

The

Shepherd's Voice

October 2025

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando, FL 34442

Pastor's Devotion

Our Interim Pastor



Dear Members and Friends in Christ Jesus.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path." Psalm 119:105

Yes! God's Word, the Scriptures! Read them, study them; let us store them in our hearts. Let us use God's Word as we use a lamp to guide our feet. As one of my favorite devotional books "God Calling" reminds us, "God's Word is even more than that! It is The Voice that speaks to our hearts, that inner conscience that tells us of God."

It is "The Voice" that speaks to us intimately, personally, in the sacred morning, afternoon, evening and night. It is Jesus our Lord, Friend and Savior who is "truly the lamp to our feet, and a light to our path" as He is "the Word who was made flesh and dwelt among us full of truth and glory." (John 1:14) As we Lutherans prepare to celebrate "The Reformation" on Sunday on October 26th, I share with you a poem penned by "Martin Luther based on Psalm 118:105:

"God's Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to his path"

"Feelings come and feelings go, And feelings are deceiving; My warrant is the Word of God--Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned For want of some sweet token, There is One greater than my heart Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!" (Martin Luther, Author of "Bondage of Will")

God's blessings to you during this Autumn Season. "as you walk in the "Light of God's Word" "where true hope, joy and life is found in "Every Season",

Pastor Bob

I invite you to join us for the Upcoming Celebrations in the Life of the Church:

The Celebration of "Worldwide Communion" on Sunday, October 5th.

The celebration of "Reformation on Sunday", October 26th and later that day "Trunk or Treat" as we reach out to our neighborhood and the surrounding Community.

On "All Saints Sunday", November 2nd we remember all who have lived in the Christian faith and all who have peacefully died. We especially remember those beloved members of our Church family who died this past year and are now at rest. "Great is their reward in heaven, where they are forever in God's care." Our Special Remembrance will take place on November 2, 2025 at our 10:a.m. Worship Service. Come join us for this special "Celebration of Life". Further details will be posted in our Sunday Bulletin.

President's Message



October is going to be a busy month at Good Shepherd. On the 12^{th,} we will have Pasta with Pastor immediately after worship.

From the 13th – 15th, I will be attending Adventure in Renewal training at the Florida-Bahamas Synod office in Tampa. I am looking forward to this training and I look forward to sharing the details with you afterwards.

Then on the 19th, we will have our election of council members and officers. There are five council member positions up for election this year as well as the President, Vice President, and Secretary positions. If you are interested in running for any of these, please contact Harv Johnson, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Then, the following week on the 26th will be our Trunk or Treat from 3 – 6 pm. There will be games for the youngsters, food trucks, and plenty of trunks decorated for the occasion. Volunteers are desperately needed and sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Finally, on the 27th, Life Line Screening will be on-site offering non-invasive preventive health screenings. There will be more information available as we get closer to that date.

Again, it is a very busy time for us here at Good Shepherd and I hope you will be able to participate in most, if not all, of the exciting activities we have planned for this month.

Grace and Peace,

Joe

Church Council News



Council met on September 11th:

- The Call Committee with the approval from the Synod has listed the Mission Site Profile on line
- Approved replacing three of the smoke detectors in the HVAC ductwork
- Brashier's Pharmacy will be here on September 28th to provide flu vaccines after service.
- Approved replacing the sanctuary fire panel at a cost of \$1,200
- AED Updated with new Pads and Batteries
- Approved replacement of the TV in Classroom 1
- Approved the purchase of reserve parking signs for Pastor and Administrative Assistant
- Approved Pastor Bob's sick days to be paid and no counted against him
- Set up and installation of a bike rack
- Discussed option to replace the Copy Machine
- October 27th LifeLine Screening will be using the Fellowship Hall
- Pastor & our Faith Community Nurse, explore monitoring option for the elderly through Citrus County Services or private companies
- Mike Busler is approved as Chair of Stewardship Committee
- October 12th will be Pastor Appreciation Day & Pasta with Pastor after service
- Great Job!! Done by Quilters, Craft & Share, and Property in cleaning the fellowship hall closets.
- October 26th Trunk or Treat & Blessing of pets
- November 15th Art and Craft Fair



WELCA NEWS

As a community of women create in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

On September 2nd the board met and planned the following activities:

Tuesday October 14th, Lunch at Panera in Lecanto.; we will have copies of the Bible Study from the Welca Daily Grace.

November 7th—9th, Florida Bahamas gathering "All God's Children". If you wish to participate, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Cindy Gaertner to RSVP 860-331-0806.

December 9th Lunch at Christmas Café, with Bible Study from "Daily Grace"

We send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Anne Storan, our leader and former President of the SWO for the State of Florida.

WELCA Board

Nancy Gomes Circle and Event Coordinator

Aagot Green Treasurer

Cindy Gaertner Secretary

Outreach

Sharing Christ's Love in Action

At Good Shepherd Lutheran, outreach is the heartbeat of our mission. Through events like the Arts & Crafts Fair coming November 15th from 9am to 2pm, Trunk or Treat October 26th from 3pm to 6pm, or our Vision to Action initiative, we extend grace beyond our sanctuary. Every flyer, phone call, and shared moment reflects our commitment to welcome, serve, and uplift. As we prepare our community cookbook and continue connecting with local families, we invite you to be part of this joyful work. Your prayers, presence, and participation help us shine the light of Christ in meaningful ways.

FELLOWSHIP SEASONED WITH LOVE

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

The Outreach Committee is very excited to announce we are planning to publish a GSLC Cookbook and need your help. We know there are some excellent chefs in this church as we have personally tasted your food. We are asking each member to share a few of your favorite recipes to be published in this cookbook. There will be approximately seven sections: Appetizers & Beverages; Soups, Salads & Vegetables; Main Dishes & Casseroles; Meat, Poultry & Seafood; Breads & Rolls; Desserts; This & That (ie: bubble blowing solution, finger paint, play dough). As you go through your recipes, we it will remind you of family history and warmest memories. They can be dropped in the offering

plate or office and also emailed to Sharon at susette0326@gmail.com or Bonnett at bwash324@gmail.com.

Fellowship



Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

Get ready for Pasta with Pastor on Sunday, October 12, 2025, after our worship service. Look for the sign in sheet in the Narthex to check on previously listed items. If you are bringing a pasta dish previously baked, salad or Italian bread before service, please see one of our Fellowship ladies. They will check off your item(s) and attendance. All pasta dishes will be put into warming drawers or ovens to be kept warm. Items needing refrigeration will be addressed accordingly. There will also be a dessert table separate from the buffet table. I would like to thank our congregation in advance for your contribution and helping to make our Pasta with Pastor a success.

If you would like to help with serving coffee, tea, or with cleaning up after worship, please sign your name on the volunteer sheet near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping when you can. It will take about an hour of your time once a month and will be greatly appreciated. We are asking our congregation to occasionally help with bringing a dessert. It does not need to be homemade. Anything from a bakery whether it is gluten free, sugar free, or a regular dessert will help with making our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance. **NOTE: Volunteers are needed in the Fellowship kitchen with serving coffee after worship service!**

Elaine Giammasi, Chair John Giammasi, Co-chair

Serving Our Savior



SOS AUGUST DISTRIBUTION REPORT

WEEK	FAMILIES	PERSONS	FOOD	WEIGHT	Pal
ENDING	SERVED	SERVED	WEIGHT	PER FAMILY	
8/7/25	137	389	6,165	45lbs	
8/14/48	156	400	8,580	55lbs	
8/21/25	118	348	6,490	55lbs	
8/28/25	130	320	7,150	55lbs	
TOTALS	541	1457	28,385		





Memorials and Special Gifts

Bonnett Washington in Memory of Anne Storan

Jack & Maggie Bregger in Memory of Anne Storan and Peter

Krol Hope A Yanczewski in Memory of Stacey Lee Johnson

Thrivent Contribution

Property Committee



From the GSLC. Property Team



This is a parking **STOP STOP STOP**.

Do not run over!

Call Committee



October 01, 2025 GSLC Newsletter - Call Committee

The Call Committee successfully submitted our completed Mission Site Profile (MSP) paperwork to the Florida-Bahamas Synod on September 2, 2025 and the position has been posted. The Call Committee now turns our attention to discussing interview questions and preparing for the next steps moving forward. We will have a practice interview with someone from the Synod, in preparation for not only asking questions to candidates but answering a candidates questions as well. GSLC is a very special place, and we know you are all interested in completing this process, just as much as the call committee is. The committee will prayerfully consider candidates to find a good and qualified candidate to present to the Council and then to the Congregation.

As I mentioned last month, please understand our work going forward will be confidential. We <u>will not</u> be talking about who is on our candidate list, or who we have interviewed or rejected. This is for the benefit of both the candidate and GSLC. If you have questions, please ask a member of the Call Committee or the Council.

The call committee thanks you for your continued prayers and support.

John Lepore, ZoAnn Weimer, Mel Pease, John Reichert, Lenore Deck, Nina Giglio

Eucharistic Ministry



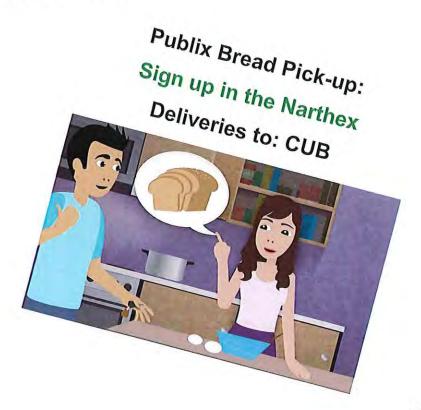
Volunteers are always needed to assist at Services held at assisted living facilities. Compass Rose is the first and third Mondays. Best Care is on the second Monday. The Reserve is the fourth Monday. All services start at 10 AM and volunteers are needed before service to assist those needing help.

Contact Rick Mainster or Sharon Maxwell.

Health Ministry

Health Ministry Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352 746-1911 and the Health Team Members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We provide blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday of the month after worship.

We always take donations for Hygiene kits.



Craft n Share

Craft and Share just redid the crafting closet and it is easy to find things now. I want to thank Harvey Johnson and his helpers on a job well done. I want to thank Enduring Gifts for their help as well.



We will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00-2:00, with a break for lunch.

We will be making a cute Thanksgiving craft for our home bound. We will then continue to make adult clothing protectors for nursing homes in need.

I hope to see you soon.

In Christ's love, Nancy Justiniano

Quilters



The Quilters meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 10:00. Come and join us, no experience needed.

Contact Judy Teague 352-344944

We have sewed 33 regular quilts and 24 baby quilts during this summer and we are working on Quilts for the Lutheran World Relief.

Christian Education



Currently, we are few in children. The few older children that we have are at this time learning through preparing to teach younger students. By making their own connections, they are learning to restate this information for a younger audience. Through this act, they are internalizing the news. As a group, we are continuing to think of ways to "Grow our Church Young". Please, continue to pray for our children and their relationships with God.

Coming Soon

We are looking forward to the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. They will be paying us a visit to show and explain this well-needed organization on November 16th. Please mark your calendar for this exciting event and stay tuned for more information!!!

Yours in Christ,

Susan Fowler

Christian Ed. Chairman



Now I don't want to take up too much of your time but I do want to introduce a pressing matter that I find in ever day life. It pertains to this question, how are we representing Jesus? And I ask right now, how are we representing Jesus as a church? Jesus calls us to love him and others, he says that people will know that we are his disciples by the way we love others. John 13:34-35 says "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Now I know we all have our fair share of struggles and mistakes, I know I most definitely do. I often struggle with aligning my actions to the heart of Jesus, so I am speaking this as much to myself as to you. When we go into this church and when we are out in the world, we are called to represent Jesus well by loving others. Let me tell you that church is not just a place to go learn about God, but a community where we all work together, to grow, to love, to save. So every time you go into church, or anywhere for that matter, I want you to ask yourself, I want to ask myself, "what can I do today, or at this moment, to help someone else, to represent Jesus, to love others well"?

~ Emily Fallanca

It is important and wise that we listen to our youth; as we teach them, so do they teach us.

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." – **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Martie & Walt Zacharczyk 10/08/88

Steve & Sue Buldiger 10/18/75

Richard & Jacqueline Imes 10/21/61



4 Peg Bocker
 6 Leith Masters
 7 Margot Berger
 8 Dave Bocker
 9 Diane Meltesen

Joan Chrysler 20 John Kivat

8 Susie Steinour Bently 21 Melissa Gifford

12 Pam Moore 25 Louann Motts

13 Nancy Johnson 26 Brenda Towne

15 Jack Bregger 28 Rolf Storsteen

Ellis Lewis 29 Rebecca Donahue

OCTOBER



As we had 90 plus names listed on our "Relatives and Friends" prayer list in our "Monthly Newsletter "instead of listing all the person(s)' names, we offer the following "Options" so that you/we can regularly lift up your/our "Relative and Friends" in prayer.

We invite you to raise up the person(s) name silently or aloud at our Sunday Morning Worship Service during the "Intercessory Prayer" as we pray "The Prayer for Healing" as we give the congregation the opportunity to lift up our name(s) of concern "aloud or silently in our hearts."

We invite you to share your prayer concern(s) by writing the person(s)' name and concern on the back of the "Welcome"/Prayer Request" card found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate. Your prayer request(s) will be specifically lifted up during our "Wednesday Morning Prayer Service.

We invite you to attend our "Wednesday Morning Prayer Service" beginning at 9:00 am. It is a simple prayer service at which you can personally raise up the person(s)' names and concern either "silently or aloud."

We invite you to place your "Relative or Friend" name(s) on our "Prayer Chain" by contacting Marcia Reichert at mareichert55@gmail.com

We offer the following "General Prayer" that you may regularly use as you pray for your "Relative and Friends" for the Lord's blessing, compassion, healing and wholeness:

"Compassionate God, look with favor upon those who are sick, suffering, grieving or have any need (especially.....INCLUDE NAME(S) and grant them healing, comfort, wholeness and your peace that surpasses all human understanding. In Jesus' name. Amen

God's Blessing Always!

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in Truth." (Psalm145:1)

Newsletter Editor

Please see information regarding access to Daily Check-In Services Good Shepherd members, included on the last two pages of this Newsletter.

Newsletter Deadline October 18th.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY

Susan Fowler

LECTORS

October 5th

John Giammasi

October 12th

Margot Berger

October 19th

Sue Okimoto

October 26th

Shelly Fortin

USHERS

Please be there at 9:15 AM

Tom Stickler

Cara Stickler

Susie Steinour

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman

DEACON in Training

John Colson



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Kid's Corner

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

> ADAM AND EVE BETHLEHEM CROSS DANIEL DEUTERONOMY DISCIPLES **EXODUS** GALILEE **GENESIS** HOLY SPIRIT **JERUSALEM JESUS** JONAH JOSEPH MANGER MARY MOSES NAZARETH NOAH'S ARK PARABLES

PRODIGAL SON PROPHET **PROVERBS PSALMS** RESURRECTION REVELATION SHEPHERD

The BIBLE

PRODIGALSONYCGQDMRT ZBPSPROPHETPURTEHEC IPESPEPAZHSOQ SDUJXUP RTENUAASZOQIWEF J E I N A R A L N E H D M N U I VYEHRLIMIJCUITHHEV REBGIEFHESEWCSEWMDM VQLCBEZSEL BARAPNJ LCKRASHAONF R PSYLOHZJNTFMN 1 OVVFCGDRKOCWAA BXRDTGMSNDH NGTSDIEPEXWVJYQEAP SBREVORPHFKEOJOZAPH MANGERNPLERTWYRAMBH QVURYTESDISCIPLESIG MOSESHBETHLEHEMFCWD PRRSSNAZARETHSWMCLY





Worship and Music



Arts and Craft Fair

November 15, 2025

9AM-2PM

Please get in touch with Renate Williams Event Organizer,

at 352-228-7809 or email to renate@play88keys.com to get an application.

! Vendors wanted!

If you are interested in showing and selling your handmade Art and Crafts, this is the place!

We also want Food Vendors and Food Trucks!

Indoor vendors will be provided with an 8-foot table and 2 chairs for \$25. Outdoor vendors will be provided with 10X10 space for \$15 and bring your setup.

Apply as soon as possible. Deadline for applications will be October 15th. The application will ask for your details, what you will be selling and your payment. The sale will be juried so there are some rules to follow and no refunds after the deadline. Hope to see you there!

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Daily Check-In Services for Loved Ones Living Alone

We encourage members to explore daily check-in services that offer peace of mind for families and friends with loved ones living alone. These services provide automated phone or text check-ins at a chosen time each day. If the individual doesn't respond, designated contacts are alerted to ensure timely support. These tools are especially helpful for seniors, those with disabilities, or anyone seeking added reassurance and connection. We share this information in the spirit of care and community, so that no one feels truly alone. While we do not recommend any service, we want you to be aware that these options are available should the need arise.

Snug Safety

- Method: Mobile App
- Cost: Free or \$9.99/month (Premium)
- How It Works: User taps a daily "I'm OK" button. If missed, emergency contacts are alerted.
- Best For: Tech-savvy individuals

I AM FINE

- Method: Automated Phone Call
- Cost: Approximately \$15/month
- How It Works: Daily call prompts user to press "1" to confirm. Missed calls alert designated contacts.
- Best For: Seniors and those without smartphones

Check in Bee

- Method: Text Message
- Cost: Free trial available; paid subscription afterward
- How It Works: Sends daily texts. User replies "yes" or "okay." Missed check-ins notify family or friends.
- Best For: Mobile users who prefer texting

Care Checkers

- Method: Live Phone Call
- Cost: Varies by plan
- How It Works: Real human calls with optional conversation, reminders, or prayer
- Best For: Those needing personal interaction

Citrus County Senior Check-In Services

Citrus County offers a free Telephone Reassurance service for seniors living alone, providing daily check-in calls to ensure safety and wellbeing. If a call goes unanswered, staff follow up to confirm everything is okay. This service is coordinated through the **Senior Programs Office in Lecanto** and is ideal for older adults who value independence but appreciate a caring connection. For more information, contact **Carrie Poust at (352) 527-5930**.

Contact Information

Snug Safety

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Email: support@snugsafety.com

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📞 Phone (Toll-Free USA): 1-855-410-1010

CheckinBee

Email: hello@checkinbee.com

Care Checkers

Phone: 1-800-393-0918

Citrus County Senior Check-In Services

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WEDNESDAYS A TIME FOR PRAYER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Quilters 2:00 PM Newcomers 6:30 PM Choir Practice	2 7:30 AM SOS 9:00 CFQG** 9:30 Executive 1:00 Outreach 2:00 Stewardship	3 8:00 AM Work Day at Church	4 10:00 – 2:00 Sp. Lang Church
5 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	6 10:00 AM EM Compass Rose 1:30 PM Social Ministry	7 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	8 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Choir Practice	9 7:30 AM SOS 3:00 PM Council	10 8:00 AM Church WORKDAY	11 10:00 – 2:00 Sp. Lang Church
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26 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 12:00 Flu Shots	27 10:00 AM EM Reserve 9-5 Life Line Screening	28 6:30 PM Bells Choir	29 9:00 AM Prayer	30 7:30 AM SOS	31 8:00 AM CHURCH WORK DAY	
	Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe Every Tuesday @ 7:30 a.m. **EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY ** CITRUS			Lunch at Angelotti's First Thursday @ Noon COUNTY FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS GROUP		