

# The Shepherd's Voice

## From The Pastor



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To come into the presence of our holy God, we must also be holy. We know there is a problem with that: we most certainly are not holy. All of us daily fall short of God's expectations for our lives and fail to keep His commands. Instead of being in His presence, we deserve to be banished from His holy face. And yet, in His holy love, our God provides the means by which sinners, like us, can stand in the presence of a perfect God, like Him. That means is the forgiveness of sins that comes through the perfect sacrifice offered before the Father. Fulfilling all the promises of the Old Testament, and by the system of sacrifice that previewed His work upon the cross, God's holy Son, Jesus Christ, "delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us" to God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13). In this Kingdom, this gathering of God's people, our holy God calls us to holy lives of love and worship that we offer up in His holy house today.



As our gracious God gathers us together in His house, we are blessed with another opportunity to be filled with His love. This love is the love that enables us to love. It all begins with God, who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son. This love is found in Jesus, who in great love offered His life upon the cross for us. This love is poured out upon us when we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, believe in Christ as our Lord and Savior. It knows no limits because this love is directed to us in Christ and then through us back to God in lives of worship. But our worship doesn't stop when the service is over; no, our love for God continues when it is directed through us toward our neighbors in lives of humble service. The limitless love of God is ours to receive yet again today as we gather to give thanks to the Father above who has "transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13–14).

— *Pastor Simpson*

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75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

November 16, 2025

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Our Amazing



**VBS**

volunteers!



We want to extend our deepest thanks

to each and every one of you who helped make this year's VBS a joyful, faith-filled, and unforgettable experience for our kids.

Whether you led a group, helped with crafts or snacks, managed behind-the-scenes logistics, decorating or simply lent a hand with a smile — you made a difference!

Your time, energy, and patience created a space where children could learn about God, and grow in faith! **THANK YOU!**

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CONFIRMANDS

*Avery McHair*

*Gabriel Bowen*

*Oliver Webb*

June 8, 2025



- ❖ **July 13 – Celebrate Our Patriotism Cook Out –** Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Chips, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, with Watermelon Feed. Come join us for family celebration activities outside: games, croquet, horseshoes, ring toss, bouncy house, cornhole, etc., etc.

**Come and Enjoy!**




Join Us for Family Fun! The Good Shepherd Family  
is gathering for Food and Games

**When:** Sunday, July 13, 2025, After 10:30 a.m. Service

**What:** Celebration Meal and Family Friendly Games

**Why:** To **Celebrate Patriotism as a Family** at the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of  
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**Location:** Meal will be in Fellowship Hall and Games will be  
played outdoors (weather permitting)

**Menu:**  Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta  
Salad, Chips, and Watermelon Feed, Iced Tea,  
Lemonade, and Water.



**Games:**  Croquet,  
Hole, Bouncy House, Ring Toss,  Horseshoes, Corn  
etc.



Please R.S.V.P. by signing on the  
clipboard located in the Narthex. Help us Plan. You can also call  
or text Jackie Dusavitch at 405-482-0905

If you can help with games, please let us know. We would  
appreciate your assistance.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and many others are making this  
happen. Thank You! **Let's Celebrate Our Patriotism. God Bless  
America!**

Freewill Offering will be taken for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



**It is that wonderful time of year that we all come together to celebrate family and all that is good. Christmas? Nope, this is the season where we show off our red, white, and blue!**

**I ask you, what demonstrates the American spirit more than helping our neighbors and contributing to our communities?**

**So, why not put your patriotism on full display by volunteering at the Mid-Del Food Pantry.  
Yes, dear American. We want you!**

**Our little pantry's mission to bring help and hope to the hungry residents of Eastern Oklahoma County are finding that mission more and more difficult due to a lack of volunteers. A wonderful community mission to provide groceries for those in need may not continue without the good hearts and works of those in that community.**

**We are not asking for money, we are asking for your time. If you would like to contribute that time to this organization there are a number of positions in desperate need of people.**

**If you have data entry/computer skills, we want you.**

**If you have people skills, we want you.**

**If you can drive a truck, we want you.**

**If you can pack grocery bags, we want you.**

**To sum it all up**

**WE WANT YOU!**

**If you are ready to change a neighbor's life, call Bonnie at (405) 732-3603.**



# URGENT!!!

## We Need Your Help!



You have an opportunity to serve and assist us with our needs.



Our school is in the process of making renovations and repairs for the coming school year. Let us know how you can help. Please check which of the following items that you would be willing to help with.

### We need volunteers to help:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Construct some room dividers on castors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paint
- \_\_\_\_\_ Update restrooms
- \_\_\_\_\_ Declutter and rearrange items
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donate funds for materials and supplies

## Yes!! I will help! Count me in!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and turn into the Church Office.

We will contact you to schedule.

For more information, contact:

Manny Vasquez, Church Properties – 405-641-7573 or  
Royce Junghanns, Parochial Education – 405-590-9160



What a great week everyone had at VBS—learning to trust Jesus in a wild world! We are so grateful for the many volunteers who gave their time and talents to bless our children.

We are also so thankful for the many individual cash donations and Thrivent Grants, without which we would not have been able to present our program.

A special thank you to our Midwest City IHOP general manager, Heather Bartling, who graciously provided pancakes and sausage for two of our evening VBS meals. They were delicious! And many thanks to Pelican's Restaurant for providing the pasta bake with breadsticks one evening. Everyone enjoyed the yummy meal!



Our Wild Bible Adventures station led by Marla Junghanns welcomed a special guest on Wednesday—a Roman soldier who began by leading the kids in a military training session and ended by telling them how Jesus miraculously healed his sick servant!

We so appreciate our Good Shepherd team—words cannot express our gratitude for such a successful campus-wide program.

Jesus is our true north!

*Dana and Debbie*



## Glory and Honor

**Psalm 8:3-6 – *When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.***

How important is a human being to God, that He should care for, or even think about, even one person He has created? That is what the psalmist wants to know. Compared to vast oceans or great mountain ranges, one human being is very small and barely noticeable. From our own point of view, of course, we are very important. We like to imagine, with sinful pride, that everything revolves around us. Then we look into the field of stars in the night sky or remember sins we have committed and suddenly we feel very, very small. That is what the psalmist experienced. He looked up at the night sky stretched out overhead and asked God, "What is man that You are mindful of him?"

God is very mindful of the people He created. He made human beings, male and female, in His own image. He gave them dominion "over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28b). They were the crown

and glory of His creation, made only a little lower than the angels. Yet glory and dominion were not enough for the people God made. They wanted more and chose to disobey their Creator. Like them, we make choices contrary to God's will. We misuse our dominion over creation and seek earthly glory for ourselves instead of glorifying God. We are fallen, sinful people, but we are still so precious to God that He sent His Son to be our Savior. The writer to the Hebrews uses the words of this psalm to describe our Lord's earthly ministry and saving work. Jesus humbled Himself to be born among us and He was, for a little while, lower than the angels. He suffered and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. Raised from death, He was exalted to reign at the Father's right hand, where He is crowned with glory and honor with all things subject to Him (see Hebrews 2:6-8).

Like the psalmist, we see the glory of God proclaimed in the beauty of His creation. We seek to share the love of God with others and to be good caretakers of the world He made, but we do not have to ask if God is mindful of us or if He cares for us. We can look at the stars in the night sky and remember one special star that long ago announced Jesus' birth. How do we know God cares for us? **HE SENT HIS SON TO BE OUR SAVIOR!**

**WE PRAY:** Lord God, I know that You care for me because You sent Your Son to be my Savior. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler.







# Q&A

with the **Rev. Stephen Heimer**  
Manager of LCMS All Nations Ministry

In June 2024, the Rev. Stephen Heimer joined the LCMS Office of National Mission as manager of All Nations Ministry. This newly formed ministry seeks to support those serving in Asian, Black, Hispanic, native American and other ethnic ministries around the United States. Heimer spent 28 years serving in Hispanic ministry along the U.S./Mexico border in El Paso, Texas — at Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care; at Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso; and at a mission in Mexico. He is excited to come alongside those serving in the Synod's multiethnic ministries to celebrate the gifts that Christ has given to His whole church.

## 1 What experiences equipped you for this role with All Nations Ministry?

During my years in El Paso and on the border, I met LCMS Lutherans from all over the country who really made a wonderful impact on our mission efforts and on my life. The activity there, as well as travel with our music group [Mariachi San Pablo], exposed me to different people and the reality that we are one in Christ, though we often speak differently, look different and can have different priorities. All of that has encouraged me that the Lord uses His church in beautiful ways.

## 2 Can one ministry serve the needs and interests of such different groups?

There are 484 LCMS congregations and new church starts that have identified themselves as having a special focus on different ethnic groups and communities in the United States. There are 47 organizations, including Recognized Service Organizations, that are also providing services with a focus on people with other languages and cultures. And 115 LCMS schools have student bodies that are more than 60% nonwhite. Our universities and our seminaries have been doing a wonderful job of serving everyone who enrolls, with an eye for the mission field among us. All Nations Ministry isn't in any way the only atten-

diversity of people who are living in the United States, but we seek to provide a connection among them.

## 3 What are you currently working on?

One of the less glamorous tasks that I've been working on is pulling together a directory of existing ministries so it can be a useful tool for networking among our ministries. Our [online] Locator [tool] is really good, but it only includes ministries that are chartered. There are longstanding mission efforts that have gone unnoticed by a lot of people because they aren't chartered, but they are touching the lives of many people every year.

### 3 Tell me about the new All Nations Council.

In November, the All Nations Council brought together representatives from ministries serving the different groups and communities across our Synod. We had enthusiastic participation, and they are eager to see us work together in the ways that All Nations Ministry envisions so that the church would be effective in reaching their communities and the growing multiethnic demographic of our nation. The plan is to continue to pray together, plan together and seek the longstanding cooperative ministry that we've had in the LCMS while engaging in new ways and participating more broadly in all the normal things of the Synod, such as seminary education and partnering with the districts. ... We are trying to affirm to our churches and church workers that they are not alone in their unique outreach. God is with them, but they are also very much a part of what God has created in the LCMS.

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#### Learn More:

[lcms.org/national-mission](https://lcms.org/national-mission)

Read more about the [All Nations Council](#)

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[Megan K. Mertz](#)

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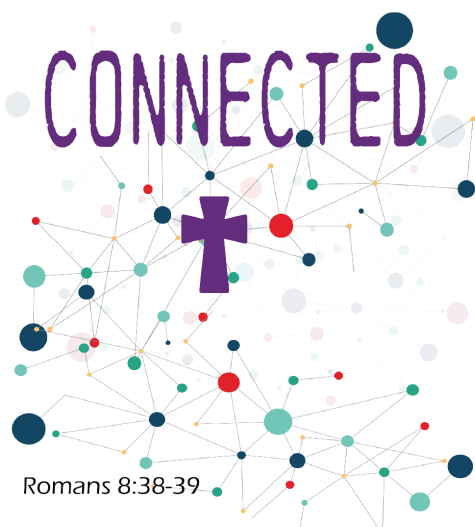
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## Summer Schedule



# 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.

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!**

## Summer Youth Camps

- Kinetic - Ages 7-9
- Force - Ages 9-12
- Energy - Ages 13-15
- Dynamic - 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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[www.lutherhoma.com](http://www.lutherhoma.com)

Early in the morning of June 18 Camp Lutherhoma was struck by a small tornado. Everyone is safe. The Lutherhoma staff did a great job getting campers to safe shelter places. The camp itself sustained a significant amount of damage, toppling of many trees, estimated 50 or more, and damage to some buildings. LERT and volunteers are assisting with clean-up efforts.

We are grateful to God for his protection of Lutherhoma staff and campers.

Please see the camp Lutherhoma page for updates as they work to get camp back in order for campers this summer.



# JULY 2025

## *Happy Anniversary*



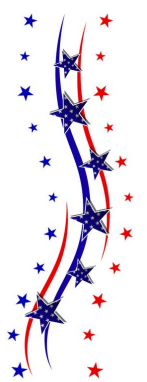



7/1 Kent & Ruth Allsebrooke  
7/2 Jim & Gail Marlatt  
7/6 Tammy & Doug Batchelor  
7/14 Gene & Dana Johnson  
7/22 John & Julie Ashford  
7/24 Dave & Hazel Barghols



## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 Gary Kuschneret  
7/4 Vivian Bingman  
7/4 Jeff Cunningham  
7/7 Tammy Batchelor  
7/16 Logan Ashford  
7/22 Helen Stelling  
7/25 Peggy Tarr  
7/29 Marguerite Christman

7/1 Rick Hudson  
7/2 Pat Malas  
7/4 Jeff Cunningham  
7/5 Jean Stelling  
7/6 Melody Carter  
7/6 Kathy Webie  
7/8 Sheila Striegel  
7/15 Brenda Flessner  
7/17 Maxwell Carroll  
7/17 Gene Johnson  
7/18 Gabriel Bowen  
7/18 Jennifer Dunn  
7/18 Mark Webie  
7/21 Marguerite Christman  
7/23 Dave Barghols  
7/24 Gail Marlatt  
7/24 Austin Rouser  
7/25 Lynn Cunningham  
7/30 Peggy Kiebach

JULY						
<div><div><div>The Good Shepherd Lutheran</div><div>Celebrating 75 Years</div><div>1950-2025</div></div><div></div></div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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