



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

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight.” Proverbs 9:6

**PASTOR BERGEMANN LETTER**

08-09-2018

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

After much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to accept your call to serve as your pastor. I look forward joining with you in pondering, planning, and implementing ways that we can seek the lost, feed the flock, and serve the Savior in Downers Grove and beyond!

I thank you for your prayers and your patience throughout this process. You have demonstrated great understanding in these past weeks as I have wrestled with the decision on where I might serve God best. I humbly request that you would continue to share your patience and understanding with me in the weeks to come, as it will most likely take some time to prepare our Virginia home for sale, look for a new place in your community, and move. I also feel compelled to help prepare our Christian brothers and sisters in Woodbridge, Virginia for a time of transition and for a new pastor. This is a special congregation on the front lines of our WELS mission efforts. It has been my joy to serve them for 15 years. While preparing to move, I will also use this time to rejoice in our past ministry together and look forward with them to the future.

With that being said, I look forward to meeting you. I am humbled and honored that the Holy Spirit has given me this opportunity to serve God's Kingdom and you.

May our Good Shepherd keep us in his care in the days to come.

In Him, Pastor Jon Bergemann

**PASTOR RUTSCHOW'S "CELEBRATION OF SERVICE" - REMEMBER!!**

Please RSVP by Sept. 1st whether or not you'll be attending the luncheon/program for Pastor Rutschow's "Celebration of Service" on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. To RSVP online go to [gsdg.org](http://gsdg.org) and click on the invitation. It will take you immediately to the form to fill out. Please do this even if you're not able to come. We want to make sure everyone has seen an invitation.

If you're NOT able to RSVP online, there are sheets to fill out on the table in the narthex where the "bucket list" wishes and treats have been by the front door.

And THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION TAKEN. There are envelopes by the collection box in the narthex. This will be a very special day! We hope everyone can come!!

**SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR GS COUNCIL & SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Seven positions will be open for election in November, 2018 for the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) and school committee. The MCC is seeking

qualified voters as candidates for the seven positions listed below. Interested candidates will be reviewed by the MCC before nomination to the voters. The election for office to fill these positions will be held at the semi-

annual voters meeting in November. Elected candidates become members of the MCC or School Committee, accordingly, for a term of two years.

The open positions are:

### **Treasurer**

The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for the financial reporting of receipts and disbursements in the applicable funds as determined by the congregation. This includes proper accumulation and safeguarding of receipts and timely payment of all obligations incurred. The Secretary-Treasurer acts as an advisor and consultant on all congregation financial matters.

### **Shepherding Coordinator**

The Shepherding Coordinator is responsible for making provision to visit the sick and infirm and the spiritually indifferent, for communicating action, news, etc. of general interest to the congregation, for routine publication of a congregational newsletter, and for assimilating new members into the life and work of the congregation.

### **Property Coordinator**

The Property Coordinator is responsible for proper insurance, repair, maintenance and cleaning of the all congregational facilities.

### **Outreach Coordinator**

The Outreach Coordinator is responsible for gospel outreach and supporting the mission statement of Good Shepherd. The responsibilities of the Outreach Coordinator include publicizing our congregation and its activities, conducting canvasses in the area of our church, welcoming newcomers to our area and visitors to our services, providing for a program of visitation to announce and witness to the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **School Committee Member (3)**

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 School is being carried out. The responsibilities of the School Committee include establishing school policy, evaluating staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation, and communicating with parents of school children.

Interested candidates should contact President Dean Gerdes or any member of the MCC. A list of the current MCC members and positions is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex. More detailed position descriptions are available.

### **THANK YOU**

The faculty, staff, parents, and students want to thank Marian Masa for serving the last four years as the 7th and 8th grade math teacher. In addition to teaching, Marian used her gifts in countless other ways such as coordinating our student spotlight, serving hot lunch, running the concession stand for our track meets, posting school pictures on the bulletin board and the list goes on and on. You will be dearly missed, Ms. Masa! God's blessings!

### **2019 HOLY LAND TRIP**

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Sail on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and many other Bible sites. Pastor Roekle, of First Lutheran Church in Racine and Pastor Dale Reckzin, of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oak Creek, will be hosting a ten-day trip from June 11-20, next summer. There will also be an option for adding a three-day extension to the city of Rome on the way back from Israel. Anyone interested can access a brochure at [RegisterNow.ittworld.com](http://RegisterNow.ittworld.com) (tour code is "Roekle19" or contact Pastor Roekle

(pastorroekle@firstracine.org or 637-7142) or Pastor Reckzin (d.reckzin@gmail.com 414-232-2953) if you have any questions.

**LWMS Fall Retreat – Save the Date & Register Now**

Sing to the Lord a New Song at the LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Retreat on Friday, October 19, 5:15 p.m. to Saturday, October 20, 2:00 p.m.

Join us at a beautiful log lodge on 47 wooded acres with a lake, creek, and nature trails in Plano, Illinois (57 miles southwest of Chicago). Learn more about the location at [www.lasallemanor.org](http://www.lasallemanor.org). Missionary Terry Schultz will lead a fireside sing-along on Friday evening and on Saturday he will show us how he uses music in missions around the world. The early bird registration fee (postmarked by September 20) is \$100/person and includes a private room and three meals. The fee for registration postmarked September 21 to October 5 is \$115. The one day (Saturday only, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) registration fee is \$50/person (includes lunch).

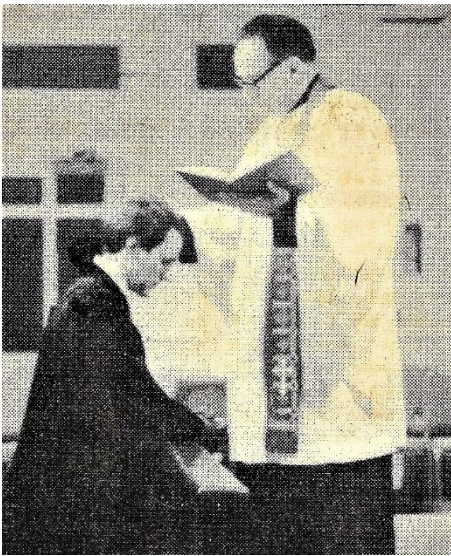
To obtain a registration form contact Paula Danekas (pkdanekas@comcast.net). The registration deadline is October 5.



**2 Timothy 4:2** *“Preach the word: be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.”*

We’ve been blessed to have Pastor Rutschow at Good Shepherd since 1977. Here’s  
another bit of history.

Pastor Rutschow was ordained in Creve Coeur, IL, on July 12 1970, and served Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Marquette Heights, IL, in the Peoria area. It was a new mission congregation and, while there, he became involved in serving a small existing congregation in Jacksonville, IL and in starting 3 churches - Bloomington-Normal, IL, Champaign, IL, and Burlington, Ia.



In February of 1977, Pastor accepted the call to come to Good Shepherd, Downers Grove. On March 6, 1977 he was installed by Reverend E. A. Mahnke of West Chicago at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn where services were being held until they were able to build the current church in Downers Grove. While here at Good Shepherd Pastor has been able to be part of 3 building projects as the church and school continued to grow. The first was the parsonage and original church and multi-purpose room (which also served as our one-room school), then an addition of three classrooms, (our current fellowship hall), library and kitchen. After that was the expansion of the narthex and sanctuary and the addition of the current school and office wing.

For the first 2 years, 1977 to 1979, he and his wife, Pauline and their 3 children, Paul, Kristin & Annette, lived in an apartment off Cass Avenue. They moved into the newly built parsonage in March of

1979.

**Hebrews 2:12** *“He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”*



# CALENDAR

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<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship Service with communion
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class / BLAST Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service with communion
<b>MONDAY 08/20</b>	6:30 pm	Back-to-School info Meeting
<b>TUESDAY 08/21</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY 08/22</b>	8:10 am	K-8 Classes Begin
	11:30 am	K-8 Early Dismissal
<b>THURSDAY 08/23</b>		
<b>FRIDAY 08/24</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 08/25</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 08/26</b>	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class / BLAST Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service

## SAVE THE DATE

August 28	6:00 pm	Servae Christi Leadership Meeting
September 2	9:20 am	NO BLAST Sunday School
September 3	8:10 am	No School – Labor Day
September 4	8:10 am	First Day Pre K
Septmeber 9	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship with Koine
September 10	8:30 am	Hearing & Vision Screeing
September 19		Picture Day
September 20	7:00pm	MCC Meeting

## USHER/S

08/19	8:00 am	Andy Rush & Dave Bowen
	10:30 am	Scott Wolfram & Joe Abegg
08/26	8:00 am	Dan & Erik Schindler
	10:30 am	Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz

## FOLDING SCHEDULE

08/19	Jan & Gary Henriksen
08/26	Joan Richmond

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

08/19	8:00 am	John Roland & Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Dave Roekle & Ken Jordan
09/02	8:00 am	Dave Rardin & Rick Brands
	10:30 am	John Roland & Volunteer Needed

## ALTAR CARE

08/19	Joan Richmond & Cindy Oard
09/02	Karen Bassler & Laura Swiatnicki

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

08/19	Roxanne Zikis & Inge Wegner
08/26	Sue Mecklenburg & Carol Miller

## GREETERS

08/19	8:00 am	Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Joan Richmond
08/26	8:00 am	Debi Vose
	10:30 am	Hannah Roekle

## WATERING SCHEDULE

08/19 Laurie 08/21 Mark 08/23 & 25 Sherrie/Jay 08/27 Debi V.  
08/29 Karen 09/01 Debi V 09/03 Deb O 09/05 Karen 09/07 Laurie  
09/07 Sherrie/Jay 09/11 Mark 09/13 Karen 09/15 Debi V