



# The Messenger

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
August 2025

## Worship every Sunday

At 10:30 am with Eucharist

Join us in Person or via Livestream

August 3 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13C)

August 10 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14C)

Pastor Ron Friedrich

August 17 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15C)

Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler

August 24 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16C)

August 31 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17C)

August 24<sup>th</sup> is the commemoration of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle



### St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ's preachers are not to be great lords, but servants who faithfully stay with Christ in His trials (Luke 22:24–30). They are “jars of clay”; the Savior they preach is the “surpassing power” (2 Cor. 4:7). Christ's servants are “afflicted in every way,” “always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested” there (2 Cor. 4:8–10). On the foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession, the Church is built, “joined together” by Christ, “the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20–21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13–14), Bartholomew manifested “the Son of God” in his preaching and his death. Christ is the “Son of Man” — the King who opens heaven to us by His wounds (John 1:49–51). We bear sufferings not leaning “on [our] own understanding,” but trusting in the Lord (Prov. 3:5–7). Life will be manifested in our bodies, too, when the Lord brings “healing to [our] flesh and refreshment to [our] bones” in the resurrection (Prov. 3:8). For this reason, Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the Last Day — at least for sizing.

***1 Corinthians 15:57***

***But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***



## Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> – Luca S.  
4<sup>th</sup> – Robert S.  
4<sup>th</sup> – Nina M.  
6<sup>th</sup> – Lisa C.  
7<sup>th</sup> – Olivia L.  
8<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia M.  
10<sup>th</sup> – Elleanna R.  
13<sup>th</sup> – Madison E.  
20<sup>th</sup> – Dolores F.  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Janice W.

24<sup>th</sup> – Cory B.  
24<sup>th</sup> – Sherrie D.  
25<sup>th</sup> – Benny H.  
26<sup>th</sup> – Regan C.  
26<sup>th</sup> – Nicole C.  
26<sup>th</sup> – Ethan E.  
29<sup>th</sup> – Maggie B.  
30<sup>th</sup> – Kaitlyn L.  
31<sup>st</sup> – Jacquelin S.

Rejoice in  
hope, be patient in  
tribulation, be constant  
in prayer.

**Romans 12:12**

8<sup>th</sup> – Lydia VB & Robert K.  
8<sup>th</sup> – Jeanne & Bob B.  
17<sup>th</sup> – Shelley & Robert D.  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Jean & Anthony L.



## Food & Fellowship

Food & Fellowship will follow  
Worship Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

Please bring something to share.

## Board of Social Ministry: Spread the Love Making Sandwiches

The Social Ministry Board will be preparing sandwiches for the Men's Emergency Shelter on  
Saturday, August 30, 2025, the fifth Saturday of the month.

We will need donations of cheese slices, bread, fruit, sandwich bags, luncheon meat, apples or oranges, juice  
boxes and a few volunteers to help prepare sandwiches.

If you cannot bring the food before August 30<sup>th</sup>, please bring the food to church by noon on the 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact Gaetan Brunetto with your donation at [adelebrunetto@aol.com](mailto:adelebrunetto@aol.com) or 301 355 8235.

## A back-to-school prayer:

“Jesus, Savior and Good Shepherd, who has given Your life to save us, You have directed us to feed and  
tend your lambs and sheep. Bless our students, schools, teachers, and staffs. Strengthen, equip, and  
encourage all who teach and all who learn, so that Your name is praised and honored as knowledge, skills  
and attitudes are imparted and acquired. Strengthen and encourage our students, schools, teachers, and staffs  
so they grow in faith toward You and in love to one another, that, by Your grace, they may be a light in a  
world held captive in the darkness of sin. Amen.”

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*



# Back to School Supply Drive

Help Us Prepare Rosa Park Middle School Students for a Successful School Year with a brand-new backpack filled with essential school supplies!

**LCGS will match every backpack donation, meaning one donation from you will lead to two students being helped.**

## Items needed:

Large backpack	Pens
Two-inch three ring binder	Pencils
Pencil pouch for binder	Colored pencils
Dividers for binder	Highlighters
Notebook paper	Markers
Spiral notebooks	Rulers
Pocket folders	Basic calculator

Distribution begins in August, so we're working quickly to gather supplies now to ensure every child receives what they need in time. Place your donated school supplies in the box in the Narthex.

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## VBS Appreciation



Gina Quinn, Jackie Schulten and for sure the children who had a wonderful week at Good Shepherd's Vacation Bible School, want to thank our Good Shepherd members and friends who supported this ministry financially, volunteered to be staff and responded quickly to our needs for crafts, snack and decorations. The daily smiles and enthusiasm from the children, Youth Helpers and Adults was evidence of the Holy Spirit at work among us! This year we had 20 Adult volunteers, 17 Youth Helpers and 50 children attending!

*Thank you!*



The Good Shepherd Book Club will meet on  
**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
Hybrid Meeting at 6:00 pm.  
(LCGS and Zoom)

### **The First Ladies**

by Heather Terrell and Victoria Christopher Murray

This is a story of two different yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends, confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph. A compelling and captivating story amazing of just what can be accomplished if the human heart stays true to the path that life has chosen for them. So, join us for some delicious sharing of food and wonderful conversation. And if that isn't enough about women, the next book club adventure will be the untold story of two women who mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon. Go Girls!

## Altar Flower Donation

The altar flowers that beautify our worship on Sunday are given to the glory of God by members of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. You may give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones on a Sunday of your choice, with an acknowledgment in the weekly announcements.



# Upcoming

EVENTS

## VOTERS' MEETING

08/25/25 (Mon)	Open Mic Night 6p
08/30/25 (Sat)	Cherry Blossom Special Concert 7p
08/31/25 (Sun)	Ice Cream Social after Worship
09/27/25 (Sat)	Octoberfest 5p
10/19/25 (Sun)	Mike Kamuf Little Big Band 5p
12/06/25 (Sat)	Olney Youth Community Choir 4p
12/14/25 (Sun)	Lessons & Carols -10:30a
12/14/25 (Sun)	Holiday Community Singers 7p

09/14/25 (Sun) Voters' Meeting  
12/07/25 (Sun) Voters' Meeting

Did you know the Church calendar is online?  
[www.olneygoodshepherd.org/events](http://www.olneygoodshepherd.org/events)

# ICE CREAM

## SOCIAL

COME  
JOIN  
US



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST  
AFTER WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE ELDERS

# Card Ministry



We know that receiving a greeting card reminds us that someone is thinking of us and cares about us. 'Christian' greeting cards that include God's word are even more than that - when we care enough to send a card that carries God's word, we can confidently pray that God will use it to accomplish His will 🙏.

🤔 Are you moved during Worship when we pray for others, that God's care, healing, protection and comfort will be made known to them?

🤔 Are you moved to "shine your light" to others, to tell someone that you care and that God cares too?

🤔 Would you like to participate in our "Card Ministry"?

Here is how you can participate and help Good Shepherd reach out to others by sending a greeting card:

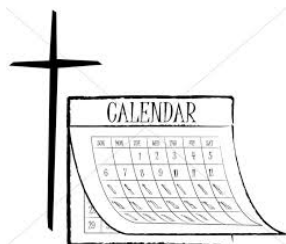
Chose a card from the "★ SHINE ON ★" greeting card box. Pick out a card that you like, add your heartfelt message, get the address and drop the card in the mail.

Our hope for this 'Card Ministry' is to share our care, God's care and His promises with someone who might need and appreciate that 'light' and love as they experience the trials and triumphs of this life 🙏

(There will be a basket/Tiny's piggy bank beside the card box for donations to help support this ministry by replenishing cards as needed)

## Are you receiving Weekly Emails from LCGS?

LCGS sends out The Weekly Word, our announcements about anything that is happening at Good Shepherd. Please email the Church Office at [office@olneygoodshepherd.org](mailto:office@olneygoodshepherd.org) if you would like to sign-up for the weekly email announcements.



Please make sure your event, meeting, get-togethers are on the Church's calendar. There are many groups that use the building at various times of the day and night. Do not assume that a spot will be available without checking with the Church Office in advance.





### **Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study**

9:15 am

Hybrid: Zoom and in person in room 104.

### **Children's Sunday School**

On Summer Break!

### **Thursday Bible Study**

On Summer Break

### **Small Groups**

#### **Men's Group**

First Saturday of the month

8:00 am

#### **Book Club**

2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm.

#### **Confirmation Class**

On Summer Break

#### **LifeLight Bible Class**

On Summer Break

#### **Music Ministry**

On Summer Break



Please continue to send your requests to  
[prayers@olneygoodshepherd.org](mailto:prayers@olneygoodshepherd.org).

With assistance from the Worship Assistants, Pastor Tim will compile your requests to share in Worship during the "Prayers of the Church" and with the Board of Elders.

## **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

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### **Board of Trustees**

**July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026**

President/Trustee	Matt Quinn
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Financial Sec./Trustee	Cory Baumhardt
Financial Sec -Elect/Trustee	<b>VACANT</b>
Recording Secretary/Trustee	Cindy Miezis
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### **Board of Elders**

Marc Gregory (Head Elder)

Steve Gordon

Tim Leydig

Gina Quinn

Jackie Schulten

### **Pastor**

Rev. Timothy Boerger

[pastor@olneygoodshepherd.org](mailto:pastor@olneygoodshepherd.org)

### **Organist & Minister of Music**

Maria Sampogna

[maria@olneygoodshepherd.org](mailto:maria@olneygoodshepherd.org)

### **Administrative Assistant**

Cate McDonald

[office@olneygoodshepherd.org](mailto:office@olneygoodshepherd.org)

## **Gifts / Offerings**

**You can contribute your support of  
Good Shepherd by.....**

1. On-line (via the website) Click [Donate](#)
2. Drop in the collection plate during worship.
3. Mail to:

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.  
P.O. Box 280 Olney, MD 20830-0280

# August 2025

July '25							September '25						
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27	28	29	30	31			28	29	30				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 10:30a Worship Service 1:00p ICIF Worship	<b>28</b> 9:00a VBS 8:00p AA	<b>29</b> 9:00a VBS	<b>30</b> 9:00a VBS	<b>31</b> 9:00a VBS 7:00p VBS Family Night 7:00p Narc-Alon	<b>1</b> 9:00a VBS 8:00p AA	<b>2</b> 8:00a Men's Group 3:00p ICFC Practice 6:00p AA
<b>3</b> 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship Service 11:45a Food & Fellowship 1:00p ICIF Worship	<b>4</b> 8:00p AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00p Narc-Alon	<b>8</b> 8:00p AA	<b>9</b> 3:00p ICFC Practice 6:00p AA
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