

ROD and STAFF

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

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Welcome, Pastor Kristen!

After a unanimous "yes" vote at the special congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9, we are very pleased to welcome to Rev. Kristen Koch, who will begin her ministry as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills on Monday, Oct. 15. Her first Sunday among us will be Oct. 21. After some discussion, it has been agreed that she would prefer to be addressed as Pastor Kristen. Her new email address will be: prkristen@sothstl.org.



Farewell, Pastor Jeff



Join us as we bid a fond farewell to Pastor Jeff Lindgren on Sunday, Oct. 14 with an Ice Cream Social after worship. We would like to show Pastor Jeff our thanks and appreciation for helping us through this time of transition and through the call process.

Same Mission: Fresh Start



That's the theme of this year's stewardship program, when we have the opportunity to give serious and prayerful consideration to our personal involvement and commitment to Christ's mission in the world through Shepherd of the Hills. Look for a special mailing that will go out on the week of October 8. It will include a letter from the Stewardship Committee, a Time & Abilities sheet, and a financial giving estimate. Each Sunday in October some aspect of stewardship will be highlighted at worship, culminating in Commitment Sunday on October 28, when pledges will be brought to the altar. It will all begin with a humorous and engaging skit on Oct. 7, and end with joyful Liberian themed worship on Oct. 28. It truly is both a blessing and a joy to have the privilege of being called together into Jesus' mission in the world.

Welcome, Cynthia!

On Sunday, Sept. 9, Cynthia Williams officially joined our journey of faith in an affirmation of baptism. Her sponsors were Bill & Georgette Sarros. Cynthia was born in Indiana, the youngest of seven children. She has two grown sons and a Chihuahua, King, who is the light of her life. She also enjoys shopping and watching game shows. She is very glad to be a part of the church and really likes the fact that everyone has been so kind and welcoming to her. She is looking forward to her life with us at Shepherd of the Hills and learning as much as she can learn about Lutherans and Christianity. And we're happy to welcome Cynthia to our family.



Band Together for Breast Cancer

One Sunday, Oct. 7, Leland's Road will be performing at a concert to benefit local breast cancer patients. Band Together 2012 features Makenna & Brock, the newest duo out of Nashville and will be emceed by Mark Reardon of KMOX. The event will be held at Sybergs on Dorsett in Maryland Heights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show is from 6-9 p.m. General admission is \$40 per person and includes an hors d'oeuvre buffet. Patron tickets are \$100 per person and includes the buffet, open bar, floor seating in front of the bands and an autographed item from Makenna & Brock. See Kristen Hiltner or Sharon Elder for more information.

GATHER Joyfully + GROW Deeply + GO Faithfully

Dear Friends,
 St. Paul often addressed his letters to the churches that he had founded “to the saints at _____.” By this he did not mean that they were perfect people, but that he considered them partners in our common calling as disciples of Jesus Christ and co-workers in building up his community of love and service in the world. That is the way that I will continue to think of all of you, and to remember the time that we have worked together while I have been among you. I am truly grateful for the way that you received me as interim pastor and accepted my presence and my ministry among you. This sense of cooperation and common mission has made the transition time go both smoothly and joyfully. For this I give you thanks, and give praise to the One to whom we all belong.



As I mentioned to the Congregation Council, I feel that the call process set up by the Central States Synod has worked very well for you. It has helped you become even clearer about your identity and mission as a congregation. And well within the expected time frame the process has helped you connect with a pastor who is a wonderful match. As I have watched this process move forward, I have become more and more certain that Pastor Koch will be a great blessing to you, and that she in turn will be blessed and fulfilled in new ways by exercising her ministry among you. I am honored to have played a role in this process myself, and look forward to hearing great things about the life and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills in the years to come.

Thank you, saints, for your partnership in the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,
Jeffrey Lindgren
 Interim Pastor

Confirmation

The Confirmation Class will join other area youth for an overnight event on Oct. 12 and participate in a Feed My Starving Children event on Oct. 13 at Good Shepherd Church.

Sunday School Confirmation classes for the new school year started on Sept. 16.

Wednesday night confirmation classes will be Oct. 10 & 24.

Regular attendance for both of these classes is highly recommended. It is very important in the confirmation journey. Showing up when you are the scheduled acolyte is also greatly appreciated as there are only five students in this class. Thank you!

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.

Cancer Companions

The Cancer Companions support group will meet here at SOTH on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This is open to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer in any way. Please see Lisa Hogbin or Sydney Meyer for more information. Or go to the website: www.cancer-companions.org.



Annual CHM Hoedown

On Friday, October 19, Community Helping Ministry invites you to join them for a special evening as they once again host their annual dinner auction.



This year they will be returning to their beloved Harvest Hoedown theme. Optional western attire is welcomed. CHM has been serving families in the Pattonville district and member churches for nearly twelve years. Their services are provided by trained volunteers and include an emergency pantry for food and personal care items, as well as financial grants for utilities, rent and more. Fundraisers like this help them continue this valuable, much needed service.

The event will be held at the May Center at DePaul. The cash bar will open at 6:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and silent and live auctions beginning around 7:00 p.m. There will also be live musical entertainment. Tickets are \$30 per person. You can RSVP to Liza Browning at 314-770-0798 or talk to Linda Ritter or John Meyer for more information.



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.

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Jason Girtman, Jr..... 7
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 Lisa Hogbin 13
 Kim Loehr 13
 Tony Chumbley..... 14
 Linda Ritter 20
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 Bill Keyes..... 24
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 Carl & Kathy Jordan .23



Your Photos are Needed

Do you have any recent or past photos of church activities? Your photos are needed for use on the church website. Digital photos are preferred but we will be happy to scan photo prints as well. Please copy photo files to a CD or a USB. Please enclose prints and USB drives in an envelope with your name on it and they will be returned to you. Any notes that you can provide to give context to the photos would also be greatly appreciated. Photos can also be sent electronically to contribute@sothstl.org. Please see Mike Toohey if you have any questions.

NewsBytes...



- ✦ Have you noticed our sign has a fresh coat of paint? Thanks so much to **Dixi & Ann Smith** for their faithful labors in restoring the sign to it's original beauty once again.
- ✦ Thanks also to **Fred & Jean Meyer** for all their time and effort with the circle flower bed and weed eating around the grounds.
- ✦ We offer prayers of healing and relief for **Joan Keith, Tom Ritter, Terry Sutton, Jason Girtman, Jr.,** and **Pastor Dan Barwinski** who are recovering from surgeries. *May God grant them healing and peace.*
- ✦ Congratulations to **Denise Meyer** on the birth of her granddaughter to Leigh Anna & Ron Beatty and to **Alex & Flo Flomo** on the birth of their son, Alex. Both babies were born in September. *God's Blessings!*
- ✦ Special thanks to **Pastor Jeff** and **Gabi Anderson** for faithfully serving for the Confirmation Class volunteer event on Sunday, Sept. 9 during the CHM Food Drive at Shop N Save. And thanks also to **Tom Krull & Dave Elder** for picking up the food and money received.



SEPTEMBER

Church Council Highlights

- Bill Johnson has notified the Synod of Pastor Kristen's decision to accept our offer and that she would like to start on Oct. 15. Bill will talk to Pastor Kristen regarding a date for her installation service.
- Council will plan a farewell for Pastor Lindgren with WELCA's help on Sunday, Oct. 14.
- Rhonda Bird was nominated to take over as Church Council secretary, she accepted.
- Thanks to Jim Berry for putting cement in the rock cross in the circle flower bed in front, reminding us that we are living stones being built into a spiritual house. Blank rocks are incorporated for any names that have not yet been added. He also reports that the side door with the shattered glass will have to be replaced instead of repaired.
- Under technology: Mike Toohey is searching for a new lap top for use by the church secretary. He also received a CD of photos to be used on the church website.

Bread for the World Sunday



Bread for the World Sunday is scheduled for Oct. 21. It is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. And it is an opportunity for us to reflect on those scriptures which admonish us to care for those in need, such as Matthew 25:35; "For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Please plan to join us and together we can make our voices heard and join in the fight to help with world hunger.

Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church (ELCA)

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Cancer Companions 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	4	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6
7 —9:00 am G: A. Sanderson & N. Cirar AM: Pat Amick A: Carlie Hunter LR: Sharon Elder R: S. Meyer & G. Johnson N: S. Elder & Gabi A. T: Joan Carnaghi	8	9 Care & Evang. 6:00 pm Church Council 7:00 pm	10 Cancer Comp. 6:30-8:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	11	12 Pastor's Sabbath Confirmation Event: Feed My Starving Children	13 Men's Group 9 am
14 Ice Cream Social for Pastor Jeff —9:00 am G: J. Keith & C. Thies AM: Jim Berry A: Kristen Schnur LR: William Kparkillen R: WELCA & CC N: B. Elder & Meagan N. T: Devin Travis	15 Pastor Kristen's First Day	16	17 Cancer Companions 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	18	19 Pastor's Sabbath	20
21 Pastor Kristen's First Sunday Bread for the World —9:00 am G: G. Jordan & J. Keirle AM: Stein Hunter A: Gabi Anderson LR: Genny Jordan R: G. Jordan & Denise M. N: Abbi Telander & Jenna H. T: Joe Nalepa	22	23 November Newsletter Deadline	24 Cancer Comp. 6:30-8:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	25	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27 Private Event 11-4 pm
28 Commit- ment Sunday —9:00 am G: Dave & Sharon Elder AM: Tom Ritter A: Jenna Hutson LR: Jeanne Keirle R: Daab & Sanderson N: Julie Hutson & Aubrey H. T: Gabi Anderson	29	30	31 Cancer Companions 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	Ushers: Bill Johnson & Susan Hoven Counters: John Meyer & Evelyn Pursley Altar Guild: Julie Hutson & Carol Krull CAs: Rhonda Bird, Lisa Hogbin & Kathy Jordan <i>Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve!</i>		

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Worship 9:00 am • Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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 Pastor Jeff Lindgren, Interim Pastor • 314-571-9205 • prjeff@sothstl.org
 Lauri Anderson, Church Secretary • **New Office Hours:** 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Wednesday & Thursday
 Church Office e-mail: soth@sothstl.org



Just a Few Friendly Reminders...

As with any relationship or place where two or more are gathered, after a while things begin to feel very comfortable and effortless and it's very easy to make assumptions or take things for granted. Unfortunately this can also lead to hurt feelings and frustration on many levels. Here are just a few friendly reminders of things that seem to slip through the cracks or are easily forgotten about:

- † If you use something, please return it to its rightful place. If you have something you no longer need or want, then throw it away. Don't leave it sitting on a table or in the hymnal holders on the pews. They are not trash cans. If you see your child or someone else's making a mess, please either help them clean it up or alert someone in charge. If there are any issues in the restrooms, please tell the janitor or facilities person, don't assume someone already knows. This is God's house and should be respected as such. We all need to work together to keep it clean and in good repair.
- † If you sign up for something, please write down the appropriate information immediately or call the church office or responsible party at your earliest convenience. Don't leave others scrambling to correct things because you have forgotten. This especially goes for Sunday morning participants. If you have signed up to help in the nursery, be a greeter or an usher, or any of the other important ministries on Sunday mornings, then please make sure you are checking the schedules on a regular basis and arranging for subs if you are unable to be here on your scheduled day. The schedules are published every month on the calendar in the newsletter or you can call the church office to find out. If you no longer want to be on a list that you signed up on, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Many people put a lot of time and effort into constructing these schedules and keeping them updated to the best of their abilities. Please do your part and be responsible for your own actions. That makes things a lot easier. Thanks to all of you who take these things seriously and make an effort.

Church Committees: Card Ministry

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.

Card Ministry—Margaret & Bill Keyes

Margaret & Bill have blessed us with their devotion to the card ministry for several years. They send anniversary and birthday cards for SOTH members and friends of the church. They also send cards to people who are included in our prayers on Sundays, on the email prayer chain or by personal request. Margaret also has a lot of fun making personalized name tags and other printed items as needed for the church.

"I enjoy sending the cards for a couple of reasons. One is that it is something I can do at home since I am unable to drive. The second reason is something that my mom told me many years ago. 'Every time we think of someone, Jesus makes it into a prayer.' So when I am making a card, it is a prayer to Jesus. Thank you for allowing us to continue this ministry." - Margaret Keyes



Dear friends at Shepherd of the Hills,

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have given to me and my family over the last couple of months. From your outpouring of support during my mother's illness and passing and your thoughtfulness and generosity with the gifts of food, it was all greatly appreciated.

Thank you also for your thoughts and prayers during Katie's recovery from her car accident. She is doing very well since surgery to stabilize her clavicle.

We are truly blessed with our relationship with SOTH. Bless you all!

Love,

Judy Albert & family

To all my SOTH brothers & sisters,

I am doing well here in the mountains of Colorado. I appreciate all your prayers after my recent surgery. I recovered quickly and am back to walking the dogs on woodland trails.

Thank you for sending me the newsletter and for keeping me on the email prayer chain.

I love and miss all of you!

Sincerely,

Marsha Harvey

Dear SOTH,

Thank you for your contribution to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Your gift will help us in many ways in supporting our students. Feel free to stop by our Campus Center to see what we've been up to.

Peace & Blessings,

Rev. Rebecca Boardman

Campus Pastor



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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*
Linda Pearson, *vp & care/evangelism*
Jim Berry, *facilities*

Jim Urnes, Sr., *worship*
Rhonda Bird, *social concerns*
Meagan Nalepa, *youth rep & sec.*

Suah Tokpa, *stewardship*
John Daab, *finance*
Genny Jordan, *education*

OUR VISION . . .

GATHER Joyfully

GROW Deeply

GO Faithfully

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

Don't Miss These Opportunities!



- **St. Paul Des Peres Lutheran** at Manchester & Ballas is hosting a Roast Beef & Potato Pancake Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 7 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Adults & carry outs are \$10.00, children 5-12 (dine in only) are \$5.00. For advance tickets call 314-822-0447.
- **Piano Recital:** Dr. Tim Ehlen, Bethel School graduate and Music Professor at University of Illinois, will give a piano concert at Bethel Church on Oct. 21 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering to support Bethel's music program. Child care provided. Call 314-863-3112 for info.
- **Coming Soon:** The Worship Committee is preparing forms to be placed in each pew for prayer requests. Instructions for using these forms to follow at a later date.
- **Save the Date (s):** The Men's Group will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Sat., Nov. 3, starting at 5 p.m. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of an automatic door opener on the south doors. WELCA's Fall Craft & Bake Sale will be Sunday, Nov. 4. Please see Linda Ritter or Carol Krull if you have any questions.