



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

*"The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
where morning dawns,  
where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy."  
Psalm 65:8*



**Our Mission:**

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

## *Congratulations Confirmands*

*Michele Joy Kinser, Isaac Tod Schneider  
Nathan Jeffrey Miller, Mya Ann Swiercz  
Kenadee Rae Gerstung*



**We are saved  
by grace alone,  
through faith alone,  
and in Christ alone.**

*Congratulations on your First Communion.....*

*Maya Allen, Aidan Castaing, Jacob Kaleta, Emily Lorenz,  
Reagan Erickson, Emma Miller, Jackson Seekings*



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## The Fire of Pentecost



As I write this we are in the Novena (9 days of prayer) from Ascension Day to Pentecost.

After 4 days, we will celebrate a storm of Wind and Fire demonstrating the Holy Spirit's power to carry us out into the world to offer others the powerful gifts of light and love.

It began when the Holy Spirit burst into the Apostles lives, found fuel in their souls, and burned within them, above them and moved their feet to go forth into the world. We are told they began to speak in other languages, to prophesy, to dream dreams, to share the Gospel, and to change the world.

The New Fire of God found them. The New Fire of God finds us.

God's fire, brought by the Holy Spirit, inspires us, and enlivens us. While circumstances may fill us with doubt, and we may feel empty of any kindling in our lives; we might feel as though there is not enough life in our souls to burn at all, and so we may gather in the darkness of our lives, of life itself. Were that too little, reality surrounds us with what is constant tragedy, a world bent on repaying hate with hate instead of loving one another, and a society so drenched with the tears of grief and pain no fire could ever be lit.

And yet...

On the day of Pentecost, we remember that God leans into our lives and hovers over our piles of life, love, and loss. God strikes the flints of love and grace together. He lights a match from the eternal dreams of God or pushes a button on a nifty automatic lighter of thousands of years of prayer and hope. Then God kisses the raw material of ourselves, our souls, our faith and doubt, our grief and hope, our very lives, and the Light of Christ roars back into fullness in a new way.

The Holy Spirit's flame rests on us, burning from the graceful generosity of God, and inspires us to go into the world offering love and service. Will we walk boldly into God's future, guided by this roaring flame of the Spirit?

Let's take a chance on **us** that we **can** and **will**!

Blessings,  
Pr. Rob

"This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings,  
and round me rings,  
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas-  
His hand the wonders  
wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget,  
That though the wrong  
seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King:  
let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!"

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you  
so that you may go and bear fruit - fruit that will last -  
and so whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

*This is my command: Love one another."*

*John 15:16-17*

### ***New Disciples Sunday***

*We will welcome the following people into the family of Shepherd of the Hills  
on Sunday, June 4th during the 10:00am service:*

*Sherry Arevalo, Lauren and Matthew Biell, Helen Burlack,  
Bonnie Johnson, Edwin and Susan Larson,  
Ruth Paddock, Barry and Amy Valino*

*Everyone is invited to a reception afterwards in Fellowship Hall.*

# *Welcome*



We offer our Condolences to the  
Family and Friends of Bill Anderson.  
Bill passed away on May 18, 2023

### **Memorials**

#### **In Loving Memory**

**for Callie Harms...**

David & Barbara Follendorf, Dawn Follendorf,  
Eileen & Eugene Faut and Audrey Stevens

**for Bill Anderson...**

Carol Heuer

## Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Flugger, Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Jaymeson Gerstung, Kenadee Gerstung, Anna Greco, Kevin Harrington, Lee Hartwig, Dave Huddleston, Ele Kinser, Debby Krause, Jill Holtz Kropf, Jeff Lichte, Nathan Miller, Sue Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley, Karen O'Neill, Sandy Orlando, Breine Patton, AJ Preston, Pam Schilf, Chase Schnurr, Don Schnurr, Pierce Ulman and Bert Young.

## Flower Sponsors

May 7: Pam Schilf in memory of Vern Schilf  
May 14: Sue Murphy in memory of Lorraine Murphy  
Bert Young in memory of her brother, Ken Franti  
Christina Johnson, in honor of her mother, Lois Randall's 75th birthday  
May 21: Paul & Carol Morgan, in celebration of their grandson, Ethan  
May 28: Bev Blundell in memory of her dad, Walter Hestroffer

June 4: Bert Young  
June 11: Dave Olsen in memory of Mary Ann Olsen  
June 18: Carol Janssen in memory of Merle Janssen  
June 25: Debby Krause in honor of her daughter's birthday

## Refreshment Sponsors

May 7: Open to Sponsor  
May 14: Pam Schilf  
May 21: Nevie Gamble  
May 28: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain

June 4: Open to Sponsor  
June 11: Dave Olsen in memory of Mary Ann Olsen  
June 18: Jay & Barb Nalley  
June 25: Debby Krause in honor of her daughter's birthday

## The Lawn Rangers

Ron Jones, Alan Holm, Bert Young and Bob Flugger



# Cake Wars



*And the winners were.....*



**Best Design:**

**1st Place - Addison Buchert**

**2nd Place - Dave Olsen**

**Best Taste:**

**1st Place - Ele Kinser**

**2nd Place - Isaac Schneider**



## “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

Joel Kahling

Paul Morgan

Barb Nalley

Bob Preston

Pam Schilf

Jay Quinlan

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**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.

**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.

**Shepherd's Prayer Group** Meets remotely every Monday @ 7:00pm This is a time to share joys and concerns. All are welcome! Zoom Meeting link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86954174425> pwd=OGp5TFMxOWIBWk1rbENIVVlxckhOQT09 OR Dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 918 7320 9720 Passcode: 122441

**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](mailto:teacup76@comcast.net).

**Men's Bible Study** meets every Thursday at 4:30pm in Room 101.



# JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Choir		5pm Worship 8am: Ladies B'fast
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 & 10am: Worship 11:30 VBS Build Day	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ	12:30pm: Women's Recovery	12pm: Staff Mtg. 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Choir		5pm Worship
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 & 10am: Worship	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ	12:30pm: Women's Recovery 6:30pm: McHenry Garden Club	HORN 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7 pm: Choir		Santa's Village 5pm Worship
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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