

The Shepherd's Staff

Monthly Newsletter of

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FROM DEACON LIZ

Ahh fall! The time of year where schedules get reshuffled and meal plans become important again. Youthful energy vibrates as they go back to the routines of school- new friends, new teachers, new learning. Churches begin the cycle of education, too. With Bible and book studies returning, Sunday school, and refreshed liturgies to reengage the community. With gratitude, we at Good Shepherd offer our thanks to Dean for running Sunday school, for Bonnie for refreshing our liturgical practices, for Karla for curating spaces for us to gather relationally. We are grateful to our council who keeps the big picture and vision of Good Shepherd in front of us as they guide our decision making, for our call committee and the work they are doing to discern our next leader.

Fall is one of our seasons that is most associated with transition. While Good Shepherd has been in transition for a lot longer than one climate season, we know that the Autumn of our congregational life will be but a memory in the months to come. So as you sip your pumpkin spiced beverage and don your wool cardigan in these fall months ahead, I encourage you to find opportunity to dwell in the youthful energy of the new and unknown, to lean into a new way of being, to hold fast to the vision and mission God has called you to in Snohomish, and to organize your hearts in preparation for what is to come. Beloveds, it's going to be oh so good!

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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)

THANK YOU TO

- Thank you to all those who helped in many ways at Joanne Martina's Memorial yesterday, especially Pat Veale, Evelyn, Karla, Joni, Nancy and Joanie. The family was so very appreciative of all our efforts and the Fellowship Hall was full!
- * Those who help keep the lawns mown and the gardens looking good
- * All those who are providing bulletins and helping provide the live stream of our Worship Service!
- * 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!
- * All those who have helped organize the heating project, fence project and all the other smaller projects around the church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

The Robinson family on the loss of Lisa's husband, Weston

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
and her mother, who is in hospice care*

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
Please notify Pat if and when a prayer request should be removed*

COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will be meeting after Worship on Sunday, September 17, following Worship. All are welcome to attend

THE ACADEMY UPDATE

As you all know, we are leasing our lower level to a Christian School. School will begin on September 5. 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!

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE— Marilyn Errey

School begins this month and your generous contributions to support Riverview Elementary are most appreciated! Over \$500 was donated and spent for school supplies that were delivered to Riverview Elementary. They appreciate us helping to set students up for a successful school year! Thank you to Pat Pehling for her assistance in shopping for the school supplies.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & ADULT FELLOWSHIP – Karla Kloes

Thank you so much to all the helping hands that provided fellowship for Bo Henderson's memorial service and for the open house for Joanne Martina's family and friends. I am grateful for all those willing to serve and many hands make light work.

We will be having a BBQ potluck for the beginning of Sunday school starting on Sunday, September 10th. Terry Danner has volunteered to BBQ and also provide his homemade sausages. Please bring a side dish to share. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

On Sunday, September 17th, all friends and family of Good Shepherd are invited to ride bicycles on Centennial Trail. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dean Kloes on or before September 3rd.

Looking ahead, we are grateful for Kristin Flynn and her sister Kathy who will provide their wonderful music for Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 22nd from 3-5 pm. A signup sheet will be provided for this event soon.

Also, on Sunday, October 15th, we are planning a trip to The Farm for fall related activities and to hunt for pumpkins. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dean Kloes on or before October 1st

Please consider signing up for fellowship after church. Thank you to all who have been serving.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP– Donna Garland

Was it just a month ago that I wrote that summer was in full swing? This weekend is Labor Day weekend that typically signals the end of the school year summertime off. Kids will be going back to school and Sunday School will be starting up again. The weather is cooling but I am holding out hope that we may get a few more summer like days before fall and the rain starts.

Bonnie announced last Sunday that the music will be changing over the next several weeks.

A special thanks to Karla Kloes for helping with communion prep and serving while the Worship team was on vacation. It was much appreciated. My continued thanks to Bonnie for music, Marilyn for bulletin and Mary and Joy for their help in getting the church set up for Sunday services and assisting Deacon Liz with communion during the service.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & ADULT 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. The Women's bible study group is currently reading *Thirsty for More* written by Allison Allen.

Everyone is invited to attend the weekly Sunday evening bible study at the Barstad's home at 6:00 PM. During the next month, the Sunday evening group will be studying the book of Philipians.

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.
- \$12,500 in income year-to-date with the leasing of our basement to The Academy School.

- \$1,650 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, September 11th 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:

- **Completed** – Both the east and west side fences have been replaced by Cascade Fence. It looks fantastic!
- **Completed** – Recently the heating system was installed for the downstairs area below the sanctuary (large classroom). This was completed by Pilchuck Heating, a local heating and cooling company.
- 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 to be sure your family's special dates – Birthdays and anniversaries - are included in the appropriate month!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September	2	Corene Anderson
	3	Amy Taylor
	6	Tara Mahoney
	9	Les Gilbert, Fred Eldridge
	20	Bob Amberson
	22	Pat Pehling, Dell Deierling, Lisa Robinson
	23	John Veale, Erik Flynn
	26	Tom Rohde, Makenzie Robinson
	28	Joni Siewert, Josh Hammond
	30	Joseph Melnyk

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>September</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Tom & Jody Rohde</i>
	<i>18</i>	<i>Terry & Joy Vaughn</i>
	<i>21</i>	<i>Al & Marilyn Errey</i>
	<i>24</i>	<i>Jack & Fran Walkley</i>
	<i>26</i>	<i>Don & Joni Siewert</i>

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 6pm	4 Labor Day Holiday	5 4-H 6-9pm	6	7	8 Trauma Group 6pm	9
10 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am BarBQ following Worship Bible Study 6pm	11 Work Party 4:30pm 4-H 6-9pm	12	13	14 Pilchuck Camera Club	15	16 Memorial Service for Karen Hildebrand
17 Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Council Meeting Sunday School 10:45am Bike Ride Bible Study 6pm	18	19	20 Project Linus 10-3	21 BZB Quilters	22 Project Linus 10-10	23 Project Linus 10-10
24 Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study 6pm	25	26	27	28 BZB Quilters	29	30