



Shepherd's

September 2023 Newsletter

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Fall at Good Shepherd means a new program year and lots of great events to add to your calendar!

September 10: Return to two services; **Christian Education** begins for children and adults, 9:15a; **Grandparents Brunch** after worship (page 3).

September 17: **Transformed Living** kicks off

September 24: The popular **Neighbor-to-Neighbor Brunch** is back! On September 24, we'll gather in our neighbors' homes in community with each other after our Sunday worship (p 5).

September 30: *Prosit!* **Oktoberfest** is back! This annual tradition features German food, dancing, and fun for all ages (p 4)!

October 7: **Donut Day!** We're looking forward to using the new and improved kitchen facilities at Pilgrim Church. Sign up today (p 7)!

October 15: **Affirmation of Faith** for 9th graders

October 20-22: High Schoolers—the Metro Chicago Synod is having a **synod-wide youth gathering!** The weekend will include great food, games, music, and interactive learning (p 3).

October 22: **Commitment Sunday**

October 28: Repack event at the **Greater Chicago Food Depository** (teens and adults only; p 7)

transformed  living

Kick-off September 10th: We embark on a 40 Day Study to strengthen our relationship both with God and one-another. Each family will receive a study guide with a short daily reading, followed by three questions to ponder. The guides will be available on September 10th after worship, as a PDF in the weekly e-blast, and on our website. The theme of these weekly readings will be previewed during Sunday's worship service, where the perspective of a Good Shepherd member may be shared.

40-Day Study: All are invited to join a study group to share wonderings and discoveries while journeying through the study. Several will be organized by Good Shepherd, including one on zoom, but you are encouraged to create your own group for study. Check the Prayers and More for scheduled groups.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Brunch September 24th: As we explore the Sunday theme "Precious as Pearls" you have the opportunity to get to know some of the other pearls (unique and wonderful people at Good Shepherd). At noon we gather in homes for a pot-luck lunch and conversation (see page 5).

Building Dreams: During the 40-Day Study, we will learn more about the decades-long dream that Good Shepherd has held for an accessible entrance for all on the southeast corner of our building. In addition to pictures and artist renderings, we will learn the estimated cost of an addition. Within the commitment packet will be an opportunity to pledge towards a capital campaign for the addition.

Commitment Sunday October 22nd: Each household will receive a commitment packet no later than October 10th. Within the packet will be forms to complete to make various commitments for attendance, service, and financial giving. These commitments will be gathered and blessed in worship on October 22nd.

BUILDING UPDATES

Building Renovation Update

Thanks to the generosity of so many people who have contributed (and continue to contribute) to the Capital Campaign Fund, and thanks to the settlement of our insurance claim from repairs to the building following the fire of 2018, Good Shepherd has made a significant payment of principal to our mortgage debt which significantly reduces our interest expense, and positions us to raise the funds needed to complete the building renovation that has been a focal point of Good Shepherd's facility renewal plan for over three decades. Architecture plans have been refreshed, priorities have been clarified, expense projections are in the works and the vision and story of Good Shepherd's journey to be ever more welcoming is revitalized. Be on the lookout for more information about the next phase of our building renewal plan throughout the month of September. And prayerfully consider your participation and support of the next phase of Good Shepherd's journey to make our building ever more welcoming to all. For more information, and to share your interest in becoming a part of the planning team, contact the church office.



We've gone solar!

Thank You Scott!

A big thank you to Scott White for overseeing our solar project from start to finish. His work with Ailey Solar and making sure everything was done successfully is greatly appreciated. He also oversaw the grant process with Faith in Place from which we are receiving \$5,000. We look forward to the benefits the solar panels will bring!

EVANGELISM

September Start

For many people, September marks a time for starting new or renewed activities, recalibrating priorities and reestablishing relationships. Life with a faith community is one of the areas where people may choose to focus in September – so let's extend the welcome mat in an extra-intentional way this month. Let others know of your relationship with Good Shepherd by mentioning it in conversation and sharing Good Shepherd's activities in your social media posts. Invite people to join you for worship, Jazz Prayer or other social or service activities. Experiencing God's grace and love through a faith community like Good Shepherd may be exactly what they want and need for their "September start." If you'd like to chat about ways to extend invitations that feels right for you, contact the church office.

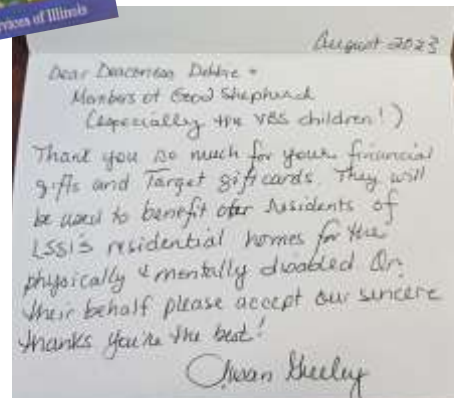
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LSSI extends thanks for money donated through our VBS Offerings and our donations of gift cards.

Sunday School News

September 10: Sunday School Starts

Students that are age 2 through grade 8— join us for Sunday School! We are excited to return to a full program, now that we have walls that create individual classrooms! You can register your child/ren now by using the above QR code, or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/gslc23-24SundaySchool>.



After worship, we will celebrate **Grandparents Day** with a simple brunch for students and grandparents. Family not close by? We have amazing seniors at Good Shepherd that would be thrilled to be “adopted” as grandparents for the day! Speak to Deaconess Debbie if you’d like to be connected.

September 16: Bible Workshop

Students in 3rd and 4th grade (and at least one parent or other designated adult) are invited to join Pastor Kathy for a Bible Workshop! She’ll give an overview of the types of writing we find in the Bible, teach how to look up Bible verses, and share why this is her favorite book. Meet at Good Shepherd at 9:00a.



September 17: Bible Presentations in Worship

During worship we will be presenting age-appropriate Bibles to our students. We’re catching up from pandemic years, so Deaconess Debbie will be reaching out to parents to see if your child has received one yet. Cheers to catching up!!

Confirmation News

Students in Middle School (6th-8th) and their parents are asked to attend an information meeting about our confirmation program. We will meet on **Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00p**. You may join us in person or via Zoom. A reminder and the Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date. And please plan to attend Sunday morning classes, which begin on September 10!

High School News

Students that are currently in 8th through 12th grade: Plan to attend TWO upcoming youth gathering events!

1. October 20-22, Synod Youth Gathering

For the first time, the Metro Chicago Synod will be having its own gathering for high school youth from around the synod! We’ll be meeting at the Tinley Park Convention Center for times of worship, reflection, group games, and a large group service project.

2. July 16-20, 2024, National Youth Gathering

After a couple of Covid-delays, the ELCA Youth Gathering is BACK! The dates are July 16-20, 2024; the place is New Orleans. All students that are in 8th-12th grades in the 2023-2024 school year are eligible to attend.



Although it seems far away, an event of this size and scope requires *early registration* (registration opens on September 15!!). For more information, contact Deaconess Debbie.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join in our Sunday Morning Bible Study. This group has lively discussions about scripture, using shared resources from our church library. No Bible background or expertise needed! Sundays at 9:15a.

Adult/Teen Monthly Forum

October Forum: Sunday, October 1, 9:15a - 10:15a

Recent learnings and experiences in West and East Africa:

Good Shepherd members Meinrad and Mary Scherer-Emunds and Lynn Railsback will share what they, their family members, and employers are doing in East and West Africa. You’ll hear about wide-ranging work from supporting people with disabilities, efforts to promote nonviolence, and how financial institutions can reduce poverty and spur greater gender equity.

November Forum: The Holy Land Today, presented by Barb Hunt.

December Forum: Anti-Racism Team

GS CONNECTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Oliver Risher
Lynn Railsback
Owen Moreland
Zoe Lukse
Clara Fritz
Alison Mieczkowski
David Settje
Sue Priebe
Adalyn Dunphey
Jen Fritz
Maxwell Cook
Paul Sakol
Briana Thompsen
Michael Cernak
Brandon Killingsworth
Ben Cernak
Stacey White
Carol Umlauf
Kevin Jerbi
Stephanie Oliver
Roy Dominguez
Joerg Albrecht
Ellen Davis
Peg Kragie
Noa Cane
Kaia Hedlund
Brian Flora
Richard Sehl
Susan Kurtenbach
Charity Caldwell
Scott Sherwin
Devin Washington
Mike Dolan
Lila Clute
Dariusz Radziszewski
Kim Roadruck

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David Anderson & Kelly Nieman Anderson
Taylor Heald Sargent & Nathan Sargent
David Pope & Beth Houle
Erin Ficker & Kevin Jerbi
Lars & Linda Bostrom
Kellie & Will Campbell
Christina & David Morrow

Oktoberfest, September 30

Oktoberfest is coming soon. After a pandemic hiatus, this community event is back! Join us as we combine German traditions, good food, and ethnic dancing for an evening of fun for the entire family! Music will again be provided by Paul Collins of Ethnic Dancing Chicago. Food will include German roast pork, sauerkraut, spaetzle, potato salad and German desserts. **Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, September 30 from 5:30p until 8p** in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 14 and are on sale at church on Sundays or in the Good Shepherd store on our website. For information, contact Barb Hunt at clownbarb@sbcglobal.net



Book Club

Flock o'Readers book club remains active and is looking forward to reading books by Hispanic authors on September 27th at 2:30p. Join us at church for lively discussions on these books and others we have been reading.

Daytimers

Daytimers has Fall Plans! Join us!

September 5—Sheldon Peck Homestead, Lombard
The Peck Homestead is registered on the National Park Service Network to Freedom as a verified stop on the Underground Railroad. This homestead tells the story through the eyes and art of Sheldon Peck, abolitionist and itinerant folk artist. Lunch at Stray Hen Café, Elmhurst

October 3—BBQ at Barb's House

November 14—Tour of Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. Lunch near the Cathedral.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY!

Paul Sakol celebrates his
85th birthday on September 10.
Happy Birthday, Paul!

CARING SHEPHERDS

Please remember those in our church family with notes, cards and prayers.

Please note: Personal information, such as birthdates, anniversary dates, and personal contact info are stripped from the website version of our newsletter. If you would like a complete newsletter, please contact the church office.

GS Connects Us!

We like to think of the GS Connects Committee as the thread which brings us closer together within the church but also outside our walls. Many of you may already feel very connected, and others are wondering how to be more a part of Good Shepherd. If you have some ideas we would like to hear from you.

Some ideas may be: More kid and/or family activities, potlucks, cooking classes, game nights/afternoons, meals with an invitation to Housing Forward clients.

Our new church kitchen and Fellowship Hall are just waiting to be a more happening place.

What are your ideas?

—Joan & Phil Taylor,
GS Connects Co-chairs

Neighbor to Neighbor Brunch September 24, Noon-1:30pm

In 2019, Good Shepherd had its first brunch with the neighbors, where over 100 people were hosted by 10 families.

Many were surprised at the close proximity of their homes or similar interests and hobbies. The kids enjoyed

shenanigans. The result was deeper connections that served us well during the pandemic. Just as last time, host homes will be given guiding questions for the gathering. They will provide beverages, while attendees will provide other brunch items, such as bagels or fruit. Everyone will be assigned a home to visit. If you haven't received an email by September 17th with your location contact the office.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

JAZZ PRAYER



It's Our 10th Season of Jazz Prayer!

JAZZ PRAYER, 2023-24:

Some Things Familiar, Some Things New

Jazz Prayer returns to Good Shepherd on September 15, kicking off our 10th season! Jazz Prayer will be presented on the third Friday of every month through May. But we're adding a new twist this year – in October, November, and January, we'll have guest musicians who play different styles of jazz. Be on the look out for more information.

Jazz Prayer is a relaxing yet invigorating Friday evening experience – a perfect way to end the week and enter into the weekend. Refreshments are provided at 7:10, followed by the service at 7:30. You'll experience live jazz from professional musicians, interwoven with thought-provoking readings and prayers selected for the evening's theme, which in September is *A New Season*. Children are welcome – the services are over around 8:30 so it's not too late of an evening for children (or adults!)

And while Jazz Prayer is always best experienced in person and in community with others, Jazz Prayer is also available via live stream – a link to which is provided on the Good Shepherd website. And all services are recorded – go to the GoodShepherd-LutheranChurch channel on YouTube and search for Jazz Prayer to find past recordings.

If you'd like to learn more, contact Lynn Railsback.

Bethel Lunch Program, September 28

Bethel Lutheran Church, located in the West Garfield Park neighborhood, serves 110 to 150 hot lunches every Thursday. **Good Shepherd helps serve on the fourth Thursday of every month.** To work the whole shift, arrive at 10:30a and leave at 1:00p. We carpool from Good Shepherd at 10:15a. The address of Bethel is 130 N Keeler, Chicago. Sign-up on the Prayers and More.



Can You Make a Sandwich?

Good Shepherd serves Housing Forward by providing lunches. We can always use new volunteers to add to our current slate and provide lunches. This will involve purchasing grocery items, preparing 40 lunches, and dropping the lunches off on Tuesday nights at The Write Inn on Oak Park Avenue. Lunch includes a sandwich, fruit, snack, and a drink (typically water or juice.) This is a great project for families! To sign up contact the church office.



Women & Spirituality, September 10

Are you interested in deepening your spirituality? If so, please join us for our first gathering of this program year. We'll be meeting at Rose Mabwa's house at **3:00p on Sunday, September 10**. Rose now lives on the South Side, so we will meet at the church at 2:10p to carpool to her house. We're meeting earlier than usual to ensure that we're back home no later than 5:30p. Bring your pens and journals -- Rose has an interesting activity planned for us. For more information or Rose's address, contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities for Migrant Ministry

Migrants are coming to Chicago in droves! Join us with Good Shepherd initiatives as well as those sponsored by Catholic Parishes of Oak Park (CPOP) Migrant Ministry. There are several ways to help:

1) Donations for People Living in the Police Station:

Bring these donations to CHURCH through Sept 10th, for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday:

You can donate items for people living in the D15 Police Station in Austin: **NEW** underwear, socks, T-shirts, bras, and **very gently-used** clothes for men, women, and children (they won't take worn-looking items). Generally, sizes S and M are needed and a few L. The women prefer bikini-style briefs. Baby and toddler clothes were in short supply last time as of recently. Children's books, ESL materials, and school supplies are needed. They also need yoga or camping mats (they sleep on the floor), gently-used twin sheets, and blankets.

2) Donations for People Who have Moved out of the Police Station and are now Living in Duane Ehresman's Apartments in Austin:

Gently-used household items like pots and pans and dishes are needed. These items must be in **very good condition**. These can be dropped at **Mary's house before September 8** (contact church office for address). If you have "like-new" furniture, a pick-up can be arranged with Duane.

3) Good Shepherd is in the process of signing up to "accompany" a family. They will need household items, as well as visits to practice English, etc. More information will be coming.

4) Here are other opportunities shared by CPOP. QR codes correspond with each bullet point; follow the QR code to sign up or for more information.

- Volunteer at **Showers Days** on Tuesday or Thursday Morning from 8:45 am to Noon: Support other Oak Park churches that are providing the opportunity for migrants to come to the St. Catherine/St. Lucy Rectory (now Housing Forward's Emergency Shelter) to shower. Help is needed putting out clothing items, playing with the kids, serving food, etc.
- Sign up to **bring breakfast or lunch** to the D15 Police Station, 5701 W Madison.
- Volunteer to help migrants **wash their clothes** in nearby laundromats.
- **Join the WhatsApp chat** for the D15 Police Station Response Team. It's a very busy chat with active members discussing emerging needs, but a good way to get more involved.



Thanks so much!! Call, text, or email Mary Scherer-Emunds with any questions.

Donut Day, October 7

Join us for a fun day of making and selling donuts at the Oak Park Farmers Market. Proceeds raised will support our high school youth as they plan to attend the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. You can sign up for a shift at <https://tinyurl.com/gslcDonutDay2023>.



Greater Chicago Food Depository

Join us on Saturday, October 28 from 8:30a-11:15a. This opportunity is for teens and adults. Our time will be spent repacking bulk donations to GCFD into family-sized portions. You need to complete a sign-up directly with GCFD. Contact Deaconess Debbie for the link.

BLOCK PARTY & CELEBRATION OF PASTOR KATHY



Prayer of blessing for 15 years at Good Shepherd



Bags Tournament is fun for all ages!



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FROM THE DEACONESS



Marking Milestones

Recently my only child left home to move into her college apartment. Despite years of knowing this stage would, and should, arrive; despite the careful planning and heartfelt conversations;

despite feeling confident that she was ready, it felt like a painfully abrupt life change for me, Dave, and Caitlin. To be honest, I wasn't quite sure what my next step was as a mom who would no longer experience the daily, interactive parenting that had been a part of my life for almost two decades. A friend suggested that I join some groups on Facebook that are specifically for parents sharing my experience: support for parents of college students, empty nesters, "grown and flown," etc. In these groups I found others at a similar point in their lives. They were sharing stories and encouragement that spoke to my heart. They invited funny posts that only a recent empty nester would appreciate. I found a community, and the connection has been healing as we experience this new milestone in our lives.

One of the beautiful things about church is that we, too, offer opportunities for connection at various life stages. We celebrate births, graduations, marriages, and anniversaries; we mark deaths. We ritualize milestones on our faith journey such as baptism, first communion, affirmation of faith/confirmation, and church membership. We connect people around life stages through our education program, youth ministries, activities for young parents, and groups like Daytimers that provide connection for people who are retired.

Marking these milestones is important because it gives us the opportunity to connect with others in similar life circumstances. It gives others the chance to celebrate with us in moments of joy. It allows us to be supported and encouraged when the journey is difficult. And it connects our story with the larger story of God at work in our lives and in the world.

With this in mind, this year we will be introducing some additional milestones to those listed above. Some will be moments shared with the congregation through a blessing in worship. Some will be marked in our Sunday

School classrooms. And others will be available for families, couples, and individuals to do in their homes. Each milestone is marked with a blessing of some kind and a tangible token of that event.

Some new milestones this fall will include:

- *Welcome to Sunday School* time for our 2-year-olds (students will receive a story bible)
- *Welcome to Worship* (phasing out of Playground) for Kindergarteners (students will attend a short session to learn more about the parts of our worship service and will receive a children's book about worship)
- *Serving in Worship* for 4th or 5th graders as they receive acolyte training and are introduced to other opportunities
- *New Drivers License* (this is a home-based milestone that gives parents the opportunity to engage in conversation about expectations and to add prayer to the conversation)



Other milestones could include: First Cell Phone, Coming Out or Transitioning, Job Transition or Loss, Empty Nest, Aging Parents/Caregiving, Retirement, Entering Senior Living, Loss of a Pet. I welcome your suggestions and resources.

As we journey through life together as a faith community, may we continue to be a source of support and encouragement to one another, celebrating together life's joys and holding each other through life's sorrows. And may both the milestone moments, as well as the everyday moments, be opportunities to invite God's presence into our lives.

—Deaconess Debbie Speer

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2023 Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Convention

The Holy Spirit in Our Lives

October 14, 2023, 8:30a-2:30p
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
4300 N Winchester Ave, Chicago IL 60613



How does the Holy Spirit work in your life?

The SWO of the Metro Chicago Synod is privileged to have Nicole VanderDoes, founder of Holy Journeys LLC, as their keynote speaker, **Pastor Kathy Nolte** as homilist, and Pastor Kristian Johnson as presiding minister at this year's SWO Convention. Lunch will be provided by First Slice Pie Café.

Offerings received during worship will be split between WELCA (Women of the ELCA) and Katie's Fund, which supports global connections, leadership development, and living theology, in honor of Katie Luther. Carpooling is recommended.

Register by September 29! Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Questions? Chat with Linda Thomas or contact the church office and we will connect you!

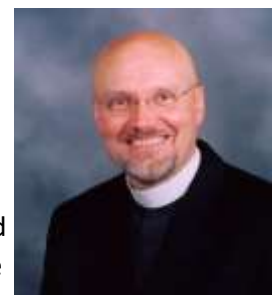
LSTC Learning Communities: FAITH, WORK, AND ECONOMICS

Sunday, October 8 – Sunday, October 29

Join the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago this fall for a remarkable 4-part series, sponsored by LSTC Learning Communities, that explores the topic, "Faith, Work, and Economics."

Rev. Wayne N. Miller will lead this dynamic online course for 4 Sundays, beginning October 8 from 6p – 7:30p CST. Or you can join Wednesday sessions beginning October 11 from 7:00p – 8:30p CST.

Go to the LSTC website for more information and registration.



For Financial updates, please contact the church office.

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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where our doors
are open wide to people from all backgrounds.
We want to be a place of blessing. If you are just beginning to
wonder about Christianity, this is a safe place to ask questions
and to explore possibilities. If you have been journeying with
Christ for some time, this is a place to grow deeper in your walk
as a disciple. If you have wandered here and there or up and
down in your spiritual journey, this is a place to speculate,
marvel, seek, and find.
And whether you live out your faith primarily through study,
meditation, emotional experience or social activism, you can find
others at Good Shepherd who share your spiritual temperament.
This is a place of open doors, open minds, open hearts, open hands.