

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED NOVEMBER 4



The Christian church sets aside a special Sunday to commemorate the martyrs and saints of every time and place who are a part of the "great cloud of witness" mentioned in the Scriptures.

Good Shepherd's worship services, both 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., on November 4 will be dedicated to congregation members who have passed away this last year. Each will have an ornament engraved with his or her name. After the service, the ornaments will be given to the family members of those commemorated.

On this year's All Saints' Sunday, we remember these Good Shepherd members – and others – in our prayers:

S. Paul Stork (11-10-17)
Virginia L. Kinney (12-29-17)
Virginia Ruth Aull (1-6-18)
Anna June Gilbert (2-12-18)
Alex H. Gibert (2-21-18)
James Wayne Howard, Sr. (4-6-18)
Robert A. Koons (4-13-18)
Marian S. Dunlop (4-16-18)
Marjorie B. Slice (5-2-18)
Raymond L. Adams (5-28-18)
Nell C. Reynolds (6-10-18)
Monica Lynn Camp (7-24-18)
Dorothy W. George (8-15-18)
Betty M. Fowler (10-10-18)

Pastor John's Message Worth Waiting For



It's October and November is, for now, waiting patiently for its turn in the rotation of months. The weather, while not really chilly, has turned and cooler temperatures have now become the norm. Autumn is now becoming more than a date on the calendar.

November is a month of holidays and festivals – both for the church and for the wider society. We open with All Saints' Sunday, which is celebrated on the first Sunday of November. This celebration, during which we remember those who have passed from life in the last year, has an older tradition behind it. On the church calendar November 1 is All Saints' Day. The evening prior (October 31) has traditionally been known as All Hallows Eve – from which we get our word Halloween (a contraction of All Hallows Evening). The ghosts and goblins and things that go bump in the night come from older pre-Christian beliefs.

Veterans Day is November 11; this year, it will be the second Sunday. On this day in church and in our wider society we remember and celebrate those who have served in the various branches of our Armed Forces (for me: both the Navy and Marine Corps). Behind this remembrance, however, there stands another: Armistice Day. Armistice Day was originally designated as a day of memory for WWI, for it was on Nov. 11 that the armistice which ended WWI was signed. For many years school children learned to remember 11.11.11.18 –which was shorthand for the 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour, in the year 1918: the month, day, hour and year when that armistice was signed. Following WWII Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to celebrate all who had served the United States.

Then there is Thanksgiving Day. While not strictly a church holiday, Thanksgiving Day is filled with the overtones of faith. After all, to whom are we giving thanks? From that first celebration of Thanksgiving those thanks have been directed to God, our maker, redeemer and sustainer. It is one of my personal favorite holidays. Throughout our married life, Thanksgiving Day has been special for Stephanie and me. It has been a day of the gathering of family. More than that, though, it has been a gathering of friends who did not have family with whom they could gather. And, it didn't start on Thursday. It started the week before when my mother would come to visit so that together we could bake the family fruitcakes – sometimes as many as twenty and never fewer than eight. Nor did it end on Friday. Early on, Stephanie and I would brave the crowds on Friday to shop. Then, when my brother married, it would be the four of us. Then, as our children grew older they would go with us on Fridays and shopping began to include a movie. Thanksgiving has become for us a time centered around faith and family, and, yes, food. Still, today, our family, without my mother, continues to gather for Thanksgiving Day.

Near the end of the month, sometimes on the 3rd Sunday of November and sometimes on the 4th, comes the end of the church year – Christ the King Sunday. On this festival day we celebrate Christ as King. We remember his triumph over death – his resurrection, his ascension, his 'ruling' over our lives. Jesus is ultimately the one in whom we put our trust, the one in whom we hope, the one in whom we find refuge from the vagaries of this life. On Christ the King Sunday we find we have come full circle – from the anticipation of his birth to his lordship over creation – a yearlong cycle. And, at the end of this cycle we find that the end is worth waiting for. Amen.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that there are only two months left in the year 2018. The Transition Team has finished the work they were asked to do and have submitted their report to the Congregation Council. The summary of this report will be shared with all the members of Good Shepherd by way of a separate mailing. With this work completed, the Call Committee will now be able to pursue the task to which they were appointed, finding our next pastor. Though this has been a long time coming, let us all wish them Godspeed moving forward. May the Holy Spirit be ever present with them as they try and discern what and who will be the very best for Good Shepherd.

As November approaches we all need to stop and look at our time, talent, and treasure. The theme of this year's program is "Inspiring Generosity" and our Bible verse is from 2 Corinthians 9, verses 6 and 7. It reads, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

As we approach Dedication Sunday, November 4th, my hope is that everyone will heed these words and respond to the call to support our ministry here at Good Shepherd. Without this support of both time and treasure, we cannot be the church that God has ordained us to be. Good Shepherd needs everyone to take a look at themselves and where they are in the life of this church and respond to the call for active participation both with our offerings and our willingness to serve when called upon. We need more than 20% doing the work of all. Let's make the 80/20 rule extinct at Good Shepherd.

Another important event during the month of November is the election of your next Council. This should be an exciting time for everyone in the church as we look forward to welcoming a new pastor when the Call Committee finishes their work. What could be more exciting than being on the leadership team with a new leader for support and guidance. On November 11th, nominations from the floor will be received to go on the ballot with the names of the people that your Council has elected for the ballot. It is a must that we elect strong leaders for 2019 as they will be the guide for the church along with Pastor John until such time as a full time pastor is called.

We want to welcome Kimi Dail on board as a part-time Christian Education Director. She will work closely with the Learning Committee to right the ship and turn our Sunday School program around and head it in the right direction. She will also be working with Confirmation and implementing several other programs, some of these we have had before and some will be new. Welcome Kimi when you see her. She also serves as the Nursery attendant on Sunday.

May each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Advent, the start of a new church year, will be here soon. How about making a resolution to become more active in the life of Good Shepherd and its family of believers.

Peace be with you,

Becky Shealy

President

YOGS TO HOST VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The Youth Of Good Shepherd will host their annual Veterans Day luncheon on Sunday, November 11, following the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

All veterans, current members of the military, and their families are invited to attend. Our guest speaker will be Good Shepherd member **Todd Gustafson**.

To join us for lunch, please contact Jennifer Ross at 803-237-6551 or ketojenn71@gmail.com.



Sponsored by the YOGS, the luncheon lets us show the men and women of our congregation who served in the military how much we appreciate the sacrifices they made for our country.

YOGS (6th-12th graders) Youth of Good Shepherd

November 9-11, 2018, Hand in Hand LCY service event weekend will be at Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Greenville, SC. For more information on this event or if your youth is interested in attending please contact Mitch Uehling or Lisa Boozer.

GYF (3rd-5th graders) God's Young Followers

God's Young Followers will take a break in November, to allow children to participate in rehearsals for the Advent/Christmas play during our usual meeting time. We will meet in December! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 16 after the late service. God's Young Followers is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. To be added to the e-mail list, contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Committees that make a difference

The Synod has notified the Call Committee that upon receipt of the Transition Team's report, and compensation package from Council the Synod will send representative Pastor Ginny Aebischer to meet with the Call Committee. At the time of the newsletter printing these documents will have been received.

Once succinct needs, desired pastoral characteristics and concerns of the congregation have been reviewed with all parties, the Synod will begin providing the Call Committee with potential candidate names.

The Call Committee is accepting candidate names/recommendations from members of the congregation. Please reach out to a member of the Call Committee with any potential candidate's information.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Amanda Snodgrass, Call Committee Chair, at 803-422-7105, or at amandadpt2007@hotmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Call Committee: Amanda Snodgrass, Cheryl Beaman, Don Caughman, Greg Sox, Phil Tollison, Bruce Shealy (Alt), and Elizabeth Whitlow (Alt).



Social Ministry Focus For November

The Social Ministry Focus for November is Epworth Children's Home. Epworth Children's Home is located at 2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, 29205. It is a non-profit supported by the Methodist church. The home opened in 1896 and now serves children age 4-18 that come from the broken family system. Children grow, learn to be loved, become educated, receive counseling, medical care, and spiritual enrichment. Epworth now provides support for young people in a supportive Housing program. There is a list of needs on their website or on Facebook. Contributions can be made to this ministry by placing the donation in a pink Special Offering Envelope marking it for Epworth Children's Home.

www.epworth.org or
www.epworthchildrenshome.org



THANKSGIVING "SOUPER" MEAL SET

The Women's Shelter cordially invites you to the **38th Annual Thanksgiving "Souper" on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia.

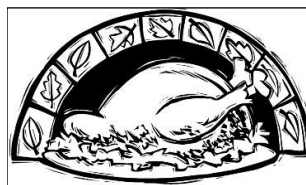
The simple but delicious soup and crackers are served with tea, warm smiles, and generous hearts as The Women's Shelter strives to promote understanding of hunger and homelessness.

A minimum donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Proceeds benefit The Women's Shelter in its mission to help women build stronger lives. This ministry includes providing



basic shelter and food, dental care, transitional housing, and counseling. For more information, contact Kathy Riley at The Women's Shelter, 803-779-4706.

Live Wire News



Live Wire will be meeting on November 16 at noon in the FAB. Please bring a covered dish. Our guest speaker will be Mary Katherine Bagnal from Senior Matters.

We are planning an overnight trip to Myrtle Beach December 13. We will be staying at the Landmark Resort. Accommodations will be ocean front double guest rooms. The price includes breakfast at the Gazebo Restaurant, admission to Carolina Opry Holiday Show, and dinner at the Thoroughbred Restaurant. Single room occupancy will be \$156.58 and Double room occupancy will be \$119.29.



We need your reservation as soon as possible. Please call Betty Cox at 803-622-2064. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 26.

Come out and support our Live Wire group and enjoy the fellowship.

20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group



The 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group is changing their meeting schedule. Beginning immediately, the group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. What won't change is the meeting time and place: 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. This group does not require a long-term commitment. You can come once, once in a while, or for every gathering. The meeting format also will remain the same: 20 minutes sharing our individual prayer concerns, 20 minutes in silent prayer, and 20 minutes of praying out loud using the Celtic Circling Prayer in which we pray out loud for those on our congregational prayer list, for individual concerns which are brought to the group, and for our congregation and its ministries during this time of transition are lifted in prayer. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Anne Mueller at 803-673-5450 or volffanne80@gmail.com.

LEST WE FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday, Nov. 4.** Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday night!



Food Pantry Sunday

November 18

Keeping the food pantry stocked is a regular challenge, and donations are encouraged at any time. Any non-perishable food items are appreciated, but we especially need canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, pasta and pasta sauce, and peanut butter and jelly.

**2018 DIRECTORY UPDATE!**

Please note the following:

Richard & Neal Inman no longer have a landline. Please use their cell phone numbers.

Robert & Melissa Ellington no longer have a landline. Please use

their cell phone numbers. Melissa's work number has also changed.

Melissa Shukla has moved. The new address is 416 Council Loop, Columbia, SC 29209

Stanley & Lillie Wilson do have a landline. Please use this number 803-764-3945.

Jennifer Ross has retired. Please do not use her work email address. Her home email address is jenniferross@bellsouth.net.



DAY SCHOOL

NEWS

In October we had so much fun learning about Fire and Safety. The children got to see the fire truck and some of our parents came in to speak to the classes for Career Week. Our annual Halloween Parade was a success and we want to thank all of our volunteers for coming and helping pass out candy.

As we move into November, we will talk about opposites, harvesting, and of course Thanksgiving. This month we will have Margaret from Mad Platter come in to help the children paint holiday ornaments to sell. Each year we have the cutest ornaments and the parents love them! It will be lots of fun to see what cute creations they come up with this year. Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 11:00 in the FAB. We always have such a wonderful time when our families can get together for fellowship and fun!

Remember to always give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.



We welcomed through Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 21, **Guy Lennox Bostic**. He is the son of **Brett and Mary Kathleen (Katie) Bostic**. **Anna Lawson and John Nabors** are serving as his sponsors.



The Bible Study Class meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 2. The class is being taught by Pastor John.

Coffee will be served.

NOTE:

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you can't be here, please get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment.

If you can't trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

SERVICE AREA CONTACT PERSON

Worship Life	Nancy Hyatt, Chair 873-9449
8:15 a.m.	David Lucas
Grushers	776-9216
10:45 a.m.	Chris Herrmann
Ushers	787-0433
Worship Assistants:	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers:	Neal Inman 600-5637
Nursery:	Mitch Uehling
Coordinator	804-405-8908
Contemporary	Susan Weaver
Coordinator	600-1936

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Judy Kinney	11	Mary Stallings	22	Molly Kate Herrmann	27	Sarah Evans
	Marc McKenna	14	Brett Bostic		Rachel Pedersen		Christian Houghton
2	Chloe Porter		Ronnie Roche		Tommie Spence	28	Tricia Lisowski
3	William Snodgrass		Patrick Roof	23	Jen Harms		Samuel Seay
4	Sabra Lindler	15	Jack Morris	24	Anna-Marie Plyler	29	Paige Frierson
	Sara Loyd	17	Dot Gibert		Ashleigh Taylor		Ben Wuori
5	Herman McQuage		Ron Lipe	25	Pat Butterfield	30	Grayce Boozer
7	Ginna Caughman	18	Matt Burrows		Marilyn Hogan		Betti Stroud
8	Teri Holmes		Robert Ellington		Kappy Steck		
10	Nancy Schaefer		Wilbur Smith	26	Pat Hazle		
	Greg Struthers	19	Perry O'Quinn		Rebecca Netzel		
11	Anne Rush	20	Larry Evans	27	Cheryl Beaman		

WORSHIP SERVICES*:

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements (CI-1)
 9:25 AM Children's Music (Children's Music Room)
 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6—Adult
 9:55 AM Sunday Church School—Kindergarten—Grade 5
 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
4 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 11:45 am Luncheon for new members, sponsors & Evangelism Committee (FAB)	5 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room)	6 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm Evangelism Mtg. (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA (Conf. Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm Learning Committee Meeting (CI-2)
11 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE Called Congregational Meeting 11:45 am Veterans Day Luncheon (FAB) 3:00 pm Confirmation	12 5:00 pm Trenholm Artist Build (FAB) 5:00 pm Williamsburg HOA Mtg. (CI-1) 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room) 6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room)	13 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 4:30 pm Executive Comm. Mtg. (Pastor's Office) 5:30 pm OA (Conf. Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:00 pm Worship Life Mtg. (CI-2) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)
18 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 11:45 am Advent Play Rehearsal (FAB) 6:30 pm Congregational Council (CI-2)	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room)	20 11:00 am Day School Thanksgiving Lunch (FAB) 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA (Conf. Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)
25 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 4:30 pm All YOGS (Lights Before Christmas @ Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens)	26 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room)	27 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA (Conf. Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:30 a.m.—Classroom 2
 Wednesday Choir Rehearsal: Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at <http://www.gslc.com/>.

Click "Calendar" under the "Resources" heading.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 am Mary Group (CI-2) 6:00 Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm WELCA Board Meeting (Parlor)	2 6:00 pm Setup for private event (FAB)	3 Private event (FAB) 
7 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Social Ministry Committee (CI-2)	9	10
14 5:30 pm Call Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (CI-4) 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	15 2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors 3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group	16 Noon Live Wire Thanksgiving Luncheon (FAB)	17
21 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL 6 pm NA (Conf. Room)	22 Church Office & Day School closed 	23 Church Office & Day School closed	24
28 6:30 pm NA (Conf. Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	29 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	30	1

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	11/4/18	11/11/18	11/18/18	11/25/18	12/2/18
GREETERS	Nancy Hyatt	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam Marcia Woodward
USHERS	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Eric Whitlow, Dick Sturkie	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Sid Havird, Forrest Havird	Sid Havird, Robert Ellington, Dale Richardson, Dick Sturkie	Sid Havird, Dick Sturkie, Eric Whitlow, Dale Richardson	Usher Team #3
ACOLYTE	Madison Tankersley	Jack Wuori	Matthew Herrmann	Isabella Fettig	Madison Tankersley
CRUCIFER	Jake Lalumondier	Millie Sox	William Foster	William Foster	Forrest Havird
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Don Caughman (C & L)	Kerry Stubbs (C & L)	Gaye Collins Tucker (C & L)	Stacy Gross (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	TBA (L) Becky Shealy (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail Anna Ross	Kimi Dail Stephanie Seay	Kimi Dail Katie Bostic	Kimi Dail TBD	Kimi Dail Leigh Ford
ALTAR GUILD	Gaye Tucker Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker Debi Powell	Neal Inman
TABULATORS	Steve Steck Leigh Ford	Lavina Chandler Jerry Vaughn	Mary Stallings Mitch Uehling	Betty Cox Karen Lucas	Mary Margaret Hoy Terri Tokaz

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Sid Havird

OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison

FOOD PANTRY: Forrest Havird & William Foster

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	11/4/18	11/11/18	11/18/18	11/25/18	12/2/18
GRUSHERS	Karen Lucas David Lucas	Mike Brown Mike Weaver	Susan Weaver Mike Weaver	Christi Wuori Dan Wuori	Marilyn Hogan Mo Denny
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lisa Lehman (C) Mike Weaver (L)	Beth Jirel (C & L)	Barbara Nagy (C & L)	Joann Nagy (C & L)	Steve Steck (C & L)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail TBD	Kimi Dail TBD	Kimi Dail TBD	Kimi Dail Amanda Snodgrass	Kimi Dail TBD
ALTAR CARE	Mary Stallings	Betti Stroud	Susan Weaver	Amanda Snodgrass	Bev Weymouth



IRA Required Minimum Distributions – an Opportunity to Give

Blessing Good Shepherd with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) enables members already aged 70 ½ and older to gift from an IRA. A QCD is generally a **nontaxable distribution made directly from the IRA Custodian to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions**. Gifts from an IRA may have multiple benefits to the donor such as counting toward the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) obligation or decreasing taxable income; however, the donor can't claim a charitable contribution deduction for any QCD not included in income.

Each donor's income and tax obligations are unique. **Please consult with your tax advisor before donating** to understand process requirements and timing, deduction rules, and potential restrictions, especially with the recent tax law changes.

DISASTER RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

The ELCA and the SC Lutheran Synod both have Disaster Relief funds. The ELCA fund is for churchwide disasters and the SC Synod fund is primarily for South Carolina disasters. When giving to one of these funds, please indicate on your check in the memo section, and on the envelope "Disaster relief – ELCA" or "Disaster relief – SC Synod".

Streamlined Stock Donation Protocol Guidelines

October, 2018

Deb Embrey, Financial Secretary, is our point of contact for stock donations. It is no longer necessary to contact the Council President.

The Financial Secretary explains the donation process and provides information the donor's broker will need. As the Financial Secretary, she **requires a copy of the confirmation letter from the broker**, which will provide the stock name, the stock symbol, the number of shares, the date of transfer, and the donation value.

It is imperative that the donor informs the Financial Secretary when the transfer is complete and provides a copy of the transfer documentation.

When stock transfers into the church's brokerage account, the donor information has been removed. Only the Financial Secretary knows the identity of the donor.

The Financial Secretary notifies the Council President of the transfer and the Council President will order an immediate sale of the stock.

After the sale, the Financial Secretary creates the donation acknowledgement letter and records the gift to the donor's annual contribution record.

While Good Shepherd provides details of the transfer, the donor is ultimately responsible for valuing the gift for tax purposes. **This information is not tax advice. Please consult with your tax advisor before donating stock** to understand deduction rules and potential restrictions, especially with the recent tax law changes.

FAMILIES, FOOD, AND FUN AT THE GSLC FALL FESTIVAL

A big thank you to all those volunteers who helped cook, bake, give out candy, donate items, set up, and clean up. Also, thanks to our youth and their families for taking the lead on this very successful event! We had our largest turnout of non-church members and families.



TRUNK or Treat



Thinking Ahead to Christmas . . .



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree and Salvation Army stockings will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 18. The Angel Tree will have gift tags with specific needs requested by individuals served by local

charities. No guessing about clothing sizes, colors, etc. Each gift tag will have the information you need to purchase a gift. Gifts should be wrapped and returned with the tag by Sunday, December 9.

The Salvation Army stockings

are for children from low-income families. Stockings are labeled as girl or boy and by age group. You can select a variety of small items to fill a stocking: socks, mittens, hats, books, school/art supplies, games, toys, wrapped candy, etc. Return the filled stockings by Sunday, December 2.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

Good Shepherd will ring the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign on Thursday, December 13 and Saturday, December 15 at the WalMart on Forest Drive. We need one or two people for each one-hour time slot. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex after Thanksgiving.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE

At the recommendation of Pastor John, the Learning Ministry and Worship Life Committees are providing several items to be used during our Advent season, which begins Sunday, December 2. An Advent devotional book entitled "The Father's Love" is provided for each active family unit and one entitled "God's Word Comes Down" is provided for each active teen and young adult (middle school through college). For each active child, three years through 5th grade, an Advent calendar and chain is being provided for their use during the season. The children's items have been marked with their family's name. If you should not find one for your family, please notify the church office. Look for these items on the tables in the narthex later in November. We encourage you to use them to enhance your Advent season as we prepare and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

2018 LMM Ladies Night Christmas Party



Mark your calendars for the annual Good Shepherd Ladies Night Christmas party hosted by the Lutheran Men in Mission. We have reserved the Spring Valley Country Club for Monday night, December 3, 2018. This event is open to all adult members of the congregation. The party will include the traditional menu of heavy hors d'oeuvres, coffee, tea and water. Complimentary wine has been provided by several members of the congregation. For all other alcoholic drinks (and if the wine runs out) there is a cash bar.

Tickets at \$35 per person will be sold for the party. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. for social time and food will be available at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available in November from members of the Lutheran Men and in the Narthex after both services. Plan to be there, as this has always been a great way for the congregation to get together for the Christmas Season.

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER 4 – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:6–9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

PSALM – Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

SECOND READING – Revelation 21:1–6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

GOSPEL – John 11:32–44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

NOVEMBER 11 – 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

FIRST READING – 1 Kings 17:8–16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

PSALM – Psalm 146

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 9:24–28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

GOSPEL – Mark 12:38–44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

NOVEMBER 18 – 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

FIRST READING – Daniel 12:1–3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

PSALM – Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 10:11–14 [15–18] 19–25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

GOSPEL – Mark 13:1–8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

NOVEMBER 25 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

FIRST READING – Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

PSALM – Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

SECOND READING – Revelation 1:4b–8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

GOSPEL – John 18:33–37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

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Dear Good Shepherd,

Mitch and I want to thank everyone at Good Shepherd for your friendship and support for our family over the past 20 plus years. Mitch is enjoying his new job at Wingate University and I am working on where our new home will be. Our temporary address is 1045 Glenn Valley Lane, Apt. 304, Indian Trail, NC 28079.

We miss the Parlor Class and are very appreciative of their beautiful gift when we left in July. Please keep up all the good works and projects that you all do for each other and in the community. God's Peace to you all.

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Nov. 22–23 — Church Office & Day School closed for Thanksgiving Holidays



Dec. 9 — Children's Program & Congregational Covered Dish Supper

Dec. 14 — Fun Fridays

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Services (6 & 11 p.m.)

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