

JUNE 2018

Shepherd's Voice



The monthly parish newsletter of
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

WHAT WE BELIEVE...

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is wor-
shiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the for-
giveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

***Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs
forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a
way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.***

(Isaiah 43:19)

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Two years ago, in the summer of 2016, Good Shepherd set aside time to celebrate our church's 40th anniversary. What a wonderful time we had looking back on memories of old, remembering folks that were no longer with us, examining photographs of days gone by, and listening to stories of the early days of our congregation.

Music

This summer 2018, Good Shepherd is poised to look forward as we welcome new members onto the church parish staff. After a long and exhaustive search process, I am happy to report to you that Mrs. Rinda Coleman will be coming on board as our next Music Director. Rinda will officially join our staff on August 1, 2018, however, before doing so, she will serve several Sundays in July as our Sunday substitute.

Rinda, who has a bachelor's degree in music education, as well as a master's degree in church music from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, replaces Mr. Jordy Luft who retired as Music Director at Good Shepherd earlier this year, following a phenomenal 14 years of service to our church. Rinda is the wife of The Reverend David Coleman, who many Good Shepherd Church members will recall as the former pastor of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Metairie, LA.

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YOUTH

Earlier this Spring, Good Shepherd Church became the recipient of a very generous memorial donation in the name of founding member Mrs. June LeGuluche. The LeGuluche family has chosen to honor the memory Ms. June by gifting our church with a donation to be used for the advancement of Christian education for the children and youth of our church. At the May 2018 Council meeting, the Good Shepherd Church Council voted to approve a plan to create a part time Youth Leader position. The first year of salary for this position will be covered primarily by the funds made available in Ms. June's name. In addition to being a founding member of Good Shepherd, Ms. June was long time Sunday School teacher and Superintendent of Christian Education at both St. John's Church and Good Shepherd Church.

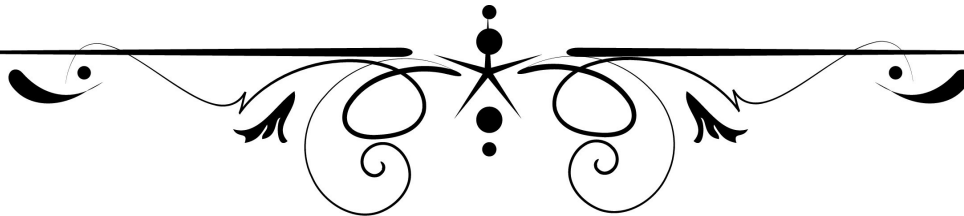
THE FUTURE

This month, you'll find an article on page 3 from our Council President, Mr. Mel Aucoin. Please take a moment to read it and if you feel called by the Holy Spirit, respond to that calling.

These are exciting times at Good Shepherd Church and our future promises to hold many more blessings ahead as we continue to prayerfully discern God's calling upon our church and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance toward the becoming the church that Jesus would have us to be. I ask each of you to pray for your church, pray for your pastor, pray for your Council, pray for the staff, and pray our future as together, we continue growing the Kingdom of God, with disciples committed to the mission and ministry of the Body of Christ.

Until next month, let your light shine!

The Reverend Randall M. Graf, Pastor



SERVICES SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2018

Sunday, June 3 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 7 @ 6:35PM—Midweek Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, June 9 @ 11:00 AM—Monthly Service of Intercessory Prayer

Sunday, June 10 @ 10:00 AM—Sunday morning worship

Tuesday, June 12 @ 10:00 AM—Women's Guild Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 14 @ 6:35 PM—Midweek Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 17 @ 8:30AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday morning worship

Thursday, June 21 @ 6:35 PM—Midweek Service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 24 @ 10:00 AM—Sunday morning worship

Thursday, June 28 @ 6:35 PM—Midweek Service of Holy Eucharist

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

When our congregation voted to free ourselves from our previous denomination because of the direction they have headed, we became a non denominational congregation. While



that is what we wanted, we realize that sometimes too much freedom is not good for the congregation's long term health. Without having our roots tied to other congregations, our church's future leaders can take the congregation into a direction we may not want to go.

The Church Council would like to begin the process of looking at denominations and associations that Good Shepherd can associate with that are biblical based but also allow us to be associated with a group of other congregations that we can be proud of. This process will take years to evaluate and decide on our future course. Some of the groups we have begun looking at are the Anglican Church of North America and the Evangelical Association

and others that fit our heritage and values. We know we are stronger when we associate with other congregations.

With this in mind we're calling for volunteers to serve on a task force to look the question of our future. This group will research and evaluate where our congregation will fit in within the larger church without sacrificing our Christian values and history. If the Lord has placed on your heart a desire to work on our congregation's future please contact Pastor Randy or Mel Aucoin.

Mel Aucoin, Church Council President



SHEEP IN THE NEWS

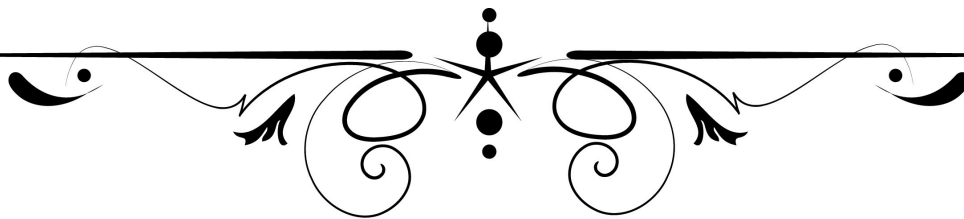
Well, another school year has come and gone. We have several students who did extremely well this past school year. First, let's congratulate two John Curtis students who made the "A" academic honor roll. They are Gabe Lagarde and Madison Verbest. Madison also received recognition for her achievements in the Science Fair. Another student who was recognized for completing 8th grade with a 3.5 or better grade point average was Laura Sulzer, Barbara Mehrtens granddaughter. She also received one of the Most Improved Band Members in her school band.



Let's also congratulate all of our young people who accomplished many things in school and have been promoted to the next grade. We are very proud of all of you. Keep up the good work and enjoy your summer vacation

Please let Debbie Volk or the church office know of any accomplishments by our young people. We are so proud of them and want to acknowledge their successes.

Debbie Volk



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

By D.J. Estopinal



To anyone interested in spending time reading out loud and discussing God's word as an act of worship. Mrs. Margaret M. Aucoin is leading a bible study class.

The bible study class starts promptly every Sunday morning at 9:00 A. M. There is no need to do anything but to quietly drop in and join the group in the conference room in the Good Shepherd Church, every Sunday morning.

The bible study group is unique in that there is **no sign up, no homework and no commitments**. You can attend just one class or become a permanent bible study group member.

NEW ALTAR ADORNMENTS

We recently entered into the liturgical Season After Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time in the Church. As such, our Lord's Altar is now adorned in green, the liturgical color of the season.

Thanks to a generous memorial donation by the Frilot family and the sewing skills of Ms. Sheila Fussell, Good Shepherd is blessed to have brand new green Altar paraments.

The Altar also has a brand new brass book stand which holds the Celebrant's Book of Liturgy for Holy Communion. The brass stand now matches the brass candlesticks, flower vases, collection plates, and communion ware and allows us to retire the silver stand. The new brass book stand has been generously donated by D.J. and Rebecca Estopinal.

It is only because of the continued generosity of Good Shepherd Church members that we are able to continue to keep the Sanctuary and Altar of our Lord so beautifully adorned for our time of prayer and worship. This is enhanced by the unending work of our Altar Guild.

If you would like more information on how you can become a member of the Good Shepherd Church Altar Guild, please see Mrs. Sharon Wetzel.



Good Shepherd's pastor, The Rev'd Randall Graf, stands vested in green for the liturgical Season After Pentecost. The lectern, Altar Table, and pulpit include our new paraments, made possible by a generous donation from the Frilot family and sewn by Ms. Sheila Fussell. Atop the Altar Table, to Pastor Randy's left, is the new brass book stand donated by the Estopinals.

(Photo by Mrs. Carla Scallan)

PLANNING AHEAD

By D.J. Estopinal

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 11:30 AM—Church Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 11:30 AM—Black and Gold Sunday. Saints play Atlanta. Pot Luck Dinner. All attendees please bring a covered dish. Wear your black "We Love Our Saints" T-Shirt.

Sunday, October 21, 2018—Liquor Basket Raffle Ticket sales start.

Saturday, October 27, 2018—Church Bingo Night with "parade of prizes". Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Will be selling: Hot Dogs, Bottle Water, Soft Drinks and Chips. Buy Bingo Cards at the door. We are currently seeking donations for "parade of prizes" of new gift items and gift cards.

Sunday, November 25, 2018—ALL Liquor Basket Raffle Tickets not sold, ticket stubs and sales money must be turned in to D. J. Estopinal.

Monday, November 26, 2018, 6:30 P.M.—Church Men's Club Meeting in Fellowship Hall. The winning Liquor Basket Raffle Tickets will be pulled during the meeting.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are a few openings on the flower chart for the remainder of the calendar year. If you would like to place flowers in honor/memory of someone or something special, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The cost to sponsor Sunday flowers is \$22 for each Sunday.



STAY UP TO DATE

To make sure you're keeping up-to-date with everything that is happening at church, sign-up for our Thursday morning e-newsletter by going to our website at www.GSChristian.com. While you're on the website, go to "Calendar" and take advantage of syncing your Google calendar app with ours! You can also follow Good Shepherd on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube!

FOR RENT

LOOKING TO RENT A LOCATION FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?

Good Shepherd Church, 5122 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, La. is located **two blocks west of Transcontinental Drive on West Esplanade Ave.** Good Shepherd Church will **RENT**, for **VERY** reasonable rates, their Fellowship Hall, Inside Basketball Court/Volleyball Court, meeting Rooms, fully equipped Kitchen, etc.



Varied Meetings & Gatherings



Basketball or Volleyball



Fully Equipped Kitchen



Fellowship Hall

Our Fellowship Hall is perfect for parties, dances, wedding receptions, small and large meetings, luncheons, Banquets, Class Reunions, Seminars, Training Sessions, Sales Presentations, Club Meetings, Fund Raising Events, Movie and Commercial Filming, etc.

For further information, rental rates and a tour of our Fellowship Hall facility, please call the **Good Shepherd Church Office at (504) 454-0764**. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message and someone will get back in touch with you. You may also visit us online at www.GSChristian.com.

JASPER
the



CHURCHMOUSE says...

And Jasper says....

...I know I'm not the littlest of God's creatures and I'm certainly not the largest. Hey, I'm not even in the middle. So I have to resort to certain methods to change my perspective on things.

Last week I climbed up the front wall of the church, then up the roof to the very top. I paused and looked about and could see for miles. I paused again to get up enough nerve to go even higher. I climbed up the steeple. From there I could see even farther. I could see the Lake on the north and the ships on the river to the south. I could see well beyond New Orleans. I felt I could see everything. As the song says, "I could see forever!"

If I could see that far, just imagine how God can see from His vantage point in heaven. Not just our church or the city or Louisiana or the United States but the whole world and all the stars and planets and beyond.

It is very comforting to know that God has this advantage as He watches over us. I'm glad, aren't you?

...With Love of the Best Kind, I am,

Jasper



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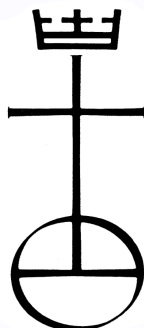
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Sunday Services

10:00 AM every Sunday

8:30 AM 1st & 3rd Sundays

Midweek Services

6:35 PM Thursdays

Intercessory Prayer

11:00 AM

2nd Saturday of the month