

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS November 2023

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

You know the words. "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name. And they're always glad you came. You want to go where people see their troubles are all the same. You want to go where everybody knows your name." People long to be part of a community. They will seek it out in all kinds of places, even those which may be harmful for them. However, the Church can be a different kind of community, a place of healing for hurting and broken sinners. The Church, first and foremost is a community, where people gather around Christ and His gifts.

The Reformers, Philipp Melancthon and Martin Luther, emphasized that the Church's existence is always for the sake of delivering what Christ won for us on the cross. In the fifth article of the Augsburg Confession, we confess that the Ministry of proclaiming the Gospel and administering the sacraments is so that we might be brought to saving faith and receive the forgiveness of our sins. In the Large Catechism, Luther writes, "We further believe that in this Christian community we have forgiveness of sins, which is given to us through the holy sacraments and absolution as well as through all the comforting passages of the entire Gospel. Therefore everything that is to be taught concerning the sacraments, in fact all Gospel preaching and all the functions of the Christian community focus on the forgiveness of sins. There is continuous need for this forgiveness. For although God's grace has been won by Christ and although the Holy Spirit effects holiness within the fellowship of the Christian church through the Word of God, yet because of our fallen nature, we are never without sin." (LC III, Part III, 54)

Each congregation is ultimately a place where God takes a bunch of self-absorbed sinners and makes them into a community of saints as the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace. As St. Peter reminds us that once we were not a people, but now we have been made into a holy nation, a community of saints. Each week as we gather, we confess our sins and rejoice that Christ has covered over our sins and that the Holy Spirit has made us to be the holy ones of God. This new reality is seen at the Lord's table as the holy ones receive the holy things of God, Christ's body and blood under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

May our congregations be places where hurting sinners come confessing their sins and being made holy through the Spirit's work. Through Christ's atoning work and the Spirit's sanctifying work, we are made to be a holy community, a community of saints in Christ.

Prayer – *O Holy Spirit, You call, gather, enlighten and sanctify us to be a holy people in Christ Jesus, make Your Church to be a place of healing for all of those who are hurting so that we might be a community of hope through the forgiveness of sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Fraternally in Christ,



November Church Events

- 11.1 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
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- 11.4 Women's Guild Craft/Vendor Fair 9-1
- 11.5 **Daylight Savings Time ends – change clocks**
- 11.7 Mission Planning 7 p.m.
- 11.8 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
- 11.8 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.
- 11.9 Heritage Hall 2 p.m.
- 11.13 Women's Guild 1 p.m.
- 11.15 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
- 11.15 Worship Committee 4 p.m.
- 11.15 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.
- 11.22 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
- 11.22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 p.m.
- 11.22 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.
- 11.24 Secretary on vacation until 12.3
- 11.29 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.
- 11.29 ZOOM Prayer Group 9 p.m.

Sunday Events

Prayer Group: 8:30-9:00 a.m. (meets in the Sanctuary)

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

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Road Trip to Truth" (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon for children age 4 through 4th grade.

Martin Luther Quiz Answers

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| 1. A | 6. B |
| 2. C | 7. C |
| 3. B | 8. B |
| 4. D | 9. D |
| 5. D | 10. D |

PET Project

Pick up will be arranged by calling when we have items ready. At this time, they will no longer be accepting 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.

Shepherd Supply

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

Operation Christmas Child

This year Good Shepherd is combining the two efforts we did last year. We will no longer have the numbered boxes with envelopes to take home, nor the store. Look for containers on the OCC display, located in the narthex, for the monthly featured items collections. Each month we will announce what item we suggest buying for the boxes. We ask that you participate by bringing the items and putting them in the containers to collect throughout the year. In November, we will pack boxes at the Second Saturday event and as a church on the Sunday after. These two efforts will encourage our church and community to pray for this ministry. Lunch will be provided on Sunday. If you choose to take a box home to fill on your own, please feel welcome to do that. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Lanning or Jacki Stelzer.

Collecting all year – shipping \$10 per box, if writing check make payable to GSLC with OCC shipping in memo.

April – soap in wrapper, inside washcloth and placed in zip-lock baggie; May – Small stuffed Animal/toy

June – Toothbrush, (NO toothpaste), brush, comb; July – Shirt, Socks, underwear

August – sticker/coloring book, school supplies (pencils, eraser, crayons, ruler); September – WOW toy

The goal for shipping collection has been reached. Many thanks to all the generous donations for this project!



The Care Committee invites members to treat the Lanning family to some meals when they are busy at home with their new precious baby. Hannah says the grandparents will be around to help until about Thanksgiving--therefore the Care committee will put up a sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for meals **to begin around Dec. 1**. Contact Ann Seider or Judy Maseman with any questions. We can give you some guidance for what kind of food they like, or help you connect with another member who wants to provide part of the meal, arrange for delivery, etc. Certainly, if you'd rather just reach out to Lannings on your own, then do so. Pastor's number is 512-968-4587 and Hannah's is 314-566-9434.

Perhaps you will be fortunate to hold the baby or read with Katy when you deliver the meal:)

Shared Ministry Workgroup

The Shared Ministry of Campus and Good Shepherd co-hosted a bonfire/hot dog cook-out and hayride on Sunday, October 15th. Approximately 90 people attended with members of both congregations and college students. Approximately 144 hot dogs were cooked and most of these consumed. Both indoor and outdoor games were enjoyed along with fellowship, relationship building, and the hayride. We are continually looking for servant events to participate in, as well as ways to further build relationships between members of the two congregations. Many thanks to all who assisted in making this a successful event.



Food, friends and fellowship!

The bonfire was a popular spot for cooking and warmth.



Parents may have had to encourage children to eat prior to the hayride



Wagonmaster Curt!



Loaded and ready to go.



A "Master" griller!



God blessed us with a beautiful sunset!



QUARTERLIFE NEWS

Members of Quarterlife from Campus and Good Shepherd went camping at Arrow Rock State Park on October 13-15. Despite the cold temperatures, wind, and rain, everyone had fun around the campfire, fishing, and hiking. Smores and campfire cobbler were enjoyed by all; Saturday night's meal featured brisket, cheesy potatoes, and green beans.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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November Birthdays

Garrett Truesdell	11.2
Jacob Cochran	11.8
Vivian Diener	11.9
Allison (Hulen) Schmersahl	11.12
Lisa Smith	11.12
Sheryl Bartels	11.15
Madison Smith	11.15
Susan Harris	11.16
Hannah Lanning	11/18
Tyler Smith	11.19
Wyatt Truesdell	11.26
Betsy Cochran	11.27
Curt Nadler	11.30

November Anniversaries

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





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

October 29

"What Are People Good For?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Our family and friends are with us in life but they can't shield us from life and all its uncertainty. Where will you find security?

(Psalm 46:1)

November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way.

(Matthew 5:4)

November 12

"Again and Again and Again"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Matthew 18:1-4)

November 19

"Until that Day"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

November 26

"Loving Mercy"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

(Matthew 25:34-40)

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

November 5: All Saints' Day

Text: Matthew 5:1-12

November 12: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

November 19: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Text: Luke 17:11-19

November 26: Last Sunday of the Church Year

Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

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**Church Fellowship Hall and Church
ballfield scheduling & maintenance**

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 1
Attendance **47**
 Current \$ 2,788.50
 Building \$ 340.00

Total **\$ 3,128.50**

October 8
Attendance **50**
 Current \$ 932.00
 Building \$ 330.00

Total **\$ 1,262.00**

October 15
Attendance **53**
 Current \$ 1,826.00
 Building \$ 180.00

Total **\$ 2,006**

October 22
Attendance **52**
 Current \$ 1,231.00
 Building \$ 520.00

Total **\$ 1,751.00**

October 29 available in December
Attendance
 Current \$,
 Building \$ 0

Total **\$8,147.50**

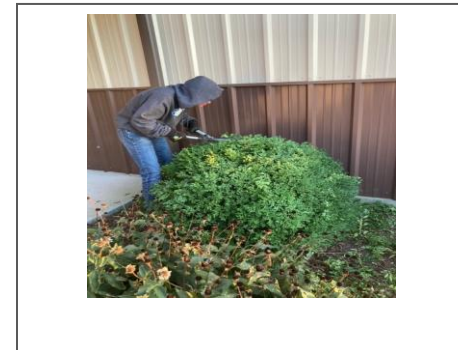
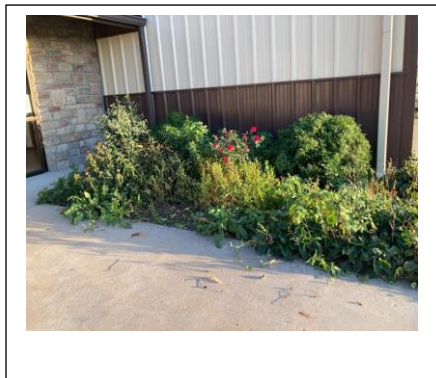
Current
 10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

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

Other October Deposits

10/1/23	Hall Usage – September	\$ 20.00
10/1/23	OCC – Shipping	\$ 50.00
10/8/23	Shared Ministry	\$1,250.00
10/8/23	OCC Shipping	\$ 50.00
10/15/23	Partnership Grant	\$ 750.00
10/15/23	OCC – shipping	\$ 980.25
10/15/23	Sunday School	\$ 320.25
10/22/23	CPH (cx'd subscription)	\$ 71.25

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 Tracy know and she can get you some. Thank you



Senior Youth

Senior Youth completed a service project of weeding, trimming and mulching the landscaped bed by the Fellowship entrance. Enjoy!



Jonathan helping change the sign announcing Trunk or Treat

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Verda Adkisson; Mark Blanton – Betsy Cochran’s cousin – waiting for liver transplant; Riley Jensen – Jon Hoek’s great niece – having serious medical issues; Diane Hollis – mother of Kristin Walters; Kim Decker – health issues; Susan Ross; Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Bill & Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz – recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; Bonnie Berthelsen; Arland Stemme - mother of Alane Gronefeld; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme – treatment for cancer; Doreen Loeffler –cancer treatments; Julia Rainey; Jane St. John; Linda Benoit; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; 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.

Missionaries - Pastor Tim Schulte and his wife Erin

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Tracy Ross; Evie Ross 3 months old-heart defect; Phil Nelson-cancer; Jennifer-recovering from liver transplant

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 Gorczyca 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.

Meet me at the Manger

Campus Lutheran would like volunteers at Good Shepherd to share their nativity set at their annual *Meet Me at the Manger* event to be held Friday Dec. 2 from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday Dec. 3 from 9:30 am to 5 pm. You may bring your nativity and set it up on Thursday Nov. 30. There may be a "storyboard" card for you to fill out. Watch the narthex table for postcards that you can give friends/family/coworkers to advertise Meet Me at the Manger.



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