

The Shepherd's Word
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Prayer Concerns...

Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in your prayers.



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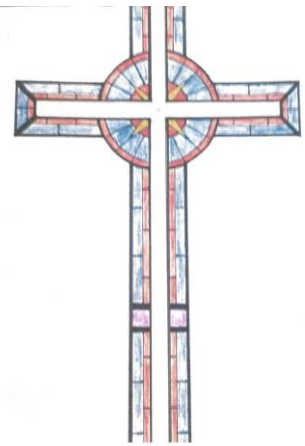
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Food Pantry Items Jell-o and Pudding 		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship – (Sacraments) In church and on Facebook	7	8 Meal Prep for Salvation Army	9	10	11	12
13 7:30 Consistory Meeting 9:00 Worship – In church and on Facebook	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship – In church and on Facebook Father's Day Scrip Orders Due Newsletter Articles Due 	21 Summer Begins	22 Meal Prep for Salvation Army	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship – In church and on Facebook	28	29	30	<i>JUNE</i>		

Services are now being held in our
church building



Indoor worship will have some precautions:

1. Starting June 1st, everyone that has been fully vaccinated has the option to NOT wear a mask, if you have not been fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask
2. 6 ft. distancing with members not from your household
3. No congregational singing
4. Refrain from hugging or hand shaking
5. An offering plate will be available at a central location
6. If you are not feeling well, please stay home
7. **On-line services will continue to be available each week**

Consistory

Neal Henschel –President
Roger Sheahan - Secretary
Nancy Cherney
JoAnn Gadick
Kyle Stowers
Ruth Hering

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Neal Henschel
Nicole Twohig-Sec
Nancy Henschel
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Mandi Grube-
Treasurer

Carla Hemb-
Church & Financial Sec

June – August

Worship Service will be held at 9:00 a.m.



Pastor's Musings

The season of Easter concludes with Pentecost, which was May 23rd of this year. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday and it is a celebration of the Holy Spirit pouring itself out onto many who were gathered together, observing the traditional Jewish festival of Weeks. This crowd had gathered from at least 15 different countries, and as you can imagine, there were many different native languages, so basic communication was a challenge. As the Holy Spirit poured itself onto the people, they were able to understand one another despite the many different languages they spoke. Despite that ability to understand, there were some in the crowd that were suspicious and skeptical. They wondered if the crowd was drunk on new wine early in the morning. Thank goodness the disciple Peter was able to call out the skeptics and remind them that the prophet Joel had indeed predicted that the Holy Spirit would empower the people to see visions and dream dreams. With Peter's guidance our scriptures tell us that the crowd of believers grew significantly.

I believe the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out on ourselves today, Pentecost was not just a one-time event. This presence allows the prophet Joel's words to continue to be true in our world today. Our sons and daughters continue to prophesy, our young men and women see visions and our elders dream dreams. Our faith and how it is lived out within our congregation is not static, it needs to adapt and be responsive to the world in which we live, that is where the Holy Spirit comes in and inspires those dreams and visions. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our world. The question is; How receptive are we to the dreams and visions that the Holy Spirit is sharing? Are we skeptics who dismiss the radical new visions and dreams as simply the result of too much early morning wine? Or are we open to the possibilities of what the Holy Spirit might be calling us to do in new directions and new methods? If indeed we dismiss the Holy Spirit as the influence of intoxication, then our community will remain static as the world moves around us. On the other hand, if we embrace the Holy Spirit's stirrings, then our faith will remain relevant to the world in which we live. Come Holy Spirit Come, stir within us, open us to the radical possibilities, the dreams, the visions of what Pentecost can mean in our lives today.

-Pastor Nathan

Church School News

Items for the Food Pantry

The month of **June** donations may be placed in the basket, located in the office area: **Jell-o and Pudding**

Change for Change Jar - Money used to purchase items for food pantry

Prayer Shawl/Blankets – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office area. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Birthday Bags — Consider bringing in a birthday bag and add it to the basket in the office. (In a bag: box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – eggs supplied by food pantry) Thank you to those that continue to supply items for birthday bags.





The Upper Room



The May/June issue of the daily devotional "The Upper Room" is available in the Literature Rack.

Newsletter via E-mail?



Email Newsletter

An easy way to help save Our Shepherd a little money and reduce some clutter in your house is to have your email address added to our newsletter emailing list. This will save the cost of postage and printing. Simply let Pastor Nathan or Shari know if you would like to receive our newsletter view email instead of having it sent in the mail.



Until further notice Yoga is postponed honoring no group larger than 10 to gather in one place. An email will be sent to participants when we will resume. If you or someone you know would like this notification, please contact Renae at the number/email listed below.

We are always looking for new friends to join our program. Questions, please contact Renae at 565-2785 or rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Continuing in 2021, card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month. Don't worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can buy any Sunday. It's best to get that order in on a monthly basis so you can plan for it in your budget.

Any questions, talk to Shari Ver Straate, Renae Wunsch, Nancy Cherney or Char Gumm.

Thanks for supporting this program.



The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo.

All donations are very much appreciated.

Faith in the Fall 2021 Update

At this time, we are planning to hold "Faith in the Fall" in September. It may look a little different than in years past, but it will still be a celebration of music and fellowship.

Please stay tuned for details and a "Save the Date" announcement.



God's Blessings on your Birthday - June



2 Pam Knuth	5 Deric Lightle	
6 Katie Schueler	8 Kay Woodrich	
11 Stephanie Stowers	13 Alan Harms	
17 Sandy Vollbrecht	17 Ana Knuth	
18 Hannah Breher	19 Kenneth Simon	21 Pastor Nathan Athorp
24 Randy Woodrich	24 Kara Thiel	26 June Wiegand
27 Joann Gadick	27 Kristy Oxtoby	28 Tom Bentley

Facebook

A really simple and easy way to promote our church is through Facebook. When you are watching our service on Facebook it is really easy to first of all Like and comment on the post, but it is even better if you could share the service on your personal Facebook page. What an easy way to share with your Facebook friends what is happening in your church. The most effective way to have a church grow is for people to extend a personal invitation to others. Facebook is a really simple way to invite all of your friends to check out what your church is doing.



We are looking for individuals who would be willing to help out with technology during worship. Jeff Wunsch is doing an awesome job, but Jeff can't always be here. We have figured out how to make everything work, so there isn't a lot of detective work involved, but we always need someone to "push the right buttons". If you would be willing to help out from time to time, please let us know and we can give you some really simple training.

On-line Giving

The weather is heating up, the days are growing longer, and the Covid restrictions are lessening. All of that more than likely means our worlds are only going to be busier in the next couple of months. There is a lot going on and a lot to keep track of. If indeed keeping track of how much and when you have financially contributed to Our Shepherd is a challenge for you, we can help. You now have the ability to make contributions completely on-line. On our website, under the members page, there is a button that will take you to the Vanco On-line Giving page. There you can make a one-time donation, or set up a donation of your chosen amount that occurs automatically when you would like it to happen. If you have further questions on how this can make your life easier, please contact the church office.

Meals for Salvation Army

The Women's Fellowship will be making meals for Salvation Army on June 8 and 22. We are asking for help in providing supplies for these meals. Below is a list of items that we will need. We will be serving 30 people. If you are able to make a dessert for one of the days, we would appreciate that.

Thank you.

For June 8 we are making Sloppy Joes with potato chips and dessert

We will need:

4 dozen Buns 2 large onions 1 bunch of celery
2# brown sugar 1 bottle Worcestershire sauce
1 large bottle of ketchup 3 large bags of potato chips
1 large watermelon



Let Char Gumm know if you are able to help with making this meal or are willing to donate let Char Gumm know by Sunday June 6. You can contact her at 467-6670



For June 22 we will be making Chicken Tater Casserole

We will need the following items:

1 bunch celery 2 onions
6 cans cream of chicken soup
3-16oz bags frozen peas and carrots
3-32oz bags of tater tots 3 large jars applesauce
We also would like someone to make a dessert

Please let Char Gumm know what you are able to donate to this meal by Sunday June 20, her number is 467-6670 .

Thank you for your help.

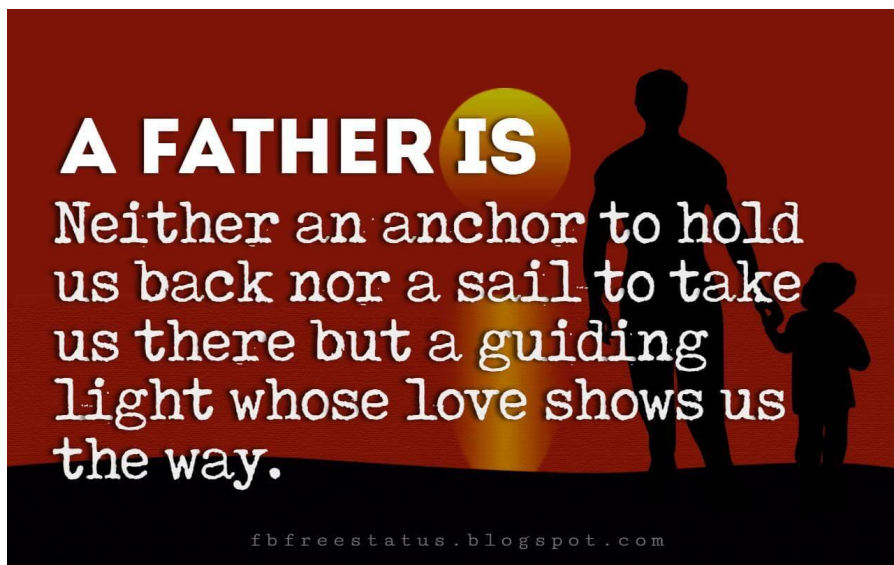
The Salvation Army Volunteers look forward to our meals. Anyone can also volunteer to make a meal and donate it. Every month they provide a calendar with a list of people or organizations that volunteer food for the homeless.

If anyone is interested their website is: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/el-volunteer-calendar> or you can contact CarryeJo Cony at 920-694-1271

Consistory Meeting
May 16, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.

- *Spect Electric has been helping Jeff & Pastor Nathan tweak the electrical system for broadcasting, etc.
- *Pastor Nathan has been attending online Conference Boundary Training & The Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting
- *Worship service in the building will have changing guidelines starting in the month of June
- *A sign-up sheet was created to clean church, please consider signing up to clean a room
- *Pastor Nathan will be assisting with 2 weddings in June
- * Thanks to Renae and the Sunday School staff for the learning experience provided this past year. VBS plans being made
- *The Sofa Table in the front entryway was purchased with Yoga funds, Thank You
- *The Sheboygan County Fair Stand will be staffed by OSUCC providing masks are not required
- * Next meeting: June 13, 7:30 am

Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."



Need something to do on Tuesday evenings this Fall?
Consider playing dartball with Our Shepherd UCC.
We are always looking for new players.
Contact Hoyt Heinemann or Shari Ver Straate

