

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS November 2024

The Power of the Growing Seed

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan

"And he said, 'The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.'" Mark 4:26-28

We continue with the image of a sower and seed today in Jesus' "Parable of the Growing Seed." Found only in Mark's Gospel, the focus of this parable is not the sower, but the seed. To prevent any attempts at making the parable about our sowing, Jesus explains that the growth occurs even while the sower sleeps. Then comes the clear words, "He knows not how." The growth of the Kingdom of God does not come by our best efforts or particular gifts.

The late Martin Scharlemann wrote, "Jesus used this parable to correct some of these false notions...He stresses, therefore, the spontaneity of growth. The kingdom is self-developing. It grows of itself." The Greek word in the text is "automata" from which we get the word automatic. The power for growth comes from the seed that is the Word of God.

As Lutheran Christians mark the Reformation once again, it is good for us to be reminded of the power of the Word of God for every one of us. As God sows the seed through our vocal witness and our teaching of the faith within the home, the seed sprouts and grows; we know not how. As the pastor proclaims the Gospel to the assembled saints and brings the comfort of God's Word to a homebound saint, the seed sprouts and grows where and when it pleases God, not the pastor. These agricultural parables lead us back into the Word of God for our own strength, but also to scatter the seed that is the Word and wait for it to sprout and grow. Thanks be to God for the power of the Word that causes it to grow automatically - not because of us.

Prayer – O Jesus Christ, as the seed of Your Word is scattered wherever You lead Your people, may it sprout and grow to bring forth a harvest of righteousness for the sake of Your name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Fraternally in Christ,
President Lee Hagan

November Church Events

11.02 Women's Guild Craft Fair 9-1
11.02 Trivia Night
11.05 Mission Committee 7 pm
11.06 Adult Bible Study 10 am
11.06 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
11.11 LWML 1 pm
11.12 Ministerial Alliance at First Baptist 1 pm
11.13 Adult Bible Study 10 am
11.13 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
11.14 Heritage Hall 2 pm
11.20 Adult Bible Study 10 am
11.20 Worship Committee 4:30 pm
11.20 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
11.27 Adult Bible Study 10 am
11.27 Thanksgiving Eve Service at Campus 7 pm
11.27 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
After service Bible Study (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon for children age 4 through 4th 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 Monday – Thursday 9-12 OR by appointment
Contact 573-682-3941



THANK YOU SENIOR YOUTH!

The flowerbed looks so much better after being trimmed and cleaned up. Many thanks to Jonathan and Alane Gronefeld for all your work.

Come join us!



**SHOEBOX
PACKING
PARTY**

Gifts for children around the world.

Saturday, November 16

Packing 9:00-2:00

All supplies are provided. We just need you!

FREE Breakfast!

Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Drink

Serving 9:00 - 10:30am

Free Will Offering for Shipping of Boxes

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
120 W. Gano Chance Rd.
Centralia, MO 65240

A project by Samaritan's Purse that aims to demonstrate GOD's love to children in need around the world by sending them shoeboxes filled with gifts.

SAVE THE DATE!! BRING AN APPETITE! BRING FRIENDS!!!

Our goal is to pack and ship 125 boxes to children around the world.
We have all the necessary materials – WE NEED YOU!!!

Come for breakfast and stay to help pack boxes.
Shipping is \$10 per box.



Sunday School's sponsored child, Anthony, will receive a Christmas gift from our Sunday School.
The Sunday School students each wrote a letter to him this fall.
We always look forward to his letters.
This sponsorship is through Compassion International.

Thank You!

Many hands made the hayride a successful event. I would like to thank Curt, Starr, and Danny for providing the tractor, trailer, and straw for the hayride. Thank you, Randy, for the bonfire and grilling hot dogs. Thank you Mark and Rina for the Thrivent Action Team card and shopping - this was great to make it a free event. Thank you, Gary, Ann, and Aaron, for the outdoor games and activities, especially 9 Square! One mom told me her child would normally be sitting on the side lines watching and he was playing - she really appreciated that! Thank you, Wendy Fischer for the chili and cheese for chili dogs - those additions made a hit with people! Thank you to all the members who attended and helped in other ways. Campus Lutheran also helped in making this a successful event.





NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Women's Guild Craft Fair 9-1 Trivia Night 6:30 pm
3 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	4	5 Mission Committee 7:00pm	6 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	7	8	9
10 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service	11 LWML 1:00 pm	12 Ministerial Alliance at First Baptist at noon	13 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	14 2:00pm Heritage Hall	15	16 OCC Shoebox packing party
17 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion OCC Shoebox packing continues following worship	18	19	20 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Worship Committee 4:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	21	22	23
24 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service	25	26	27 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Thanksgiving Eve at Campus at 7 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30



November Birthdays

Jacob Cochran November 8th
Vivian Diener November 9th
Elizabeth Lanning November 9th
Sheryl Bartels November 15th
Susan Harris November 16th
Hannah Lanning November 18th
Betsy Cochran November 27th
Curt Nadler November 30th

Sheryl Bartels, Susan Harris, Hannah Lanning, and Curt Nadler will be celebrating "milestone" birthdays this year. Addresses for Sheryl and Susan are included in this newsletter.

November Anniversaries

Jeff & Tracy Jaeger November 5th 30 years
Darrell & Alane Gronefeld November 11th
Sherry & John Morse November 23rd 40 years





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

November 3

"Working the System"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Law--a "system" that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us. (Genesis 33:8)

November 10

"My Name Is Now Yours"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God comes to renew us with His forgiving love, rename us in Baptism, and remain with us through His Word. (Genesis 35:10-11)

November 17

"Album-Worthy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy." (Genesis 35:3)

November 24

"Jesus Sees What's in the Heart"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

Jesus sees what's in our hearts. What's in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior. (Mark 12:41-44)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

November 3: All Saints' Day

Text: Matthew 5:1-12

November 10: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 12:38-44

November 17: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 13:1-13

November 24: Last Sunday of the Church Year

John 18:33-37

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

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Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at

www.churchupdates.org



ADDRESSES FOR BIRTHDAY CARDS

Sheryl Crosby Bartels (please include the name
Crosby)

c/o Cedarhurst

2333 Chapel Hill Road Apt 307

Columbia, MO 65203

Susan Harris

216 S Columbia Apt 4B

Centralia, MO 65240

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

September 29

Attendance 49

Current \$ 1,453.00
Building \$ 190.00

Total \$ 1,643.00

October 6 53

Attendance

Current \$ 1,590.00
Building \$ 190.00

Total \$ 1,780.00

October 13

Attendance 53

Current \$ 2,220.00
Building \$190.00

Total \$ 2,410.00

October 20

Attendance 51

Current \$ 1,810.00
Building \$190.00

Total \$ 2,000.00

October 27

Attendance 39

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 September/October Deposits

09/29 Sunday School	\$ 2.75
10/06 Sunday School	\$ 2.00
10/13 Sunday School	\$ 2.00
10/13 OCC Shipping	\$ 90.00
10/13 Shared Ministry Support	\$1,250.00
10/13 Partnership Grant	\$ 500.00
10/20 Senior Youth (Youth Gathering)	\$ 150.00
10/20 OCC shipping	\$ 100.00

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, Judy Maseman, for the Reformation Cheesecake served at the Quarterly Voters meeting on October 27th. We love your creativity!!!!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Savannah and Taylor – as they watch their daughter recover from her CDH repair; grant them patience as they wait to hold her; **Reagan Louise** – newborn recovering from surgery for repair of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker's daughter–injured in motorcycle accident; **Ron Borgman**; **Ryan James**–cousin of Betsy Cochran–health issues; **Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Sherry Morse**–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Craig**–suffering with spinal stenosis–friend of Randy Simmons; **Verda Adkisson**; **Mark Blanton**–Betsy Cochran's cousin–waiting for liver transplant; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Bill & Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey**; **Jane St. John**; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **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 wife Erin

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; **Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **Dylan Dick**–health issues; **David**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues.

ARMED FORCES: Christopher Thompson, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon and Jesse Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brothers of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – will be December 8th during the worship service. Please watch for rehearsal information. If you have children or grandchildren, you would like to have participate please let Katie Hoek or Kim Rainey know. Following the program, Women's Guild will host the turkey dinner in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS – donations for the children's Christmas Treat bags can be put in the offering plate or given to Donna or Catherine. If you put it in the offering plate please mark the envelope Christmas Treat Bags.



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