



# 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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## A Marvelous Time

We live in a marvelous time despite war in the Middle East and the Ukraine, broad partisanship in our government, inflation, and societal issues dividing our country. Those things have always existed. But still, we live in a marvelous time. And that's because we live in a time in which we have the complete word of God, His holy scripture available to us.

In Noah's through Mose's days, there weren't written scriptures. People had the promise of the "seed" to come made to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, but there was little detail provided by God at that time for people to know when this promised seed would arrive or what exactly he would do. In Mose's time, God provided the first 5 books of the Bible which point to the Savior by the tabernacle and sacrificial systems. Even then, people had to look forward to the fulfillment of God's promises using incomplete scriptures.

Then from King David's time through the prophets, more specific information was revealed by God regarding the Savior. Yet, it wasn't totally clear what all the prophecies meant. 1 Peter 1:10-11 says that, "Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories." Even with the written prophecies, people still had to wait for God's plan to be fulfilled.

As for us, we live in a marvelous time because we live in a time when the scriptures are complete. Our redemption has not just been promised to us, but our redemption has been fulfilled. We no longer wonder what the prophecies meant. No longer do we question when our promised Savior is coming. We are able to look at the completed scriptures to see what our Savior has done to provide us eternal life through faith in Him. God's complete scripture provides us the total picture of the assurance of our salvation.

Having a completed scripture available to us is a gift from God we should not ignore. Please take advantage of the marvelous time in which we live and read your Bible daily. Take advantage of having a complete scripture available by joining a Bible study group. Good Shepherd offers many you may join:

- Pastor's 8:45 am Sunday morning class
- Ladies 8:45 am Sunday morning Class
- Pastor's 7:00 pm Wednesday evening session
- Saturday 10:00 am Bible reading group
- Men's 10:00 am Monday morning study
- Women's 9:30 am Tuesday morning Bible study

Let us read our Bibles together and celebrate the marvelous time in which we live. **David Smith, Head Elder**

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## A Message from Your President

Count your blessings....

If you can, because *Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.* Psalm 40:5 (NKJV) and give thanks, to the Lord. And not only to the Lord, but to



**Mary Givhan**, who has taken on the newsletter, again. And as a tribute, here's the story, titled "Whose Job Is It, Anyway?"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Bless you Mary, and maybe Everybody will read this and Somebody will decide that Nobody needs to do what Anybody can or Somebody will take it on. God only knows!



**Council Actions:** The leadership team last met in October. The primary agenda item was next year's budget and the acceptance of the resignation of Secretary, **Karen Neubauer**. Thank you, Karen, for your faithful service.

The Secretary position remains open. The constitutional requirements are: The secretary shall maintain accurate minutes of regular and special voter meetings of the congregation and records of all decisions made by the congregation at such meetings. From the by-laws: 1) The secretary shall record and distribute the minutes of each church council meeting. 2) The office of vice president, secretary, financial secretary, the head elder and approximately half of the elders will be elected in the second quarter of odd numbered years, taking office on July 1. 3) The trustees of the congregation shall be the president, the vice president, the treasurer and the secretary.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to the position for the remainder of the current term, through June of 2025, please let any council member know your willingness, and/or to ask any questions.

**Consensus Finance:** After discussion regarding how best to present the current financial position and a reasonable budget for the coming year, it was agreed that the voter meeting would be best held in early December in order to provide the most up-to-date report of actual giving and expenses.

**Consensus Elders:** All of us have the responsibility to communicate desires and provide feedback around worship and bible studies and should do so as new studies are offered and holiday season worship begins

**Marlis Norton, Council Pres.**

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

## Thanks for Giving Baskets

Fill a Thanks Giving Basket for local families that need food assistance. The baskets will be provided along with a list of items needed. Return the filled basket anytime up until Nov. 19th. You may still contribute individual items as well. Donations for meat vouchers will also be accepted. Each voucher is \$15. Just make a notation on your envelope if you'd like to contribute!! Deadline: November 19<sup>th</sup>



**Christmas Gifts for Seminary Families** This year we will be supporting the families of two seminary students who are attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Stockings for each family member are hung on the mantle in the Gathering Area. Inside each stocking are cards listing gifts for each family member. Please consider taking one. The gifts should be returned by Dec 3. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

## Christian Education Opportunities

**Sunday Morning 8:45 am**

**Sunday School Pre-K – High School**

**Pastor's Bible Study**

**Women's Sunday Bible Study • *Ruth***

The study book is \$20. We are still in the early stages at Ruth 2:6.

**Monday 10:00 am**

**Men's Bible Study**

**Tuesday 9:30 am**

**Women's Tuesday Bible Study • *Men of the Bible* – Ducho Room**

**Women's Tuesday Bible Study – *Psalms* – Gathering Area**

**Wednesday 7 pm**

**Pastor's Bible Study**

**Saturday 10:00 am**

**Reading through the Bible**

## COOKIE PACK TIME!



This is a mission event of the Women's Auxiliary Committee of the Federation of Lutheran Churches. It's been done since 1929! And ladies, just as with the LWML, by virtue of our church membership, we are all members of this Women's Auxiliary.

Please consider donating home baked Christmas cookies to this effort! It's a great opportunity to include youth and young family members. Regular cookies are needed by the dozens! **No diabetic** cookies needed this year and PLEASE, **NO NUTS OR BAR COOKIES**.

Cookies go to Care Centers in our Cincinnati/NKY area and in particular, Good Shepherd distributes about 45 boxes of cookies with the Christmas message to residents at Acadia Apartments. Each box contains about 7 cookies. Doing the math, that means our allocation alone is about 25 dozen cookies! Each year this project completes 1,000 (+/-) boxes of cookies! Your contributions are important to bringing the sweet message of Jesus to the care-bound.

Bring cookies to the **church by Sunday, December 3**. The **packing event is Monday, December 4 starting at 9:30 a.m. at CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** in the Christ Community Center, 3301 Compton Rd., Cincinnati OH 45251. If you would like to also participate in the packing and need transportation, (and we need more packers!), please contact Marlis, [mnorton6541@gmail.com](mailto:mnorton6541@gmail.com).



### November

Julie Rath	November 8
John Poynter	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
Emma Poynter	November 18
Barb Barvincak	November 27
Lynn Mitchell	November 28

### December

Vincent Woolley	December 1
Taylor Mason	December 5
Shirley Duane	December 18
Calvin Herr	December 18
Dwayne Smith	December 20
Ashlyn Brann	December 21
Josh Molina	December 28





## Thanksgiving Dinner and Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, November 11

Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, rolls, and dessert.

Tournament starts at 2 pm

Dinner at 5pm

Cost: Free will offering  
(Fund raiser to support Youth activities)



## The Children's Christmas Program

*Silent Night Holy Night*

Dec 17 4:00 pm

After the program there will be refreshments and Christmas Caroling

They will also be presenting the programs to the residents of Boonesprings on Dec 22. And possibly at Legacy Learning next door to church.

The students have been working diligently on the program and are looking forward to sharing the story of our Savior's birth. Many thanks to the parents and teachers for the support in making this happen!

## Past Events

### Sunday School Resumed in August









# Mobile Food Pantry Shopping at Master Provisions



## Set up and Packing





## Delivery





## OWLS Trip to Donn Farm And Baseball Game



## Youth Halloween Event





## Bowling



## Fidget Blanket Brigade





## Eleanor Jean Komplin's Baptism



**Congratulations Jon and Abby**



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