

# Shepherd's Voice

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Feeding bodies, minds and souls...

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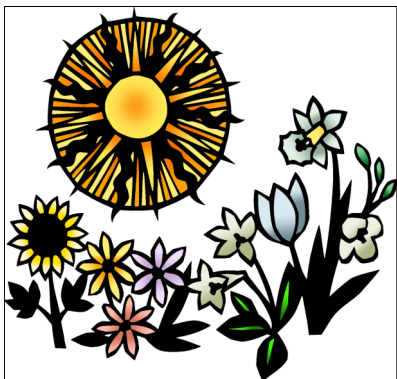
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## August



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Worship Schedule:  
Sundays 9:00 a.m.



## Reformation 500

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Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 29**, for Good Shepherd's Reformation Festival. **JOIN US!** As we celebrate the **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Martin Luther posting his 95 Thesis on the Wittenberg church and the beginning of the Lutheran Church and the Protestant Revolution.

Our Festival will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. There will be activities for the entire family; **booths and games** that will be **FUN** and at the same time emphasize the Reformation and our Christian beliefs.

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! COME JOIN THE FUN.**

There's a spot for  
everyone  
to help and have fun!



Check out the sign up  
sheets in the Narthex.  
Sign-up!

**Some of the themes of our booths will include:**

- \* Fuel the Reformation Rocket (Martin Luther's small catechism)
- \* 95 Thesis Challenge
- \* Coin in the Coffe (to spring a soul out of purgatory)
- \* Printing Press (used to print the first Bibles)
- \* Nerf Shooting Gallery (Luther's attempted assertion)
- \* Katie Luther's Brewing Station (bottle lift games)
- \* Ten Commandments \* Ring Toss \* Make Yourself a Cross
- \* Luther's Lightning challenge \* Nut Stacking Game \* Face Painting
- \* A Mighty Fortress (building a wall) \* Luther's Rose \* Photo Booth
- \* Reformation Christmas Ornaments \* Jesus is My Rock (rock painting)

**AND** ... there will be a **Bounce House**, Food, **Music & Dancing**. All the **ACTIVITIES** are **FREE**, the **ONLY COST** will be for **THE FOOD**. So plan to attend, invite your family and friends, neighbors and acquaintances, too!

## August Birthdays

Gary Mahloch	05
Kristin Sukeforth	05
Fred Wagner	06
Emily Kich	08
Dave Munson	09
Nils Anderson	10
Tyler Costa	10
Sally Poston	12
Laura	
Anagnostopoulos	13
Tracey Rentner	23
Linda Rodemsky	23
Lynne Davies	24
Betty Peterson	25



## STEWARDSHIP

*Stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth are used or given for the service of God. A biblical world view of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources, God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." The central essence of biblical world view, Stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity.*

My name is Nancy Judge, and I am one on the new members of the Church Council. First, I would like to thank the members of Good Shepherd for giving me this opportunity to serve the church. In the few months I have been on the Council I have learned many things about how the church runs, that I never knew. I still have so much to learn.

I am in charge of the Stewardship Committee. This is the first time I have ever had this responsibility. I would love to have the help and advice of fellow members who have experience in this area, to help me in the months to come. September is the start of this year's Stewardship Drive. I am looking forward to serving the church in our efforts to have members sign up for areas of their interest.

Our first planning meeting will be on Sunday, September 17, at 10:30 a.m., in the church office. I hope you will plan on joining us to share your time and talents with us as we plan this year's Stewardship Drive.

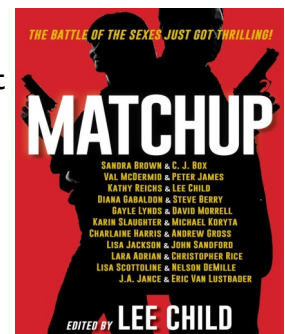
### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to host a Red Cross Blood Drive on October 6, 2017

GSLC will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, October 6, in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to know more about giving blood, visit the Red Cross website at: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/donation-process#t1>

### Good Shepherd Book Club

Just in time for some great summer reading, **MatchUp** is a collection of eleven short stories by twenty-two thriller authors. Each story is a collaboration between one male and one female writer (hence the "match up") blending characters to solve a mystery. It's great fun!

Enjoy this book and join us for our discussion at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 5, in the Fireside Room. Questions: Donna Albrecht at [donna@albrechts.com](mailto:donna@albrechts.com)



### Ham and Corn Feed

Come one, come all for a good, old fashion Ham and Corn Feed.

There will be ham and corn (of course) fresh ripe tomatoes, salad fixin's and for dessert ... ice cream.

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m.  
Look for the sign-up in the narthex on Sunday.  
See you there!

### Calling all GSLC Men!

Our next Saturday Breakfast and Bible Study is Saturday, August 26, at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



### Aluminum Cans & NOW PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES!

As you enjoy your summer picnics and parties, the Evangelism Committee would like to remind you to bring your empty aluminum cans to church in a plastic bag and leave them outside the church doors on the right.

NEW ITEM ... We are now accepting empty plastic water bottles for recycling, too. Each Sunday the bags are picked up for recycling.

Thank you!  
Evangelism Team



## Wedding Anniversaries

Gary and Linda  
Mahloch  
August 5, 1962

Glen and Candace  
Bradley  
August 6, 2004

Michael and Angie  
Morgan  
August 6, 1994

James and Kim  
Christiana  
August 14, 1982

Mike and Donna  
Albrecht  
August 16, 1970

Richard and Connie  
Batchelder  
August 16, 1969

Doug and Reyanne  
Freeman  
August 22, 1964

### A One-Night Movie Event!

#### A one-time showing in Pleasant Hill of "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy"

*This new film follows the great adventure of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life! Who am I? What is my purpose? How do I get right with God?*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening at Century 16 Downtown Pleasant Hill on Aug 17 at 7:30 p.m.

**To purchase tickets and watch the movie trailer go to:**  
[Tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-t\\_i5](http://Tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-t_i5)

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## News from the Council President

Hello everyone, here are some highlights from our Church Council meeting on July 11.

- Recognitions:
  - Everyone who helped with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July float and parade. Whether you helped decorate the float or participated in the parade, or both, thanks for your participation!
- As I mentioned last month, please mark Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> on your calendars as the date of our Reformation Festival. Pastor Jeremy and Sue Hertless have posted the various stations on the bulletin board in the narthex. The intent is for our members to look over the list and decide on a station to help with. I would like to ask that every member of Good Shepherd please plan on participating in what will be a fun and educational event.
- One point of discussion in our meeting was the Finance Committee report. As of the July 11 meeting, our giving is well behind of what has been pledged. This is just a friendly reminder that Good Shepherd operates on a balanced budget that is based on the total amount of monies pledged. Please keep this in mind as the year goes on so that we do not end up the year trying to overcome a deficit.
- A reminder that full minutes of our Council meetings are posted on the Good Shepherd web site.

In God's Peace,

Greg Buchholz  
Council President

## Take me out to the Ball Game

**Good Shepherd is getting ready for the second and last fun A's game for this season!**

**The sign-up sheet is available this Sunday in the narthex.**

**Buy your tickets for this FUN-TASTIC evening with family and friends.**

**The game is Saturday, September 23, the Oakland A's will host the Texas Rangers.**

**Game time is: 6:05 p.m. and best of all there is a Star Wars Theme and Fireworks, too!**

**This is a Reformation Festival Fundraiser: Adult tickets \$35.00 — Children are \$28.00.**

## Friends Feeding Friends

An outreach ministry of Good Shepherd that serves the needy in our county

Sarah Jean's  
Dream at age 4

—  
“So people who  
are really hungry  
have food.”



For we are  
God's  
workmanship  
created in  
Christ Jesus to  
do good works,  
which God  
prepared in  
advance for us  
to do.  
Ephesians  
2:10

## Friends Feeding Friends Highlights for the Past Month

June	July	
<b>1373</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>Families helped</b>
<b>1456</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>Bags of food distributed</b>
<b>1497</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>People helped with groceries</b>
<b>152</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Hot Meals served</b>

### Highlights:

FFF remained busy despite many volunteers being on vacation. More vacationed in July as is reflected in our numbers above. We provided food, linens, jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, pillows and small bags to the CORE outreach team. We also provided linens, grooming supplies, clothing and food to both shelters.

**Next FFF Lunch: August 19, 2017: 9:00 at Good Shepherd to prep.  
All are welcome!!**

### Items needed this month:

- **Travel size grooming supplies**
- **Dish detergent**
- **Bath towels and bath mats**

**Contact us:** You can contact us at [friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com) or [friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com](mailto:friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com), and we are on the church website at <http://gsconcord.com/outreach-ministries/friends-feeding-friends/>



FFF helped furnish a foster youth who transitioned to independent living. These photos were sent by her caseworker after she was settled in to her new place. The youth loved all the kitchenware, furniture and decorative items we provided.



# AUGUST 2017

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**Worship Assistants August 6 through September 3, 2017**

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# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

## *2017 Executive Committee:*

**President:** Greg Buchholz, **Vice President:** Sue Hertless, **Secretary:** John Mott  
**Member-at-Large:** Adam Castle

## *2017 Congregational Council*

Rebecca Berg, Candace Bradley, Greg Buchholz, Adam Castle, Tyler Costa,  
Sue Hertless, Joseph Husary, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Tony Rogelstad, Kelly Schaefer

## *Ministry Staff:*

**Pastor:** Rev. Jeremy Serrano - rev@gsconcord.com  
**Office Administrator:** Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com  
**Substitute Organist:** Christopher Erwin  
**Interim Choir Director:** Emilie Patton  
**Contemporary Music Leader:** Tom Deans Flegel - tdeans08@gmail.com  
**Sound/Technology:** Jamie Rodemsky - jamier1263@gmail.com  
**Treasurer:** Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com  
**Financial Secretary:** Vicki Smiglewski

## *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church exists to **reach** out in Jesus name and **gather** in deep community,  
to **learn** and grow into God's Kingdom, to **serve** our neighbor,  
and **worship** the creator.