

# Shepherd Springs Lutheran Church

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### From the Pastor...

Dearly Redeemed In Christ,

#### **What's With All This Suffering?**

*“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy”[ 1 Peter 4:12-13, ESV].*

There are two bitter realities of life, first, God punishes sin and; secondly, we are sinners. When this view is held by people, they will tend to look at their troubles – whether personal problems, family difficulties, national calamities, etc., as reminders of our sin, God’s judgment, and our need to repent. This is not the view held by most people today. Sin, whether personal or corporate, has been defined away. With an unbelievably fast rise in technological and electronic knowledge that had produced a revolution in our ability to communicate information instantaneously all over the globe, spiritual understanding has descended at a similar rate, leaving folks with an amazing ability to communicate nothing of substance to anyone, anywhere.

When one fails to acknowledge the standards of God’s law; not to recognize the consequences of disobedience; not to think in terms of divine justice, divine retribution, divine governance, is to toss out wisdom

for plain old fashioned foolishness. This is why people fall away from the Lord and His Church. They can see cause and effect when it comes to machinery, technology, and maybe even their personal relationships. But they cannot see that yielding to temptation, embracing sin, ignoring God's warning to sinners, is to embrace death, destruction, and, in the end, eternal condemnation.

Most people think they are spiritual, therefore, in their so called spiritual freedom; they rush off to embrace spiritual death. They fall from grace. They find themselves mired in deception, lies, false hopes, and the cruel cuts coming from what they thought was so soothing and refreshing. If you think you can stand before God you will fall. If you think that your spirituality is just fine without humbly confessing your sin to God, embracing His grace in Christ your Savior, and seeking His instruction in His holy Word – you think wrong! And the result will be eternal death!

Solomon is crystal clear: *“Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall” [Proverbs 16:18, ESV].*

Jesus is even more crystal clear: *“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted” [Luke 14:11, ESV].*

You can be assured that you are forgiven of all your sins, saved from death and hell, and on your way to heaven. You can and should be certain of this, not because once someone is saved he cannot be lost – the Bible and the history of the church are full of examples of people who fell from the faith and were lost – but because God is faithful. He won't let us be tempted beyond what we are able to endure. When we are suffering weaklings – that's the best condition for us – to be beggars.

When we are weak we seek God's word, hear God's word, rely on God's word, and find in God's word the victory of our Savior against every spiritual enemy that assaults our souls. He provides the way of escape. He reminds us that we are His saints. Our sins are washed away by Jesus'

Blood as He serves us His Body and Blood. God, in His Word and Blessed Sacrament, confirms to our doubting hearts that we really are forgiven. We really are saints. This is how we escape temptation and stand confidently before our God as His dear children.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Patterson

*Soli Deo Gloria*

## **Saints and Commemorations we celebrate in August**

August 3: Joanna, Mary, and Salome - Myrrhbearers

August 10: Lawrence - Deacon and Martyr

August 15: St. Mary - Mother of our Lord

August 16: Isaac

August 17: Johann Gerhard - Theologian

August 19: Bernard of Clairvaux - Hymnwriter and Theologian

August 20: Samuel

August 24: St. Bartholomew - Apostle

August 27: Monica - Mother of Augustine

August 28: Augustine of Hippo - Pastor and Theologian

August 29: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist



# Shepherd of the Springs

## *August, 2022 Calendar*

**Sundays:        Divine Service 9:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.**

Sun. Aug. 7        8th Sunday after Trinity—Little Reformation

**Bible Study: The Book of Daniel**

Sun. Aug. 14      9th Sunday after Trinity—The Unjust  
Steward.

**Bible Study: Begin the Book of Hebrews**

**Sat., Aug. 20      9:00AM: Men of the Springs Study Group**  
Augsburg Confession study continues

Sun. Aug. 21      10th Sunday after Trinity—Jesus Weeps Over  
Jerusalem

**SSLC Voters Assembly** immediately  
following Bible Study

Sun. Aug. 28      11th Sunday after Trinity





## Johann Crüger

(Not all hymnists write lyrics)

Compiled by Evelyn Law

LSB contains 15 hymns that use music by Johann Crüger (1598-1662), including 3 with lyrics by Paul Gerhardt (see April's newsletter) and 3 with lyrics by Isaac Watts. Crüger, himself, wrote no lyrics, but he tirelessly promoted congregational singing.

He became one of the most distinguished music composers of his time. He wrote 71 sacred works for choral and instrumental performances, often including elaborate accompaniment for various instruments. He was also a musicologist, publishing works about the theory and practice of music. In 1644, he edited a collection of German hymns, which is considered the most important contribution to hymnody from the seventeenth century. It was reprinted 44 times in the following hundred years. Johann Sebastian Bach even incorporated Crüger's music into two of his own compositions.

Born in Germany on what is now the border with Poland, Crüger was the son of an innkeeper, George Crüger, and was baptized Jan Krygar Crüger. He attended the Jesuit College at Olmutz and the Poets' School in Regensburg. He received a thorough musical training under Paulus Homberger in Regensburg, a pupil of Giovanni Gabrieli.

He then traveled through Austria, Hungary, Bohemia, and Moravia working as a tutor until 1615 when he settled in Berlin. There, except for a short time studying theology at the University of Wittenberg in 1620, he employed himself as a private tutor until 1622. That year is when he became the Lutheran cantor at the St. Nicholas Church in

Berlin and a music teacher for the Gray Cloister. He held these positions for the rest of his life.

Crüger married the widow of a city councilman in 1628. During the Thirty Years' War, he and his family endured many hardships including hunger. He fell ill with plague, and almost died of that disease, losing five children and his wife in 1636. In 1637, having recovered from the disease, he married a second time, to the 17-year-old daughter of an innkeeper, with whom he had fourteen children, most of whom died at a young age. One of his daughters married the German court painter Michael Conrad Hirt, who made a portrait of Crüger in 1663 (see below).

Retrospective portrait of Johann Crüger painted by his son-in-law and German court painter, Michael Conrad Hirt, in 1663, about a year after Crüger's death:





08-04 Jeff Damec  
08-16 Steven Hein  
08-29 Drew Oschner  
08-30 Cheri Penwell



08-12 David Goforth  
Helen Margaurite  
08-13 Ben and Shannon Kueter



On **August 19th, 1972**, at Peace Lutheran Church in Garland Texas, **Gary Law and Evelyn Davis were married and became the team of Gary and Evelyn Law**. We now celebrate 50 years of Christian based marriage. About 25 of those years we spent with our friends at Shepherd of the Springs. What a blessing!

(From the Apocrypha) Ecclesiasticus 25:1)  
“My soul takes pleasure in three things,  
And they are beautiful in the sight of the Lord and of people:  
Agreement between brothers,  
Friendship between neighbors,  
And a wife and husband who accommodate one another.



Pastor Patterson, on behalf of all of us at Shepherd of the Springs, extends this blessing to longtime SSLC member, Thea Etchells, daughter of Dale and Kari, as she weds Jack McCormack

*Almighty God, You created man and woman and joined them together in holy matrimony, thereby reflecting the mystical union between Christ and His bride, the Church. By Your infinite goodness, let Your blessing rest upon Jack and Thea, that they may live together to Your glory in this life and with joy may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!*



THEA  
ETCHELLS  
*and*  
JACK  
MCCORMACK

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### **Members**

Jill Damec

Sam Judson

Darrell Root

Doug Schmidt

Marlene Schmidt

### **Military**

Captain Rob Landers (USAF) (Barry's Son-in-Law)

2LT Frederick Heidt (USAF) (Friend of Larry and Sue)

Sergeant First Class (USA) Benjamin Kueter (Member)

Gunnery Sergeant (USMC) Kyle Chase (Kari's Nephew)

Sergeant First Class (USA) Jordan Etchells (Dale & Kari's Son)

### **Two USAFA Cadets**

Cadet Alexander (4<sup>th</sup> year);

Cadet Matthew (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

### **Family Members**

Rev. & Eunice Schaibley (Former Pastor and Wife)

Patty Krueger (Barry's Wife)

Kathi Chase (Kari's Sister)

Ashlyn Mathes (Jim and Carol's Granddaughter)

Janice Patterson (Pastor's Mother)

## Shepherd of the Springs V. I. P. profile

*Barry Krueger*



An essential member of SSLC for 31 years, Barry provides organ music **every** Sunday, at Vesper Services, and for special occasions as needed. He is an excellent, considerate organist who can stir the congregation with musical pomp and circumstance or guide everyone in hymn singing by playing lots of melody.

Barry has been married to Patricia for 35 years. They are the proud parents of: Jonathan, 33 years, married, and living in Denver; Benjamin 29, not married, and in Denver, and daughter,

Rachel 25, married to USAFA captain, Rob Landers. Rob and Rachel are currently in Guam for 2 more years.

For this short profile, Barry was asked to share a bit about his background, his love of music, and his advice for the future.

Born in St. Louis, MO, Barry moved with his family to a small town in Iowa where his mom lives in the same house at the age of 90!

*“I remember riding my bike everywhere in town and golfing at the local golf course almost every day, all day. I was a DJ at the local radio station all through high school, usually 6 days a week from 6 pm to 12 midnight.*

*My mom played the piano and sang, so I took piano lessons for a few years when I was 7-9 I think. I loved to sing and by my senior year in college was*

singing in 5 different choirs/groups. The only instrument I can play is the piano, so guess that's my favorite 😊. My favorite hymn is "The Church's One Foundation" .. sometimes it's hard to play that for church as I start getting a little teary during a couple verses and I can't see the notes too well 😊. I play all the hymns for the coming month when Pastor gives me the list in case any are too hard for me or I don't think the congregation will know. I play each week's hymns through several times during the week. I have some music books Eunice Schaibley left me and I look through those to find pieces I can play and that are based on the hymns for that week.

I still love the game of golf, although I don't play as much anymore. I like to go on hikes. I like the Packers, of course, for football, and the Cardinals for baseball. I love having different weather and enjoy sitting on the deck when storms are coming over the mountains and rolling in towards town.

I guess I can make this my "announcement" that I decided to retire effective 6/17/22.

My advice would be to take the time to go do something you really want to when you're youngish, because when you get older your body might not want to go along when you decide to go.

***From Pastor...God of Majesty, we rejoice in Your goodness and mercy in giving to us Your servant and our dear brother in Christ Jesus, Barry. We pray that You will continually be with him and bless him as he blesses us with the gift of art and music that You have bestowed upon him. With this great gift, You allow Barry to bring to Shepherd of the Springs the joy and beauty of hymnody for Your glory. We pray that You will bring him and his family to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be theirs as they stand before Your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!***

*From Gary Law...*



Here is a picture of a seal believed (due to dating, place, and wording) to belong to Jezebel, the notorious wife of King Ahab of the Northern Kingdom of Israel (see 1st & 2nd Kings.) Actual size is about 1-1/8 inch high. Seals were used on documents or to indicate ownership (for example, pressed into clay jars). Very few seals discovered belonged to women and indicates a woman of high status. The form of the letters say “belonging to Jezebel”. The images are a mix of Egyptian and Phoenician writing. Some of the other symbols indicate the seal belonged to a queen.

Christianity (and Judaism, which Christianity completes) are the only religions that invite historical testing. The Old & New Testaments are filled with names of persons, places, and events that can be verified and have a tremendous amount of historical and archaeological support. Indeed “the stones cry out” (Luke 19:40).



*Thank you Gary and Evie, for your contributions to the SSLC monthly newsletter. Soon the Laws move into their new Oviedo, Florida home, the Lutheran Haven Retirement Community. Blessings from all of us here at Shepherd of the Springs.*



Praise Him, sun and moon;  
Praise Him, all you stars of light!” (Psalm 148:3)

*Enjoy the last month of summer!*



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