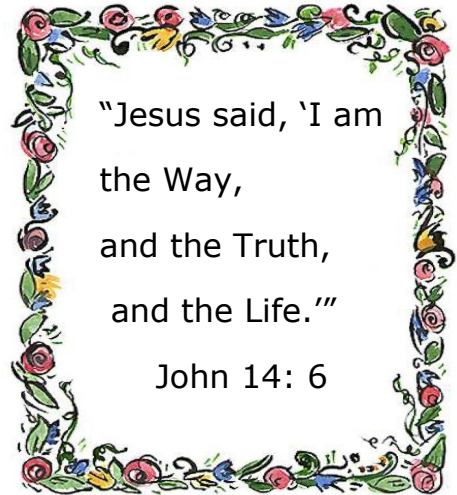


Good Shepherd News & Notes

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THE GROUND OF ALL TRUTH

What is Truth?

The Christian search for truth begins with revelation. The opening words of the Bible, while not using the word "truth," nevertheless reveal the ground of all truth, something far more concrete and certain than ephemeral experience. "In the beginning, God" (GEN. 1:1). The sentence continues with what God does — create the heavens and the earth. Yet, if we pause for a moment, we have a remarkable statement: In the beginning, God. He exists entirely outside us and our existence. He precedes our beginning, the beginning of the world, the beginning of matter and all our petty squabbles. Before our beginning is the Truth that undergirds every other truth. He is the true One upon whom rests everything true.

by Rev. Christopher Esget

The opening of John's Gospel echoes these words from Genesis: "In the beginning was the Word" (JOHN 1: 1). That word is the source of everything made (JOHN 1: 3). He illumines men, that is, shines the truth into their hearts: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (JOHN 1: 4). Later John calls Him the "true light" (JOHN 1: 9). At the climax of this beautiful prologue, John says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (JOHN 1: 14).

Here is John's astonishing argument: Truth is not an idea, information, or a set of propositions or scientific laws. Truth fills this Person, the incarnate Word. Truth resides in the enfleshed God, Jesus, and shines forth. In other words, the Truth is found in Jesus.

Jesus makes truth accessible to us in the words He speaks: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (JOHN 8: 31-32).

Echoing the divine name Yahweh, often rendered, "I AM," Jesus makes a most audacious claim: "I AM the way, and the truth, and the life" (JOHN 14:6, emphasis added). He does not merely show the way but is the way. He does not merely extend life but is life. So also, He does not just impart truisms; He is the true One. Outside of Him is lies, deceit, distortion.

Standing in opposition to the Truth is the lie. As truth has its source in God, distortions and denials of the truth have their source in the devil. "The devil," Jesus says, "was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (JOHN 8:44). He spoke lies and half-truths in the Garden of Eden and still speaks these lies today.
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To counteract the lies of the evil one, Jesus sends the Spirit from the Father. The Spirit is no mere cheerleader at a pep rally, a coach to spur us on to greater achievements. No, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to bestow His Truth and lead us into Him. "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth" (JOHN 14: 16-17; see also 15: 26). The Spirit, then, glorifies Jesus:

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (JOHN 16: 13-14)

The Holy Spirit has an integral part to play in delivering the truth to the world. When Jesus prays for His disciples shortly before His arrest, He emphasizes the unity between the Father's Word and Truth: "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth" (John 17: 17). Jesus later tells Pilate that "everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice" (JOHN 18:37). The truth of Jesus is heard today as the Holy Spirit speaks to the church through God's Word.

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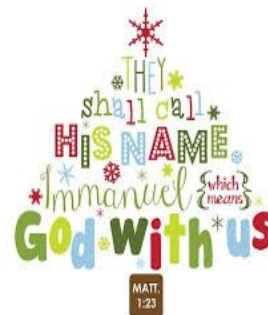
CHRISTMAS VESPERS

It's already time to start thinking about the Children's Christmas Program at Good Shepherd! All children (ages 3—14) are invited to participate. As in the past, we will be learning several verses of 6 Advent and Christmas hymns and leading the congregation in singing those hymns on Wednesday, December 20th at the Advent vespers service that night. We will practice during the Sunday School hour on Sundays from 9:30 until 10: 20 am beginning November 26th. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Elizabeth Moline, Jerika Perrin, or Marlyse Goodroad so we can make sure we have enough copies of music, etc. Children who would like to participate need to attend at least 3 practices (so we can make sure everyone knows the music). Please contact Elizabeth, Jerika, or Marlyse with any questions as well.

Elizabeth Moline (701) 640-7989 or molineae@gmail.com

Jerika Perrin (402) 525-2379 or Dmpjps02@yahoo.com

Marlyse Goodroad (816) 352-8947 or marlysegoodroad@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Good Shepherd LWIM is hosting a luncheon for all women of Good Shepherd on Tuesday, December 5th at 11: 30 am in the Hearth Room at Fireworks Restaurant, 5750 S. 86th St. Please bring and/or be ready to tell about a favorite angel. Sign up at the LWIM table in the narthex or call Sandy Langemeier at 402-486-1361.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

On Sunday, December 3rd we will be helping to celebrate Dr. Manis Edwards' 90th birthday as a part of the Bible study hour. There will be cake and an opportunity to extend your congratulations and best wishes.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (4)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful adjustment of his medication (2)
- **Lori Sidlo**, recently diagnosed with memory issues (4)
- **"Buddy"**, born to John & Ashley McClinton, friends of Eric & Lisa Klutz, at 24 weeks. Please pray for continued strength and healing (6)
- **Scott Clark**, nephew of Linda Clark, hospitalized with COPD (6)
- **Karen Kammann**, for guidance in making a good decision about treatment options (6)
- **Tom Schmidt**, brother of Rev. John Schmidt, having heart issues (6)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from back surgery (6)
- **Elaine Egner**, dealing with heart & lung issues (6)
- **Norma Pagels**, mother of Barb Poppe, transitioning to living in a care facility (5)
- **Sarah Stepp**, dealing with additional medical issues (4)
- **Diane Bowlin**, recovering from rotator cuff surgery (4)
- **A former member of Good Shepherd**, pray for comfort, peace and God's grace for her and her family (4)
- **Sister of Darla Posner**, having pain issues (3)
- **James Vavak**, brother of Darla Posner, recovering from knee surgery (3)
- **Cathy Meints**, for a successful medical procedure (3)
- **Sharon Burke**, dealing with Parkinson's disease (1)
- **Jeremy Janssen**, friend of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (1)
- **Joannie Michel**, hospitalized (1)
- **Georgeson family**, dealing with the stress of family issues (1)

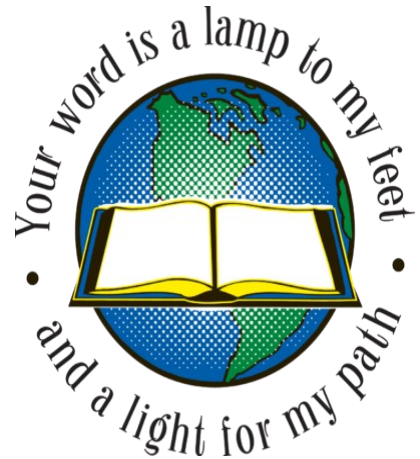
- **Tom Vontz**, brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer, recovering from a kidney transplant at Mayo on Nov. 15th (1)
- **Hudson Dewey**, 1 yr-old great grandson of Sandie Tvrz, diagnosed with COVID (3)
- **Todd Bohlender**, for successful healing following knee replacement surgery (4)
- **John Diagilo**, son-in-law of Lynda Mahloch, who begins treatment for stomach cancer (4)
- **Pearl & Tom**, sister & brother-in-law of Loraine Harnett, both dealing with health issues (4)
- **John Reigle**, for a good diagnosis and healing for back pain (3)
- **Jerry Sidlo**, having medical testing (3)
- **Ray Wobkin**, cousin of Pastor Poppe, having a hip replacement (3)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, for continued healing (3)
- **Ryker Whalen**, nephew of Maddie Gastler, recovering from the removal of a portocath on Oct. 30th (3)
- **Robert Zook**, currently in hospice care (1)
- **Lynn Oshner**, friend of Marilyn Meyer, having heart surgery on Dec. 8th (1)
- **The family of the brother-in-law of Darla Posner**, who was taken to his eternal home (2)
- **The family of Richard Pfeifer**, uncle of Rich Lichtenfeld, who was taken to his eternal home recently (1)
- **Thanksgiving on the 90th birthday of Manis Edwards** for the gifts of God bestowed on him as he celebrates on Dec. 3rd (1)

CAROLS AND COOKIES

All are invited to come on Saturday, December 16th at 3 pm for caroling and refreshments. We will be recording the caroling session to be played several times on KNNA 95.7FM in the days to follow. More details will follow as plans continue to be finalized.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Matthew 25: 4
“But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom’s words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **(Nov. 26 thru Dec. 2)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Bryan Prenosil	Kara McNabb
Bob Van Valkenburg	Emberly Beed
Leonard Pfeister	Lillian Wilson
Sharon Wilkens	Linda Clark
Ramon Marcano	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
None

LIFE MOMENT

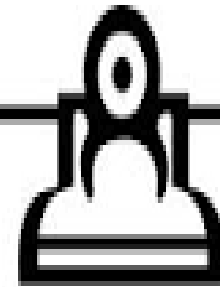
Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected.

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Tuesday mornings from 8:30—8:50 am you are invited to join with other members of Good Shepherd and the pastors and vicar in praying for those who have requested our prayers and are on the prayer list. This short prayer service will be in the sanctuary.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

Register online to be a donor on Friday, December 22nd. The blood draw will be at Good Shepherd in the fellowship hall from 8 am—2 pm. Schedule your appointment to donate at Red-CrossBlood.org and enter Good Shepherd Lutheran.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., NOV. 15: 71
THURS. MATINS: 48
SUN., NOV. 19: : 217

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 7,593.61

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,665,667.46

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030

We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 19, 2023
We have received
\$ 3,076.50
in principal only gifts.

Principle Only Gifts from
October 2022– Oct. 1, 2023
\$ 197,307.69

IRA Distribution: \$ 6,000.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Nov. 26): 8 am: Scott & Dee Indgjer
10:30 am: Jerry Sidlo
(Wed., Nov. 29): Don & Peg Olson

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Nov. 26): Curt Christiansen
(Wed., Nov. 29): Curt Christiansen

USHERS: (Sun., Nov. 26): 8 am: Von Busch (A & A), Brodbeck, Sidlo
10:30 am: Eckhoff, Perrin, Princes
(Wed., Nov. 29): Dennis, Reva, Adam & Angela Von Busch

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Nov. 26): 8 am: Zach Von Busch
10:30 am: Nolan Keller
(Wed., Nov. 29): Rhett Bauer

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Nov. 26): Chloe Lichtenfeld
(Wed., Nov. 29): Raiya von Rentzell

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Nov. 26): Ella Moline
(Wed., Nov. 29): Marilyn Meyer

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Nov. 26): Gayleen Potter
(Wed., Nov. 29): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Nov. 26): Loraine Harnett, Nancy Stepp

MISSION PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER

In the month of November Good Shepherd's mission project will be Pastor Michael & Irene Paul, serving our Lord in Taiwan. Their new apartment is located in Chiayi which gives them a whole new set of neighbors to get to know and with whom to share God's love and saving Word. We have in the past hosted several Bible study hours in which they shared some of the challenges that are presented in learning about the cultural differences they have encountered. Their love for God's children and patience in teaching is quite evident.

GOOD SHEPHERD PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photos will be taken for the pictorial directory on the following dates in room 106:

Sunday, November 26 (between services & people can step in quickly during Bible study)

Wednesday, November: 29 (from 5 pm—6:15 pm)

THANKSGIVING

Good Shepherd will have the usual Wed. eve service at 6:30 pm on Nov. 22nd and a Thanksgiving Day service at 9 am on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23rd. There will be no midweek classes on Wed., November 22nd.



GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them.

Ron Amack (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)
Village)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)

Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)
Don Wiese (Southlake)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. **There are currently no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate among our shut-in members.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The funeral luncheon committee is updating our records. If you would like to help by occasionally providing a salad or dessert and/or helping to serve and clean up, please let us know. You can call or text Susan McKinney at 402-560-4158 with your information and the best method in which to contact you. Please leave a message if there is no answer. Thank you and God's blessings.

ADVENT MEALS

Advent services begin Wednesday, December 6 in 2023. The following Advent meals will be served 5-6 pm in the fellowship hall. Please note the meals will end at 6 pm to allow the volunteers to get cleaned up in time for the Advent service. Of course, you are still welcome to stay in the fellowship hall between 6-6:30 pm for socializing.

- Dec. 6 Ramon Marcano and crew serving **hamburger goulash**; free-will offering to a special Venezuela church project for a new printer.
- Dec. 13 Church Council serving sloppy joes & mac & cheese; free-will offering to the vicar fund.
- Dec. 20 Higgins family serving BBQ pulled pork; free-will offering to Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Pastor Lawson Short, former vicar at Good Shepherd will be leading the worship on Main Street Living on Sunday, November 26th. Main Street Living airs on KLKN, channel 8 at 10: 30 am. For those who are unable to join us at Good Shepherd this Sunday, you can celebrate the Last Sunday of the Church Year with Pastor Short, and the Main Street Living choir.

MISSION PROJECT FOR DECEMBER

Luther Classical College in Casper, WY will be Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of December. Luther Classical College will open in the fall of 2025. It will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. Students will learn Latin, history, theology, literature, logic, rhetoric, music, geometry, biology and mathematics within a purposefully Christian and Lutheran framework.