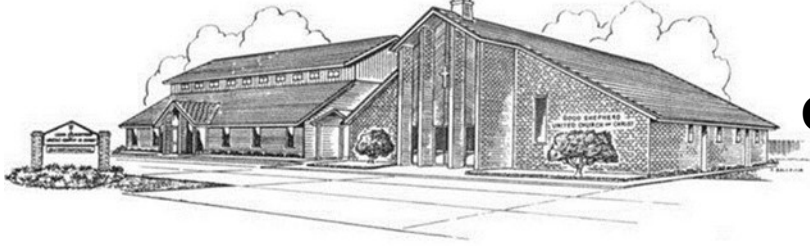


SEPTEMBER 2019

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-
shipped 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

Missions for Septembers—Weathering the Storm

As this newsletter goes to press, a hurricane called Dorian is pounding the Bahama Islands with its sights set on the east coast of the United States including Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and who knows where else.

Thus far, praise God, this tropical storm season has been relatively uneventful for us in Southeast Louisiana. As survivors of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, we know all too well the devastation that nature can bring to a region.

Over the past couple of months, Good Shepherd Church has been collecting items for Hope Lodge and school supplies for distribution to a local school. The items collected for Hope Lodge have been delivered.

The presence of a hurricane in the Atlantic basin brings about new needs. With the potential for Hurricane Dorian to bring devastation to some region of our nation, until further notice, Good Shepherd Church will continue our school supply drive and additionally ask that parishioners donate post-storm items. Once damage has been assessed and we have an idea of where these items can best be used, we will make certain to get them distributed.

Post-storm items that will be needed include:

Cleaning supplies (bleach, soap, pails, paper towels, Swiffer pads, etc.)

Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)

Diapers

Underwear

Socks

Non-perishable food items

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We will continue our partnership with the **Second Harvest Foodbank of Greater New Orleans** by continuing to ask you to bring in non-perishable food items. The foodbank is adequately staffed and prepared to receive local donations of food items (which are typically distributed to our local community) and apply their resources in order to aid impacted communities throughout our nation. But they can only do that with our community's help, so keep those food items coming!

Please make certain that all items (food, school supplies, and post-storm donations) are **new and unexpired**. We are not able to accept used or opened items of any type. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Church and make a notation that it is for **storm relief**. Monetary donations will be used to help purchase additional supplies and/or to help defray the cost of delivery to the storm area.

Let us remain in prayer for all who are suffering from the devastation of storms as well as for those who are facing the upcoming tropical storm and the figurative storms of life.

Finally, our regularly scheduled Fall Missions will also continue. Our Missions Coordinator, Mrs. Heidi LaGarde wishes to inform everyone that from September through November, our mission focus support **Operation Christmas Child** to coincide with our Youth's mission project. Items, such as: small toys, school supplies, clothing items, personal hygiene items, will be collected throughout the duration of the quarter. (Items not accepted are listed below.) Also, a \$9.00 shipping fee will be placed on each box so we will gladly accept monetary donations to help defray the cost of shipping. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope and label it Operation Christmas Child. Let's help our youth make this mission project a success!

PLEASE NOTE: Items **not** accepted by Operation Christmas Child include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Until next month, let your light shine!

The Rev'd Randall M. Graf, Pastor

HYMN SING SEPTEMBER 10 AT GSC

Some scheduling conflicts prevented us from going with our typical first Tuesday of the month, but Good Shepherd Church is pleased to announce that our next "Songs of Celebration and Sanctuary" on **Tuesday, September 10** at **2:00 PM** in the sanctuary.

This old fashioned hymn sing is open to all and promises to bless all in attendance. Pianist Patsy Engles will once again join with vocalist Rev. Jerry Bass to lead the faithful in songs that celebrate our faith and honor our God. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



September 2 — Labor Day

September 9 — Men's Club meeting, dinner, & MNF game 6PM

September 10 — Women's Guild meeting @ 10:30 AM; Lunch after meeting; BINGO @ St. Joseph's @ 2:00 PM

September 10 — Hymn Sing @ 2:00 PM

September 15— Rally Day at our 10:00 AM service

September 19 — *Offertory: A Musical Journey* - Worship with Tim Bethea @ 6:35 PM; this is FREE concert!



NOTES FROM RINDA

September marks the return of the choir to our 10:00 o'clock worship. Remember, it's never too late to join this group of dedicated servants.

One of the most loved Christian songs is "How Great Thou Art." This hymn has its origins in a traditional Swedish melody for which Carl Boberg wrote a poetic setting.

According to his nephew, Boberg was inspired by the beauty of nature as he made his way home from church services. It became immensely popular in the United States during the 1950's when George Beverly Shea sang it during all of the Billy Graham Crusades.

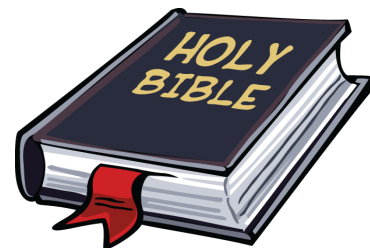
Rinda Coleman
Music Director



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AT GSC

Good Shepherd Church holds a Bible study every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM in the classroom directly behind the conference room. The current study is focused on the Books of Galatians and Ephesians. Interested participants may enter into the class on any given Sunday. All are welcome!

For more information, please see Mrs. Margaret Aucoin.



GSC MEN'S CLUB

This is a reminder to all Good Shepherd Church Men's Club members and any men that would like to become a member. Our next scheduled Men's Club meeting is on **Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. We'll enjoy dinner (6:00 PM) and the Saints on Monday Night Football (kick off at 6:30 PM).

I hope to see everyone there!

D.J. Estopinal, GSC MC President



GSC WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild, after a summer break, will resume their meetings beginning September 10 at 10:30 a m this month only. We are planning to visit St Joseph's Home in Harahan to play Bingo with some of the residents there. Mrs. Dottie Filot is in charge of the refreshments for the residents. One of the residents there is our own Mrs. JoAnn Von Hoven , who is Sharon Hensley and Debbie Volk's mom.

Before we attend the home we will have our business meeting and then go to Perrin's Restaurant for lunch before going to the home for 2:00 p m.

We would like to have any ladies in the congregation to join us. We always have an enjoyable time together.

Barbara Mehrrens, GSC Women's Guild President



DENOMINATION TASK FORCE

This Task Force has been at work for over a year researching a possible denominational home. Our current status as a non-denominational church has many challenges both now and in the future with us remaining a viable church. We realize we need formal structure outside of our congregation that we can lean on when future issues occur. Our selection criteria was to maintain our core orthodox theology and allow independent local church governance and property ownership. The purpose of our joining a denomination is not to divide us but for us to unite with a group of like-minded believers and for the evangelistic outreach of our Congregation to our community. We have issued a short report that was distributed on Sunday, August 18 and will be available throughout the next month. Please take a copy of the report read and pray about it. We will have a presentation in September with a follow-up question and answer time after services.

Mel Aucoin, Task Force Chairmen

RALLY DAY 2019

Rally Day signifies the beginning of a new Sunday School year and students move up to their new classes. This year Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 8 during the 10:00 AM service. In addition to promoting our students to their new classes, we will also install and commission our Christian Education teachers and board. Our church also has a tradition of presenting Bibles to incoming 3rd graders. We have two students who will receive their Bibles, Carly Bennett and Rivers Barbara.

GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES OUR SAINTS

In the fall there are plenty of occasions to wear a BLACK & GOLD Good Shepherd Loves Our Saints t-shirt. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, see Renee Graf. T-shirts are available in a number of sizes and are \$15 each.

Our Black and Gold Sunday is set for Sunday, October 13 and you'll certainly want to make sure you've got your t-shirt on for that day!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Good Shepherd Church will hold its annual **Trunk or Treat** on **Sunday, October 27, 2019** from **6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.** in the parking lot of the church. In case of rain, the event will be moved to inside of the Fellowship Hall building.

ALL children and their parents, no matter what their faith, are invited to attend.

In addition, this year Good Shepherd Church will be holding a Halloween costume contest for children 12 years old and under, from 6:30 P. M. to 7:15 P.M. The winner will be announced at 7:30 P.M. Entrance fee is one (1) can of food for the "Second Harvest Food Bank" or \$2.00. The winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Dominos Pizza.

Members of the **Farhad Grotto's Bug Patrol** will be there with their Halloween decorated dune buggies. They will also be handing out candy.

At this time, we are needing members to volunteer to decorate their vehicles in order to hand out candy. For those church members who are not or cannot offer their vehicle, you can still be a BIG help to the project. Last year, we had so many kids that the cars ran out of candy. IF YOU ARE NOT VOLUNTEERING YOUR CAR, please assist us by bringing in candy to be handed out by those who are.

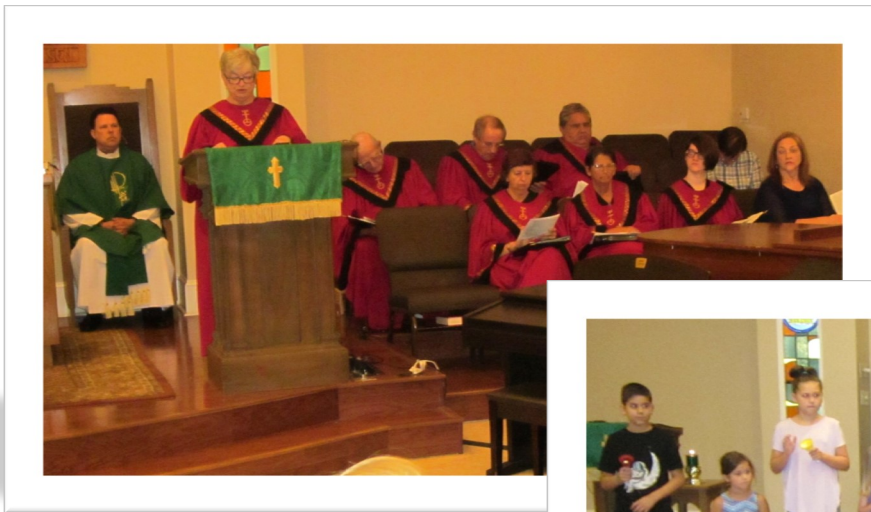
If you can help, please see D.J. Estopinal or Kelly Frilot.

GSC CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR

Article and photos by D.J. Estopinal

Yes, our choir is back from their summer hiatus. On Sunday, September 1, 2019, our Choir returned to bless us with beautiful hymns that they always sing to us. Mrs. Rinda Coleman directed our choir and played the piano. As you see the members of our choir, please thank them and tell them how much you enjoy and appreciate their singing.

That same Sunday, at the direction of Mrs. Rinda Coleman, the children of our church played the bells to the hymn, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY". As usual, they played the bells beautifully. Hopefully, we will be treated to more of the children playing the bells in the very near future.



SERVICES SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2109

Sunday, September 1 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 8 @ 10:00 AM—Sunday Morning Worship Service and Rally Day

Saturday, September 14 @ 11:00 AM—Monthly Service of Intercessory Prayer

Sunday, September 15 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist

Thursday, September 19 @ 6:35 PM—Evening worship with Christian singer/song write Tim Behea

Sunday, September 22 @ 8:30AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday Morning Worship

Thursday, September 26 @ 6:35 PM—Midweek Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 29 @ 10:00 AM—Sunday Morning Worship; Fifth Sunday Music Celebration

SUPERBOWL FOOTBALL POOL

The Good Shepherd Church Men's Club announces the start of the **2020 Superbowl Football Pool** and we want you to be in that number!

There will be four (4) winners of the pool. The final score of each quarter will determine the four (4) winners. Overtime scores will **NOT** be involved. Same as last year. The winner of each quarter will receive a Men's Club check for \$250.00.

The cost of each Superbowl Football Pool square will be \$20.00 per square.

The names of the N.F.L. and A.F.L. football teams will be placed on the Superbowl Football pool board after the playoff have determined who they are. Of course, we know that the New Orleans Saints will be the N. F. L. team!!!!

In order to purchase a football pool square, see D. J. Estopinal, Men's Club President or Don Peters, Men's Club Treasurer. You **MUST PAY** for the square before you place your name in a Superbowl Pool square.



We will draw the numbers for the pool as soon as the board is sold out. We will then make those numbers available to everyone who purchased a square.

All of the money made by the Men's Club during this fundraiser will be used for the new church sign fund.

Buy your square soon so you can pick the one you want before it is sold.

D.J. Estopinal, GSC MC President



MARDI GRAS CHORUS RETURNED TO GSC IN AUGUST

Story and photo by D.J. Estopinal

On Sunday, August 11, 2019, the Good Shepherd Church congregation was blessed to have the Mardi Gras Chorus attend our 10:00 A. M. church service. They sang numerous songs during that service and beautifully enhanced our worship.

After the church service, the Mardi Gras Chorus and all of the attending congregation relocated to the Fellowship Hall. Once there, everyone enjoyed ice cream and several additional songs sung by the Mardi Gras Choir.



A JOYOUS OCCASION!

Story and photo by D.J. Estopinal

There are many wonderful happenings that occur in our church. Weddings, marriage vow renewals, new members, sing-alongs and many others.

One of the most joyous occasions is the Baptism of a new born child.

On Sunday, September 1, 2019 during the 10:00 A. M. church service, we had such a Baptism. Leah Cathryn Aucoin was Baptized by our pastor, Rev. Randall Graf.



From left to right: Grandparents - Mr. Ken Ritter & Ms. Cindy Ritter; Reverend Graf; Baby - Leah C. Aucoin; very proud parents – Mrs. Sarah & Mr. Jacob Aucoin; God Parents – Mr. Kenny Ritter & Ms. Megan Aucoin; Grandparents Mr. Mel Aucoin & Mrs. Margaret Aucoin.



ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR



You can always check out what's on the Good Shepherd Church calendar by visiting our online calendar page. Go to www.GSCMet.com and from there click "Resources" and then "Church Calendar." And while you're on the website, if you have not yet signed up for our weekly e-newsletter, go ahead and do so! You'll receive our weekly e-news in your inbox every Thursday morning!

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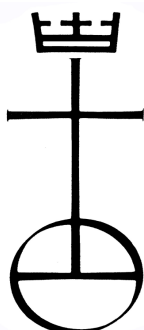
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Sunday Services

10:00 AM every Sunday

8:30 AM 1st & 3rd Sundays

Midweek Services

6:35 PM Thursdays

(Currently on Summer hiatus until September.)

Intercessory Prayer

11:00 AM

2nd Saturday of the month