

ROD and STAFF

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want . . . your rod and your staff — they comfort me.”

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Sunday School/ Church Picnic

Join us Sunday, May 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Mary Ridge Park in St. Ann for our Sunday School and Church Picnic. The Men’s Group will get the grills ready, the

WELCA women will provide table service and paper goods, and the Education Team will supply drinks. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish or dessert to share. There is a playground for the little ones and we’ll have our infamous piñata. Feel free to bring Frisbees, kites or other sporting equipment as well. Maps will be available prior to the event in the fellowship area.

All are welcome!

Get Ready for VBS!!!

This year’s theme is “Sky—Everything is Possible With God”. Each night—Sunday, June 10 to Thursday, June 14— kids will discover that by trusting God everything is possible (*Mark 10:27*)!



Thanks to all who participated in the VBS volunteer information gathering in April. If you did not have an opportunity to fill out a volunteer form, please talk to VBS coordinator Kim Surratt. We are especially looking for adults who can serve as crew leaders with a specific group of five to seven children for all or most of the five nights. *Join in the fun as we share the Good News of Jesus!*

CHM Trivia Night

Community Helping Ministry’s Trivia Night, “Spring into Summer”, is Friday, May 4 at the May Community Education Center at DePaul Health Center. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and Trivia begins at 7:00. The cost is \$15 per person with teams of 8-10 players. Snacks and soda will be provided. Come dressed for the summer season or decorate your table according to your interpretation of the theme. There will be basket raffles and prizes for the best costume and best table decoration. Come have some fun!

See Linda Ritter or John Meyer for more information or call CHM at 314-770-2216.



National Day of Prayer May 3rd

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

Through the efforts of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, more than 35,000 prayer gatherings will be conducted by about 40,000 volunteers across the United States. Several million people are expected to participate in this call to prayer. Other events in various communities across the United States may include: choirs and bands performing songs relating to prayer; community prayer breakfasts or luncheons; daytime prayer walks; and evening worship and prayer services or gatherings. National Day of Prayer is a time for people of all faiths to pray together in their own way.

Locally, there will be a gathering at the Bridgeton Government Center (and most city halls) from 12Noon to 1:00 p.m. and one at the Arch from 7-9 p.m.

GATHER Joyfully + GROW Deeply + GO Faithfully



A Word from Pastor Jeff...

Dear Friends,
The month of May reaches its climax on the Day of Pentecost, which occurs this year on May 27. Remember to wear red that day, for it is the color of the Holy Spirit, and it is the sending of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate. We truly have a sending God. God the Father sent God the Son, who sends us the Holy Spirit, who sends the church into the world in his name.

This sense of being sent on mission into the world is at the heart of the Book of Acts, which we have been following in our narrative lectionary on Sunday mornings. I am enjoying this series of readings very much, because it includes many stories that are not usually included in the Sunday scripture readings. The Book of Acts shows how the risen Christ continues to bring God's blessings as his mission and ministry go on in the world through his people by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I think about this issue of sending as we get ready to celebrate our son's graduation from college this month. He has no idea yet where he will live or what he will do. We only know that he is not coming home. He is ready to spread his wings and fly. It's very exciting for us, and it's exactly what

we have raised him to do, but the uncertainty of the future still makes his parents nervous. How glad I am to know that he is not sent out alone, but has a living Savior in his heart and the Holy Spirit to guide him.

I also think of this issue of sending in relation to Shepherd of the Hills, as you move closer to calling your next pastor. There is uncertainty in not knowing who this person will be or how long this process will take. Yet some things are very clear. You have your mission set out before you in the SOTH 2016 Vision for Embodiment that came out of your PMC process. You know that the Lord has carried you through many transitions and changes in the past. You have active members and committed leadership. You have the support of your brothers and sisters in the synod and the ELCA. And best of all, you have a living Savior and the Holy Spirit to guide you. With the Spirit alive in our midst, life is exciting, meaningful, and full of hope and joy.

Pentecost blessings to you,

Pastor Jeff

Confirmation

The confirmation class meets on Sundays led by teachers Candy Travis & Genny Jordan and every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Jeff and Connie Adams. The next Wed. meeting is May 2. There is a tentative lock-in scheduled for May 11 & 12. See Pastor Jeff for info.

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are at the heart and core of living as God's people in this world. They are not just habits or rituals, but a daily source of meaning, identity, purpose, and new beginnings.

Thanks to all who helped out with the Trivia Night You did a great job!

The Confirmation Class will be hosting a Craft & Bake Sale to help raise funds for Confirmation Camp. Details to come.

Sundays in May

The Spirit Moves Through the Church

Sunday Worship:

May 6:

The Church at Thessalonica
Acts 17:1-9;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Psalm 26:1-7

May 13:

Churches in Galatia
Galatians 1:1-9; 5:1-6, 13-14;
Psalm 119:41-48

May 20:

The Church at Corinth
Acts 18:1-17; 1
Corinthians 1:10-18;
Psalm 84:1-12

May 27:

Pentecost – Gifts of the Spirit
1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
Psalm 139:1-8, 13-14

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

Acts 2:1-5



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Happy Birthday!

Jackie Vick..... 7
 Hannah Johnson 10
 Becky Heck 13
 Ann Sanderson 13
 Joan Keith 14
 Chuck Collier 16
 Mike Toohey 16
 Mara Berry 18
 Matt Elder 19
 Angie Hoven 21
 Kyle Bird..... 30

Anniversaries

Chuck & Dian Collier..... 5
 Bob & Rhonda Bird..... 15
 Bill & Cathy Hogan..... 22
 Phil & Donna Rogers ... 24

NewsBytes...



- ◆ Thanks to all who donated time, talent and goods to the **Youth Trivia Night** and special thanks to all who attended. Over \$3,000.00 was raised and a great time was had by all!
- ◆ There will be a **Graduate Recognition** article in June. Please have your info to the church office by May 21 to be included.
- ◆ Congratulations to our resident Ritenour track star, **Sydia Darker**, who has signed with the University of Missouri in Kansas City. *Way to go!*
- ◆ Please keep **Jamie Schnur** in prayer as she recovers from gall bladder surgery on April 23. *May God grant you peace and healing.*
- ◆ Our condolences go out to **Margaret Keyes** & her family on the death of her beloved aunt/mother, **Clara**, to **Deidra Adams** on the death of her grandmother, and to the **Anderson** family on the death of **Betty Anderson**, great-grandma to Gabi and mother-in-law to Linda. Please keep her son, Bobby, in prayer also as the family makes adjustments to take over his care. *May God walk with you in your grief.*

Thanks for keeping us up-to-date with Newsbytes! Email them to soth@sothstl.org.

Good Stewardship



Do you like saving money? Would you like to make your dollars stretch and have even more to share, save or spend? Did you know that only 3% of all coupons printed are ever redeemed? Bring coupons you don't use and exchange them for ones that you will use. There is a coupon exchange box in the fellowship area marked and designed for this. Zsabetta also needs help from time to time with cutting and sorting. For more info, talk to Zsabetta.



Church Council Highlights

- Council approved the bid from John Knoll Construction to install the curb cut (for wheelchair access) at the South entrance at an estimated cost of \$1,308.00.
- Jim Urnes, Sr. accepted the position of council representative for the Mutual Ministry Committee.

Way to Go, Sydia!



Ritenour High School senior Sydia Darker has signed a letter of intent to run track for the University of Missouri-Kansas City next fall.

Sydia is a three-time state medalist. At the Fort Zumwalt West Invitational track meet in April, she brought home the championship in the long jump, finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

As a junior, Sydia won three all-state medals at the Missouri State High School Track & Field championships in the 300-meter hurdles, 100-meter hurdles and the long jump. She was fourth-best in the state in the 300-meter hurdle with a school-record time of 45.34 seconds.

"The body does not want you to do this. As you run, it tells you to stop but the mind must be strong. You always go too far for your body. You must handle the pain with strategy...It is not the age; it is not the diet. It is the will to succeed."

- Jacqueline Gareau, 1980 Boston Marathon winner

Your church family is very proud of you, Sydia. Best wishes to you in all your future endeavors. May God's blessings always be upon you.

Healing Circle



The "Healing Circle" is offered each Sunday. Healing ministers Joan Carnaghi, Dave Elder, George Marvin and Tom Ritter respond to individual requests for physical, emotional and spiritual healing, raised to God through prayer and the laying-on of hands. Sign up on the podium.

Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church (ELCA)

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers: Bianca & Joe Nalepa Counters: Bob Bird & Mike Toohey Altar Guild: Sharon Elder & Evelyn Pursley CAs: Jim & Mara Berry, Suah Tokpa <i>Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve!</i>		1	2 Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 pm	3	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5
6 5 Easter—9:00 am G: Sydney M. & Linda P. AM: Stein Hunter A: Gabi Anderson LR: Genny Jordan R: Krull/ Krippelez N: Bridget Elder & Carlie H. T: Mara Berry	7	8 Council 7:00 pm	9 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	10 Home School Graduation rehearsal 6:30-8:00 pm (Tina Chumbley)	11	12 Men's Group 9 am
13 Mother's Day 6 Easter—9:00 am G: Kathy & Carl Jordan AM: Tom Ritter A: Jenna Hutson LR: Jeanne Keirle R: Sanderson & N. Hester N: Julie Hutson & Meagan T: George Marvin	14	15	16 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	17	18 Home School Graduation Event 7:00-10:00 pm (Tina Chumbley)	19
20 Sunday School Picnic 7 Easter—9:00 am G: Tom & Linda Ritter AM: Abbi Telander A: Deidra Adams LR: Carl Jordan R: Urnes N: Sharon Elder & Aubrey T: Joan Carnaghi	21	22	23 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	24 May Newsletter Deadline	25 Pastor's Sabbath	26
27 Wear Red Pentecost—9:00 am G: Bill & Georgette Sarros AM: Martha Johnson A: Carlie Hunter LR: Candy Travis R: Daab & Sydney Meyer N: Sydney M. & Jenna H. T: Devin Travis	28 Memorial Day 	29	30	31	G = Greeters AM = Assisting Minister A = Acolyte LR = Reader R = Refreshments N = Nursery T = Tech Assistant	

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Worship 9:00 am • Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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 Lauri Anderson, Church Secretary • **Office Hours:** 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday
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Narrative Lectionary

Last fall SOTH began to follow an alternative selection of scriptures for Sunday worship called the Narrative Lectionary. Most churches use the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a selection of readings designed to fit with the seasons of the church year, including a reading from the Old Testament, Psalms, the Epistles, and the Gospels for each Sunday. It is called the common lectionary because it is used by many Christian denominations. The Narrative Lectionary was designed to take a different approach, based more on following the Biblical story in historical sequence rather than seasonally. In this approach, the fall is used to give an overview of the Old Testament, from creation to the prophets. Then in December one of the Gospels is chosen to be read straight through until Pentecost.

SOTH has been trying out this approach since last fall. The gospel of Mark has been the major text on Sunday mornings. Sometimes there have been longer portions of scripture read than is true of the common lectionary, but a portion of a Psalm is the only other reading that day. Most of the book of Mark has been read during this period of time. Since Easter, there have been readings from Acts and some of the Epistles. The Narrative Lectionary does not cover the summer months, so congregations are free to use whatever scriptures they wish. Many use this as an opportunity to do a special series on a particular topic or a book of scripture.

The worship committee would like feedback from the congregation regarding the use of the Narrative Lectionary in the future. If we continue with the Narrative Lectionary, Sundays in the fall would begin once again with an overview of the Old Testament (using different readings than last fall). Then in December, the Gospel of Luke would become the reading each Sunday, going straight through the book as written. The alternative would be to return to the Revised Common Lectionary. Please let Pastor Jeff or a member of the worship committee know how you feel about this issue. There will be an opportunity to do so during one of the worship services in May.

Church Committees: Finance

We will be highlighting committees and groups in the upcoming months, letting you know what they do and what their needs are. This information will also be put into a booklet to be included in new member packets.



Finance Committee

The Finance Committee provides oversight on all financial account matters of the congregation, including counting and depositing of all offerings, and developing the congregational budget. Much like any household, the church needs to know it's expected income and how much of that income to allocate to various expenditures. The Finance Committee takes on the responsibility of allocating the church funds each calendar year. Based on information provided by church members on their "Intended Giving Statements", the committee projects what the total income will be for the year. Then, based on requests and budgets from various other committees, the annual budget for the church is put together for approval by the congregation.

Committee Members: John Daab, Jeanne Keirle, Carol Krull, John Meyer, George Marvin and Jim Sanderson.



To My SOTH Family,

Thank you all so very much for remembering me on Administrative Professional's Day. The card and gift certificates were a wonderful surprise and I am very thankful. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve as the church secretary but I couldn't do it without the help and support of the congregation. Thanks again!

God bless you all,

Lauri Anderson

Dear Shepherd of the Hills,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers and cards before and after Betty's death. It was a difficult time but knowing we had the support of the wonderful people at SOTH made things a little easier.

Special thanks to Tom & Linda Ritter and Evelyn Pursley for helping out at the luncheon, and to all those who donated the delicious desserts. We received several comments from family and friends in attendance on how wonderful everything was and what a great church this must be.

With much gratitude,

Linda, Lauri & Gabi

And the entire Anderson family





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Our Ministers: All the People of God at Shepherd of the Hills / Our Faithful Church Council Members:

Bill Johnson, *president & tech team*

Jim Urnes, Sr., *worship*

Suah Tokpa, *stewardship*

Linda Pearson, *vice president & soc. con.*

Rhonda Bird, *care/evangelism*

John Daab, *finance*

Jim Berry, *facilities*

Meagan Nalepa, *youth rep & sec.*

Genny Jordan, *education*

OUR VISION . . .

GATHER Joyfully

GROW Deeply

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All people into God's grace † Disciples of Jesus Christ † In Witness and Service

Don't Miss These Opportunities!



- **National Day of Prayer**, Thurs., May 3. See article on front page and go to www.gatewaynpd.org for updated locations around St. Louis.
- **KETC Community Cinema Series** at the History Museum, Thurs., May 3 at 7:00 p.m. features "Strong", a film about a 300 lb. US Olympic weightlifter who wants to be the strongest woman in the world. Discussion and refreshments will follow. Go to nineNet.org for more information about this film.
- **Overland Block Party**, Sat., June 2 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the Overland Market Center area (2500 Woodson Road). 5K run/walk starts at 8:30 a.m. and the parade begins at 10 a.m. at 2325 Lackland Road. There will also be a Farmer's Market, a vintage car show, a kid's fun area, a strong man demonstration, rock wall climbing, slot car races, various musical performances, and an appearance by Fred Bird from 12-12:30 p.m.
- **Community Health Fair**, Sat., June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nazareth Temple, 3300 Marshall Road. Blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, body mass index, PSA and mammograms. There will also be games and activities for the kids, free healthy food samples and give-a-ways. Call 314-429-8800 for more info.