



Good Shepherd Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Exciting Happenings and Doings of
God's People

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21st and 22nd, 2019
Announcements

Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to everyone at worship. We are glad that you are here and invite you to return again to celebrate our living Lord. Visit us at 525 63rd Street, Downers Grove, contact us at 630-852-1519 or check us out on the web at www.gsdg.org

Open Positions for Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) 2019

Good Shepherd has seven positions open for election to the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) at the voters meeting in November. The position descriptions are listed below. Please contact Dean L. Gerdes (708-807-5649), another member of the MCC or Pastor Bergemann (331-238-2378) if you are interested in election to one of these positions or interested in discussing further the open positions. Our congregation depends on our members filling these important roles.

Dean L. Gerdes
President / Treasurer

OPEN POSITIONS FOR MINISTRY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCC) 2019

President

The President presides as chairman at all meetings of the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC), Voters' Meetings and informal meetings of the congregation. The President serves as liaison between members of the congregation and called workers as well as various boards and committees. The President is an advisory member of all committees.

Elementary School Coordinator

The Elementary School Coordinator is responsible, together with the other elected members of the Elementary School Committee, for assuring that the mission statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is being carried out. This position is elected by the voters and serves on the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC).

The responsibilities of the Elementary School Coordinator include the following:

- Establish school policy
- Evaluate staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation
- Communicate with parents of school children
- Report actions of the committee to the MCC and congregation
- Serve as chairman of the Elementary School Committee

School Committee Member

The School Coordinator, along with the other elected members of the School Committee, is responsible for assuring that the mission statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is being carried out. The positions in the School Committee are elected by the voters and are a two-year term.

The responsibilities of the School Committee include the following:

- Establish school policy
- Evaluate staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation
- Communicate with parents of school children

Group Life Coordinator

He is responsible for providing opportunities and promoting fellowship among and between various groups in the congregation such as youth, teens, singles, seniors, couples, men, women, etc. The activities under the direction of the Group Life Coordinator shall strive to sustain each of our members in the faith by working together for the spiritual growth and health of the congregation.

The areas of responsibility for the Group Life Coordinator include, but are not limited to: the Pioneer Council, teen program, Servae Christi (women's group), and fellowship groups such as singles, couples, seniors, and men. The nature and dimension of the responsibility includes leadership and staffing. The Group Life Coordinator shall report to the MCC and the congregation meetings concerning the activities under his direction.

Mission Resources Coordinator

He is responsible for identifying, marshaling and coordinating the congregation's resources for its funding. He shall also endeavor to build a strong, informed congregation, mindful of its Christian privileges and responsibilities.

- Report to the MCC and congregation all actions and activities of the Mission Resources Committee
- Chair the Mission Resources Committee, which includes appointed members and ex-officio members Secretary-Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Loan Program Administrator of the congregation
- Report and coordinate the activities of the Endowment Fund committee to the MCC and the congregation
- Develop and initiate programs and instruction on all stewardship activities
- Recruit volunteers for stewardship activities as necessary
- Participate in the preparation of the congregational budget

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The Spiritual Growth Coordinator is responsible for making provisions for the operation of the Sunday School, Catechism instruction, memory course, Bible classes and other programs which may enhance and promote spiritual growth of congregation members and prospective members.

The scope of responsibility includes:

- Appoint members of the Spiritual Growth Committee and such sub-committees as may be required
- Establish policies regarding various programs for which the committee is responsible
- Appoint a Sunday School Administrator and other volunteer staff as needed
- Report to and make recommendations to the MCC regarding areas of spiritual growth
- In consultation with the pastor(s), evaluate spiritual growth needs and opportunities

Worship Coordinator

He is responsible for assuring and enhancing proper conduct of our public worship services by working closely with our pastors and members of the Worship Committee, within the guidelines of our congregation's Constitution, Articles of Faith, and mission statement.

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Arranging for ushers, usher training, scheduling, backups, list of duties, etc.
- Coordinate scheduling (usher support/backup)
- In conjunction with the pastor, assure that musical accompaniment for worship services is scheduled and provided
- Evaluate and make recommendations to the MCC regarding worship service enhancements as well as special services, assuring strict adherence to our congregation's Articles of Faith, as well as considerations of worship improvements
- Report regularly to the MCC and congregation

Forensics Coaches Needed

Starting Monday, September 23rd our preparation for the Forensics Meet will begin. Our 5-8th grade students are working hard to get ready for this upcoming meet and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Students practice their pieces at the end of the school day from 2-3 PM. We are looking for coaches during that time to assist in creating intros, reading through pieces and offering improvements. Please find the Google Sheets sign-up [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Roekle or Ms. Rosenbaum.

Trunks Needed

On October 20th from 1.00pm-3.30pm we will be replacing Fall Festival with a Trunk or Treat event.

What is Trunk or Treat?

Church and Academy families will festively decorate their trunks in the parking lot so children can "trick or treat" from the back of the vehicles. This event has been very successful at many churches and we hope to have lots of participation from our Good Shepherd community. We'll have a bounce house, food, and costume parade for the children. The best decorated trunk will win a prize!

Please sign up in the narthex to participate in the fun!

CTC Groups Starting Up

IT'S BACK!!...ConnectingThroughChrist (CTC) small group sermon-based bible study in a home near you!

Another round of CTC groups will begin after soon. This is our small group program to better connect members to each other and to Christ - **ConnectingThroughChrist (CTC)**.

We have had over 100 congregation members enjoy at least one group over the past several years - and many of those people have been in multiple groups. This program is modeled after successes at many other WELS churches and is based on a book named *Sticky Church*. It is a group of 8-12 adults who gather outside of the church to enjoy fellowship and grow in Christ by discussing a recent sermon. A trained facilitator from Good Shepherd will facilitate the discussion, and a coordinator gets the groups organized and scheduled. CTC will help people discuss and apply the sermon in a more personal way. CTC is not another church meeting, but a gathering of Christian friends developing a deeper relationship with each other and Christ. CTC groups will generally meet around twice per month and will continue for 3-4 months.

Additional details will be provided after an upcoming service, and signup sheets will be in the narthex starting Sunday 9/15/19.

Andy Rush CTC Coordinator

Public School Catechism Introductory Meeting

Good Shepherd facilitates Catechism class for children and families who do not attend our congregation's school. Sometimes referred to as "Public School Catechism Class", this group is intended for public school, homeschool, and other private school families. If you have a child entering 7th or 8th grade this year, please join us for an introductory meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will provide more information on this wonderful opportunity to grow in the Word as a family!

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

For the past several years the upper grades at GSLA have been working with Operation Support Our Troops to collect items to send to our troops abroad for Christmas. This is a great way for the students to show Christian love and joy to those who serve in the armed forces. Below is a list of items we are currently collecting. Collection boxes will be located outside the office and in the church narthex. We will be collecting items until October 16th. Thank you for your help in showing our support for our military servicemen and women.

<p>Products Must be Individually Wrapped or Individual Packs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slim Jims or Beef Jerky Snack Cookies Snack Crackers Snack Nuts Rice Krispie Treats Granola Bars Twizzlers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail Mix Oatmeal Hot Chocolate Life Savers Fruit Snacks or Rollups Cow Tails (Long) Dried Fruit, Cranberry, Raisins
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gum Chocolate Candy Bars Candy (M&M's, Skittles etc.) Pop Tarts Microwave Popcorn Bag Starlight Mints Bag Tootsie Rolls Bag Holiday Candy Bag Tootsie Pops, Dum Dums Candy Canes Hand Wipes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ChapStick Dental Floss Toothbrushes (Individual) Toothpaste (1oz. or less) New CD's and DVD's Ziploc Snack Bags Ziploc Sandwich Bags Ziploc Quart Bags Ziploc Gallon Bags Large Jars or Cans of Nuts (16 oz. or less, no glass) Unbreakable Ornaments (Homemade or Flat)

Advent by Candlelight

It's never too early to mark your calendar for an important event! Good Shepherd will hold an Advent by Candlelight for ladies of the congregation, their family members, friends and neighbors, on Friday December 6 at 7 PM. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful evening of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

SCRIP (Substitute Cash Rebate Incentive Program)

Order Release Schedule

Monday, September 23 by noon; delivered by Friday, September 27

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion 5 th – 8 th grades sing in church
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Study / BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service – w/Communion
	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
MONDAY 09/16	3:30 pm	Faculty Curriculum Meeting
	7:00 pm	PMM Core Team Meeting
TUESDAY 09/17	8:10 am	Chapel
	11:00 am – 9:30 pm	Home Run Inn Darien Fundraiser
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY 09/18		
THURSDAY 09/19	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
FRIDAY 09/20		
SATURDAY 09/21	5:30 pm	Worship Service
SUNDAY 09/15	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion Gr 5 – 8 Sings in Early Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Study / BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion
<u>SAVE THE DATE</u>		
Sept 23	8:30 am	Hearing & Vision Screeing Forensics Prep Begins
	7:00 pm	CORE Team Meeting
Sept 25	8:30 am	Picture Day
	2:30 pm	Jr. Soccer Tournament
Sept 28	9:00 am	LWMS Fall Rally – Lord & Savior
Sept 29	10:30 am	Pre-K – 4 th Grade sing in Church
	11:30 am	Girl Pioneers
	12:00 pm	Boy Pioneers
Oct 5		Soccer Tournament Aurora
Oct 8	8:30 am	Hearing & Vision PreK – 8 th
	7:00 pm	School Committee Meeting
Oct 11		Little/Big Buddy Outing
Oct 14		No School – Columbus Day

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD’S HOUSE (09/14-15/19)

Saturday – 24
 Sunday Early – 81
 Sunday Late – 69
 Live Streaming –
 Weekend Total – 174

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD’S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 10	09/08/19	\$8,744.42	\$124,165.12	\$133,200.00	93.2%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD’S WORD

James 1: 17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Organist: Karen D'Aversa

Ushers

09/21	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
09/22	8:00 am	Dan & Erik Schindler
	10:30 am	Scott Wolfrum & Joseph Abegg
09/28	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
09/29	8:00 am	Andy Rush & Dave Bowen
	10:30 am	Bob Vicker & John Roland

Altar Care

10/06	Jennifer Tyrrel & Doris Holcomb
10/20	Kathy Oedzes & Fran Piepenbrink

Coffee Schedule

09/22	Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
09/29	Sue Mecklenburg

Folding Schedule

09/22	Chris Herrmann
09/29	Sherrie & Jay Norco

Communion Assistant Schedule

10/06	8:00 am	Rick Brands & Todd Paradis
	10:30 am	Doug Semenske & Ken Jordan
10/20	8:00 am	David Roekle & Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Ken Jordan & John Roland

Watering Crew

09/23	Karen	09/25	Debi V
09/27	Laurie	09/29	Deb O

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse