



Good News From Good Shepherd

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

John 10:11

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. (Romans 1:8)

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. (Colossians 1:3)

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. (Philippians 1:3)

I thank God whom I serve...as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. (2 Timothy 1:3)

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers. (Philemon 1:4)

Numerous times, Saint Paul thanked God for the fellow saints who shared the work of the Gospel with him. One thing that struck me about the above five passages is that Paul noted his thankfulness early in these letters to fellow believers. He placed such a high priority on making sure people knew they were appreciated and being included in **his prayers**.

We share the work of the Gospel here at Good Shepherd. And like Paul, I am grateful to God for all you do – and I want you to know that. I try to make expressing this a high priority but can always do better. So thank you again for your contributions of time, talent, and treasure, your prayers and words of encouragement, your participation in worship, and anything else that I may have neglected to mention specifically.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want you to know that we are going to try something different this year. Instead of a mid-week Thanksgiving Eve service, **we will have Thanksgiving-themed services for our Sunday morning worship on November 24**. Because this is before many of us travel for the holiday, this schedule will allow many more of us to express our gratitude to God together.

We are again looking to incorporate gifts for our Human Care Thanksgiving and Christmas Food boxes into our offering collections. **This year we will do this during our services on Sundays, November 10, 17 and 24**. While all non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcome, we are especially in need of the following: instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, Jello, mac & cheese, cake mix and icing, or other dessert mix. We also need monetary donations to cover the cost of the meat vouchers we give out in each box. These boxes will go to families in need in our community to help brighten their holidays. Please prayerfully consider donating to those in need this holiday season. Let’s beat last year’s blessing of 402 items collected!

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Pastor Bill



Thankful for All of the Small Things

Every week at Good Shepherd, I am very thankful as I notice so many small things that are done by thoughtful servants. Thank you for the large flower pots outside the entry doors welcoming everyone inside! Thank you that the shelves are all dusted and the carpets are vacuumed! Thank you for the Sunday bulletins and Voice that have been written, printed and folded so nicely for our Ushers to hand out Sunday morning! Thank you to those who are Greeters and Ushers each Sunday morning! Thank you for the kitchen angels who came early to start the coffee brewing! Thank you for those that prepare the sanctuary for worship on Sundays and special events! Thank you for the gift of altar flowers each week! Thank you to the devoted teachers who lead all ages in study! Thank you for the electronically gifted who keep our church's website running smoothly! Thank you for the editor of this newsletter! Thank you for those individuals who count the offerings, keep financial records and pay the bills! Thank you to the photographers for the member pictures! Thank you for the beautiful music that is performed each week! Thank you for those that bring the garbage cans down to the street and bring them back up to the church when emptied! Thank you for those who light the altar candles each week! Thank you for those who work with the video screens each Sunday! Thank you for the neatly stacked shelves in the library! Thank you for the beautifully organized kitchen and closets! Thank you for the welcoming smiles and hugs that are always offered! Everywhere I look, I notice another small thing that I am so thankful for! What small things have you noticed? What small things are you thankful for? What thoughtful and faithful servant will you thank personally for the small thing that they have done?

A Thankful Member

Thankful for my family – William Regan

Thankful for baby Rachel, my cousin.—Caroline Regan

Thankful for my family. Jacob Brann

I am very thankful to Judy Stetler for her beautiful stained-glass windows and banners! What a wonderful and artistic way to praise God. Thank you Judy! - **Karen Sladen**





(This prayer is taken from a simple Litany and Grace put together for you by LCMS Worship for use in the home for your Thanksgiving meal. In a day when the focus is on “feeling grateful” it’s worthwhile remembering Whom to thank for all the good gifts! You can download the full litany to use with your friends and family.) (<https://blogs.lcms.org/2015/thanksgiving-day-litany-and-grace>)

Thanksgiving Day Litany and Grace

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time;
You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

For the gift of this day and the opportunity to give You praise:

Glory to You, O Lord!

For the love and warmth of family and friends, both those gathered here and those gathered elsewhere, and most of all for those gathered to the Eternal Home:

Glory to You, O Lord!

For the good gift of children and grandchildren to nurture in Your love and fear; for the blessing of hearth and home:

Glory to You, O Lord!

For the joyful noise of infants cooing and children at play and for the honor of serving them, knowing they are beloved by You:

Glory to You, O Lord!

For the food You so graciously provide us and for the joy of feasting and playing together:

Glory to You, O Lord!

For the sufferings You are pleased to send us, for they purify us from selfishness and remind us of the one thing needful, Your eternal kingdom:

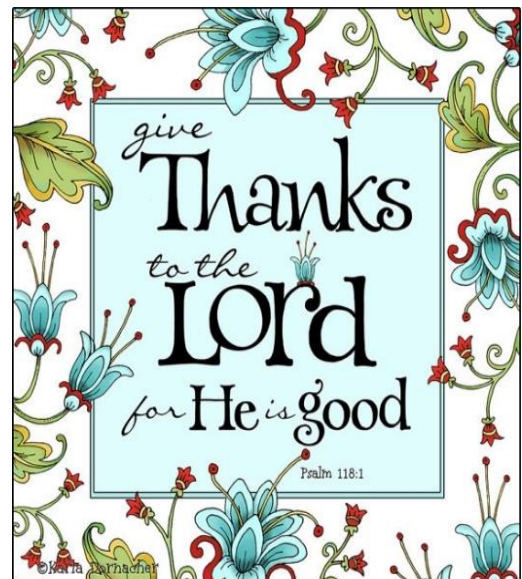
Glory to You, O Lord!

And finally for those things for which we are most thankful: the sweet comfort of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of all our sins by the blood of our Lord Jesus, the promise of our resurrection to eternal life; for the joyful companionship afforded by the Church; for Your Word that is a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for the gifts of Baptism and the Eucharist; for our pastors and everyone who faithfully serve to us Your best and highest gifts:

Glory to You, O Lord!

All sing together:

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mother’s arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.





...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1
Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Since I couldn't attend, I cannot deliver as promised an authoritative recap of what transpired at the October Council meeting other than what I saw, as you would have from the posted minutes. The council completed a budget for 2020 that will be recommended to the congregation in November.

What I can express authoritatively is my immense gratitude to this Council for faithfully gathering to do the work they were elected by us to do under less than ideal circumstances.

As I sit here in the fourth week of the discomfort and painful grip of shingles, I have lots of time to search for that attitude of gratitude and consider that for which I am truly thankful. It is work often, but absolutely necessary, especially on the bad days when I wonder whether I will in fact be the only person who does not recover from this affliction.

The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD. Job 1:21(b) NKJV

So wherein is my gratitude in these weeks of being captive to a nasty virus? First: In Christ Jesus, my Savior. This disease is a nasty foretaste of hell in its purest form of pain and torment daily and unending. To have enjoyed and given thanks for all the days prior to these and suffer only temporarily is an unprecedented blessing. Second: All the prayers, kindnesses and well wishes from family, church and others. Third: Timing. This is the ideal timing if such can be. It is before the holidays, before all the leaves are fallen and need raking. It's a time when I am generally healthy in every other way to endure the aggravation and frustration.

Just as joy is a state of being and happiness is an expression, likewise gratitude is a state of mind and thanksgiving the expression.



³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:3-8

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, that the chains of these shingles may soon be loosed! May we all abound with Blessings of gratitude and thanksgiving, always and in all circumstances.

Marlis Norton, Council President

Embraced by His Grace, Engaged in His Word, Empowered with His Spirit



The next Voter Meeting is set for Sunday, Nov. 17 after 2nd service. The main agenda item will be the 2020 proposed Budget. Because we need to delay the Constitution Town Hall, we will not take up the Constitution at this meeting. Thanks to the Congregation for your patience and grace in this matter.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also, our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing that the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



Choir news—Choir rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. on November 6, 13 and 20. We will be learning music for Sunday, November 24, as well as Christmas music. New singers are always welcome.

We are seeking instrumentalists and vocalists interested in participating on Christmas Eve, preservice music and/or as part of the worship services.

Please see Glen or Kim Leavens if you are interested. Thank you.



In September, the girls worked on and achieved their Our Flag and Music Appreciation badges. Had their first overnight camp out at Camp Friedlander and a successful pasta fundraiser. In November, they will be helping out Good Shepherd Mobile Food Pantry for service time. Ashlee Wandstrat has taken on the “Meet the Founder Evening” (November 15th) for her Dolly Madison award as a Pioneer girl. Patty Garibay, the National Founder of AHG, will be coming to speak and troops from as far as Toledo, Ohio will be here for this special event.





Operation Christmas Child The Human Care Committee is again offering you the opportunity to participate in the *Operation Christmas Child Program*. This program brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoeboxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love.

Please pick up one of the shoeboxes and a pamphlet at the display by the entrance. Determine whether you are buying for a boy or girl, and what age group. Fill the box with inexpensive gift and hygiene items (suggestions are listed on the info sheet). If you are able, donate \$9 for each shoebox to cover shipping and other project costs. Just put that in an envelope on top of

the items in the box. Fill out the label with the requested information, and tape to the top of your box. Secure the box with a rubber band and leave it at the display no later than **November 17th**. If you prefer, you can use your own shoebox from home and wrap it in brightly colored Christmas wrapping, or even purchase one of the plastic shoeboxes that the children can keep.

We will drop them off the week of November 18th. This is a fun project for children to help out with. They enjoy choosing what gifts go in the box. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives one of these gifts, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.



**Lutherans
For Life**

NORTHERN KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The Mission of Lutherans For Life is “equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.” But did you also know that Lutherans For Life...

- Serve through individuals who volunteer at pregnancy care centers, with hospice, through prayer, and in a wide variety of caring activities; Believes God gives the gift of life to all people – from the moment of conception until natural death;
- Is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- Is a ministry partner of the North American Lutheran Church;
- Is not subsidized by any church body;
- Is supported entirely by individual donations and grants; and
- Rev. Everett Greene of Cincinnati, OH sits on the National LFL Board of Directors as Vice President.

Prayerfully consider joining our Chapter. We need your support to continue to encourage, educate, and uplift with Gospel-centered, Word-based messages of hope, forgiveness, and new life!



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

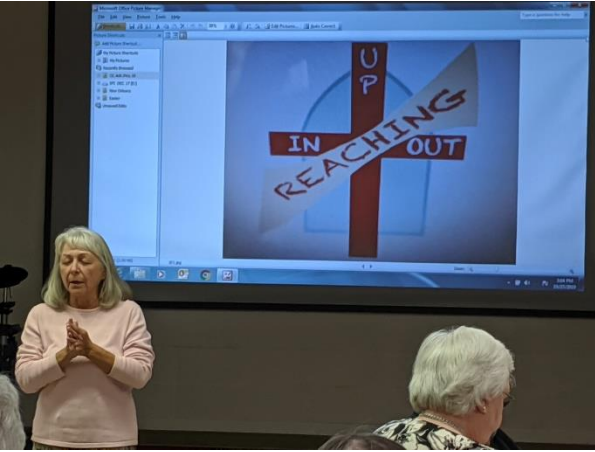
In September we held our church clean-up day. This was a successful event as you could see with the overflowing dumpster of cleanup work. We had a fantastic turnout with a lot of volunteers. Both the church, gardens and grounds look rejuvenated and fresh. Thanks to all that helped out on that day and other times contributing to make GSLC the church we all love and a comforting place to worship. In coming months there are projects to work on indoors and outdoors see Rob Nielsen to see how you can help.

October Events

Women's Auxiliary Ingathering

Marlis Norton, Women's Auxiliary President leads audience in prayer.

(If you missed the Ingathering, you can still use the envelope that was included with the pink invitation and drop it in the offering plate or mail it as addressed to support the work of the Auxiliary and Federation).



Lori and Leroy Raap attended the Ingathering and Joint Reformation Service

Pastor Otto Brillinger showed a slide presentation of his Mission work in Lithuania

Flood Bucket Assembly

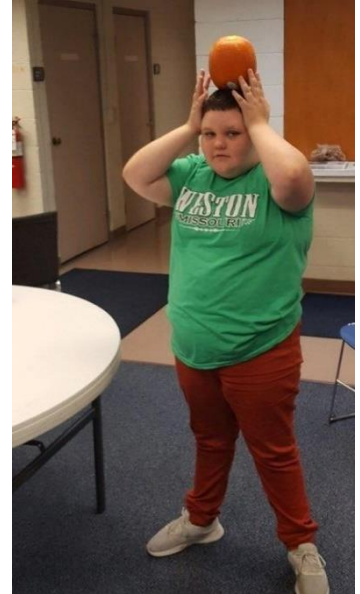


The supplies donated by Good Shepherd helped to fill over 300 hundred relief buckets for disaster victims.

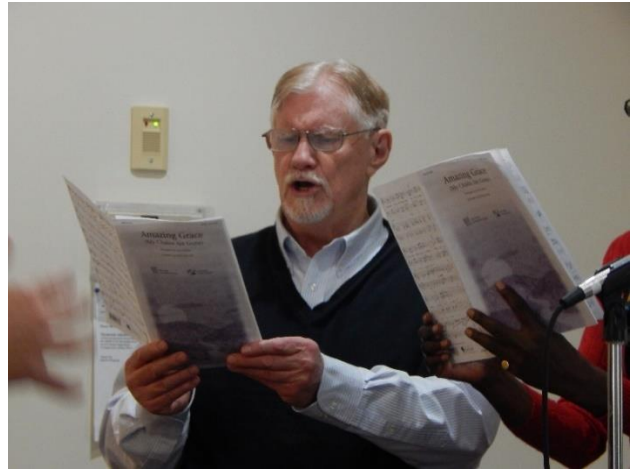
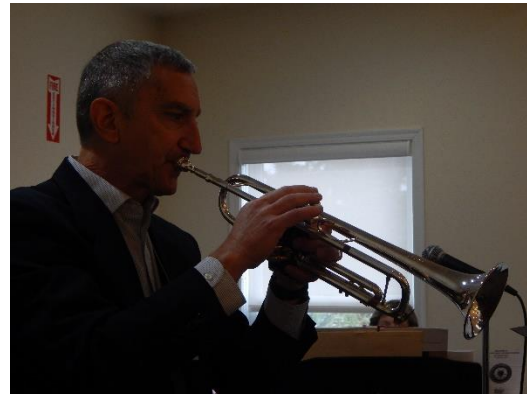


Youth Activities

The Youth Group at Good Shepherd joined the Youth Group at Zion Lutheran for a Halloween Youth Event and Fund Raiser.



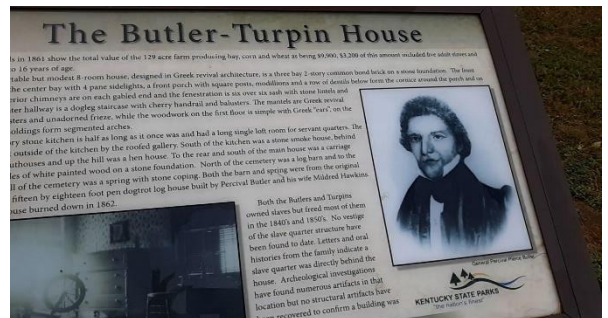
Reformation Sunday



Family Movie Night



OWLS Trip to Butler Turpin Estate



Join us for Sunday School
Sunday school and Adult Bible Study starts at 10 a.m.





Save The Date

- November 3 Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study Begins
- November 3 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- November 17 Voter's Meeting
- November 17 Operation Christmas Child Gift due
- December 4 Mid-Week Advent Service
- December 11 Mid-Week Advent Service
- December 18 Mid-Week Advent Service

November

Kathy Meckstroth	November 2
Julie Rath	November 8
Joe Barvincak	November 9
J.T. Cottrell	November 11
Jacob Brann	November 12
Rob Nielsen	November 15
John Yri	November 17
Anne Yri	November 18
Barb Barvincak	November 27



November

Gene & Judy Stetler	November 1
Joseph & Kelly Dunn	November 3
JT & Melanie Cottrell	November 10
Lenton & Taylor Woolley	November 19
George & Bev Beck	November 20



Flower Chart

November 3	Memory of Hank & Ellie Raap Anniversary
November 10	Marlis Norton- To the Glory of God
November 17	The Woolley's for Lenton & Taylor Woolley Anniversary
November 24	Joe & Paul for Barb Barvincak's Birthday

Faith Walk

1. Each day thank your Faithful God for fulfilling all His promises to you in Christ Jesus.
2. Participate daily in the study of God's Word.
3. Search the Bible for God's many promises. Make a top ten list of your personal favorites.
4. Keep a "Promise Journal" and note how God keeps His promises to you every day.
5. By the power of the Holy Spirit, share with at least one person the promise of the hope you have in Christ Jesus.

**"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."**

Psalm 107:1

