



# Shepherd's Voice Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

November 2018

#### From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

On November 4<sup>th</sup> all voting members will be invited to nominate a member of Good Shepherd for possible election to Church Council. You can nominate vourself as well. The Nomination forms will be handed out at both services on November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to be in church that day, and would like to nominate someone, please contact the church office before November 9<sup>th</sup> to add your nomination.

We are using what we call in the church an ecclesiastical ballot, which is patterned from the early church when the disciples in Acts, discerned that Justus and Matthias had the gifts to be the 12<sup>th</sup> disciple after Judas betrayed Jesus.

The nominee should be someone you believe has the gifts, skills and vision to be a Council member for the 2019-2021 term.

As you think about a candidate, you are encouraged to ask God to help you identify a person and to speak to them about nominating them for church council. Pray that this person be given wisdom to know whether this is the time for them to serve on the council.

From November 5<sup>th</sup> - November 9<sup>th</sup> a member of the nominating committee will be contacting all those who have been nominated to discuss Church Council responsibilities and to ask if the person believes that God is calling them to Council leadership.

Please accept this responsibility prayerfully and seriously so that we might continue to have a vibrant, dedicated, thoughtful and faithful leadership at Good Shepherd.

God's blessings Pastor Harald



Raising Up Spiritual Leaders for Church Council 2019-2021





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# Give Volunteering Within Church

#### Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The flower and bulletin sponsorship charts are on the bulletin board in the back of the welcome area. Sponsoring the flowers or bulletins is an easy way to honor special dates such as birthdays and anniversaries, or the memory of a

loved one. If you have any questions on sponsoring the flowers or bulletins, please contact Kathy or Rick in the church office at (608)788-0450.

#### Readers & Ushers Appreciated!

Readers and Ushers are always valued at our worship services. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheet in the welcome area at the back of the sanctuary. You can sign up to read for a time and day that works for you. The readings will be sent (either by mail or email) to you early that week. Interested in ushering? Contact Kathy 788-0450. We really do need your help!

#### Women Who Wrestle With The Word (W5)

If you would like to be a part of a regular gathering of Christian Women, you are always welcome to join W5. We meet every Monday at 6:30pm in the welcome

area. at the front of the sanctuary. For info contact call Judy at 385-1410.



#### Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm in the quilting room. All women are welcome!

If you have any questions, contact Carol at 787-0609.



#### **Good Shepherd Ministries**

Altar Guild—Is a very easy commitment and we would be happy to show you how it's done! Simply call Irene Thorelli at (608)787-0242.

**Quilting**—Quilters usually meet on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in helping the quilters contact Ann Hudson at 788-1308.

Mailing Crew— If you are interested in helping prepare the Voice newsletter for mailing by adding address labels and stickers, then the crew is for you! We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:30am in the choir room.

Care Ministry—Care Ministers visit the homebound year round to have a small chat, give communion, and have a prayer. Interested in joining this ministry? Contact Don Skibba at 787-0498. If you or someone you know would like a visit from our care ministry team, please contact the church office at 788-0450.

**55 Plus**—55 Plus is a friendly lunch gathering for the 55+ crowd that meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. We gather at The King Street Kitchen located at 1417th St S.

# **Serve**Enriching Life, Sharing talents

#### Thank You All So Very Much...

Altar Guild—Thank you to the members who served during the month of October, Pat Oliver & Linda Schoen. For the month of November Nancy Oelke & Irene Thorelli will be on duty.

Thank you to Connie Erickson for sending out the "Get Well" cards in October. Phyllis Lynch will be sending out the cards throughout the month of November.

Thank you to Ann Hudson for sending out cards and prayer shawls year round to bereaved families

Care Ministries—Thank you to all members who are serving as Care Ministers to the faithful members of Good Shepherd who can no longer come to worship with us. Through you, our Care Ministers, the church comes to them!

#### **Causeway Caregivers**

Causeway Caregivers exists to help! Give Causeway a call if you need assistance in or around your home or if you have a few hours to volunteer helping those who do. (608) 775-9999 or visit our website: causewaycaregivers.org





#### **Ushers Schedule**

**Nov 4 8:30am:** Joe & Kris Bernhardt, Tracy Christenson, Dave Kilmer, Dave & Barb Foye **10:30am:** Randy Hanson, Deb Koblitz, Duane & Linda Schoen, Larry & Maree Smith

**Nov 11** *8:30am:* Confirmation Youth *10:30am:* Confirmation Youth

Nov 18 8:30am: Harlan & Kathy McLain, Vernon & Peg Garves, Keith & Mary Isaacs 10:30am: Jane Strangstalien, Shelly Saegrove, Don & Darcy Skibba, Jeff & Sharon Yushta

Nov 23 7pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at English Lutheran Church

Nov 25 8:30am: Verlene Morrison, Norma Overby, Steve Stelzl, Paul Boarman 10:30am: Matt & Karen Mattes, LeRoy Geary, Candi Luehne

# Lead Raising Up Spiritual Leaders

#### **Calling All Musicians!**

Our "Sounds of Praise" worship band invites you to help us lead the worship here at Good Shepherd. "Sounds of Praise" is intended to bring together the greatest number and variety of instruments possible, presenting special music and enhancing our wide variety of hymn styles. Whatever type of

instrument you play,
"Sounds of Praise"
welcomes you! Please call
Randy Lyden at
(608)779-9669 or email
randy@gslacrosse.org
to be a part of this growing
and exciting praise band!





#### Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

#### **The Sanctuary Choir**

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses between services every Sunday from September through May and new members are always welcome!! If you would like to join our Sanctuary Choir, please contact Karl Greenfield at 790-3785 or at karl@gslacrosse.org

#### The Gloria Dei Choir

We rehearse between services on Sundays from September through May in the Mattes Center and new members are always welcome! If your children would like to be a part of the Gloria Dei Choir, please contact Darlene Lassig at 788-5686 or at darlene@gslacrosse.org.

#### **Hand Bell Choir**

Practices are on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm from September through May in the Choir Room. If you have any questions please contact Linda Jerome at 317-1335 or at linda@gslacrosse.org.

#### Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, Ecclesiastes 12:1

#### **High School Youth Group** (Grades 9-12)

Good Shepherd's High School Youth Group is a group that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm throughout the year. Fellowship and games 6–7p with a bible study at 7p. You aren't the only Christian at your school! Come hangout with other awesome teens just like yourself. Social events throughout the year along with a yearly mission trip. Want to learn more? Contact Stephanie Andersen at stephanie@gslacrosse.org or just drop in and check it out for yourself!

# Connect Bridging Our Community to Our World

#### **Mobile Meals of La Crosse**

Thank you so much to those who delivered Mobile Meals in October.

Our next time to deliver will be Mon, Dec 3rd to Sun, Dec 9th.

Mobile Meals of La Crosse delivers 33,000 meals annually to the

33,000 meals annually to the homebound, largely through the efforts of local churches like ours.

Need more information?
Call 784-4623 or go to
mobilemealsoflacrosse.org.
pick-up place is Franciscan/
Mayo at the Market Street
door and the pick-up time
will be 11am. Please allow 1 1/2 to 2
hours time. We are route #1.

Please consider becoming a part of this very important ministry, our Mobile Meal Delivery Team could really use your help. Please contact Kathy at 788-0450 or Kathy@gslacrosse.org

#### **Local Food Pantry Needs**



West Avenue Food Emergency Relief (WAFER) is asking for Peanut Butter during the month of November. Thank you for all the donations given in October!

Please leave all donations in the grocery cart near our bulletin boards in the Welcome Area. A monetary gift may also be given to help support WAFER. Simply make your check out to Good Shepherd, and indicate WAFER in the check memo.

#### 4-H Club

The Mormon Coulee 4-H Club was first established in 1946 making the club one of the oldest in La Crosse County! 4-H clubs are made up of children from kindergarten through high school. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 4pm in the Mattes Center. We are always

looking for eager volunteers to showcase their talents or for new members. If anyone is interested, or has any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Young at (608)796-0099 or e-mail kkymmm@gmail.com.



#### Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts Meet at Good Shepherd



**Boy Scouts**—Troop 22 meets at 6:45pm weekly on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center. Off over the summer.

**Girl Scouts**—Troop 4172 meetings are not yet set.

If you have any questions about Scouts, please call the church office at 788-0450 and we can connect you with the group leaders.

#### **Memorials & Special Gifts**

Good Shepherd gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were received from August 21 - September 24.

#### WAFER

Jim & Sue Bugge John Wood Gerald Knutson

#### Gordon Phetteplace Sr. Memorial

Gordon & Louise Phetteplace Jr.

#### **Robert Briggs Memorial**

Heidi Kwiatkowski

#### **World Disaster Relief**

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl



#### Patricia Norskog-Hilbert Memorial

Helen Munson Virginia Mannstedt Kim Dockham Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

#### Karen Arndt Memorial

Steve Arndt

#### **ELCA World Huger**

To all who gave to our recent World Hunger offering (too many to be listed here), Thank You! We raised \$1,517 to help those living in hunger around the world.

#### WELCA

To all who donated to Good Shepherd Women - WELCA (too many to be listed here), Thank You! \$898 was collected to help the women of Good Shepherd carry out their ministry.

#### What is Simply Giving®?

The Simply Giving® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps church members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Good Shepherd through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Vanco Services, LLC provides electronic payment processing services at reduced rates—so your generosity goes further. Learn more by contacting the church office at (608) 788-0450





### Church Numbers

#### **Weekly Sunday Attendance**

Date	8:30am	10:00am
09/02/18	77	71
09/09/18	113	123
09/16/18	115	83
09/23/18	130	113
09/30/18	114	92

#### **Envelope Offering Comparison**

September 2018	September 2017	% Difference	
27,381.89	24,003.18	14.1%	
YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% Difference	
252,680.63	249,025.99	1.5%	

#### **Weekly Envelope Offerings**

Date	Weekly	% Budget
09/02/18	5,368.53	85.2%
09/09/18	7,785.00	123.6%
09/16/18	7,154.00	113.6%
09/23/18	4,150.00	65.9%
09/30/18	2,924.36	46.4%
Totals	27,381.89	86.9%

If you would like to view the complete financial statements that are shared with the Council, please contact Rick in the church office at rick@gslacrosse.org or by calling the church office (608)788-0450.



### Around the Parish...

#### Council nominations 2019-21 term We invite all voting members to begin praying now for insight.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, all voting members will be invited to write the name of **one** member of Good Shepherd on an ecclesiastical ballot. Yes, you can nominate yourself!

The nominee should be someone you believe has the gifts, skills and vision to be a Council member for the 2019-2021 term. Please share this with the nominee you intend to nominate.

If you are not able to attend either of the worship services, you can nominate yourself or someone else by turning in a ballot to the Church Office before November 9th.

#### **Blood Pressure Readings**

Blood pressure readings will be taken by our Parish Nurse, Bev Sorenson, on Sunday, November 4th at 9:30am and on the first Sunday of the month throughout the rest of the year.

#### Lydia Circle

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the election on the 6th, our meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th at 1pm in the quilt room. Carol Abraham will be leading and the subject will be "Peter". Host will be Sharon Schultz, devotions will be by JoAnn DeClute. Please call Carol Abraham 787-0679 if you have any questions. All are welcome!

#### 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Holiday Marketplace Saturday, Nov. 10th 8am – 2pm

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Marketplace Sale on November 10th. We are sold out for vendor spots! Come for lunch, raffle baskets, baked goods, gifts and a new Lefse supplier from our congregation. It's always a great day; please come support this huge WELCA fundraiser! Great door prizes all day long.

Are you willing to donate some baked goodies to the Holiday Marketplace Sale? Please sign up on the back bulletin board and Thank You, we couldn't do this without you.

#### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Our study of Luke's Gospel will continue Sunday, November 11th at 9:45am in the church library and will focus on Luke 2:22-40. This session is titled "What Will Become of this Child?" Please come and join us if you can.

We will continue to meet once a month on the second Sunday and you do not have to commit to attending every time. Come when you can. I can guarantee that you will learn something new about the beloved Gospel According to Luke.

- Pastor John Stennes-Spidahl

#### **Bunco Night**

Please come and join us Friday, November **16th** from 6pm-9ish in the Mattes Center for a potluck supper and a evening of Bunco. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift to exchange. The theme this month is "Thanksgiving".

#### Altar Guild

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18th between services, 9:30am to10:30am. We will meet in the Quilting Room, just off the kitchen. New members are always welcome. We will review the past year, sign up for 2019 and review the 2018 Christmas schedule and the 2019 Lenten season. Please be sure to attend, as we need to fill 24 Holy Communion Services and more! Hope to see you there. Thank you for your service!

#### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Attention Thrivent members: Thrivent will no longer automatically send Choice Dollars to your designated charity. To distribute these funds, you must call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt or Go online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. and make a direction.

Thank you to all who choose to direct your Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd!

### Around the Parish ...

#### **Church Women United**

Church Women United will be meeting here at Good Shepherd on Friday, November 2nd at 9:30am. All women are invited to attend this nondenominational women's group celebrating unity in diversity, and working for a world of peace and justice.

Please come and join us if you can!

### Interested in an updated pictorial directory?

Our last directory was done in 2014, and we have been contacted by Lifetouch asking if we are interested in having an updated directory done in 2019. This was discussed at the church council, and the general consensus was positive with a decision to solicit input from the congregation. There is no cost to the church, and five years seems like a good interval. If you are interested in having an updated pictorial directory done in May or June of 2019, and especially if you are interested in assisting with or coordinating the event, please contact the church office at 788-0450 or office@gslacrosse.org.

#### O' Christmas Tree, O' Christmas Tree...

It is time to decorate our trees and church! Friday, November 30th is tree trimming night. We begin at 5:30pm with a chili supper, followed by decorating. Come join us. Bring your Christmas Spirit with you.

#### "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who accomplished so many projects at HorseSense on September 23rd! I really appreciate your help in participating in this special ELCA event in the community. -Lori Lowell



#### Thanksgiving Eve worship service

As part of an ongoing rotation, this years Thanksgiving eve service will be at English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St, at 7pm Wednesday, November 21st with a pie social to follow the service.

#### **Youth Scrip Cards**

Check out the Youth table in the concourse for a Kwik Trip or Festival Foods card, or choose one of the many other scrip cards available to order. Thank you for supporting our Youth Program through this fundraiser! The deadline to order cards is the first of each month. A full listing and order form is available at gslacrosse.org/high-school/. Questions? Contact Jennifer at jones6307@gmail.com or (608) 518-1228.

#### **Good Shepherd Caring Tree**

The Good Shepherd Caring Tree will be up on Sunday, November 11th. It will have names and gift suggestions for nursing home residents hanging on it. Please, take a tag and return the wrapped gift along with the tag to church by Wednesday, December 12th.

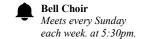
Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for those who otherwise might not receive a gift for Christmas!

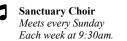
For questions or more information call Candie Luehne at 304-2035.

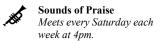


### November 2018

Gloria Dei Choir
Meets every Sunday
each week at 9:45am.







8:30am Worship Service, 10:30am Worship Service, Sunday School 8:45 & 10:45am, Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 28 Reformation Sunday	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 6:30pm GS Men's Group	6:30pm W5	5:30pm New Member Orientation 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	NO Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) NO Confirmation	6pm WELCA Mtg	9:30am Church Women United (here at GS)	
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11	12	13	14	15	16 December Voice	17
9:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Praise/Worship Team 4pm 4-H Meeting 6:30pm GS Men's Group	6:30pm W5	1pm Lydia Circle 1:45pm Hillview Communion 6pm Hospitality Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	5:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	11:30am 55 Plus	Articles Due 6pm Bunko (Theme) Thanksgiving	
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9:30am Altar Guild Meeting 6:30pm GS Men's Group	5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg NO W5 6:30pm Hintgen Assoc Meeting	6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg 7pm Church Council Mtg	7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at English Lutheran Church (Pie Social following)	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	Office Closed	
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### Church Council Members

- Don Skibba President of the Congregation don@gslacrosse.org
- **Jim Bugge** Vice President of the Congregation
- Mary Isaacs Treasurer
- **Bev Sorenson** Secretary

#### **Other Church Council Members** include:

Lori Lowell, Carol Powell, Wayne Atchley, Ladd DaFoe, Todd Holtz, Roger Weeks Jr., Sally Lindahl, Duane Schoen & Tim Stalsberg.

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- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Pastor* prharald@gslacrosse.org
- Rev. John Stennes-Spidahl Assistant Pastor john@gslacrosse.org
- Rick Laufenberg Office Manager rick@gslacrosse.org | (608) 788-0450
- Kathy Johnson Office Assistant kathy@gslacrosse.org
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- Stephanie Andersen Youth Ministry Coordinator stephanie@gslacrosse.org

- Randy Lyden Music Director/ Organist randy@gslacrosse.org (608) 779-9669
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- Karl & Jaime Greenfield Sanctuary Choir Directors karl@gslacrosse.org (608) 790-3785
- **Darlene Lassig** Volunteer Gloria Dei Choir Director (608) 788-5686 darlene@gslacrosse.org
- **Bev Sorenson** Volunteer Parish Nurse bev@gslacrosse.org
- Bill Klein Custodian/Maintenance bill@gslacrosse.org

#### Questions? Don't know who to contact? Contact the Church Office.

(608) 788-0450 | office@gslacrosse.org | www.gslacrosse.org 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601 (Office hours 8am to 1pm)

### Your Health From the desk of our Parish Nurse

Dear Congregation,

November is Hospice/Palliative care awareness month. This is a time to draw attention and awareness to this very special kind of care.

#### What is Hospice care?

Hospice care provides pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support and spiritual care to patients and their families. When a cure is not possible. The nation's hospices serve more than 1.5 million people every year, along with their family caregivers. Hospice focuses on caring, not curing and in most cases care is provided in the patient's own home. Hospice is available to all patients of any age, religion, race or illness. The care is fully covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most HMOs and private insurances. Many people only consider hospice care in the final days of life but hospice is ideally suited to care for patients and family members for the final months of life.



#### Remember Me

Remember me with smiles, not tears, For all the joy through all the years. Recall the closeness that was ours. A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers. Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain, We'll see each other once again. I am at peace... try to believe. It was my time...I had to leave. But "What a view" I have from here. I see your face, I feel you near. I follow you throughout the day, You're not alone along the way And when God calls you...you will be Right by my side... Right here with me. Till then.. I will wait by Heaven's door,

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We'll be united ever more!

We all have experienced the grief from the loss of a loved one. November is a time to remember those special people who helped us during that time of grief, loss and separation. Thank you Hospice for all you do for us and our loved ones.

Your Parish Nurse, Bev Sorenson

#### **Bev Sorenson, RN** GS Volunteer Parish Nurse

bev@gslacrosse.org (608) 792-3962

#### **Health Questions?**

Call the Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor 24/7 at (800) 858-1050.



## Sunday School Update Pre-school thru Grade 5

Hello Everyone,

As Children's Ministry Coordinator for Good Shepherd, it is a marvel to me how many truly gifted and dedicated volunteers we have. With two full Sunday School programs and over 80 member children, these volunteers are wonderful people, giving of their time and talents to help develop our children's knowledge of Christ and their relationship with God. Thank you to all the parents, supporters of Sunday School, Confirmation Students and Youth who help each week!

We have spent September and October with Noah on the Ark. Joshua and his Brothers and with the Battle of Jericho. Our Third Graders receive their Bibles and our Kindergarten and Preschoolers received their Milestones as well. These are gifts from our congregation each year, and celebrated by us all as we continue to fulfill our congregation promises to them from Baptism.

We have been having a lot of fun with events and new activities as well. First it was Rally Sunday which we celebrate the same day as the Church Annual Family Picnic. Then we tried something FUN and NEW with Trunk or Treat. I can't wait for the event to return next year. And we started our Book Fundraiser, which is being held in November.

As of the writing of this article, we still have a few needs for help in Sunday School, I am hoping a few new folks will come and check us out. It would be great to have some Grandparents or other Congregation members join us to help with an art project or to help as a shepherd. Please email me, or call the church if you are able to fill any of our needs. It is very disappointing to the children if they are unable to attend their favorite room and very difficult to combine as a few of our groups are rather large, and the MORE the MERRIER.

Coming up on November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have Parts Selection for our Christmas Program at both Services. The Nativity Play for both Sunday Schools will be December 16 with Dress Rehearsal on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Capers is also coming up on December 8<sup>th</sup>. with a new twist of Family Movie Night the same day, so watch for this sign up as well.

It is busy, it is fun, it is filled with Love and Grace ... That's Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Please check us out!

Sincerely in Christ, Tammy Klein



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# Quick-Look Upcoming Events At a Glance

November 4	Both Services Christmas Program Parts Sign up
November 11 – Dec 2	Sunday School Book Fair
November 18	Costumes and Advent Lesson
December 2-15	Practice
December 8	Christmas Capers & Family Movie Double Feature
December 16	Christmas Program Both Services

#### Christmas Capers & Family Movie Night Double Feature Saturday, December 8th

11am to 2pm Christmas Capers: Advent Fun, Lunch, Crafts, Games, Decorating – Fun for 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

3pm-7pm Family Movie Night: Concession Stand and Gathering for Polar Express Christmas Song Sing-Along (5pm) It's a Wonderful Life (6pm)

Bring your Lawn Chairs, Blankets, Pillows - Outdoor Theater Style Movies

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEST seller BOOK FAIR November 11 – December 2

See the Display in the Concourse Order for Christmas - Pick up at church **Books for Children and Grown-Ups** 

See Tammy Klein tammy@gslacrosse.org for any questions.



#### **Tammy Klein**

Children's Ministry Coordinator

tammy@gslacrosse.org (608)788-0450

#### Stay Connected!

Receive message alerts for Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Send the message @rubberduck to the number (608) 807-2784. All parents and children with a cell phone are encouraged to sign-up! Data charges may apply. Must age 13+ to sign up without parental guidance. This service is brought to you by Remind®

# Youth Update Confirmation (Grades 6-8) # High School Youth (Grades 9-12)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

#### Confirmation

Confirmation is off to a great start! So far we have learned about Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood and Abraham and Sara. These stories have reminded us that we are all created in God's image and loved by him regardless of what we do. We are also reminded that God brings things in his time. It can be hard to keep faith in this time, but it is important that we stay strong and turn to those in our lives to help give us faith.

We began working on learning the 10 commandments, which is our memorization goal for this year. We are also learning what each commandment means.

Our October service night included helping with BINGO, packings kits for LWR and making Tie blankets for the Salvation Army. Our 8th graders attended the presentation "Love Your Neighbors" which addressed prejudices toward our Muslim Neighbors. It is a tough topic and I am proud of our students for taking time to learn about it.

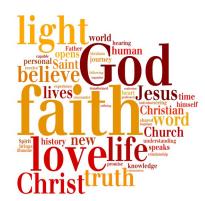
I would like to welcome our newest confirmation guides Anna Erickson and Michelle Flores who will be teaching our 6th grade small group! I would also like to welcome back and send a big thank you to our returning Guides Shanon Torgerud, Corrine Holtz and Mark Bronson! Thanks you for all you do! Our Confirmation program would not be as successful without you.

#### **High School Youth**

It's official! Next summer from Good Shepherd will be heading to Chicago from July 21-26th to join other high school youth in serving the community of Chicago! Any students entering high school through seniors are welcome. The official sign up deadline has passed, however, if you know a students that is interested, let me know ASAP as I can likely still get them added to the trip! This is a great opportunity for youth to grow their faith while serving others!

Youth group continues to meet weekly from 6:30 - 8pm. Youth group is open to ALL HIGH SCHOOL students, regardless of you plan on doing on the mission trip. It is also open to all area students. Many of our youth bring friends, which we welcome.

Our weekly meeting begins with fellowship and ends with a bible study. This year we are using the Nooma Video Study created by Rob Bell. These short videos introduce a variety of relevant topics, which are followed up by thought provoking questions. We continue to return to Nooma as it it always brings out great discussions.



### Quick-Look

### Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

October 31st	No confirmation or youth group
November 7th	Fellowship/Service Night BINGO - Shanon's group (5:45-7:30)
November 14th	Joseph (Genesis 37; 39-47)
November 21th	No Confirmation/Youth group
November 28th	Exodus (Exodus 1-5; 7-15)
December 5th	Fellowship/Service Night BINGO - Mark's group (5:45-7:30)
December 12th	Commands (Exodus 19-20; 24-26; 32-40)
December 19th	Wandering (Exodus 16; Numbers 13-14;
	Deuteronomy 29-31)
December 26th	No Confirmation/Youth group



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## Music Notes From the Director of Music

Soon and Very Soon (ELW #439) by Andraé Crouch

One of our favorite hymns at Good Shepherd is "Soon and Very Soon", written by gospel song writer Andraé Crouch. It is based on Revelation 21:3-4: "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them....He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Andraé Edward Crouch was born, along with his twin sister Sandra, on July 1, 1942 in San Francisco. His parents, Benjamin and Catherine Crouch, founded Christ Memorial Church in Pacoima, California, a Church of God in Christ (COGIC), where Benjamin was Pastor.

Andraé began playing piano in church at the age of 11 and wrote his first Gospel song at age 14. He formed his own singing group, the COGICS (Church of God in Christ Singers) at Christ Memorial Church in 1960 and they recorded his first song, "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power". In 1965 he founded the singing group Disciples and began recording his compositions in 1969. He is credited as a key figure in the Jesus music of the 1960's and 1970's and also for helping bridge the gap between black and white Christian music.

When his parents and brother passed away in quick succession, Andraé and his sister Sandra took over as pastors of Christ Memorial Church. He initially feared that this would hamper his musical endeavors, but came to see that music remained as much a part of his life and ministry as it had ever been.

Andraé was hospitalized on January 3, 2015 as the result of a heart attack and died five days later. His sister, Sandra, released the following statement: "Today, my twin brother, womb-mate and best friend went home to be with the Lord....I tried to keep him here but God loved him best."



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Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!

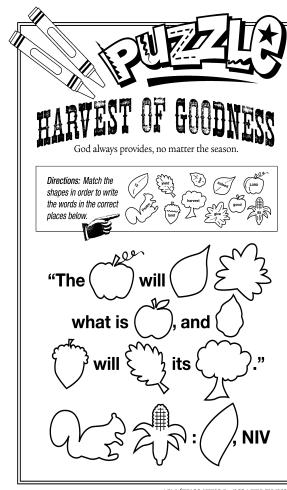


#### What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

#### What you do:

- 1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
- 2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
- 3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.



yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will

