

# Shepherd's Voice

Revisiting  
Traditions



July 2021



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## Let's JUMP into SUMMER!!

**Summer fun:** vacations/going to the cabin/music festivals and outdoor concerts/going to church/going to amusement parks /finding a pool. Wait...one of these is not like the other! Outside of your regular church staff kind of person I suspect that *going to church* is not a normalized “summer fun” activity. But maybe it should be!

What things were you unable to do last summer that you have missed? For so many, family reunions, vacations, community fun events and just being with people you love were put on hold. SO many things were canceled! Fourth of July celebrations, the Slice of Shoreview events, the Renaissance Festival, the MN State Fair; disappointment was in the air as event after event was canceled. Stupid pandemic. I do wonder if this past year of unexpected hiatus from those summer happenings has also given us the chance to see which ones we truly missed. I had the good fortune to attend the Minnesota State Fair Spring event at the end of May. It was a very mini-sized State Fair event, but it reminded me of how much I have missed being in that space (and eating that food). I had forgotten just how much it meant to me.

I also wonder if the same could be said about coming back to worship, that we may have forgotten just how much it means to us to worship in community alongside our Shepherd family. If you have fallen out of the habit of worshipping surrounded by other Shepherd-ers, then we extend an invitation to *jump back in!* We even have some “summer fun events” planned like a Blessing of the Animals worship service on Wed July 14 and an outdoors concert and food truck event on Thu July 15. We are even leading the Sunday worship service at the Slice of Shoreview on Sunday July 25 (on the main stage!)

So, as God's Word reminds us: *So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. God always keeps God's word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on! (Hebrews 10:22-25 The Message).*

So...what are you waiting for? JUMP in!

In One Peace, Pastor Renee

## Shepherd's Governing Board

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

~Colossians 3:16

### *It's Summertime!!*

*The Governing Board is so excited to be returning to some of our favorite things that we missed out on last summer, including seeing our extended families and having the whole family all together again for the first time in a long time. Some of us are camping, going to the cabin on the lake, enjoying graduation parties again, making up for postponed wedding celebrations, and looking forward to attending the State Fair!*

*We are also looking forward to the return of some of our summer favorites here at Shepherd:*

- ▶ Lunch on the Lawn with Your Shepherd Staff—every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Bring a bag lunch and a chair or blanket and enjoy your lunch with SOTH friends.
- ▶ Guitar/ukulele lessons & Bell Choir on the front lawn continue on Wednesday nights. Contact Joe ([music@shepherdshorview.org](mailto:music@shepherdshorview.org)) for more information on these musical opportunities.
- ▶ July 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - **Calling all kids!** Vacation Bible School & Musical Camp are back!! This week of fun ends with a Christmas in July pageant during worship on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm - Bring your furry, feathered, slimy, or scaly friend to church for the **Blessing of the Animals** with Pastor Renee on the front lawn.

▶ July 15<sup>th</sup>, **Song of Shepherd** Outdoor Concert and Food truck event. Food and music – so great

▶ Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm -- **Pour Theology** at Shore96 in the Shoreview Village Mall on the corner of Lexington Ave. and Hwy. 96. Join us on the patio for some drinks and snacks with engaging conversations.

▶ July 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Family Fun Night** - A monthly evening event for families to come and have some kid-friendly fun together. This month your family can join up with other Shepherd families for some water fun activities!

### ▶ SLICE OF SHOREVIEW

Shepherd of the Hills will be leading the community worship service on the main stage at Island Lake Park during this year's Slice of Shoreview city festival, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am with coffee and donut time starting at 9am. There will not be any services at Shepherd on this morning. Bring a chair or blanket and worship with the entire community at the park -- We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Shepherd Governing Board,

Dave Webb, Chair  
Deb Kohen, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Kohen, Treasurer  
Maria Miller, Secretary  
Chriss Latterell  
Lynn Mears  
Sally Peters  
Kristen Goligowski;  
Pastor Renee Patterson



Hello Dear Shepherd People,

In the year 539, the Persian Emperor Cyrus gained control over the Babylonian Empire and gave permission to the Jewish exiles in Babylonia to return to Israel and to rebuild the temple that had been destroyed by the Babylonians. This was a very big deal as it was customary in that time to believe that any god was geographically restricted and that all gods needed a place to live. The God of the Hebrew people, the ancestors of our faith, spent a generation wrapping their heads around the idea that God was still with them in a far away place after God's temple was destroyed. Now they could go back, they could rebuild, they could worship and live in the way that they had been taught was of vital importance. Yet so many of them had never experienced this themselves prior to the temple being destroyed.



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As we begin re-entering society and establishing what a post-COVID-19 society will look like, I have been thinking of these Hebrew people as of late. The experiences that they had as individuals and what it would have been like to re-enter Jerusalem, or maybe enter for the first time, and realize how big the task of rebuilding would be. But also the hope that was felt amongst the people. Their stories can be found in the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Now don't read this wrong, I am not comparing the displacement of an entire society of people for 70 years with one year of living in a pandemic amidst the privileges that a white educated middle class citizen of the United States in 2021 holds. Not at all.

Instead, the reentry anxiety that many of us are experiencing gives me a newfound respect for the experiences of the individual people in our scriptures who are holding fast to the traditions of their ancestors with the entire struggle and hope that brought. These stories also show me how faithful God is. There was an entire generation of people uncertain if God could be with them far away from their home, yet God was present. Throughout all of scripture that question surfaces repeatedly and the answer is always the same; God is present. As we lean into "what's next" in our own lives, God is present.

These stories in our history and in our scripture also show me that the traditions we know and love and the way we have always known our faith community to be lived out are not the way things have always been done. There was a point in time, thousands of years ago, when the people of our faith lineage were without a building to worship in, when they rebuilt it was different, glorious, but different. And, God was present.

This summer we, at Shepherd, are beginning to lean into old traditions missed over the past year and half. With VBS and time at the Slice of Shoreview and living back into how we remembered church and our faith community are coming back. It is so exciting to know these are spaces of welcome and familiarity. However, it is also important to note that many things might look or feel differently, that fact can be frustrating and difficult to come to terms with. The important thing to remember in the midst of that is that God is present. God is present in the old traditions we love, God is present in the in-between time, God is present in the new, and God is present in it all. Present and calling us to join in, to be a part of community. We get to all be a part of what our new way of doing church will look like. I don't know about you but I am excited to see how we can all be a part of that.

See you in church,  
Sister Tashina



What did you miss last summer?

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Dr. Pepper, garlic, Worcestershire, and a couple of other key ingredients are what makes the marinade for the ribs that my father, his father, and his father before him used when cooking our award winning ribs over a plume of sweet mouthwatering smoke as it rises from our grills. Several years ago while my father, my uncle, and I were

in the midst of our badgering one another over whose ribs were the best, \*mine of course\*, we decided to take our love of smoking ribs to the next step and host a rib off. This delightful competition featured the three of us, our ribs, and our recipes. The prize? Nothing other than bragging rights for the next year. That first year I, the underdog, the young pup of the crew,

came out on top with the win and bragging rights. The bragging that I still hold onto today. I have to because since then my uncle's daughters have done the counting and let's just say the victor from the last few years has an " \* " next to his name. All kidding aside, this "rib off" is less about the succulent meat and more about who gathers. My family. This gathering has become our de facto reunion for the summer, and it brings family in from all over to gather together. Seeing the faces of the people we see but once a year is a special thing, couple that with adding the next generation and watching them run around laughing and giggling is altogether wonderful.

Last year, things were different. The rib off still happened, but there were a lot of people planning to attend and felt I needed to bow out. The competition still happened, but I don't know who won. It was a part of the summer I looked toward, but missed out on desperately. I missed the fellowship. What did you miss last summer? What was something you couldn't have because it wasn't safe, that prevented you from fully enjoying summer?

With July upon us and hopefully precipitation in the near future, I for one am looking forward to regathering with my family for that rib off. Do I expect to win? Perhaps, perhaps not. It was not ever really about the food. It was only ever about the people and time together. The things we took for granted until they were no longer available to us were sorely missed. Those are things that were missed and those are the things that are so sweet when they return to us.

I do not know how to not take things for granted or live in the moment one hundred percent of the time. But I can tell you that when the things I so missed last year return and I have the opportunity to participate in them again, you can bet I'll be there. Which is why it was so great when we resumed worship in person. Being able to be together again in a space dedicated to the worship of our God was and remains so important. Vacation Bible School and Family Fun Nights are no exception to this rule. I am excited to see the kids' faces as they come for Bible Camp in July, for a week spent with their peers and volunteers learning and singing about just how important each of us are in the eyes of God. Family Fun Nights are a new addition to our programming but bears with it the same focus, fellowship and time together.

Friends, things are beginning to resume, beginning to move us back to freedoms we knew before the pandemic. How will you cautiously resume your pre-COVID-19 normalcy? Whatever it looks like I hope it'll be with people you love, and I pray that we'll see you with us on Sunday mornings.

Found with you, in Christ,

PB



Dear friends,

Summer is upon us, and for the first time in what feels like forever, we can celebrate! For me, I can't wait for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the lake, celebrating Pride with friends, eating too many cheese curds at the State Fair, singing hymns at Slice of Shoreview... the list goes on and on!

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There are so many great events happening and it feels like I'm experiencing these traditions for the first time again. The lyrics of *Open the Eyes of My Heart* by Michael W. Smith come to mind for me:

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You*

*To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

*Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you...*

There is something truly holy about coming together, celebrating life, God, and the uniqueness of the world around us. And after an extended time away, I hope that you're able to see with new eyes the way God is at work in the world. I'm not sure what your summer traditions may be, but I hope you'll come join in some of ours here at Shepherd! Just this month, we have:

- **July 15** | Song of Shepherd with Skål Chamber Collective happening at our Food Truck night.
- **July 18** | Children's Musical where we will celebrate Christmas in July (since Christmas looked so different this past year).
- **July 25** | A new tradition, Shepherd will be leading a hymn sing worship at 10 am at Island Lake Park as part of Slice of Shoreview.

I hope to celebrate with you soon and it has been a joy to see smiling faces again!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Joe



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What traditions are important? What routine or tradition has changed for you during COVID-19 and what has returned recently?

July brings a lot of traditions for me usually. However, like most of you, my “normal” July was not the same last year as it has been in previous years. But, 2021 will be different. I still don’t plan to go to large gatherings. Just a personal thing for me living and having someone with an autoimmune disease in my household. However, it is my birthday month! I will be celebrating the fact that I made it through the last 12 months and of course another circle around the sun. I look forward to backyard barbeques and hearing children play at the local beaches. I also welcome the days of sitting in the backyard enjoying space with loved ones. I also welcome the traditions of watching fireworks and floating on a raft on a lake.

For Shepherd it also brings a time for us to start the 2022 budget planning, to work on projects that might not have been completed and to dream about Fall programming. Something that struck me this year is that some traditions are so important to me. I also realized that some routines were not as important and therefore could go by the wayside. Whatever this summer looks like for your family, I hope that you are able to enjoy it together!



Did you know that Shepherd has participated in Slice of Shoreview for many years. Our tradition has been to do a booth of some sort and even participate in the parade. The past few years was Root Beer and Hymn Sing along with the Pancake Breakfast. This year we will continue in a tradition of participating. It will look different but still carry on the tradition of participating. We are happy to announce that we will be hosting **worship** on the main stage on **Sunday, July 25th at 10:00 am**. Join us!

### How can one support Shepherd financially?

- Mail in your offertory envelopes
- Give online on our Giving Page
- Text To Give - Simply send a text with the word GIVE to 651-412-7495 with the amount you would like to contribute.
- List Shepherd as your beneficiary
- Transfer Stock to Shepherd

With any questions regarding giving, please contact [Miranda](#).





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Vacation Bible School from past years as we celebrate a tradition each year



Treasured Vacation Bible School Coming Soon!  
*Faith-filled adventure where they will discover they are God's greatest treasure!*  
Age: Preschool-Grade 5  
Date: July 12-15, 2021  
Time: 9am-12:00 pm  
Fee: \$25.00/child

Christmas in July Musical  
Join us for our summer musical camp, as we celebrate Christmas in July!  
Age: Kindergarten-Grade 5  
Date: July 12-15, 2021  
Time: 12:30-2:00 pm  
Fee: \$25.00/child

Come for the morning, stay all day, or come for the afternoon! We would love for you to join us! If your child will be staying all day, please include a lunch for them free of peanuts and tree nuts.

Register online at [sohsv.org](http://sohsv.org)

We are excited to welcome many new children from our community this summer to VBS. This is a tradition Shepherd has had for a long time that we weren't able to have last year but are excited to bring it back this year! Children from the community are invited to come and sing songs, dance, do arts and crafts, play games, enjoy snack, and hear stories.



We are now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year! Please tell your friends and neighbors to see our beautiful space, meet our staff and learn more about our Christian based preschool program. We will be accepting children from 33 months –five years old. All children must be potty-trained before school starts.

# Youth Ministry @Shepherd

## Middle School Summer Events

Join us for Games, Food, and Fun each month in person and onsite at Shepherd, Wednesday Evenings 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

- July 21st
- August 18th

## ReFUEL June-August

*Incoming 9th-Outgoing 12th Grade Youth*

**Why Does Faith Even Matter in my Life**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday, July 18, 6:30-8 pm—Ministry Partners
- Sunday, August 15, 6:30-8 pm—College Panel

**Devos & Donuts...Monthly Wednesday evening gatherings with snacks and diving deep into important and/or random Biblical texts most people avoid:**

- Wednesday, July 28, 6:30-8 pm—Weird Stories from the Old Testament: Cannibalism, Pooping Kings, Naked Prophets, and more!
- Wednesday, August 25, 6:30-8 pm—Devo & Donuts—TBD by Popular Vote...

Stay informed via Instagram @youthshepherd

## 6th-12th Grade Youth

VBS/Musical Camp Volunteers—  
July 12-15—Register [HERE](#)

## Camp Out—August 1-3

At Interstate Park in Taylor's Falls  
Register [HERE](#)

# ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

All July Adult Ed events are subject to change. Please pay attention to weekly eNews for up-to-date information

**Weekly Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 1 pm IN PERSON outside on the front lawn or in the Narthex and at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Join us to discuss the upcoming scripture text and learn together.

**OUTDOOR Donut Time:** Join us each Sunday for our Donut Time after indoor worship in the parking lot from 9 am-10 am!  
WE HAVE DONUT HUT DONUTS!

**Pour Theology:** We will be meeting at Shore96, where we have their patio reserved. Shepherd will be providing appetizers and any non-alcoholic beverages.

The pastoral team will always have conversation topic options ready but our hope is to chat around questions or wonderings you may have about the church, God, and the Bible.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESENTS

## POUR THEOLOGY

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**SHORE96 6:30-8pm**  
**June 17 - July 22 - August 19**

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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

# SHEPHERD'S SPRING SEASON OF SERVICE WAS FROM APRIL 25-MAY 23

A huge thank you to everyone who participated! We had over 500 starter pack projects completed and countless more acts of service done throughout our community! Thank you for being the Hands and Feet of God in this world!

**Mark your calendars for September 19 — October 3 for our Fall Season of Service accumulating in our Fall DAY of SERVICE on October 3!**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Shepherd has been invited to provide worship at the Slice of Shoreview main stage (at Island Lake Park) on Sunday July 25th. We will kick off with donuts and coffee at 9 am and worship will begin at 10 am.

We will not be having worship onsite at Shepherd that morning to put all of our efforts into this amazing worship experience with our community beyond our Shepherd walls. Please, be sure to spread the news and invite all your neighbors and friends to join us for worship at the Slice of Shoreview!



## FALL 2021 Shepherd's Women's Retreat! Here is the current information:

**Dates:** October 22nd 6 pm – 24th 11am, 2021

**Location:** Luther Crest Bible Camp—Offering modern hotel style rooms and amazing work with meeting dietary needs with tasty food!

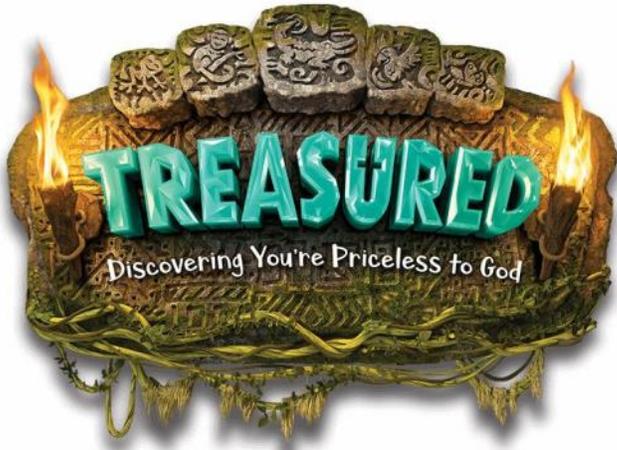
**Cost:** \$135 (early bird through Sept 6) \$145 (Sept 6-Oct 6) \$45 for Saturday food and supplies only no overnights.

**Programing:** We are SOOO very excited for The Rev. Susan Miller an amazing Spiritual Director and ELCA pastor to be joining us. We are looking forward to a time centered on Spiritual Care and Self-Learning.

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Registration Ends:** October 6

# Summer Ministry



## Vacation Bible School

Age: 33 months—Entering 6th Grade  
Date: Monday, July 12-Thursday, July 15  
Times: 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
Price: \$25.00 / Child

**Treasured— Discovering You're Priceless to God.**

**This will be a Faith-filled adventure where children will discover they are God's greatest treasure!**

**VBS will take place outside this year and is for ages preschool-5th grade.**

**Register at:**

[Shepherdshoreview.org/childrens-ministry.html](http://Shepherdshoreview.org/childrens-ministry.html)



Practicing with Joe for the summer musical 2019

## Musical Camp

(The same week as VBS)

## Christmas in July Musical

Join us for our summer musical camp, as we celebrate Christmas in July!

Age: Kindergarten-Grade 5

Date: Monday, July 12-Thursday, July 15

Time: 12:30-2:00 pm

Fee: \$25.00/child

**Since we were not able to put on a Christmas Musical last Christmas, we will have our Christmas Musical in July! We will perform the musical in worship on July 18 at the 10am Parking Lot Service.**

**Come for the morning, stay all day, or come for the afternoon!**

**We would love for you to join us!**

**Register at:**

[shepherdshoreview.org/childrens-ministry.html](http://shepherdshoreview.org/childrens-ministry.html)



## Song of Shepherd & Food Truck Night

Join us for a fellowship filled evening of food and music on July 15, at 5:30. Our line up will include various musicians including our VBS kids showcasing a song or two from their week. We will also have food from Crazy Puppy, KCM Egg rolls, Dine-1-1, and Cookie Dough Bliss food trucks. Hope to see you there.

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## Family fun night:

Friday, July 30, from 6:00-7:30 will be our family event. Because it's July and will most likely be hot out, we'll spending our time getting wet in a water themed time together. Water balloons will be lobbed, sprinklers will be on, and so many other things that are sure to soak the entire family!



Wow, so much happening at Shepherd, and our broader community these days. Which makes sense as COVID numbers continue to decline we are seeing more and more of our favorite activities and places move back to pre-COVID normal. We are so excited to share that LYN ministry is no different!! It has been a long time since we've had the opportunity to serve our Shepherd family and friends in the ways we're accustomed to, but that doesn't mean we've stopped serving our neighbors. Sunshine bags, calls, errand running, and even the occasional visit have been very much a part of our COVID strategy. But now we get to look forward with eyes wide open and hearts ready to serve.

On June 16 we received the "green light" from our leadership to resume our services. The resumption of these services is able to happen because of what our CDC and MDH have advised. These services will include sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion with our shut-ins, running errands, and providing transportation to medical appointments.

#### **What does that mean for our church family??**

If you need rides to a medical appointment...

If you need a few meals while recovering from surgery...

If you can't get to Sunday worship services and you would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion...

If you need a little help with grocery shopping or running errands (picking up prescriptions, etc.

If you have a request that's not listed....

Just call **Joan Kapaun (651-429-7226)** or **Mary Evanson (651-766-6851)** to talk about how a LYN member can serve you.

If you already are a caregiver or if you would like to join our team, just call **Joan Kapaun (651-429-7226)** or **Mary Evanson (651-766-6851)** to talk about how you can serve our Shepherd family.

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#### **SUMMER HOURS:**

***Shepherd Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9 am-4 pm***

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

##### **SUNDAY:**

**8:00 am *In-Sanctuary Worship***

**9:00 am *The Gathering*** (Coffee & Donuts)

outside Door A on the front lawn

**10:00 am *Parking Lot Worship***

**6:30 pm *Confirmation/ReFuel*** (scheduled only)

##### **TUESDAY:**

**10:30 am *Curbside Communion—to—Go***

**11:30 am *Lunch With Your Shepherd Staff***

##### **WEDNESDAY:**

**1:00 pm *Adult Bible Study*** outside Door A on the front lawn

**6:30 pm *Adult Bible Study*** (via Zoom)

**6:30 pm *Confirmation/ReFuel*** (scheduled only)

##### **FRIDAY:**

***Preschool and Office Closed***

#### ***Upcoming Events through July***

**Mon-Thurs, July 12-15** - Vacation Bible School and Musical Camp

**Wed, July 14th, 6:30pm**-Blessing of the Animals

**Thurs, July 15th, 5pm**-Song of Shepherd and Food Truck Event

**Thurs, July 22nd**-Pour Theology

**Sun, July 25th, 10am**- one service only and the service will be at the Slice of Shoreview

**Fri, July 30th**-Family Event Water Night

**See what's happening this [month](#).**



## Connect with Us

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### **Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm (Summer Hours)**