



# Back To School



One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FLOCK



*Little Lambs  
Preschool & Daycare  
Invite you to the  
3rd Annual Lamb Trot*

**Friday, September 30 \* 6pm**

**In the Upper Parking Lot**

**\*\*\*Potluck Barbeque, Fun & Prizes\*\*\***

Meet this year's Little Lambs families and help raise money for the current school year

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*NewsLetter*  
**DEADLINE**

*Deadline for  
the October Issue of  
The Flock:  
Thursday, September 22*



## Mark Your Calendars

### **SPECIAL DATES**

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

<b>Labor Day</b> Office and Little Lambs closed	September 5
<b>First Day of School – Little Lambs</b>	September 6
<b>Christian Education Sunday</b> Mission Sunday – Wash Jo Ministries (Kenya) Patriot Day/Grandparents' Day	September 11
<b>First Day of Fall</b>	<b>September 23</b>
<b>Mite Sunday</b>	September 25

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## Worship at Good Shepherd in September

September 4 (Pentecost 12)  
Matthew 18:15-20  
"Toward Reconciliation"

September 25 (Pentecost 15)  
Philippians 2:1-4  
"Throw Off the Chains ... of Pride"

September 11 (Pentecost 13)  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
"A Lasting Legacy"

September 18 (Pentecost 14)  
Philippians 1:21-26  
"Throw Off the Chains ... of Death"





## Pastoral Ponderings



***“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)***

We know that we have a wonderful God. I remember back to the past here when we would begin our worship with “God is good! All the time! And all the time! God is good!” Wonderful statement and a true one at that, and yet there are times when we wonder what our wonderful, gracious God is going to do with us in ministry. Sometimes we see and feel a sense of newness; other times a feeling of uncertainty.

It’s nice to have a sense of newness. Many get excited about the new things that come into their lives; new clothes, a new home, a new car, a new job. We celebrate the new. We get excited about the new. Our celebrations and excitement come from a sense of anticipation of what that new thing will bring. Just like reading a book for the first time, we don’t know what the next page, the next chapter will unfold.

The same is true in the life of the church. We don’t know what this month, or the remainder of this calendar year, will bring. We can approach each day, week, month, year with a sense of dread and fear, or we can spend our days seeking God’s hand in our lives. I’m very much reminded of Elijah shortly after his encounter with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. You can read about it in 1 Kings 17-19. Elijah had just seen the Lord display His power in a grand and awesome way in response to the false god and idol Baal, worshiped by Jezebel the queen. You would think that after such a display Elijah would stand before Jezebel in the power and authority of the Lord of hosts and declare Israel to be God’s own possession and for Jezebel, in the classic words of Western films, to “get out of town before sundown.” The exact opposite happened. Jezebel, defiant toward God and in hatred toward Elijah His prophet, threatened Elijah’s life and ... Elijah ran away. The prophet of the victorious Lord ran, hid, and wanted to die. Though he believed in God and saw visible proof of His power, Elijah was dejected. So as Elijah hid in a cave God

came to him again. Elijah saw three mighty things: wind that could break rocks, an earthquake, and a fire. Each should have been enough for Elijah’s eyes to grow wide in amazement, and maybe even fear, at the power displayed. But then there came “the sound of a low whisper” (1 Kings 19:12 ESV) and God was in the whisper, reminding Elijah that he wasn’t alone and that God was with him.

Do you find yourself being more dejected about life than expectant? Do you want to see God display His power and authority in mighty and wondrous ways so that all would know that faith in Him and Jesus Christ as Savior is the real way to go? At times I do, and I’m pretty sure that you do, too. We so often want to see fire come down from heaven or mass conversions or a full church. Sometimes I think we spend so much time wanting to see the Lord’s hand that we forget to look for it, just as Elijah wanted to hear the Lord’s voice so badly that he forgot to listen.

Here’s some revelations of our Lord’s hand that I’ve seen in recent weeks:

- The start of our new interest group ministry
- A very active daycare ministry this summer
- The Boy Scouts have renovated the parking lots as an Eagle Scout project (Thanks, Zack Nuhring!)
- The preschool/daycare is ready for another year of ministry
- There is an increased desire by our young people to connect with the local community

We have an organist willing to serve when our worship band, Messengers, is not available

We are not alone and our Lord is present among us. Take some time and actively look for the Lord’s hand in our midst.

Shepherding people to Jesus

—Pastor Paul



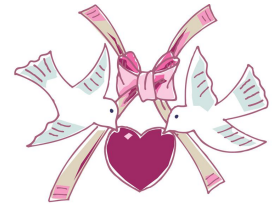
*God's Blessings and Congratulations to all who are celebrating special days this month!*



*Happy Birthday!*

<i>Roseline Amegblenke</i>	<i>September 3</i>
<i>Shirley Schwartz</i>	<i>September 6</i>
<i>JoDee Ellis</i>	<i>September 20</i>
<i>Chuck Bushey</i>	<i>September 21</i>
<i>Isaac Peirce</i>	<i>September 23</i>
<i>Jon Howell</i>	<i>September 24</i>
<i>Dick Hartmann</i>	<i>September 28</i>

*Chris & Joni Feryn      September 23      22 years*



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*We strive to keep our records as up to date as possible. If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know!*

**July 2011:**

Offerings: \$13,244.75  
 School Revenue: \$5,026.50  
 Investment Income: \$1,317.72  
 Fundraising: \$334.00  
**Total: \$19,922.97**  
 Expenses: \$15,073.13  
**Net Income: \$4,849.84**  
**YTD Net Income: \$1,386.37**

**Monthly Income Required to meet anticipated expenses: \$21,458**



**THE BOTTOM LINE**

July ended with a Net Income of just under \$5,000; the highest we've seen all year, and finally bringing our year-to-date into the positive. Total income was still lower than the amount needed to meet anticipated monthly expenses, which means we are doing a lot to keep monthly expenses at a minimum. Refunds from Concordia Plans and SAIF Workers Comp insurance helped the month's bottom line.



## Thank You

You all have heard Pastor and Bryan say thank you but I have not had the opportunity to share the Multnomah Days activities with you.

This is a special prayer of thanks to ever so many people that shared in the day. Pastor and Bryan started the day with setting up the Church and Little Lambs booths in the assigned area which was the most convenient place on the route. Did you all notice the awesome spectacular permanent signs that were made at Premier Press? There was sun in the morning and wonderful shade in the afternoon which made it comfortable just across from a former student Ben's mom's booth so we were among friends not to fail to mention that Starbucks was just down the street. Ruth made the first run, Julie the second.

First ones on site were Vicki, Donna and Ruth to help put out all the variety of give a ways and brochures. Bruce and Lois arrived and started filling the many balloons that have our information on them still in red. We bought these before the change of color to purple. All of us were in the purple shirts proudly sharing our story. Shar, a friend of the church and our go-to reference for potential preschool families who need a daycare for a younger sibling, joined us at the booth as well.

The night before many helped put labels on the bottles of water which were on the trailer at the end of the parade. Several people came by the booths before the parade and asked where our water was, after all we were the "water" church—we invited them to visit again and we would deliver when the water arrived.

During the day Nancy, Judy, Boni and Barbara, all passed by and spent time greeting and manning the booth. The real excitement was when Jim and Karen appeared with the truck and trailer surrounded by the rest of our

super volunteers. Myra had made lamb masks for the preschool kids to wear and sheep ears for the parents. It was so neat to see our Preschool families: Ryan, Lindsey, and Kieran; Tim and Hayden; Paula and Lawrence; Jeanette and Vincent; Bryan and Kira and Stanley, Joey, Christopher and Rachel; Pastor and Deb and Andrew, Miriam and Seth; Stephanie and Dallas and Xander. Many helped pass out water, otter pops and balloons keeping all busy with much laughter and good will. Not only did we have preschool/daycare families join us but we saw many former students stop by and say hello and chat with us.

The one truly awesome blessing was the lady that visited with Judy and others that came to church the next morning and worshipped with us. We thank you Jesus for that special blessing.

Then came the next crew Jim, Karen, Pat, Debbie, Julie and Justin who finished off the water and did the breakdown, load up and move out job. All helped with joy and good humor and I am so thankful and proud to be one of you.

The last week of August, our students are all off to other places and the teachers are meeting to plan the new school year and review all the rules and regulations that will keep us certified with the state of Oregon. We still need more students both in preschool and daycare and I encourage you to help us find them. We will all be winners as we work together.

"Shepherding people to Jesus and Preparing Children for kindergarten and a Christian life! "

*Miss Shirley*

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"



*During recent weeks, the Good Shepherd family prayed for:*

Michael, Mike, Don, Tracy, Joe, Jackie, Glen,  
Alivia, Linda, Judy and Kathryn (continued  
prayers for healing from cancer)

Our Homebound Members (for peace and  
healing)

Ben, Lindly, and all deployed Military  
(continued prayers for safety)

Those affected by Hurricane Irene

Danielle (for healing)

Leanard (thankfulness for surgery going well)

Thanksgiving for our Preschool Families

Boni & Judy (for safe travels)

David (for healing)

Phyllis (for healing)

JoDee (for a positive audition experience)

Lois & Tom (for peace)

Darlene (for healing)

Jack, Rosemary, & Nancy (for healing)

Thanksgiving for Scamper

Curt & Family (for safe travel)

Parker family (for safe travel)

Victoria (for healing)

Jack (for healing)

Eric (for healing)

Judy (for healing)

Willard (for healing)

Phyllis (for peace and healing)

Kathryn (for healing)

Those in areas affected by drought and heat

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries



If you are not already participating, please do consider becoming a part of our Prayer Circle Fellowship. It takes very little time on the part of each person—your immediate prayer about the request and a telephone call to the next person in the circle. A brief request gets around quickly, and in that way, many people are praying about the same request.

Our email strand also has many participants. If you choose to be a part of the e-mail chain, we just ask that you join your prayers to ours in answer to the specific prayer request.

To be added to either list, contact Donna Rose at 503-977-5140 or Bev Olson at [olambchop@comcast.net](mailto:olambchop@comcast.net)

*Please notify the prayer chain or church office with updates or new prayer requests.*

*Shift your prayer life from "Please, God" to "Please God." Take the comma out of those two words when you pray, and transition your praying from asking God for things to asking God for the pleasure of God's pleasure.*

*—Homiletics*

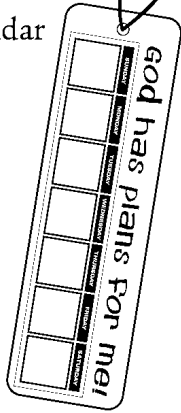


## A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

### What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



### What you do:

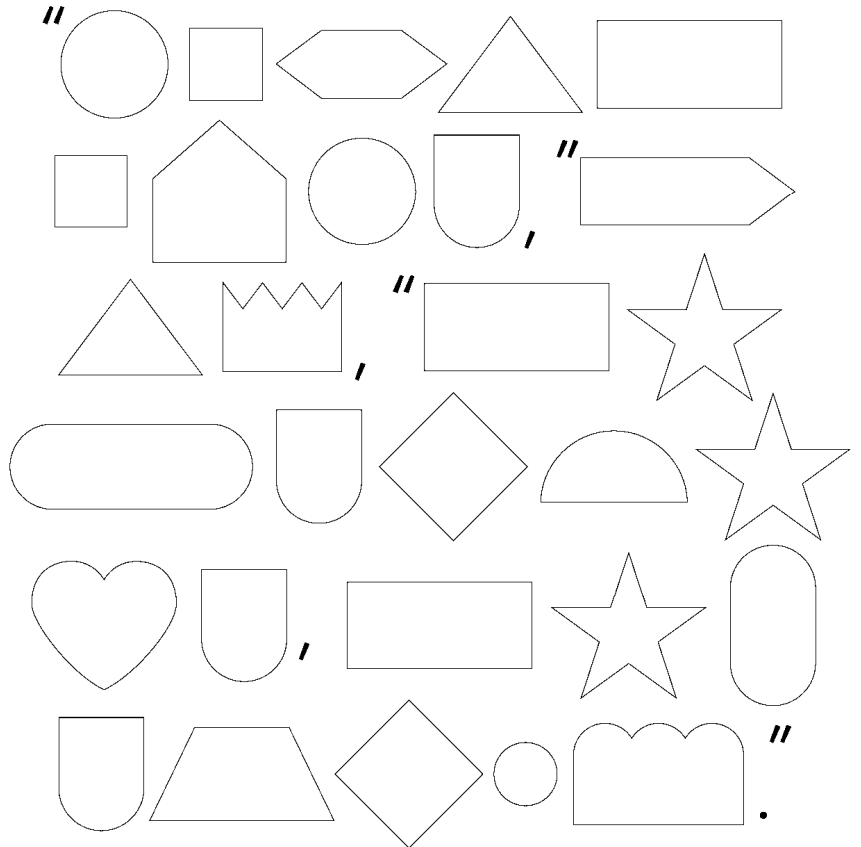
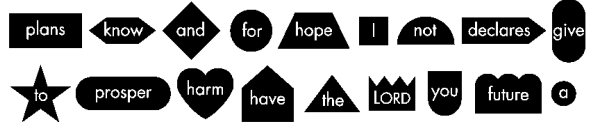
1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



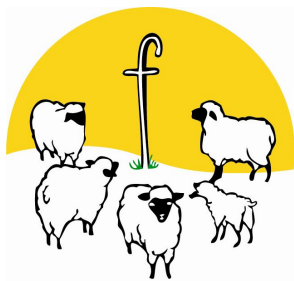
## GOD'S PLAN

*When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.*

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



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*Shepherding People to Jesus*



~~oops!~~

From a bulletin in Arlington, Virginia:

PRELUDE

HYMN: "All People That on Earth Do Swell"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There must've been a successful bake sale where these people dwell.

We're on the web!  
[www.ShepherdingToJesus.org](http://www.ShepherdingToJesus.org)

## A Few Words About Worship at Good Shepherd

*Worship focuses the heart, mind, and spirit on God so that our strength is focused on accomplishing His will.*

*Sunday Services: Our Sunday worship services vary in form, but remain firmly focused on the Lordship of Jesus and His saving nature in our lives. The differing forms allow individuals to best express their love for God.*

*Celebration of Faith: The more formal of our worship forms, utilizes formal liturgy and traditional hymns.*

*Faith Celebration: A praise service with lead singers, backed by a live praise ensemble. The music is lively and relevancy is the key ingredient.*

*Who is Good Shepherd? The people of Good Shepherd are people just like you. They are young and old and in-between. They have jobs and families and many interests. They also love Jesus who is their Savior. We would like to get to know you too.*

*[Jesus said:] "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay my life down for the sheep."*

*(John 10: 14-15)*

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