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News of the Flock



From the Pastor

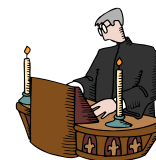
Psalm 107:1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

Thanksgiving is the start of the Holiday season and for just cause. We pause to take time to thank God for all his blessings and especially for the blessing of our crops. The events of the first Thanksgiving are hard to really understand since there is not much written about it. When the Puritans landed they decided to have a different style of colony from where they had lived in England and then in Holland. Instead of everyone growing their own crops, they chose the first year to store all the crops together and each would take according to their need. In practice this sounded fine and in some ways, it looked like the early church in the Book of Acts. However, each farmer did not work as hard as they might during the growing season because they relied too much on the work of the other farmers. The result was that food was very scarce the first winter. In the second spring and summer, each farmer grew what their family would need for the year and they could trade for what they could not grow. This time the bounty was tremendous, and they had a great feast to celebrate this first great harvest. Yes, there are economic lessons to be learned but they

learned too that God blessed the work of their hands.

When I watch the various parades I am always amazed at how the television commentators talk about being thankful for all they have but never thank the God who blessed them. They seem to forget that to be thankful you must be thankful to someone for it. We do have so much to be thankful for as a country. We have been blessed with mighty rivers that cross the country and connect which bring water to farming communities in areas where they do not always have enough rainfall. We have been blessed with natural resources that are the envy of the world. We have enough oil that we do not need to import any from other places in the world. As a people too, we must always keep in mind the greatest blessing of all. That is the love of God who sent Christ to die for our sins so that heaven will be ours. Enjoy Thanksgiving and take the time to thank the Lord who has blessed us so richly.

Pastor Daene



November 3, 2019 — November 27, 2019



Thanksgiving Eve Service



November 27, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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Special points of interest:

- Time Change, November 3, 2019
- Church Council Meeting, November 10, 2019
- LWGS Meeting, November 11, 2019
- Terri Lynn orders ready for pick-up, November 17, 2019
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Highlights ~ ~

GSLC Church Council met on October 13 after the worship service. Those in attendance were: Johannah Pollert, Dan Bonham, Kevin Weber, Chris Johnson, Larry Hill, Mark Ploss and Pastor Daene. Those absent were: Angela Coy, Gerda Martin, Randy Powers, Michele Pierce, and Heidi Baca.

The meeting was called to order by President, Chris Johnson. He asked Pastor Daene to say a prayer.

The minutes were read and accepted as read.

Financial Secretary's report was reviewed. Offerings for September were \$15,944.51.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Expenses for September were 14,155.15.

Pastor reported that he held 5 services; attended 1 church meeting; 1 Circuit meeting at GSLC; 9 Bible studies; 4 member visits; 5 confirmations classes; 3

visits to visitors; 2 shut-in visits; 7 hospital visits; and 9 counseling sessions. We have 3 in confirmation class. Plans are being discussed for another Youth event for November or December.

Board of Education report stated the Sunday School studied the Old Testament in September. Carla Cole taught the Pre-school class, Rachel Runge taught the Intermediate class and Johannah Pollert taught the Middle School class. They did not visit Hickory Creek in September but will be going in October. The Trunk or Treat will be October 26th.

The Missions report stated that 39 pounds of toilet paper and paper towels was collected in September. The Franklin Band was here on October 10, we had 100+ people in attendance. The Chili Cook-Off will be October 26 along with the Trunk or Treat.

As we did not have a quorum at the Coun-

cil meeting, we did not go over the budget for 2020. All Council members need to attend the November meeting on the 10th so council can approve prior to the Voter's Assembly meeting in December.



LWGS—Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd

Hello Ladies,

Our Terri Lynn Nuts & Candy sales are over for this year. Orders will be in and ready for pick-up on November 17. Thank you to all that supported LWGS.

Our Christmas event is under discussion and we will be letting everyone know by the way of the bulletin. With the holidays coming up soon, check out our card rack for cards. Christmas cards will be out later this month.

All ladies are invited to our next meeting on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. Come and help us plan our activities.

Christmas decorating of the church will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1, after our worship service. Please plan to stay and help with the decorations. The more people we have, the quicker it will get completed.



Care & Concern



Sympathy and prayers: To Claus & Karen Muth on the death of their co-worker Jerry Stavroules who passed away recently. Also, prayers for his wife, Monika and family.

Remember in your Prayers: Barb Miller, hip surgery; Cindy Strechen, illness; Virginia Pollert, fall; Chris Nelson, seriously injured; Joyce Thompson, surgery/stroke; Karen Muth, health issues; Lynn LaPointe, colon cancer surgery;

Penny Wells, healing, strength & comfort; Jay Krimmel, major health issues; Kim Fouts, strength, healing & comfort; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Judie Barks, aggressive cancer; Betty Morgan, healing, strength & comfort; Steve Clodfelter & family, Parkinson's; Kelly Swint & family, cancer; Gary Haddock, cancer; Jerry & Barb Miller, health issues; Christopher Springer, the Lord would lift the veil of unbelief; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie & Nan Jones, strength & comfort;

Thana Carlisle, strength & comfort; Bill Cummings, strength & comfort; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

*** If you placed any of these people on our prayer list, please check as to their status and let the office know their update. We like to keep this information as current as possible. Thank you.

Positions on Church Council up for election this year

The officers of the congregation shall be elected to terms of two years. The offices shall be staggered in this manner: The President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee Chairman, and Stewardship chairman shall be elected one year and the Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Christian Education Chairman, Board of Missions chairman, and the Board of Fellowship chairman shall be elected in the following year. Members –at-Large are also elected for two year terms.

This year we are electing the President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee Chairman, and one Member-at-Large. Also, we need to elect a Financial Secretary for a one year term as this position is currently vacate. Following are the overviews of the responsibilities for these positions.

PRESIDENT—The President shall: (1) In association with the Pastor be the executive director of the total congregational program; (2) Prepare the agenda, according to Article I of the bylaws, and preside over all meetings of the Church Council and the Voter’s Assembly; (3) Confer with the Pastor and the Vice-President on all matters relating to the spiritual and material welfare of the congregation and its members; (4) Be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees, and attend or designate the Vice-President to represent him at the meetings of the boards and committees as he deems necessary or advisable; (5) Make an annual report of his administration to the Voter’s Assembly.

RECORDING SECRETARY – The Recording Secretary shall: (1) Be the official depository of the official records of the Voter’s Assembly and of the Church Council; (2) Record the minutes of the Voter’s Assembly and of the Church Council; (3) Maintain a separate Constitution Book for the signatures of voting members; (4) Record attendance at

Voter’s Assembly and at meetings of the Church Council; (5) Keep an up-to-date listing of voting members; (6) Serve as the Historian for the congregation.

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall: (1) Be responsible for the safety of the funds of the congregation; (2) Keep the funds of the congregation on deposit in a bank or other reliable financial institution; (3) Keep the financial records of the congregation according to proper accounting procedures; (4) Make regular financial reports to the Church Council and to the congregation; (5) Be concerned with the safe deposit and recording of all funds, monthly remissions of offerings for missions and church agencies, and prompt payment of all bills and salaries as authorized by the congregation and its Boards; (6) Submit records to an annual audit/financial review; (7) Serve as a member of the Board of Stewardship.

TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN - The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Chairman and three (or more) members. They shall: (a) Inspect and supervise maintenance of all the church’s properties and make recommendations accordingly; (b) Recommend regulations governing the use of the church’s properties; (c) Issue and recall keys for the church’s property, keeping a list of such keys and annually reviewing such list; (d) Plan, enlist and supervise crews for special repairs, property improvements, etc. as the need arises; (e) Draw up contracts, accept and receive grants and bequests, and all other business of the congregation as assigned to them by the Voter’s Assembly; (f) Maintain an up-to-date inventory of all the church’s equipment and property; (g) Submit annually to the Church Council an insurance program to properly protect the congregation; (h) Develop all policies and fees for rental, use, and lending

of the church’s properties and; (i) Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by the Board.

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN – The Board of Stewardship shall consist of the elected Chairman, the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, and additional members of the congregation. They shall: (a) Discover the talents of the membership and enlist them in the congregation’s programs; (b) Sponsor stewardship and mission talks, discussions, conferences, etc. in the congregation and in all of its organizations; (c) Work in close cooperation with the Circuit and District Stewardship entities; (d) Instruct the people in the grace of proportionate giving to God’s work in their own parish and in the world; (e) Supervise the raising of all funds in the congregation; (f) Keep the Pastor, the Church Council, and all Boards informed as to the financial standing of the church to ensure efficient expenditure of all funds on hand and; (g) Prepare the annual budget for submission to the December Voter’s Assembly.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY-The Financial Secretary shall: (1) Record the contributions of the giving units of the congregation; (2) Supervise the counting of the contributions and cause them to be deposited in a designated bank; (3) Issue an annual statement of contributions to the giving units of the congregation; (4) Order, prepare, and distribute the offering envelopes; (5) Serve as a member of the Board of Stewardship.

Prayerfully consider running for one of these positions. Any questions, ask a current member of Council or ask the person holding that position now.

Member Directory

I have been cross referencing a new membership list with the one we had always printed and information in our membership program. Hoping to have that completed and out within the next week or two.



Chili Cook-Off

If you didn’t participate in the Chili Cook-off; you missed some good chili. We had ten people contributing their special recipes. Congratulations to: First place was Seago’s; Second place was Powers; and Third place was Krimmel’s.



Voter’s Meeting

Our Annual Voter’s Assembly Meeting will be on December 8, 2019. Mark your calendar so you can plan on staying after our worship service for this important meeting and election of officers for the Church Council for the next two years. Have you thought of serving your church by being on the council?

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2019

Chris Johnson, President
Dan Bonham, Vice President
Johannah Pollert, Secretary
Angela Coy, Treasurer
, Financial Secretary
, Board of Trustees
Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
Larry Hill, Board of Stewardship
Heidi Baca, Board of Education
Michelle Pierce, Board of Missions
Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
Randy Powers, Member at Large
Mark Ploss, Member at Large



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/6 Brian Pfaehler, Ben Daene
11/7 Kyle Fechtman
11/8 Camilla Baca
11/11 Sylvia Kessler
11/12 Rebekah Haugh
11/14 Rev. Roger Hubbard, Alice Flanagan
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 Powers

DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
Brad Coy 317-346-0930
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)



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/30 Jim & Margaret Wurster

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

Try 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.

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 and click on the **Prayer Request button** and enter your request.