



The Messenger

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Olney, Maryland

July

2021

“Ordinary Time”

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.... (Genesis 1:14)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

As we move into July, we are well into the “green season” of the church year, that long post-Pentecost season that stretches all the way to late November, marked by green paraments and vestments. The first half of the Church year (from Advent through Pentecost) is the busy, festival half of the year, structured around the life of Jesus; it flows through the valleys and mountain tops of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. By contrast, this second half of the year is considerably less dramatic, focused less on the narrative arc of Jesus’ earthly ministry and more on the content of his teaching and on growth (hence the green) in the Christian life. It seems to me that the Christian Church has never quite been sure what to do with this time, as evidenced by its various names. Nowadays, most Lutherans refer to this time as the “Sundays after Pentecost.” Back in the days of The Lutheran Hymnal it was the “Sundays after Trinity” (as these Sundays are still called in the Church of England). After the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church bestowed upon these weeks the somewhat unfortunate appellation of “Ordinary Time”—a name that is actually derived from the *ordinal* numbers used to designate each Sunday, but which accidentally conveys the sense that this time is somehow less exceptional and momentous than the other half of the church year, that it is somehow more, well, ordinary.

But perhaps it’s not a terrible thing to think of these days as ordinary in the more usual sense. After all, there’s nothing wrong with ordinary. Like the above-average children of Lake Wobegon, we all like to think of ourselves as extraordinary, but the truth is that most of life—and most of our growth in life—happens in the midst of the ordinary: school and work and chores, summer vacations and winter breaks. Even the big milestones that punctuate a life—births and graduations, marriages and deaths—are, in fact, remarkably ordinary—the common valleys and mountaintops of human experience.

God does not despise the ordinary. God built ordered routine into creation. Genesis describes God as crafting the cosmos to the rhythm of “evening and morning”; he sets the stars in the heavens to signify the seasons and years; he sets a pattern of rest every seventh day. After the extraordinary calamity of the Great Flood, God promises Noah a future that is ordered and ordinary: “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” In the Incarnation, God the Son entered human history in the flesh of an ordinary child, living in an ordinary, working-class family, residing in an utterly unremarkable suburb. When Jesus began his ministry, he invited ordinary people to be his students and emissaries. God gives his Holy Spirit in, with, and under the most everyday of things: words and water, bread and wine.

Which means that the ordinary is not insignificant. On the contrary, when you consider that God has created the ordinary and united himself to the ordinary and continues to work through the ordinary, then the ordinariness of our lives is suddenly shot through with meaning. Throughout your daily routine, you are nothing less than a steward of creation and an ambassador of the Kingdom and an instrument of the Spirit. In Christ, the “ordinary time” of our daily lives becomes the extraordinary *now* of God’s reign.

In this Ordinary Time and always, may you continue to grow into the recognition that each moment of your life, no matter how ordinary, is the gift of God—and charged with eternal significance.

Pastor Tim

About People . . .



We continue to pray for:

. . . **God's care for our relatives and friends:** For Francis at age 95 who is undergoing tests for an enlarged aorta and is having breathing issues. (Janet Mullen request.)

. . . **Moms-to-be:** **Carrie Strachan and husband** are expecting their first child in late September. Jim & Connie Strachan will be the grandparents.

. . . **New Life:** Birth of **Caden Augustine Walper** born on June 6, 2021 weighing in at 8#, 21" to **Kim (Buran) and husband, Dan Walper.** Bob & Linda Buran are his proud grandparents.

. . . **Baptized** on June 20 was Lincoln Cook and on June 26 Avani Grace Dan was baptized.

. . . **those who mourn:** For the family of **Dave & Jean Krueger** at the death of their older son, **Christopher** on June 9. He is survived by his parents, a sister, Kaitlyn, Matt & Olivia, and brother Erik, May God ease the pain they feel from this loss; Then on June 14 **Melody Stone-Wald's mom, Wanda Stone,** died following a short illness. She is survived by daughters, Mel and Kathy, and a son Myron, Jr. Her husband Myron died five years ago. The funeral was in McConnellsburg, PA where Mel, Jake & Lucas Wald are now residing. Also, for the family of **Barbara Corn** who died peacefully on December 27, 2020. She is survived by two children, Melanie and Frank, Jr. Her husband, Frank Corn, had passed a few years ago.

. . . **Military serving our country:** **Seth M.** stationed in Korea (Darlene M. request); **Trevor W.** now serving in North Carolina (Brianna H. request); **Libby S.** (friend of Jeanne B.) stationed in Ankara, Turkey; **Raphael** (neighbor of the Hoffman's) Marine Corps; **Mike H. Jr.** (deployed (friend of Ron & Cindy M.)

- Names used with permission

For those who serve on the front lines of the pandemic:

Sarah King	Elena Wilson
Sarah Edsinger	Vicki Wilk
Thomas Gordon	Robert Seggel
David Hillhouse	Rosemary Sampogna
Deb Harman	Molly Mullen
Paul Fowler	Kathy Nicholson
Mike Rajnik	Phil Nicholson
Christine Birch	Dawn McCann
Judi Seggel	Sungjoon Ryou
Lori Falck (Dolores Falck's daughter-in-law)	

Farewell to the Langer family

Sandy and Bernie Langer, our faithful sister and brother in Christ, and members of LCGS for the past 30+ years have sold their home, and soon will be moving to Delaware and closer to their daughter, Andrea and her family.

Each of them has participated in many Good Shepherd ministries, often in leadership positions and their presence will most surely be missed. We share in their anticipation of this move, this new direction in their lives and whatever God's plan and purpose is for them in the future.

Please join us as we recognize Sandy and Bernie, and thank them for their dedicated service among us, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 11. Light refreshments will follow.

I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord.

They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

A Morning Prayer

Let me today do something that will take a little sadness from the world's vast store, and may I be so favored as to make of joys too scant spread a little more.

"However meager be my worldly wealth, let me give something that shall aid my kind – a word of courage, or a thought of health dropped as I pass for troubled hearts to find."

"Let me tonight look back, and to my conscience say – because of some good act to beast or man – "The world is better that I lived today.""

- Joyful Noiseletter, July-August, 2021

Youth Ministry

OGSLY

Olney Good Shepherd Lutheran Youth
(High School)

OGSLY continues to meet via Zoom on Tuesdays, Fridays, and every Sunday at 10:00 for Sunday School. For Sunday School we will be starting a new topic, Media. We will see how media promotes God's truth or how it can be a negative thing. We will investigate these probing questions:

- What are we talking about when we say, Media?
- Is media good or bad
- How do we know when the media? has "crossed the line"?
- How should we respond to the influence of the media?

On June 17th OGSLY started our summer weekly dinner and bowling event. We typically meet at 5:00 at church, head out for a quick dinner, and then bowl at Bowlmor in Gaithersburg. You are all welcome! We really have a blast!



To celebrate Father's Day this year, OGSLY met in the OGSLY room to prepare for Father's day. We deviated from our usual popcorn for pops distribution and attached a note and some ribbon to microwave popcorn packets. We then offered them to everyone to celebrate Father's Day.



We are grateful for every Dad, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Step Father, Foster Father, Uncle, Brother, Potential Father here at Good Shepherd. You are an amazing gift to us all! We love you!

We share prayers of Thanksgiving for all our opportunities to meet virtually and in person. We also send prayers to all who need to hear God's word during trying times and times of joy. Sending blessings to you all.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

There will be no Men's Emergency Shelter sandwich preparation in July. **We will next meet October 30.**

In July and August, we will be collecting school supplies for Rosa Park Middle School. **A volunteer is needed to organize the school supplies.**

Bob Wolters

**Food Pantry is under
SOCIAL MINISTRY**

→ *The Food Pantry still needs your help.*
Thank you for continuing to support Good Shepherd's active Food Pantry.

Below is the list of food items we place into each bag. On average we make and distribute 12 bags per month. So please, help whenever you can.

Out of Stock items are shown in Bold Font

Peanut Butter (~16 oz.)
Canned Fruit (x2)
Canned Soup (x2)
Spaghetti Sauce in plastic jars (~16 oz.)

Canned Vegetables (x2)
Cereal (regular size box)
Spaghetti or Macaroni Pasta (~16 oz.)
Canned Tuna (5 oz. x2)
Canned Chicken or other meat (~12 oz.)
Rice (~16 oz.)
Canned Black Beans (x2) or Dried Beans (~16 oz.)

Macaroni & Cheese (single dinner box) {item covered by an LCGS member family}
Snack Pack chips, pretzels, etc. (x2) {item covered by an LCGS member family}

Thank You for your generosity!

Carl & Jackie Schulten



WILL YOU HELP?



We are once again sponsoring nearby Rosa Parks Middle School with needed school supplies this year. The Board of Social Ministry asks for your support – new unused items only please. Some suggested helpful items for students are backpacks, 2” loose-leaf binders, wide-lined notebook paper, #2 pencils, pens, and spiral notebooks. Your past support has helped so many students to get off to a strong start in their studies! Please place any items in the colorful box in the Narthex.

We know we are all thinking “Summer,” but it’s not too early to think about the upcoming school year – and this can be a great time to take advantage of summer sales on school supplies. Questions? Ask Bob Walters at 301-774-6169. Thank you!!

Bob Walters

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the August newsletter is **Sunday, July 25**. Please email articles to nancy.wald@olneygoodshepherd.org or leave them in the newsletter mailbox in the copier room

Thanks, Nancy



Rosemary B.
Anna R.
Matt Q.
Elizabeth R.
Janet S.
Colette C.
Addison L.
Raymond V.
Lucas W.
Don P.
Rhea W
Jennifer K.
Sasha M.
Andrew H.
Dorothy H
Lena W.
Carlos. E.
Joyce K.
Michael S.
Lu O.
Hannah E.
Joan G.
Austin C.



Tom & Vicki W.
Bob & Linda B.
Brian & Michele W.
Cory & Maggie B.
Phil & Kathy N.
Doug & Linda D.
Jim & Connie S.
Don & Nancy N

Congratulations!!

Signs & Wonders

Sign outside Mansfield, OH church:

**“Too hot to keep changing sign,
Sin bad, Jesus good.
Details inside.”**

Sign outside United Methodist Church in
Cheswold, DE

“Sin burn is prevented by Son screen.”

Sign outside a church:

**“In a world when you can be anything,
Be kind.”**

- The Joyful Noiseletter, July-August 2021

Wit and wisdom For weddings and marriages

A senior citizen said to his 90-year-old buddy:

“So, I hear you’re getting married?”

“Yep!”

“Do I know her?”

“Nope!”

“This woman, is she good looking?”

“Not really.”

“Is she a good cook?”

“Naw, she can’t cook too well.”

“Does she have lots of money?”

“Nope! Poor as a church mouse.”

“Why in the world do you want to marry her then?”

“Because she can still drive!”

Through the ages, men have been puzzled why their wives, who accept them just as they are before they get married, begin to try to change their behavior and lifestyle once their vows have been exchanged.

A social scientist finally solved this mystery with this simple explanation: When the bride and her father start to walk slowly down the long church aisle, she sees the altar at the end and hears the choir singing a hymn. Her brain is mesmerized by these three perceptions: aisle, altar, hymn...aisle, altar, hymn.

Finally, when she stops beside the groom, she smiles sweetly and keeps saying to herself: “I’ll alter him!”

- Joyful Noiseletter, 2017



C.A.R.E.
(Caring and
Respecting
Everyone)

(Saturday Morning LCGS Men's Group)

SCHEDULE

The **Men's Group** will not meet during the summer but will resume in September 2021.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Pastor Tim's Bible Class from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Zoom – will resume in September

Children's Sunday School

Children's classes at 8:45 with Cindy King. Contact her at cindyk5@verizon.net and she will send you a link to join the class.

High School Sunday School

OGSLY meets Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Contact Steve Gordon for more information.

OTHERS

Book Club – Sunday, July 11 on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Class with Pastor Tim on Thursday mornings will resume in Sept.



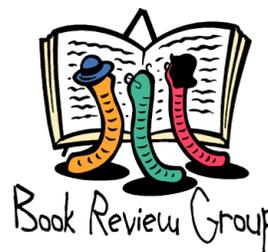
You are invited to join one or more of these groups. Call the office at 301-774-9125 for information, or to contact the people in charge, or email at:

office@olneygoodshepherd.org

Maya Angelou on Joy

People will forget what you said, and people will forget what you did, but people will always remember how you made them feel. Thanks be to God for those who made us feel joyful.”

- Joyful Noiseletter – July-August 2018



The Good Shepherd Book Club

will meet on a Zoom call at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 11, 2021

“The Honey Bus”

Written by
Meredith May

It is amazing what can be learned by just quietly watching. As a five-year-old, Meredith's life was falling apart. Her parents were divorcing, she was being sent to her grandfather's house to live and she had no friends in which she could confide her worst fears. What she did have was an old bus, a bus filled with honeybees. And by observing that bus full of bees she learned everything she needed to know about life and family. So, join us via zoom to talk, laugh and share all the ways that honey can sweeten our lives. We will be zooming in a 6 p.m.

Garden Produce



There is a table in the Narthex where you can leave fruits and vegetables from your garden. Those who wish to take these home-grown fruits and vegetables may leave a donation that will be used to purchase non-perishable food for the **LCGS Food Pantry.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 9pm - MOPs	2	
4 Independence Day 8:45am - Sunday School 9am - Outdoor Communion 11am - Worship-Eucharist	5 Independence Day	6	7 7pm - Ministry Team	8 9pm - MOPs	9	
11 8:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship-Eucharist 8pm - Book Club	12	13	14 7pm - Board of Elders	15 9pm - MOPs	16	
18 8:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship-Eucharist	19	20	21 7pm - Board of Trustees @	22 9pm - MOPs	23	
25 8:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship-Eucharist	26	27	28 5:30pm - SCCC Board	29 9pm - MOPs	30	

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Current Sunday Worship Services
Are live streamed at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School – ZOOM Classes only.