



Monthly Newsletter

August 2019



What a blessing! I just got back from our second mission trip to Constitucion, Chile. We are partnering with a small Lutheran Mission Church in this coastal city that was severely impacted by a tsunami in 2010. While Chile is predominately Catholic, most Chileans identify as atheists today (I am told because of scandals within the Catholic Church in Chile). Many of those still claiming to be Catholic are nominal in their participation. There is little to no activity by any protestant churches in this community so there is great opportunity for Christian outreach.

While this church was started by an Argentinian Lutheran missionary pastor (Omar) in support of the tsunami victims in 2010, the early members of this congregation have moved out of town. This congregation is restarting from ground zero with only the family of one pastor (Adrian Ventura, a pastor from Venezuela, called to be their full-time mission pastor). Adrian's family provided the only worshipers for the better part of a year. The outreach strategy has been to initiate an after-school program (school ends around noon, and parents work till 6-7 PM). There is no other such program in Constitucion. Our last visit in Feb 2018 was to help get the playground for the After School Program set up. It was still several months after our trip before the program was started (due to other needs).

They started with 4-5 students. As it turns out, most of these students were considered "problem" children in the public-school system. Because, the after-school program works with the children on their homework (so the parents can enjoy their time with the children in the evening), the children began to perform much better in school. The improvement was so dramatic that the public-school teachers took notice and asked what they were doing. Once they heard, the public-school teachers began recommending other "problem" students to enroll in this After School Program! The program is up to 14 kids!!!

In addition, some of the families (as hoped) have become connected and are worshipping with the church on Sunday morning. Worship has been as high as 20! The vast majority (90%) are from non-traditional and/or dysfunctional families. This mission start is making progress as they serve their community. The plan is working. Praise God!

Our visit this time was to 1) Connect (fellowship is a key part of their culture. The support through our presence is very key), 2) repaint the inside walls, (they are having problems with water in the wall), 3) build a playhouse for the afterschool program, 4) build a greenhouse for the after school program to allow the children to learn how to grow vegetables, 5) to conduct English classes, and 6) to help with a VBS program.

All of these goals were accomplished. Good Shepherd (you) provided all of the materials to accomplish this, and to my surprise, I was assigned the task to design and build the greenhouse (from scratch)!!!!!! It was an intimidating project, but Richard Runbeck and I (along with Marcello) accomplished the task (minus the front door - we ran out of time). Linda Runbeck, was involved in the paint project as well as the English classes and the VBS. The playhouse was constructed by local volunteers with materials bought from Good Shepherd donations.



Green house and play house!



We delivered the school supplies which you so generously donated. They were very surprised and excited to see the two suitcases of supplies. They will be put to good use.



Gift for Good Shepherd painted by Pastor Omar's wife.

It was a blessing to be a part of this mission and to be an active part in spreading God's Word in this part of the world. This was all possible because of your involvement and support in this project. We will be establishing a mission corner display at Good Shepherd shortly, where you can see updates of what is happening in Chile. Included in this display will be a lovely painting by Pastor Omar's wife, given in thanks for our involvement. Pastor Omar, has a Lutheran congregation in Talca, Chile, and is the president of this small Lutheran Synod. He also oversaw the construction of the playhouse.

Thank you for your support. It is making a difference in the world. There will be future opportunities, so stay tuned.

Pastor Ted

Highlights



You
Pick
the
Name!

Are you tired of reading a newsletter called "Monthly Newsletter." Then turn up your creativity and think of a new name.

Entries will be accepted through August 20th. Submit them through email to the [office](#). Anyone can enter. (Entries will be anonymous when judged.)

We can't guarantee any prizes but the acclaim, honor, and renown will be all yours!

Centennial Community Food Shelf *Food Item of the Month*



We are beginning a new effort to collect food for the Centennial Community FoodShelf.



Each month we will be highlighting a particular food item that is needed at the Food Shelf.

During August, we are collecting **Mac & Cheese**. Please consider supporting your local food shelf!



Don't miss out. Consider joining other men from the congregation for a chance to be in God's Word, in fellowship with one another, AND spend some time fishing or on the golf course!

The retreat will be held from **September 27-29** at **Anderson's Horseshoe Bay Lodge**.

Cost is \$160/person. New this year - first time attendees are ½ price!

Please sign up at the Welcome Center!

Chile Mission Trip Chapter Two

The trip was a great success! Stay tuned for an upcoming opportunity to hear the details.



We are still raising funds to support their building of the playhouse and a greenhouse to be used in their after-school program.

See the display in the lobby and **thank you** for considering how you can help this ministry!

Submit Your Recipes



*Ok, Good Shepherd,
hand 'em over!*

You know what we're talking about ... those delectable recipes that we've tasted but don't know the secret ingredients.

YES! IT'S TIME FOR A NEW GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKBOOK!

With your help this cookbook will integrate Good Shepherd's HISTORY with stories and photos along with recipes we love! And better yet, . . . let's put the proceeds toward beautifying our Lord's church!

Send us your family's favorite recipes and Good Shepherd historical photos to tedjenn82@gmail.com. Thank you!

Connect & Invite

Watch this space for exciting opportunities where we can, as a congregation, CONNECT with each other and INVITE others from the community to join us!

Coming Up!



Sunday, August 18th, at 6:00pm

The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge

with

Dr. Robert Carter

Rob is one of the world's leading Christian researchers into the study of human genetics and how this relates to human biblical origins. The good news is that **the Bible can really be trusted** when it comes to such history and in particular its account of Creation as read in the book of Genesis.

Like so many, Rob was challenged by his college education that started to sap his faith. That was until he saw Creation magazine. Realizing that **science and religion were not in conflict with one another**, his faith grew. So much so, that his passion is now communicating this important truth to people everywhere.

Rob is a much loved and engaging speaker, so don't miss this fantastic opportunity to hear one of the world's leading creation scientists, and see why!

Please consider inviting your friends and family to join us for this free event. **Mark this date on your calendar** and stay tuned for more details! See more information [here](#).

In September!

Sunday, September 22nd

The Amazing Jeffo - The Blind Musician



Mark your calendars!

The Amazing Jeffo will be performing at Good Shepherd on **September 22nd at 2:00 PM**. This event is open to EVERYONE! Invite your friends and neighbors! **FREE!!!**

His books and magic tricks will be available for purchase!

Youth & Children's Ministry

Youth News

Update:



- Three Youth; **Megan Bell, Olivia Ferguson and Julia Sherman**, as well as two adults; **Lois Meacham** and **Eugenia Steffens** attended the National Youth Gathering on July 11th-15th at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. They had a wonderful time and will be sharing their experience with the congregation on August 11th at 9:45AM

Thank you for all your support!

Upcoming:

- **August 4th Noon-2:00 PM** youth will be having a teamwork day! We will be doing games and activities working together and getting to know each other. We will also be welcoming our newest 6th graders. If you would like to donate lunch that day please contact Melanie Appelquist.
- **September 15th** will be a youth and parenting meeting Noon-1:00 PM in the Lifetree area.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting on **September 8th!** Registration forms will be coming soon!



Just a reminder that we have the mystery box the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to sign up please. Contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) if you are interested.

Each Day Club



Each Day Club...walking with Jesus is our Wednesday evening children's programming for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Each week as a member of the club, kids will be encouraged in their relationship with Jesus Christ. They will embark on an evening of interactive fun with praise music, teachable Bible moments, crafts, and fun games.

Please join us next September when Each Day Club resumes and: **Invite a friend!**

Ongoing Fundraisers to Support Youth at Good Shepherd!

Like to Shop?

goodshop

You can help support Good Shepherd Youth by signing up at www.goodshop.com. This website has some amazing deals and each time you use one of their sponsored retailers

Good Shepherd's Youth Group receives a percentage of the amount you spent from GoodShop. Make sure you select Good Shepherd Youth when you setup your account.

Also, if you like to shop on Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#). Select Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Each time you purchase something through Amazon Smile the youth group will receive a percentage from Amazon Smile!

If you have any questions please contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) 763-784-8417.

Save your ink cartridges!

Don't throw Away your ink cartridges!

Good Shepherd Youth have launched a fundraising project with the help of an inkjet recycling company **Empties4Cash**. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our group will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in.

You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag). (Note: Epson cartridges cannot be recycled - they don't have a print head.) Please give them to Melanie Appelquist.

Opportunities to Learn, Grow, Serve!

Pastor-led Bible Study

This study continues throughout the summer.

Sanctuary ~ 9:45 PM - 10:15 PM

Join us!

St. Andrew's Family Shelter

This month is our week of service!

August 11 - August 17



St. Andrew's Family Shelter is the overnight shelter where families, from our own neighborhoods, that are experiencing homelessness stay while receiving case management at the Community Resource Center at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. During our scheduled weeks of service, volunteers are needed for the dinner shift (5:00 - 8:30 pm), and the overnight shift (8:15 pm - 9:15 am).

All volunteers at St. Andrew's Family Shelter are required to have completed a volunteer application for a background check and view a Safe Boundaries training video prior to volunteering. (If you are already signed up to be a part of this ministry, you will receive an email with a link to sign up to serve during this upcoming service week.)

We would love to have you join our group of volunteers! If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Linda Carlson (612) 803-4376 or ljcarlson416@gmail.com.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Bible Study meets September through May every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00AM. Various study guides on the books of the Bible and topical studies are used. Each study is done in a relaxed manner and at an easy pace and always uses God's Word as its main resource. Cost for a study guide ranges from \$6-\$12.



All women are welcome, whatever your Bible study experience is. Invite a friend!

Join us beginning in September as we consider what God's Word has to say about "Miracles - Signs of God's Glory" by Douglas Connolly. That is the title of the study guide we will be using.

To be sure we have enough study guides, please contact Charlene Behen by September 1st at 763-784-8320.

WINGS News

WINGS (*Women in God's Service*) will have its annual night out on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:00PM at the American Legion Post 620, 6383 - 140th St N, Hugo. Located one block west of Highway 61.



The Yellow Ribbon group that is paying the postage for mailing the pillows we make on our quilting nights, sponsors a **Burger Night** on the 4th Tuesday of each month, so we decided to go there for our annual night out. Please note this night is different than last year due to the changes at the Post. You are invited to bring your spouse or significant other along.

Anyone from the congregation is welcome to join us that evening. Please call Mary Lou Anderson at 651-490-7798. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the Welcome Center in the church lobby. Please sign up by August 25th so we are able to reserve a spot for all of us to sit together.

Annual Kitchen Cleaning

"The Annual Kitchen Cleaning" will take place on Thursday, August 18th at 6:30 PM.

Wings asks that the ministry groups that are using specific cupboards to please clean them prior to August 15th and label them as 'cleaned.'

The goal is to have the kitchen done before all fall programming resumes on Sunday, September 8th.

If you are able to help with this activity, just come the evening of the 15th, or if you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.

Quilting News

Join us as we continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and other purposes and to make pillows for our soldiers.

No experience is required.



If you would like to help or provide material, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 or just come on the designated Thursday evenings.

August Dates: 1, 8, 22

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Place: Lower level - Sunday School area



Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
or
Thursdays at 10:30 am

- Week of 8/4 - "**Getting Unstuck:** Practical ways to improve your life."
- Week of 8/11 - "**Why Are You So Hard on Yourself?:** Finding your true value."
- Week of 8/18 - "**Faith and Science:** Discoveries from the scientist who led the human genome project."
- Week of 8/25 - "**Making Life's Toughest Decisions:** Dealing with dilemmas."

Invite your friends for conversation. We're also on Facebook!

If you have any questions, please contact: Melanie Appelquist, Darlene or Marty Leiding, or Ann Wellmann.

Reminder: Host and Friendship Teams, please arrive one hour early.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

The second Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm
in the lobby.

Next Meeting: August 11th
Everyone is invited!

Praying in daily life is as important as breathing. Just as we all need oxygen to live, we need God's presence in us for us to be fully alive.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." Oswald Chambers, Scottish teacher, writer and minister, 1874-1917.

Attention: Centennial High School and Middle School Moms!



Do you worry about your children? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer International (formerly Moms In Touch), gathers moms together to pray for God to transform our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation?

Please contact Leanne Abraham at 651-766-7442 or MIPICentennial@gmail.com for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer International visit their [website](#).

Prayer at Good Shepherd

How do I submit a prayer request?



1. Fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew) and place it in the offering plate during the offering on Sunday. OR
2. Go to the [website](#) and click on "Prayer Request" at the top. OR
3. [Email](#) or Phone (763-784-8417) your request in.

Do you have compassion for others? Are you a Prayer Warrior?

- Join the Prayer Team on the 4th Sundays at 6pm

(You can bring your requests and those of others to the meeting. You can pray with the group or just listen and support at the group prays.)

- Consider joining Moms in Prayer

- Sign up to be an email prayer chain member

1. Send an email to [office](#) indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.
2. You will be added to the email list and receive emails with requests to add to your personal prayer time.

Anyone who has a heart to pray for others is invited.

The power of prayer is an instrumental way to lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ who are requesting prayers. Good Shepherd invites and encourages you to be part of the Prayer Chain. This can be done in your own private prayer time.

These prayers would come from those submitted from Sunday Worship as well as prayers emailed or called in directly to the church.

What is the Power of Prayer?

Never underestimate the power of prayer. When you are praying according to God's will, your prayer is unstoppable. Therefore, we should never give up or back down. We need to keep praying. That is why Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

Mark 11:25 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

1 John 5:14-15 - And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.



Get Connected & Keep Connected

Help us keep up-to-date on your current contact information.

Keeping connected to your church home and family is crucial to busy day-to-day schedules.

Forms are available on the "Welcome Center" in the church lobby for whenever your information changes (address, phone, email, etc.).

If you would like to include or update your picture in the directory, just send it via your smart phone or computer to the church office at office@goodshepherdlink.org. We also know not everyone has the capability to send it electronically. Just call the church office at 763-784-8417 to arrange a time for us to take your picture for you.

Thank you for helping us keep you CONNECTED to Good Shepherd!



Electronic Giving

A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow

Contributions made simple. Good Shepherd wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Are you going to your summer cabin or going to be gone some Sundays? Or maybe you'd like your offering automated. We have the solution for you. You can sign up for 'Simply Giving' and your offering will be electronically withdrawn with no hassle to you and you can still give your gifts to God when you're not able to attend church. You can also use the forms to increase or make changes if you already are doing 'Simply Giving'. Using Simply Giving gives more consistency to church's offerings. Simply complete an Authorization Form and place it in the drop off box, both are located at the Welcome Center.



The Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building).

Good Shepherd continues to work with the Food Shelf and would like to thank everyone for their generous volunteer support and contributions.

Good Shepherd has a drop box for food donations located by the coat rack in the lobby. If you would like to make a financial donation to the local food shelf, please make checks payable to: Centennial Community Food Shelf and mail to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf
c/o Gethsemane United Methodist Church
7330 Lake Dr
Lino Lakes MN 55014

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15 at the Centennial Food Shelf. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others.

Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651-484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.