



The Shepherd's Voice

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

August 2026

Beloved of the Good Shepherd,

I have been reflecting on the art of listening. Sometimes, I think it is fair to say, we “hear what we want to hear” as the popular adage goes. We have an expectation of agreement or even a submission to our view as the one listening that can arise, especially when we engage in discussion of a nuanced, complex, or controversial topic.

When I begin listening to someone, I find it helpful to consciously remind myself of the importance of listening with an openness to what is shared, without immediately comparing what is shared with my own view or understanding of the issue. I remind myself that it is so important to be humble and grateful that someone trusts me enough to share their story or ideas or beliefs with me. It is a reflection of our creation in the image of God to recognize that same image in another and to respect the person we encounter with an open mind and heart. If I have asked a question of someone, should I not really want to know what they think - not what I think I already know?

Do I do this perfectly? Alas, no. Perhaps I am preoccupied and do not take a moment to really prepare myself to listen, or something a person says excites all sorts of ideas I have on the topic that, of course, I want to share. Sometimes, as much as I love a good, robust discussion, maybe the other person just wants to share an idea or feeling - not necessarily critically reflect on it or argue about it!

The truth is we all need to be better listeners. It is an art that needs practice and patience. In this time of transition and change, I realize how very important it is that I truly and humbly listen to you - all of you.

Peace,
Fr. Jonathan+

A Stewardship Prayer

***God of wisdom, guide us as summer begins to turn.
Shape our stewardship so that what we give today
prepares the way for the ministry to come.
Make our offerings seeds of hope for your kingdom.
Amen.***

Our Parish Family



Birthdays



1 Stephen Chalmers	2 Jon Myers	3 Susan Eveland
4 Janice Hammer	5 Laleah Wuellner	6 Tom Lanio
7 Bentley Scott	7 Rev. Jo Anne Taylor	9 Emma Hale
10 Susan Stensrud	11 Addison Mullins	15 Barbara Chase
15 Jennifer Leocardi	17 Amanda Burris	17 Marilyn Lane
18 Emersyn Cooper	18 Rev. Mary Siegmund	22 Mike Willey
23 Cheryl Busey	24 Logan Williams	25 Scott Meyer
29 Koramarie Gonzales	30 Judith Del Porto	30 Peter Schaub
31 Norma Nicholson	31 Jill Schaub	



Anniversaries



3 <i>Caitlin & Sam Armato</i>	13 <i>Linda & Ken Keeling</i>
18 <i>Brenda & Danny Younger</i>	25 <i>Rosemary & Jim Terry</i>
26 <i>Donna & John Zaiger</i>	31 <i>Casey & Mario Moore</i>



Please Pray for



Healing of body, mind and spirit: Pam Cram, Judy Lane, Casey Moore, Steve Nelson, Phyllis Paulsen, Mary Quick, Cindy Spellman, Dawn Voss-McReynolds.

Expectant Parents: Johanna & Collin Huster.

Those who are serving in our Armed Forces: Vincent Armato, Matthew Braman, Gary Cram, Michael Green, Carter Hale, Mark Nick, Dominick Scuderio, Cole Sherry, Doug Snodgrass, Korinne Takeyama, Kellan Travis, Kyle Voss-McReynolds, Daniel Wilson Young Jr. and Elias Wilson.

Those who were born to eternal life: Sumie Bartolovic Sharon Carmichael Don Marckx
Phil Stenberg Anne VanWagner

Congratulations to: Brittnee & Vince Armato on the birth of Azaiah Gerhardt Armato who weighed in at 7lbs 15oz & 18.7 inches long. Mother & baby are doing well and Vince has NOT landed back to earth from being over the moon happy! AND of course, Mark & Laura are ecstatic at now having a basketball team of grandsons!

The Lunch Bunch

Thursday the 13th of August, at 1:00 p.m.

At **Nick and Jakes, 6325 Lewis Street #110, Parkville, MO .**

If you plan to attend, **please call Vicki Nelson 816-874-5962**
or **Steven Nelson 816-793-4228.**

We must give the restaurant an accurate count.



All who enjoy a tasty meal with friendly folks are welcome!

Our bunch is not restricted to members of Good Shepherd.



Feed & Weed

— so called because **we**

begin with donuts at 8:30 a.m. in the Foyer before starting our outdoor tasks.



Weeds will be popping up by the end of the month and dry grasses will need to be cut back. So, **Saturdays, August 8th and 22nd at 8:30 a.m.** we'll gather for fellowship and plan the morning's tasks. **Dress for the weather** -- pay special attention to your shoes as it may be muddy! Bring garden gloves and small tools, if you have them.

Mark your calendars for the **2nd and 4th Saturday mornings** to spend a few hours with church friends tending to the church grounds.

All ages welcome -- there's a job for everyone.

Can't do yard work?? Sign-up to **provide the donuts!**

The sign-up sheet is to **the right of the elevator?**



Coffee Hour Hosts & Hostesses



Coffee Hour following the 10:15 service is a time for “meet, greet and fellowship”. Coffee/punch will be served in the foyer. Traditionally, we have asked that each family take a turn to help serve 1 or 2 Sundays during the year. There is a sign posted in the coffee hutch with coffee hour host & hostess responsibilities. **Thank you for your help with this ministry!**

- ⇒ Please note and mark on your calendar the date(s) you have been scheduled .
- ⇒ If you are not able to serve on your assigned date, please call someone on this list to trade.
- ⇒ If you can't find a substitute, don't fret, the congregation will survive without coffee that day.
- ⇒ Many hands make light work! Please call Jill Hedge with any questions – 816-516-4584.

Hosts & Hostesses

are needed to fill the Sundays on this list that are highlighted in light green.

To sign up for the open dates, a copy of this list will be posted on the bulletin board or contact Jill Hedge at 816-516-4584 or jhedge922@gmail.com

August	2nd	Tim and Janet Smith
	9th	Jacque Wood, Jennifer Leocardi
2026	16th	Tom and Analee Lanio
	23rd	Jason and Jill Hedge
	30th	Tom Kincaid, Phyllis Cameron
September	6th	
	13th	Bill and Mary Dodson, Tiffany Olsson
	20th	Mike and Sue Wilkinson
	27th	
October	4th	Nina Edwards, Doris Fry
	11th	Mark and Laura Armato
	18th	Marilyn Lane, Kathy Paiz
	25th	Sally and John Verkleeren
November	1st	Steve and Vicki Nelson
	8th	Mary Wilkens, Kevin Wright
	15th	Bob and Judy Kile
	22nd	Charlie and Pam Cram
	29th	Ed and Kylie Miller
December	6th	Linda Sallee, Katy Clapp
	13th	Ian and Marie Ebert
	20th	Donna and Scott Meyer
	27th	Mona and Sarah Hale

January	3rd	
	10th	Jason and Jill Hedge
2027	17th	Jacque Wood, Jennifer Leocardi
	24th	Tim and Janet Smith
	31st	
February	7th	Gary Gee, Cynthia Takeyama
	14th	
	21st	Mike and Sue Wilkinson
	28th	Tom Kincaid, Phyllis Cameron
March	7th	Bill and Mary Dodson, Tiffany Olsson
	14th	Marilyn Lane, Kathy Paiz
	21st	
	28th	Easter Sunday / No Coffee Hour
April	4th	
	11th	Sally and John Verkleeren
	18th	Mary Wilkens, Kevin Wright
	25th	Bob and Judy Kile
May	2nd	Tom and Analee Lanio
	9th	Mother's Day - Good Redeemers
	16th	Steve and Vicki Nelson
	23rd	Ed and Kylie Miller
	30th	Donna and Scott Meyer
June	6th	Nina Edwards, Doris Fry
	13th	Charlie and Pam Cram
	20th	Father's Day - Good Redeemers
	27th	Linda Sallee, Katy Clapp
July	4th	Gary Gee, Cynthia Takeyama
	11th	Ian and Marie Ebert
	18th	Mark and Laura Armato
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Christian Formation

Adult Bible Discussion(s)

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Join us in the Common Room, in person or by
Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/jc/85667692431>

for a lively discussion of Sunday's scriptures from the Lectionary led by Tom Lanio, Deacon Lynda Hurt, Ed Miller IV, Bruce Taylor or anyone else who volunteers to lead. Participants are encouraged to share any thoughts they have on Sunday's readings.

On **Wednesdays at Noon**, join us for **Noonday Prayer** in Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel or watch from the comfort of your home while it is live-streamed on the COGS Facebook page. Then at **12:30** the Bible discussion will begin in the Common Room.

The Good Shepherd Book Club

will meet **Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m., in-person** in the Common Room.

This is the month set aside to **select titles for 2026-2027**. It's always a fun time and a perfect time to join as we begin a new year. The list of 30 suggested titles has been sent to members -- **contact Judy Kile** (jkile@att.net) if you would like to join and be a part of the selection process.

Bring a beverage or snacks to share if you wish.

Guests are always welcome!



Gardeners' Gathering

August 2nd, Troy Lewis Room

Join us **following 10:15 a.m.** worship for some brainstorming, evaluation of missional focus, and goal setting, as we plan for next year's garden.

Come, share your thoughts and hear what others think - even if you aren't currently participating in the garden! **Light refreshments served.**



Coming to Our Senses *A Women's Retreat*

**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
4947 NE Chouteau Dr, KCMO**

August 8th - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Jo Anne Taylor - Presenter

There are many ways to deepen faith, such as reading books, or joining a Bible study or prayer group. But sometimes those activities fall short. Sometimes we need to engage all our senses as we learn to follow Christ.

Coming to Our Senses invites you to experience your five senses as reflected in scripture, through the miraculous work of Jesus. As you explore spiritual practices engaging those senses, you can gain a deeper awareness of God's love for you.

**Registration \$20 includes breakfast pastries, lunch, and supplies.
Can be paid when registering or at the retreat.**

Register on Bulletin Board sign-up or with Judy Kile, jkile@att.net by **August 1st**.

Rev. Jo Anne Taylor served the United Methodist Church in Minnesota, primarily as an intentional interim/transition pastor. She also has coached congregations through healing after trauma and conflict resolution. You can read her sermons (and find a few recipes!) at pastorsings.com. Before becoming a pastor, Jo Anne was a professional singer and music teacher. Currently, you might see her waving her arms at the choir of Good Shepherd or weeding the Good Shepherd Garden.

**O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured,
in raiment white and glistening:
Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this
world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty;
who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**



Summer Sunday School for age 3 through 5th Grade Children

Children in Kindergarten thru 5th Grade will be led from the Nave following the Gospel for a brief lesson or activity during the Sermon and Prayers of the People each Sunday.

For **August 23rd** children will attend **the entire** 10:15 a.m. worship, There will be a **"children's sermon"** on this Sunday.

There will be **no classes** on **August 30th**, Labor Day weekend.

*Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
taking the five loaves and the two fish,
He looked up to heaven,
and blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
And all ate and were filled;
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five
thousand men, besides women and children.*

— Mathew 14:19-21

Thirsty Thursday meets at **Alma Mader Brewing**
2635 Southwest Blvd Kansas City, MO

on **August 27th 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Their tasting room, patio, and production facility are located on the Southwest Blvd. corridor in KCMO's Westside. They've got a full draught list and an extensive selection of beer-to go in their tasting room.

Feel free to bring your own food and settle in for a while!

Please **contact** the church office if you plan on attending **816-452-0745**.

Arrive when you can!



Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

"In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop."

"Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive laying on of hands." — BCP pg. 412

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Amy Daffler-Meaux, will make her visit to Church of the Good Shepherd on **September 20th**.

Accordingly, plans are being made to hold a **one-day retreat, Saturday, September 12th** for the purpose of preparing persons for the rite of Confirmation or Reception. Teens sixteen years of age and older and persons coming from other denominations seeking church membership should consider preparing for Confirmation or Reception. **Interested persons** should speak to **Rev. Jonathan Callison, Rev. Lynda Hurt, or Judy Kile**.

Great opportunity awaits!

It has been brought to the office's attention that 2 or 3 people are needed to **"archive"** photos and other written **information** of the history of our beloved church.

Once a system is set up, it would be easy to maintain future information & photos.

Interested? Contact the office - 816-452-0745



Episcopal  4U

***Into the Heart of Romans,
A Deep Dive into Paul's Greatest Letter
Starts Wednesday August 19th***

All are invited to join us **each Wednesday** evening at **7:00 p.m.** to orally read and discuss *Into the Heart of Romans* by N.T. Wright for **one hour** on a **Zoom meeting**.

N. T. Wright—widely regarded as the most influential commentator and interpreter of Paul—defly unpacks this dense and sometimes elusive letter, detailing Paul's arguments and showing how it illuminates the Gospel from the promises to Abraham through the visions of Revelation. *Into the Heart of Romans* will help you become familiar with the book of Romans in a deeper way that will also deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Gospel itself.

Contact Judy Kile jkile@att.net if you would like to join for this title.

There's No Such Thing as Ordinary Time

Each year as summer rolls around, we enter a new season in the life of the Church as well. The great Feasts of Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday have passed, and we enter into what may seem like a more routine period of the Christian calendar. This time “after Pentecost” stretches across summer and into autumn and is sometimes referred to as the long green season due to the green vestments that are worn. It is also sometimes known as **Ordinary Time**, but this name is deceiving. Ordinary here refers to these Sundays being numbered (the Third Sunday after Pentecost, the Twelfth, the Twenty-Second) not to this season being particularly mundane.

This season offers us an invitation: if there is nothing particularly ordinary about the Christian life, then perhaps this long green season is precisely the time for us to return to the foundations of prayer and discover again that to live as God's people is anything but routine. Summer can disrupt our spiritual patterns. There are the wonderful interruptions of vacations and travel along with an increased level of yard work and other activities. Maybe we were faithful in praying the Daily Office during Lent and Easter only to find the practice quietly lapsing by the middle of June. Perhaps Sunday attendance becomes more occasional rather than habitual.

Summer is certainly a season of openness and ease, but that openness can scatter us just as readily as it refreshes us. During this season, we should consider just what kind of rest we are really seeking. Rather than drifting from prayer, might we use this time to instead deepen our life with God?

This is not a call to some sort of summertime spiritual heroics but is rather a call to return to our foundations, to what the Church has long taught about how prayer is sustained across a lifetime.

The twentieth-century English priest and writer Martin Thornton has been a useful guide in my own spiritual life. His book *Christian Proficiency* highlights an ancient approach to the life of prayer, rooted like all of Anglicanism in Benedictine spirituality. Father Thornton draws attention to a threefold rule of prayer that is at the very heart of Anglicanism: the Holy Eucharist, the Daily Office, and personal devotion. He is clear that these are not three options from which a Christian might choose according to their own taste. Instead, they form a trinitarian whole, a structure in which each element supports and requires the others.

At the center is of course the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. Gathering at the Lord's Table shapes everything else we do as Christians. The Daily Office—Morning and Evening Prayer—extends that life of worship into the rhythm of each day, grounding us in Scripture, the Psalter, and regular prayer. Alongside these common prayers stands our own personal devotion: the individual practices of prayer, meditation, reflection, and intercession that allow faith to take root in the particular circumstances of our lives. Thornton said, “The Eucharist is the living heart of the Body of Christ... the Daily Office is its continual beat or pulse... and personal devotions are the circulation of the blood which gives life and strength to all its members.”

Ordinary Time is not so much an interruption of the Christian life but its normal habitat. None of this stands in opposition to summer rest and relaxation. The God who rested on the seventh day and who calls the weary to come and find rest meets us in this “ordinary”

season too. To renew this rule of prayer in the summer does not mean burdening our rest but actually deepening it so that we discover that resting in God's love and praying in God's presence are really the same thing.

As we enter this long green season, may we receive it as a gift: a time to gather at the Table, to pray faithfully, and to nurture our life with God. There is nothing ordinary about being loved by God, and there is nothing ordinary about learning to receive that love more deeply.

—The Rev. Canon Charles A. (Chas) Marks

Prayer for Our Search Process

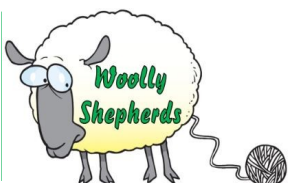
*Gracious and loving God,
Source of all Wisdom,
we pray for Your Guidance
as we move through this time of transition
and discernment.*

*We ask Your Blessing upon our Vestry:
may they serve with open hearts and minds,
trusting each other, the process
and Your Grace.*

*We also ask Your Blessing upon this parish:
may we be ever mindful
of Your Vision for us as we continue
to worship, serve and grow together.*

*This we ask in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



Suspended for the Summer

Lunch & Learn



NORTHLAND
ASSISTANCE
CENTER

Sunday, August 23rd, immediately
following the **10:15 service** in the **Parish Hall.**

Our guest speaker will be Rita Pearce, Executive Director of the Northland Assistance Center. Good Shepherd has supported NAC for many years, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the important work the organization does for individuals and families throughout Clay and Platte counties.

Rita has lived in North Kansas City with her husband, Jim, for 16 years. A former North Kansas City Councilmember, she continues to serve on a variety of committees and community projects. Rita has a long history of service to her community and has served as Executive Director of NAC since the summer of 2006.

For 46 years, the Northland Assistance Center has helped residents facing financial hardship. NAC provides assistance with rent, utilities, and food and works closely with other social-service agencies to connect people with additional resources. So far this year, NAC has provided 1,075 services totaling \$75,029.17 to people in our community.

Come enjoy lunch, meet Rita, and learn how our support of NAC helps make a real difference in the lives of our Northland neighbors.

Lunch will be potluck -- bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to the left of the elevator where you can note how many plan to attend as well as what dish you'll bring.

Paper products and beverages provided.

Guests are welcome.



Coffee is needed for the hospitality time we all enjoy after the Sunday service. Please consider tossing a bag/container of decaf coffee or regular coffee into your cart the next time you are out shopping.

Thank you!!



Healing Prayer Team Meeting

Monday, August 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

in the Common Room

Church of the Good Shephard has a **Rideshare Ministry** to help parishioners get to and from church events within the Kansas City metro, free of charge. If you need a ride, please contact the office (office@episcopalcogs.org) or Ed Miller VI (ed@obodobodo.com) with details of the date, time, and location for your trip: we will arrange a ride as best as we are able. We can often accommodate reoccurring trips!



Volunteers Needed!

The Northland Clothing Center operates entirely with the help of volunteers who work different days of the week.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Tuesday mornings - 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. -- Work directly with clients (babies, girls, boys, women, and men) to pick out their wardrobe.

Wednesday mornings - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. --- Emptying & sorting a large volume of containers of clothing.

Friday mornings 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. --- Stocking shelves.

1st & 3rd Saturday morning 9:00 - 11:30 ---- Working directly with clients to pick out their wardrobe.

Want more information? Contact Bob Kile (816) 609-9213

Something Always Happens When We Pray

Intercessory Prayer

A Time for Soaking and Healing Prayer.

1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month at Noon.

In Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel.



Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his Disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. (Luke 6:17-18)

Please bring your questions to Sally Verkleeren, who has years of education and experience in healing ministry. You may reach her by phone (805) 798-5502 or email prariemoth@aol.com



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Making a difference in the Kingdom of God since 1883
A worldwide ministry to men and youth in the Episcopal/Anglican Communion & beyond



On Sunday July the 19th, the Good Shepherd chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew brought a pasta dinner to Sheffield Place, a women's shelter in Northeast Kansas City. After heating up some delicious pasta trays from Jennifer Leocardi in the parish kitchen, the five of us sortied out from the church to Sheffield Place, where we set up a serving table with the volunteer coordinator. Donning our blue aprons, it wasn't long before over 50 women and children were piled into the foyer, stretching up the stairs. We served out the pasta with smiles on both side of the table, with food enough for seconds, and then the Brothers took a plate for themselves and ate and visited with the ladies of Sheffield Place and had good conversations with them about who we were, what their backgrounds were, and having fun interactions with them and their children. We were quite moved by the commitment of these women to making a change in their lives, and were humbled to be able to express care to them in this small way. After the last of the diners had went away (the last teenager with a tray of leftover cookies!), the Brothers packed up our gear and had a huddle by our cars, where we discussed the needs we had heard from our new friends, and shared interactions we had with them. As the heat of the summer evening prevailed, we set off in our cars back home. The Brotherhood is excited to keep helping Sheffield Place in the future, and we thank the people of the Church of the Good Shepherd for their support, including 108 items in our donation barrel that we delivered to the shelter.



The Barrel Container for Sheffield Place is in foyer!

Immediate needs:

- ☐ **Toothpaste**
- ☐ **Hair conditioner**
- ☐ **Paper towels**



Northland Shepherd's Center

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5601 NE Antioch Road, Suite 12, Gladstone, MO
Main entrance is on the **backside of the building.**

Life Enrichment Programs

Aging With Excellence: This program offers seniors 60+ opportunities to socialize, exercise, gain insight & be knowledgeable about aging issues throughout each month.

Caregiver Support: From Break Club to Caring, The Northland Shepherd's Center provides a variety of resources and classes to caregivers and their loved one.

Life Services

Technology Center: Technology help and classes held in the tech center. PC's for learning new skills, one on one sessions to learn to use smartphone, tablet or laptop.
Call 816-452-4536 appointment.

Community Aging Solutions: Community Aging Specialists can assist you accessing available resources such as Medicaid, commodities, utilities, home weatherization & more!

Plate of Hope Food Pantry: NSC sits in the middle of the top low-income & low-food access tracts of our area which affects over 3000 older adults. That number will only be growing in the years to come.

Life Services: The NSC provides Life Services as a simple helping hand for northland seniors. Shopping help, regular check-in calls, home repairs, etc.

Meal on Wheels: Northland Meals on Wheels' purpose is to supply meals at or near cost to homebound older adults, over the age of 60 in southern Clay County.

Help replenish our pantry



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Any assistance you can provide is appreciated and can always be dropped off at the center, **or** in the **Church of the Good Shepherd Foyer Outreach Basket.**

**Big
Thank
You!**

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| ☐ Peanut butter crackers | ☐ Beanie weenies | ☐ Tuna |
| ☐ Soup "no cream of chicken" | ☐ Vienna sausages | ☐ Condiments |
| ☐ Individual bottles of water | ☐ Flour ☐ Sugar | ☐ Protein bars |
| ☐ Boxed potatoes of any kind | ☐ Can openers | ☐ Roman noodles |
| ☐ Canned spaghetti of any kind | | ☐ Boxed pasta salads |
| ☐ Canned beans "except green beans or black beans" | | |

—We are in desperate need of the following items for hygiene bags—

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| ☐ Tooth paste & brushes | ☐ Bath soaps & Deoderants | ☐ Shampoo & body lotion |
| ☐ Bug spray & Chapstick | | |

We Are Cleaning House



August is a month to clean house. No hidden catch here either. We are needing to clean out the wealth of materials on our Church shelves --making a great opportunity for you to pick up a treasure or two!! This opportunity includes books, fiction, non-fiction, and biographies. It includes spiritual books, meditation books, and many Bibles. And children's books, too. There are CDs of wonderful music and lots of movies on DVDs. And some wall hangings framed and unframed.

Every Thing is Free

All items are in the Conference Room. They are stacked on the table and in boxes on the Church pews.

Come help us out. By taking some of these books you will make room for more books !

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

— Mathew 14:28-31



Photo by Kate Kalvach on Unsplash



Lunch-Mini Golf

August 9th – 12:00-3:00 p.m.

at Parkville Mini Golf

Ready to try out your skills with some mini golf? If the answer is yes, come join us for lunch and some mini-golfing fun at Parkville Mini Golf. The cost is \$12 for adults.

Youth group will provide **ice cream** following the fun!

Day at Smithville Lake

Saturday, August 16th, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Come join us for some fun in the sun — swimming and tubing!

Join us at the **Little Platte Swimming Beach**.



Feel free to pack lunch/snacks and drinks.

Make sure to **bring some sunscreen** and your bathing suit!

This is a **whole family event!**

There is a **\$7.00 fee** for **each car** to enter the campground.

Youth Get Together

Sunday, August 30th

12:00-1:30 p.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd

August 2026 Eucharistic Ministers, Readers - Year A

Proper	Day	Date	Time	Name
10th after Pentecost	Saturday	August 1	4:30 PM	Jan Huster - R & EM
10th after Pentecost	Sunday	August 2	8:00 AM	Phil Graham R & EM
Facebook Live & YouTube -->		August 2	10:15 AM	Tom Kincaid - R1
				Sally Verkleeren - R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt - POP & Gospeller
				Tom Lanio - Crucifer
				Jill Hedge & Tim Sallee - EMs
11th after Pentecost	Saturday	August 8	4:30 PM	Pat Muldoon - R
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Em - Gospeller - POP
11th after Pentecost	Sunday	August 9	8:00 AM	Phil Graham R & EM
Facebook Live & YouTube -->		August 9	10:15 AM	Jill Schaub - R1
				Judith Del Porto - R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt - POP & Gospeller
				DOK Crucifer
				Vicki Nelson & Jeff James EMs
12th after Pentecost	Saturday	August 15	4:30 PM	Vicki Nelson R & EM
12th after Pentecost	Sunday	August 16	8:00 AM	Kathy Potter R & EM
Facebook Live & YouTube -->		August 16	10:15 AM	Mary Wilkens - R1
				Ed Miller IV - R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt - POP & Gospeller
				Andrew Dungan - Crucifer
				Laura Sawin-Armato & Jill Hedge EMs
13th after Pentecost	Saturday	August 22	4:30 PM	Alan Culp R & EM
13th after Pentecost	Sunday	August 23	8:00 AM	Charlie Cram R & EM
Facebook Live & YouTube -->		August 23	10:15 AM	Jill Schaub - R1
				Doris Fry - R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt - POP & Gospeller
				Brotherhood of St. Andrews - Crucifer
				Ed Miller IV & Jeff James EMs
14th after Pentecost	Saturday	August 29	4:30 PM	Jan Huster - R & EM
14th after Pentecost	Sunday	August 30	8:00 AM	Phil Graham - R & EM
Facebook Live & YouTube -->		August 30	10:15 AM	Youth R1
				Youth R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt - POP & Gospeller
				Youth - Crucifer
				Laura Sawin-Armato EM

Readers are responsible for finding their own substitute and informing Laura
With great appreciation, Deacon Lynda



Daily Office for August 2026



Sat. Aug. 1: 75, 76 * 23, 27. Judges 5:19-31 Acts 2:22-36, Matt. 28: 11-20.

10th after Pentecost

Sun. Aug. 2: Psalm 93, 96 * 34. Judges 6:1-24, 2 Cor. 9:6-15, Mark 3:20-30.

Mon. Aug. 3: Psalm 80 * 77, [79]. Judges 6:25-40, Acts 2:37-47, John 1:1-18.

Tue. Aug. 4: Psalm 78:1-39 * 78:40-72. Judges 7:1-18, Acts 3:1-11, John 1:19-28.

Wed. Aug. 5: Psalm 119:97-120 * 81, 82. Judges 7:19-8:12, Acts 3:12-26, John 1:29-42.

Thur. Aug. 6: Psalm [83] or 145 * 85, 86. Judges 8:22-35, Acts 4:1-12, John 1:43-51.

Fri. Aug. 7: Psalm 88 * 91, 92. Judges 9:1-16, 19-21, Acts 4:13-31, John 2:1-12.

Sat. Aug. 8: Psalm 87, 90 * 136. Judges 9:22-25, 50-57, Acts 4:32-5:11, John 2:13-42.

11th after Pentecost

Sun. Aug. 9: Psalm 66, 67 * 19, 46. Judges 11:1-11, 29-40, 2 Cor. 11:21b-31, Mark 4:35-41.

Mon. Aug. 10: Psalm 89:1-18 * 89:19-52. Judges 12:1-7, Acts 5:12-26, John 3:1-21.

Tue. Aug. 11: Psalm 97, 99, [100] * 94, [95]. Judges 13:1-15, Acts 5:27-42, John 3:22-36.

Wed. Aug. 12: Psalm 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30 * 119:121-144. Judges 13:15-24, Acts 6:1-15, John 4:1-26.

Thur. Aug. 13: Psalm 105:1-22 * 105:23-45. Judges 14:1-19, Acts 6:15-7:16, John 4:27-42.

Fri. Aug. 14: Psalm 102 * 107:1-32. Judges 14:20-15:20, Acts 7:17-29, John 4:43-54.

Sat. Aug. 15: Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13), * 33. Judges 16:1-14, Acts 7:30-43, John 5:1-18.

12th after Pentecost

Sun. Aug. 16: Psalm 118, * 145. Judges 16:15-31, 2 Cor. 13:1-11, Mark 5:25-34.

Mon. Aug. 17: Psalm 106:1-18 * 106:19-48. Judges 17:1-13, Acts 7:44-8:1a, John 5:19-29.

Tue. Aug. 18: Psalm [120], 121, 122, 123 * 124, 125, 126, [127]. Judges 18:1-15, Acts 8:1a-13, John 5:30-47.

Wed. Aug. 19: Psalm 119:145-176 * 128, 129, 130. Judges 18:16-31, Acts 8:14-25, John 6:1-15.

Thur. Aug. 20: Psalm 131, 132, [133] * 134, 135. Job 1:1-22, Acts 8:26-40, John 6:16-27.

Fri. Aug. 21: Psalm 140, 142 * 144, 143:1-11(12). Job 2:1-13, Acts 9:1-19, John 6:27-40.

Sat. Aug. 22: Psalm 137:1-6(7-9), 144 * 104. Job 3:1-26, Acts 9:10-19a, John 6:41-51.

13th after Pentecost

Sun. Aug. 23: Psalm 146, 147 * 111, 112, 113. Job 4:1-6, 12-21, Rev. 4:1-11, Mark 6:41-51.

Mon. Aug. 24: St. Bartholomew. Psalm 1, 2, 3 * 4, 7. Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27, Acts 9:19b-31, John 6:52-59.

Tue. Aug. 25: Psalm 5, 6 * 10, 11. Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21, Acts 9:19b-31, John 6:60-71.

Wed. Aug. 26: Psalm 119:1-24 * 12, 13, 14. Job 6:1, 7:1-21, Acts 10:1-16, John 7:1-13.

Thur. Aug. 27: Psalm 18:1-20 * 18:21-50. Job 8:1-10, 20-22, Acts 10:17-33, John 7:14-36.

Fri. Aug. 28: Psalm 16, 17, * 22. Job 9:1-15, 32-35, Acts 10:34-48, John 7:37-52.

Sat. Aug. 29: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14) * 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117. Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22, Acts 11:18, John 8:12-20.

14th after Pentecost

Sun. Aug. 30: Psalm 148, 149, 150 * 114, 115. Job 11:1-9, 13-20, Rev. 5:1-14, Matt. 5:1-12.

Mon. Aug. 31: Psalm 25 * 9, 15. Job 12:1-6, 13-25, Acts 11: 19-30, John 8:21-32.

Good Shepherd Ministries

Ministry Group	Contact	Meeting Time/Date	Ministry Group	Contact	Meeting Time/Date
Acolytes	Vacancy	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Nursery Teachers	Tiffany Olsson	9:00 through 10:15 service
Altar Guild	Laura Sawin-Armato Cynthia Takeyama	Monthly obligations, bi-annual meetings	Office Helpers	Laura Sawin-Armato	As needed
Building and Grounds	David Talbot	1 st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM Workday, 3 rd Saturday of each month	Pastoral Care, EVs	Deacon Lynda Hurt	As scheduled
			Backpack Shepherds	David Talbot	Outreach Chair: Tom Kincaid Reaching out to our local community, the nation, and the world. 2 nd Monday of each even numbered month 7:00 PM
EMs	Deacon Lynda Hurt	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Northland Clothing Center	Tom Kincaid	
Coffee Hour	Jill Hedge	After the 10:15 service	Nourish KC	Judy Lane	
Circle of Friends	Vacancy	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays at 11 AM	Northland Assistance Center	John Zaiger	
Daughters of the King	Sue Wilkinson Mona Hale	2 nd Sun. of the month after 10:15 service	Outreach Garden	Bob Kile	2 nd Monday of each even numbered month 7:00 PM
Christian Formation	Judy Kile	2 nd Monday, 7:00 PM	Shepherd's Center	Vacancy	
Cursillo Liaison	Vacancy	As needed	Ushers	Sue Wilkinson	Monthly obligations as scheduled
Financial Ministries Council (FMC)	Nina Edwards	Thursday of week before each Vestry meeting, 6PM	Vestry	Marie Ebert Gary Gee	3 rd Tuesday of each Month
Liturgical Readers	Deacon Lynda Hurt	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Good Redeemers	Laura Williams	Weekly as announced
Music Instrumental	Linlin He	As needed	St. Francis Ministry	Susan Jacobs	As needed
Music Vocal		As needed	Book Club	Judy Kile	2 nd Tuesday at 7 PM
Newsletter	Pat Muldoon	Published monthly	Greeters	Jason Hedge	As needed
Woolly Shepherds	Marie Ebert	3 rd Thursdays at 6 PM	Sunday Adult Bible Study	Tom Lanio Deacon Lynda Hurt	Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM
Streaming Services	Joe Armato	10:15 AM Sundays	Intercessory Prayer	Sally Verkleeren	1 st & 3 rd Sundays Noon in Chapel
St. Killian's Candle System	Brotherhood of St. Andrews	Brothers as scheduled	Shepherds of the Earth	Vacancy	Last Monday of Month 8:00 PM Zoom
Brotherhood of St. Andrews	Gary Gee Tim Smith	Monthly Meeting 3 rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM	Rideshare	Ed Miller IV	As needed

Fr. Jonathan Callison.....Interim Priest
Rev. Lynda Hurt.....Deacon
Laura Sawin-Armato.....Parish Administrator
Laura Williams.....Youth Director
David Talbot.....Sexton
Pat Muldoon.....Newsletter Editor
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