



Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
"Shepherd's Horn"
August 2023

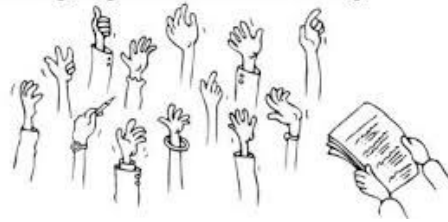
**"August rain: the best of the
summer gone, and the new fall not
yet born. The odd uneven time."
Sylvia Plath**



Our Mission:

To LOVE people wherever they are,
To LIVE the grace of God in Jesus Christ and
To GROW in faith and service.

**Special
Congregational Meeting**



FOR ELECTION OF THE PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

This meeting will begin on Saturday, August 12, 2023 @ 5:00pm
and continuing Sunday, August 13, 2023
at both 8:30am and 10:00am services.

The meeting will be held in person and by Zoom.

The Council is recommending a slate of names
to serve on the Call Committee.

Your attendance is important as we need a quorum.

**Sound/Video Technician Needed
for Weekend Worship Services**

RESPONSIBILITIES

**Operate sound and slides for
Saturday and Sunday services.**

**Set up A/V equipment to
livestream Sunday services.**

This is a paid position.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

²³*But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.*” (Matthew 13:23)

As Jesus teaches in Matthew, concerning the sowing of seeds for the crops, some seeds didn't fare so well. I've noticed as I drive back and forth between McHenry and Harvard that despite the dry weather, the crops don't look as bad as I expected. I mentioned that to a friend who works in agriculture. He responded, "They don't look all that bad first thing in the morning or late in the evening, but in the heat of the day you can see how stressed they really are."

That response stuck with me, and I noticed in the middle of the day, the leaves on the Corn are looking curled up and pointed like they are trying to reach above the other plants to pull a bit of moisture from the air. Being more attentive to the crops the past few days I started thinking how, oftentimes, a similar thing applies to our lives of faith and discipleship. The life of faith and discipleship doesn't look all that bad when things are going well. However, in the heat of the day, when life gets hard and the challenges and trials of life come our way, the stress of following Jesus can cause our faith to wilt and wither.

It is during times of challenge and transition that tending to the soil is most important. It is when our faith feels the driest that our commitment to the practices of discipleship need to be renewed. We can grow our roots deep by **worshipping regularly**, letting God nourish us through the ritual conversation of the Liturgy.

Also, our roots can grow deeper by **daily studying God's word** through which we can hear God speaking to us with comfort and challenge. Our roots grow deeper by **praying always**, entrusting our joys and sorrows to God's safekeeping.

Our roots grow deeper by encouraging one another in our common faith. Our roots grow deeper by **sharing the good news about Jesus**.

Likewise, our roots grow deeper as we **give generously**—joyfully sharing from our abundance—with our congregation and communities in the world. **And** we do all these things not just when our faith feels strong **but** especially when our faith feels weak, empty, and dry.

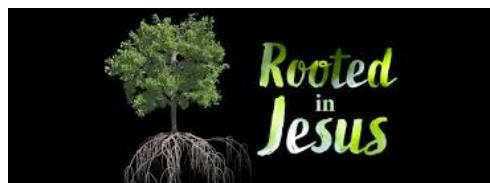
The promise of our life of faith is that no matter how dry we might feel, there is still abundant and living water that our Lord has promised to provide. Through the water and Word of our baptism, we are connected to Christ who is our everlasting spring of everlasting life.

Jesus gives us what we need to bear fruit. Daily Christ shelters us from the heat and refreshes us with his grace.

How is the soil of your faith today? Together, let's grow our roots deep and we will find water—even when life feels the most difficult.

Yours in being a disciple of Christ,

Pr. Rob



Matthew 13:23

"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."



*Lord of the harvest
place your fire in me.*

*Servant you need now,
servant I will be.*

*Give me the eyes
of your spirit,
your heart of
compassion to know.*

*Lord of the harvest,
show me where to go.*

*Time like a free wind,
so quickly slips away.*

*Too soon today's
tomorrow, too soon
yesterday.*

*So little time
for the reaping and
the laborers are few.*

*Lift your head to the
fields of white
the work that
you must do.*

*Wherever you may
lead me,
Lord of the Harvest,
I'll go."*

- the Imperials

“For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace.”

Isaiah 55:12



In Memory of Bev Blundell

*Dick & Gail Anderson, Roberta Bass, Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain,
Bob & Bev Fluger, Nevie Gamble, Rich & Beth Godzecki,
Lorraine Kocher, David & Laurie Mihevc,
Audrey Stevens, Joan Teichmiller*

*Do not grieve,
for the joy of the LORD
is your strength.”*

Nehemiah 8:10



We wish Laura and Karl Meinhardt every goodness and blessing as they begin this new chapter of their lives in Kentucky! You both have been such an integral part of the life and ministries of SOTH - you will be greatly missed.



“And friends are friends forever
if the Lord's the Lord of them.
And a friend will not say never
cause the welcome will not end.
Though it's hard to let you go,
in the Father's hands we know
that a lifetime's not too long
to live as friends”

(“Friends” by Michael W. Smith)



A warm welcome to our newest office staff person, Jenelle Buchert. Jenelle is a SOTH member and will be “filling the shoes” of Laura Meinhardt as the Parish Coordinator. Please stop by and say hello!



Can you help? Would you be willing to learn to serve as a Greeter? Usher? Communion Assistant? Liturgist? Or to help set up for communion? Please prayerfully consider serving your church family in one of these ways. Call the church office, 815-385-4030 to sign up. Thank you!

Refreshment Sponsors are needed for Sunday morning social hour. Interested? please call the church office, 815-385-4030.

Sponsor Flowers in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones or “just because”. Sponsors are encouraged to take their floral arrangement home after the 10:00am service. Cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Sign-up is located on the bulletin board in the hallway by the church office.

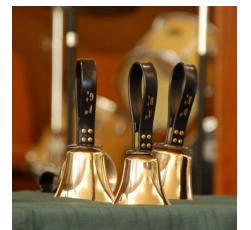


Mary Martha Circle/Bible Study is the second Tuesday of every month, 1:00 - 3:00pm in Room 5. Please bring your Bible and a copy of the publication “The Gather” if you have one.

Questions? Please call or email: Sharie Moy, 815-236-2642 or teacup76@comcast.net.

Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song! Shepherd of the Hills offers several music ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's Bells and Shepherd's Praise Band.

The groups perform at services, special programs, holidays and other church events. We always welcome new members! If you are interested please call the church office at 815-385-4030.

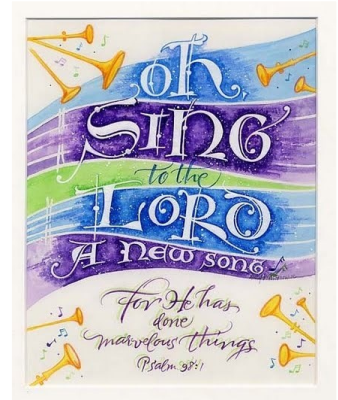


The Choir “Shepherd’s Voices” (2023-2024)

by Randy Casey

If you are thinking about singing in the choir or returning to do so, now would definitely be the time to do so. We rehearse at 7 p.m. on Thursdays all summer. Please do not let this opportunity to be lifted up and to lift up others pass you by.

Sept. 3 -- Fill My Cup, Lord -- Carl Schalk
Sept. 10 -- How Can I Keep From Singing -- Gwyneth Walker
Oct. 1 -- Grace -- Mark Hayes
Oct. 8 -- Great Is The Lord -- Lowell Mason
Oct. 29 (Reformation Sunday) -- Te Deum -- Malcolm Williamson
Nov. 5 (All Saints' Day) -- Here's One -- arr. Mark Hayes
Nov. 12 -- Bow Down Low -- David Bridges
Dec. 3 (Advent I) -- Machet die Tur auf -- Markus Nickel
Dec. 10 (Advent II) -- An Advent Meditation -- Patrick Liebergen
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve) -- Fum, Fum, Fum -- Traditional
Jan. 7 (Epiphany I) -- Shine Your Light -- Funfgeld
Jan. 14 (Epiphany II) -- Go Tell It On The Mountain -- arr. Johannes Michel
Feb. 4 (Epiphany V) -- There is a Rose -- Gordon Young
Feb. 11 (Transfiguration) -- I Wonder As I Wander -- arr . Bob Boyd
Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday -- Lord, for Thy tender mercies sake -- Farrant
March 3 (Lent III) -- I Will Arise -- arr. Shaw/Parker
March 10 (Lent IV) -- When I Survey -- Gilbert Martin
March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday) -- There is a green hill far away -- Bob Chilcott
March 28 (Maundy Thursday) -- Drop, Drop Slow Tears -- Bob Chilcott
March 29 (Good Friday) -- Service of Darkness -- Dale Wood
March 31 (Easter) -- Christ, The Lord Is Risen Today -- Gordon Young
April 7 (Easter II) -- If Ye Be Risen -- Lowell Mason
April 21 (Easter IV) -- Psalm 23 -- Howard Goodall
May 5 (Easter VI) -- The Apple Tree -- David Ashley White
May 12 (Sunday after Ascension) -- Nearer, My God, To Thee -- John Gardner
May 19 (Pentecost) -- Hatch/Bowers

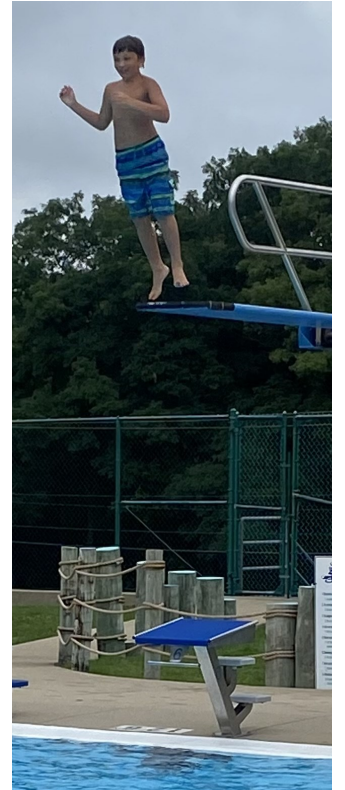


Foot Notes – Sept. 10 Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday

- *The anthem for Reformation Sunday is a unison work that is a bit of a summary of the Apostle's Creed.
- *The spiritual for All Saints' Day will include an oboe.
- *The extended work for Good Friday is one the choir will rehearse for several months and is worth the time and effort. I will bring in a guest conductor for this piece while I play the organ.
- *The melody of the anthem for Easter IV is actually the theme of a TV show on the BBC try it out.



Woodstock Water Works





Bunco Winners

**Biggest Winner:
Carol Harrington**

**Biggest Loser:
Amy Fair**

**Most Buncos:
Heather Castaing**



BONFIRE FUN!!





"Buzzing in and about SOTH"

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00am

8:30am Service is Livestreamed
Nursery Available

Social Hour

9:15am - 10:15am

Coffee and snacks

Office Hours & Phone

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 5:00pm

Friday

9:00am - Noon

815-385-4030

Church Council

Carol Janssen

Christina Johnson

Jackie Huddleston

Paul Morgan

Barb Nalley

Bob Preston

Pam Schilf

Jay Quinlan

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Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Flugger, Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Kevin Harrington, Dave Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Debby Krause, Jill Holtz Kropf, Jeff Lichte, Sue Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley, Sandy Orlando, Pam Schilf, Ann Tilling,

Flower Sponsors

August 6: OPEN TO SPONSOR

August 13: Jay & Donna Quinlan in memory of our parents

August 20: Steve & Barb Arnold in celebration of their 49th anniversary

August 27: Jay & Barb Nalley



Refreshment Sponsors

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August 13: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain

August 20: OPEN TO SPONSOR

August 27: OPEN TO SPONSOR



The Lawn Rangers

Win Humbracht, Greg Tabert, Alan Holm, Andy Vantreeck, Ron Jones, Billy Schroeder,



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			12:30pm: Women's Recovery 7:30 Shepherd's Bells	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Choir		5pm: Worship 8am: Ladies B'fast
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 & 10am: Worship	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ	12:30pm: Women's Recovery 7:30 Shepherd's Bells	12pm: Staff Mtg. 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Choir		5pm: Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
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