



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



## June 2019 Newsletter

### Journaling through Pentecost

#### From Pastor Jennifer

How do you define what constitutes a book? Miriam-Webster has all sorts of ideas. So did Peter Madden, the book-binding instructor who inspired us and taught the craft of book-making while I was on retreat. He suggested that any collection of ordered things- bound or not- could be imagined as a book. (Think of a set of mason jars on a shelf containing odds and ends.) Stretching our imaginations, he also taught practical skills for stitching paper together into what we normally think of as books. We made leaflets using the handout from the local museum as covers, little notebooks constructed from local maps, Coptic-stitched blank books with book-board covers, hinged triptychs, and accordion-fold books.



In the end, I had a nice collection of samples of blank books. I love books! I love blank books! Really, though, blank books offer an implicit invitation to the owner to write- to fill the pages with ideas, or thoughts, or lists, or stories, or names and birthdays, or memories, or recipes, or things you're grateful for, or prayers.

On June 23rd at 9 am, I will teach a one-hour class to show you how to make a simple pamphlet-style book. I will also encourage you to use it as a prayer journal for the summer. I will need to know how many to prepare for, so registration is essential. Call the office or sign up on the wall in the fellowship hall. I will provide the paper and the tools. If you find something you'd like to use as the cover, please bring it along. (Think: picture from an old calendar, or something of that weight.) We'll also talk a little about journaling, if we have time. There is no age limit—you'll need to be able to use a needle and thread.

### Pentecost 2019



On Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit on all flesh, and commemorate the birthday of the church. The season of Pentecost lasts all through the summer – until Advent! (I know, it seems as if the snow just melted, so we won't rush things!)

On the Feast of Pentecost, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be worshipping jointly with St. James. We'll begin with a combined coffee hour at 9 am and start worship at 10 am. There will be an "early service" that day- 7:45 am as usual.

Thank you, Linda Salatiello!



Linda Salatiello brought her teaching skills to bear as she shared her wisdom about the history of Early Christianity and the Early Church with the confirmation class and other interested adults. We are so blessed to have Linda as a member of our faith community. Linda, thank you for your engaging sessions and for your faithfulness!

## Update from Pastor Dave Dalzell

"I am currently living in Kittery, ME, and am serving in a permanent call as the Priest in Charge at Trinity Episcopal Church in Saco, ME."



## Tie Dye on Holy Trinity Sunday

June 16th - 9 am

All are invited to bring pre-washed things to tie-dye. Pastor has a few new t-shirts but if you're choosy about your size, BYO!

## June Calendar

Everyone is welcome to all events

Sundays at 7:45 & 10:30 am - Worship services weekly

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### June Calendar

2 Special Congregation Meeting (after 10:30 am worship service)

3 Worship & Music (4 pm)

9 Pentecost Sunday

11 Isaiah 61 Lunch (11:30 am)

16 Holy Trinity Sunday - Tie Dye (9 am)

20 Nibblers Group (11:30 am)

27 Salvation Army Lunch (11:30 am)

### July Calendar

21 Congregational Potluck & Blueberry picking for NH Foodbank (3 pm)

## Calendar

### 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

Office administrator

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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.**

### 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](mailto:bjnelson61@roadrunner.com)

**Look for the next issue of the newsletter to be published July 1st. Articles will be due June 23rd. Thank you! Bev Nelson**

### 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 June 2,, 23, 30 and July 7 from 8:50 AM to 10 AM.

# Forward Leadership Notes: Finding Your “Why”

By Rebecca Frame

On May 11, Lee K, Brian S and Rebecca F. traveled to Good Shepherd Westborough for our fourth Forward gathering.

WHY are we here? When congregations examine this question, they begin to get at the heart, center and emotional core of their very being. Often, we focus on what to do and how to do it, but WHY we do what we do is more engaging – more indicative of our mission and our response to God’s love.

During the gathering we did several exercises to help us think about “WHY.” One I found especially helpful was called “Listening to the Bible.” Try it! Take some time to think about where you find our congregation in God’s story. Where do you see the life of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church reflected in Scripture? Is there a conversation, a place, a parable, an image, a Psalm, an Epistle, or even a particular character that speaks to where Good Shepherd is right now?

During our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Home Team (John K., Debbie B., Joanne W., Eric J., Jan L., Paula P., and guests Jim and Bev N.), each of us told our ideas about Good Shepherd’s WHY in Scripture. The feeding miracles (we’re the kid with the loaves and fish!), Thomas (who had some questions and needed some proof), Peter (who loved the Lord but made a few well intended and impulsive choices, like trying to walk on water) were a sampling of our Bible stories. Where in the Bible do you see this congregation? Talk about that with somebody.

Between now and our next Away Team gathering in September (Leadership Styles), Pastor Jennifer and the Teams will be sprinkling WHY questions and activities for your engagement.

Here’s another one. Fill in the blanks. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is here

TO (do what) \_\_\_\_\_,

SO THAT(why)\_\_\_\_\_ .

Have some fun thinking and talking about this!



*Dr. Jack Chinese Hibiscus*

*St. Ann's Botanical Garden*

**Thank** You to all the GSLC/SJEC Gardeners

Thank You Ginger for caring so much and organizing work days.

Gardens need care all season. Please call the church to volunteer to help.



## CARING FOR OTHERS MINISTRY by Lee Kreuckeberg

### LUNCH FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE:

We continue to feed about 75 persons a month at Salvation Army and at Isaiah 61. We are pleased to announce that the St James outreach committee has offered to help us bring food to the two sites. We are Blessed with an abundance of caring cooks! If ever there is extra food it is donated to Isaiah 61 where it is gratefully received. Volunteers then heat it and serve it for lunch the next day. No food goes to waste! Thank you St James! Thank you Good Shepherd!

### GOT LUNCH! LACONIA:

Every summer Got Lunch! Laconia feeds about 550 Laconia schoolchildren during the summer vacation weeks. We have agreed to drive the Veggie Van for eight of those weeks beginning June 24. Volunteers are needed! One driver and one runner is needed every Monday to follow the lead "peanut butter" car around a neighborhood to drop off the vegetables at students homes. Volunteer drivers arrive at the Laconia Congregational Church by 8:00, have their trunks loaded by Boy Scouts and begin the route. You'll be back to the church before noon. If you're interested please see or call Lee Krueckeberg ([lee-lsk@msn.com](mailto:lee-lsk@msn.com) or 603. 238. 7883)

Got Lunch! also needs volunteers to bag groceries. Join Mary Oswalt, Amy Kivimaki and Ruthann Schuster on Monday mornings and help load a week's worth of food for distribution. We are Blessed with an abundance of people who care for hungry children! Thank you Good Shepherd!

### COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continuing support of the Food Pantry. What ever you put in the cart in the Narthex gets delivered downtown and is immediately distributed. We are so grateful for your donations. Special thanks to John Ford who delivers food to CAP.

Joanne Wilhelm  
603-689-5010 mobile  
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- 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.



## CAMPERSHIPS NEWS!

We have been Blessed with an abundance of generosity! Thanks to you we will send seven Laconia schoolchildren to Camp Calumet in July. We were awarded \$1600 by Camp and needed to raise an additional \$3720. We raised \$4380!! All monies will go to Calumet's Resident Camp

Account and will be used to help send other children to camp.

In sending Laconia children to Calumet we rely on the three Guidance Counselors and Social Workers to select the campers. This year we had an unusual request to send one child for two weeks. The Caring for Others Committee met and discussed this and unanimously agreed that we should honor the request. We firmly believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in our ministry and that "Who knows where this experience might lead?" for all the children.

Knute Ogren, Director of Development at Calumet, reports that the majority of children who attend Resident Camp are not members of a church. So Calumet becomes a place where the children can learn that God Loves them. Thank you Good Shepherd!

**Thank You Good Shepherd People for your Generosity.**

**"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18)**

Today after serving lunch at Salvation Army, many people made their way back to the kitchen area. There were terrific smiles and many words of gratitude expressed to those of us serving. I just needed to share with you, the difference we do make in other peoples' lives. Thank you all who made this possible by your food donations and service. I also feel happy and blessed to be a part of this giving community. I just wanted you to know, that brief hour of refreshment that we so graciously gave, has so wonderfully brought fulfillment and joy to me. Who knew???

Thank you, Mary Oswalt

## NEW England Synod School of Lay Ministry

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



NEW ENGLAND SYNOD  
SCHOOL OF LAY MINISTRY

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 2018 - Camp Calumet (Fall Biblical Year)

May 2019 - Camp Calumet (Spring Biblical Year)



The happy smiles mean they completed their first year of School of Lay Ministry. They would love for you to join them in September for the Theological Year of Study.

Mike Rollins, Robin Rollins, Gerry Hitt, Jim Nelson, Bev Nelson, Carol Ford and John Ford

thank Good Shepherd for supporting their study.

Property news from Mary Divers

Property committee is exploring how to put lights at our road sign. We also are going to be setting up an interview with a possible person to do cleaning at the church. The girl scouts are going to be cleaning out the back yard area as a community project. We thank them for all of their hard work. We also thank Bev and Jim Nelson for all their hard work cleaning out and disposing of all the files and other old materials that are no longer needed in our room upstairs.



Thank You Girl Scout Troop 13140

Under the leadership of Kathy Higgins, the Girl Scout Troop have met at Good Shepherd this year. They will freshen up the fenced in play area of the church grounds as a thank you for our hospitality. They have enjoyed meeting at Good Shepherd and this is their way of saying THANK YOU.

**NIBBLERS Luncheon Group**

**Meets June 20th at 11:30 a.m.**

**All are Welcome! Bring a Friend!**

**The Lyons Den in Gilford**

**Sign up on "clipboard" in Fellowship Hall**

**or call church to attend,**

**Need a ride - Call Church (528-4078)**



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: [lcfisher@mac.com](mailto:lcfisher@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](mailto:ray.masse@gmail.com)



**UPDATE**



# CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Council,

In May, Council received an update from the Property Committee Liaison Robin Rollins on the Building Use Task Force. We also got an update on Forward Leadership from our team representatives Rebecca Frame, Brian Sanford and Lee Krueckeberg. Financial Secretary Ralph Rathjen briefed the Council on his work in drafting a Gift Policy. The policy will provide guidance for our leadership and members on gifts given to Good Shepherd. The policy aims to provide transparency and consistency. Our next meeting is June 19.

Krista Larsen  
Council President

## 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

## 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](mailto:elaine@hirshan.com) sign up on the wall or call 603-986-6512. Thank you!

## Financial News from the Treasurer

Bruce Wilhelm

Thanks to all for your faithful giving! While our giving started out very slow in January and February, it picked back up in March and April and we have been able to cover our year to date expenses. This also means we are able to fulfil our commitments of timely financial support to the GotLunch! and Isaiah 61 program ministries in May. Giving for the year is still about \$4,000 below plan, however, and we will all need to pull together to catch up before the heaviest spending months towards the end of the year. Thanks in advance for your support!

Thanks also to those of you who have set up automatic monthly or weekly gifts, through GIVE+ or through Bill Pay at their bank, so that their offerings are received regardless of where they are on any given Sunday. This is very helpful in smoothing out the ups and downs in our income and makes it much easier for Council to plan expenditures over the course of the year. Thank you!

	2019		
	JANUARY-APRIL		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>	<b>57,632</b>	<b>61,568</b>	<b>(3,936)</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>58,035</b>	<b>62,043</b>	<b>(4,008)</b>

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!**



## Assisted Listening-NEW TECHNOLOGY

Available to aid in listening at Good Shepherd



## 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.

## NAME TAGS

Hello  
my name is

Name Tags are found in your mailboxes. If you need a name tag, leave a note in Member Ministry mailbox or leave a message at the church office. We will gladly make one for you to wear. Thank you for taking the time to retrieve and wear yours. The Member Ministry Committee



**Generosity**  
changes everything

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