

Shepherd's *Voice*

Highlighting our 2023 Advent Offering Designees



Heit's Point is the perfect refuge where a person's relationship with Jesus Christ is built, strengthened, and encouraged. For over 35 years Heit's Point has been a place of peace, a place where people can enjoy what the Lord has made. A place where families gather, youth experience spiritual growth, individuals find respite in God's presence and celebrations happen with retreats, conferences, seminars, camping and so much more! Our beautiful facilities overlook Lake of the Ozarks and are ready for your group or family to enjoy.



Mission: International Student Ministry, Inc. encourages and equips God's people for **intentional** Gospel ministry among international student communities.

Vision: International students and scholars have support and community for university life. This happens when:

- Strong well-connected local international student ministry sites serve international students and scholars.
- New local international student ministry sites form in areas with international students and scholars.
- LCMS congregations and members grow in desiring to share God's love with people of other cultures.

Values: These core values guide us:

Sharing Christ's grace and truth. We share Christ's grace and truth by what we say and what we do as we minister among internationals.

Affirming International Student Communities. International students, international scholars and their families who live on or near university campuses enrich both their community and their campus. We affirm them and the richness of their heritage and knowledge.

Supporting Ministry Leaders. We support ministry leaders by providing resources, encouragement, mentoring and training.

Praying continuously. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms lives, so we invite others to join us in praying that God's will would be done and his kingdom would come in us and in those among whom we serve.

Growing by grace. We are committed to increasing awareness, prayer support, ministry sites and financial support for ministry among international students and scholars, but always in dependence on God's grace.

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS December 2023

December Church Events

- 12.3 First Sunday in Advent
- 12.5 Elders 7 pm
- 12.6 **Advent Dinner/Service 6 pm/7 pm**
- 12.10 **Children's Christmas Program 10 am w/turkey dinner following the service**
- 12.13 **Advent Dinner/Service 6 pm/7 pm**
- 12.14 Heritage Hall 2 pm
- 12.20 Worship Committee 4 pm
- 12.20 **Advent Dinner/Service 6 pm/7 pm**
- 12.24 Christmas Eve am worship w/Pastor Pierce 10am
- 12.24 Christmas Eve Candlelight w/Pastor Lanning 7 pm

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 (led by Gary Seider) on December 3, December 17 and December 31

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

The Wednesday Morning Adult Bible study will not meet in December.

The ZOOM prayer group will not meet during Thanksgiving Eve and Advent.

Gary Seider's class will NOT meet December 10th or December 24th.

Seasons of Sharing Tree

Lutheran Family and Children's Services will set up a tree in the narthex with "ornaments" specifying different needs the organization has. The items collected are distributed to clients of LFCS. LFCS offers: Pregnancy Services; Maternal Mental Health; Mental Health Counseling for children, youth, and families; Parenting Services; Adoption Services. These programs are designed to break cycles of abuse and neglect, counsel parents on best choices for their unborn child, and create loving forever families. All services are open to everyone regardless of race, faith, national origin, gender, or age.

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)
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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



November Second Saturday OCC Packing

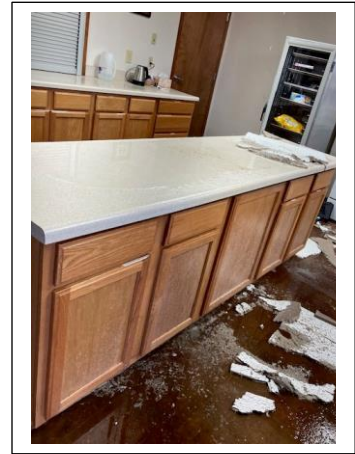
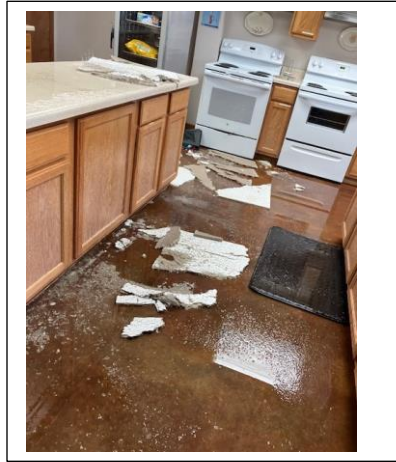
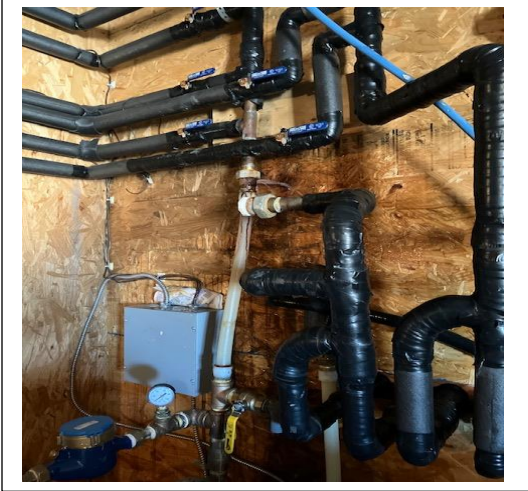
With good volunteer staffing from GSLC and enthusiastic community support over 100 boxes were packed at the November Second Saturday. All the boxes were filled by shortly after 1 pm on Saturday. On Sunday, following worship additional boxes were packed making the grand total 128 boxes to be shipped.

Thank you for your support, work and donations of GSLC's **Operation Christmas Child** ministry.



November 10, 2023 Water Leak

The morning of November 10th Alane Gronefeld discovered a very wet kitchen area from a leak in the mechanical closet upstairs. Brenda Moss was contacted and her husband Bob came up to shut the water off to prevent more water loss. Randy Simmons came up to start moving some of the water in the kitchen area while the insurance company and ServiceMaster were contacted to start water mitigation.



On November 17th approval was received to do the demolition of damaged areas, which was minimal. The demolition began and was completed on November 18th. On November 19th the last piece of drying equipment was removed. The stoves in the kitchen were turned on and all burners and ovens worked. On the 19th it was determined the repair work in the kitchen would not interfere with Advent dinners or the turkey dinner on December 10th. The fellowship hall was also cleared for use. A claim has been filed with GuideOne, the deductible is \$2,500.



Advent Dinners

The dinners will start at 6 pm, the host families are

December 6th - host family: Gary & Ann Seider – menu: Breakfast for Dinner – Ann will make pancakes and have milk available.

December 13th - host family: Randy & Catherine Simmons – menu: Soup & Chili – Catherine is making Pork Carnitas chili and soup (to be determined)

December 20th – host family: Jon & Donna Hoek – menu: Lasagna and Garlic Bread – Donna is making lasagna and garlic bread.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex for suggested sides to the main dishes. Please help round out the meal by bringing a dish.

Pastor Lanning and Pastor Pierce will be “pulpit sharing” during Advent.

Pastor Lanning will conduct the December 6th, December 20th and December 24th Candlelight services.

Pastor Pierce will conduct the December 13th and December 24th morning services.

SUMMER CAMP '24

WATER OF LIFE!!

- * June 9-14 FAMILY CAMP with Seminary Professor Rev. Dr. Thompson!!
- * June 16-21 HORSE CAMP and ALL CAMP
- * June 24-28 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SERVANT WEEK!
- * June 30-July 2 DISCOVERY WEEK! (K-2nd)
- * July 7-12 WATER WEEK!
- * July 14-16 MOM/DAUGHTER "WEEK"
- * July 17-19 DAD/SON "WEEK"
- * July 21-26 WATER WEEK and CANOE/PIONEER WEEK!
- * July 28-Aug. 2 ALL CAMP!

All campers must be entering 2nd grade— 8th grade, except the HS week and the weeks with parents.

~keep eye on website for any changes



Heit's Point
Senior Youth Retreat
November 3-4, 2023

Just a few of the activities and recreation opportunities offered at the retreat.

Jonathan and Alane Gronefeld attended from Good Shepherd.



Please see posted flyers for additional pictures and information regarding 2024 retreats and camping opportunities.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible study	4	5 Elders Meeting 7:00pm	6 Advent Dinner 6 pm Service 7 pm	7	8	9
10 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service Children's Christmas Program Turkey Dinner following the service	11 NO Women's Guild meeting this month	12	13 Advent Dinner 6 pm Service 7 pm	14 2:00pm Heritage Hall	15	16
17 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	18	19	20 Worship Committee 4:00 pm Advent Dinner 6 pm Service 7 pm	21	22	23
24 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service 7 pm Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas	26			29	30
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December Birthdays

Brittany Gorczyca 12.1
Martha Sydow 12.3
Barbara Fischer 12.5
Daniel Hoek 12.8
Jane St. John 12.9
Cheryl Steffan 12.11
Henry Rainey 12.12
Matthew Rojas 12.18
Katherine Lanning 12.19
Starr Nadler 12.20
Liliana Rojas 12.21
Palmyra Dubbert 12.28

December Anniversaries

James & Hannah Lanning December 21





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

December 3

"Before They Call"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is

"Lord, have mercy!"

(Isaiah 64:4)

December 10

"A-T Walker"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost.

(Isaiah 40:3)

December 17

"Life After Landing"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot?

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save.

(Isaiah 61:1-2)

December 24

"Community and Conversation"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(John 1:1)

December 31

"Of Entrances and Exits"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

(Luke 2:27-28)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

December 3: First Sunday in Advent

Text: Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37

December 10: Second Sunday in Advent

Text: Mark 1:1-8

December 17: Third Sunday in Advent

Text: John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24: Fourth Sunday in Advent/Nativity of our Lord

Text: Luke 1:26-38

December 24: Christmas Eve

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

December 25: Christmas Day

Text: John 1:1-14(15-18)

December 31: First Sunday after Christmas

Text: Luke 2:22-40

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

Board of Elders

Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497

Curt Nadler (573) 682-4541

Jeff Jaeger (573) 682-0902

Board of Trustees

Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429

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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



Nominating Committee

Seeking volunteers/nominees for church officers for 2024. Open positions are: Council President (1 year term), Recording Secretary (1 year term), Financial Secretary (1 year term), Elder (3-year term), Trustee (3-year term). Kim Rainey for additional **Description of duties noted on last page of the newsletter**. Please see Randy Simmons, Katie Hoek or information.

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

October 29

Attendance

Current \$ 724.00
Building \$ 100.00

Total \$ 824.00

November 5

Attendance 42

Current \$ 2,468.00
Building \$ 150.00

Total \$ 2,618.00

November 12

Attendance 48

Current \$ 878.00
Building \$ 260.00

Total \$ 1,138.00

November 19

Attendance 49

Current \$ 1,360.00
Building \$ 325.00

Total \$1,685.00

November 26 available next month

Attendance

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.

Other October/November Deposits

10/29/23	Hall Rental	\$ 60.00
10/29/23	Sunday School	\$ 70.00
11/05/23	Senior Youth	\$ 90.00
11/12/23	Mary Brechler Memorial	\$ 50.00
11/12/23	OCC shipping	\$ 90.00
11/12/23	Campus Shared Ministry	\$1,250.00
11/19/23	Mary Brechler Memorial	\$ 95.00
11/19/23	Christmas Treat Fund	\$ 55.00
11/19/23	LCMS Partnership Grant	\$ 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 Tracy know and she can get you some. Thank you



Pastor James and Hannah Lanning along with big sister Katherine (Katie) welcomed Elizabeth Leona Lanning on November 9, 2023. Elizabeth made her appearance at 4:56 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Thanks be to God for this precious blessing for the Lannings and to us at Good Shepherd!



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 infant with heart defect – may only need valve transplant now; Phil Nelson-cancer

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President- The president has the duty to preside at all meetings of the Communicant Members.

Recording Secretary - The recording secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Communicant Members and carry on all communications as directed by the Communicant Members.

Financial Secretary - The financial secretary shall be in charge of counting all moneys, received by the church, and shall be in charge of keeping records of all contributions by individual members, furnishing each member with an accurate annual report of their contributions. The financial secretary shall make all deposits of money in the bank, turn over deposit slips to the office secretary, and will be in charge of supplying envelope packets to each communicant. In the event of the absence of the financial secretary at service, Elders shall take charge of the money, but turn envelopes over to the financial secretary unopened. The financial secretary shall send a receipt and a note of thanks to non-member contributors.

Board of Elders - The Board of Elders shall aid the pastor in supervising the spiritual life of the congregation; make the necessary provisions for and render the necessary assistance to the pastor at devotional services; preserve decorum in devotional services; supervise ushers, organist, acolytes, and the Altar Guild. The Board of Elders shall direct and supervise all educational activities of the congregation and shall appoint the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and all non-professional teachers of the congregation. The Board of Elders will meet at least six times per year – in those months in which the Board of Christian Growth does not meet.

Board of Trustees -The Board of Trustees shall see that all necessary repairs on the church property are made, subject to the resolutions by the Communicant Members; hold in trust of the congregation all deeds, contracts, insurance policies, and other documents pertinent to the physical property of the congregation, and in general, represent the congregation in legal matters; be responsible for calling to the attention of the congregation such matters as may affect or are beneficial to the congregation as a property owner. They shall supervise the janitorial services.



Pastor James Lanning

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Church Office- Catherine Simmons T&Th 8am-3pm; W 8-10 am,
12-2 pm; 8-10 F (I attend Bible study Wednesdays)

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