

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity) Nov. 12, 2023

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The Word of the Lord
Endures Forever

CONFESSION OF FAITH

What is an Unconditional Subscription to the Confessions?

Confessional Lutheran pastors are required to subscribe unconditionally to the Lutheran Confessions because they are a pure exposition of the Word of God. This is the way our pastors and every layman who confesses his belief in the Small Catechism is able with great joy and without reservation or qualification to say what it is that he believes to be the truth of God's Word.

An unconditional subscription is the solemn declaration which the individual who wants to serve the church makes under oath that he accepts the doctrinal content of our Lutheran Confessions, because he recognizes the fact that they are in full agreement with Scripture and so not militate against Scripture in any point, whether the point be of major or minor importance and that he therefore heartily believes in this divine truth and is determined to preach this doctrine (C. F. W. Walther)

So What Is It to Be a Lutheran?

Being a Lutheran is being a person who believes the truths of God's Word, the Holy Bible as they are correctly explained and taught in the Book of Concord. To do so is to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Genuine Lutherans, confessional Lutherans, dare to insist, "What is contrary to these confessions is to be rejected and condemned, as opposed to the unanimous declaration of our faith"(FC Ep6).

Such a statement may strike some as boastful. But it is not, rather, it is an expression of the Spirit-led confidence that moves us to speak of our faith before the world.

To be a confessional Lutheran is to be one who honors the Word of God. That Word makes it clear that it is God's desire for His Church to be in agreement about doctrine and to be of one mind, living at peace with one another. It is for that reason that we so treasure the precious confession of Christian truth that we have in the Book of Concord. For confessional Lutherans, there is no other collection of documents or statements or books that so clearly, accurately, and comfortingly presents the teachings of God's Word and reveals the biblical Gospel as does our Book of Concord.

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Hand in hand with our commitment to pure teaching and confession of the faith is, and always must be, our equally strong commitment to reaching out boldly with the Gospel and speaking God's truth to the world. That is what "confession" of the faith is all about. Indeed, "Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak" (2 Corinthians 4: 13). This is what it means to be a Lutheran.

taken from Lutheranism 101, (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO), pgs. 182-183.

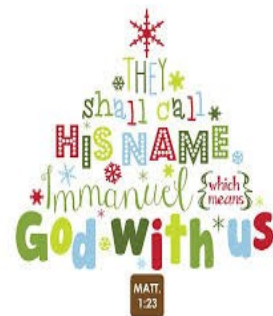
CHRISTMAS VESPERS

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

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



GOLDEN AGE THANKSGIVING DINNER



Members of Good Shepherd who are 75 years or older are invited to be guests at a turkey dinner with all the trimmings at Good Shepherd on Thursday, Nov. 16th at noon followed by a worship service with communion. If you fit this description and have not received an invitation by mail, please call the church office and let us know. We would like to include you in this celebration. Church Office: (402) 423-7639.

PREPARING FOR THE THANKSGIVING MEAL

We look forward to again hosting our pre-Thanksgiving celebration at Good Shepherd for members aged 75+ and shut-in members on Thursday, November 16 with the meal at noon and Divine Service with communion immediately following. We need help to make this happen! From donating ingredients and pies, to prepping and serving the food, to setting up and decorating, to picking up or arranging transportation — please consider volunteering! All the sign up sheets are in the narthex, and contact Mark Reinke to let him know you can help.

UPDATING OF OUR RECORDS

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.



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

- **Tom Vontz**, brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer, now awaiting a kidney transplant at Mayo on Nov. 15th. (1)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, awaiting medical test results (5)
- **Karen Tagge**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from surgery (5)
- **Rose Beck**, grandmother of Angela Von Busch, having health issues (5)
- **Todd Bohlender**, for successful healing following knee replacement surgery (2)
- **John Diagilo**, son-in-law of Lynda Mahloch, who begins treatment for stomach cancer (2)
- **Pearl & Tom**, sister & brother-in-law of Loraine Harnett, both dealing with health issues (2)
- **John Reigle**, for a good diagnosis and healing for back pain (1)
- **Jerry Sidlo**, having medical testing (1)
- **Ray Wobkin**, cousin of Pastor Poppe, having a hip replacement (1)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, for continued healing (1)
- **Ryker Whalen**, nephew of Maddie Gastler, recovering from the removal of a portocath on Oct. 30th (1)
- **The family of Neil Schochenmaier**, uncle of the Buhrs who died in an automobile accident (1)
- **The family of the brother-in-law of Darla Posner**, who was taken to his eternal home (1)

FLOWERS

The bouquet of all white flower was provided in honor of the members of Good Shepherd who were taken to their eternal home in the past year as we celebrated All Saints Day last Sunday, Nov. 5th.

Did You Know:

A baby's heart begins beating just 18 days after conception.

North America absorbs more carbon dioxide through plants and forests than it emits through industry.

The Acton Institute

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– Phillipians 1: 5—
“I thank my God ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..” God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the kingdom of God.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Nov. 12 thru November 18)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Reva Von Busch	Karen Huff
Sue Stolcpart	Joe Burke
Haidyn Shubkagel	Allen Wilkens
Claire Moline	Austin Huff
Amber Jackson	Sandie Trvz
Melissa Waldron	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
Jonathan & Sarah Bliss

LIFE MOMENT

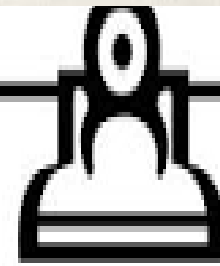
Tune out the NOISE of the lies, bury yourself deep into God’s Word of truth, and go forth with God’s life-affirming message. Dress yourself in the armor of God (Eph. 6: 11) and arm yourself with prayer (Col. 4: 2).

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.

Sometimes a majority simply means that all fools are on the same side.

Our age speaks of such things as error, mistake, superstition, delusion, but it does not admit such a thing as sin. If we give soft names to sin we depreciate the value of the blood which was shed to save us from sin.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., NOV. 1: 70
THURS. MATINS: 40
SUN., NOV. 5 : 261

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 17,107.38

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-
GAGE: \$ 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 ac-
complish this.

Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 5, 2023
We have received
\$ 2,924.00
in principal only gifts.

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

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Nov. 12): 8 am: Alan Brodbeck
10:30 am: Lauren Georgeson
(Wed., Nov. 15): Loraine Harnett

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Nov. 12): Matt Phillips
(Wed., Nov. 15): Matt Phillips

USHERS: (Sun., Nov. 12): 8 am: Indgjers, Graphenteen, Higgins
10:30 am: Princes, Novaks
(Wed., Nov. 15): Indgjers, Eckhoff, Kaldahl

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Nov. 12): 8 am: Declan Reinke
10:30 am: Sawyer Shubkagel
(Wed., Nov. 15): Kyler Cover

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Nov. 12): Ingrid Ehrich
(Wed., Nov. 15): Brileigh Twarling

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Nov. 12): Dee Crisler/Marilyn Meyer
(Wed., Nov. 15): Arlene Nelson

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Nov. 12): Sheila Turek
(Wed., Nov. 15): Arlene Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Nov. 12): Mark & Lori Reinke

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:

Sundays in November: 5, 12, 19, & 26 (between services & people can step in quickly during Bible study)

Wednesdays in November: 8, 15, 29 (from 5 pm—6:15 pm)

Prior to the Thanksgiving Meal for Seniors (come early for the meal and pose for your photo)

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)

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 Village)

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. **We currently remember Joe Burke, Sandie Tvrz, and Tish Loomis who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., Nov. 8th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



MISSION TRIP TO MISSION CENTRAL

All are invited to join members of the LWML Lincoln Zone on a bus trip on Saturday, Nov. 18th to Mission Central in Mapleton, IA. We want to fill a bus so men, women and children are included. Carol Halter, a missionary who has been in India for 30 years will speak to us and we will have a full tour of the facilities. A catered meal will be served at noon. The cost is \$37.95 per person.

Departure time is 8 am from Messiah Lutheran Church, 1800 South 84th Street in Lincoln. This is a day trip and we will return to Messiah around 6 pm.

Please make your reservation with Jeanne Krutz at (402) 890-1433 or jeannekrutz@hotmail.com. Payments can be sent to: Mission Circle, P. O. Box 57, Roca, NE 68430. Good Shepherd contact person is Sandy Langemeier, (402) 486-1361.

NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENT



For the November youth group event, we will be doing Thanksgiving/Christmas crafts. I found some free printable coloring pages online that I will print off; for all other crafts I will be going to Hobby Lobby to get materials. If you have any suggestions for simple crafts that we can do, let me know. The event will be on November 12th after the 10:30 am service in the fellowship hall. I will be bringing a meat & cheese platter along with a fruit platter as a main dish and anyone who comes can bring a side dish to share.