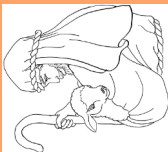




# Memoirs of the Flock



## From the Pastor ~ ~

Think about your favorite book or movie or television show. What was the best part? What do you remember most fondly? Every good story moves up, up, up, with building tension, action, and conflict, until finally you reach the story's high point, or climax, and then the action falls off and the story ends. We'll get to the falling off and ending soon in the book of Nehemiah, but chapter 12 is the climax: the dedication of Jerusalem's walls.

After another long list of names in verses 1-26, verses 27-43 recount the great celebration that accompanied the dedication of the walls—and there are even more names interspersed throughout this section. There are a few things we can take away from Nehemiah's description of the festivities.

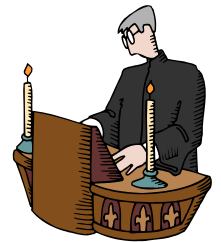
First, there is a reason for this list of names. I think the author wants us to understand that this celebration was not confined to Nehemiah and those closest to him. This was not a top-down effort enforced upon the people. No, this celebration encompassed *all* of the people.

Previously Nehemiah had talked about the need of repentance and that God's work is all people too. As with the repentance and study of Scripture described earlier in Nehemiah, God's work was for all people, not just men, the elite, or the super-spiritual. The same remains true today!

Second, this section is overflowing with descriptions of joy. There was great singing, rejoicing, playing of music, and sacrifices offered to the Lord for His goodness to His people. The people are not at all shy about being loud in their praise of God, so much that "the sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away" (v. 43). We serve a great God; may we learn to rejoice in His goodness like the people of Judah in today's passage!

Why not make today a celebration of God's goodness? Let your heart be filled with joy as you remember all He has done for you.

Pastor Daene



### Need a ride to and from church—call Michelle Walker at 317-432-3942.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

7:00 p.m.

November 22, 2023



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#### Special points of interest:

- Church Council Meeting, November 12 after our worship service
- LWGS Meeting, November 13 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Pick Up your Terri Lynn Nut orders on Sunday, November 19 after worship service
- PITCH-IN Lunch, November 26, after worship service
- Christmas decorating November 26 after lunch

## Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Church Council met on October 15 after our worship Service. Those in attendance were: Brian Walker, Michelle Walker, Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert, Heidi Baca, Pastor Daene, Larry Hill, Amy Houck, Gerda Martin, Randy Powers, and Rose Krimmel. Those absent were: Don Haddock, Shelley Hill, and Kent Krimmel.

Brian Walker, President, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor Daene said a prayer.

Johannah Pollert, Council Secretary, presented the minutes for the September Council Meeting. They were reviewed by those in attendance and voted to approve.

Rose Krimmel, Financial Secretary, presented our income from Offerings for September was \$11,193.71.

Larry Hill, Treasurer, stated the expenses for September was \$8,792.33

Pastor Daene reported the average attendance for September was 54. He had 4 worship service; 8 Bible studies; 2 visits; 6 Hospital visits; 10 counseling sessions; 1 shut-in visit and 1 jail visit.

Kevin Weber, Deacon Chairman, reported church attendance is down.

Don Haddock, Trustee Chair, was absent but had emailed his report. It states that Kammerling Construction checked the roof for repairs that could be done so they would last for a couple of years. He had not received the estimate as to cost yet.

Heidi Baca, Christian Education Chair stated the Sunday School have been studying the Old Testament. Children's church is on non-communion Sundays. GSLC will participate in Franklin's Trunk or Treat event on October 28th.

Michelle Walker, Missions Chair, stated we collected 51 pounds of paper towels

and peanut butter for the Interchurch Food Pantry in September. The Ride Share Program has yet to have any "takers".

Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship co-Chairs stated our September was well attended and a lot of food. They have received some money in the Donation Can and will be using it to buy food for this month's Pitch-In on October 22nd.

New Business: Larry is getting a quote from Davis Electric on installing the new lighting in the Sanctuary.

Anyone that is interested in the open Council positions for 2024-2025 years; the duties are posted on the bulletin boards. Please let a Council member or Rose in the office know what position you want to run for.

Budgets will be finalized in November.

## LWGS

Hello Ladies,

First, we want to thank everyone that bought and sold nuts & candy for us. The order was sent in and we are expecting to receive them the week of November 12th so we can get them put together and you can pick them up on Sunday, November 19th after the worship service.

Mark your calendar for December 9th, we are planning our Women's Christmas Tea. More on that soon in the bulletin and announcements after worship service.

Christmas decorating will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26. Plan on staying for a little while after the service to help decorate and we will get done in a hurry, then relax and have some lunch. It is Pitch-In Lunch Sunday. Have some good fellowship with your brothers and sisters of Good Shepherd.

Next Meeting, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.

All women of Good Shepherd are invited.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Veteran's Day Nov 11



## Care & Concern



**Remember in Your Prayers:** For peace in the world; Mark Waldron, severe stroke; Shelley Hill, strength, healing and comfort; Steve Compton, healing and comfort; Isch family, for their time in need; Aleisha Bailey, major stroke; Jeff Hawkins, healing, strength and comfort; Raymond Kinnan, healing, strength and comfort; Gerda Martin, healing, comfort persistence and patience; Freda Smith, healing and comfort; Eliza-

beth, healing and comfort; Julie Ploss, strength, healing and comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing and comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength and comfort; Susan Fouts, health issues; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinsons; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease,

\*\*\*\* If you placed any of these people on the Prayer List/Chain, please check on their status and let the office know of any updates. We would like to keep this list as up-to-date as possible. Thank you. Rose



## November Bible Readings ~

Nov 1—Genesis 19-21; Nov 2—Genesis 22-24; Nov 3—Genesis 25-26; Nov 4—Genesis 27-29; Nov 5—Genesis 30-31; Nov 6—Genesis 32-34; Nov 7—Genesis 35-37; Nov 8—38-40; Nov 9—Genesis 41-42; Nov 10—Genesis 43-45; Nov 11—Genesis 46-47; Nov 12—Genesis 48-50; Nov 13—Exodus 1-3; Nov 14—Exodus 4-6; Nov 15—Exodus 7-9; Nov 16—Exodus 10-12; Nov 17—Exodus 13-15; Nov 18—Exodus 16-18; Nov 19—Exodus 19-21; Nov 20—Exodus 22-24; Nov 21—Exodus 25-27; Nov 22—Exodus 28-29; Nov 23—Exodus 30-32; Nov 24—Exodus 33-35; Nov 25—Exodus 36-38; Nov 26—Exodus 39-40; Nov 27—Leviticus 1-4; Nov 28—Leviticus 5-7; Nov 29—Leviticus 8-10; Nov 30—Leviticus 11-13.



## Food Pantry

We are collecting food for Thanksgiving for the InterChurch Food Pantry this month. Any non-perishable food such as:

Pumpkin Pie Filling  
Cranberry Sauce  
Sweet Potatoes  
Stuffing Mix  
and etc.

What else do you have for Thanksgiving Dinner that is fixed out of a can or box?

### *Thanksgiving Eve Service*

*November 22, 2023*

*7:00 p,m,*

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### *Christmas Decorating*

*Sunday*

*November 26, 2023*

*After the worship service*

## CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

### AT OUR VOTERS MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2023

\*\*\*\*ELECTIONS: It is that time of year when you need to prayerfully consider running for an Office on the Church Council. The positions open this year are: President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Board of

Stewardship Chair, Board of Trustees Chair, and one Member at Large. Also a one year term for Vice President. The duties of each of these positions are posted on the bulletin boards. Your two year term would start in January 2024. If you have any questions about any position or would like to submit your name for a posi-

tion, please see any Council member or Rose in the office.

**Mark Your Calendar  
Now!!!**

**Voter's Assembly Meeting**

**December 10, 2023**

**After our Worship Service**

## Mid-Week Advent Services

Mid-week Advent Services will be:

December 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Pitch-In Supper at 6 p.m.

December 13, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Pitch-In Supper at 6 p.m.

December 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Pitch-In Supper at 6 p.m.

*Advent*

*Begins*

*December 3, 2023*





**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/6 Brian Pfaehler, Ben Daene
- 11/7 Kyle Fechtman
- 11/8 Camilla Baca
- 11/11 Sylvia Kessler
- 11/12 Rebekah Haugh
- 11/16 Elaine Bloomquist, Sharon Clark
- 11/17 Brian Walker
- 11/20 Angela Coy
- 11/21 Cecelia Campbell
- 11/23 Nicole Pahl, Anne Morris
- 11/25 Curtis Pfaehler, Chris Clark,  
Kevin Clark
- 11/28 Mark Ploss
- 11/29 Jeff Powers, Abigail (Haugh) Powers



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

**11/30 Jim & Margaret Wurster**

*[Please contact the church office (317-736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]*

**T**ry using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will be truly blessed.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**OFFICERS FOR 2023**

- Brian Walker, President**
- , Vice President**
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary**
- Larry Hill, Treasurer**
- Rose Krmmel, Financial Secretary**
- Don Haddock, Board of Trustees**
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons**
- Shelley Hill, Board of Stewardship**
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education**
- Michelle Walker, Board of Missions**
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship**
- Randy Powers, Member at Large**
- Kent Krimmel, Member at Large**

**DEACONS**

- Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288**
- Brad Coy 317-508-5770**
- Derek Runge 309-258-0603**

**PRAYER CHAIN**

**“The prayer of a righteous person  
is powerful and effective.”**

**(James 5:13-16)**

**“Devote yourselves to prayer.”**

**(Colossians 4:2)**

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709. She will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

**ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST:** We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to [www.gslcfranklin.org](http://www.gslcfranklin.org) and click on the Prayer Request button and enter your request.