



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
“Shepherd’s Horn”
August 2022



Our Mission:

To LOVE people wherever they are,
To LIVE the grace of God in Jesus Christ
and to GROW in faith and service.



Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services are

Livestreamed

Nursery Available

Social Hour

9:15a.m. to 10:15a.m.

Coffee and snacks!

Office Hours & Phone

Monday—Thursday

9:00—5:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00—Noon

815-385-4030

Church Council

Carol Janssen,

Christina Johnson

Jackie Huddleston,

Bob Preston

Lori Englert, Paul Morgan

Barb Nalley, Joel Kahling

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Dear Friends in Christ at Shepherd of the Hills,

Having COVID is not fun. Our family discovered fact personally, as three of us – my wife Sarah, daughter Sophie, and I – tested positive coming home from vacation. Nothing like driving home and looking for a drug store in Wisconsin that has COVID tests, right? Grace and Nathaniel have remained COVID negative by burrowing in their rooms. It has also meant that we all wear masks in the house. Very strange.

The good news is that during our 5-day quarantine, we have recovered well. After a week, I have an occasional cough, slight loss of taste and smell, and some unsteadiness while walking. The bad news has been dealing with the more severe symptoms as well as rescheduling Sophie's flight back to Philadelphia. It was sad that we couldn't spend the extra week we had together.

The worst news of all is that COVID persists and is becoming more contagious. In fact, on Friday July 15, the CDC and McHenry County Health Department raised the COVID community level from medium to high risk and recommended these changes:

Wear a well-fitting mask in public, regardless of vaccination status

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, you should wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection; and consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed.

As a result, please strongly consider wearing a mask to worship until we are back to medium risk. Also, we will open the windows for more fresh air, and we will sing less at the beginning of worship and more at the end.

Why this recommendation? Because in Matthew 25:31-46, after people served the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned, they were confused as to when the King saw them do that work. After the explanation, the King (Jesus) says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

We are called to treat everyone, even those considered "the least," "with the same love we show our neighbors and ourselves. Wearing a mask is the least we can do. Because having COVID is no fun.

Until next time, I bid you all God's love and grace, peace, and joy!

Pastor Tom

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Calling All Ladies!

Mary Martha Circle/Bible Study meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

1:00 - 3:00p.m.

Room 5 (behind the kitchen)

Please bring your Bible and a copy of the publication "The Gather" if you have one.

We look forward to our time together.

Questions? Please call or email Sharie Moy
815-236-2642 or teacup76@comcast.net



FIRST WEDNESDAYS

August 3rd: Speakers from Citizen's Climate Lobby, a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots advocacy organization with hundreds of local chapters will present a program titled "Climate Crisis: You Make a Difference". For more general information go to www.citizensclimatelobby.org.



Looking Ahead

September 7th: Patrick Kenneally, States Attorney of McHenry County will speak on elder abuse, financial abuse and identity theft.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

LADIES' BREAKFAST

1st Saturday of Every Month

Not meeting in August
Will Resume in the Fall!

Green Street Café
Questions?

Contact: Kevin Harrington
815-344-0722

First Saturday of Every Month

All women are invited -
come join us for fellowship
and good food!

August 6th at 8a.m.
Kim & Patty's Restaurant

Contact: Sharie Moy
815-236-2642



"He's Got the Whole World
in His Hands"
SOTH Parade Float
July 17, 2022.





**Summer camp is in full swing with 70+ kids enrolled
and lots of field trips that have been taken!**

We've been swimming, to the zoo, had a cookie decorating class, magician Snapology, animal visits from Randall Oaks Zoo, we've gone to Urban Air, you name it - we did it!

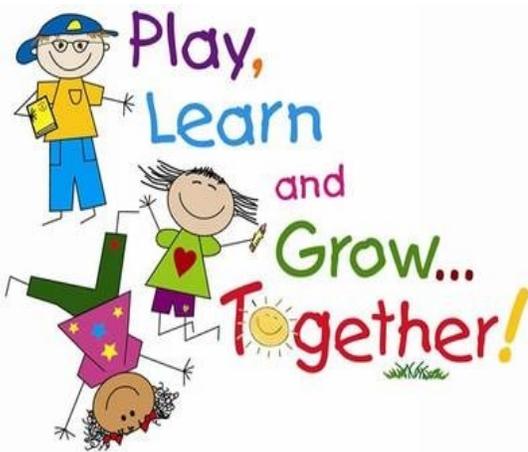
Our Before and After school program is right around the corner as well. Registration is underway. If you are looking for before and after school care please contact us. 815-276-6829.







Jr. High and High School Youth Group will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on August 20 from 7-8:45pm followed by dessert at Culver's. Parents are welcome to join us. We need 1 adult for every 4 youth. We will meet at the Libertyville FMSC site at 6:45 pm. Please let Heather know by August 10 if you can attend.



In conjunction with Pastor Tom's Sermon Series on the Pixar movies; Toy Story and The Incredibles, we will be holding two Sunday School Group Sessions on August 21st and 28th. We will discuss, play and craft together revolving around these two movies. Previous viewing of the movies would be beneficial. Please email Heather to let her know so she can plan accordingly.

Sunday School begins September 11. Sunday School and Confirmation enrollment forms can be picked up in the church office.

Sunday School teachers are needed. Please consider volunteering your time during the 10 am service to teach our youth. Even if you can only do one week a month or wish to sub, we would be happy to have you! Contact Heather.



SOTH ANNUAL PICNIC
September 11, 2022.
11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

COME JOIN THE FUN!
Kona Ice Truck, Glowby the Bubbler, Bounce House,
Face Painter, Balloon Artist, Food, Games
and SO MUCH MORE!!

Interested in helping this year? Please email Heather at:
hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org



KINDRED SPIRITS

By Randy Casey

A dear and much loved friend of mine passed away on July 7th, 2022 from cancer at the age of 54. Her name was Barb Cannon and we played chamber music together at my previous church for 20 years. She was a fine cellist who played in the Lake Forest Symphony and, when she was getting her master's degree in cello at Southern Methodist University, Barb played in the Dallas Symphony. She loved teaching and had a full studio of students from Lake Country and southern Wisconsin. She also had a natural smile like child actress Shirley Temple. Barb was simply a marvelous person in many ways and I miss her greatly.

Unlike 99% of the people at my previous church, Barb was not surprised when I resigned my position there of almost 30 years. Her words when I told her the news were, "You have not looked happy for a long time" We had never discussed the dynamics of my situation; Barb simply grasped that something was not right. To put this another way, Barb and I were kindred spirits. So, when Barb played an accompanied solo in church, for example, she would simply hand me the piano part and we would start playing. We understood musically and personally and little or no discussion was required.

One only has a few kindred spirits in a lifetime, but I submit that one might more easily find one inside a church than without. At least a church person is aware that he or she has a spirit. I was startled a few months ago when an acquaintance of mine told me that she did not have a soul. I assured her that she most certainly did have a soul. The person in question is actually one of my German tutors with whom I have been meeting almost weekly via Zoom for what will soon be five years. She is very intelligent and is fluent in about six languages, including Finnish and Norwegian. In other words, God has blessed her with a facility in languages, but she does not interpret her ability in that way.

I would like to think that individuals who serve a church in whatever capacity occasionally find a kindred spirit serving likewise. Of course, I am not objective in believing that such a bond can be found by singing in a choir. Doing so is much more than learning music and singing it with someone else. It is about seeing joy on another person's face, and of sharing the occasional exhilaration of accomplishing something musical. It is about seeing the works of different composers and grasping how each was trying to praise God in his or her own way. Singing in a choir is these things and so much more. Of course, at Shepherd of the Hills, perhaps one also could find such a kinship in the handbell choir. In truth, the coming together of kindred spirits could be happening all over the church. It just takes getting involved to set the stage for that experience to happen.

I visited Barb right before she died, held her hand, and told her I loved her. She replied, "I know." You too can make music with someone, if only figuratively. You too can discover a kindred spirit, in a church or elsewhere, but you must come out of yourself to do so. As Christians we believe that the Holy Spirit is working among us. Perhaps this belief is the first step in finding a spirit of kinship with a fellow servant of God.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Sandy Orlando, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Fluger, Barb Gaskell, Ron Gohl, Kevin Harrington, Dave Huddleston, Debby Krause, Jill Holtz Kropf, Sue Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley, Susan Neral, Karen O'Neill, Pam Schilf, Don Schnurr, Betty Thompson, Bert Young and Cindy Ziesow.

Special thanks to those who beautify our church property; Lee Borresen, Darick Franzen, Jim Heard, Alan Holm, Win Humbracht, Ron Jones, Mike Moushey, Mark Ponga, Bob, AJ and Jack Preston, Bill Schroeder, Christian Strumberger, Joe Strumberger, Greg Tabert, Andy Vantreeck and Bert Young.

thank you!

Refreshment Sponsors

July 3: Nevie Gamble
July 10: Ron & Joanne Ziska
July 17: Annelise Bauer
July 24: Bev Blundell
July 31: Pam Schilf

Flower Sponsors

July 3: Karen & Brian O'Neill

July 10: Jackie & Dave Huddleston's anniversary and granddaughter, Allison Koepke's birthday. Christina Johnson.

July 17: Bev Blundell in memory of her mother, Irma Wagner, Lorie Englert in honor of her mother Bev Blundell's birthday, Annalise Bauer in memory of her beloved husband, Sheldon.

July 24: Nevie Gamble in memory of her husband, Ken. Christina Johnson in celebration of her son, Ryan's birthday.

July 31: Roberta Bass in memory of her husband, Loren's birthday. Claire & DuWayne Fair in honor of their daughter, Amie's birthday.





May God bless you
with discomfort
At easy answers,
half-truths and superficial
relationships, so that you
may live deep within
your heart.

May God bless you
with anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation
of people, so that you may
work for justice, freedom
and peace.

May God bless you
with tears to shed for
those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger and war,
so that you may reach out
your hand to comfort them
and to turn their pain
into joy.

And may God bless you
with enough foolishness to
believe that you can make a
difference in the world so
that you can do what
others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the
poor.

TOGETHER
WE MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!



God's Work
Our Hands

Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song! Shepherd of the Hills offers several music ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's Bells and Praise Band. The groups perform at services, special programs, during the holidays and for other church events. *We are always looking for new members!* If you are interested in joining any of our music ministries, please call the church office at 815-385-4030.

Sunday Stewards Needed: Communion Assistants, Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild and Coffee Makers are needed for Sunday Services.

Flower Sponsors: Sponsorships can be made in celebration or memory of birthdays, anniversaries or "just because". Sponsors are welcome and encouraged to take their floral arrangement home after the Sunday services. Cost is \$30 per arrangement.

Refreshment Sponsors: are needed for Sunday morning social hour. If interested, please call the Church Office, 815-385-4030.

Are you crazy for quilting? Join "Sew Grand Quilters", Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your quilting supplies and join us for friendly conversation while we make beautiful prayer quilts. For more information, please contact: Deborah Story, 815-880-0152 or dstory16@gmail.com.

Shepherd's Prayer Group: Every week on Monday @ 7:00 p.m. This is a time to share joys and concerns and great Christian Fellowship. Please join us! **Zoom Meeting link:** <https://zoom.us/j/91873209720>?pwd=MGtHQhrVINSeFM2SHBicXhqa3B2Zz09_Dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) **Meeting ID:** 918 7320 9720 **Passcode:** 122441.

Friday Family Fun Night is on hiatus for the summer months and will resume on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Preschool: Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2022-2023 School Year. Registration forms are in the church office OR email Jennifer Walker, Pre-School Director, with any questions. Jwalker@shepherdofhills.org.



AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					8am: Samaritan Counseling	8am: Ladies B'fast Worship: 5:00pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship: 8:30 & 10am	9:30am: "Sew Grand" Quilts 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ	12:30pm: 1st Wed. Fellowship Group 12:30pm: Women's Recovery 1pm: WELCA 7 pm: Choir	Noon: Staff Mtg	8am: Samaritan Counseling	Worship: 5:00pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship: 8:30 & 10am	9:30am: "Sew Grand" Quilts 6pm: WELCA 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle	12:30pm: Women's Recovery 7 pm: Choir	1pm: Splash 6pm: Council Mtg	8am: Samaritan Counseling	Worship: 5:00pm 6:45pm: Jr - Sr. High "Feed My Starving Children", Libertyville
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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