

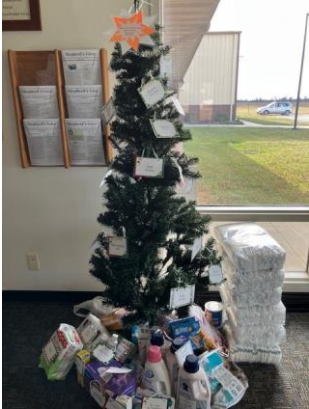
# Shepherd's Voice

## Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS January 2024

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On December 17, 2023 Heather Wall-Williamson, director of Columbia office of Lutheran Family and Childrens Services presented Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the 2023 Caring Congregation Award they give annually to a local church. Good Shepherd was selected as we have been a long time supporter of LFCS. You can see the actual award on display in the narthex. The bottom photo shows items that have been collected so far for 2023. The tree will remain on display for donations until early January. Heather said it does not have to be a specific tag on the tree – any baby/toddler items will be welcomed by the families served. Thank YOU GSLC for supporting LFCS.



### January Church Events

- 1.2 Mission Planning – 7 pm
- 1.8 LWML - 1pm
- 1.9 Ministerial Alliance meets at GSLC - 12 pm
- 1.10 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 1.11 Heritage Hall – 2 pm
- 1.14 Church Council – after service
- 1.17 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 1.17 Worship Committee – 4 pm
- 1.20 GSLC Trivia Night 7 pm
- 1.24 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 1.28 Quarterly Congregational Voters Meeting
- 1.31 Adult Bible Study

### 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) Road Trip to Truth

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

### 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.  
Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only  
contact 573-682-7235 to schedule

### 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*

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, January 28, 2024**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**120 W. Gano Chance Dr.**

**Teams register at 6:30 pm.**

**Trivia starts at 7:00 pm.**

**\$10 per person**

**Teams consists of up to 8 members.**

**Individuals will be combined to form a team.**

**Call 682-3941 for more info or**

**to pre-register**

*“What Child is This?”*



Our little “sheep” Anna and Katy.  
The cast of “What Child is This?”  
Abigail Rainey, Leah Cochran, Sabrina DeJesus,  
Allison Davis, Benjamin Robertson, Colton Rainey,  
Jacob Cochran, Wiley Rojas, Alexia DeJesus,  
Carson Robertson, Anna Cochran, Katy Lanning



Joyful and enthusiastic singing by our young people!



Portraying the Nativity



## *Good Shepherd Tree of Lights*

Many thanks to the people who assisted with erecting the tree after dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup>. For those who are curious, the total light count is 2,235. The picture was taken December 20<sup>th</sup> following the last evening Advent service.



This tree has been erected for many years and is a spot people come for Christmas pictures.

# JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Mission Committee 7 pm	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion After Service Bible Study	8 LWML 1 pm	9	10 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	11 2:00 pm Heritage Hall	12	13
14 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service Church Council Meets	15	16	17 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	18	19	20 GSLC Trivia Night Registration 6:30 pm Trivia 7 pm
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28 8:30 am Prayer Service 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service  Quarterly Congregational Meeting follows service	29	30	31 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm			



## January Birthdays

<b>Verda Adkisson</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Audrey Seider</b>	<b>1.15</b>
<b>Debra "Kim" Decker</b>	<b>1.16</b>
<b>Daniel Nadler</b>	<b>1.18</b>

**No January Anniversaries**



Dear Good Shepherd Church Family. Thank you for the unexpected (AND appreciated!) Christmas gift presented to me on December 20<sup>th</sup>. I really appreciated the prayers and support extended to me. Serving as administrative assistant at Good Shepherd is truly a blessing for me. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. With prayers for blessings. Catherine



January 7

**"As We Forgive"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't.

(Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

January 14

**"How Could She Ever Forgive Him?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice.

(Matthew 18:27)

January 21

**"The Battleground of Forgiveness"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Psalm 32:1)

January 28

**"Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola  
(Psalm 103:11-12)

**Broadcasting**

**Columbia, MO**

**KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am**

**Moberly, MO**

**KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm**

January 7: The Baptism of Our Lord  
Text: Mark 1:4-11

January 14: Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Text: John 1:43-51

January 21: Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Text: Mark 1:14-20

January 28: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Text: Mark 1:21-28

## 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**  
**Henry Rainey (573) 823-9777**  
**Brenda Moss (573) 682-7117**

**Katie Hoek (573) 933-0515**

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

**churchupdates**



Welcoming Elizabeth Leona Lanning to Good Shepherd at a congratulations reception on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Happy parents are Pastor James and Hannah Lanning along with big sister Katy Lanning.

Dear Good Shepherd church family,  
Thank you for all the prayers, words of encouragement, food, and gifts for our beautiful daughter Elizabeth's arrival. You have demonstrated what the body of Christ looks like in action. We are so thankful to be a part of this church and pray that we can be supportive to y'all when major life events happen. God Bless you! Pastor and Hannah Lanning

# FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

## November 26

**Attendance** 47  
 Current \$ 775.00  
 Building \$ 340.00  
**Total** \$ 1,115.00

## December 3

**Attendance** 44  
 Current \$ 1,984.00  
 Building \$ 180.00  
**Total** \$ 2,164.00

## December 10

**Attendance** 71  
 Current \$ 2,503.00  
 Building \$ 680.00  
**Total** \$ 3,183.00

## December 17

**Attendance** 43  
 Current \$ 633.00  
 Building \$ 340.00  
**Total** \$ 973.00

## December 24 AM

**Attendance** 39  
 Current \$  
 Building \$  
**Total** \$

## December 24 PM

**Attendance** 64  
 Current \$  
 Building \$  
**Total** \$

## December 31 (available in February newsletter)

**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 November/December Deposits

11/26/23	Advent (Thanksgiving Eve)	\$ 125.00
11/26/23	Christmas Treat	\$ 22.00
12/3/23	Advent (Thanksgiving)	\$ 10.00
12/3/23	Christmas Treats	\$ 15.00
12/6/23	Advent (December 6)	\$ 87.00
12/10/23	Christmas Treats	\$ 20.00
12/10/23	Lutheran Witness	\$ 105.00
12/10/23	Partnership Grant	\$ 750.00
12/10/23	Shared Ministry w/Campus	\$ 1,250.00
12/13/23	Advent	\$ 231.00

*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*

Thank you to all church members who helped bless a local family with Christmas gifts and necessary groceries.





## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Family of Lacey Prewitt who died unexpectedly early Christmas morning, (her mother Susan has been on our prayer list for cancer treatment, Lacey g=Andrea Kreder – expecting twins; 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; 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 needing heart transplant

## ARMED FORCES

**Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy** – brothers of Rachel Rojas; **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

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). **Description of duties are noted below.** Please see Randy Simmons, Katie Hoek or Kim Rainey for additional information.

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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