

Bulletin News for November 22, and November 25, 2018

“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY. Welcome to this Thanksgiving worship service! Please greet the friends and guests near you in the name of God, the provider of all we have.

ALTAR FLOWERS: are given to the glory of God by Joyce Beyer and family in honor of Gordy Beyer.

PRAYERS: Loved ones in need of God’s healing: Don Riemer, Pat Piepenburg, and baby Izzy and adoptive family Randy and Amanda Reed. God’s comfort to the family of Marcella Wideman who passed away on November 15th. For those traveling this Thanksgiving season.

BAPTISM: (Nov. 23) Jeremay Carl Buol, son of Nicole (Koeller) Buol.



ATTENTION USHERS AND WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS: Please sign up to help at the extra services we have coming up which include Advent, Christmas Eve and Day, and also New Years Eve and Day. Sign up sheets are *on the bulletin board in the back of church*. Thanks for volunteering to help out at our services. The Board of Elders

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES begin on Wednesday, Dec 5th. As in the past, let our Advent Wednesdays be a time for families to gather for worship and fellowship. Advent meals begin at 5:30 p.m., hymn-sings begin at 6:15 p.m., and worship services begin at 6:30 p.m. Come join us and help your family prepare their hearts for Christmas.

2018 FINANCIAL BUDGET UPDATE: At a special Voters’ meeting that took place on March 4, the voters assembly decided to begin the call process for candidates for the Director of Christian Education and Director of Parish Music positions to further the mission and vision of Good Shepherd. Having been blessed with rapid acceptances of both calls, a reminder of financial impact is prudent to meet the new ongoing financial needs of the church. The approved weekly budget for 2018 is \$12,044 per week with the prior staffing model. Since September 2018 when both positions were fully onboarded, **weekly needs are \$13,304** with all else held constant (10.5% increase).

♦ **Did You Know: 2019 Budget Edition**
 On Sunday November 4, 2018 the 2019 church budget was approved by the voter’s assembly. 2019 weekly need based on this approved budget will be \$13,678. Based on the number of giving units, the 2019 budget can be met with increased giving of **\$3.73 per week per giving unit to the general fund** over 2018 contribution levels. Your support of the mission and vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is greatly appreciated.

Thanks
 be to God
 for his
 indescribable
 gift!
 2 Corinthians 9:15

IT’S HARD TO BELIEVE IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN. . .

The sign-up sheet is in the Sign-Up Center located in the coat room, ordering your **poinsettia plants** for the Christmas services. The price of each 6 ½ inch pot is \$14.00. We need two hanging baskets for the front of the church the price is \$40.00 per basket. **Prices did not change from last year.** Please take the time to **sign up before Sunday, Dec. 2nd**. Make checks payable to *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*. You may put your check in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. On the memo line of your check, please write *festive flowers*. You may take your plants home after the 9 a.m. service on Christmas Day. Plants that are not picked up by Jan. 1st will be taken to our shut-ins. Thank you.

GIFTS FOR OUR MILITARY OVERSEAS

The month of November we will be gathering gifts from our Church Family and Friends. Please consider sharing . There will be a box for collections in the hallway at Church and in the Sunday School Office. Our Sunday School Collections for November will be going for this project. We will be shipping the first week in December. Next time shopping pick up a little gift. One little gift means so much to someone away for the holidays! If you want to give a monetary gift please stop in the office. We had a great turn out last year. Thank you for remembering our Military who will not be home for Christmas. If you have a Military person you would like to share with please give address to Church Office. Here is a suggestions for supplies. Travel size - shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and lip balm (no aerosols) First Aide/ Pharm –Antibx cream, foot powder, baby wipes, ASA, TUMS and sunscreen. Food –Beef Jerky, trail mix, nuts, hard candy, Christmas candy and gum (no chocolate) Thank you again, Audrey Hanson

YOUTH NEWS: The preschool will be hosting our yearly Tastefully Simple Fundraiser starting November 12th and ending on November 30th. For anyone who is interested in ordering or seeing a catalog please contact Jenny Hintz at 993-5560 or jenny.hintz@sbcglobal.net. There will be catalogs and order forms in the church office. If you have any questions please let me know. The funds raised will be going towards the preschool scholarship fund and preschool operations. Happy Shopping and thank you for your support!!!

INTERESTED IN SERVING IN GUATEMALA? The Ebbesen’s are leading a Thriventbuilds Habitat for Humanity trip to Antiqua, Guatemala Jan 20- 27, 2019. There are 3 more openings. The only requirement is to have a heart for showing God’s love for others. If you are interested please contact the Ebbesen’s this week. 836-2153

BIBLE CHALLENGE FOR 2018

THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING SCHEDULE:

November 25	1 Peter 2	1Chr 21	November 29	2 Peter 1	1Chr 26-27
November 26	1 Peter 3	1Chr 22	November 30	2 Peter 2	1Chr 28
November 27	1 Peter 4	1Chr 23	December 1	2 Peter 3	1Chr 29
November 28	1 Peter 5	1Chr 24-25	December 2	1 John 1	2Chr 1

RECORD YOUR BIBLE CHAPTERS!!!! WE CONTINUE OUR 50,000 BIBLE CHAPTER READING CHALLENGE: So far in 2018 we have read **41,127 chapters**. That leaves only **8,873 chapters** to go. Record how many chapters you read and mark them on the slips provided in the Coat Room and place them in the Bible Box. You may do this weekly, monthly, or whenever. *“Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 7:12 ESV)*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 25, 2018—DECEMBER 2, 2018

SUN	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Education Hour/7th Grd. Confirmation
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	1:00 PM	Hmong Lutheran Church
MON	2:00 PM	Zion French-African Congregation—CR
		Pastor Seabaugh's day off
TUE	5:00 PM	Men's Basketball
	6:30 PM	Ray & Debbie's Sm. Grp. Bible study
WED	10:00 AM	Staff Mtg./Devotions
	5:00 PM	TOPS
	6:00 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	Bd. Of Elders
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
THU	10:00 AM	Atrium Service
	6:30 PM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service
FRI		Pastor Koeller/ David Stuckwisch/ Jacob Erdman's Day Off
SAT	8:00 AM	Life Line Screening—CR
SUN		Food Collection: Salvation Army
		Giving Tree Up
		Men's Bible B-fast @ Perkins
SUN	7:30 AM	Men's Bible B-fast @ Perkins
	9:00 AM	Cookies & Candy Set up—CR
		Advent
	8:00 AM	Blood Pressure Check
	8:00 AM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service
9:15 AM	Education Hour/7th Grd. Confirmation/LWML Cookie & Candy Sale—CR	
10:30 AM	TAPS Worship/Communion Service	
1:00 PM	Hmong Lutheran Church	
2:00 PM	Zion French-African Congregation—CR	



TAKING THE BUS TO MOBILE?

The National LWML Convention, June 20-23, 2019, will be in Mobile, Alabama. Our North Wisconsin District is offering bus transportation to the event. Look for the purple clipboard in the coat room for bus trip information. Deposit for the bus (\$100) is **due by December 1st**. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available. Put on your mission-thinking caps and consider making the trip. Our Zone 19 has elected Sondra Reiersen from St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Big Falls) to be our delegate to the convention.

PLEASE PUT THESE DECEMBER ACTIVITIES ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Saturday, December 1st – Advent Tea, hosted by Faith Lutheran Church, at Celebration Lutheran – more information will be given as it is provided. We will also set up for our Cookie & Candy Sale at Good Shepherd
- Sunday, December 2nd – Annual LWML Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale in the Community Room
- First week in December – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Festival Foods (Darboy) – 2-hour shifts inside – as soon as dates are confirmed watch for the sign ups. Great opportunity for LMF, LWML and youth
- Monday, December 17th, 6:00 p.m. – LWML Christmas Gathering

LUTHER'S MENS FELLOWSHIP: Next meeting is December 6, 2018 and we will be decorating the church for the holiday. Have a good month, see you in December!

HMONG MINISTRY: We were blessed to have the Hmong Lutheran Church as part of our ministry here at Good Shepherd the last 14 years. Unfortunately we are running out of funds to support them. If you have an interest or passion for them and can help us secure grants, or help us write for grants, or help us find ways to raise funds for their continuing, please call the church office. We would love to hear from you.

PASTOR KOELLER'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Thanksgiving was never meant to be limited to one day.
"O Lord my God, I will give thanks to Thee forever." (Psalms 30:12(b) NASB)

November Care Corner

"Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"
We are part of God's redistribution team.

Please consider at least one of these opportunities to share your blessings!

- Food for the Salvation Army
- Gifts for the Giving Tree

GOOD SHEPHERD SCRIP PROGRAM:

Scrip Status: (11/4/18) Sales \$5,075; Gross Earnings: \$197. (11/11/18) Sales \$6,705; Gross Earnings: \$268. (11/18/18) Sales \$3,465; Gross Earnings: \$146. Your financial help for our church is appreciated. **Special Rebate:** Tom's Drive In 10% through Christmas. **New retailers available:** Meijer with cards at \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100; DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25, and Scheels \$25 **Christmas** –Retailers offer smaller denomination cards for the holidays (stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, etc.). Please let us know soon so we can order. Retailers include for \$10: Amazon, Applebee's, CVS Pharmacy, Olive Garden/Cheddars, The Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Outback, Red Lobster, Target, and Walmart. For \$5: Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera Bread, and Starbucks. **Please remember** those in need. You can purchase a scrip gift certificate to give to the Board of Human Care that they can use to purchase scrip gas and grocery cards to give to those in need. **New buying options.** – Would you like to purchase scrip on line? The options include handling your weekly order, reloading scrip cards, and e-scrip. Please stop in at the office on Sundays and talk with us about the opportunities and benefits or call Karen at (920) 740-4918. (Some limitations apply.) **Scrip is sold** in the office before and after services on Thursdays and between services on Sundays. Scrip is available for most major retailers - stop by and see us! **Thanksgiving:** Scrip will be sold on Wednesday night but not Thursday morning.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF

GOOD SHEPHERD? We just finished our last New Member Orientation and received 17 New Members into our church family. PRAISE THE LORD! We would like to begin planning for our next Orientation. If you would like to become a member or interested in learning more about Good Shepherd, please contact Pastor Koeller or the church office at 734-9643.



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OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE VICTIMS AFFECTED BY THE WILDFIRES.

When disaster strikes, Christians look for ways to help those who are in need, whether it means lending a helping hand or making a monetary donation. In addition to relief efforts your church may be involved with, Thrivent members and others can help victims in the following ways:

- Donate. Thrivent will match up to \$250,000 in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with the recovery efforts. Thrivent will pay the processing fees for these donations, so 100 percent goes to help.* Eligible members can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.
- Volunteer. Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities and to see the list of organizations included in the match. Also, if it's appropriate, please consider running the following in your church's newsletter, bulletin, website or on social media:

- *Thrivent members pray for those who have been affected by the CA Wildfires. Thrivent – a membership organization of Christians – is mobilizing its financial resources and members to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who want to help with recovery efforts are encouraged to visit Thrivent.com to learn more.*

We thank you and your church for continuing to support victims as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are looking for ideas for Family Fun Night. There is a survey in the back of the church for any ideas from our church members to help us plan future events. Please take a moment and fill out the survey and drop it off in the *Board Of Education Mail Slot* in the office. We will discuss your ideas at our monthly meeting. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Stewardship Thought:

Do something for the Lord. When you help meet another persons needs God helps you in the meantime find your authentic self.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE ~ LAST WEEK

Church Attendance:
Thu. 6:30 –70; Sun. 8:00—188, 9:30— 114 = 372
(Communed:287)

BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: 13,199.25
Designated Funds: 549.86
Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,304

We are under our budget this past week by:\$104.75
We are under budget by \$48,926.96 YTD