

THE MESSAGE

Good Shepherd & Our Savior's Lutheran Parish

September & October 2025

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR MICHAEL

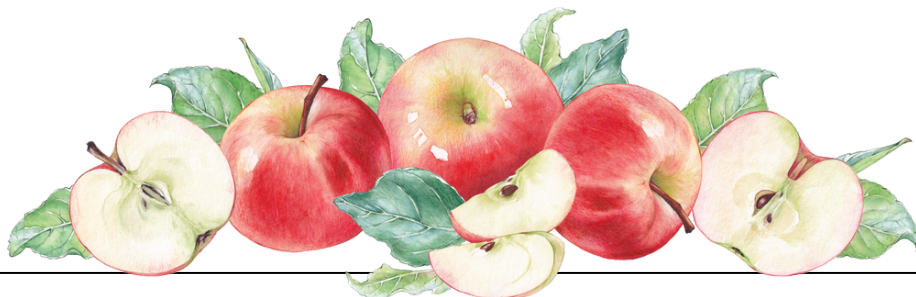
Grace and peace to you, the beloved of God,
from Him who is making all things new – our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Well, summer around here doesn't seem to slow down much for our folks. We had quite a lot going on in our parish and in the life of our community. We, of course, had the fair down in Bagley, where many of our youth showed their animals and volunteered at the booths for their various clubs. We also saw Dick & Corrine Richards honored with the county's Outstanding Senior Citizen Award! As to our ministry, we took our youth to Bemidji and had a great service trip helping out at the Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Habitat for Humanity ReStore as they were still cleaning up debris from the storm back in June. And we also hosted a blessed and energetic Vacation Bible School presented and led by Pathways Outdoor Ministries. I even got to drive a tractor for the first time at the Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmer event! So this is just a short list, but our folks have been very busy and active throughout these summer months.

Looking ahead to September and October, we have the start of the academic year and the return of school sports to look forward to. To commemorate and bless this time of year and the return to school, we'll be hosting a blessing of the backpacks on September 7th, and we'll be dedicating Bibles on Rally Sunday, September 14th. That week will also see the resumption of Sunday School and Confirmation for the latest cycles. We will be resuming our Youth Movie nights scheduled for September 21st and October 19th at 5 PM. We will be watching "The Muppet Movie" in September and "I Can Only Imagine" in October. Confirmation Sunday will be on October 26th, where we'll celebrate the hard work and faith in our young people as they mark this blessed milestone. And lastly, I will be away from the evening of September 14th until the 23rd for a theological conference, and I will be taking a vacation from September 22nd to the 29th.

But as summer wanes and the school year begins, we return to familiar rhythms all the same: classrooms, harvests, and daily work. But even in routine, God invites us to see with resurrection eyes. Think of the women at the tomb, who came to do the familiar act of love that was to anoint Jesus' body. Yet they left as the first witnesses to God's impossible newness (Matt. 28:8). Jesus, the "first fruits" of resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20), turned their grief into joy and their duty into mission. This year, whether you are teaching, learning, or bringing in the harvest, remember this: God is already at work in the ordinary. Keep watch. And when you spot His grace, be it in a child's question, a neighbor's kindness, or the quiet perseverance of faith, you'll have fresh news to share – Our God is STILL doing wondrous things. Amen.

~Pastor Michael



MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach is having a School Supply Drive - August 24 – September 21.

Backpacks, pencils, erasers, pens, pencil boxes/bags, colored pencils, washable crayons, glue sticks, kids' scissors, highlighters, wide ruled notebooks, tissues, etc.

If you prefer to donate cash, we will do the shopping for you.

We will also continue fundraising for the winter clothing drive for our local school children in need. As well as sending cards to shut-ins, care centers, and those facing surgery and illness. Please reach out to Kay or Pastor Michael if you know of someone we can pray for and uplift with a card.

If you are willing to help with the Food Shelf distribution, Good Shepherd Church can use a few volunteers. September 24th & November 12th. Contact Marilyn Johnson or leave a message at the church.

*For everything there is a season, and a
time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
what is planted.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2



GOOD SHEPHERD STEWARDSHIP

June

Gen. Fund beginning balance 6/1/25

\$ 37,136.60

Good Shepherd Receipts

\$ 10,099.65

Our Savior's Receipts

\$ 1,657.03

Expenses

\$ 13,536.24

Transfer to Other Funds

\$ -400.00

End balance 6/30/25

\$ 34,957.04

July

Gen. Fund beginning balance 7/1/25

\$ 34,957.04

Good Shepherd Receipts

\$ 12,366.36

Our Savior's Receipts

\$ 1,771.26

Expenses

\$ 15,140.94

Transfer to Other Funds

\$ -400.00

End balance 7/31/25

\$ 33,553.72

Giving made EASY

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



*Scan the code above to
give electronically!*

KICKING OFF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

"God's work. Our hands."



JOIN US
for a
day of service

On September 14th, following our worship service, we will have a God's Work/Our Hands day. Below is a list of a few items we would like to tackle. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would like to donate supplies for any of the items listed below. Please direct any questions to the property committee. If anyone has additional items they would like addressed, please contact us. Thank you for your support.

- Wash windows
- General dusting of the building
- Clean lawn and flower beds
- Clean Sunday School rooms

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Join us
Sunday,
September 7th

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



**RALLY
SUNDAY!**

@ Good Shepherd

Sunday,
Sept. 14th
9:00 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH BIBLE DEDICATION SUNDAY

September 14 @ 9 am

4 - YEAR OLDS
3RD GRADE
5TH GRADE
SIXTH GRADE



Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS was held at Good Shepherd on August 5 - 7. Ten adult and two student volunteers helped make this a very successful experience for our youngest learners. There were 26 - 29 students present each day of VBS - all of whom are from our parish. The staff from Pathways presented a curriculum based on Psalm 119:105.



CONFIRMATION & YOUTH



Youth and Confirmation is kicking off this Fall with First Wednesday at Good Shepherd!
Swing by for dinner and some games on the lawn!

Upcoming Confirmation Schedule

September

- 3 1st Wednesday @ GS
- 10 Class (Parents Too)
- 17 Class
- 24 Class

October

- 1 1st Wednesday @ GS
- 8 Class
- 15 No Confirmation
- 22 Class
- 26 Confirmation Sunday
- 29 Class

November

- 5 1st Wednesday @ GS
- 12 Class
- 19 Class
- 26 No Confirmation

December

- 3 1st Wednesday @GS
- 10 Class
- 17 Class
- 24 No Confirmation

Confirmation Kick-off Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, September 10th, for the kick-off of the confirmation year. Parents and students will meet to discuss the calendar, expectations, and get to know each other. Class will begin at 6:00 pm.



Confirmation Covenant

7th graders will sign their confirmation covenant during worship- Sept. 7th.



I can do all things
through Him who
strengthens me.
Phillipians 4:13

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Backpack Blessing! Confirmation Covenant		 Bible Study 5:30 pm	First Wednesdays @ Good Shepherd 6 – 7:30 pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Good Shepherd 9 am Worship 10 am God's Work/Our Hands Our Savior's 11 am Worship	 Good Shepherd Church Council 7 pm		Confirmation @ Good Shepherd 6:30 – 7:30 pm			
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28	29	30	Kay's Office Hours Tuesday 8:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Wednesday – Friday 8:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.		Pr. Michael's Hours Monday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday by appointment	
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Pr. Michael's Hours

Monday

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3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Thursday

by appointment

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