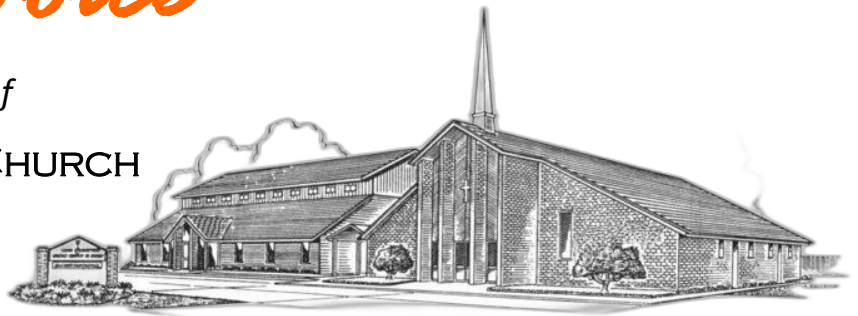


Shepherd's Voice

OCTOBER 2022

The monthly parish newsletter of

GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2022

Sunday, October 2 @ 8:30AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 9 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, October 11 @ 10:00 AM

Women's Guild Worship Service (open to ALL)

Sunday, October 16 @ 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, October 18 @ 6:35 PM (Red Letter Day/Healing Service)

Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist

Sunday, October 23 @ 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Friday, October 28 @ 12:15 PM (Red Letter Lunch Service)

Feast Day of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Sunday, October 30 @ 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Seasonal change is in the air and October is one of those months in our part of the world where we really begin to feel that change. The brutal humidity of summer begins to relent as high temperatures also retreat to a milder range. You can literally feel the change in the air. Autumn has come.

In nature, Autumn is the season when animals such as squirrels, mice, and beavers gather up extra food supplies to help them make it through the harshness of winter. In churches, Autumn is the time when leadership begins to look to the future by planning the budget for the next calendar year. For Christians, that can only mean one thing: it's stewardship time.

Stewardship seems to be one of those dreaded necessities. Most pastors I know, hate speaking about it because the reality is, so many Christians hate hearing about the need to give more to their church.

But as the old saying goes: "It is what it is." Stewardship time is upon us and truth be told, as Christians, we have an obligation to support our local church. It is our local church that is the bedrock of our worship community for ourselves and those we love. It is our local church that is there for us in times of celebration (like weddings and baptisms) and in times of sorrow (like funerals and Totenfest). It is our local church that continues to live and breathe and faithfully serve those who walk through her doors even when we are unable to or choose not to. And the reality is, without good stewardship, a community loses hope because a community loses the ministry and mission of Christ's Church.

As I look back over my past decade-plus years of ministry, I have seen at Good Shepherd, what by all reasonable accounts, is nothing short of an extremely giving and generous church family. Have there been times of economic challenge? Of course, there have. That's a reality of the world in which we live. In fact, we have even witnessed times of economic crisis. But in the end, I stand amazed at how our membership has always rallied together to assure the future of Good Shepherd as a church home for generations to come.

As we journey together through the month of October and into November, the theme of stewardship will continue to be present. Will you be asked to give to your church? Of course. Jesus says in Luke 12:48 "Much will be required from everyone to whom much has been given."

If you, like me, have been given much as a result of your affiliation with the Good Shepherd family of faith, please pledge to contribute generously of your time, your talent and your financial resources to assure that Good Shepherd continues to be a light shining to the glory of God in a world so in need of His presence.

On Sunday, November 13, we will collect our stewardship pledge cards at morning services. Those pledge cards and what they represent will be consecrated and your pledge offering will be lifted heavenward, that God may know your sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and bless you beyond measure for it.

Until next month, let your light shine!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Randall M. Graf". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "F" and a distinct "Graf" at the end.

NOTES FROM RINDA

Hymns are most often expressions of the composer's and author's faith. This is definitely true of the Wesley brothers, often credited with founding Methodism when they were students at Oxford because of the methods of spirituality that they introduced to their friends in a club. During the Eighteenth century there was a spiritual revival throughout much of Europe, and the Wesleys were a part of this.

After graduation, they decided to sail to America to minister to the colonists in Georgia, which was founded as a colony for prisoners. They were disillusioned and returned to England. On their way home they met a group of devout Moravians who greatly impressed the Wesleys with their spiritual depth and missionary zeal.

Back in London, they met with a group of Moravians at Aldersgate Hall in 1738, they both had a spiritual experience, realizing that even though they were extremely active in religious events, they had never realized God's forgiveness or true joy. From that time on they exhibited greater spiritual power.

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" was written on the 11th anniversary of that Aldersgate conversion by Charles Wesley. It was inspired by an off-handed comment by a Moravian leader, Peter Bohler who said, "Oh, Brother Wesley, the Lord has done so much for my life. Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ Jesus with every one of them!"

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace."

Rinda Coleman
GSAC Music Director



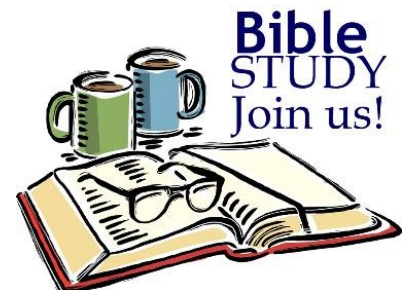
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 PM, we hold our weekly Bible study in the conference room.

This study is open to all who desire an opportunity to dig into God's Word with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Currently we are studying the Book of Acts.

If you would like more information about our weekly Bible Study, please see Noah Huntley.



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Saturday, October 8 at 10:30 AM

**Open to people and pets
of all faiths & species!**

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HELP WANTED

Gardeners needed!

Our prayer garden is getting overgrown with the long hot/wet summer. We need help in the prayer garden with weeding, trimming and maintenance. This needs to be done since many of the annual plants need to be trimmed back and the roses trimmed and fertilized.

The work can be done any time to get plants ready for fall.

For more information, please see Margaret Aucoin.



YARD SALE

Friday & Saturday October 21 & 22

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

We'll also have a BLOOD DRIVE on Saturday!



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WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 and it will begin with worship in the sanctuary. This worship service is open to all men and women, regardless of membership in the Women's Guild. Come and worship with us!

October has many happenings in the church and you are encouraged to participate in these events, as much as you are able. Please refer to announcements listed in the church calendar and weekly bulletins for details.

Dottie Frilot

SOCKTOBER

Our annual **Socktober** campaign is underway! We will be collecting new socks for men, women, and children living in local homeless shelters. Please place your donation in the box located in the narthex.



PRAYING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown began, Good Shepherd Church has been streaming our 10:00 AM Sunday morning Service of Holy Eucharist each week. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the lector reads a prayer entitled ***An Act of Spiritual Communion*** for those who are watching at home and are unable to partake in the reception of Holy Communion sacramentally. That beautiful prayer comes from the Book of Common Prayer (pg. 677, ACNA 2019) and can be prayed by a Christian any time they are longing for the grace of Holy Communion but are unable to receive the tangible elements of the sacrament. These are the words to that prayer:

***Dear Jesus, I believe that you
are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to possess you within my soul.
And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people
gathered around every altar of your Church,
and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Eucharist

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM every Sunday

Red Letter Holy Days

12:15 PM

