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OCTOBER 2025 - MESSENGER

“Lost Sheep”

“the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” Luke 19:10

I recently read the story about Shrek, the sheep that had evaded capture and shearing for 6 years. When he was finally discovered in a high mountain cave in New Zealand, he was almost unrecognizable as a sheep.

The first thing his rescuer did was pin back his wool so he could see to walk.

News about about Shrek’s return soon spread and reporters from all over came to get a closer look. To top it all off, on live television, world champion shearer Peter Casserly came and sheared off the six years of wool. All together it was a foot thick!

Shrek’s story is not unlike ours. Isaiah the prophet declares that “we all like sheep have gone astray. Everyone has turned to his own way”

(Isaiah 53:6). We were cut off from God because of our sin. We were doomed to spend eternity in hell. If we were going to make it back to Him, someone would have to come looking for us. And that someone was Jesus. Through His suffering and death and His glorious resurrection, He brought us back to our God.

And having found us, He cleaned us up and gave us the gift of life that will never end, a gift that brings us great joy.

But it’s a joy that He wants to experience with everyone. You see, the work of seeking and saving the lost is something that continues to this day. Jesus, the Good Shepherd is still looking for lost sheep. And the way that He does that is through His church,

which is right in line with our mission as a congregation. That we exist to know Christ and to make Him known.

Where are the lost sheep among us? They are in our world and nation, in our state and county and community. They are in our neighborhoods and homes. You find them among the rich and powerful as well as the common and ordinary and everywhere in between. Wherever we find people who do not know Jesus Christ in faith, there you have your lost sheep.

And Jesus calls upon us as the members of His flock to reach out to them so that they too may be found. This begins with simply asking the Lord to open our eyes to what He is already doing in the lives of lost people. It continues with living the Christian life, so that through our words and actions, others may hear and see Christ the Good Shepherd in us.

This is not going to be easy. The work of finding lost sheep is not always going to be well received, but it is the work that the Lord has given us. And it is a work that He equips us to do.

Just as we have been found, may we be those through whom others are found!

Knowing Christ and making Him known,

Pastor Chris

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Church Office Deadlines:

For the weekly Sunday bulletin Wednesdays @ Noon.

(Mondays @ Noon if it is a holiday week)

For the Monthly Messenger the deadline is the 15th of every month.

For Church Council meetings: the Wednesday before the Sunday meeting date. Email:
stjohnhamlin@outlook.com

Check out our website for Daily Inspiration, Sunday Messages, Worship Bulletins & Monthly Newsletter: stjohnhamlin.org

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

Worship News for October

The Sundays after Pentecost continue through October.

On October 26th, we will celebrate the Reformation.

Donations for the Fall Festival / Rummage Sale.

Donations are still being taken for the Fall Festival Rummage Sale. IF you bring something down PLEASE put it in the designated rooms. *The south side parking lot door will be unlocked on Saturdays 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM & Sundays, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM for your convenience.* We are planning on serving food again this year so, could use any Thrivent grants to defray cost of supplies. If you have questions, please contact Tracey Unterborn 301-0716 or Diane Grimm 964-2861.

OUR FALL FESTIVAL will be held on Friday, October 17th & Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Much help is needed to be done prior and on sale days! Sign ups will be available in the Annex, as well as a simple call / text to Tracey (301-0716) or Diane (733-6585). You can help with sorting and pricing items now. **Also, on Saturday October 11th we will be transferring all basement items up and into the gym at 9:00 AM.** This usually takes about 2 hours if we have a good turnout of helpers! After that, more help is needed to sort and price during the following days! We will need workers in ALL areas on sale days too! Thanks for considering to help!

CUT OFF FOR ALL DONATIONS IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH!

***There will be a bake sale again so a sign up for items to be made will also be in the Annex soon!

Thanks, Tracey & Diane

Thrivent members: The Mission Committee would appreciate your help. If you'd like to write a grant to fund shopping for an upcoming outreach in Rochester, please see Marilyn Rowell (585-278-4993) or any committee member. You have two opportunities per year to write grants and they're easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

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BIRTHDAYS

October 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 CARRIE HEISE BARB KLAFEHN	3 TRACY HAINSWORTH ERIC PETERS	4 DIANE BARBER STEVEN TIPTON
5 JODI FARLEY ELEANOR NETTNIN RICHIE WOOD	6	7 MICHELLE BLISS RON FLEMMING PEG LEVERENZ DWIGHT MASON	8 BETTY LEVERENZ JOAN SCHERFF	9 KATHY NETTNIN GREG NEWMAN DENISE RAYMOND	10 KYLIE ZUGEHOER	11 SHELIA BACON NOAH RATH
12 WENDY BISHOP HELENE KRYGIER	13 Columbus Day KAREN JOLLY CHRIS NETTLES	14	15	16 CATHY SAAR	17	18
19	20 BRITTANY PREVOST	21	22	23	24 TOM METHERELL CARMEN RUHLMAN BILL SEAMAN ZACK VINEY	25 SANDY BAASE BETSY MILLER JONATHAN SCHERFF HENRY STAAB LOGAN WALISZEWSKI MYLES WALISZEWSKI MISSY WENCEK
26 NANCY PORCELLIO	27 BRUCE ARMSTRONG ELIZABETH SODOMA	28 YVETTE ALEXANDER GERALD BACON AMY FRENCH	29 BEN DOAN KELLY FOOS	30	31 Halloween KRISTI BAXTER LINDA WIETZ	

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EVENT SCHEDULE

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 AM FINANCE 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	2 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED 6:30 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG.	3 5:00 PM WEDDING REHEARSAL 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED	4 2:00 PM WEDDING
5 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM SS, BIBLE CLASS	6 9:00 AM FINANCE 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED 6:30 PM DORCAS MTG. 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.	7 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP NO BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	8 10:00 AM QUILTERS 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED	9 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED	10 SET-UP FOR FALL FESTIVAL BEGINS	11 9:00 AM FALL FESTIVAL "BASEMENT MOVE"
12 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM SS, BIBLE CLASS	13 Columbus Day	14 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	15 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:30 AM FINANCE 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	16 6:30 PM MISSION MTG.	17 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM FALL FESTIVAL	18 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM FALL FESTIVAL
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26 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM SS, BIBLE CLASS	27 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED	28 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 9:45 AM HAMLIN SENIORS 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	29 8:30 AM FINANCE 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	30 10:00 AM HAMLIN REC. / BOWLING 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED	31 Halloween 6:00 PM GYM RESERVED	