

The Shepherd's Call

November 2019

From the Pastor

At GSLC we are in the season of stewardship. The word stewardship comes from the Greek word *oikonomos*, which means somebody who manages a household. A person doesn't own the household but manages it. And stewards in the ancient world, of course, were trusted with everything from seeing that the floors were clean, to the finances, to the public face of that household. In Genesis 37 (ff.) we find Joseph, a good biblical example of a most excellent steward.

Like Joseph, we are not the owners but we have been trusted with resources and the care of everything—Creation, gifts and talents, money, time, the gospel—for the sake of God's purposes in the world. As a congregation we have been entrusted with the ministry of the church at Good Shepherd. As a congregation we have all been working hard to contribute to the financial plan of the church. Your gifts are appreciated. As we look to 2020 there are some changes that need to be made in our spending plan.

In light of that I hope that each of you will make it a priority to attend a budget informational meeting on Sunday, November 10 at 9:15 am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to share ideas, to answer questions, and lay out some proposed changes in the ministries at Good Shepherd. This means that the Congregation Meeting has been moved to Sunday, December 8. Please put both of these dates on your calendar and plan on attending both meetings.

Don't forget that each Wednesday is M.A.P. at 6:30 pm. As a community of faith we pray a Moving Ahead Prayer so that God will show us the path. We take the time to invite the guidance of the Holy Spirit into our congregation as we move forward together in faith.

Blessings



Concerns of the Congregation

We lift up these families with prayers of support in hope of the resurrection.

- The family and friends of John Kissel who died on September 24. His memorial service will be on Sunday, November 10 at 12:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
- The family of Mary Powe, Pastor's mother, who died on October 13. Her memorial service will be on Saturday, November 30, 2 pm at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Blacksburg, VA
- The family of Andy Keathley, Maureen Keathley's father, who died on Tuesday, October 22.
- We hold Lisa Peacock and Jon McDonald in prayer as Jon begins a six-month deployment.

November Worship Assistants

November 3

Lay Assistant: Alex Wingate

Reader: Erika Forsleff

Greeter: Claudia Ball

Ushers: Ricky Ball, Kyle

Vonnahmen

Acolyte: Annika Forsleff

Crucifer: Paige Neiman

Altar Guild: Killian

Counter: Ball

November 10

Lay Assistant: John Lenk

Reader: Dean Nelson

Greeter: Sherle Palmer

Ushers: Ken Ritt, Dean Nelson

Acolyte: Paige Neiman

Crucifer: Annika Forsleff

Altar Guild: Hoyle, Nesti

Counter: Ritt

November 17

Lay Assistant: Madge Groll

Reader: Madge Groll

Greeter: Alexa Barnhart

Ushers: Jay Killian, Mike Barnhart

Acolyte: Annika Forsleff

Crucifer: Paige Neiman

Altar Guild: Barnhart

Counter: Barnhart

November 24

Lay Assistant: George Strunk

Reader: Brenda Wilkens

Greeters: Richard and Brenda Wilkens

Ushers: Bryan Yonke, Jay Killian

Acolyte: Paige Neiman

Crucifer: Annika Forsleff

Altar Guild: Killian

Counter: Elam

Lutheran Men in Mission

The men of the church will meet on Saturday, October 19 21 at 8:00 AM for breakfast, fellowship and study.

All the men of the church are welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

Birthday Fellowship



B i r t h d a y Fellowship is on Sunday, November 24 following worship. We will be celebrating the birthdays of our members and friends in October. Come and enjoy refreshments and conversation. If you would like to provide the goodies and host one of these monthly events, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



The Women of the ELCA will meet on November 12 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for devotions, refreshments, and to celebrate that 44 school kits were donated to Project Promise. Good work everyone! It is an amazing gift to Lutheran World Relief.

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 AM—12:30 PM



October 6: Pentecost 17

First Reading: Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm: 37:1-9

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

October 13: Pentecost 18

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm: 111

Second Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

October 20: Pentecost 19

First Reading: Gen 32:22-31

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: 2 Tim 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 27: Reformation Sunday

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

Second Reading: Rom 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Church Office Hours

Monday—Tuesday
8:30 AM—1:30 PM

Wednesday
1:00 PM—6:00 PM

Thursday—Friday
8:30 AM—1:30 PM

November Stewardship Nugget

“One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you might be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything comes simply by signing checks, you may forget that every moment depends on God.” -C. S. Lewis



Thank you to everyone who made the Millers' baby shower fun. It was a nice celebration in anticipation of the arrival of baby Jonah in mid-December.

November 10

A lot is happening on Sunday, November 10. Make a note of these items scheduled for that date!

- **An informational meeting** will be held to share information about the budget for 2020. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. This is your opportunity to understand the ministry needs of Good Shepherd as we go forward. It was decided at last week's Congregation Council meeting that the Congregation Meeting would be moved to Sunday, December 8. Please make your attendance at both meetings a priority.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner** here at Good Shepherd will be on Sunday, November 10 after worship. The Fellowship Committee will provide turkey, ham, and drinks. Sign up in the fellowship hall to bring other important Thanksgiving foods to share. Please note; we will be hosting the members of John Kissel family at lunch—please double your recipe so we can share generously.
- **The memorial service for John Kissel** will be on Sunday, November 10 at 12:30 PM. Please join his family and friends as we celebrate his life and give thanks for the resurrection.

Once again, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday during worship on November 3. Pastor Joanna will read aloud the names of our beloved who have gone home to God during the last twelve months. A bell will be rung for each name read.

Prayer Group at Good Shepherd



Did you know that Good Shepherd has an active prayer group? One of the members keeps a comprehensive list of prayer concerns and the group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Library. If you are interested in becoming a part of this or need more information please contact the pastor:

pastorjoannagslc@gmail.com

Activities Around the Community

- Walk to Fight Suicide will be held in Goldsboro on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 9am-12 noon in Herman Park. This is a public health issue because it is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. Middle aged men are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than women. For more details and to register, visit www.afsp.org/goldsboro
- ¡GRITO! A pop-up gallery and community celebration will be held at The Firehouse on Sunday, November 3, 3-6 pm. This event will feature the work of Lauren Vied Allen, daughter of Saralynn Vied, the PPK Director. Come on out to enjoy the art, dance, refreshments while you learn about the Hispanic community around us.

M.A.P.—Moving Ahead Prayer Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Every church member is invited to lift up prayers for Good Shepherd at 6:30 pm each Wednesday. You can drop by the church, offer your prayers in the car, or pray wherever you are at that moment. Focus your prayers on our congregation and the way forward. Come Holy Spirit!

All God's
Creatures



Animal Blessing

The long-awaited Animal Blessing will be held on Saturday, November 2 at 10 am in the picnic shelter. Frogs, hamsters, cats and dogs are welcome to receive a blessing. They work throughout the year to share copious amounts of love and affection with their masters. All are invited to attend secured on leashes, crates, and cages.



The twentieth of each month is always the deadline for newsletter submissions.

To see your submissions in the December newsletter, please get it to the church office by Wednesday, November 20.

Additionally, when submitting items to be included in the Sunday bulletin or weekly announcements, please give the text you wish to be published to the church office by **noon on the Thursday prior**. Thank you for your help!

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES
November 2019
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC
HANDBELL CHOIR
WORSHIP ENSEMBLE

Our Shepherd Choir has already begun practicing Advent Lessons and Carols, to be presented Sunday December 1st during worship. We'd love to have some "new" voices join us! Remember, high school-age singers are also welcome! If your Wednesday evenings are free, this is a perfect way to use your talent to glorify the Lord! Practice is at 7:00PM in the Choir Room. We will practice AL&C music right at 7 so that if you're only participating in that service, you may be excused before the choir works on other music.

Christmas Eve the choir will be presenting several anthems during the service. If you would like to join the choir for the Christmas Eve music only, those practices will begin Wednesday November 27th 7:00PM. Again, we'll start practice with the Christmas music before moving on to other choir pieces.

If you play an instrument or sing (or both) and are interested in providing additional music for one or both of the two Christmas Eve services, please let me know! I can be reached by email at goodshepherdmus@ncrrbiz.com, or text/call 919.920.4687. We'll add to the Prelude if we have enough.

The Handbell Quartet continues to practice at 4:00PM Sundays. We have room for more ringers, so if you read music, have Sunday afternoons free for practice, and want to have fun, please contact me.

Instrumentalists interested in joining the Worship Ensemble are welcome anytime. Please contact me so I can prepare music for you (this often requires transposition).

There are lots of great opportunities to make music coming up! Please join us!

See you in church!

Mike Nault
 Director of Music

Monthly Meetings

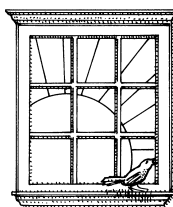


- November 3, 11:15 AM: Out to Lunch Bunch
- November 5, 7:00 PM: Mutual Ministry
- November 10, 9:15 AM: Budget Information Meeting
- November 10, 11:15 AM: Thanksgiving Meal
- November 12, 1:30 PM: WELCA
- November 14, 9:00 AM: Quilts
- November 16, 8:00 AM: LMM
- November 24, 11:15 AM: Birthday Fellowship

Daylight Saving Time



DST ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 3. Turn your clock back and use that extra hour for sleep and join us for worship at 10 am on Sunday morning.



Repairs to the western wall in the Fellowship Hall have been completed.

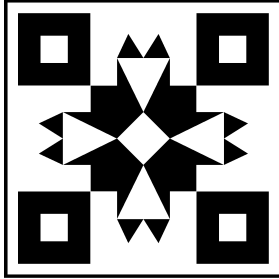
The water and storm damage between the exterior and interior walls was not as bad as anticipated. The glass in the Palladian window was replaced. The funds from the insurance damage from last year's storm will cover part of the cost.

Pastorspotting

- NC Synod Campus Ministry meeting at Elon University on Monday, Nov. 4th via Skype.
- Visiting the Beloved Community Church in Winston-Salem as part of the NC Synod Evangelism Committee on Monday, November 11, 10-am-2 pm.
- NC Eastern Plains Conference Pastors meeting in Elizabeth City, 11 am-2 pm.
- Trip to Blacksburg Memorial Service—Friday, November 29—Sunday, December 1.

Did You Wonder How the Quilts Got Started?

by Rosie Scherzer



It started with Rosie Scherzer and Marilyn Duraski cutting squares and sewing them together to make the top of the quilt. Then we bought batting and backing, laid it all out on my living room floor, and put it together down on our knees. When Marilyn didn't want to do it anymore, Olivia Jacobi helped out. Then I don't remember how we got started at church, but I guess I asked some ladies and we did them at church. I usually have 8 to 10 women help. We make about 40 a year and send them to Lutheran World Relief.

Come join us. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM.

This is how the quilts are put together:

1. First Virginia C. and Rosie S. cut the sheets that you give us to size 60x80.
2. Rosie cuts out squares from material that was given to us.
3. I sew them together to make the top 64x84.
4. Cheryl K. cuts the batting for inside of quilts.
5. We bring it all together church and Sharon M., Rosie S., and Virginia C. pin up edges for Virginia C. and Peggy W. to sew up the edges.

The other ladies tie the quilts that have been sewed up. They usually are Cheryl Knutson, June Hoyle, Brenda Wilkens, Alexa Barnhart, Peggy Wingate, Sherle Palmer, Claudia Ball, Eileen Nesti, and Penny Ritt.



The Girl Scout Lock-In previously scheduled for November 1-2 has been canceled. They are hoping to reschedule in December after nailing down some dates. Stay tuned for more Girl Scout updates!

On Saturday, November 9, Wayne Country Day School will be borrowing some space in our parking lot for overflow parking during a robotics competition they are hosting. If you drive by and see cars, that's all the commotion is!

Poinsettias



For the Christmas season, we will order poinsettias to decorate our worship space. Watch the December newsletter and bulletins for more information on pricing and order dates.

Ring the Bell!



Good Shepherd is signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army outside Carlie C's on Thursday, December 12. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Would you like to know what is going on in the **NC Synod**? You can sign up for the Synod E-News a weekly bulletin that shares all the news worth sharing. You can do this through: Facebook—NC Synod, ELCA; Twitter—@nclutheran; Web page—www.nclutheran.org; E-news directly in your inbox.

Fall Congregation Meeting



The fall Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8. The primary agenda item for this meeting will be the 2020 budget.

For the time being The Cozy Couch group will not meet for the rest of the year. A relaunch is planned for January 2, 2020.

Prior to the December 8 meeting, there will be a Budget Information Meeting on November 10. Please make attending both of these meetings a priority on your calendar.

Expanding the Shepherd's Reach

In the gathering area of the Fellowship Hall there is a collection point for several ministries of the church. These ministries address needs in our community, the synod, and the world. You can find the current featured concerns on this page.

Is there a new initiative that you would like to suggest to the GSLC Outreach Committee? If so pass the information on. Please include the official name of the organization and why this fits into the mission of the church:



Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is a community of believers growing in Christ Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to joyfully share God's love with all people through worship, witness, education, support, and community outreach.

Ziplock Outreach Offering Ministry— ZOOM Bags

List for ZOOM BAGS

Many times we encounter people who are requesting help for food, maybe while we are driving or in a parking lot. Sometimes it is hard to know what to do or how to help. These gallon sized bags are filled with items that could be of help to such a person and give us a way of giving concrete help to our neighbor.

The youth are collecting items for the bags. Please leave the items for bags in or on top of the pink plastic tote in the pantry off of the kitchen. If you want to pick up a completed bag, the big green plastic box in the fellowship hall is where the bags are kept and picked up at your convenience. Keep a bag or two in your car and it will be ready for when it is needed.

If you have any questions, please call the church office. A big thank-you for your prayers and participation in this ministry.

- Freezer strength gallon ziplock bags
- Small bottles of water
- Granola bars (not hard ones)
- Cups of applesauce, pears, peaches, etc.
- Individual containers of Spaghetti-Os, beans and franks, etc.
- Small packs of tissues
- Sandwich crackers
- Small cans of Vienna sausages
- Small containers of hand sanitizer
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Anything else that will not spoil and requires no cooking and has a pop top lid.

Thank you for your help!

Monthly Soup Kitchen Volunteers



Volunteers are needed for the Soup Kitchen. GSLC has taken responsibility for the third Thursday of each month, approximately 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This month, that is Thursday, November 21. The tasks may include preparing food items for pick up, making sandwiches, and serving the guests lunch. No special skills are need, just a desire to serve our neighbor. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. The kitchen is located at 112 W. Oak Street.

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WORSHIP WITH US!

Sundays at 10:00 AM
Sunday School classes at 9:00 AM
Everyone is welcome!

STATEMENT OF MISSION

GSLC is an inviting community of faithful believers in Christ Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and joyfully sharing God's love through word and action.