

August 12, 2020

Greetings in Jesus' name,

School Re-opening On August 24th, over 150 children will be coming back to school! It will be very nice to see them; it has been since mid-March! Many precautions are being taken to prevent an outbreak of COVID-19, but we also know this virus is very contagious. We anticipate there will come a time when either state or local authorities will force most or all local schools to shut down. With that in mind, the teachers will be using the early weeks of the school year to teach and model for the kids how to effectively do virtual learning. For your reading enjoyment, I've attached the official plan for reopening prepared by Principal Amy Gromowski. It was approved by the Watertown Health Department, which, after the State of Wisconsin (not Jefferson County), has the authority to determine if/when we must close. Please pray:

- Prayers for a restful end to summer that provides perspective, joy, and peace for all in our Good Shepherd family.
- Prayers for all in Good Shepherd Lutheran School to stay true in the mission: *"Preparing His lambs . . . sharing His grace."*
- Prayers of thanksgiving for good health.
- Prayers for students, families, and congregational members to stay safe, healthy, and calm in the challenges we face.
- Prayers for wisdom of all leaders, including our government leaders at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Prayers for peace in our country.
- Prayers of thanks for our dedicated faculty and staff.
- Prayers of thanks for our amazing families at Good Shepherd who support our ministry and mission.
- Prayers of thanks that God has this! Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God."

Retirement of Pastor Schwandt We received a note from the children of Pastor Schwandt. *Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Greetings in our Savior's name. 38 years! Our father Reverend Richard Schwandt is retiring from the ministry after serving his Lord and Savior faithfully through dedication and service to his church families through the years. He served as Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church June 1983-May 1993. Our mom has faithfully served beside him! ❤️ We would love to do something special for our Dad to celebrate his retirement. **Mom and Dad do not know about this, so please help us keep this a special surprise for him 😊.** We are asking everyone to please send a handwritten letter, email (Missy will print off), and or to create a short video message expressing how Dad and Moms' ministry has impacted you and congratulating Dad on his retirement. We will put all of these letters and emails together into a scrapbook and videos together into a large video and share it with him. You can send your emails and video clips to missy.childers@gmail.com. You can send letters to: Missy Childers, 14 Candlewood Ct, Granite Falls, NC 29630 ***Please have these sent out in the mail by Monday, August 24 so we have time to put together to present him his last Sunday officially preaching at Christ Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC.*** Thank you so much for helping us celebrate our Dad's retirement from the ministry! Sincerely, Missy (Schwandt) Childers and Danny Schwandt*

Memory Verse Challenge This week's memory verse is from John 11:25, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'"

Other Prayers

Pastor Vic Tegtmeier – recovering from surgery

Phyllis Zellmer—recovering from surgery

Robert Wheeler

Marge Goecke

Wendy Wilson

Agnes Thurow

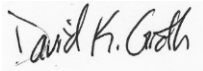
John Block

Jim Strege

Patricia Fox

Please pray that all in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church would stay true to our mission: *“Every day, everywhere, by everyone . . . sharing the grace of the Good Shepherd.”*

Grace and peace to you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David K. Groth". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light gray rectangular background.

Pastor Groth