



# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

November 2025



There are many ways that our Lord speaks to us. One of those

ways is in creation that surrounds us every day, but sometimes seems to go unnoticed due to the busyness of our days.

This time of year often calls me to reflect how the leaves let go of their grasp entrusting the gentle breeze to carry them softly to the ground below. For some, it may seem like the ending of their life, but it is actually a new beginning where they contribute to the earth and soil, enriching it where life can begin anew. There is a sacred promise in this season that reflects the life to come while acknowledging the difficulties that winter may bring.

It is the same in our lives of faith. Our Lord told us that following Him would not always be easy, and in fact, would involve persecution due to our belief and faith. Yet, we continue, we endure throughout the days

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## What's With the Hole?

**The answer:** Mike Haag, Norm Beard, and Roger White have been laboring to connect the drainage lines and to add a sidewalk drain. .



Gone are the days of having to step over a puddle!



*We are Christ's hands and voice in the world*

# THE SHEPHERD'S HORN



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of our lives depending upon the promises of Christ. We know that storms only last through a short period and then the glorious sun returns. And maybe I should say that the glorious SON returns because He does return to our hearts and minds daily, assuring us that we are never alone.

It is my prayer that this beautiful season will give you an opportunity to reflect upon all of the wonderful blessings of this past year. May thoughts of family and friends bring a smile as you think of the treasured moments you have spent together. But above all this, cherish the moments when you felt the Lord with you in the most powerful ways. The peace that you feel in those moments are what God always intends for you to experience. And as followers of Jesus, we know that when we are given something from our Lord that the first way we choose to respond is to share it with our neighbors.

The coming Spring and the new life it brings will come with glorious reasons for joy. And the only thing that will make that joy more complete is knowing all our neighbors, family, and friends will be there celebrating Christ with us.

Shalom, Shalom

Pastor Faron

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## **Blood Drive Scheduled**

**November 20th**

**1:00 pm—6:00 pm**



### **Save a Life! Give Blood!**

We are asking for volunteers to help check people in, hand out snacks, and don't forget to give blood. We are looking to collect at least 25 good pints. Please spread the word to your neighbors, co-workers, and friends. You may call 800-RED CROSS [800-733-2767] or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: to schedule an appointment.

## Food Pantry—October

During the month of October, we served **99** families with a total of **375** people receiving food. We are fortunate enough to be receiving shelf stable, dairy products, and sometimes meat from Target and Food Lion # 171, along with other items. Thanks to Mary Ann & Norm Beard, Denise & Mike Haag for picking up on from them on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also, Roger & Donna White have joined the team in picking up from the Food Bank. The items are delivered in time for our pantry. We began picking up donations from for Harris Teeter on Artic Ave , October 27. Thank you Steve Risotto and Norm Beard for volunteering to add this much needed store to our donation group. What a blessing this has been. However, we still need your help to keep this program going. Your donations and monetary support are a vital part of this outreach ministry.



*Let's make an effort to  
Close the Gap!*

	Month	YTD
Support	\$ 19,172	\$ 248,875
Expense	\$ 27,112	\$ 281,598
Over/[short]	\$ [7,940]	\$ [32,723]

Good Shepherd offers electronic giving for those who appreciate the convenience of online payments. Whether it is a one-time gift, or automated regular giving. We can make this happen.

## Good Shepherd to Host Annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon November 27 from 1pm—3 pm



We invite you to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for our community. Here are three ways you can help.

**Get the word out!** Whether it is joining us for lunch, or helping to serve the meal, we would like to offer an invitation to as many people as possible. You can help us by posting a flyer at your school, work, or place of business, and by getting the word out to your friends on social media.

**Help serve.** We are looking for folks to serve, set up, take down and to simply come and be with people. We also need desserts. No need to be a member of Good Shepherd - just have an interest in helping out. Sign up at church or by calling the office at 757- 319-4847.

**Join us for lunch.** This is not just a meal for those who are homeless or struggling financially. It is an opportunity to reach out to those who may not have family in the area or people to celebrate Thanksgiving with. Is there an elderly neighbor, a student or service-person who can't make it back home? Is there someone that you might invite to come along?

**All are welcome!**



### Remember to “Fall Back”

Daylight Savings Time ends on **November 2**. Set your clocks **back one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday night.

# Trunk or Treat Fun

**Wow!** What a wonderful turnout for the Trunk or Treat event. It is estimated that we had approximately 75 kids, including children from the apartments and friends. Thank you to all who helped make this event special and fun. Below are a few pictures:



# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays

- 1 Mary Ann Beard
- 6 Linda Barclay
- 8 Jim Van Slyke
- 10 Julia LaFountaine
- 11 Roger White, James Mims
- 13 Bennett Chandler
- 20 Emma Chandler
- 21 Dotty Rickard
- 25 Nancy Blumenberg, Anderson Farley

## *Our Sympathy*



To the family of Dorothy Koenig, a long time member of Good Shepherd, who died at the age of 96, on October 24. She was laid in her final resting place along side of her husband Bill, at Princess Anne Memorial Park



The leading provider of annual screening for stroke, heart disease risk, and other chronic illnesses.

The team will be returning to Good Shepherd, **December 2**. You can go on line to [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com) to book an appointment.

# Those Who Serve

## November 2

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Hosts  
Flowers/Lamp  
Food Pantry

Jacqueline Rosendahl  
Sunny Hollenbach

Robin Patrick  
Parish Life Ministry Team

Sandy Lindstrom, Dylan Hamilton, Sarah Bumgardner 11/5  
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 11/8

## November 9

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Host  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Bobbi Skinner-White  
Donna White  
Roger White

Ulaine Pelton

Robin Patrick, Sunny Hollenbach, Sandy Lindstrom 11/12

## November 16

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Host  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Lesli White  
Cheryl Tennant

Carlin Bachrach

Marilyn Berge, Gwyne Van Slyke, Sarah Bumgardner 11/19  
Norm & Mary Ann Beard 11/22

## November 23

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Host  
Flowers  
Food Pantry

Skip Banner

Kevin Jones  
Kevin Jones & Karin Lundgren  
Ulaine Pelton

Ralph Block  
Allyson, Mary Ann, Pat 11/26

## November 30

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Hosts

Karen Welch  
Chris Welch

Brad & Cheryl Tennant  
Sunny Hollenbach



# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>All Saints</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 Cong Mtg	3	4 7 Choir	5 10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7Pastor's Bible Study	6	7 <b>Office Closed</b>	8 10 Food Pantry
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**Poinsettias & Pigs**

November begins our annual *Poinsettias & Pigs* offering. We will be collecting \$7 donations through Sunday, **December 8** for **POINSETTIAS** which will beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season. We invite you to honor or remember someone special in your life with these flowers.

We will also be collecting **\$10** donations for **PIGS** through Sunday, **December 15**. (The cost for an entire pig is \$30). Why pigs? For many families in our world, a pig in the pen is like money in the bank. Within months, a tiny piglet grows to weigh over 200 pounds! Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at market. Should a family have a failed harvest, medical expense or other unexpected financial need, this pig can be sold for much-needed cash.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

To the glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pigs \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_