

# News of the flock



## From the Pastor



**A Reflection on Scripture by Pastor Kolb**— Colossians chapter one verses 3 and 4 say “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints.”

St. Paul is thankful that he has heard of the faith of those in Colossae. Their faith in Jesus and the way they lived was making such a big impact that their church ministry had become known outside the church location. I wonder what people would say about that congregation as they walked around Colossae? Certainly they would have said something about Jesus and how the love of members for Him was being demonstrated in their lives. Paul mentions that he has heard of their faith in Christ Jesus and of the love they had for all the saints.

That congregation was certainly moving forward. Good Shepherd can grow toward fulfilling its potential as well. At Good Shepherd, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is present, and there are expressions of love for others.

We hope that each one of us continues to grow in faith and in love for all the saints. Join me with prayers that Good Shepherd will be known, as was the church in Colossae. May God bless our time together,

Pastor John Kolb

**Letter of Introduction from Pastor Kolb**  
Greeting in Christ to all associated with Good

Shepherd Luther Church,

After it was announced that Pastor Jon Vierkant had accepted the Diving Call to serve Lutheran Senior Services’ Concordia Village community in Springfield, Illinois, I was contacted by the Board of Deacons of Good Shepherd and asked to serve as “Vacancy Pastor”. The first section below is a description of what I am to do here and in the second section is some information about me.

A definition for “Vacancy Pastor” is a pastor who is brought in on a temporary basis to do a number of limited ministry tasks. At this time the vacancy ministry as discussed for Good Shepherd includes the following: 1) Leadership of Sunday Worship and other special congregation Worship Services such as Thanksgiving, Advent Christmas and Lent; 2) Teach Sunday morning Bible and Confirmation Classes; 3) Attend official meetings of Deacons, Church Council, Voters Assembly and the Worship Committee. 4) Be available in the church office several hours twice a week for various things that are needed; 5) As requested by the member’s assigned Deacon, call on hospitalized/sick and shut-ins. 6) In regard to other ministries such as weddings and funerals, pastoral counseling, attending their meetings, and responding to additional requests, the involvement will be determined on a case-by-case basis. (continued on page 2)

### Time Change



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night November 5

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### Special Worship

**THANKSGIVING EVE**



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Wednesday, November 23

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#### Special points of interest:

- All Saints Day, November 6
- Stewardship Dinner, Sunday, November 13, following the worship service
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, Wednesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.
- College Student Care Packages assembled Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.
- Soup & Sandwich Supper & Family Tree Trimming, Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 p.m.

## Pastor—continued

“Vacancy Pastors” are not extended a Divine Call and usually have other obligations in addition to the vacant congregation. Consequently for any given task another Pastor may be utilized by the Deacons to fill in when the “vacancy pastor is not available because of other commitments.

Now for a little information about me and my service in ministry. Following retirement in 2007, Charlene, my wife, and I have lived in Franklin.

We have 6 children and 9 (almost 10) grandchildren. Most of them live in the greater Indianapolis area and one family (oldest daughter’s) recently moved to Louisville. Charlene sits almost daily for another of the families with two grandchildren as both their parents work in retail with long and irregular hours. We also try to keep up with the other

families and grandchildren.

We have learned it is true what some told us, namely that retirement means income decreases and expenses rise. Currently in addition to Good Shepherd and retirement, I have two part-time jobs. One is to serve as Chaplain to Lutheran Child and Family Services. (This is 10 hours a week), The other is at Meijer.

Since 2007, I have served as an “Intentional Interim Pastor” of two congregations. (An “Intentional Interim Pastor” serves under a Divine call as pastor of the congregation.) In comparison to Good Shepherd, one of the congregations, Christ Lutheran in Anderson, was larger and the other, Bethlehem in Lawrenceburg, was smaller. I commuted to work to both churches, staying over for the days in each situation required.

IN—part time chaplain; Lutheran Child and Family Services in Indianapolis as Pastoral Counselor; Hosanna in Oaklondon IN—Pastor part time; Northwestern University Hospitals in Chicago—first as social worker at Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry and then at Evanston Hospital. My first call to ministry was in Arcadia, IN at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Service to District and Synod has included, Peace in the Parish Auditor; LCMS Reconciler; service on various District and Synod committees and as delegate to two Synod conventions; and as Pastoral Advisor to the Indiana District Lutheran Laymen’s League.

I look forward to our time of serving the Lord together.

Pastor John Kolb

## Church Council Highlights ~ ~ (Minutes posted on the bulletin board)

The GSLC Council met on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. Ten members were present and Pastor John Kolb.

Pastor Kolb opened with a scripture reading and a prayer.

The minutes from our last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Secretary report stated total receipts for September were \$13,240.42. Treasurer’s reported stated total expenses for September were \$12,105.43. Stewardship reported that YTD contributions are down 3.13%. Pastor’s Report—None given. Missions report was read by Larry Hill. The Youth are selling 2012 calendars for \$6.00. The Fall Church Clean-up

day is November 5th with a Chili Cook-off at noon. The LCMS Youth Gathering is in Indy on November 11-13th. We are still doing blood pressure checks on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Trustee chairman said Arbor Experts cut and treated the pine trees; the Dixie Chopper had to have a new battery; has obtained estimates on pest control. Orkin has the best plan and we will use them next year. Received a quote on sod and it will be installed on Nov. 5th in the area between the main entrance and kitchen entrance. Board of Education stated the Fall Sunday School classes have started and the Christmas program theme is “Come to Bethlehem”. Board of Deacons reported the Call Committee is Linda

Unsworth, Jerry & Barb Miller, and Jim Schultz. They will be meeting with Rev. Armstrong, District Counselor, to begin the process. The difference between a Vacancy and Interim pastor was explained. Pastor Kolb said credit the Lord for timing and that everything just worked out for him to be of service. An update on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was to be presented to the Council for review but because of a work issue Doug Stahl was not present to do so. Larry stated he will ask Doug to email a copy of the draft to the council members before the next meeting. New business was the budget with lengthy discussion. It will be finalized for the Voters meeting next month.

## Diaper Drive

LWGS is sponsoring a Diaper Drive for Care Net Pregnancy Center in the month of November. They are asking for donations of diapers ranging in sizes Newborn to 5. Please place your donations in the basket in the Narthex. LWGS and Care Net thank you for your generous gifts. Also needed are blankets, formula, baby food, clothing (newborn to 24 mos.), bassinets, high chairs, strollers, play pens, cribs (mf’d after July 2001) & maternity clothes.

## Thank you

Thanks for all the sympathy cards and condolences on the loss of our brother-in-law Kevin Van Winkle.

The Haugh’s

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Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother.

Donna Jones

## Care & Concern

**In Sympathy:** Good Shepherd extends its sympathy and prayers to Gerda Martin on the death of her sister, Gretchen Clance. To Rebekah Haugh and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Kevin Van Winkle. To Donna Jones and family on the death of her mother, Naomi Rushton.

### Remember in Our

**Prayers:** Vic Rinehart for a speedy recovery from his accident.



## Stewardship Corner ~ ~ Mike Hartman

November is a popular month for many Americans. In the farm belt most of the crops have been harvested and stored safely away. In other areas snow has already fallen and skiers are anxious to head for the hills to get an early start on the new ski season. Sports fans are treated to a large number of college and professional football games. But perhaps the best thing about November is **THANKSGIVING DAY**.

Christians love to join together with fellow Christians and sing hymns of harvest and thanksgiving like:

*“Come, ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest-home. All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest-home.”* (TLH 574,

v 1)  
Christians and Lutheran Christians, in particular, recall how Dr. Martin Luther explained the meaning of the petition *“Give us this day our daily bread.”* Luther said that *“God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all wicked people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.”* He then went on to explain what is meant by daily bread with these words: *“Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health,*

*self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”*

That’s quite a list of things for which to be thankful. We enjoy these many blessings because two things that God delights in doing are *“loving and giving.”* This is stated in John 3:16 (NIV): *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

One of the best benefits that come with **thanksgiving** is **thanksgiving** that shows up as we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. That is Christian stewardship in the best sense of the word.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Larry’s Notes

(Printed as submitted)

This month is a continuation of last month’s article on the Divine Call in the LCMS. After the unanimous vote is taken for a Pastor, the head of the call committee will attempt to place a phone call to him to ask if he will consider the call before we adjourn the voters meeting. Remember this process can take some time and the Pastor on our list may have already taken a call or for some other reason would not consider it. We do this now, years ago it was just mailed to him, because the official meeting is still open, we can with prayer of course, reselect from our list and repeat the process without calling another special voters meeting. A call package would have been prepared by the call

committee to accompany the call document. This would include info of our church also the goals and mission we are trying to achieve with the Lord’s help of course. The salary and benefits are spelled out in the call package, this is done after the selection because we will follow district guidelines on salary etc which are tied to years of service. Also there would be info on our community, pictures of church, membership etc. There is no official time limit that a pastor may accept or reject our call, although it may be proper to set a time frame. The called Pastor can request that he would like to meet with the church council, or others, in his deliberating. We are responsible for travel expense if he comes to visit. If he accepts then the

process moves to a time frame for his moving and for the installation service. If the call is returned new names can be given to the call committee forwarded through the Circuit Counselor to Rev May and the process repeats itself until we have a called Pastor. I hope this has explained the LCMS call process which I think is very scriptural and unique even within the mainline churches. If you have other questions or thoughts please ask me as this is very important for our church. But remember God is all knowing and what we decide to do through prayer is His will and plan for us.

Your servant in Christ, Larry.

## Stewardship Dinner

### *Stewardship Dinner*

*Sunday, November 13,  
after the worship service*

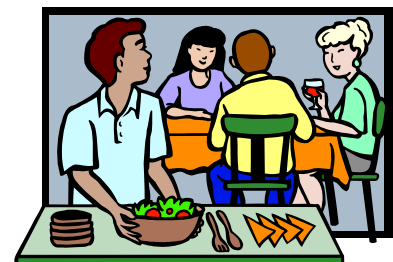
*Guest Speaker*

*All adults, children & guests  
are welcome.*

*Sign-up on bulletin board*

The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, following church service. It will be a pitch-in dinner with the church providing the meat, rolls, and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the narthex. Please sign up designating what dish you would be willing to bring and share. We are praying for a large attendance and looking forward to the fellowship and food that will be enjoyed by all. If you have any questions, please feel free to call

Shirley Marten at 736-8853.





The Christmas season is fast approaching us. We again ask for your help in decorating our church with flowers.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who wish to help provide poinsettias. We do not have a cost per plant yet, but we will put it on the sign-up sheet and in the bulletin. We appreciate your help and if you have any questions please contact Donna Jones 878-4712 or Marie Stahl 736-7057. Thank you for all your support during the year to adorn our altar with flowers.

People Enjoying People—PEP will meet on Thursday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. The group is planning on what they will be discussing at future meetings. PEP meets the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for a meeting and discussion with those that are 50+. They then go to lunch at various restaurants in surrounding areas as well as Franklin. In November we are going to decide where we are going at the meeting. We will carpool after the meeting to enjoy a delicious lunch around noon if the restaurant is a distance from the church. Come and join us. Let the office know if you are planning on attending.



On November 30 at 6:00—6:30 p.m. we will be getting together for our Soup and Sandwich Supper and then decorate the church for the Christmas season. If you have never helped before, come out and see how much fun it can be. The more helpers we have the faster it will go. The fellowship is good and everyone gets in a festive mood.



## Church Clean-up and Chili Cook-off

November 5 at 9:00 a.m. we will be cleaning the church for the winter. We did not have a Spring clean-up day so we need to do a Fall clean-up day. Bring your muscle power and scrubbing arms. Paul Cox will have a list of everything that needs to get cleaned.

After the cleaning is complete we will have a Chili cook-off and see who gets voted as making the best chili. Cleaning works up an appetite!

Some of the men will be working outside on the lawn between the main entrance and kitchen entrance, working the ground and laying new sod.

If you can't stay the whole time that is ok, We appreciate as little or as much time as you can spare.



## Newsletter

Just a reminder that starting with the January newsletter (which will be out the end of December) we will no longer be sending it via parcel post. Make sure we have your email address so we can let you know when the newsletter is posted on the church's website for you to read at your leisure. You can either sign the sheet on the table by the kitchen, mail us your email address, send it to the office email address (gslcfranklin@gmail.com), or leave it on Rose's desk in the office. We don't want

you to miss what is happening at Good Shepherd.

We will print a few and have them available in the hallway. We will also mail a copy to shut-ins and college students. College students can get it by email if they provide us with that information.



## LWGS

Our next LWGS meeting is on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of Good Shepherd are welcome to attend. If interested, we encourage you to attend our meeting and see what projects the ladies of GSLC are involved in during the year.



# GSLC—One Family Together in the Word ~ ~ Pastor Vierkant

(Received too late for October newsletter)

Per request, I'm adding one final entry to the Pastor's Message portion of the church newsletter. By the time you read this message, I will likely have already been installed as chaplain at Concordia Village in Springfield, IL. As I have mentioned before, the decision to leave Good Shepherd was not an easy decision. While I look forward to the ministry opportunities present at Concordia Village—serving as its first full time chaplain—Katie and I will dearly miss our church family at Good Shepherd. It is our hope and expectation to stop by for repeated visits in the near future.

Good Shepherd has come a long way as a congregation. Praise the Lord! It is truly the Lord Jesus alone we have to thank for the unity and peace that we share today. Of course, He is not only our source of unity and peace with each other, but He is also our source of salvation and peace with God.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24).

As I have mentioned before, I believe that Good Shepherd is a

healthy congregation that is more united like never before in the Word, in prayer, an Christian fellowship. And while I attribute

healthy congregation that is more united like never before in the Word, in prayer, and Christian fellowship. And while I attribute this to God, I also attribute it to the current leadership (the church president/vice president, the deacons, the church council, etc.). They have remained dedicated to Good Shepherd and her mission, and they have showed maturity by not abandoning her during challenging times. Thank God for these devoted and hard working men and women!

Upon stepping down as pastor of Good Shepherd, let me just once again thank you for your patience with me as I have sought to continue to grow and mature in my role as pastor, and for forgiving me when I have disappointed you. It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to keep this church firm in the Word, strong in grace, and always learning to forgive.

May the Lord bless you!  
Pastor Jonathan Vierkant



## LWGS ~ ~ Anne Hartman



Uncle Al's Pecan Sales is in progress, orders must be turned in by Sunday, November 6 and pick up will be Sunday, November 13.

Eleven women enjoyed our mission speaker, Stella Beabout. We were encouraged to find our passion in our church, in our community, and to pursue

those passions. Watch for some new initiatives as we work together to make our GSLC a stronger church body and reach out to our members who do not attend any church and to our community.

LWGS celebrated LWML Sunday, October 9th, and would like to thank participants, Barb Miller, Donna Jones, Callie Johnson, Ginny Hill, Shelley Hill, Sharon Peters, Gerda Martin and Rose Krimmel.

LWGS would like to thank the women who have faithfully served on the board this year and a special thank you to Donna Jones who agreed to fill out the recording secretary term vacated by Katie Vierkant. Thank you, Donna!

Please save the date of our second annual Advent by Candlelight, Monday, December 5, and watch for more info and sign-ups. This is a great way to reach out to others, a time to enjoy a delicious dessert by candlelight, sing some Christmas carols and learn what the Advent season is all about.



We will also be prepping care packages for the college students and military on Monday the 28th and decorating the church for the Christmas season, Wednesday, November 30.

## Deacons ~ ~ Randy Powers

Members of the Board of Deacons, along with the President of the Church Council recently met with Pastor Galen Drawbaugh to discuss how to fill our vacancy on a temporary basis. Pastor Drawbaugh assists congregations to determine whether they can benefit from having an intentional interim pastor during their vacancy, rather than using a vacancy pastor.

With a vacancy pastor a congregation generally receives Sunday worship services and Bible study classes. A vacancy pastor often covers only basic pastoral functions. A vacancy pastor generally is not trained in helping congregations make the transition from one pastor to another.

An intentional interim pastor has special training to allow him to assist the congregation in the transition, and to help the congregation deal with any conflict, which sometimes arises with a vacancy. He is trained to assist the congregation make the transition time a time of renewal for the congregation.

The Board of Deacons determined that the use of an intentional interim pastor would be more beneficial for Good Shepherd. We therefore have asked Pastor John Kolb to serve in that capacity. This position can be confirmed as a call for Pastor Kolb as the intentional interim pastor at the December Voters' Assembly.

We will be completing the process of calling a full time pastor to Good Shepherd as our regular pastor. In the time until God sends us the right pastor for Good Shepherd, Pastor Kolb will be serving us as the intentional interim pastor.

We ask all members to continue to ask God for His blessings on Good Shepherd and our ministry, and for Pastor Kolb and his service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the Deacons.



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## Board of Education



**Sunday School:** The classes will begin practicing for the Christmas Program very soon. The title will be "Come to Bethlehem". The program will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short reception with cookies and hot chocolate.

The youth are selling calendars for \$6.00 each as a fundraiser. Efforts are being made to send a small group to the youth conference in Indianapolis in November.

The Adult Sunday Bible Study Group led by Pastor Kolb is studying Revelation and all are welcome to come join us on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study is led by Elaine Powers on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference room. They are studying Colossians and Philemon. All ladies are welcome to come and join them.

At the present time the Men's Bible Study Group is not meeting. They met at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested let me know and we will get that group started again.

The Board of Christian Education will meet after the worship service on October 30. Discussion will include the Christmas program, Sunday School curriculum and preliminary VBS plans.

Linda Haddock

Board of Christian Education Chairman

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To the Members of Good Shepherd



**There are only 55 days until  
Christmas!!!!**