

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS November 2025

Finding Strength in Christ's Fortress

Psalm 46 proclaims, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," (Psalm 46:1, ESV). This verse points directly to Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross is our sure and certain fortress. In life's storms—whether personal trials, societal unrest, or spiritual battles—Christ's redeeming love remains our unshakable foundation. As Martin Luther, inspired by this psalm, penned *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, he saw Christ as the mighty deliverer who is our Rock when all else fails.

The psalm vividly describes chaos: "Though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea," (Psalm 46:2b, ESV). Yet, we are called to fear not, for Christ's victory over sin and death assures us of God's protection. The theology rooted in *sola scriptura* finds in Psalm 46 a promise fulfilled in Jesus, whose resurrection guarantees our security. Through His atoning sacrifice, we are shielded from eternal harm, no matter the tumult around us.

Psalm 46:4–5 speaks of a "river whose streams make glad the city of God." This river flows through Christ's gifts of Word and Sacrament. In Baptism, we are united to His death and resurrection; in the Lord's Supper, we receive His body and blood, strengthening our faith. These means of grace are Christ's assurance of peace amid chaos.

Finally, Psalm 46:10 urges us to "Be still, and know that I am God." In Christ, we find rest, trusting His finished work. Brothers and sisters, take heart: Jesus Christ, our sure and certain fortress, is with us forever.

Prayer – Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us a new and contrite heart, that worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian K. Thieme
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, Mo.
Missouri District

November Church Events

- 11.1 Women's Guild Craft Fair
- 11.1 Men's Group meets this afternoon
- 11.4 Mission Planning – 7 pm
- 11.5 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 11.5 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 11.9 OCC Packing Party with meal—follows worship
- 11.10 Women's Guild – 1 pm
- 11.11 Heritage Hall – 10 am
- 11.12 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 11.12 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 11.18 Worship Committee 4:30 pm
- 11.19 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 11.19 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 11.26 NO Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 11.26 Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7 pm
- 11.30 First Sunday in Advent

Sunday Events

Sunday School: 9:00 am

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

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday noon-4 pm,
Thursday 9-12



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX MINISTRY

GSLC working together to
bring the love of Jesus to all
areas of the world.
Contact Hannah or Jacki
with any questions.



Join us for OCC Packing Day!

**Fun
Fellowship**



Free Lunch

November 9, after worship



PIC•COLLAGE

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Women's Guild Craft Fair Men's Group AA at 6 pm
2 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	3	4 Mission Committee at 7 pm	5 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am AA 6 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	6	7	8 AA at 6 pm
9 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service	10 Women's Guild at 1 pm	11 Heritage Hall at 10 am	12 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am AA at 6 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 8:00 pm	13	14	15 AA at 6 pm
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23 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service	24	25	26 NO Adult Bible Study today AA at 6 pm Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm	27	28	29 AA at 6 pm
30 First Sunday in Advent 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service						



November Birthdays

Jacob Cochran	November 08
Vivian Diener	November 09
Elizabeth Lanning	November 09
Sheryl Bartels	November 15
Susan Harris	November 16
Hannah Lanning	November 18
Betsy Cochran	November 27
Curt Nadler	November 30

November Anniversaries

Jeff & Tracy Jaeger	November 05
Darrell & Alane Gronefeld	November 11
John & Sherry Morse	November 23





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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November 2

"The Way Out"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way."

(1 Corinthians 10:13)

November 9

"The Lead of Life"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

The lead (or 'lede') of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel?

(Luke 20:27-40)

November 16

"The Name on the Front"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God.

(Romans 12:5-6)

November 23

"An Unlikely King"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

November 30

"Rise and Shine"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down.

(Romans 13:11)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

November 02: All Saint's Day

Text: Matthew 5:1-12

November 09: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 20:27-40

November 16: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

November 23: Last Sunday of the Church Year

Text: Luke 17:11-19

November 30: First Sunday in Advent

Text: Matthew 21:1-11 or

Matthew 24:36-44

Serving The Lord

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**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

September 28

Attendance 47

Current \$ 1,600.00

Building \$ 300.00

Total \$ 1,900.00

October 5

Attendance 46

Current \$ 2,308.00

Building \$ 490.00

Total \$ 2,798.00

October 12

Attendance 48

Current \$ 1,438.00

Building \$ 370.00

Total \$ 1,808.00

October 19

Attendance 63

Current \$ 840.00

Building \$ 320.00

Total \$ 1,160.00

October 26 (offerings reported in Dec)

Attendance 34

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 Deposits

10.12 OCC Shipping \$ 300.00

10.12 Fellowship Hall \$ 20.00

10.12 Women's Guild \$ 200.00

10.12 Campus Shared Ministry \$1,250.00

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 Jacki know and she can get you some. Thank you

Voter's Meeting Highlights

Jeff Jaeger, Ann Seider and Randy Simmons volunteered to serve as the Nominating Committee. They are seeking volunteers for Elder, Trustee, Council Chair, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary.

Henry Rainey volunteered to fulfill John Briggs remaining 15 months as Trustee. His term will end with installation of officers in January 2027.

Danny Nadler volunteered to be the lay member voting for the LCMS Synod President next June. Pastor Lanning will be the pastoral voting member.

Donna, Jon, and Katie Hoek volunteered to Children's Christmas Treat bags.

Donations can be given to them or placed in the offering plate with the designation Children's Christmas Treats.

The Thanksgiving and Advent offerings will be split evenly between Esther's Pantry and KVC MO.

Advent dinners will be on December 3rd, December 10th, December 17th at 6:00 pm with the Seiders, Lannings and Hoek families hosting – date and menu to be determined; and December 24th at 5:30 pm with the Simmons family hosting – the menu will be assorted slider sandwiches and sides.

The Budget committee presented the budget – a few changes were made during the meeting. Catherine reduced her increase to 2.5%; the water/trash line item was increased to \$1,500 to cover the cost of a dumpster; VBS was increased to \$200. The approved budget is **\$165,523.61** – \$3,183.15 needed weekly - this is \$28.48 more than the current weekly budget amount of \$3,154.66.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Vivian Diener – health issues; **Patti Martinez** – breast cancer; **Dan Keil** (Norma Keil's son) – burns to hands and face from harvesting accident; **Prayers for those with health issues; prayers for caretakers; Bob Maseman** – thyroid cancer treatment (Judy's brother in law and Steve's uncle); **Bruce Mills** – hospitalized with health issues; **Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan** – recovering from a stroke; **Cammie Cunningham** (Olivia Hoek's mother) – cancer treatments; **Christ Lutheran School, Perry, GA** – facing financial challenges; **Those affected by the flooding in Texas; Lynn Lake and the other communities affected by the wildfires in Canada; Barb Gerger** – hip fracture; **Ken Manola** – recovering; **Skip Elkin** – health issues; **Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte**; those grieving recent loss of family or friends; **Terry Plank** – undergoing chemo treatments; **Savannah & Taylor Tarwater** – as they mourn; **Mike Hyde** – recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus** – health issues; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – recovering; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker's daughter–recovering from surgery; **Ron Borgman; Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; 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 - MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Bernie Ryan** – health issues; **Charlene** – esophageal cancer; **Shelley R.** –melanoma; **Geri Ward** – health issues; **Gerry Southard** – health issues, **Kim Smith** – health issues.

ARMED FORCES: Veterans of Armed Services – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Christopher Thompson**, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother 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; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army



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