

The Shepherd's Staff

Monthly Newsletter of

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From Deacon Liz

As we move into the liturgical calendar's season of "Ordinary Time," we are entering into an UN-ordinary place! Good Shepherd is engaging a call process that looks and feels totally new and wonky and, maybe even a little scary. While we wait and pray and listen and wait some more for whatever the Spirit puts in front of us next, I would like to remind you of one piece of ordinary time that we can latch on to. As followers of Jesus, we know that our ordinary time is meant to be spent living the resurrection with Jesus by our side!

What does that mean, you ask? Well, it means that Jesus calls us to live lives without fear. Without trepidation. Without judgement. Rather we are called to live with curiosity, love, and a sense of community and collegiality that bonds us to the meaning of the resurrection! Jesus' resurrection is a daily reminder to us that death does NOT have the final say, and that we are called to live without fear of death, trusting in the promise that God's love knows no bounds, breaks all assumptions, and stays with us as God promised to through thick and thin.

Jesus, being as fully human as he was divine, knew better than to believe that we humans could simply cast away all our fear and live like this though ;-). He understood the draw to be scared and uncertain. And thusly, he left us with the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, and agitate us toward freedom.

As we enter ordinary time in this extra UN-ordinary moment in the life and timeline of Good Shepherd's ministry, we are encouraged to trust in the resurrection. God will do GOOD and HOLY things with you – whether we know it or want it or understand it or not! What a gift to be able to fully lean in to trusting our God's discernment!

Peace and all good,
Deacon Liz

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Dcn. Liz will check emails on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Mondays and Fridays off (except for emergencies - call or text at any time)

News about Bo Henderson

We received this message from Robin Rigdon:

"Bo passed away peacefully late last night 5/30. He has been struggling for a few weeks now, so he's at peace and with Marilyn and Mark now."

Please keep Bo's family and friends in your prayers

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*

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

For all others who are in need of healing and wholeness,

For peace all around the world, especially in Ukraine

For our Congregational Leaders and for all people according to their needs.

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

***(Names will continue to be included on the Prayer Request list
for six months unless Pat Pehling is notified differently)***

THANK YOU TO

- The Call Committee of Rick Homme, Donna Garland, Tim Danner, Lori Fox, Terry Danner and Karla Kloes for all their outstanding dedication to the call process!
- All those who are continuing to keep our congregation/church together – Marilyn Errey with Bonnie Thoreson's outstanding music selections prepares and prints our weekly bulletin, Marilyn and Doug provide the live feed of our worship services, Marilyn also maintains our website, Donna Garland and her Altar Guild make sure our worship space and communion are ready, all those who open and close the church building, Dell Deierling and Cheryl McCutchan for watching our finances, Dean Kloes provides Sunday School education and youth events, Karla Kloes serves as Vice President providing devotions at Council Meetings along with Fellowship and being the reason we have a lessee, Chad Masche and his helpers for keeping our church building and grounds in good shape and the many others contributing in so many ways.
- The Fox family for building, donating and installing a new cabinet designed by Cormac for the Fellowship Hall.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE–Marilyn Errey

The Snohomish Community Food Bank, along with food items, will happily accept: Baby Diapers and wipes; Adult Diapers; Personal Hygiene Items; Household Cleaning Products; Homemade or purchased masks; Disinfectant; Paper and Plastic Grocery Bags; Produce Bags; Canvas or Nylon Bags; Pet food; and fresh grown produce from your gardens.

Blood Banks are continuously in need of donations. If you are able, please consider this possible life-saving action.

If you are aware of any other community service needs, please let me know.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN LEARNING – Lisa Robinson with Dean Kloes

Sunday School for the youth of our church continues each Sunday beginning at 9:45 AM and the last day of classes for this school year will be June 11th.

The last women's monthly bible study of the season until September will be held on Friday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM in the Anderson Chapel. The women's study group looks forward to studying Romans in the fall.

Also, anyone is invited to attend the weekly Sunday evening bible study at the Barstad's home at 6:00 PM. The group is beginning a new study titled *Questions Jesus Asked*.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND ADULT FELLOWSHIP – Karla Kloes

On Sunday, June 11th the youth and all friends and family of Good Shepherd are invited to participate in a hike to Independence Lake following the Church Bar-B-Q potluck.

Also, on Tuesday, July 18th at 7:05 PM, all friends and family of Good Shepherd are invited to attend an Everett Aquasox baseball game.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP– Donna Garland

June will see us moving back to a 9:30am worship time **beginning June 18th**, following the last Sunday of Sunday School (June 11th). The survey sent out to the congregation in April/May showed a clear preference to the 9:30am church time. Out of 22 responses, 18 preferred 9:30am, 2 responses preferred 10:30am and 2 responses preferred a 10:00am service time.

I am still looking for one or two people that may be available to help set up and clean up after communion, fill candles, and change paraments to match the season. It doesn't take long but needs to be done the Friday or Saturday (or early Sunday morning if you are an early riser) prior to Sunday service. Let me know if you are willing to take a week or two.

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!

Although we are falling short on our offering to meet budget (see below), we have three things that are keeping us in a favorable financial situation:

- Our pastoral salary spending is much lower than budgeted as we are not yet paying for a full-time pastor (but this expense will eventually come with a successful calling!).
- We are benefiting from income with the leasing of our basement to The Academy School.
- We have earned an additional funds from donations from various groups using our facility

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 June 12th starting at 4:30pm. This schedule change due to me being out of town on June 5th.

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.

Friendly reminder, due to July 4th being on the Tuesday following the first Monday of July, the next work party will be **on July 10th at 4:30pm**. Any time you can contribute is so appreciated! No experience is necessary, your time and a good attitude is all that is required. Please call Chad Masche at 425-422-7093 with any questions.

Projects in the works:

- We are currently evaluating replacing the wall heater in the large downstairs area under the sanctuary. We have received one estimate at this point and will be inquiring with another trusted resource for an additional estimate. All the other furnace and heating equipment is functioning normally and has been serviced for regular maintenance. This was completed by Pilchuck Heating.
- At this point we have a quote from Cascade Fence for the fence located along the east boundary line. Our neighbors to the east have agreed to join us in paying to replace that fence. As for the fence on the west side of the church, we will be asking for an additional quote from Cascade Fence.
- The disability-access stall in the women's bathroom has been reinstalled and is working normally.
- 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.

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 :

- 3 – Marilyn Sheppard
- 5 – Kandi Eldridge
- 6 - Chase Goodnight
- 7 – Keith Goodnight
- 8 – Hannah Toutonghi
- 9 – Tom Koenig
- 10 – Rochele Hammond
- 12 - Lori Pehling
- 15- Benjamin Kloes
- 18 - Daren Kloes
- 19 - Katie Melnyk, Karla Kloes
- 28 – Chase Goodnight, Braden Hammond

Happy Anniversary :

- 6 – Meade & Lori Fox
- 19 – David & Alison Barnes
- 21 – Skip & Marilyn Sheppard
- 28 – Ken & Rochele Hammond

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 6pm	5 4-H Club Meeting 6:30pm	6 County 4-H Meeting 6:30pm	7	8 Pilchuck Camera Club	9 Trauma Group 6pm	10 Snohomish Lion's Club 9am-1pm
11 Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30am Congregational Meeting Church BarBQ Hike Bible Study 6pm	12 Church Workparty 4:30pm	13	14 4-H Meeting 6pm	15 BZB Quilters	16	17
18 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 6pm	19	20	21 Project Linus 10-3	22 BZB Quilters	23 Women's' Bible Study 10am Project Linus 10-10	24 Project Linus 10-10
25 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 6pm	26	27	28	29	30	