

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

“Shepherd’s Horn” - July 2022



Our Mission is to:

LOVE people wherever they are,
LIVE the grace of God in Jesus Christ
and 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

Pam Schilf

404 N. Green Street

McHenry, IL 60050



The church is quiet now after a busy week of Vacation Bible School. We will have occasional activity, like elections next week on Tuesday, June 28. For the most part though, we will be busy working on getting caught up and making plans for the fall and into 2023.

Of course, there will be anchor events to look forward to: the Church Picnic, Trunk or Treat, and the Christmas Extravaganza. Yet those are all social events – and great events to invite others to join us. What else are you interested in covering as a congregation?

Is there a service project in the community that you would like to do or that you are passionate about? There are all sorts of organizations that would appreciate a helping hand.

Is there a book study that you are interested in covering? We are especially interested in studying Bible topics. So again, if there is something you would like to learn more about, please let me know.

On June 12, I mentioned a book by Andy Stanley called, ***“Not in It to Win It: Why Choosing Sides Sidelines the Church,”*** and said we will do a book study reviewing this book. We will plan on two sessions: Wednesday July 13 and 20, beginning at 7:00 pm, and see if more are needed.

I am also planning a new member class/orientation and welcome Sunday. Right now, the orientation will be on Sunday, July 17 @ 11:00am and new members will be welcomed on Sunday, July 24 at the 10:00am worship, with a reception starting at 9:30 am. Be sure to join us for these two special events!

Finally, I appreciate everyone’s concern and prayers regarding my health concerns, as well as Nathaniel’s accident. I am feeling back to normal, while Nathaniel is recovering well. He has a broken collarbone and a dislocated shoulder but did not require surgery. Not the way to spend a summer but we give God thanks, knowing it could have been so much worse. Again, thank you!

I am eager to hear from you and I will see you in church!

Pastor Tom

<https://youtu.be/31hqlRsU5oY>

MONUMENTAL

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS





KICKING OFF THE SUMMER



Did Someone Say "S'Mores?"



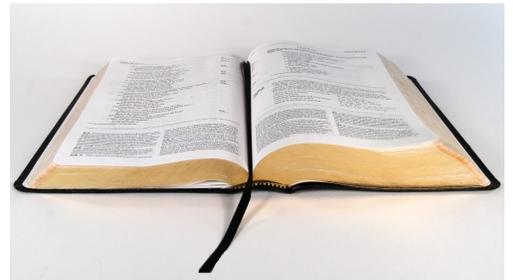
MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

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
teacup76@comcast.net Or 815-236-2642

MEN'S BREAKFAST



**1st Saturday of Every Month
July 2nd at 7:30 a.m.**

Green Street Café

Questions?

**Contact: Kevin Harrington
815-344-0722**

LADIES BREAKFAST



First Saturday of Every Month

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

July 2nd at 8a.m.

Kim & Patty's Restaurant

**Contact: Sharie Moy
815-236-2642**



Whenever friends ask me how the choir is doing at Shepherd of the Hills, I tell them that it is "headed in the right direction." By this remark I mean that the choir members are bringing their talent and generous spirit to our rehearsals and singing the music I put in their hands. The music, however, must be "right" for the group and that is where my experience as choir director plays a very important role.

As I mentioned last month, the primary quality I look for in every piece of music I select for the choir is "singability." In addition, I employ the image of a circle to guide me in the music selection process. The easy pieces I place in the center of the circle and the more challenging works appear away from that center. The idea is to have the pieces in different locations and thereby achieve some balance between levels of difficulty. Right now almost all of the pieces we are singing are in the middle of the circle, i.e. are rather easy. However, as the choir both grows in size and increases in musicianship, the area apart from the center will become more populated, as it were.

Of course, one also desires differences in style on a choral agenda. Thus, for example, I have in mind the choir singing a unison movement from a Bach cantata for Advent and presenting a contemporary work with electric guitar, believe it or not, for Reformation Sunday. Both works are within the capability of the choir and are fine pieces of music. By the way, I am reminded that "easy" does not mean diminished in quality. A choral work can be written for unison voices and still be worthy of our time. The reverse is also true: A complicated and challenging work can in the end prove to not have been worth the effort to have learned.

It would be commendable if all the works a church choir sings were to fit with the lessons for a given Sunday, but such is simply not going to happen. Good Shepherd Sunday, Easter IV, appeared in May and it was easy to find several settings of either Psalm 23 or a text having to do with the Shepherd for that occasion. However, when a pericope does not lend itself to be exactly matched by an anthem of my acquaintance, I consider the liturgical season on hand and proceed accordingly.

By the way, I recently offered the idea that the Shepherd of the Hills choir would continue to meet all summer at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for a variety of constructive reasons. The singers liked the idea and so I invite you to join us any time in the coming months, should you be so inclined or should your musical curiosity be rearing its head. This decision to continue to meet reflects a spirit of delight in the musicmaking we so enjoy.

My goal as choir director is for everyone who comes to a rehearsal, including me, to feel better musically and personally for having done so. If your life is already sufficiently rewarding, I congratulate you. If, however, you could use a dose or two of musicianship, comradery, spiritual nourishment and /or just plain fun, I invite you to give choir a try.

FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

First Wednesday meets at noon for a light lunch followed by a program at 1 p.m. To defray the cost of lunch we accept a free will offering. First Wednesday's programs are always free and open to the general public. We encourage you to bring a friend. We need good attendance if we are to attract good speakers.



On July 6th Stacy Iwanike of Volo Bog State Natural Area will tell us about Volo Bog, a nearby State of Illinois Natural Area.

The bog, a relic of the last glaciation 12,000 years ago, provides a diversity of habitats which supports many plants and animals including; muskrats, beavers, sandhill cranes, northern owls and other species.

Looking Ahead

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.

September 7th: a representative of the McHenry County State Attorney's office will speak on elder abuse, financial abuse and identity theft.

We are working on making our future programs available virtually on Zoom. If you have experience setting up Zoom or other types of virtual programs we could use your help.

If you need transportation you want to opt out of future mailings please email us at: fwfellowship-soth@gmail.com.

Your hosts,

Bruce & Barbara Harmel, Ron & Joanne Ziska and Susan Pasternock

Green Thumbs Apply Here!

**We are looking for volunteers
to help keep our church home
looking fit and trim!**

Call the office at 815-385-4030



High School Youth Group!

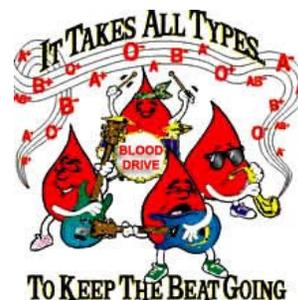
Fourth Sunday of Every Month

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Questions?

Luke Kaspar

Lkaspar@shepherdofhills.org



Versiti Blood Center of Illinois
Blood Drive

Heartfelt thanks to all
who donated blood on June 7th.
Our goal was to get 14 products -
we got 17!

BONUS: We had FIVE O NEGATIVE donors!
Your gift saves lives!!

THANK YOU!!!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We joyously bring to the Lord in Holy Baptism...

May 21: *Scarlett Mary Schachtner*. Proud Parents: Drake & Hannah Schachtner, Sponsors: Samantha Bartulis, Joel Levin & Robby Duh.

May 22: *Aria Marie Kandefer*, Proud Parents: Brian & Rochelle Kandefer. Sponsors: Tarah Winzentsen & Brian Winzentsen.

May 29: *Jordy Daniel McDonald*. Proud Parents: Jamie & Matt McDonald. Sponsors: Melissa McDonald & Lisa Lehner.

June 5: *Connor Jonathan Orlak*. Proud Parents: Alexandra & Jonathan Orlak. Sponsors: Jakilyn Bitte & Michael Orlak.

June 11: *Jaxon Connor Hennig*. Proud Parents: Elisabeth & Andrew Hennig. Sponsors: Rachel Wells & Derick Bailey.

Rozella Moira Pitchford. Proud Parents: Caitlin & Corey Pitchford. Sponsors: Cathy Peterie & Elysia Pitchford.

Violet Olivia Pitchford. Proud Parents: Caitlin & Corey Pitchford. Sponsors: Julie Juhl & Jason Peterie.



THANK YOU!

June Sunday Stewards

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

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

Refreshment Sponsors

June 5: Jeff & Theresa Lichte

June 12: Dave Olsen - in memory of Mary Ann Olsen

June 19: Martha Finkbeiner

June 26: Moy's 46th Anniversary & Deb Krause - honoring God's Love

Flower Sponsors

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June 12: Dave Olsen in memory of Mary Ann Olsen, Lorie Englert.

June 19: Martha Finkbeiner in honor of Bob Finkbeiner's birthday.

June 26: Debby Krause in honor of Roger Krause's birthday and Jimmy & Sharie Moy in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.



Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of
your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall
be created
and you will renew the
face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light
of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the
hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit,
help us to relish what
is right and always
rejoice in your
consolation.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR SHEPHERD FAMILY TO SERVE!



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.

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.

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.

Before & After Program: Register NOW for Fall 2022! Please call the church office to speak to Ashley Metcalf.

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

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8am: Samaritan Counseling	2 7:30am: Men's B'fast 8:am: Ladies B'fast Worship: 5:00pm
3 Worship: 8:30 & 10am	4 	5 BUZZ	6 12:30pm: 1st Wed. Fellowship Group 12:30pm: Women's Recovery 1pm: WELCA 7 pm: Choir	7	8 8am: Samaritan Counseling	9 Worship: 5:00pm
10 Worship: 8:30 & 10am	11 6:30pm: TOPS 6pm: WELCA	12 BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle	13 12:30pm: Women's Recovery 7 pm: Book Study 7 pm: Choir	14 Noon: Staff Mtg 1pm: Splash	15 8am: Samaritan Counseling	16 Worship: 5:00pm
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