

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

November 2021

Two or Three Holidays . . .

We've been walking through the Church year for some time now. We're really close to the end, so let's try to do it right.

This year, Reformation Day, October 31, happens to come on a Sunday. It was a true joy to have a member of the congregation say she sure hoped we received communion on the Lord's Day on Reformation Day. Yes, we will. It is central to the Reformation to realize that this is truly the body of Christ broken for you and the blood of Christ shed for you. It is not just for some remote "everyone" but "for you."

I do want to make this clear. The pattern of early Christianity was to receive communion every Lord's Day. This was a pattern that generally held true until two things happened. First, in European Christianity in the Medieval period, communion became more frequent, and was celebrated daily. Second, when Lutherans came to North America, because there were too few pastors, communion was not celebrated as frequently since the congregations needed a pastor to do the consecration. My candid desire is to offer communion to as many as wish to receive it on every Lord's Day, but also to make allowance for the local practice which may differ from my desire. The congregations I know which have restored weekly communion have always been very glad of their decision.

What is Reformation Day? On October 31 of 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 topics for debate on the church door in Wittenberg. This was the typical way to suggest a discussion, and it was typical to have such discussions and debates as part of the community entertainment on November 1, All Saints' Day, which was a holiday. The posting of the debate topics, called "theses," didn't spark much debate the next day, but did eventually spark the Reformation. In this move, Luther and his supporters wanted to find more historic ways for the Church to practice its witness in the community. Sadly, the effort failed to gain consensus, and the Roman Church eventually drove the Evangelicals (later called Lutherans) out of their fellowship.

As heirs of the Reformation, we celebrate October 31 as a day of commitment to biblical principles and practice of Christianity in accord with the pattern found in the apostolic teachings and the practices of the early Christian Fathers.

November Church Events

- 11.2 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
2:00 pm Heritage Hall Church Service
- 11.6 9:00-1:00 pm Annual Craft Fair
7:00 pm Trivia Night
- 11.8 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 11.9 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 11.12 5:00 pm Hayride & Bonfire
- 11.13 9:00 am Church Work Day
- 11.16 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 11.23 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 11.24 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm
- 11.30 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

"The Spirituality of the Cross" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

After Service Bible Study:

"Our Way Home—A Journey through the Lord's Prayer"
(led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon.

A day later comes All Saints' Day. Because we normally set Sunday apart for the day of worship, we recognize this holiday a week after Reformation Day. This year, rather than celebrating it on November 1, we will recognize it on November 7. This is a time which has historically been set aside to remember those Christians who have died in the faith before us. In particular, we will adopt the practice of naming each member of the local congregation who has died in Christ in the past year. We also recognize that those who have died in Christ before us have received their heavenly reward, no matter the circumstances of their death.

There's a third holiday, which isn't as much a matter of universal Christian practice, but which fits Christianity in our country. That is a day of Thanksgiving. It has been common throughout the ages to have a celebration around a time of harvest. This practice dates back at least to the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which is a celebration of the firstfruits of the annual harvest. At Thanksgiving, we recognize the fact that God has given us a harvest, thus providing for our needs. We thank him because he has given us our daily bread.

We'll be recognizing all three of these occasions from October 31 through the end of November, before we start the new Church year with the beginning of Advent.

In all we do, we bring thanks, honor, and glory to God who has made us his people and who has purchased our salvation and provided for all our needs.

Pastor Spotts

Helping Others

Shepherd Supply Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only

If you have questions, please contact Sheryl @ 573-881-7879 or email edsherylbartels@gmail.com

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer will be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and clean dry plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Please make sure your jugs are clean and dry inside.

2021 Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts is coming to an end for 2021.

Thank you to all who have participated this year. I know it will be a blessing to the children that receive the boxes. Please have your boxes filled and at the church by Sunday, November 14. It takes \$9 to ship each box. We will be taking a special collection for the shipping on November 14. If you feel led to help with the cost, please put your donation in the offering plate (**Marked OCC**) as you enter for worship service or put it in the container on the Operation Christmas Child cabinet found in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacki Stelzer.

The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 9, 2022 - July 13, 2022 in Houston, Texas under the theme "In All Things." The Youth Gathering is held every three years and provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. A letter will be going out to those age-eligible youth asking that you prayerfully consider attending this life-changing event. We will start to gather numbers to register for this event in late Fall 2022, as well as planning for travel, lodging and meal costs.

Contact Alane Gronefeld (682-7125) for more information.

In Christ,
 Alane & Darrell Gronefeld

2021 Children's Christmas December 12th , during Worship Service. Turkey, stuffing and potatoes will be provided by the LWML ladies



The Children's Christmas Worship service is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12th, during the Divine Worship. Sunday School superintendent Catherine Simmons, along with assistance from Ann Seider, are looking for lots of youth, (and young-at-heart), to participate in the presentation from CPH called *Symbols of Salvation*. There will be readings that may be best suited for teens and young adults, as well as rhyming recitations, children's hymns, and participation in sharing the "symbols" by our younger children. Women's Guild has generously offered to provide turkey, potatoes and gravy, and stuffing following the Service. **We hope you will contact Catherine 573-819-1272 or Ann 573-489-2816 in early November to let them know your children can participate** and that you will be joining us for the dinner! It's a fun time of fellowship—your family friends and grandparents would be most welcome too!



Volleyball season may be finishing up in local public schools, but is just beginning for the popular, competitive teams made up of teens who enjoy playing competitively. For several years, some of these young ladies, their families, and coaches have chosen to rent our Fellowship Hall as a nice place to practice. Church members Kyle and Lisa Smith and their oldest daughter Madison are involved with the teams this year. Madison, after playing for several years as a high school student, now coaches a team. Lisa, in a way similar to how Sara Mechlin served in the past when her daughters played volleyball, organizes the paperwork, fee collection and scheduling for the league. Kyle is their best support to help with setup of equipment and makes sure the facility is opened and closed at all the right times. Tryouts will be held Nov. 7th and practices will begin in December and run through the winter season.

We pray that the families involved with these endeavors stay safe and healthy through the sporting season as they work hard and travel to their weekend games.



Please be on the lookout again this year for the Christmas Trees in the Narthex.

Lutheran Family & Children's Services
 "Season of Sharing" Christmas Tree
 &
Centralia Chamber of Commerce's
 "Community for Kids" Tree

GSLC Choir for Christmas



If you would like to sing in the GSLC Choir for Christmas, please join us for practice on November 4, at 5:00pm.
Please talk to Donna if you have any questions.

Bonfire



Hayride

There's nothing that says "Fall Festival" like a bonfire and hayride! In cooperation with Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry, everyone is invited to a festival event on **Friday, November 12, starting around 5:00 pm**. It's fine to arrive later, too! We're still working on the exact location on the Sydow farm, but our plan is to welcome all the Good Shepherd family and the people Wittenberg Door is ministering to to cook some hot dogs, enjoy some hot spiced cider, and ride around in a hay wagon for a little while. This is a great opportunity for our Good Shepherd family to meet some new people, including international students who would like to meet real live Americans and learn more about us and our cultures. Let's plan to invite our friends and, as Wittenberg Door always says, "bring a friend, make a friend." Some college students asked if there will be s'mores. Yes, there will be s'mores. Let's enjoy them together.

Please let Pastor Spotts know if you and your family will be able to come and if you will be able to bring some hot dogs, buns, or other picnic type foods. Due to the late date of the event, we also would like to know if you have a lantern to bring or to lend.

Our alternate location, based on weather, is the Good Shepherd fellowship hall, where we can quickly arrange board games. And yes, regardless of the weather, we will have s'mores.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Women's Guild members have been busy since Covid restrictions were relaxed in the spring. We meet monthly for a business meeting, Bible Study, and time for fellowship. Meetings are the 2nd Monday each month at 1:00 p.m. at church, except we do not meet in December. In 2021 we served meals to two families following funerals, sent Valentine treat boxes to college students, and hosted the Centralia Back to School Teacher Appreciation Dinner for 165-170 teachers and other staff members. For the past several months several members, along with Pastor Spotts, visited Heritage Hall Nursing Home for a short worship service with the residents. We do this at 2:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, which makes the next visit November 1. November 6 will be the annual Craft Sale in the fellowship hall. On December 12 we will host the turkey dinner following the Sunday School Christmas Program. Our next meeting is November 8 at 1:00 p.m. and will include election of officers for President and Secretary, who will be installed in January. Outgoing officers are Judy Maseman, President and Sherry Morse, Secretary. Ann Seider, Vice President and Brenda Moss, Treasurer have another year of their two-year term. We invite all women to join us for any of our meetings or other activities.



Good Shepherd Women's Guild is a member society of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The primary focus is Mission Work. Members are given Mite Boxes and are encouraged to deposit offerings into the boxes and return them to the monthly meetings. At each convention Mission Projects are voted on which are funded by these Mites.

The Mission Goal for the 2021-2023 Biennium is \$2,150,000.00. (4/1/21 – 3/31/23) Twenty-eight recipients have been approved for grants in the US and other countries around the world. Amount received as of August 31, 2021 is \$551,189.98.

Anyone can have a Mite Box and participate in the Mission Work. One Sunday a month we try to have the large Mite Box somewhere in the narthex. You are welcome to empty your Mite Box into the big box or just deposit an offering in the box to be added to our monthly donation.

2022 will be the 80th year since the founding of the LWML. Watch for more news of how this anniversary will be observed.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Heritage Hall Service 2:00pm	3	4	5	6 Annual Craft Fair 9 – 1pm Trivia starts at 7:00pm
7 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After Service Bible Study	8 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	9 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	10	11	12 Hayride & Bonfire 5pm Location TBD	13 Church work day! 9am
14 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church After Service Bible Study	15	16 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	17	18	19	20
21 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After Service Bible Study	22	23 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	24 Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00pm	25 Happy Thanksgiving Day!	26	27
28 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church After Service Bible Study	29	30 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	27	28	29	30

November Birthdays

Garrett Truesdell	Nov. 2
Vivian Diener	Nov. 9
Allison Schmersahl	Nov. 12
Lisa Smith	Nov. 12
Sheryl Bartels	Nov. 15
Madison Smith	Nov. 15
Susan Harris	Nov. 16
Tyler Smith	Nov. 19
Wyatt Truesdell	Nov. 26
Curt Nadler	Nov. 30

November Anniversaries

Jeff & Tracy Jaeger	Nov. 5
Darrell & Alane Gronefeld	Nov. 11
John & Sherry Morse	Nov. 23





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MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

November

November 7

"The Father of Solomon, by Uriah's Wife"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The story of David and Bathsheba is a scandalous tale of adultery, treachery, and murder—but it also shows God's undeserved mercy for David and for us.

(2 Samuel 12:13)

November 14

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

November 21

"Between Now and Eternity There is Much To Do!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Hector Hoppe

(Jude 1:20-25)

November 28

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

November Calendar

- Nov. 7 All Saints' Day
Text: Matthew 5:1-12
- Nov. 14 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Text: Mark 13:1-13
- Nov. 21 Last Sunday of the Church Year
Text: Mark 13:24-37 or John 18:33-37
- Nov. 28 First Sunday in Advent
Text: Luke 19:28-40 or Luke 21:25-36

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236

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Board of Trustees

Kathy Dickey (573) 489-3421

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Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling

Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

churchupdates

Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at

www.churchupdates.org

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

October 3
Attendance 45
 Current \$ 1,979.00
 Building \$ 395.00
Total \$ 2,374.00

October 10
Attendance 44
 Current \$ 1,112.00
 Building \$ 140.00
Total \$ 1,252.00

October 17
Attendance 38
 Current \$ 1,192.00
 Building \$ 140.00
Total \$ 1,332.00

October 24
Attendance 37
 Current \$ 787.00
 Building \$ 220.00
Total \$ 1,007.00

October 31
Attendance Available in Decemb
 Current \$
 Building \$
Total \$

Current
 10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building
 100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

October Other Deposits

10/3/21	Armand Fischer Memorial	\$120.00
10/10/21	“Our Way Home” bible study book	\$15.00
	Armand Fischer Memorial	\$160.00
10/17/21	“Our Way Home” bible study book	\$15.00
	Armand Fischer Memorial	\$225.00
10/24/21	Armand Fischer Memorial	\$125.00
10/24/21	Operation Christmas Child (OCC)	\$35.00

2021 Advent Services

Meal at 6:00p.m.

Worship Service at 7:00p.m.

December 1st Chili (Host Randy & Catherine Simmons)

December 8th Lasagna (Host Russell & Jackie Stelzer)

December 15th Tacos (Host Gary & Ann Seider)

December 22nd TBD (Host Pastor Spotts)

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Thanksgiving Eve, all Advent services, and Christmas Eve will go to: “Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty” Executive Director Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz please visit the link below for more information.

<https://www.lcms.org/lutheran-center-for-religious-liberty>



The Avenue of Flags will proudly raise 540 flags during the Veterans Day holiday at the Centralia City Cemetery. Weather permitting, at the Centralia Cemetery on **Tuesday November 9th at 3:00 p.m.** We will also lower the flags on Friday, **November 12th at 3:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to help raise and lower the flags. Your help and support would greatly be appreciated by our Veterans and the Avenue of Flags Committee. Please do not park in the cemetery due to placements of the flags and poles. Thank you for supporting our Veterans.

For additional information please contact City Hall 573-682-2139.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Dana Goings – Co-worker of Kathy Dickey battling cancer; **Iris Chrystal** – sister of Kim Decker and sister in-law of Verda Adkisson; **Linda Benoit** – wife of Wayne Benoit battling cancer; **Verda Adkisson**; **Bryan Cornett**; **Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Erica Cornett**; **Palmyra Dubbert**; **Terry Decker**; **Jane St. John**; **Darleen Wiederhold** – sister of Roy Richterkessing; **Chloe Decker**; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Mary Brechler**; **Pastor Kriete**; **Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Martha Blevins**; **Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** –daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey**.

Community: **Father Mike Coleman**.

BEREAVED

We remember in our prayers the family of Betty Cox, mother of Martha Spotts. Who suddenly departed this life in October.

ARMED FORCES

Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Hoek Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**.



Church Work Day on November 13th beginning at 9:00am



Pastor David Spotts (vacancy pastor)

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