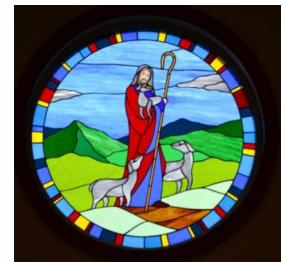




Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2238 Parade Road Laconia, New Hampshire Serving God in the Lakes Region



Summer and the time after Pentecost from Pastor Jennifer



We're entering the long "green" season of the church year, known in some circles as "ordinary time." The liturgical color is green, which means that the "accent color" in the sanctuary will be green. The altar frontal, the piano drape, my chasuble and most of the stoles I will be wearing will be green- the color of growing things. Each season has a particular focus and energy: contemplation in Advent, repentance and Spiritual disciplines in Lent, celebration during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and light during the season of Epiphany. This season is a season of growth. What might that mean for you? What's growing in your life? How are you growing?

I planted my cutting garden early this spring. I love flowers, and delight in being able to pick a bouquet. The garden also offers a tangible metaphor.

Weeding is an ongoing necessity in a garden- yet how often do I think about weeding my life? My stuff? My commitments? Weeds clamor for nutrients, sunlight, and space- not only in the garden, but in our lives as well. Is the spiritual practice of weeding part of this season of growth for you?

I've learned that picking, cutting, and pruning are essential to healthy growth. Plants don't like to be crowded. Plants can grow straight and fast and flower quickly- but that can leave them spindly and less fruitful than if they're pinched back and encouraged to branch out. Is this an invitation to a spiritual practice?

Noticing the astonishing variety of flowers- the balloon plant and baby's breath, peonies and poppies, yarrow and cosmos, lavender and geranium, milkweed and daisies- prompts me to notice the same diversity in our human community. Putting together bouquets, setting unexpected blooms next to one another, fitting the different sizes and shapes and colors into a container that brings out the best in them is another joy. It's also a spiritual practice. It's also what I love to see happen in our community of faith.

Gardening is also hard work and requires faithfulness. Ginger and the team of gardeners from Good Shepherd and St. James faithfully water, weed, plant, prune, and tend the garden at the church. They always need more helping hands.

Connecting creation with our faith lives is an ancient practice. Both Matthew and Luke point us to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air: "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you?" (Luke 12:27-28)

I always whisper "Grow, little plant, grow!" when I plant seeds or seedlings or plants. I talk to them as they grow, encouraging them and thanking them. So to you, too, I say: "Grow, little plants, grow! Live well, bloom, flourish! You're beautiful! Grow! PEACE- Pastor Jennifer

Education Fund Report

Jim Nelson

Thank you

To the members of
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
from the New England Synod, ELCA

for your generous commitment to
the New England Synod Fund for Leaders in concern
for encouraging and supporting future leaders.

Fund for Leaders Thank You

Good Shepherd was called forward at this year's Synod Assembly to receive a formal thank you for our pledge of \$50,000 to the New England Synod's *Fund for Leaders*. This fund is a scholarship program that supports gifted students who are called to leadership in the church. Monies were provided from Good Shepherd's Education Fund (an endowment) and the monies approved for distribution at the 2019 annual meeting. The Fund is currently managed by: Jim Nelson chair, Pastor Jennifer Hitt, Marcia Feener, Rebecca Walkley and Bruce Wilhelm. Financial investment advice is provided by Thrivent and our Thrivent representative Sarah Groleau.



July 28th: Church picnic & blueberries!

Ralph and Kris Rathjen have invited us to return to Krebs Farm for blueberry picking and a church picnic on Sunday afternoon, July 28th at 3:00. Bring a dish to share and whatever you'd like to drink, sit on the veranda and soak in the view, and maybe be intentional about getting to know somebody better. Last year, the conversations in the blueberry patch spanned generations and deepened connections. Ralph and Kris' farm is on Upper Bay Road in Sanbornton, with a beautiful view over Lake Winnisquam.

(The blueberries will be donated to the NH Food Bank.)

New England Synod Assembly, June 7 and 8, 2019

The crossroads of God's eternal story and our personal life stories provided the focus for the New England Synod Assembly which we attended June 7 and 8 as Good Shepherd's delegates. Margot Leitman, a professional comedian and best selling author of "Long Story Short- the Only Storytelling Guide You'll Ever Need," lent her expertise with story telling and humor to the assembly to creatively knit those stories together. Our time at worship was unique!

We attended a workshop concentrating on partnerships, especially between Lutheran and Episcopal congregations, churches and summer camps, and another round table discussion about the resources available to us from Thrivent. We are blessed at Good Shepherd to have considerable experience with these relationships!

We were delighted to be called forward at the assembly, with just a handful of other congregational delegates, to receive a formal thank you certificate for Good Shepherd's 5 year pledge to the "New England Synod Fund for Leaders."

New Hampshire Lutheran Churches have had some notable developments, especially the recent arrival of called (and one licensed lay preacher) pastors at Lutheran churches in Berlin, Claremont, Newington, Hanover, Amherst, and Nashua. We were especially pleased to see that Rev. Dave Dalzell has been called to be the Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Saco, Maine.

We were impressed that the New England Synod maintains a remarkable ministry given the resources available to it. We were honored to serve as Good Shepherd's delegates this year to represent you during the annual assembly of our Lutheran Churches and organizations.



Respectfully submitted,
Karen and Brad Wolff

Calendar

July 2019 Calendar

4 Fourth of July Holiday

7 Caring for Others (after 10:30 am worship service)

9 Isaiah 61 Lunch (11:30 am)

17 Church Council (7 pm)

18 Nibblers Group at Camp Calumet (11:30 am)

21 Third Sunday Church (10:30 am)

25 Salvation Army Lunch (11:30 am)

28 Congregation Picnic at Krebs Farm and Blueberry Picking for the

CALENDAR EVENTS

From the Church Office Corner..... If you have an event that should be included on the Monthly Calendar, please let me know by phone, email or note on my desk. Thanks for helping me keep the Church Community informed of the monthly activities here at Good Shepherd.

Thanks, Nancy Poole

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**Church office is usually staffed
Monday-Thursday, 9-2 .**

PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY E-BLAST FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY OCCUR.

BELLS ARE BACK!

the handbells will be rehearsing for the next few weeks to prepare for our usual July presentation. There will be rehearsal on July 7 from 8:50 AM to 10 AM.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles, announcements, photos or any newsworthy information/articles can be sent to Bev Nelson who is currently preparing the newsletter.

bjnelson61@roadrunner.com

Look for the next issue of the newsletter to be published August 1st. Articles will be due July 25th. Thank you! Bev Nelson

Forward Leadership Notes: Finding Your “Why”

By Rebecca Frame

Our Forward Leadership Home and Away Teams have been meeting monthly to enjoy a meal together and to talk about vision and mission. One focus question has been “Why is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here, in this place, at this time?” Another: “Why are you a part of this faith community?” Yet another: “Why did Jesus feed the 5000?” One more: “Has Good Shepherd’s “WHY” shifted over time?” Also: “Why do you give time/talent/treasure to this church (if you do)?”



I have had the privilege of participating in all of the Forward Leadership meetings so far, and I am simply blown away by the faith-filled insights of our members! What a joy it is to listen to things like this:

“What we have to try to do is to combine the “whys” of what draws each person here into a shared mission of why we’re *all* here.” – Robin

“[Jesus fed the 5000] to meet immediate, physical needs, but also metaphysical/spiritual needs, in an overflowing, abundant way because he was the embodiment of God’s overflowing and abundant love.” – John

“Volunteering is a thank-you to God.” – Eric

“This feels like home. I’ve grown tons here.” Debbie

“I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. I am a scientist, so I need to prove, see, touch, measure. But God is none of those.” Brian

“We are plopped in the middle of hungry people. We are a mission movement. We are here for the sake of conversion – hearts turned inside-out.” – Jenn and Lee

Join the conversation!





CARING FOR OTHERS MINISTRY by Lee Krueckeberg

It is certainly true: as we sometimes sing at Sunday worship services, “There are Angels hovering round.” Some of these angels are you, good people of Good Shepherd! There are also unsung heroes to be appreciated as you will see.

LUNCH AT ISAIAH 61

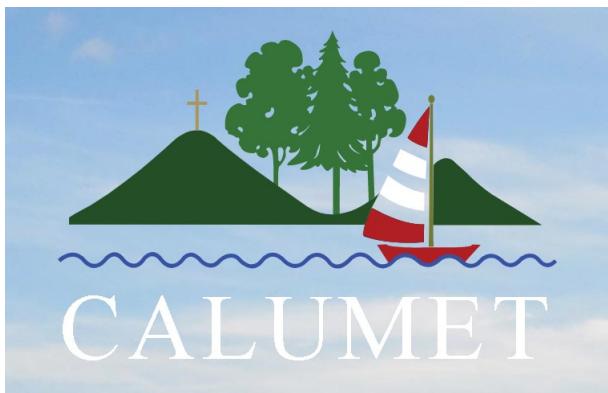
We showed up on the second Tuesday with a “ton” of food: chicken drumsticks, beef stew, ham slices, quinoa salad, baked beans, pasta casseroles, hamburger casseroles, spicy turkey chili, green salad, pasta salad, fresh fruit salad, homemade cookies and brownies. And 57 people came and ate it all up! And they loved it all! Thank you once again, angels!

SALVATION ARMY LUNCH

On the third Thursday we go to the Salvation Army to provide a hearty lunch. Mary Oswalt has had good success with using a “planned menu”. Last month we served Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese sandwiches as well as assorted salads and cookies and fruit to 22 people. The sign-up sheet is on the wall next to the one for Isaiah 61.

GOT LUNCH! LACONIA

We are responsible for one route of deliveries for Got Lunch! We will drive the cars filled with fresh veggies all purchased from local farmers and delivered to the homes of 550 Laconia schoolchildren. Thank you to Dot Steuer and Curtis, Carolyn and Joe Bascetta, Carol and John Ford, Allan Cornelius and Elaine Cote, John Krueckeberg, Pastor Jenn, Kris Rathjen, Marcia Feener, Amy Kivimaki, Mary Oswalt, and Linda and John Fischer. Special thanks to Aneke Jones-Howard who has volunteered to help every Monday, and to Mary Oswalt who will help bag groceries when she is not helping with the deliveries. “God’s work; Our hands”.



CAMPERSHIPS NEWS!

CALUMET CAMPERSHIPS

By the time you read this we will have seven Laconia children attending Camp Calumet. We reached out to the Guidance Counselors and the Elementary School Social Workers with an offer to send eight students to Camp for one week in July. Linda Fischer and I visited the schools with our offer and the response was enthusiastic. "Wow! Would you do this?!?" And immediately the Counselors knew who they would like to send. We offered to be helpful: driving, filling out the (all on-line) registration, whatever was needed. "All" Good Shepherd needed to do was raise the funds...

Camp Calumet awarded Good Shepherd eight camperships of \$200 each for four girls and four boys. We needed to raise the rest: \$4835. Not only did we raise the full amount, we raised a total of \$5585! You are so wonderful! All monies collected will be sent to Calumet to be used for the Resident Camp. Every child who attends Resident Camp does so at a reduced rate (think Reach the Beach, Thrivent grants) so we know that every penny we raised is used to send kids to camp.

Julie Balance, the Resident Camp Registrar is a saint! Not only is she patient and knowledgeable, but she has gone out of her way to help us get Laconia kids to camp. As I forwarded questions from the schools and apologized for calling she always said, "That's why we're here. Let's get these kids to camp!" We had a request to send one student to camp for two weeks. The Caring for Others Committee met and quickly decided that it seemed to be the right thing to do. We called Camp and got approval. Three weeks after the deadline we were asked, "Could we find space for one more camper?" We had a spot for a girl but this was a boy. Julie to the rescue again: "We'll make this happen!"

Thank you to everyone who helped us to send seven children to Camp. They would never have been able to get away, meet new kids and have this experience were it not for your loving care and concern. They will know that God and we love them. There are angels all around us!

Thank You Good Shepherd People for your Generosity.

MEMBER MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



We are updating our records, and need to know your birthday, your anniversary, and if you can locate it, your baptism date & place. **Call or email the office with your important dates. (EVEN if you think we already have the information, please send it along.)**



Nancy is making phone calls to obtain

this information, so if you'd just zap me back a note, it'll make the "work of the church" a little bit easier. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

New Webpage is coming!



Need a Ride to Church and/or other church sponsored events?

Call church at 528-4078 to arrange a ride or call Bev at 253-4274



We love seeing you at church.

Church Directory Corrections- make changes in your directory

Add: Linda Fischer email: lcfischer@mac.com

Correct: Fischer phone # 603-744-5584

Add Bascetta mail address: 152 Isabella Ave., Providence, RI 02908 (No mail received in NH)

Add Ray Masse email address: ray.masse@gmail.com





NIBBLERS AT CAMP CALUMET

Beach BBQ

Thursday, July 18th at 11:30 a.m.

**Nibblers will travel to Camp Calumet
This month for a BBQ on the beach.
The cost is between \$5 to \$7. CASH.**

Sign up on “clipboard” in Fellowship Hall

or call church to attend,

Need a ride - Call Church (528-4078)

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP is looking for a hosts . . . maybe a simple Friendsgiving or Game Day event with the Red Sox? You pick the dates and time and a simple theme if you'd like . . . and then the magic happens! Join your Good Shepherd friends both old and new. Contact Joanne Wilhelm if you can host or have any questions. This is for everyone!

- Simply choose a month and a date! Let Joanne know your plans.
- This is a fun way to get to know your church family in an informal setting over a shared meal.

Joanne Wilhelm
603-689-5010 mobile
www.pamperedchef.biz/Joanne

Fellowship Hour After 10:30 Service

HELP IS NEEDED

PLEASE SIGN UP/VOLUNTEER TO HELP

- Provide items to serve
 - Set up
 - Clean up

Email elaine@hirshan.com sign up on the wall or call 603-986-6512. Thank you!



NEW England Synod School of Lay Ministry

<https://sites.google.com/site/nesynodschoooloflayministryelca/application>



Are you interested in learning more about the teachings of the Lutheran Church? Enroll now in the New England Synod's School of Lay Ministry – NOW!

Eighteen of our members have attended the school of Lay ministry as an opportunity for them to grow in their faith and expand their knowledge of the old and New Testament and church history. It is a two year program and registration is **due by August 1st**. Classes will begin after the required retreat in September.

Forms and information are available on the NE Synod web site (click on Resources) or copies will be available in the church office. Our church will provide financial support to those individuals enrolling in the School of Lay Ministry. The completed forms will require a signature from Pastor Jennifer Hitt.

Retreat Dates for the coming sessions are:

September 13-15, 2019 - Camp Calumet (Fall Theological Year)

May 15-17, 2020 - Camp Calumet (Spring Theological Year)

September 2020- Camp Calumet (Fall Biblical Year)

May 2021 - Camp Calumet (Spring Biblical Year)

SLM Participants Over the Years at Good Shepherd

John & Grita Olmstead

Don Webber

Allan Cornelius

Lee Krueckeberg

Barbara Ryder

Linda Smith

Jan Learned

Bev Anderson

Michael & Sharlee Hynes

Wendy Miller

Jeff Williams

Jim & Bev Nelson

Robin & Michael Rollins

John & Carol Ford

Gerry Hitt



School of Lay Ministry and La Escuela de Ministerio Laico el Sinodo de Nueva Inglaterra

The School of Lay Ministry and La Escuela de Ministerio Laico el Sinodo de Nueva Inglaterra welcome applicants for the session beginning in September. The School consists of a two-year program with one year devoted to bible study and the other to theology and church history. This rotating curriculum allows new participants to join each fall. Each year begins and ends with a retreat at Calumet in September and May. All registrations are due by Aug. 15. Details and registration information are available [here](#).

The School of Lay Ministry thanks Steve Dumas and Judy Armelin for ten years of dedicated service to the New England Synod as the Chair and Dean of the School. We welcome as the Chair-Elect, Joe Jauss and the Dean-Elect, Susan Chin. We are excited about what the future might hold for the School and encourage participation in this spirit-filled community.

The SLM graduate events subcommittee has planned a fall event at Calumet on November 1-3, 2019. Friday evening will begin with arrivals and fellowship, followed by a brief introduction to our Saturday morning session, “Everyday Spirituality,” led by Bishop Hazelwood. Our Saturday afternoon session, led by Rev. Sara Anderson, will offer an overview of the Forward Leadership Community. This is available to congregations in the synod who are motivated and ready to engage in transformational ministry and feel called to connect more deeply with their communities. Following the afternoon session, there will be time for meditation, prayer and fellowship. We will share the Saturday evening meal followed by worship. Those wishing to depart may do so at that time, however, Sunday morning worship at Calumet is always a special time and we invite and encourage participants to stay for that service. Those wishing to participate in this year’s Grad Event should contact Joe Jauss (jjauss@comcast.net) for further details and information regarding registration.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Council,

The Council spent a majority of the June meeting discussing updates and next steps for the building use task force. We are working on building a timeline to implement building updates and improvements.

The Council will be looking to bring the plan forward to the Congregation in the fall. It's been a journey of planning, compiling quotes, re-tooling ideas and getting to the most effective solutions. I look forward to having the team share the vision with the Congregation and seeing the plan put into action.

Krista Larsen
Council President

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Laconia NH, met in a legally called meeting on June 2, 2019 and voted unanimously to accept the updated constitution..

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

MEMBERS

The Church Council normally meets 3rd Wednesday every month at 7 pm.

Officers

Krista Larsen: president
Brian Sanford: vice president
Beverly Nelson: secretary
Bruce Wilhelm: treasurer

Members at Large

Sue Bucknam
Lee Krueckeberg
Rebecca Frame
Robin Rollins
Rebecca Walkley

Good Shepherd's Financial Secretary: Ralph Rathjen

GIVE+ online giving is very convenient, however, there is a small, but real cost to Good Shepherd for this convenience. As mentioned during Annual Meeting, you can also setup regular scheduled contributions using your bank's online bill-pay feature, often at no charge. As with GIVE+, you can schedule these weekly or monthly and the bank will automatically send offering checks to the Church in your name. Whatever way you choose to support the ministry of Good Shepherd is fine with us. **Thank you for giving!**



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my name is

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The Member Ministry Committee

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Each month, we publish a Prayer List For Healing and those in uniform.

Ushers distribute this list each Sunday.



- Call the office if you have a person to add or remove from these lists.
- Remember to add those in need of our prayers to your daily prayers.

know the five signs.

Reach out, connect, inspire hope, and offer help.



personality changed? agitated? withdrawn? poor self-care? hopeless?

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