



The Shepherd's Voice

October, 2019

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

Pastor's Page

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus. Wow, it is October already! October means many things to many people. We are in the midst of football season. School is in full swing. Seasonal residents are beginning to return to the area. The days are getting shorter. Things are beginning to change.

Those are some of the things I sat and pondered as I sat and pondered what to write for this newsletter. And, just in case you do not already know, writing newsletter articles does not come easily to me. I sat and sat and started to doodle on the piece of paper on which I was writing notes to myself for this article. Somehow I scratched a prayer using OCTOBER as an acronym. This is a prayer I say often. Today it became an acronym. It looked something like this:

Open my eyes Lord and
Create in me a clean heart.
Teach me your ways
Order my life.
Be near me always and
Encircle me with your presence.
Reassure me that your love and mercy are constant.

Prayers can be said and done anywhere, anytime, in any form. Prayers can be silent, or said out loud, formed or impromptu, spoken or sung as a hymn. I found myself in prayer when I wrote the word October.

There is another more popular acronym. It is a popular acronym that you may have seen before. I did not make this one up. It uses the word "joy." It is as follows:

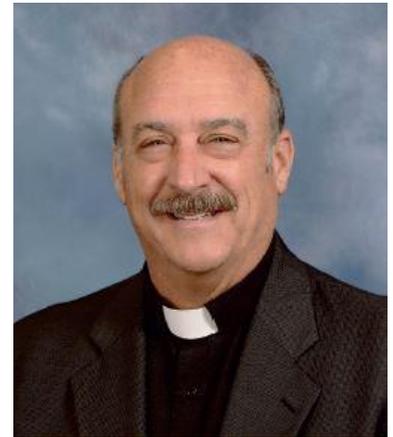
Jesus
Others
You.

Notice what comes first. Jesus is to be first, others second, and yourself last. Joy is one of God's greatest gifts to us, and it frequently comes to us as a result of following these priorities.

Our Stewardship Campaign for this year will begin this month. Our theme "*Empowered by Grace*," focuses on the joy that comes from living in God's love and reflecting that love to others by being faithful and fruitful stewards for Jesus.

Why are we left with such a joyful feeling when we give generous financial gifts to our church or to someone in need or when we give freely of our time in service to others? Isn't the ability to give and the joy in doing so both gifts of God? The Apostle Paul, admonishing his hearers to "*help the weak*" also reminded

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them that Jesus himself said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Outside a relationship with Jesus, we may not find his words to be true, but, as followers of Jesus, and as we abide in him, we bear fruit ... the fruit of giving, serving, helping, and loving those he places around us even as he has given, served, helped, and loved us. These things he tells us; he said, *"That my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."* (John 15:11).

Through the giving of our time and money, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. God certainly doesn't need our gifts, but God does ask us to give of ourselves and our blessings. God accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what our God has given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measured you get back."* (Luke 6:38).

Although we don't give and serve so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that, when we do things in Jesus' name faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, sometimes, material blessings as well.

Through faith, we realize that the joy that comes from the world is not lasting nor does it satisfy. Our pursuit of joy culminates in the discovery that, by God's grace, we receive joy not from serving ourselves, but from helping others. So, let's go spread some JOY!

Pastor Dennis



The following are highlights from the September Council meeting:

- Stewardship Campaign begins Sunday October 6th.
- Reformation Sunday is October 27th. (Wear RED.)
- Good Shepherd will participate in ADOPT A HIGHWAY beginning in November. Linda Koch has agreed to be the leader on this project.

- The 'noise offering' collected on Youth Sunday was designated for "Disaster Relief" as requested by the Sunday School children.
- A basketball hoop will be installed on church property to show young people that Good Shepherd welcomes neighborhood children.
- The Social Ministry Committee has committed \$100 from their budget to provide Pastor Koch with gift cards (5-\$20 cards) for walk-ins requesting food.
- Beginning the first Sunday in October, we will change from Setting 10 to Setting 5 in the "With One Voice" worship book, which corresponds to the "Service of the Word" on Page 213 in the ELW hymnal.
- New church sign is scheduled to be installed by October 2nd.

- Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will meet again on Saturday October 12th at 9 a.m. All men are encouraged to join in for a great breakfast and fellowship.
- An ad hoc committee will be formed to advertise to the general public the many activities available at Good Shepherd.
- A Senior Giving Christmas Tree will be in the Narthex this holiday season to benefit Life Care Center residents.
- The Angel Tree will again be in Fellowship Hall with names of needy children provided by the Citrus County Family Resource Center.
- S.O.S. Food Pantry distribution for August totaled 710 families.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Worship and Music



Several important things were covered at our September meeting:

1. There will be a slight change for the dinners for Advent services. On December 4th and 18th, we will have the normal soup and sandwich; on the 11th K.C. Carrier will be providing a dinner.
2. We are looking for a different procedure for All Saints' Sunday (November 3rd). We will have a booklet with all the names of those being remembered but we'll only read the names of congregation members who died this year. Each name read will be followed by a chime. The service may begin at the Memorial Garden.
3. October 27th, Reformation Sunday, will also be "Trunk of Treat" from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

4. Greening of The Church – December 20th, starting at 10:00 a.m.
5. Pastor Koch would like to change from Setting Ten in the ELW to Setting Five in the WOV (With One Voice) worship book. This setting corresponds to the "Service of the Word" on page 213 of the ELW.
6. Jane Isenstead would like to pursue an art auction to be held at a later date. Jane will chair an ad hoc committee to look into the feasibility of such an event as it will entail the cooperation of several committees.
7. Sue Fowler informed us that the youth wish to have the funds collected from the Noise Offering on the 5th Sunday be directed to the relief effort in the Bahamas. The church treasurer, Kathy Swartz, will send a check to Lutheran Disaster Response for any donations received through Good Shepherd.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st at 10 a.m.

Roger Johnson, Chair



W/ELCA NEWS

Sign up now for the W/ELCA Invitational Salad Luncheon on Saturday, October 5th at 12:00 p.m. We will have the chance to show-off our culinary skills as we bring in our favorite salads to share with each other, and with our guests from other churches in the Pinelands Conference as well as Shepherd of the Hills. The program for this event will be Kathryn Sipper telling us about the expanded services of The Path.

Following the luncheon on October 5, the women of Good Shepherd will hold a brief but very important meeting to elect our officers for the coming year.

Save the Date: November 8-10, 2019, Women of the Florida-Bahamas Synod will hold their annual Fall Gathering at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg, FL. The theme for our gathering is "Come to the Table." There is still time to make a

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There is a wonderful menu for the Fall Gathering. At our table you will nourish your soul with worship, Bible study, workshops, fellowship, elections and other business, table games, tying quilts for LWR, making new friends, and reconnecting with old friends. Online registration, including workshop information, is available at www.flwelca.com.

At the W/ELCA Board Meeting on September 9, the members voted to donate \$200.00 to the Florida-Bahamas Synod Disaster Relief Fund. Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Freeport, Bahamas had some damage from Hurricane Dorian, but is serving as a center for relief supplies for those who have suffered unimaginable loss from the storm. We call on any of you who are looking for a way to take action to show your concern for our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas to give to this fund.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, October 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Anne Storan
President



W/ELCA Circles

Mary-Martha Circle

Monday: October 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study Leader: TBD
Hostesses: Mary Wagner
All ladies are welcome to attend!

Ruth-Naomi Circle

Wednesday: October 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Bible Study Leader: Shelly Fortin
Hostess: Judy Teague

Priscilla Circle

Thursday: October 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Bible Study: TBD
Hostess: TBD

All women are welcome to join us in Bible study and fellowship.

Clergy Appreciation

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year in October to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

You can encourage your pastor (and his/her family) with a kind word, a card, a phone call to say "thank you," an invitation to breakfast, lunch, brunch or dinner, tickets to see a favorite movie or show, a spa day, a good book, a cup of coffee from your favorite coffee shop, a special prayer, a day of fishing.... There are any number of ways you can show you care. Whatever you do will be unexpected and very much appreciated. Assure him/her of your prayers and love.

It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.



Bring your cards and gifts of appreciation for our pastor(s) Sunday, October 13, 2019

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.
1 Timothy 5:17*



Fellowship

Get out your cookbooks to select your pasta recipe for the **October 19th, 5:30 PM** “Pasta with Pastor” Potluck. It can be any type of pasta dish — pasta salads, pasta casseroles, various Italian pasta dishes, etc. **Fellowship will provide the salad, bread and dessert.** PLEASE sign up on the sign-up sheet to indicate the number coming and if possible what type pasta dish you are bringing. If you aren’t able to bring a dish, please come anyway. Just remember to sign up. We always have enough.

The Fellowship Committee is appreciative that the kitchen will be getting a much-needed renovation. New appliances have already arrived. During the remodel, we will need to be prepared to make some adjustments to our regular activities. In addition, Fellowship could use some helping hands when we pack-up the kitchen items. I will put out a notice of the day and time on the church Facebook page.

The committee’s next meeting will be Monday, October 14, 1:30 PM. All are welcome.

Betty Sanger
Chair, Fellowship Committee



Evangelism

The Neighbor-To-Neighbor (NTN) program has been revised yet again. We decided to go a bit slower in introducing everyone to the church members who live in their neighborhood. We will start with the Advent Potlucks by designating seating areas for people to sit with people from somewhat nearby areas. You might meet people who live right down the street from you.

The 2019-2020 Music Series has been finalized. Watch for the printed flyers for the events.

One of the major goals of this committee is to find ways to bring young people to our church. The property committee will be renovating the play area for younger children and putting up a basketball hoop in the parking lot for the older children. And we hope to present ourselves with a great turnout for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27th. Anyone with other ideas, please call Pat Wolff at 352-560-7386



Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee will have a poster in the narthex beginning December 1, 2019 displaying the many activities of social ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Vera K. Swade, the chairperson, at 637-5308.



Adopt A Highway



Breaking news! We have adopted a 2.25 mile stretch of Norvell Bryant Highway and will be responsible for picking up trash once a quarter over the next 2 years. Our first clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 at 8:00 am and is open to all. You don’t have to walk the whole 2.25 miles as we will split up the work. We will also need a few drivers to help shuttle people and

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trash. Everything you need will be provided by the county and through a Thrivent Action Grant. I just ask that you wear closed-toe, comfortable shoes and bring your heart for taking care of God’s creation in our community! Watch for more details in the bulletin and a sign-up sheet in the narthex. See Linda Koch if you have any questions in the meantime.



Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study

Join us again this month for our Men’s Breakfast and Bible study on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.



All men are invited to fellowship with us. Just bring your appetite and your Bible. We’ll provide the food and the fun.



Stephen Ministry

We are still looking for a few good people to participate in our Stephen Ministry program. We have two volunteers to date, and need a few more who can spend a couple hours a month with those who need someone to talk to and share. Now is the time to express your willingness or ask any questions of Pastor Dennis.



“Your temper will improve the longer you keep it.”
—Anonymous

Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests. Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

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| almonds | gourds | nuts |
| apples | grapes | olives |
| barley | herbs | onions |
| beans | leeks | pomegranates |
| cucumbers | lentils | rye |
| figs | melons | wheat |

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
 G A U A S N O L E M S U
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“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”
—Martin Luther

“Empowered by Grace”

STEWARDSHIP IS FAITH IN ACTION.

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).



We are entering into our annual stewardship emphasis entitled, “*Empowered by Grace.*” During the next few weeks, we will consider what it means to be a “faithful steward empowered by grace” and how our stewardship translates into practical Christianity.

This emphasis is built in its entirety on two concepts: First, God owns everything! As Psalm 24:1 states clearly, “*The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.*” God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Second, our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God and which God has entrusted to us. In other words, all that we have is a blessing from God and represents that which God has loaned to us on a temporary basis.

What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly our time is a gift from our Heavenly Father that is given to everyone equally. All of us have the same amount of time — 24 hours per day. How we use our time is what makes the difference for this life and for eternity. Some will squander their time by giving priority to activities that carry little impact for eternity. Others will invest their time wisely for God’s glory and for the good of others.

Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, nor do we have the same talents and abilities, but all of us can excel at something. Some are called to a public ministry whereby what they do is highly visible, including pastors, worship leaders and teachers. Others are called to a less visible role in the ministry and work of the church. But all of us are given talents and abilities which can be used for God’s glory and to strengthen the gospel outreach here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The question is not *whether we can* do something for the Lord. The question is *if we will* use our talents and abilities to serve God. Unfortunately, many times, we offer excuses to avoid serving the Lord, excuses that often appear humorous when applied to other activities. *Moody Monthly* once carried an article that illustrated excuses people might use for not attending sports events. The analogy is easy to make in terms of serving the Lord.

Every time I went, they asked me for money. The people with whom I had to sit didn’t seem very friendly. The seats were too hard and not comfortable. The coach never came to call on me. The referee made some decisions with which I could not agree. I was sitting with some hypocrites — they only came to see what others were wearing. Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home. The band played numbers that I had never heard before. The games are scheduled when I want to do other things. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow. I don’t want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves which sport they like best.

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“Empowered by Grace” continued...

On the second day of their conference at Yalta, Premier Stalin gave President Roosevelt a reason why a proposed plan would not work. Roosevelt gently reminded Stalin that this was not the same reason he had given the previous day. Stalin replied, *“My dear Roosevelt, whenever you don’t want to do something, one excuse is as good as another.”*

Stop and think about it: 80% of the work in most congregations (including our congregation) is done by 20% of the people. The rest have made other activities a priority for their time and talents.

As one of the faithful stewards “Empowered by Grace” here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will you go against that trend by making a commitment to the “Proprietor of the Universe” to use the time and talents that have been given to you to make a difference in the ministry and outreach of our congregation? Remember, as one of those to whom God has entrusted time, talents and treasure, God is counting on you. . . .



2020 Council

Congregation Officers

President: Dan Cashman
Vice-President: Bill Mehnert
Secretary: Gladys Kean
Treasurer position is appointed each year

Council Members

Mike Busler
Jane Isenstead*
Ann Neville*
Pat Ouwerkerk
Phyllis Powell*
Cathy Heaps Stetson*
Mary Wagner
Randy Wagner

* Elected at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting August 25, 2019.



“Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders.”

Angel Tree

Again we are supporting the Citrus County Family Resource Center with our Angel Tree Ministry starting on Sunday, November 3, 2019, before and after each service in the fellowship hall. This ministry helps underprivileged children have a Merry Christmas. The angels’ names will be on a Christmas tree at the back of the Fellowship Hall. When you pick your angel, someone will record the name of that angel(s) and give you a wish list of items that the child would like for Christmas. You may purchase any number of the gifts listed, depending on your budget. **Do not wrap the presents.** Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are always welcome. When returning your angel’s gifts, **please attach to the bag, the angel tag, and the sheet of paper for that angel from the Family Resource Center.** Return all gifts and donations of wrapping paper and ribbon to the large Christmas box at the back of the fellowship hall. Someone will check in the angel and deliver the gifts to the Resource Center. Contact Amy Gilbert 564-0397 or Maggie Bregger, 860-2215 for more information.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

The following Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members have directed this month's Choice Dollars be given to Good Shepherd:

Rev. Dennis W. Koch
Linda C. Koch
Dianne P. Kohm
Hans P. Kott

Thank you for your gift.



LETTERS OF THANKS



Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your kind wishes towards me in recognition of my 90th birthday. I was overwhelmed to see both early and late service people present....old longtime friends. I thank God for each one of you. May he bless you abundantly!

Vera Thorne



Dear Good Shepherd family,

Thank you to all for your cards and prayers following my recent open heart surgery. I am feeling much better and begin cardiac rehab this week. I hope to be good as new when we return to Florida in November.

Blessings,
Denny Moore

Dear members,

Thank you all for your prayers and the beautiful altar flowers you sent to Wilma. She just loves them. She has lots of issues but is happy with what they are doing for her here at The Grove.

Thanks again for all your prayers.

God Bless to all,
Bob Moll



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

I would like to thank everyone who reached out to me during my recent surgery. I appreciate the cards, texts, phone calls and emails. Knowing that you were thinking of me made a world of difference. Thank you so much for caring,

Love,
Pat Ouwerkerk



Memorial and Special Gifts

The following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of September:

- To the Stewardship Fund by Gerri Fallanca in honor of the **Stephen Ministry Program.**
- To the SOS Food Pantry by Gerri Fallanca in honor of **Vera Thorne's 90th birthday.**
- To the General Fund by Janet Burfeindt in honor of **Vera Thorne's 90th birthday.**
- To the General Fund by Margot Berger in honor of **Vera Thorne's 90th birthday.**
- To the Memorial Fund by Mike & Angela Busler in honor of **Vera Thorne's 90th birthday.**

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- To Fellowship Fund by Vera Thorne in honor of the **Fellowship Committee**.



All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2019

This is the day upon which the Church remembers, with thanksgiving, those who have died in the faith. These, as St. Paul points out, are the Saints of God. And so we pause and remember them – their smiles and their touch, their voice and their laughter, their joys and their sorrows. We give thanks to God that we were given even but a short time to be with them in this life, and to give thanks that they now rest in the Lord.

If you wish to commemorate your loved one(s) in prayer, please complete the form below. The details you supply will be entered into a booklet, contained within the worship bulletin on All Saints' Sunday. And, during the distribution of Holy Communion, the names of the saints will be read from the pulpit, slowly and clearly, in place of communion hymns. (All of the names will be read, even if that extends beyond the distribution by a few minutes.)

The names of those members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, who died in the course of the past year, will be read during the *Prayers of the Church* (the *Intercessions*) at each worship service.

We welcome your reflections, concerns, and opinions on this modified observance, in the period after All Saints' Sunday.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



I/We wish to remember the following person(s) on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Please Print Clearly

Those remembered, as well as sponsors, will be listed in a booklet and handed out on Sunday, November 3rd.

Submitted by _____



Elsie V. Makuch
September 18, 1921 – August 30, 2019



Francis M. Lowe
August 3, 1922 – September 11, 2019



“Rest in peace good and faithful servants.”



Thanksgiving Day - November 28th

Thanksgiving is around the corner. Plan to join your church family for Thanksgiving dinner. This dinner is for all our church families, including your children and friends. If you know someone who is unable to attend, we will deliver take outs. Please come join us to give "thanks" together.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, including what you would like to bring towards the meal.

Contact Gloria Peterson for more information at 763-785-6910.



Father Christmas Ball

The 22nd Father Christmas Benefit Ball will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center. All proceeds benefit Serving Our Savior Food Pantry (SOS). Tickets will be \$50/person with tables of 6 to 8 people requested. Ticket sales will start October 20, 2019 and will be sold in the narthex before and after both services. See the poster in the narthex. If you would like to help sell tickets, or for more information, contact Amy Gilbert, 564-0397 or Mary Krol, 270-8316.



Hilltoppers

The Hilltoppers enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of good food, good fun and good fellowship at Bubbaque's restaurant in Crystal River.

Our next outing will be on Friday, October 18th when we will gather for lunch at Stumpknockers on The Square in Inverness.

If you would like to join us, we will carpool from the church at 12:30pm. Don't forget to call Louise Olson at 344-4479 with your reservation.



Craft 'N Share

Come join us on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or as your time allows. Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided.

We have easy projects, no need to 'sew.' There are many projects to just cut so bring your cutting shears if you have them. Other projects just need to be stuffed or filled.

We met in September and made name tags and table decorations for W/ELCA's October Invitational Luncheon. Again, we are repurposing supplies on hand!

We continue cutting felt cats for CAT scan patients. Thanks to Shirley U. who donated more fabric pieces, as well as cut bears to sew. We have several to be stuffed – easy project. Join us to cut, stuff and sew these little cats or bears. (They are well received by patients per Cindy. She sees them at many bedsides!)

We also are cutting and sewing more totes for the cups the evangelism committee gives to new members.

Thanks to the generous donations of pillowcases, we have many assembled as kits ready to sew into

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Craft 'N Share continued...

pillowcase dresses. (And we also have supplies to assemble more kits with elastic and bias, ready to sew!) We also have patterns for home sewers of pillowcase dresses.

Thank you goes to Marion McGauran who knitted two lovely prayer shawls for GSLC members who are hospitalized or in grief. She also knitted a cute baby blanket which will be donated to Citrus Memorial baby ward for mothers who come unprepared to take their new baby home. And special thanks to Pam D. for crocheting a beautiful afghan using donated Christmas colored yarns. She presented it to social ministry and it will be raffled off in November. Monies collected are to be donated to SOS. Look for it near the angel tree set up in the fellowship hall.

Please note: if you need a lap robe to deliver to someone who is ill, in rehab, in the hospital or grieving, pick one up. The bins for SHAWLS and LAP ROBES are on the left side of the right hand closet in the rear of fellowship hall, making it easier for you to access them. Please sign the clip board with name of the individual to whom you are delivering the item.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a chat while we work.

Questions?? Call Maggie at 860-2215.



The Quilting Group

On September 4th seven quilters and one sewer met and we finished seven quilts.

We want to thank Pat M. for tops and for sewing edges at home, Judy T. for making 16 baby quilts and Shirley Uherchik for 11" squares and tops and donating a sewing box and also Gloria P. for tops and bottoms.

In October we will meet on October 2nd and 16th. Bring your lunch; dessert and beverage are provided.

Come and join us from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and enjoy fellowship and making full size quilts for LWR.

Questions call Gerry at 637-2412



Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2019

WEAR SOMETHING RED



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David



Answer: (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30)



What is stewardship?

Stewardship is not just raising funds; It's raising Christians.

Stewardship is not a matter of budgets; It's a matter of faith.

Trunk or Treat

Can you believe it has been four years?! Save the date: 4th Annual Trunk or Treat will be October 27th from 4 pm until 6 pm. I will begin accepting donations of candy and/or prizes as of September 29th. I am looking for special people to help with advertising our event over the next few weeks. If you would be interested in doing a game this year, either one of your own, or one we have already made, please let me know. I am also looking for volunteers to help get everything organized, along with setting up and cleaning up after. Come out and enjoy the kids by decorating your trunk and handing out candy/treats. I look forward to seeing you there...

Sue Fowler



Medical Equipment

Thank you to all who have donated or given the church durable medical equipment. We are currently at capacity for having extra wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and toilet seats on hand for members in need. Therefore, if you have any of these items that you were thinking of donating to Good Shepherd, please take them to the Key Center at this time. Thank you for your help.



Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up

Dan & Linda Cashman

Food Share Monday Delivery

Harv & Barb Johnson



Special dates

- October Birthdays Celebrated, *October 6, 2019*
- Stewardship emphasis begins, *October 6, 2019*
- Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, *October 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.*
- Clergy Appreciation Sunday, *October 13, 2019*
- Pasta with Pastor, *October 19, 2019*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 27, 2019*
- Life Care Center, *October 27, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.*
- Trunk or Treat, *October 27, 2019 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.*
- World Communion Sunday, *October 27, 2019*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2019*



Tomorrow

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow. The same God who cares for you today will take care of you and yours tomorrow and every day. Either God will shield you from suffering or God will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

—St. Francis de Sales

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Empowered by Grace"</i></p> <p>STEWARDSHIP IS FAITH IN ACTION</p>		<p>1 8:00A – Breakfast 10:00A – Worship & Music 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P – Scouts</p>	<p>2 8:00A-SOS 9:00A – Executive Council 10:00A – Quilters 6:30P – Choir</p>	<p>3 8:30A – SOS</p>  <p>12:00P – Pizza</p>	<p>4 8:00A– Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>5 12:00PM W/ELCA Invitational Salad Luncheon</p>
<p>6 9:45 A – Christian Ed Stewardship Emphasis Begins October Birthdays</p>  <p>W/ELCA Coffee, Tea & Cocoa Sale</p>	<p>7 9:30A – W/ELCA Board</p>	<p>8 8:00A – Breakfast 9:00A – Pastoral Care 11:00A - Evangelism 11:30A – AA 6:00P - Bells 6:30P - Scouts</p>	<p>9 8:00A-SOS</p> <p>1:00P – Ruth Naomi</p> <p>6:30P – Choir</p>	<p>10 8:30A – SOS</p>  <p>7:00P – Council</p> 	<p>11 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>12 9:00A Men's Breakfast & Bible Study</p> 
<p>13 9:45A – Christian Ed</p> <p>Clergy Appreciation Day</p>	<p>14 9:30A - Mary Martha</p> <p>1:30P – Fellowship</p>	<p>15 8:00A-Breakfast 11:30A – AA</p> <p>6:00P - Bells 6:30P – Scouts 7:00P – Kensington Estates</p>	<p>16 8:00A-SOS</p> <p>10:00A – Quilters</p> <p>6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>17 8:30A- SOS</p>  <p>1:00P – Priscilla</p>	<p>18 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p>  <p>1:00P – Hilltoppers</p>	<p>19 5:30PM Pasta With Pastor</p> 
<p>20 9:45A – Christian Ed</p>  <p>2:30P – Life Care</p>	<p>21 1:30P – Social Ministry</p> <p>7:00P - Cards</p> 	<p>22 8:00A-Breakfast 10:00A - Stewardship 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P - Scouts</p>	<p>23 8:00A-SOS</p> <p>10:00A–Craft 'N Share</p> <p>6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>24 8:30A- SOS</p> 	<p>25 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>26</p>
<p>27 2:30P – Life Care</p> <p>4:00P-6:00P Trunk or Treat</p> <p>Reformation Sunday (Wear Red)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 8:00A-Breakfast 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P - Scouts</p>	<p>30 8:00A-SOS</p> <p>6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>31 8:30A- SOS</p>  <p>Reformation Day Halloween</p>		

Sunday worship is at 8:30am & 11:00am unless otherwise noted.

Each service is followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Charles & Terry Lucente	10/01/83
Bob & Bonnie Norman	10/01/82
Maynard & Carolyn Wall	10/02/65
David & Dynelle Heinz	10/12/96
Steve & Sue Buldiger	10/18/75
Clyde & Phyllis Powell	10/18/80
Richard & Jacqueline Imes	10/21/61
Karl & Pat Weissert	10/25/69
George & Elin Bendtsen	10/27/84



1– David Heinz Angela Schenk	9 – Samuel Heinz (2002)	19– Ken Meltesen
2 – Fredric Brockschmidt	12 –Pam Moore	20 – Walt Seefeld Beverly Brockschmidt
3 – Alex Schenk (2006)	13 –Nancy Johnson	21 – Bob Adams Melissa Gifford
4 – Peg Bocker	15 – Jack Bregger	25 – Louann Motts Clyde Powell
5 – Maynard Wall	16 – Kent Meltsen Greg Kampschroer	26 – Brenna Towne Debbie McLaughlin
6 – Leith Masters	17 – John Gifford Bill Schapers	28 – Rolf Storsteen
7 – Margot Berger Sue Buldiger Joan Crysler	18 – Dave Bocker Louise Olson	29 – Rebecca Donahue (2002)
8 – Richard Phillip Susie Steinour Bentlev		

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20 27

ALTAR & COMMUNION

Donna Pease
Linda Cashman
Faye Lowe

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Hans Kott & Anne Storan

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sue Fowler
Melissa Gifford
Aides – Jenna Roth [Early]
Rebecca Donahue [Late]

MONEY COUNTERS

Darlene Hedin, Lead
Dale Peterson
Gloria Peterson

GREETERS

8:30AM	11:00AM
October 6 – TBD	Norma Engle
October 13 - TBD	Cathy Heaps Stetson
October 20 - TBD	Cathy Heaps Stetson
October 27 - TBD	Gerry Kauth

ASSISTING MINISTER

8:30AM	11:00AM
	October 6
Bob Bonomo	Kathy Hildebrandt
	October 13
Ann Neville	Sharon Maxwell
	October 20
Rick Mainster	Vera Swade
	October 27
Margot Berger	Lisbeth Goetter

CRUCIFER

8:30AM	11:00AM
Rick Mainster	Randy Wagner

USHERS

8:30AM	11:00AM
Jim Earl, Lead	Ken Swade, Lead
Cherie Earl	Vera Swade
Cindy Towne	Len Martin
Art Kraft	Kay Martin

NURSERY

8:30AM	11:00AM
Susan Fowler	



KEEP THEM
IN YOUR PRAYERS



*(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed
that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)*

Let us remember:

Bendtsen, Elin
Benefiel, Larry
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth
Brockschmidt, Fred
Burfeindt, Janet
Creager, Ray
Dreger-Parsons, June
Fosse, Barbara
Gingrich, Ed & Lillian

Hahn, Eric
Hartsfield, Sylvia
Hester, Marty
Hoell, Lucille
Johnson, Barb
Johnson, Carol Lee
Kott, Hans & Anne Storan
Lackner, Barbara

Lepore, Jon, Jenna & Gia
Mehnert, Bill & Family
Motts, Louann
Ouwkerk, Pat
Page-Wood, Jeremy & Esther
Whitcomb, Maxine
Wolff, Jack

Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:

Gramolini, Katherine
Halstead, Deborah
Hehn, Margaret

Madelyn Hickey
Maidhof, Walter & Helen
Mandell, Sheila

McGauran, Marion
Moll, Bob & Wilma
Philipp, Dick

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake
Ceballos, Jason
Cwicklinski, C.J.
Day, Kenneth
Fosse, Jr., Paul
Gaertner, Jerrod
Harrington, Bryan
Hickman, Richard
Holman, Evan
Jackson, Brad

Johnston-Garcia, Christian
Luchay, Alan
Martin, Aaron
McCann, Jim
Moore, John
Muchow, Jason
Osborn-Herdman, Christopher
Piott, Trenton
Posa, Codymichael
Radloff, Steven

Radosevitch, Eric
Seefeld, Jessica
Springer, Jr., Dennis
Stroble, Jeramy
Swain, Jr., Terry
Thomas, Peter Chris
Thompson, David
Timpe, Chris
Walton, Leslie

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Ailor, Earle	Goforth, Jeffrey	Powell, Bill
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Balastieri, Casey	Gradeless, Marge	Rajotte, Keith
Beck, Bryan	Graves, Janice & Declan	Rambaldini, Jim
Bell, Ian	Hohl, Wayne	Redston, Peter
Blyth, Ruby	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Riccio, Taino
Boccutti, Cathy	Kraft, Carter	Schapers, Brant
Bonomo, Brendan & Alyssa	Lavaja, Jim	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Brockschmidt, Donna	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Scheltens, Lynn
Brown, Kelly Ann	Lewis, Keith	Small, Brenda & Steven
Brugger, Tristan	Lobenthal, Jean	Smolen, Tyler
Burkhardt, Faith	Loftin, Tracy	Stuart, Neil & family
Campano, Thomas	Loger, Dennis	Thompson, Lori
Cato, Cecelia	Longworth, Kathy	Traywick, Edward
Cipollone, Elaine	Magrum, Corbin	Tuegel, Chuck
Clarke, Father Peter	Magri, Steve & Thomas	Urban, B.J.
Clarke, Charlotte	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary	Van Wyk family
Costa, Denise	Maidhof, Jeremiah	Walker, Betty
Crawford, Cleola	Mainster, Arlene	Wells, Emmarie [6]
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Dille, Jim	Martin, Joe	Williams, Dorothy
Dortin, Rachel	McHugh, Mark	Williams, Pattie
DuBose, Theresa	McPhee, John	Wittmann family
Earhardt, Ava	Mehnert, Edward	Wood, Rowen
Fidell, Eloise	Mena, Steve	Woods, Donna Jean
Fratto, Joseph	Mock, Nelson	Wolf, Nick
Fowler family	O'Berry, Darlene	Woolley, Carol & family
Gaertner, Kent	Obenauf, Ruth	Wright, Matthew
Garling, John	Oehl, Lita	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Glymph, Diane	Orr, Gail	
Goetter, Tom, Whitney	Page-Wood, Jaakan	

Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list.

October, 2019



HARVEST * Trail Mix *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

PUZZLE

Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Galatians 6:9 James 3:18 John 4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

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