



*Shepherd's Voice*

**Falltime  
Favorites**



**September 2021**



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## Have you ever heard the saying, “Not all who wander are lost?”

You may have noticed that time just keeps moving forward whether we like it or not. Sometimes we hardly notice the passage of time. We’re looking forward to our summer vacation and then the next thing we know, we’re shopping for school supplies and the leaves are turning colors. Other times the passage of time is very obvious. We see signs that the seasons are changing as stores swap out seasonal decorations...although Christmas trees out in July is a bit much if you ask me.

In all honesty, I love *all* the changing seasons, but I especially LOVE fall! The cooler temps, big warm sweaters, the bright blue skies and orange moons, the colorful leaves... I love all of it. I think one of the reasons I love fall is walks in the park near our home. The sounds of the rustling leaves as we walk are almost mesmerizing as I wonder and wander at the same time. It almost seems as if time slows down in those moments as the walk becomes itself a meditative moment in my day. And all that mesmerizing creates this slow-down pace where I can discover God moments more easily. I am discovering that these kinds of slow-down experiences are good for the soul as they create fertile ground for listening for God.

Maybe that is why God took the Israelites on that long 40 year walk through the desert, to help them slow down and listen (among other things). I often wonder how you all listen for God. Is it in the quiet of a fall walk? Or the soul reaching lyrics of a song? Maybe it’s the perfect sermon 😊. I have recently become part of a holy experiment here at Shepherd that will be exploring contemplative practices. These practices are intended to create space for listening to God. I am really looking forward to this process and I am especially excited that this is all beginning in the fall when wandering (and wondering) through the forest is a delightful thing.

So, my Shepherd people, let’s wander and wonder together as we discover what God has waiting for us in this changing season of our lives.

In One Wandering Peace,  
Pastor Renee

## Shepherd's Governing Board

***My soul rejoices in my God.*** ~ Isaiah 61:10b

*Seeing August turn to September brings the beginnings of transitioning from summer into fall. This annual occurrence is in sync with the arrival of the Minnesota State Fair. In anticipation of the arrival of the Fair, the Governing Board took a poll of their Fair-Time Favorite Foods. The winner, with four votes, was fried pickles. Second place went to corndogs. Other contenders were the wild rice burger with fries, turkey drumsticks, the deep-fried Milky Way bar, ice cream from the Dairy Barn, and the Miller Concessions Cheese Curd Variety Bucket. The most surprising admission was from Pastor Brice who said, "I am not motivated by State Fair food." None of us were sure we believed him, but he did finally concede with a vote for the fried pickles.*

### **New Governing Board Secretary:**

The Governing Board accepted the motion to approve Gayle Nelson as the interim Governing Board Secretary to fill in for Maria Miller who is now a Shepherd staff member. Thank you to Gayle for filling this role until our next Annual Meeting in January when elections will be held.

### **Mask wearing update:**

Masks again will be required at the 8:00am indoor service, as well as anytime you are in the building, due to rising COVID-19 numbers in our area.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in complying with this request to help keep all of our congregation and guests healthy.

### **Slice of Shoreview:**

Thanks to everyone who came out to Island Lake Park to celebrate worship with Shepherd of the Hills during the Slice of Shoreview in July.

The ministerial staff are looking forward to the possibilities of being the hosts for this worship service again next summer.

### **Director of Worship and Music update:**

The Governing Board is again thankful to Jean Johnson, our Interim Director of Music and Worship. We are grateful for her talents and knowledge of our community. We are also being blessed by a wonderful organist, Melanie Ohnstad, during our 8:00 Sunday morning worship services. We appreciate her willingness to step in. A Music Team including Rob Caldow, Sally Peters, Dave Goligowski, Sarah Koepp, Jack Anderson and Jane Ulmann-Bester have met to review the job description. The goal is to start interviews in mid-September. We will also be looking for a new person to fill in when Koreann departs her role as our Children's Music Director and Cantor this fall.

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

Fall is in the air dear Shepherd Folks!

Fall has always been my favorite time of year for so many reasons:

- I am a millennial who loves sweaters and pumpkin spice everything (yes, I am that person).
- There is something amazing about the season of harvest when all that God has gifted us through the earth is bountiful and celebrations are had all over the place, tying us to generations of people throughout the millennia who have celebrated harvests of eons past.
- The cool crisp air not only smells amazing, but it puts all the little bugs I don't like and all the pollinating plants I am allergic to into hibernation.
- It brings back college memories of kicking off a school year with a fresh calendar all filled in with due dates and adventures yet to be had all tucked into my backpack with brand new textbooks that smelled like a cross between a library and a bookstore. One of my happy places!
- Everything that has been put on pause for Summer adventures and respite comes to life again...from work to school to church! And I can't wait for the church stuff.



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When I was growing up my congregation was very small and did not do a lot of children, youth, or family events outside of Sunday school and Confirmation. So, my childhood memories of church had more to do with attending worship or helping my Grandma set up communion or setting up Sunday school lessons with my mom or reading books in the sanctuary while my brother practiced on the piano and my dad was in a boring meeting. High school was a different story, when my friends invited me to join them at their church that had an actual youth group. This was my introduction to kicking off church in the fall with bonfires and games and youth retreats and dreaming of summer mission trips.

Fall had new meaning and those meanings have altered over time, but this year I find myself excited for them again. Confirmation orientation is on the horizon, praying our women's retreat will happen, Rally Sunday is coming soon, and the Season of Service is getting ready to kick off. I am SO excited! And I really hope that you can find your place in all of that.

What excites you about Fall? Where in the life of the church can we get you plugged in this fall? What might be missing for you that would give you life? I would love to hear from you!

See you in Church,  
Sister Tashina



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Many of you have heard my mantra, “toes out till the snow’s out.” It’s true I sport those flimsy Birkenstocks as long as the snow hasn’t fallen. And even then, I’ve been known to shovel my driveway in them! But if I’m being honest with you all, I cheat sometimes. You see, I have this pair of Redwing work boots that I love. They are rugged and rigid. The soles are something else! The Vibram branded soles make for a no-slip grip whilst walking on snowy driveways and sidewalks. Those soles also raise my already 6’3” stature up an inch and a half to nearly look the tallest of our Shepherd members eye to eye. Couple those boots with my jeans and red plaid shirts and I am firmly at home in my lumberjack look that appears only after the weather dips below fifty degrees.

I love fall for all the reasons stated above. Who would have thought an ode to Redwings could be so long. Fall means a changing of the seasons and a sweeping change in our weather. Fall means ice fishing is that much closer. Normally, leaves change and fall, but that happened in August this year. We look toward Advent with hope and anticipation. We confront our grief in the absence of our beloveds on All Saints Day, the emptiness we feel in their absence and joy that the resurrection promise has been fulfilled. There is much to look forward to in this season.

But those Vibram soles that I mentioned earlier weren’t always there. You see I received those boots as a Christmas gift from my brother-in-law and his wife many years ago. They came originally with Redwing’s own Traction Tred Cushion Crepe Wedge. It felt like I was walking on clouds of cushion. I wore them every chance I had those first several years and wore those soles out to the point they needed replacement. Enter the new soles. I sent them off and two months later, they returned, but something was different. When I put these on for the first time after receiving them back from repair, they did not feel like my old boots. They were not worn in like they had been before. My feet did not nestle into the previously established divots and wear points that my feet had made over time. They were my old boots, but they needed to be broken in again. It took patience and time, but it eventually happened.

This fall I am reminded in a new fashion to be patient with each other. Not a single one of us knows what it’s like to live another’s life. No one knows what it is like to wake up and walk through the day in their shoes. If we did actually try to do this, we would discover quickly that little if any of the other’s life would come naturally to us or fit well for us. It is not for us to live the life of another. It is not for us to change anyone. It is for us, however, to love. We are staring down the tunnel of unknowns again; we do not know what this fall and winter will look like. We do not know how our neighbors will handle the challenges. And in those spaces, it is not for us to judge. It is, however, for us to support and love one another. We may not agree with our neighbors’ perspectives on all things but that is okay. We are not walking in their shoes or living their lives. We are living our own. And in that remember we can only control how we respond. I encourage you to respond with love. Happy fall, y’all.

Found with you, in Christ,

PB

## Greetings, Shepherd COMMUNITY!!

The familiar school song...the “who” of the crowd as a score is made...the announcer’s voice saying, “Yet another touch-down for the home team!” Lights flood the football field. Another rumble of sound fills the air as the next set of downs begins. Add to that the smell of burning leaves (okay, NOT this year!), the cool freshness in the air and the need to put on a light coat. This is my falltime favorite—living close enough to the local high school that we can hear all the activities and sounds and music of nearly weekly football games.



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It reminds me of my own high school football games—playing in the marching band, cheering for the team, taking pride in MY hometown school, noticing the falling leaves and chill in the air. For me, there’s also a sense of connection in the sights and sounds of a fall game.

That connection leads me to think of the community we share as members of Shepherd. Our communal faith and rituals remind us again and again about the history passed along from one generation to another as we continue to pass those experiences on to those coming along after us. I am and will always be a member of my high school—and proudly pass on the traditions and experiences of school. I am and will always be a member of my Christian faith and community and gratefully pass on the traditions and experiences of my faith.

What connects you to your past? Are there sounds, smells, feelings that bring on that nostalgia and sense of belonging that carry you along?

For me, there is the music passed along from generation to generation... music that reminds me we are all in community; we are all of one Body; we all can raise our voices in praise, thanks, petitions, etc.

What song does that for you—as a member of the Christian community?

There are so many that connect me that I hesitate to name only one. But try to think of one song that means community and belonging to you.

Does it make you feel connected? Embraced? Included?

If you want to share with this community in a musical way, Celebration Choir rehearsals begin September 8 and JuBELLation begins rehearsals on September 23. Rehearsals begin at 6:30 pm. Each group will share their gift of music at least once a month and at each of the two worship services.

Join us—we belong together!

Grateful for community,

Jean

# fALL Time Favorites



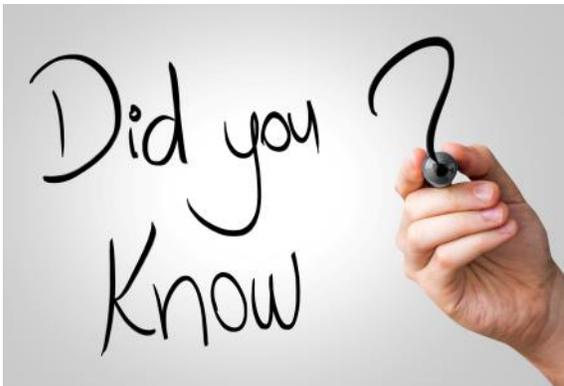
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Well, first off fall is my favorite time of year. I enjoy summer and all it has to offer but love the crisp, sleep-with-your-windows-open evenings that are my favorite. Campfires and all of the smells that fall carries bring my senses alive. If you were to look through my decorating boxes, you would see that I have almost as many fall ones as I do for Christmas. I love fall so much that I even planned our wedding 26 years ago in the fall.

So, what does fall time mean for Shepherd? I know for me and my role at Shepherd, it's a preparation time for the coming next year. It is a time for change. Preparations for the building and grounds for winter, financial budgets for the next year and of course a gear up for the new year for preschool. So, what about this time of year at Shepherd has me excited? I guess it would be the change. Can you believe that I look forward to change with all that we have experienced over the last 18 months due to COVID-19? I really do look forward to it all, though. Seeing those new little faces in preschool, having staff gearing up for fall programming and of course, the changing of the rain gardens in Shepherd's backyard. What do you look forward to during fall?

I also look forward to helping more people use the Church app that we have for Shepherd. Do you have problems getting it loaded on your phone? Don't have a clue what I am talking about or just want to know how to use it better? Reach out to me and I will help you get it loaded on your device. All you need is your Apple Store or Google Play password. I can meet you during "Lunch on the Lawn with Staff" on Tuesday mornings or arrange a private time to do this. It takes less than 10 minutes. Did you know that a current directory is only available this way as well? This would be one of my fALL time favorites if you would help me get more people using this wonderful tool.

Enjoy this changing season and may God grant your family good health during the fall.



- Shepherd has a lawn and property care crew that maintain the grounds? Due to the consistent inconsistency with Minnesota weather this allows for us to have a crew here to help with the parking lot. However, we are always looking for people to help shovel sidewalks when there is less than two inches of snow.
- You can make Shepherd your beneficiary on your bank accounts, accidental death insurance, insurance policies, etc? Let me know if you have questions.

## 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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I LOVE the fresh start a new school year brings! It provides us with the opportunity to try new routines, build on our current program, and meet new students and their families. Kicking off a school year is the perfect time to do new things!

As we head into this new school year, we will be bringing back three half-day preschool classes, two full day classes, our new school day preschool class, our school release day program, and will expand by adding a toddler program. Whew! As I am writing this, we are truly living into our mission statement by reaching out to the community by providing quality programming within a Christian environment for children and their families.

Our school release program will continue as it did last year; we will offer care to school aged children, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade on non-school days. We will provide our students with the opportunity to participate in field trips on-site, chapel, field trips off-site, stem day activities, outside curriculum, music programs, and many more! We have enjoyed watching our school-agers form friendships with one another over these past two years and are excited to see them throughout the school year.

The NEW school day class will be here Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-3pm. This option is intended for our students who are 4 and 5 years of age, who are ready for more! More time with their friends, art projects, science activities, math problems, outside play time, and of course play time! This option is intended to help make the transition from preschool to kindergarten go more smoothly as they will have that experience of a longer school day.

Finally, as we begin the new school year, we will be introducing a toddler program this winter. This program is intended for children younger than 33 months. We are excited to have the little ones join us here at Shepherd of the Hills! They will have the opportunity to play outside, have lunch and snacks with their friends, and join in large group activities.

The first day of school is the start of something great!  
We are excited and prepared to welcome everyone very soon!



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY  
9.12.2021

All Shepherd members, preschool-12th Grade will receive a special Backpack Blessing Pack, during the week prior to 9.12.2021 with a Blessing Item and Blessing. Bring your Blessing Item to either worship service for a special blessing or parents can bless your backpack at home!



Can you believe that it's fall already?! Pastor Brice and Jilene have been feverishly working throughout the summer to present an even more relevant, exciting and safe KIDzone ministry! With the arrival of this fall's KIDzone, below is additional information:

- 1) We value your child's safety, please complete a registration form for your child. This will allow us to have all the information we need in an emergency situation.
- 2) Fifteen minutes before the 10:00am service, our KIDzone area will be open for play! We will play games, have art projects to do, and lots of other fun activities!
- 3) Last but not least, September 12<sup>th</sup> is our FIRST DAY of KIDzone for the year!

# Youth Ministry @Shepherd

Stay informed via Instagram  
[@youthshepherd](https://www.instagram.com/youthshepherd)

Why Does Faith Even Matter in my Life: **Rally Day/Season of Service Kick-Off**

**Date:** Sunday, September 19th

**Time:** 9am-12pm (join anytime!)

**Location:** Shepherd Backyard

**Activity:** Worship & Games & Food Trucks!

**Service Project:** Season of Service Projects

**Guests:** Speakers from various ministry partners from 9am-10am

## **Devos & Donuts**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 29th

**Time:** 6:30-8pm

**Location:** Shepherd Back Deck

**Topic:** Advocacy!

We will be joined by other members of the congregation. Everyone is invited to join in one or more of the ELCA Advocacy Trainings ahead of time: <https://blogs.elca.org/peacenotwalls/advocacy-summer-school/>

Fun video with more info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLXIOlfzH8>

## **Confirmation in September**

**6:30-8pm Wednesday Evenings at Shepherd**

**FOCUS:** The 10 Commandments (1-3— Love God)

15 Orientation—For PARENTS and YOUTH

22 Lesson—Youth & Parents

29 Small Group Time

## **Confirmation in October**

**6:30-8pm Wednesday evenings at Shepherd**

**FOCUS:** The 10 Commandments (4-10— Love Others)

2 Day Retreat onsite at Shepherd

6 Lesson—Youth & Parents

13 Small Group Time

20 Individual Project Week

27 9<sup>th</sup> Graders: Confirmation Service Prep/

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Presentation of Projects

**31 Confirmation Sunday**



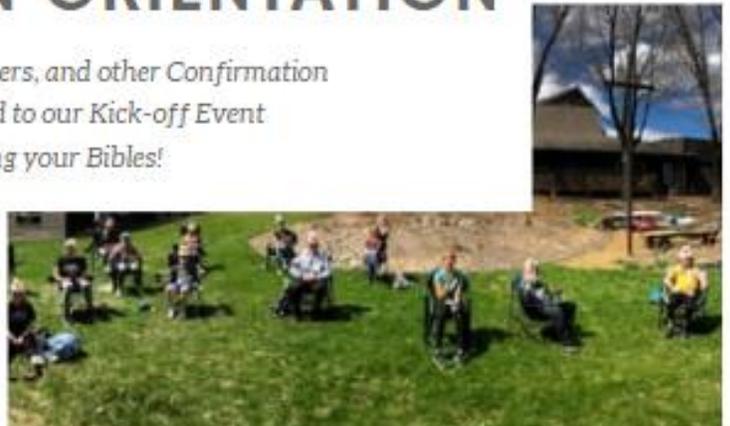
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MISSION CHAPEL @SHEPHERD

## **CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION**

All Parents, Youth, Volunteers, and other Confirmation

Participants are invited to our Kick-off Event

Be sure to bring your Bibles!



# ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

**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!

**Pour Theology September 16:** 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.

## **FALL 2021 Shepherd's Women's Retreat!**

**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.

**Programming:** 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

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

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS PRESENTS

## POUR THEOLOGY

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**SHORE96 6:30-8pm**  
**Sept 16 - Oct 14 - Nov 18**

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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.

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**SUNDAY  
SEPT 19  
2021**



**RALLY**  
*Sunday*  
**AT SHEPHERD**

**AGENDA**

- 8AM: Indoor worship
- 9AM: Donut Time
- 9AM: Mission Partner Temple Talks Outside
- 9AM: Season of Service Kick Off Outside
- 10AM: Parking Lot Worship
- 10:45AM: Food Trucks
- 10:45AM: Season of Service Projects Outside
- 10:45AM: Games & Bouncy House Outside



**Games & Bouncy House**  
**Food Trucks**



**Season of Service Kick Off**  
**Mission Partner Temple Talks**

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# SHEPHERD'S FALL 2021 SEASON OF SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 3

JOIN US OUT ON THE FRONT LAWN EACH SUNDAY DURING DONUT TIME! FROM PROJECT STARTER PACKS, SAFE PROJECTS ON-SITE, AND OPPORTUNITIES/IDEAS TO SERVE IN THE BROADER COMMUNITY WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF SERVICE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS.



Donating Blood

Season of Service  
Projects of the past:



Bridging Kitchen Packs



Volunteering at Open Hands Midway



Volunteering at 21 Roots



Park trash pick up

ANYTHING YOU DO TO SHARE LOVE TO YOUR NEIGHBOR COUNTS AS A SEASON OF SERVICE PROJECT!

YOUR SHEPHERD FAMILY WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING! SHARE PICTURES AND STORIES ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP "SHEPHERD SHOREVIEW COMMUNITY" OR VIA EMAIL AT [STAFF@SHEPHERDASHOREVIEW.ORG](mailto:STAFF@SHEPHERDASHOREVIEW.ORG)

# SHEPHERD'S FALL 2021 SEASON OF SERVICE STARTER KIT PROJECTS & DRIVES

SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 3



## Drives during the Season of Service:

- Salvation Army: Coats for Kids - Baby - 18 yr old (can be worn but washed)
- Salvation Army: Hats, Mittens & Scarfs
- Blessing Bag Supplies: Toothbrushes, tooth paste, hotel size soaps, combs, chap stick, wash cloths, socks, feminine products
- Ralph Reeder: Microwavable meals for kids and seniors (Pastas, chili, stew) , Granola Bars - 5 or 6 count boxes (no nuts), Crackers (Fish, Graham, Club, Wheat), Macaroni and Cheese, Mayonnaise, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Size 6 Diapers and Pull ups



## Season of Service Starter Pack Options:

- Cleaning Supply Bucket for Bridging
- Kitchen Utensil Pack for Bridging
- Tie Blankets for Camp Noah
- Kid Kits for Camp Noah
- Laundry Packs for Open Hands
- Birthday Packs for Ralph Reeder
- Snack Packs for Ralph Reeder

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# Scripture Readings for the month of September:

**September 5 — James 2:1-10,[11-13],14-17 & Mark 7:24-37**

**September 12 — James 3:1-12 & Mark 8:27-38**

**September 19 — James 3: 13--4:3,7-8a & Mark 9:30-37**

**September 26 — James 5:13-20 & Mark 9:38-50**



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