

The Shepherd's Staff

Monthly Newsletter of

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PRAYER REQUESTS

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs:*

*Pr. Erik, the Transition Team, the Call Committee, the Council, Deacon Liz and our own
Congregation as we work through the transition and call process*

Al and Nancy Moen and Family on the loss of their son, Steve

Friends and family on the loss of Bo Henderson

The Martina Family on the loss of Joanne Martina

Dell and Renee Deierling on the loss of Renee's mother, Flo Craven

Pat Veale on the loss of her brother

The Kloes Family the loss of Donna Kloes

The McCutchan family on the loss of Cheryl's mother, Mur Jensen

For health concerns:

Cathy Karlsen's son, Rob, who has a serious infection

Al Moen

Lisa Robinson's Sister-in-law, Debbie, as she recovers from auto accident

Bob Amberson

Richard McCutchan's sister

Heidi Ferria, Pat Heifort's daughter

*Into your hands, Oh, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer requests should be submitted to Pat Pehling. In an effort to keep the Prayer List timely, names will be included for six months unless a request for removal or continuation is made.

THANK YOU TO

- * Those who help keep the lawns mown and the gardens looking good
- * All those who are helping provide the live stream of our Worship Service!
- * Our wonderful crew at the July work party
- * The Sunday Supervisors, Readers and Fellowship Hosts
- * Jack Walkley for providing the dump trailer AND the dumping for the west fence and for all those who help take it down!

The Academy update

As you all know, we are leasing our lower level to a Christian School. They have been very busy with the needed renovations and are gradually moving in their furniture and supplies. While we did retain the ability for us to use this area, that is only for special events. (Although we have one room for our office and the Chapel available to us at any time). You are welcome, though, to visit the rooms to see what is taking place!

BENEVOLENCE FUND – Rick Homme

The Benevolence Committee met on July 16 for its third quarter meeting. The Committee had \$14,240.67 remaining to distribute in 2023. We distributed \$6,000 to the following organizations.

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| \$750 | Snohomish County Search and Rescue |
| \$750 | Bridge Recovery Center |
| \$750 | Hand in Hand |
| \$750 | Everett Gospel Mission |
| \$750 | Take the Next Step |
| \$750 | Lydia House |
| \$750 | Assistance League |
| <u>\$750</u> | Homage |
| \$6,000 | |

There is \$8,240.67 remaining to distribute this year. The Committee will be meeting on Sunday, October 8th at 8:30 AM to discuss and recommend fourth quarter distributions. Members of the congregation are encouraged to make recommendations for distributions to organizations and individuals.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE – Marilyn Errey

It is **Back to School** time and Riverview Elementary School along with regular school year supplies have some unique needs again this year. Their goal is to provide students with equitable supplies to their peers and to be discreet in the process. The unique needs are because kids living in poverty come to school without some basics, so they try to keep a supply in the nurse's office for emergencies and to cloth children who may come to school without these basic necessities.

School supplies:

Pencils (#2 sharpened, Ticonderoga or Dixon preferred)
Rulers – not the bendable kind
Crayola 16 color paint sets
Expo dry erase markers
Flair pens
Black sharpie pens

Other needs:

Plain backpacks (no sports, cartoon characters, etc.)
Socks - medium & large sizes
Underwear - sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & Adult small

The **Snohomish Community Food Bank**, along with food items, are especially in need of pet food – cat and dog, both dry and canned food items.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & ADULT FELLOWSHIP – Karla Kloes

On Sunday, August 13th, all friends and family of Good Shepherd are invited to a **potluck picnic** at Lake Riley. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dean Kloes on or before August 6th

Also, on Sunday, September 17th, all friends and family of Good Shepherd are invited to ride bicycles on Centennial Trail. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dean Kloes

MINISTRY OF GIFTS – Dell Deierling

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who are faithful in their offerings and support of Good Shepherd in 2023. Your generosity of time, talents, and offerings are greatly needed and very much appreciated!

Note that our financial situation has benefited from the following:

- Pastoral salary spending much lower than budgeted as we are not yet paying for a full-time pastor.
- \$10,000 in income year-to-date with the leasing of our basement to The Academy School.
- \$1,445 from various groups using our facility so far this year. Good PR value too!
- \$20,000 in one-time donations.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Contributing during our weekly service
- Mailing checks to: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5511 64th Street S.E., Snohomish, WA 98290
- Utilizing your bank's bill pay option (Check with your bank or your on-line banking website)
- Using Tithe.ly donate link on our website, <https://www.swanstrail.org>

MINISTRY OF GOD'S HOUSE- Chad Masche

Outdoor Work Parties:

PLEASE READ...Our Next Church Work Party is scheduled for Monday, August 14th starting at 4:30pm. Please join us to assist with any weeding, trimming of shrubs/bushes, and other upkeep projects. You're certainly welcome to show up earlier if that works better for you to volunteer your time...no doubt you will find things to do.

Any time you can contribute is so appreciated! No experience is necessary, your time and a good attitude is all that is required. .

Projects in the works:

- **Currently in progress** – Both the east and west side fences will be replaced by Cascade Fence on August 21st. On Monday, July 31st, several volunteers will be removing the fence from the west side of the property.
- **Currently in progress** – We are awaiting the possibility of one more bid for the heating system project for the downstairs area below the sanctuary (large classroom). We hope to move forward with one of the bids by Friday, August 4th.
- **Currently in progress** – The middle bathroom stall in the Women's bathroom off the narthex is currently not functional. Doug Garland will be replacing some parts and returning it to working order. Thanks Doug!

- Thanks to several devoted individuals for continuing to upkeep the grounds, whether it be the gardening, weeding, or the mowing. THANK YOU!!

Just a couple of notes:

Additional Projects are continuously being recognized, discussed, and completed. If you see something in need of repair, a safety issue, or have an idea for improvements in, and around, the church, please let me know so they can be addressed.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Donna Garland

Summer is here in full swing. People are vacationing and snowbirds are back in the area enjoying the good weather of the PNW. If you are wondering, church attendance has been averaging approximately 20 people per Sunday, with ranges from 14-24. It is good to take time off and recharge.

Thank you to all who have faithfully volunteered to help with the weekly reading, greeting, communion prep, music, goodies after church, Sunday Supervisor, etc. Please consider helping with one or more of these duties this summer while people are vacationing.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – Lisa Robinson with Dean Kloes

Youth Sunday School starts again in the fall on 9/10/23 at 10:45 AM. We will be using the Warner Press Inspire curriculum.

Also, the Women's bible study will be held on Friday, September 15th at 10:00 AM in the Anderson Chapel.

Everyone is invited to attend the weekly Sunday evening bible study at the Barstad's home at 6:00 PM. During August, the group will be finishing the book titled *Questions Jesus Asked*

SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN OUR CONGREGATION:

(Check with Pat Pehling to be sure your family's special dates – Birthdays and anniversaries - are included in the appropriate month!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- August 3 Dean Kloes
- 4 Marilyn Haug, Mike Davis
- 6 Andrea Cole
- 7 Ken Hammond
- 8 Jacob Hammond
- 13 Herb Holten
- 16 Christina Deierling
- 19 Trevor Robinson
- 20 Marilyn Errey
- 23 Jeff Nelson
- 27 Dustin Goodnight

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 4 Mike & Betty Martens
- 8 Bogdan & Sharon Bozhinov

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| 12 | Brian & Lorna Martina |
| 14 | Trevor & Brianne Robinson |
| 17 | Doug & Donna Garland |
| 19 | Daren & Lori Kloes |
| 20 | David & Cindy Martina |
| 20 | Brad & Jennifer Lachapelle |
| 26 | Dean & Karla Kloes |
| 27 | Eric & Megan Olson |

August 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 6pm | 7 4-H 6-9pm | 8 | 9 Project Linus 10-3pm | 10 Pilchuck Camera Club | 11 Trauma Group | 12 |
| 13 Worship 9:30am Picnic-Lake Riley Bible Study 6pm | 14 WorkParty 4:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 BZB Quilters | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 6pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Project Linus 10-10 | 26 Project Linus 10-10 |
| 27 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 6pm | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |