

# The Shepherd's Voice



## From The Pastor

In light of Christ's eternal victory, we should expect change in our daily living. For example, although they were called to be fishers of men the disciples learned that they needed to listen to their Lord even when fishing for fish. Change for Peter would mean moving from regretting his past (where he denied his Lord) to feeding Christ's flock. And for Saul (Paul), Christ's eternal, living presence would mean changing from catching Christians to proclaiming Christ before Gentiles and kings. The heavenly host in Revelation sing their eternal songs of praise to the Lamb on the throne. How might our risen Lord's eternal victory over sin and evil change us so that we echo their praises already here in time?

Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

We and all people have been "married" to this fallen world since our first parents ate forbidden fruit at their reception in Eden. But now, everyone baptized into Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike, are invited to the wedding of the Church to Jesus, her Bridegroom. The "little while" (Good Friday to Easter morning) is over, and Christ is with us now, especially as we receive His body and blood in the Lord's Supper. It is only a foretaste of the feast to come, when He will make all things new, and the tears and sorrow we experience now will be in the past. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

*- Pastor Simpson*

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GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ESTABLISHED 1950



75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

November 16, 2025

**“Led and Fed by The Good Shepherd for 75 years”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

### LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY



#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clean— Up Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Welcome to join us for cleanup day,  
there is a task and activity for everyone.  
Let's keep Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
beautiful, together!

No heavy lifting, light lunch will be provided.

**SATURDAY**

MAY 3, 2025

9am—5pm

Family Life Center

For more information, contact: Church Office 405-732-2585

Elaine Fast 405-316-0478

Messiah Lutheran Church:

## LAKE DAY!

**MAY 17TH**

**5-10PM**

**WHERE?**

**LAKE ARCADIA—CREEK  
PAVILLION**

Cost: \$10 per car, paid at Lake  
Arcadia

**COME HANG OUT  
AND HELP KICK OFF  
SUMMER!**

**WHAT?**

**WHATTO  
BRING?**

**SIGN UP FOR A  
SIDE**

Burgers, brats, and s'mores provided!

**BYOB**



**THIS EVENT IS OPEN  
TO ALL YOUNG  
ADULTS (18-35)**

**WHO?**

**QUESTIONS?**

**CONTACT: RACHEL  
SCHELEN  
682-715-9468**

### May Coming School Events

2 Ponca City Meet

5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week

16 Muffins in the Morning 7:30 - 8:15a Gym

22 Kindergarten & 8th gr. Graduation Ceremonies 10:30-11:30a

Church Sanctuary

22 Last Day of School



## VBS is Coming in JUNE

Save the Date!

Looking for mountains of fun?



You otter be here!

New friends › Amazing experiments › Creative games  
Super-fun snacks › Surprising adventures › Incredible music

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
(church name)

Save these dates: June 2-6, 2025  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 5-8 pm  
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: Dana Johnson 405-412-0296  
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: Paper registration forms available  
(registration web address)

## Who is Your Elder?

**Do You Reach Out & Consult with Your Elder when you —**

- 1. Are ill or hospitalized?**
- 2. Need prayers or have a spiritual concern or need?**
- 3. Want to Volunteer!**



**Check Bulletin Board for a List of Elders**

**(or Contact Church Office):**

<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Contact Number</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>
Jim Marlatt (Head Elder)	817-602-0447	Ch— Du
Steve Pendley	405-313-5976	Sc— Ta
Jacob Bowen	405-593-4117	Ol— Sc
Ed Brown	405-627-0795	Ha (III) - Ku
Gene Johnson	330-414-9169	Be— Ca
Matt McNair	405-826-9553	To— Wo
Ron Parker	405-623-3091	Aa— Ba
Manny Vasquez	405-641-7573	Ea— Ha
Taylor Williamson	405-831-7358	Lo— Og



## Update on Millie

2025



This incredible rockstar made counts and is officially starting her second cycle in the Maintenance Phase. Just to put things into perspective—each cycle lasts 12 weeks, and after this one, she'll have about more cycles to go! Today, she received spinal chemo, chemo through her port, and will begin five days of steroids along with her regular daily oral chemo. The steroid week is always really tough, so we'd be so grateful for all the prayers we can get.

Today is World Cancer Day, and there are truly no words to express how amazed we are by our sweet warrior. Amelia has endured so much in her little lifetime—it shatters my heart to even think about. Throughout this journey, Millie has quickly learned to voice her emotions and fears, sometimes saying "I feel scared," and yet she always finds the strength to push through and do what she needs to stay healthy.

She embodies courage in the purest form, and I'm inspired by her every single day. Please continue to pray for Millie and all the other warriors fighting this awful disease.

My specific prayer request is that Millie never relapses. We celebrate each day she's here and the progress she's made, but the fear of relapse can be overwhelming.

Even in the fear and chaos, we know God is good, and we trust Him with her healing and future.

Thank you all so much for your continued love and support .



## "JOYFUL"

April 21, 2025



That very day two [believers] were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem ... Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth ...." (Luke 24:13, 15b-19a)

Picture these two believers, so earnestly explaining all about Jesus' suffering and death, to Jesus Himself, not recognizing Him at all. How did they miss the nail holes in His hands?

And what of Jesus? Why does He let the confusion go on for hours until He breaks the bread for dinner—and vanishes, as they finally know Him?

I think it was joy. I think it was love and happiness and a sense of humor, as Jesus enjoys an afternoon relaxing with two people He loves, who are stubbornly refusing to believe He's alive again. They won't trust the women's

testimony. And so Jesus gets to exercise His sense of humor, hiding His identity, teaching them what the Bible says about Him—and waiting for the truth to dawn.

This is the kind of God we have, One who loves us so dearly that He dies and rises again for us—all so He can enjoy, not just an afternoon, but all eternity with us, His people. And it starts today—now—for all of us who trust in Him.

WE PRAY: Lord, draw me closer to You every day, and bring me to know You indeed. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

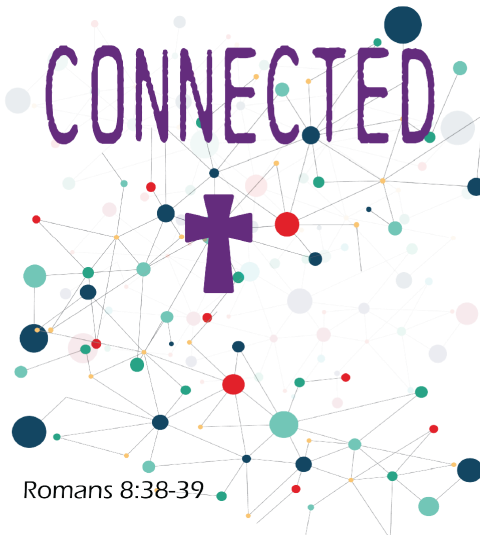
- \* Why do people joke and laugh when they are happy?
- \* What do you know about God's sense of humor?
- \* Are you glad to know that Jesus likes spending time with you?

Lenten Devotions were written by Dr. Kari Vo.



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## Summer Schedule



DATES	SESSION	AGES
May 23-25	Work Weekend	All
June 8-13	Force 1	9-12
June 8-13	Kinetic 1	7-9
June 15-20	Force 2	9-12
June 15-20	Energy 1	13-15
June 22-27	Force 3	9-12
June 22-27	Rock and Ride Adventure Trip	14-18
June 29-July 3	Family Camp 1	Families
July 6-11	Force 4	9-12
July 6-11	Energy 2	13-15
July 13-18	Force 5	9-12
July 13-18	Kinetic 2	7-9
July 20-24	Family Camp 2	Families
July 27-Aug 1	Dynamic	14-18
(\$100 discount for Dynamic Campers)		

\*\*\* Costs listed are full payment. Check out the discounts, including Early Registration Discount of \$30 for full week camps. **Deadline for the Early Registration Discount is May 1st!**

# Camp Lutherhoma

provides opportunities for campers (ages 7-18) to be immersed in a supportive Christian community. Our caring counselors and staff invest in each camper to ensure they are loved and cared for as they explore God's Word and God's creation. The camp facilities and activities provide opportunities for new challenges, adventure, and creativity. Daily devotions, Bible studies, and songs communicate our summer Bible theme and enrich the faith lives of all who attend.

### summer youth camps

- Kinetic - Ages 7-9
- Force - Ages 9-12
- Energy - Ages 13-15
- Dynamic - Ages 14-18
- Rock & Ride - Ages 14-18

### Adventure Options

RAFTING, KAYAKING,  
MOUNTAIN BIKING, FISHING,  
ROCK CLIMBING SPORTS,  
WILDERNESS CHALLENGE

### Family Camps

- Memorial Day Work Weekend  
May 23-25      Free
- Summer Family Camp 1 & 2

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REGISTER ONLINE at  
[www.lutherhoma.com](http://www.lutherhoma.com)





Thank You for Your Generous Support!

We're thrilled to announce that the Mission Goal for this biennium has been met! Your generous support has made a tremendous impact, funding mission grants with a total of \$2.35 million to spread God's love and hope to those in need.

The mission doesn't stop here! As we look ahead to the next biennium, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the opportunity to bless even more ministries — in Omaha and beyond. We can't continue our mission without support from people like you.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Your support ensures that our mission thrives and grows into the next biennium! Consider becoming a monthly giver to ensure a stable foundation for many years to come.



## In Loving Memory and Honor of Alice Brauer

Alice was a true servant of the Lord. She spent 23 years as an LCMS Missionary in India. In 2003 Alice retired, but remained in India, serving the needs at Bethesda Hospital in Nagercoil. She was referred to as the “Mother Teresa” of the LCMS.

Alice was born and baptized in Nagercoil, India in 1938 to Missionary parents and then being raised and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran, Norman, Oklahoma. She became our dear Oklahoma sister in Christ. Alice served her Lord and Savior faithfully for many years as God directed her near Ambur, India.

Many might recall, we at Good Shepherd and in the Oklahoma District supported her ministry with prayer and by sewing little girls' dresses as well as saving religious Christmas card fronts. She used these Christmas cards as a visual tool to tell the story of Jesus and His love as she dealt with the physical needs of the children and mothers brought to her for care.

*But they who wait for the LORD shall  
renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
They shall run and not be weary;  
They shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31



Help us Honor in Memory our sister, Alice Brauer, by sponsoring a hole at the Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing held prior to the 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, NE. All funds will be applied to the Mission Grants goal adopted for the next 2025-2027 Biennium of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. It is an honor to have helped Alice be a Lutheran Woman in Mission in a small way.

We will be collecting a door offering after worship services Sunday, May 4 and May 11 to receive your donations in honoring God's work through His servant Alice Brauer. Thank you for helping to remember Alice's service in thanksgiving to the Lord and His people!



# May 2025

*Happy*  *Anniversary*

5/15 Jennifer & Donnie Dunn  
5/19 Don & Debbie Arnhart  
5/27 Steve & Grace Pendley  
5/29 George & Carroll Dinse



## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

5/7 Jim Dolezel  
5/12 Belinda Harke  
5/19 Jeannie Guillotte  
5/23 Andrea Leatherman  
5/26 Jeff Anderson  
5/30 Emily Harke



5/7 Jordan Ashford  
5/7 Linda Harke  
5/9 Aurora Gause  
5/25 Julie Ashford  
5/26 Ruth (Anna) Ewing  
5/27 Bob Striegel  
5/27 Taylor Williamson  
5/28 George Dinse  
5/29 Michael Parker  
5/30 Glenda Daly

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Issues Etc.</b> You can listen on-demand at <a href="http://issuesetc.org">issuesetc.org</a> , the <b>LPR</b> mobile app, and your favorite podcast	<b>MINISTRY SUPPORT</b> through tithes, offerings, and donations can be given by either PayPal or credit or debit card. To access go to <a href="http://www.gsclmwc.com">www.gsclmwc.com</a> scroll down to "Help Our Cause"	 Go to <a href="http://www.gsclmwc.com">www.gsclmwc.com</a> click on the	 <b>Weekly Bulletin</b> 12pm on Thursdays <b>Monthly Newsletter</b>	<b>1</b> 12-3:30p School Music Class (FH) 6:00p Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00a Worship w/Communion 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship w/Communion	<b>5</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls 6:15p Bell Choir	<b>6</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study) 6:00p Elders 7:00p LWML Ruth Guild	<b>7</b> 9:15a P-2 Chapel 10:00a DS Chapel 5:00p Confirmation 5:30p Fellowship Meal 6:00p Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00a Mary Circle BS 9:00a OKC Circuit Winkler 12-3:30p School Music Class (FH) 6:00p Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship 12:00a Parish Education	<b>12</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls 6:15p Bell Choir	<b>13</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study)	<b>14</b> 9:15a P-2 Chapel 10:00a DS Chapel 5:00p Confirmation 5:30p Fellowship Meal 6:00p Bible Study	<b>15</b> 12-3:30p School Music Class (FH) 6:00p Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00a Worship w/Communion 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship w/Communion 12:00a Council	<b>19</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls 6:15p Bell Choir	<b>20</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study) 4:00p Parochial Ed mtg	<b>21</b> 9:15a P-2 Chapel 10:00a DS Chapel 5:00p Confirmation 5:30p Fellowship Meal 6:00p Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9:00a Mary Circle Quilting 10:30a Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduation (Church Sanctuary) 6:00p Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 6:00a <b>NO WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship	<b>26</b> 5:30p TL Boys & AH Girls 6:15p Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 10:30a Staff mtg 1:00p <b>TABS</b> (Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study)	<b>28</b> 9:15a P-2 Chapel 10:00a DS Chapel 5:00p Confirmation 5:30p Fellowship Meal 6:00p Bible Study	<b>29</b> 6:00p Choir Practice <b>THE ASCENSION</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00a <b>NO WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
					<b>31</b> 9:00a School Clean-Up Day (FLC)
					<b>10</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
					<b>17</b> 10:00a OK District Disaster Response
					<b>24</b> 6:00a <b>NO WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>
					<b>31</b> 6:00a <b>NO WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) <b>BS</b>