

# Shepherd's *Voice*

## Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS November 2022

### The verses that launched Luther

Romans 1: 16-17 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”**

As we celebrate the 505<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg Germany, we remember this verse from Romans that completely change the way Luther saw scripture. You see Luther didn't always believe that the Grace of God, through faith, was enough to warrant salvation; Luther saw God as a just and righteous God and was terrified by God's righteousness because it meant that he would punish all those who fell short of it, including himself. He says:

“Nevertheless, in spite of the ardor of my heart I was hindered by the unique word in the first chapter (of Romans): ‘the righteousness of God is revealed in it.’ I hated the word ‘righteousness of God,’ because in accordance with the usage and custom of the doctors I had been taught to understand it philosophically as meaning, as they put it, the formal or active righteousness according to which God is righteous and punishes sinners and the unjust.”

Luther felt trapped in his sin and hated the righteous God who punishes all sins, for he feared that nothing he could ever do would make him righteous before the eyes of the righteous God. But then, God opened his eyes to scripture, when he read Romans 1:17 in its original language of Greek and discover that, unlike in the Latin translation that he was familiar with, the phrase “righteousness of God” was passive, meaning something we receive. He says:

“Then finally God had mercy on me, and I began to understand that the righteousness of God is a gift of God by which a righteous man lives, namely faith, and that sentence: The righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel, is passive, indicating that the merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written: ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’ Now I felt as though I had been reborn altogether and had entered Paradise. In the same moment the face of the whole of Scripture became apparent to me. My mind ran through the Scriptures, as far as I was able to recollect them, seeking analogies in other phrases, such as the work of God, by which He makes us strong, the wisdom of God, by which He makes us wise, the strength of God, the salvation of God, the glory of God. Just as intensely as I had now hated the expression ‘the righteousness of God,’ I now lovingly praised this most pleasant word. This passage from Paul became to me the very gate to Paradise.”

Luther then understood that God makes us righteous, not by our deeds, or our ability to avoid sin, but by His own righteousness that He imparts to us, as a free gift of faith, through the righteousness of Christ Jesus. The rest, after that is, of course, history.

-Rev. Lanning

### November Church Events

- 11.1 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- 11.2 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11.5 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair
- 11.9 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11.10 2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
- 11.14 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 11.16 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 11.23 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 11.30 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

### Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. (led by Pastor Lanning)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: “The Red Sea Miracle”  
(led by Gary Seider)

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

# Helping Others

## Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.  
**Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only**  
contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)

## PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer 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.**

## Operation Christmas Child

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community.



## October 17<sup>th</sup> Quarterlife Event

The Quarterlife group between Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd met at the home of Pastor and Hannah Lanning. Members enjoyed homemade cast iron pizza and plenty of laughs. Members of Quarterlife also packed 100 toiletry bags consisting of chapstick, toothbrush, nail clippers, tissues and other items. These bags will be included in the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be packed at the November Second Saturday event. The evening concluded with fun games and fellowship.

## Quarterlife Life Schedule – November

**A small group for those in the post-undergraduate place in life**

Monday, 11/7: Bible Study at Campus Lutheran at 6pm  
Monday, 11/14: Bible Study at Campus Lutheran at 6pm  
Monday, 11/21: Bible Study at Campus Lutheran at 6pm  
Monday, 11/28: Bible Study at Campus Lutheran at 6pm

Mark you Calendars!

Sunday, December 11: Quarterlife is serving the after church meal at Campus Lutheran at 12 Noon.

If you'd like to stay up to date on QuarterLife events, join the GroupMe group. Contact Aaron Seider for more details.

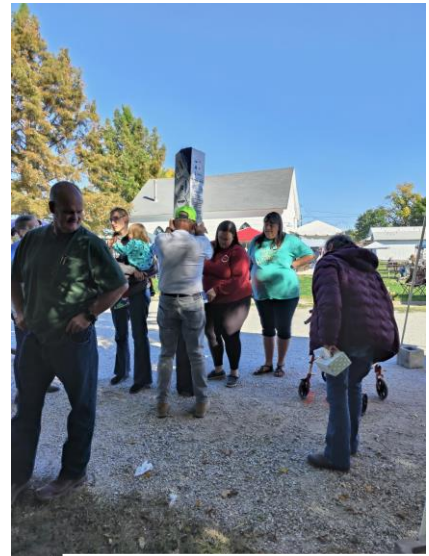


# Centralia Second Saturdays

**November 12th**

For our booth at Second Saturday on November 12th, we will be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes with the community. Thanks to Thrivent Action Teams, we have purchased almost all of what we need. Now we need YOU! Look for the Christmas Tree display in the narthex and pick up an ornament or two of things we still need for the boxes. Bring them back by the end of October and place them in the wrapped box under the tree. Then, come out on Saturday, November 12th, anytime from 10am-3pm, to help the children of the community pack shoeboxes.

**Our Church's first Second Saturday event  
October 8, 2022**





THANK YOU to everyone who donated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday's Operation Christmas Child!

Now come join the community in packing boxes.

Saturday, November 12, from 10am-3pm at Reclaimed off Railroad Street.

Come volunteer! Jobs range from:

- Restocking supplies
- Helping a child pack a box
- Talking to people walking by
- Building boxes
- Praying over the boxes
- Packing one yourself

You attending this event will make it a success!

Let's show the community how wonderful Good Shepherd is!



**7th Annual Centralia  
Craft/Vendor Fair  
Saturday, November 5, 2022  
9:00am to 1:00pm  
In the Fellowship Hall  
Lunch Available**



**The Avenue of Flags** will proudly raise 564 flags during the Veterans Day holiday at the Centralia City Cemetery. Weather permitting, at the Centralia Cemetery on Wednesday **November 9th at 3:15 p.m.**. We will also lower the flags on Monday, **November 14th at 3:15 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. Thank you for supporting our Veterans.

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



# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Elders Meeting 7pm	2	3	4	5 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair in the Fellowship Hall
6 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	7	8	9 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	10 Heritage Hall Service 2:00pm	11	12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9:am – 3:pm
13 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church	14 Womens Guild at 1:00 pm	15	16 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	17	18	19
20 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	21	22	23 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00pm	24 	25	26
27 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church	28	29	30 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am <b>Advent</b> <b>6pm Meal</b> <b>7pm Service</b>			



## *November Birthdays*

11.2 Garrett Truesdell  
 11.9 Vivian Diener  
 11.12 Allison Schmersahl  
 11.12 Lisa Smith  
 11.15 Sheryl Bartels  
 11.15 Madison Smith  
 11.16 Susan Harris  
 11.18 Hannah Lanning  
 11.19 Tyler Smith  
 11.26 Wyatt Truesdell  
 11.30 Curt Nadler

## *November Anniversaries*

11.5 Jeff & Tracy Jaeger  
 11.11 Darrell & Alane Gronefeld  
 11.23 John & Sherry Morse





**LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES**

[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

## NOVEMBER

### November 6

#### "Barefoot Saints"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Moses heard God speak to him from a burning bush.

Where do we hear Him?

(Exodus 3:1-6 (7-15))

### November 13

#### "Still Holding On"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's judgment clears the way for God's new creation, in Christ.

(Luke 21:28)

### November 20

#### "Where It All Comes Together"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We see division and discord all around us, but there is one place where it all comes together—the fullness of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

(Colossians 1:19-20)

### November 27

#### "Freshly Fallen Snow"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Isaiah 2:1-5)

### 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. 6: All Saints' Day  
Text: Matthew 5:1-12
- Nov. 13: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Text: Luke 21:5-28
- Nov. 20: Last Sunday of the Church Year  
Text: Luke 23:27-43
- Nov. 27: First Sunday in Advent  
Text: Matthew 21:1-11

## Serving The Lord

### Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

#### Board of Elders

Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230  
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#### Board of Trustees

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#### Church Fellowship Hall scheduling

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#### Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling

Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

### Church Updates

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](http://www.churchupdates.org)

# FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

## October 2

Attendance	50
Current	\$ 1,774.00
Building	\$ 180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,954.00</b>

## October 9

Attendance	41
Current	\$ 1,206.00
Building	\$ 290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,496.00</b>

## October 16

Attendance	49
Current	\$ 1,176.00
Building	\$ 170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,346.00</b>

## October 23

Attendance	45
Current	\$ 1,597.00
Building	\$ 190.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,787.00</b>

## October 30

Attendance	
Current	\$
Building	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ available next month</b>

### 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 Deposits

10/9/22	District Partnership Grant	\$ 1,000.00
10/16/22	Campus Shared Ministry (Aug-Oct)	\$ 3,750.00

*Offering envelopes - please use your envelopes for your church giving as much as possible. It makes things much easier for our financial secretary when counting and recording member information. If you need envelopes just let Sherry know and she can get you some. Thank you*

## 2022 Advent Services

**Meal at 6:00p.m.**

**Worship Service at 7:00p.m.**

November 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Soup &amp; Chili</b> (Host Curt & Starr Nadler)
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lasagna</b> (Host Jon & Donna Hoek)
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Brisket</b> (Host Russell & Jacki Stelzer)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tacos</b> (Host Gary & Ann Seider)

Those attending are asked to bring a dish, salad or dessert. The weekly host family will be in charge of asking members for additional help with the main dish.

### SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Thanksgiving Eve, all Advent services, and Christmas Eve will go to: Good Shepherds New Ministries Fund. We will also be collecting food during Advent for Ester's Pantry located at Crossroads Cathedral Assembly of God Church in Centralia. A list of recommended items currently needed will be available on the Narthex table in early November.

## Campus Lutheran Church

**Meet Me at the Manger**, an indoor display of more than 500 homemade creations, and touchable children's sets. For complete details please pickup a printed copy on the Narthex table.

## THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the birth of Noah Alvin Banks on October 19, 2022. He was 8 lbs. 7 oz., 20 inches. He is the son of Travis & Shelby Banks, grandson to Sara Mechlin and great grandson to Roy & Karen Richterkessing. Both baby and mom are doing well.

## SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

**Calvin Stemme** – treatment for cancer; **Andrea Kilbourn** – recovering from an auto accident; **Doreen Loeffler** – treatment for breast cancer; **Julia Rainey, Travis Barr** – taking cancer treatments. **Shawn** - Randy Simmons's boss; **Palmyra Dubbert; Mary Brechler; Jane St. John; Mark Ramsey; Linda Benoit; Bryan Cornett; Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Erica Cornett; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** – daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Community: Father Mike Coleman.**

## ARMED FORCES

**Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy** – brothers of Rachel Rojas (Robertson); **Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps** – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay, U.S. Army.**



On a bright, warm, sunny day, October 22, five volunteers picked up 13 bags of trash along our Hwy 22 route west of Centralia. Thank you, Gary, Aaron, Ann, Alane and Kathy Dickey.



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