



Shepherd's Voice
May 2024



Why Volunteering Matters

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On Star Word Sunday in early January of this year, I sat in the pew and thought, ‘this year I hope I pick Love as my star word.’” When the time came, I reached to the very bottom of the Star Word basket and chose the word Love. I was thrilled! Since then, I have given a lot of thought to what it means to practice and share *agape* – the kind of sacrificial love that seeks the good and well-being of others, our community, and our world. Shepherd of the Hills offers a multitude of ways to deepen our love and care for each other and our community. And I’m grateful to be a part of it.

Shepherd of the Hills is blessed with extraordinary volunteers. I am amazed at all the important tasks that are accomplished week in and week out that serve and strengthen our congregation but also our community at large. We have volunteers that care for our building and grounds; teach, love and mentor our children and youth; visit and care for elderly members; provide meals; sing, play and serve in worship; reach out and provide for those who are hungry and homeless; pray (and knit!) for those who are sick, grieving, and lonely; and we have volunteers who plan, lead and organize all of this alongside our talented staff.

Over the 46+ years that my husband and I have been members at Shepherd, I have volunteered in a variety of ministries. Here are some things I have learned from my experiences:

- The best way to get to know people and make friends is to work together on a project or ministry that matters to you. I have deep and lasting relationships with many people because we volunteered together to sing in choir, be a Stephen Minister, plan a spring tea, serve on a call committee, lead a building committee, or serve a funeral luncheon.
- Volunteering expands our horizons and brings opportunities to learn new things. Packing up blessing bags or serving lunch at Open Hands Midway teaches us about the needs of our community.
- Volunteering offers the opportunity to try out skills that aren’t a part of your everyday vocation. Bringing communion to a shut in, planting a garden, or reading to a preschooler provides new experiences outside of the norm of our daily lives.
- Volunteering helps us to make a difference and improve lives in a world that is in need of God’s love.

On May 19, Shepherd’s Governing Board is hosting the 9 to 10am Gathering Time with Volunteer Appreciation Cinnamon Roll Sunday. May 19 is also Music Sunday, which you won’t want to miss. Plan to attend to celebrate and thank our volunteers, enjoy cinnamon rolls fresh from the oven and offer your best wishes to Pastor Renee as she leaves for her sabbatical.

Thank you!
Sally Peters, Governing Board Vice Chair

Shepherd's Governing Board

... *and His Spirit will gather them together.*

~ *Isaiah 34:16b*

Sabbatical Preparations

Plans are being put in place for things to run smoothly during Pastor Renee's sabbatical leave that begins on Monday May 20. Dave Webb has agreed to facilitate Governing Board meetings for May, June & July. He and Pastor Renee will work together to craft agendas. Sister Tashina will facilitate weekly staff meetings with all staff members, engaging more in crafting the agenda each week. Sister Tashina and Pastor Brice will continue to have weekly pastoral meetings and check-ins about members. Pastor Brice is working on the summer preaching schedule and will work on crafting the Advent worship direction for review in early September. Pastor Brice will work with Allyson Thiele and Pastor Renee to craft the bones of the 2025 budget so that progress on the budget can continue throughout the summer. Sister Tashina and Pastor Brice will share (and work with Allyson) on administrative duties.

Song of Shepherd

Kantorei will present a concert here on Saturday, May 4th and our season will conclude with the vocal group From Age to Age on Thursday, May 9th. This will be the culmination of 10 programs this year.

One big piece of news to share with next year's Song of Shepherd series is that the National Lutheran Choir will perform one of their All Saints programs here on Saturday, November 2nd. Shaun is the assistant conductor/tenor section leader of this ensemble and has been promoting our space to them.

Interest in performing in our space has grown tremendously and next year promises to be as full.

Mission Partners

Pete Evanson is gathering sign-ups for Holy Hammers. Shepherd's build dates are April 29-30, May 16-17. Be sure to sign up and spread the word!

Pastoral Visits

We are grateful for the health and wellbeing of our Shepherd family, including those who are not able to join us for worship in person. Pastor Brice was able to visit nine of our members in seven visits before Easter, bringing them communion and sharing time together. We are very happy these dear ones were not left out of this reminder of the resurrection promise and that Pastor Brice could bring their Shepherd community to them in the midst of Holy Week.

Youth Ministry

In April we finished up Lenten Member Panels and Lenten Mentors for Confirmation and began diving into Acts and the Epistles. You can see our Confirmands' Dream Churches in the Door G hallway. Next month they will be writing letters to the Governing Board about how they feel Shepherd is doing, just like Paul wrote to his churches. ReFuel has been diving into The Gospel by GenZ and is looking forward to spring outing activities.

Summer Prep—2024 Summer Trips in planning:

We had an amazing and successful Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast with over 270 people attending and raising just over \$2000 for our summer trips.

We had our first youth trip meeting in April. Youth, chaperones, and leaders gathered for bonding activities, and conversations around expectations and fears, and more. We have 12 youth and 3 adults heading to Duluth. Youth Camp (in partnership with VBS) is planned for June 23-28. The ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans is planned for July 15-21

Your Shepherd Governing Board,
Dave Webb, Chair
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Called by God to....volunteer?

Did you know that Jesus recruited people to be His disciples (learners of His Way) who had a variety of talents and skills? Matthew was a tax collector. Peter, James, and John were fishermen. The name 'Sons of Thunder' suggests that James and John were fiery and outspoken (Mark 3:17; Luke 9:51-56). In addition to the 12 disciples, others were called to follow Jesus and use their differing talents.

Sisters Mary and Martha were students of Jesus and served His ministry in many capacities. All of these disciples had one essential thing in common: they used their individual giftedness and abilities to *serve* their Lord in different ways. Today we might call these serving efforts *volunteering*.

Yet, when we look into the Word of God, it never actually speaks of volunteers. It speaks of those who freely serve and who recognize they have a joyful obligation to serve others in whatever manner they are capable (or gifted). As God's Word reminds us in Romans 12:3-8: *'Because of the grace allotted to me, I can respectfully tell you not to think of yourselves as being more important than you are; devote your minds to sound judgment since God has assigned to each of us a measure of faith. 4 For in the same way that one body has so many different parts, each with different functions; 5 we, too—the many—are different parts that form one body in the Anointed One. Each one of us is joined with one another, and we become together what we could not be alone. 6 Since our gifts vary depending on the grace poured out on each of us, it is important that we exercise the gifts we have been given. If prophecy is your gift, then speak as a prophet according to your proportion of faith. 7 If service is your gift, then serve well. If teaching is your gift, then teach well. 8 If you have been given a voice of encouragement, then use it often. If giving is your gift, then be generous. If leading, then be eager to get started. If sharing God's mercy, then be cheerful in sharing it.'* (VOICE).

We are members of God's church and people. And while we often use the word member as though it were something that conferred privileges (like membership in a club), the word is actually a metaphor that means something quite different. In Greek, member means "body part." In order for the church to work, it needs diverse people with a variety of gifts. In other words, YOU MATTER to the Body of Christ! Your gifts of singing, ringing, playing, speaking, baking, feeding, knitting, visiting, leading, building, cleaning, tending, caring, teaching, and learning are all valuable gifts that help build this Kingdom. For **this** is how God designed the Church to work.

We want to celebrate all the ways you use your talents/gifts/resources in this many-members way that allows our Shepherd community to do this ministry work...because we could not do this without YOU!

So, join us on Sunday May 19 for our Volunteer Appreciation Cinnamon Roll Sunday!

In One Grateful Peace, Pastor Renee

Hello Shepherd Folks,

When I was in my first youth ministry position, I was in desperate need of a chaperone to join me on our summer youth trip. Without one more adult we would need to cancel the trip. I informed the parents that we might need to cancel the trip and one parent, Tim, emailed back saying that this experience was too important for his son. This was not Tim's area of giftedness, but he would not let his son miss out on the opportunity. So, if no one else stepped up he would go.



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That summer Tim and I took ten youth to southern Illinois. Many of you have heard my reasoning for always taking a plunger on youth trips due to that one time when a chaperone and I found ourselves guests of a church that our youth clogged and broke a toilet...well that chaperone was Tim. He taught me how to fix the insides of a toilet and had hard conversations with our young men about caring for their bodies while away from their usual routines. Tim went way outside his comfort zone that week praying with our youth, diving into challenging conversations, and being "on" for an entire week. Yet when we arrived back at the church, he told me that this was one of the greatest weeks of his life and how he could not be more grateful for the way his relationship with his son had grown from their experiences over that week.

Volunteering is something that can challenge us and shape us, it is often something that seems daunting or out of our comfort zone, especially at church. Yet, like my youth trip without Tim, the essential ministries that are the lifeblood of our mission would not happen without our volunteers.

Each year I rely on 8-10 regularly engaged adult volunteers to make our school year youth ministry programs successful here at Shepherd. And 4-8 additional volunteers to make our summer youth ministry programs successful. We also have about 40 one-time or short-term volunteers working with our youth ministry programs each year. These folks are ensuring that faith formation of the next generation happens. They are doing things like teaching confirmation small group lessons, attending youth sporting events, sitting with our young people in the difficult times of their lives, sharing their own experiences with the youth, playing games, driving cars, flipping pancakes, fixing toilets, mending wounds, and just being in the midst of life with our young people. This cannot all be done by our staff even with all the organization in the world. Our youth are engaged and care about their faith journey because you first care about them and put time towards this important work.

With our outreach ministries I often think of advice I was given in my first weeks working in ministry: "The goal of those working in ministry is to work ourselves out of a job." What I do with our connections to our mission partners and how we connect with other ministries beyond our doors is fully from the lens of supporting our volunteers to make this happen. I do behind the scenes things to make sure everything lines up, but the vast majority of the work being done is by our volunteers. When someone finds a passion with one of our events or organizations and takes a more active role, I have worked myself out of that part of my job and I step back. That means I am able to put time towards other ministries and lift up another amazing volunteer. When you see Shepherd reaching more organizations and more people in need it is because we have more volunteers who have connected their faith with a need in the world. It is one of my greatest pleasures and joys to help make those connections then step back and see how God is at work.

Shepherd would not exist without volunteers. I could not do my job without volunteers. Church as we know it today would not exist or function anywhere without volunteers. Volunteerism is the lifeblood of how we are able to show God's love out into the world. For that I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for stepping alongside me in this challenging and beautiful work of faith formation and outreach to shine God's love through the collective of each of our gifts. I am so grateful to do this work alongside each one of you!

See you in church,
Sister Tashina

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

1 John 3: 18

October 29, 2023. This was the day of our annual Trunk N' Treat event. A time when we see well over 300 kiddos come through and trick or treat in our parking lot. Each year, I secure a couple of Thrivent Action Teams to purchase supplemental candy and hot dogs to give away for a requested donation to Ralph Reeder. Going through the Costco checkout lane with \$350 worth of sweets never fails to illicit odd looks from the teller. Who hands this candy out? Who is responsible for dispensing the empty carbohydrates sure to render the consumer into a sugar coma? While it might be obvious to some, to others it would be helpful to know that each year that we host this Trunk N' Treat event at Shepherd of the Hills, we see more folks supporting it. This past year we had 36 trunks join in the fun; folks rolled in with their trunks ready to decorate and hand out candy. 36 trunks means that at least that many people were there giving their time to make sure these kids had a safe and fun trick or treat experience.



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Volunteering, simply put, is the sacrificing of one's time to do something with no expectation of financial gain. We give of our time in varied ways hoping to help in some small fashion. We step into spaces of spiritual care to bring communion to a shut in. We show up for Holy Hammers or Open Hands, or our Ralph Reeder shift in hopes of building community and feeding the needs of others. If volunteering is sacrificing for the other, then volunteering must also be a demonstration of love for our neighbor.

We are called to love with our actions and to care for all of God's beloveds. Our work in doing so means that we may not know who directly benefits from what we're doing, but nevertheless, we enter in anyway. Service happens in a spirit of love. It is true that not all of our acts of volunteerism and service come with a great deal of joy. There are times when they feel like a chore we must do because we signed up. I get that, and I've been there, but then I get to my destination, and I'm surrounded by people and then relationships are formed. I wonder how many times we have stepped into a space of service and not considered that what we are actually engaging in is service or volunteering but simply doing it because it: 1.) needs to be done, or 2.) is something we like doing.

We engage with the work that needs to be done in the community with a heart of stepping in, because someone needed to do it so why not me. I counted and outside of the preschool, Shepherd has six paid office staff. That is just six people to make sure that ALL the things Shepherd needs to get done, DO. And now I'm gonna let you in on a secret. That is not nearly enough. It is not enough to make sure all of our people are visited. It is not enough to manage our budget. It is not enough to govern the community. It is not enough to lead worship. It is not enough to lead children, confirmation, and youth ministry. It is not enough to make sure the building doesn't fall apart. Yet all those things get done. Why? Simple: you.

You all step into these places and make sure it's looked after and gets done. We cannot do all the things without you. The ministry of this place, Trunk N' Treat included, would look vastly different from what it does now without volunteers. This is because of you. Thanks for what you do!

I must admit something...I LOVE my job. I have the ability to utilize my God-given gifts on a daily basis in my work. I get to plan what I hope is meaningful worship alongside our wonderful pastoral team. I get to select and rehearse music that uplifts God's continued work in this world. I get to play beautiful instruments like our wonderful organ every week and direct our wonderful choirs and Praise Band. The list goes on and on, but the bottom line is that I feel very fortunate to do the work I do.



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However, the ministry of music and worship relies completely on the selflessness of our many volunteers. So many of you sing in our choir, ring in JuBELLation, play/sing in Praise Band and Liturgical Singers, set-up and serve communion, read, usher and run our sound and technology. Worship would not happen without the sacrifice of many people's time and efforts.

The folks I work with most closely are those in our music ensembles. Each of these mini-communities are vital to our church life. We share our mutual joys and challenges with one another while feeling a calling to leading the music of the church. As I have said in both my careers in schools and churches, music is not "extra." It is a vital aspect of our worship that aims to praise God in ways that the spoken word simply cannot.

My gratitude for these volunteers is deep. Time is at a premium for everyone and Shepherd's musicians give extra time to ensure that God is worshipped with deep reverence on a weekly basis. They agree to participate in extra services on special occasions and offer their gifts freely without compensation. They actively care for this community in many and varied ways and often volunteer time in our many other ministries.

I am so very grateful to those I get to work with each week and always look forward to welcoming more folks into his vital and important ministry. If music and worship is not your calling, there are several other ways in which you can be in ministry for others. Reach out to anyone on staff to get plugged in if you're not sure where to start.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Shaun Halland

[Celebration Choir & JuBELLation \(Handbell Choir\) Rehearsals](#)

**Celebration Choir meets from 6:30-7:45
and JuBELLation meets from 7:45-9:00.**

In my mind volunteers are the heart of what keeps a church like Shepherd of the Hills functioning and moving forward. I still remember when I interviewed for this position and Pastor Renee showed all of the areas of the church I would be managing. She said, "You don't have to know how to fix all the things, you just have to know who to contact that can help you with getting things fixed." In other words, she was saying that there are people that are willing to give of their time to make a difference here at Shepherd. For the eighteen months I have been in this position I have had to make a number of telephone calls that start with the words "I need help."



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We have an amazing volunteer base here at Shepherd. The people on the Property Team help me with the Facilities portion of my position. At our meetings we discuss both what is happening inside the building and outside with the lawn, gardens, parking lot and trees. The Finance Team ensures that the money that is spent has proper backup and approvals. They review the financial statements and check that we are spending within our means and following accounting principles. We discuss our investments and our liabilities with an eye to making sure we are regarding the guidelines set up by Shepherd of the Hills' documentation.

Each of these bodies give me direction and suggestions so I am not making decisions in a vacuum. The Fix-It Team meets monthly to go throughout the church and shore-up or fix things that need some extra tender loving care. They also keep an eye on monthly maintenance items like filters, softener salt levels and replacing batteries. We have the White Glove Team that arrives monthly to clean the nooks and crannies of the building that our custodians don't have time in their schedule to dig into.

On top of the Teams that are in my purview I have listened to Sigrid lining up volunteers for worship positions such as ushers, readers, and communion helpers. We have people who cover in the office if we are away or on vacation. I have called people to help count offering and stuff envelopes. It just amazes me that when I put out a need there is always someone offering to fill that need. That willingness is a sign of a servant heart. Time is a limited commodity and giving of that is truly a blessing, not only to the recipient but also the giver. I know for the thirteen years I volunteered at Wednesday night activities at my church, there were plenty of evenings I did not want to leave work and go straight to the church to check in youngsters. Most of those nights though, I would leave having my bucket filled due to the excitement of the youth as they gathered for small groups and worship time. There is something wonderful that happens when we are able to fill a need by using gifts and graces God has given us.

I truly want to say "Thank You" to the people who come through the doors of Shepherd of the Hills to make a difference. To those of you who pull weeds and cut trees down, who make meals and serve shut-ins, who organize and dust and tinker, who serve on a team or committee: You are a blessing beyond words. Thank you seems like an understatement, but I am going to say it again, "Thank You." You are making a difference, and you are appreciated.



Join us this Summer!

Summer registration along with registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Please spread the word and invite families to come in for a tour.

Full Day Toddler Classes:
18 months-32 months
31 months-3 years

Preschool Full Day:
Full

Full Day Pre-K Classes:
4-5 years

Half Day Preschool Classes:
33 months-5 years
Tuesday and Thursday 9-12



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We are grateful for all the volunteers that help us in the preschool!

We are grateful for the laying of woodchip, the deep cleaning of the rooms, the organizing of our spaces, the fix it crew, those who help us clean the carpets, prepare classroom materials and our prayer partners. We are very fortunate to be blessed by so many volunteers! You make it possible for us to serve our community and care for our young children.

NEW Parent's Morning Out

This summer we are going to offer Parent's Morning Out on Friday mornings from 8am-12pm. The cost per session, per student is \$30.00.

Ages:
18months-5 years old

Dates:
June 14 and 28
July 12 and 26
August 2 and 16

Each Friday will be a fun theme with activities, crafts, games, and songs.



What is a Sabbatical?

And why should your church staff take them?

Sabbatical comes from the word Sabbath which has its origins all the way back to the creation story in Genesis 1 when “on the seventh day God rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.” Rest is something that throughout time we have often confused with being lazy. Time of break is time when work is not getting done. Yet that is not actually the case. When rest is not had, work becomes less efficient. God created humanity with rest in mind. God demonstrated it through God’s own creation and when that was not enough, God commanded the Israelites to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy in the Ten Commandments. Sabbath is a time of intentional rest. We often think of it as Sundays or the time when we go to church, but it is more holistic than that. It is intentional breaks from the norm when you can step away from the day to day and reconnect with God and yourself. Without Sabbath, people tend to burnout and get further away from who God has called them to be. Connection with God can seem aloof, and our ability to live into our vocation (work God has called us to in this world) becomes more and more difficult, if we are doing it at all. A Sabbatical is several Sabbaths put together with the intent of recentering and reconnecting with God and self through an intentional extended break from the norm.

The church recognizes that those called to work in ministry are just as susceptible to burnout and lack of Sabbath-taking as other professions. As such, the ELCA recommends a three-month Sabbatical to be taken by rostered ministers once every seven years within a given call. Shepherd supports this recommendation, listing it in our employee handbook that “Rostered Ministers may request a Sabbatical of up to three months after service of seven years. Upon completion, the minister shall return to service of the congregation for a minimum of six months.” Pastor Renee has served Shepherd for over seven years (arriving in 2015) and her Sabbatical will be from May 20-Aug 12, 2024.

In her time away Pastor Renee has some grand adventures planned, like a dream trip to Iceland with some friends and her family. And a trip to Holden Village out in Chelan Washington where they teach weaving as a spiritual practice. She will also be spending some time with her Pennsylvania relatives to reconnect with them. She will have some great memories to share with you all when she returns. While she is gone our resident artist will be creating our “woven story” out of those little paper tiles you all wrote on. These art hangings will be blessed in a worship service in September.

Plans have been put in place for her duties to be covered by our capable Shepherd staff and leadership so that all runs smoothly in her absence. She is working with staff ahead of her sabbatical to get things started for fall. We want to be very clear that this Sabbatical time away does not mean that Pastor Renee is leaving us, the opposite is true. This means that she is taking an intentional time of rest to reconnect with God and her spirit, so she can remain with us longer. It does mean that during her Sabbatical you will not be seeing her and she will not be responding to correspondence. This is all so that she can actually rest.

Join us on Sunday May 19 as we wish her well and send her off with our blessing!

Song of Shepherd

Kantorei Concert

Join us on **Saturday, May 4th**, as Kantorei, along with 60 additional invited singers will present Ralph Vaughn Williams's masterwork, his Mass in G Minor. The concert is **7pm here at Shepherd**. Tickets are free to the Shepherd community, but you must pick up a voucher to present as your ticket. Vouchers are available on the welcome desk in the narthex. While the vouchers are free, donations to Kantorei are heartily accepted to support this wonderful organization.



From Age to Age

On **Thursday May 9th at 7:30 pm** come see **From Age to Age**, under the direction of Peter J. Durow. They will present their 2023-24 season finale concerts featuring music that the Minneapolis based choir recently performed in London with the Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8.

Come hear music by William Byrd, C. Villiers Stanford, and Josef Rheinberger along with selections by contemporary composers who were commissioned to write music for a March 23, 2024 performance at Cadogan Hall in London. This concert is free and open to all. Donations gladly accepted.



Community Service

May Sock Drive for People Incorporated

In celebration of Mental Health Month, we will be collecting new adult socks for People Incorporated Mental Health Services. People Incorporated was founded on the belief that those living with mental illness must not be isolated, removed, or otherwise segregated from their communities but instead should be “incorporated” and supported within the communities in which they choose to live. They serve more than 10,000 discrete clients through various programs, from children to adults and those experiencing homelessness. Our donations will go to their Access & Recovery Center, which supports people experiencing homelessness who are not able to use local shelters. Drop socks off in the bins located in the Narthex.

PEOPLE MENTAL
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SERVICES

2024 Holy Hammers with Habitat for Humanity Build

The build is a duplex in Roseville. The build starts on April 15 and goes through mid-June. Shepherd’s focus days for **May are the 16 & 17.**

These focus days are now filled– great news!

However there are other days available to volunteer:

May 6, 7, 20, 21 or June 4, 5, 11, 12, 13

This is an amazing opportunity to connect with our mission partner and help do our part towards ending homelessness in the Twin Cities. Sign up here:

<https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/holyhammers>

Reach out to Pete Evanson with questions.

Holy Hammers™



Celebrations and Fun



Graduation Sunday

Join us on **June 2nd** to celebrate our 2023 High School graduates with cupcakes during the Donut Hour and a special blessing at our 10am worship service.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Hosted by the Governing Board



Join us Sunday, May 19 during our 9:00 a.m. Gathering, for a cinnamon roll between our Special Music services!
If you have ever volunteered, would like to thank a volunteer, or just want to nosh on a cinnamon roll, this event is for you! Come for the cinnamon roll, stay for the fellowship.

Youth Ministry @Shepherd



Youth Camp Registration 2024

Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
Youth Summer Camp
June 23-28, 2024
Sun, June 23 11:15am- 12:30pm
Mandatory Training

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm
A Day Camp for 6th-12th
Grade Youth (2023-2024
school year)
Cost: \$100

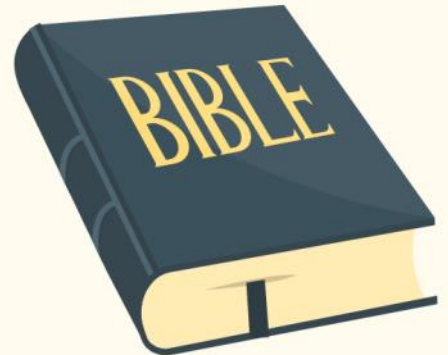
VBS Support Team Only Cost: Free

[Sign up & more
info HERE](#)

Shepherd Spring 2024 Confirmation

May
FOCUS: Apocalyptic Teachings

- 1st - Lesson
- 8th - Small Group
- 15th - End of the
Year Party



ReFuel May 2024

Games
Food
Fun &
More

- 1st ReFuel
- 8th 6pm-8pm at
CanCan Wonderland
- 15th End of the Year
Party

6:30-
8pm


All 9th-12th Grade Youth Are Invited!
Friends Are Welcome!

Wednesdays

Find us on Instagram:
@youthshepherd


ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

Weekly Bible Study:
Wednesdays at 1pm in room 238 and at 7pm on the back deck or in room 238. Join us to discuss the upcoming scripture text and learn together.



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESENTS

POUR THEOLOGY



SHORE96 6:30-8pm
3rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF AGENDA FREE CONVERSATION AROUND THINGS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE, CHURCH, OR GOD.

APPETIZERS AND GOOD CONVERSATION ON US
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON YOU

Mark your calendars for our fall Women's Retreat at Luther Crest Bible Camp November 8-10, 2024. More information coming soon!

Summer 2024 Book Study

This summer we are going to dive into the basics with Rob Bell's new book *What Is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything*. Join us for learning and conversation as we re-engage with the importance of the Bible and how we can make it relevant in our lives here in the 21st Century. This Book Study is available to all of our youth and adults and we encourage you all to join us when you can for conversation. Our schedule is below.

We will have approximately 20 free copies available on a first come first serve basis in the Narthex (should be arriving by or before May 19th) or you can find them online.

Meeting and Discussion Schedule:

SUNDAYS, beginning at 9:10am in room 238

June 2—Intro-Chapter 4

June 16—Chapters 5-11

June 30—Chapters 12-19

July 14—Chapters 20-24

July 28—Chapters 25-28

August 11—Chapters 29-35

August 25—Chapters 36-Endnotes

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

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