



# News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

November 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk:

*"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee." Hymn ELW #686*

This month, we get to celebrate Thanksgiving! I have a challenge for you. Each day, take some time to prayerfully reflect on the blessings God has given you. Don't even get out of bed without thanking God. And before you go to bed, thank God for the blessings of the day.

Many studies have proven that when we are thankful, it makes a big difference in our mind, body and spirit (and our relationships). Looking for and giving thanks for even the smallest things each day helps us in so many ways. Even looking for and giving thanks in difficult situations helps us cope with stress.

There is so much to be thankful for! God has been so good to us! The Holy Spirit has been working powerfully in and through this church for many years. It has been such a joy to be serving with you these last months. It has been a delight to hear of the wonderful ways that God has been at work at and through Good Shepherd for many years. I've heard from many of you how important this church has been to you and your family. It has also played a vital role in the community as well.

Now, Good Shepherd is preparing to call a new pastor! Our Call Committee is committed to prayerfully going through the process to call a new pastor. They welcome your input and prayers.

We also need your commitment. Please pray for Good Shepherd and the Call Committee. Please take some time to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of supporting God's mission at and through Good Shepherd as we move into this exciting time. The body of Christ is all of us working together to carry out God's mission. Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive through giving of your prayers, time, talents and treasures!

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust*

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***consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21***

My family has survived multiple hurricanes. We saw firsthand how storms can destroy things. We waded in flood waters and mucked out homes. We carried many water-soaked items to the curb for the trash truck to pick up. We know things can be here today and gone tomorrow. Thankfully, God's love and mercy can never be destroyed. It endures all things and time.

We have all been through several very challenging years. It has been challenging for individuals and churches. God brought us through it with God's strength, love and mercy. I have heard from many of you how grateful you are to be able to gather again together and restart things that couldn't be done during the pandemic. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

As we move forward to prepare for planning next year, please prayerfully consider how you can support God's mission at and through Good Shepherd. Then, let us know by filling out a pledge card. This estimate of giving card can be changed as needed throughout the year. It gives the Council and Call Committee some help in planning the upcoming year and what we can offer a new pastor.

On Sunday, November 13, together, we will thank God for the many blessings and entrust our pledge cards (estimate of giving) to the hands of God during the offering. After worship, we will celebrate by making fun cards again for people in need and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

We give God thanks for His faithfulness to us and Good Shepherd in the past. We give thanks for you and your faithfulness. We celebrate that God has entrusted each one of us and our church with a mission to love and care for those near and far away.

Thank God each day and please help us to prepare for the exciting future that God is calling us to.

Truly, all that we have is gift from God, entrusted to our care. Giving back a portion of what God has first given us is an honor and a joy.

Gratefully,  
Pastor Bonnie



**This month's  
First-Wednesday Dinner  
will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
6:15 pm.**



**Fellowship and Card  
Making after the service  
on November 13th**



**Join us for great food and  
fellowship at our  
Thanksgiving Potluck  
Dinner on Wednesday  
November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Sign-up sheet on the  
Fellowship Hall door.**



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## Our Council:

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## Council Corner:

With the weather having turned cool, it seems more like winter than fall. But fall it is as we enter November. Your Council has been working on preparations for Good Shepherd Thanksgiving dinner that will be on November 16. As in the past, dinner will be pot-luck with Don Larsen and Gunther Rankenburg supplying turkeys while ham will be supplied by a player to be named later. Drinks will be supplied and a signup sheet will be on the fellowship hall door. We hope each and every one of you will be able to participate in the resumption of Good Shepherd's thanksgiving celebration. This will be our first thanksgiving together in two- and one-half years, we do have a lot to be thankful for as a Congregation.

We have also been doing some preparation for Christmas. As with thanksgiving, our Christmas Eve service will be the first without an outdoor service in two years. If you would like to help with outside decorations, contact Joanne Craton. Next month in this column will be all the particulars about Good Shepherd's Christmas Celebration.

Council President  
Joe Sneddon

## Daily Bread Needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Toilet paper
- Blankets

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19

**The Church Choir needs you! First practice 9 a.m. on November 6th.**



**Women's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange  
Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
at O' Charley's Restaurant  
RSVP to Shirley Sneddon  
sjsnedden@att.net**



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

On Sunday November 6th we will celebrate "All Saints Sunday." On this very special day we remember in prayer those loved ones who have touched our lives and our faith and have passed into the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday.

Please send those names of those important to you to Anne at [annestephens@mylcs.org](mailto:annestephens@mylcs.org). We give thanks to God for the love he sends into our lives through the presence of his saints!



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## Daily Bread Ministry:

**Matthew 25:40** "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

We now have 22 sites. And 16 residents at Shinnah. This month, one of our residents moved from Shinnah into housing and one was reunited with family in Florida.

Eight of our residents currently have jobs and three receive disability checks. Two have applied for disability... Others have appointments with Community Service board for assistance in seeking employment and/or needed therapy.

We shared hygiene items with Joe and Shirley's clients they serve with Meals on Wheels... all that received were very excited.

We were blessed to be able to donate \$750.00 to help install a shower and washer and dryer at Dry Bones Non-profit. Dry Bones restores donated cars and now their employees will be able to shower and wash and dry their clothes. They hire our men at Shinnah, and prayerfully all our residents will be able to also shower during the winter months.

We have been given a new area to relocate Shinnah... We are still waiting to hear if the county will provide water and a pull through. As of today, the projected time to begin clearing the land for the coroner's office is February 2023. We need 55 pallets (red and blue ones). Please let me know if you have a truck and are willing to pick them up at Good Samaritan. One of our first tasks at the new site, will be to clear an area to make an entrance and to clear a site to put our three bathrooms. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Thank you for your continued support and donations .... Our needs for the winter are blankets, Hot Hands and body Wipes.

Leila

## Operation Christmas:

On December 10th our church will be one of many in Douglas County to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Christmas, which is the largest single outreach event in our community. This ministry provides new, unwrapped toys and gifts to children on free school meals, receiving WIC or medical services through the

Health Department, enrolled in Project Head Start, or a student at Youth Villages. If you would like to donate, please place new, unwrapped toys in the collection box by December 4<sup>th</sup>. We are in the most in need of \$20 or \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Target. If you would like to help with the gift distribution, please let Leila know.





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## Call Committee:

The Good Shepherd Call Committee work is underway! We have completed our training on the call process, and over the next few months, we will be working to draft a "Mission Site Profile" for Good Shepherd that describes who we are as a congregation, our history, demographics, programs, ministries, insights to our community, and other information about us. We will be seeking your feedback and providing updates throughout the process. Feel free to reach out to us anytime with questions or ideas.

Sincerely,  
Randy Stephens, Laura Austin, Joanne Craton, Heidi Dennis, Don Larsen, Skip Welch



Join us for Bible Study after worship on Sundays! This Bible Study will not meet on Sunday, November 27.

Bible Study on the First Wednesday Evenings will be taking a closer look at scripture that we will hear in worship. Join us for this on November 2nd.

## Lutheran Disaster Reponse:



This hurricane season has brought devastating storms including Hurricane Fiona, which inundated Puerto Rico with rain, reminding people of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017. Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic, life-threatening flooding. Authorities estimate the number of fatalities is expected to rise. Lutheran

Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes, including Ian and Fiona, also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, and emotional and spiritual care.

Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes. You can donate to Hurricane Relief at [https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?\\_ga=2.55285099.135947857.1663790122-1560243721.1585090396](https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?_ga=2.55285099.135947857.1663790122-1560243721.1585090396)

## Choir:

Our church choir will be restarting with the first practice at 9 a.m. on November 6<sup>th</sup>. No special skills are needed! All ages and experience welcome! Please join us in making a joyful noise on to the Lord.



## Don't forget the time change:

Time changes at 2 a.m. on November 6<sup>th</sup>, so enjoy your extra hour of sleep before church that Sunday.



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## Fellowship and Card Making Event:

Join us after the service on November 13<sup>th</sup> for great snacks, fellowship, and card making to spread love and Thanksgiving cheer to those we serve in our Daily Bread Ministry.



## Thanksgiving Potluck:



Let's be thankful together! Join us for great food and fellowship at our Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Turkeys, ham, and drinks are being provided. Please sign up for a side dish and/or dessert on the Fellowship Hall door.

## Women's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange:

Our Annual Women's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange will be at 6 p.m. on December 6<sup>th</sup> at O' Charley's Restaurant. Let Shirley Sneddon know if you plan to attend at [sjsneddon@att.net](mailto:sjsneddon@att.net) or 770-947-5262. Please bring a \$20-\$25 gift to exchange. (Something you would like to have.)



## West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble:



The West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble is now meeting at Good Shepherd. The first practice here last month was a big success, with about two dozen in attendance. The dates of future meetings will be sent out by email. All ages are welcome to join the fun; sing, play or just listen – We have extra ukuleles if anyone wants to try. Aloha... Don Larsen

## Our November Birthdays and Anniversaries:



### Happy Birthday

11/1	Hannah Schad
11/4	Maren Smith
11/4	Rick Douds
11/5	Grete Carder
11/9	Noelle Ohara
11/11	Alexis Dowell
11/12	Travis Ritchie

11/15	Sage Smith
11/22	Jane Bucko
11/23	Lois Waldmann
11/27	Michael Garrett
11/27	Sam Duke
11/28	Gary Breneman
11/30	Stella Ryan

### Happy Anniversary

11/23	Neal and Pat Ochs
11/28	V.L. & Leila Myers
11/29	Steve and Laurie Fulton