

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Suggested Bible readings for the week of Pentecost 20:

M Esther 7:1-10; Acts 20:17-38; Luke 5:1-11.
T Esther 8:1-8; 15-17; Acts 21:1-14; Luke 5:12-26.
W Esther 9:1-32; Acts 21:15-26; Luke 5:27-39.
Th Hosea 4:1-10; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11.
F Hosea 4:11-19; Acts 21:37-22:16; Luke 6:12-26.
S Hosea 5:1-7; Acts 22:17-29; Luke 6:27-38.

Next Sunday's Texts- Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:41-34

This reading presents the prophet's vision of the restored community of Israel. The new covenant will fulfill the original intention of the covenant of Moses.

Romans 3:19-28

Martin Luther and other leaders of the Reformation believed the heart of the gospel was found in these words of Paul written to the Romans. All people have sinned, but God offers forgiveness through Christ Jesus. We are justified, or put right with God, by grace through faith in Jesus.

John 8:31-36

Here Jesus promises that true freedom—the freedom to serve our loving God—comes through the truth of the gospel. It is this truth that is revealed in the life of the Lord Jesus.

Brief reflection on the readings for Sunday:

By the end of the 17th century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that by grace through faith we are justified and set free. As we observe the Reformation today the church prays for renewal and reconciliation among all Christians, that we may more faithfully witness to the world.

Let us pray...

For those in need of healing and comfort: Faye Holmes, (mother of Sue Hough) cancer reoccurrence; Debra Lee Hovey, cancer survivor, undergoing tests; Margaret (friend of the Schiess' and Tim Carlsons), lung cancer; Helga Furnes, recovering at home; Andy, father of a member, prostate cancer; Kenneth Volek, relative of Arlene Juliano; Mary Curtis, friend of Trudi Black's, breast cancer; Christine Lawrence, friend of Eileen Remlin's, breast cancer; Joy Kotrch, (Ken Furnes' cousin), pancreatic cancer; Ty Bordenet, (friend of Eric Dreher's daughter), seriously injured in a motorcycle accident; Audrey Heim, recovering from knee replacement surgery, at home; Ken Heim, at home, recovering from back surgery; Bob Wesche, now at home; Peg Wesche, Giant Cell Temporal arteritis; Raymond Plouffe, husband of Lynn Heim's co-worker; Kay Inderdohnen, former Monroe Town Clerk, lung cancer; Linda Pleva; June Mora; Sarah Mora; Victor Poklemba, brother of Helen Steinnagel, brain cancer; Jean McKinnon (metastasized breast cancer) and her husband Alex (friends of the Jacksons); Arlene Juliano, pain management; Judy Thomas, Beno's neighbor, mass on kidney; Bill Giarla (friend of Billie Flaherty), Lou Gehrig's disease, Ellie Ferguson, Wegener's vasculitis; Frank, prostate cancer

For peace with justice for all peoples of the Middle East.

Happenings at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church this week and beyond:

Monday, October 23	No Confirmation Class – Pastor and Intern away for Bishop's Convocation through Wednesday.	
Tuesday, October 24	No Lutheran Course – Pastor and Intern away.	
Thursday, October 26	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Sunday, October 29	Reformation Sunday Services at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday School at 9:15 AM	

Shepherd's Pantry supplies non-perishable food items for the Monroe Food Pantry. The requested items for the month of October are: paper products, canned olives and canned fruit. Kindly leave items on the shelves in the narthex.

The Youth Group is conducting a **cell phone drive** to donate to the battered women's shelter. This drive will run through the end of December. Thank you for your support.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for Martin Luther and all Reformers of your holy, catholic and apostolic church, who inspired by the Holy Spirit have kept the faithful steadfast in your Word.

Pastor Bryan A. Leone