

# The Bells

## WORSHIP WITH US

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Sunday: 10:15 AM

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## Psalms, Shepherds, Sheep

Dear Friends in Christ,

Martin Luther loved the Psalms. It was his daily prayer book as a monk, the first book of the Bible he lectured on as a professor, and a source of comfort and piety throughout his life. Luther believed that the Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book to all Christians because "it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly and so depicts His kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom that we may call it a little Bible." Luther believed that if you could not read the whole Bible, the Psalter is good enough as that it is an entire summary of the Bible in one little booklet.

Psalm 23 was the Bible memory focus of this year's VBS. Every child, youth, and adult who participated this year learned that the Lord is with us now and forever, provides all that we need, and protects us. For those who were unable to attend this year, let's take a closer look at this psalm.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The first verse of this psalm paints a beautiful picture of who God is. Shepherds do only one thing: they take care of sheep. They make sure they have food and drink. They stay with them every hour of every day, guiding them in the daytime and protecting them at night. When wolf or coyote or other predator appear, the shepherd fights against that animal, killing it so it cannot harm the sheep.

Throughout Scripture God says that He is a shepherd. He did it in Ezekiel 34 and in Isaiah 40. In the gospel according to John, Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. When God calls Himself a shepherd, He is telling you that He wants to do only one thing: take care of you and me. Shepherds want their sheep to have good food and drink. That is why verse 2 of Psalm 23 says about God, "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters." Shepherds stay with the sheep every hour protecting them. That is why verse 4 and 5 say, "He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and your staff they comfort me." Shepherds give everything for their sheep. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down His life for us so that we might have the forgiveness of sins.

Psalm 23 isn't just a picture of God, it's a picture of us too. We are the sheep. This psalm tells us how much we need the Shepherds protection, how rely on Him for our food and drink. Many other Bible pages refer to us as sheep; Isaiah said, "All we like sheep have gone astray." (Is 53.6) and through Ezekiel God says, "You are My sheep." (Eze. 34.31).

How wonderful it is that the Lord is our shepherd and we are His sheep. In Psalm 23, the Lord our Shepherd promises to lead us safely through every day of our lives, forgiving us, protecting us, and bringing us at last to our heavenly home. Psalm 23 ends with these words, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Ps. 23:6)

All in all, Psalm 23 is, as all the Psalms are, a wonderful and beautiful portrait that God has created for us. It is not made out of paints and pencils, but with His words – and God's words give forgiveness and life.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Pastor Michael

**July/August Birthdays & Anniversaries****July Birthdays**

Tyler Borgman	1
Karl Borgman	2
Scott Lehman	2
Chuck Taylor	2
Robin Young	5
Erik Doerr	7
Barb Blank	8
John Hamara	9
Ed Morgan	9
Bryan Lehocky	12
Sierrah Altenburg	12
Ruth Miller	13
Heather Nuerge	13
Tracy Alberts-Wilde	13
Mary Lehocky	15
Linda Weimer	16
Marcy Dietrich	18
Tammy Eckstrom	21
Lorena Hamara	21
Shawn Mengel	21
Noah Weedon	24
Rachel Eckstrom	25
Helen Nord	27
Jared Rombold	28
Connie Kerr	30
Brittany Rodman	31

**July Anniversaries**

Ron & Mary Lehocky	5
Andy & Sandy Kostelnik	12
Karl & Lawrie Borgman	20
Wendy & Chuck Liston	26
Bill & Connie Kerr	27
Chuck & Jean Taylor	27

**July Baptismal Birthdays**

Brad Weedon	
Sophia Fatschel	8
Alice Davis	9
Brad Lehocky	15
Scott Gunther	16
Brett Lehocky	23
Jason Blank	25
Karl Borgman	31
Robin Young	31

**August Birthdays**

Edna Gaertner	1
Nikolai Podeszwa	9
Milt Scott	13
Bob Blank	14
Kim Singleton	14
Thomas Shively	15
Carrick Skuse	15
Susan Szabo	17
Charles Coe	21
Wendy Liston	22
Cari Skuse	26

**August Anniversaries**

Sam & Kathy Osten	5
Bill & Becky Mallary	11
Stephan & Mirka Fatschel	15
Sylvia & Joe Stedina	22

**August Baptismal Birthdays**

Mary Lehocky	2
Scott Lehman	3
John Hamara	4
Helen Nord	4
Ruth Miller	17
Nikolai Podeszwa	17
Chase O'Palka	18
Bryan Lehocky	22
Shawn Mengel	22
Rachel Eckstrom	23
Connie Kerr	28

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

### JULY

*Altar Guild – Susan Ozenich*

**Greeters**

3-Don/Betty Wunnenberg  
10-Kathy Volland/Wendy Liston  
17-Darryl/Lynn Gunther  
24-Milt/Christie Scott  
31-Stephan/Mirka Fatschel

**Readers**

3-Peter Humphrey  
10-Darryl Gunther  
17-Doug Eckstrom  
24-Tom Sigler  
31-Kathy Osten

**Acolytes**

3-Tyler Borgman  
10-Nikolai Podeszwa  
17-Cade Skuse  
24-Cole Skuse  
31-Noah Weedon

### AUGUST

*Altar Guild – Amy Wilson*

**Greeters**

7-Mary Nuerge/Tara Dulski  
14-Tom/Colleen Sigler  
21-Doug/Tammy Eckstrom  
28-Eric/Luke Bendekovic

**Readers**

7-Mary Nuerge  
14-Joshua Humphrey  
21-Christie Scott  
28-Ron Doerr

**Acolytes**

7-Hannah Bendekovic  
14-Tyler Borgman  
21-Nikolai Podeszwa  
28-Cade Skuse

## Prayer Concerns

*Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:*

- ❖ Bill Mallary, broken leg in several places after a fall.
- ❖ For Rachel Humphrey for chronic back pain.
- ❖ Bill Hewlett for recovery.
- ❖ Gene Reddel and Margaret Cron.
- ❖ Continued prayers of healing for Twila DeThomas's stepfather and Willis Volland's sister; Betty Ann.
- ❖ Terry McCall recovering at home.
- ❖ Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Bob Greer (youth leader at Darryl Gunther's former church), Mary Guthrie (wife of Darryl's co-worker), Carol Helkowski, Pastor Michael, Margaret Rombold, Milt Scott, Joan Doerr and Mary Jane Christy.
- ❖ Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- ❖ Blaine Morgan for chronic illness.

## **Installation of Congregational Officers**

The following Prince of Peace members have been installed as Congregational Officers:

**President: Bill Hewlett**  
**Secretary: Terri Humphrey**  
**Board of Christian Education: Sandi Morgan**  
**Board of Parish Fellowship: Linda Weimer**  
**Board of Elders: Bill Mallery and Dan Helkowski**

Please remember these individuals in your prayers as they serve the ministries they have been elected to uphold.

Blessings and thanks to Allen Lee, Joyce Hewlett and Sandy Kostelnik for their service, hard work and endless contributions as former Council members.

The following positions still remain open: Financial Secretary, Church Properties and Stewardship. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to lead and serve in this capacity.

## **The Lutheran Hour—June Sermon Schedule**

July 3

### **"Freedom in Action"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

In Christ, you are free from being ruled by your burdens, free to serve others for the glory of God.  
(Galatians 6:1-18)

July 10

### **"Extreme Neighborliness"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Through His love and sacrifice, Jesus is the extreme neighbor to you and all people.  
(Luke 10:25-37)

July 17

### **"The One Thing You Really Need"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

The story of Mary and Martha is not so much about Mary or Martha--or us. It's really about Jesus.  
(Luke 10:38-42)

July 24

### **"Never to See Them Again"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Opportunity knocks; Christ invites us to receive the gift of faith.  
(Luke 9:51-62)

July 31

### **"Bullies"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

When bullies pressure Christians to keep quiet, we can retreat, push back, or choose to endure.  
(Acts 5:27-34)

**July 2016**

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					1	2 6:30 Holy Communion
3 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	4	5	6 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	7	8	9 6:30 Holy Communion
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