



## Coming up at MLCC:

### August 11th

Seniors Ministry  
Coffee Klatch 10am

### August 24th

Baptism Class 11am  
Mark Connection Card  
to sign up

### August 30th

Youth Ministry  
Small Group Kickoff  
4-9pm

### August 31st

Baptisms

### September 3rd

Seniors Game Day 1pm

### September 7th

Fall Kickoff 10am

### September 8th

GriefShare begins  
6:30-8:00pm

### September 11th

MLCC Kids' Choir begins

### Women's Fitness

Mondays & Thursdays 10am

### Junior High Youth

Wednesdays 6-8pm

### Senior High Youth

Sundays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30pm)

# Sermon Notes - August 10, 2025

## Friendship Modeled After the Good Shepherd (*Presence and Vulnerability in the Light of Psalm 23*)

### Speaker: Mark Roeber

True friendship is a gift of God—we are called to stand with others in their darkest valleys and to open our own lives, inviting others into our struggles. Something that requires both our **honesty** and our **vulnerability**.

**“Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.” (James 1:22 NIV)**

King David writes in Psalm 23:1, **“The Lord is \_\_\_\_ shepherd,  
I lack nothing.”**

How does the possessive determiner of David’s statement strike you? Is this a statement that you could easily make? Why or why not?

In Psalm 23:4 we see this, **“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for \_\_\_\_are with me...”**

Do you have the personal presence of Jesus in your life? If so, how does His presence affect your daily life? If you don’t have this, what would you change to receive it?

**Is there a role you and I can play as a friend in the lives of others as they face hardships and difficulties?**

**Is there a role that others can play in our lives as we struggle?**

**What are your stories of friendship and what has God taught you through them?**

**How has God used them to shape your life through those relationships?**

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**Kairos Outside:** Kairos Outside is a Christian faith-based ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of women who have been impacted by incarceration of themselves or a loved one. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, hopes to change hearts and transform lives. Contact Hazel Hagy, our church's liaison, for more information.