



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



**“And let us not
grow weary
of doing good,
for in due season
we will reap,
if we do not give
up.”**

Galatians 6:9

Our Mission:

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

Dear God,
Another day is ahead,
and once again, I release
my child(ren) into your
tender care.

Thank you in advance for
all that you have in store,
for this day, for this season,
and for their entire lives.

I ask for your wisdom and
direction over their day,
that you would give them
understanding beyond
what their years say they
should even know. I ask
that you would remind my
kids again of how very
much you love them.

I ask for laughter and joy
to fill their day. I pray that
you would give them
boldness and courage
to face the challenges set
before them.

I ask for you to protect
them from feelings of
shame or condemnation,
but instead, cover them
with your grace and hope.
Amen.



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Lord,
I cant say it in words...
Can you please just listen
through my heart.

Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song! Shepherd of the Hills offers several music ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's Bells and Shepherd's 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.

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 \$35.00 per arrangement.

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

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?](https://zoom.us/j/91873209720)
pwd=MGtHQnrhVINSefM2SHBicXhqa3B2Zz09_Dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) **Meeting ID:** 918 7320 9720 **Passcode:** 122441.

"Save the Date" for the WELCA Advent Dinner coming up on November 20th, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Look for more information in the October Horn.

Amazon Smile: Next time you do your Amazon shopping please select the "Amazon Smile" option before you order. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from customers' eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Shepherd of the Hills!



Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 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

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First, thank you for calling me to be your pastor. I have learned so much and had a wonderful time here. It has been an exciting run.

Second, driving to work lately I have seen an image several times now that struck me. Driving up Route 31 to work, I noticed a family waiting out in front of The Chapel. The Chapel also hosts Pioneer Center's year-round homeless shelter for our county.

It looked like this family was waiting for a school bus - it was about that time. That was my guess. Families are not usually housed at the shelter, but it depends on their circumstances. That family gave me two thoughts: 1. That a family was living in a homeless shelter; 2. They were mere feet away from the busy Rt. 31. I have been thinking and praying for them.

On those same days, when pulling into Shepherd of the Hills, the bright streamers and colored posters on the front light posts signified the first day of preschool, as the kids were dropped off right to the sidewalk. Our preschool director, Jennifer Walker, has done this every time a new season of preschool starts. What a way to welcome and show hospitality to these families coming to Shepherd!

These two diametrically opposed images had a hold of me. I wondered:

What 'good news' could Shepherd speak to that homeless family?

Can the church extend to them the same joy and care that Shepherd shows its preschool students?

Would the Before & After program be helpful to get the kids out of that environment for a while?

And if Shepherd helps a homeless family, there are over 30 kids here for the Head Start program. Perhaps a few of them would benefit from Before & After and might need financial assistance. Is the church willing to reach out and support the children already in our building?

Perhaps people would be willing to support this work through offerings for scholarships, etc.?

As I leave serving this wonderful congregation, I hope and pray that you might consider how to engage the community with service. Why? So that your community can experience and have a glimpse of what Shepherd of the Hills offers: God's great love and grace known in Jesus Christ. Again, thank you!

In God's love and grace and peace and joy,

Pastor Tom





On Saturday evening, August 20th our youth groups and parents filled and packaged Manna Packs for "Feed My Starving Children" in Libertyville.

After working up an appetite by packing **37 boxes with 7992 meals** that will feed **22 kids for one year**, they went to Culver's for ice cream!

THANKS TO ALL!



THANK YOU, PASTOR TOM!

The Youth Groups purchased Pastor Tom a beautiful carved cross with the Lord's Prayer on it.

The cross is made of olive wood that came from ancient olive trees in Jerusalem.







Thank you for the expressions of support in response to my previous column about the death of my friend. I would like to think that Barb is looking down on my work at Shepherd of the Hills with approval. So, what have I done since becoming your choir director in April that Barb could consider? I have:

- made an index of the choir library with around 550 titles.
- held choir rehearsals this past summer so that the choir would be prepared for the months ahead.
- improved the sound of the choir.
- provided the choir with a schedule of their singing for the coming season.
- searched high and low and found suitable music for the choir.
- written a column for the newsletter to give the congregation an idea of who I am personally and musically.
- practiced piano almost daily on the fine Petrof piano in the sanctuary to keep my playing in shape.
- moved choir rehearsals to Thursday evenings in the hope that a handbell ringer or two will join us.
- asked the choir director at McHenry High School to advise his students of singing opportunities here at your church.
- begun and ended every rehearsal on time in a spirit of efficiency.
- found solos and duets for presentation during the summer.

The truth, however, is that most of these items are just "table setters." By that I mean that without the participation of shall we say a "quorum" of singers, my efforts will almost have been for naught.

I cannot believe that this is my fourth column and I have yet to tell you about Miss Perry, the person who made me who I am today. Miss Perry was my childhood piano and organ teacher who knew what I would be doing with my life before I did. She invested her time, energy and ideas in me with the expectation that I would amount to something in service to the Church. She would look at my list of actions above and say that she expected no less of me. During most of my high school years I had two organ lessons a week with her during which I would play a while and she would talk a lot. And she was a person of conviction. She was a true wordsmith who wrote and spoke eloquently. A discerning mutual acquaintance of ours once remarked that Miss Perry was the most distinctive person any of us had ever met.

My fantasy is that Barb and Miss Perry have already met in heaven and that hopefully Barb may have gotten a word in edgewise amid Miss Perry's lectures on why and how I do what I do. In any case the point is, that I am playing and directing on behalf of the people of this church. I can well imagine the approval of those two gracious ladies, but would like to witness your appreciation of my endeavors by your participation, musical and otherwise, in the life at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Miss Perry would have expected no less of you, too.



Calling a Pastor

Are you interested in the future of our church?

Are you passionate about the church continuing its service
to the community and in your family?

If you answered yes, then consider being a part of our Call Committee.

The Call Committee will be forming in the near future. This commitment will last until the congregation has successfully called the next Pastor. The Call Committee will be responsible for interviewing and recommending a candidate to the Council and ultimately to the congregation.

Typically, the committee will meet several times a month. Overall, the process takes 6 to 9 months and potentially longer. It is a big commitment of time and energy, as well as, a devotion to working together for the future of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Please prayerfully consider serving our congregation in this capacity. If you are interested, stop by the church office and fill out a questionnaire. The deadline is tentatively set for the end of September. Council will select 6 people to serve on the Call Committee.

Yours in Christ,
Carol Janssen
Council President



FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP



PATRICK D. KENNEALLY
STATE'S ATTORNEY

September 7th: Patrick Kenneally, States Attorney of McHenry County will speak on elder abuse, financial abuse and identity theft. Join us for dessert at 12:30pm, with program to follow at 1:00p.m.

Looking Ahead

October 5th: Ed Collins from McHenry County Conservation District is tentatively scheduled to speak about the district's effort to restore Glacial Park to save species. In 2019 the United Nations published a report warning that one million species on earth face extinction because of climate change, loss of habitat and other causes. Many scientists believe we are in the midst of a sixth mass extinction in the history of the earth.

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



LADIES' BREAKFAST

First Saturday of Every Month

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

September 3rd at 8a.m.
Kim & Patty's Restaurant

Contact: Sharie Moy
815-236-2642





**Shepherd of the Hills
Church Picnic
September 11, 2022
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**



Join us for the Fellowship! Stay for the fun!

**Kona Ice Truck, Glowby the Bubbler, bounce house,
face painter, balloon artist,
food, games,
and SO much more!**



FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Next date is

October 7th @ 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite board game
and join in the fun!



Sunday School &
Confirmation begin
on
September 11
@ 10am

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!

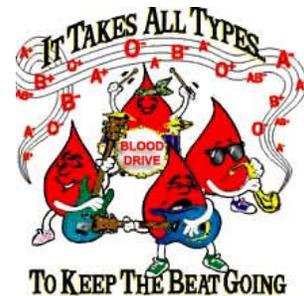
Please contact Heather. Thank you!



Is looking for volunteers
to help deliver meals.

One day - once a month
11am - 1pm

Interested? Contact Bruce Preston
bpreston2006@comcast.net



Versiti Blood Center of Illinois
Blood Drive

September 27, 2022

4:00 - 6:00pm

Mobile Unit in the Parking Lot
Your gift saves lives!

Fall décor Sign Making party

Tuesday, September 13

6:00-7:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Limited space – 12 spots available

First Come, First Served

\$15/person

Choose a sign:



Choose a color background:

Orange

black

cream

Name _____ phone _____

Email _____

Please return to Heather Castaing or front office by September 1



Start your engines and join in the fun!

Tour the National Parks at various homes, restaurants and businesses throughout McHenry for clues!



Saturday, October 8th

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Teams: however many you can safely fit in your car!

Dinner served in Fellowship Hall, 5-6pm

Adventure begins @ 6pm.

Return to SOTH by 10pm (or risk losing points!)

Questions? See Heather Castaing

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the family of God;

August 13th: Jackson Peter Gardner. Parents: William & Stephanie Gardner.
Sponsors: Rebecca Connell and Robert Hall.

August 21st: Lucas Robert Doessel. Parents: Caitlyn Lontoc & Ben Doessel.
Sponsors: Samantha Nowack & Bernard Puglisi.



Our Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers

to Frank Meisner and the Butler family on the passing of Patricia Butler, Saturday, August 13th, 2022.

Living Memorials

For the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dick and Gail Anderson by Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain
and by Karen Gustafson in memory of Marie Adele Reed.



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; Darick Franzen, Alan Holm, Ron Jones, Mike Moushey, Bob, AJ and Jack Preston, Greg Tabert and Bert Young.

Refreshment Sponsors

September 4: Pam Schilf
September 11: DuWayne & Clair Fair
September 18: Jay & Barb Nalley, in honor of Nadine Nalley
September 25: Nevie Gamble

thank you!

Flower Sponsors

September 4: Pam Schilf honoring God's Glory and Grace
September 11: DuWayne and Claire Fair in memory of Amanda Fair's birthday
September 18: Nevie Gamble in Ken's memory
Christina Johnson in honor of Ed & Lois Randall's 50th anniversary
September 25: Bev Blundell in memory of her mother, Irma Wagner, Will & Estelle Estrada



Mission Support:

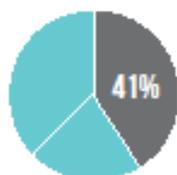
A DEEP DIVE



Northern Illinois Synod Edition FY2021 Thank You

Did you know that ELCA members in more than 8,900 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately \$1.7 billion in regular offerings annually to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide? When members give through their congregations, about 5.3% of that money is shared with the local synod, which then shares a portion with the national churchwide office. Thank you for your faithful support! In FY2021, the Northern Illinois Synod shared **\$1,158,624** directly in Mission Support for ELCA churchwide ministries. In the midst of such challenging times, thank you for your continued commitment to respond to God's call to love and serve as a neighbor, both locally and with the wider church. It is through your faith-filled and financial support that the following ministries are possible. We ARE church together - Thanks be to God!

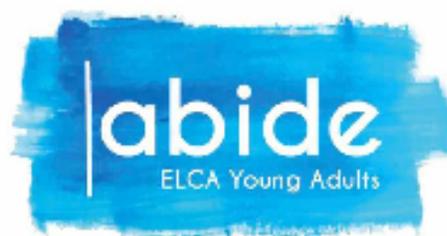
YOUR MISSION SUPPORT HELPS FUND THE FOLLOWING CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES:



41% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE ELCA IN THE UNITED STATES:

Thank you for **\$475,036** from the Northern Illinois Synod for these ministries!

- **Plant and support** hundreds of new congregations.
- **Enable congregations to renew** their ministries and **reach out** to their surrounding communities.
- **Develop and share** resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.
- **Work together** with our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latino/Latina leaders and members.
- **Invest** in technology and communication.
- **Grow and sustain** financial resources.
- **Engage** in research and strategic planning.



"SPACE TO ABIDE"



"INSPIRING GENEROSITY"



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

CLICK ON EACH STORY TO READ MORE!

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:45pm: Daisy Troop	2 8am: Samaritan Counseling	3 8am: Ladies Breakfast 5:00pm Worship
4 Worship: 8:30 & 10am	5 9:30am: "Sew Grand" Quilts 6:30pm: TOPS	6 BUZZ	7 12:30pm: Women's Recovery 12:30pm: 1st Wed. Fellowship Group 6:30pm: Confirmation Parents Mtg.	8 Noon: Staff Mtg 1pm: Splash 6pm: Bible Study 7 pm: Choir	9 8am: Samaritan Counseling	10 5:00pm Worship 6pm: "Food Truck -Off", McHenry
11 GRANDPARENTS DAY: Worship: 8:30 & 10am 10am: 1st Day of Sunday School & Confirmation 11am: Church Picnic	12 9:30am: "Sew Grand" Quilts 6pm: WELCA 6:30pm: TOPS	13 BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle 6:00pm: Fall Décor Sign Party	14 12:30pm: Women's Recovery	15 11:30am: Pre-School "Lunch w/Friends" 5:45pm: Daisy Troop 6pm: Council 6pm: Men's Bible Study 7 pm: Choir	16 8am: Samaritan Counseling	17 5:00pm Worship
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