



## September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the time of writing, we've got Hurricane Dorian in the Caribbean trying to figure out where He will head. The various weather tracks look like my toddler's spaghetti after he's played with his food for awhile. What's perhaps most frightening is the simple fact that we have no control over where the storm goes and what it does, and we can't predict with any reasonable sort of accuracy where it will end up. In short, we have no control.



There's something spiritually humbling when we are faced with situations that we have no control over. These situations strip us of our ability to seek pleasure for ourselves, gratify our own desires and chase whatever our heart desires. Instead, we have to wait in line at the gas station, deal with people who are just as angst filled as we are and make provision for the next week so that we can simply survive-None of this is our own choosing, yet here we are, and while we certainly pray for the hurricane to spare all in the path, it does serve as a good reminder for us that there are bigger and mightier things out there.

Perhaps a good conversation could be had here about what we can control- "Control what you can control," is one of my favorite coaching maxims as I try to encourage players to maximize their effort, intensity and competitive spirit. That's where the newsletter was going to go this month-Things like time in the word, giving sacrificially, praying daily and worshipping might all be applications to our spiritual life.

However, with our current circumstances, I'd like to offer a different thought- As Christians, can joyfully affirm that, in relation to Almighty God, there are plenty of things we cannot control. God, in Job 41, reminds Job that, in the grand scheme of things, we are all specks of dust that are minuscule in comparison to His grandeur and His purposes. We have no reason to believe that we can control God or manipulate him-In fact, it's when humanity loses sight of this that we often get into the most trouble!

There's one other thing though-We as Christians, in the face of things we cannot understand or control, whether Dorian or Andrew or Michael or cancer or hardship or famine or sword, we also can joyfully affirm that God works out all things for the good of those who love him. We've got no control over this, but we are invited to joyfully and freely trust in His promises, even in the midst of the storm.

Put another way- You are not in control. Get used to it and trust the One who is.

With Joy in Jesus and His promises,

Pastor Reynolds

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**Hurricane Dorian**

We are prayerfully watching Hurricane Dorian and praying that the storm turns away from land and that the Lord of the wind and waves would spare us from this fury.

Please prepare as if the storm is headed here and obey all evacuation orders.



As of publishing date and time, we are still planning on having worship this Sunday, September 1st. Any cancellation will be announced via email and our one call system.

Early Childhood  
Brenda Sorren  
Director



What a great start to our new year! We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful extended family. We would like to say thanks to you for giving us this opportunity to provide a Christian, loving and nurturing environment for your child.

Our staff this year for the early childhood center includes the following: Marian Manchester, Faith Grambow, Lily Bustamante, Latoya Michelin, Erica Philippe, Shanique Evans, Jenny Pacheco, Javonna Ray, Tamara Carter, Maria Augustine, Rosanna Welfelt, Laura Kay, Gaibe Riskey and Dora Restrepo.

I ask that you continue to keep us all in your prayers as we begin our new adventure. This year we have five classrooms sharing the "Good News of Jesus" every day. If you have not seen the classrooms, please stop by during the week or after every Sunday service and we will be happy to give you a tour.

We have 52 children that are registered and attending the early childhood center. There are still a few empty seats that need to be filled. We ask new families that come in for a tour, how did you find out about our us? The response is usually my neighbor, a playgroup, or someone at the park told me about Shepherd of the Coast. So, if an opportunity

comes up, remember to tell that family member, co-worker, or friend about Shepherd of the Coast Christian School.

+I would like to Conclude this newsletter by saying we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and caring group of families attending Shepherd of the Coast. Thank you and God's blessing!

Working together, **Brenda Sorren**, Director



## School News K-8

Praise the Lord! our school is off to a great year energized and ready to spread the Word. We would like to welcome Mrs. Sheri Bill , our new 3rd grade teacher and all the new students settling into our Shepherd of the Coast family. we celebrated opening day with Chapel introducing our new theme "Joy in Jesus". Students will be designing posters to depict the theme which will be posted throughout the building. Please be sure to look for them over the next several days.

We are busy planning for several events in the months of September and October. Grandparents are welcome to join us on September 11th for Chapel Service followed by a few special events planned proceeding worship. The faculty will be attending the Lutheran Missouri Synod Teachers conference from September 25th - 27th as school will be closed. The spaghetti Dinner Bingo night fund raiser is scheduled for Friday, October 4th. All are welcome, surely an evening

of family fun! Ending out the month of October is the annual Golf outing on October 21st. We are seeking golfers, donations and volunteers to come out and enjoy the day. Be sure to mark your calendars and look for future details to come.

With God's Blessings,



As we continue to seek the Lord's will for our congregation, we will be having cottage meetings, where 6-8 members of the congregation come together for 60-90 minutes to wrestle with God's will call for our congregation. These six questions will be the crux of what is discussed:

- 1. Describe the things that you think are absolutely necessary for a church to have- How does Shepherd of the Coast measure up to that list?**
- 2. What type of ministry or program would you be willing to participate in that our church is not currently offering?**
- 3. What purpose does our school and Early Childhood center serve in advancing the kingdom of God? How can we better embrace those ministries to move the kingdom of God forward?**
- 4. What are three things our church should be doing more of and why?**
- 5. What is unique about Shepherd of the Coast? What can we do that other churches can't or don't want to?**
- 6. What else is worth talking about that we haven't already regarding our church and what we might seek to be and to do?**

Each Meeting will take place in the church conference room and be facilitated by a church council member.

**Saturday, September 7 – 9 am (2 spots open)**  
**Sunday, September 8 – 9 am (6 spots open)**  
**Wednesday, September 11 – 7 pm (7 spots open)**  
**Saturday, September 14 – 9 am (4 spots open)**  
**Sunday, September 22 - 10:15 am (7 spots open)**

You can sign up before and after worship on Sundays or by calling the church office at (954) 772 8010.

Thanks You to the approximately 50 people who have participated thus far!

A summary of these cottage meetings will be presented at congregation forums to take place in October, where we will determine our next steps!

**Save the Date!**

**Third Annual Fore The Kids! Golf  
Outing**



Monday, October 21st  
Inverrary Country Club



### Italian Dinner & Bingo

Friday, October 4th  
6-8 pm

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for  
Children  
Tickets go on sale starting September  
15th

Dinner at 6- Bingo At 7



*Open Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 2:00PM*  
*A Ministry of Lydia's Fellowship*

### Happy September Birthday to:

Nikki Sorren.....September 1  
Vernice Huff.....September 3  
Daniel McMurtrie.....September 3  
Caden Phillips.....September 4  
Joanne Fries.....September 5  
Kelly Henning.....September 6  
Paul Sparks.....September 6  
Isiah Ellis.....September 7  
Dawn Randazzo.....September 7  
Michael Hampel.....September 8  
Bonnie Fox.....September 9



Mildred Austin.....September 10  
David Smith.....September 12  
Bryan Burnett.....September 14  
Linda McMurtie.....September 17  
Harriet Suppes.....September 17  
Larry Annis.....September 18  
Kenneth Ferwerda.....September 18  
Jeanne Larson.....September 20  
Sonja Earle.....September 21  
Harold Kopietz.....September 23  
Angel Bailey.....September 24  
Cathy Flechhaus.....September 23  
Dan Siedell.....September 26  
Andrea Voss.....September 26  
Ronald Petersdorf.....September 29



## *Happy Anniversary*

*Doug & Michele  
Johnson  
September 2, 1995*

*Michael & Roberta  
Murphy  
September 5, 1984*

*Mark & Christina  
McGuire  
September 4, 2010*

*Jerry & Carol Irving  
September 6, 1958*

*Ronald & Carol  
Petersdorf  
September 14, 1963*

*Thomas & Carolyn  
Crippen  
September 15, 1995*

*David & Cheryl Tape*

*September 21, 1969*

*John & Kathy Morris  
September 25, 1976*

*Bill & Barbara Russell  
September 28, 1974*

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## *Serving This Month September 2019*

### *Ushers*

9:00 a.m. - Scott Burnett & Duane Timm

10:30 a.m. - Donna Carlon & Beauti DeFreitas

### *Altar Guild*

Diana Annis

### *Security*

Paul Gajus

### *Communion Assistants*

9:00 a.m. David Fischer, Willie Wright & Larry Annis

10:30 a.m. Jay Aamodt & Paul Sparks Sr.

### *Counters*

September 1st - Bill & Angel Bailey

September 8 - Dawn Randazzo & Karen Schmohe

September 15 - Carolyn Atchison & Roberta Murphy

September 22 - Joanne Fries & Barbara Oldani

September 29 - Bill & Angel Baily

### *Lectors*

First Sunday - September 1 - 9:00am TBD 10:30 am - Gayle Hansen

Second Sunday - September 8 - 9:00a.m. Pat Battle, 10:30a.m. -

Third Sunday -September 15 - 9:00a.m. Roberta Murphy, 10:30 a.m. Khylin

Bellhorn

Fourth Sunday -September 22 - 9:00 a.m. Carol irving , 10:30 a.m. Paul Sparks Sr.

Fifth Subnday - September 29 - 9:00 a.m. Roberta Murphy, 10:30 a.m. Gayle  
Hansen

