mailbox by 3pm Fridays (at school) and 12noon Fridays (at church). Orders will not be processed if payment is not received.

### REMINDER

**NO SCHOOL 10/18/19**

I will check the scrip box Thursday morning before school for orders and/or checks since there is no school Friday. (I will not be around after school that Thursday). Please let me know if this is an issue for you and we can make other arrangements.



**TIP #1:** Kohl's scrip cards (Both physical and e-gift cards) can be used to pay on your Kohl's Credit Card

**TIP #2:** When ordering speedway look for the "Speedway Local 5%" option to make sure you are getting the 5% rebate card and not the 4% rebate card. (all reloads will be at 4%)

Hooray! It's time for a  
**GIVEAWAY!**

Our back to school scrip giveaway ends this Friday! **All families who place their first ever scrip order by 10/4/19 will be entered to win a \$25 gift card of their choice.** There is still time to start a scrip account and place your first order. email [scrip@ourshepherd.net](mailto:scrip@ourshepherd.net) to get started.

## Important Reminders

- Please make sure you have signed the **scrip user agreement**. If you have not yet done so, please sign and return a copy to the school office ASAP.
- Make sure to enroll in **prestopay** (online payments) to make the most of out of ordering e-gift cards and reloads
- **Inventory** is sold Tuesdays before school (8-8:20) and in the school office during office hours (after announcements).

Our Shepherd  
Lutheran  
CHURCH-SCHOOL-CHILD CARE



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Child Care Center  
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Church and School Locations  
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