

Good Shepherd
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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

What's happening at Good Shepherd



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 am.

At the October 5th council meeting, it was decided that this year we will not have a Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

Please join the family of Good Shepherd on Sunday, November 23rd, following the service, for our annual "Favorite Pie" event. Please bring your favorite pie or dessert and help us celebrate how God has blessed Good Shepherd this year.

On Saturday, November 29th, from 9 to 10 AM, we will be decorating our church for Christmas. We welcome all the workers we are able to get; so mark your calendar and please help us kick off the Christmas season at Good Shepherd.





Thanksgiving – a Way of Seeing

Rabbi Harold Kushner writes in his book, *Who Needs God*: “Religion is not primarily a set of beliefs, a collection of prayers or a series of rituals. Religion is first and foremost a way of seeing. It doesn’t change the facts about the world we live in, but it can change the way we see those facts, and that in itself can often make a difference.”

The typical pattern of God's activities throughout scriptures is that God acts first. Then our proper response to God's actions is praise and thanksgiving -- to see God's hand in what has happened. God did not tell the world, “If you only had enough faith, I would send Jesus to suffer and die for your sins.” It was because we had no faith that he sent Jesus. God doesn't wait to find enough faith. God acts first. God's actions are to lead to a faithful – that is thankful - response. The important question to ask is not, “What do you believe?” but “What differences does it make that you believe?”

Those who study the Christian life suggest that as we mature and grow in our faith, there are seven key characteristics to look for:

- Seeks spiritual growth, both alone and with others
- Believes God is present and active in the world
- Acts out of a commitment of faith
- Is active with God's people
- Possesses a positive, hopeful spirit
- Lives out a life of service
- Lives a Christian moral life.

Practice the ways these are nurtured in your life. It is true that faith affects lives. It influences how we interpret and respond to what we experience. Being thankful is a statement of faith. Desiring to share is a statement of faith. Understanding that we have responsibilities beyond ourselves is a statement of faith. Involvement in the church programs and ministries are both opportunities for growth and a practice of faith. May God bless you richly as you learn and grow, give and serve.

In Christ,
Pastor David Andert



Happy Thanksgiving! Well, a little early, but this is the month for thanksgiving. So Happy Thanksgiving! We all have so much to be thankful for. God has richly blessed us. Now is the time to reflect on our blessings and thank God for them.

Remember my last sermon, ACTS - Adoration, Confession, THANKSGIVING, and Supplication. Our weekly offerings have been fairly good. We have had a couple of disappointing ones, but on average, we are doing good. But in order to move on as a congregation and continue the wonderful ministry that we have, if we could each just stretch a little bit more.

I hope that if you are able, you have prayerfully filled out and handed in your Time & Talent sheet and your Pledge Cards. These will help us in our planning for the future of Good Shepherd.

I want to thank all of you for all you have done in supporting Good Shepherd in this past year and I look forward to what we can do together in this coming year! God's blessing to all of you!

Respectfully,
Enid Branham, Treasurer



Nov 4	Donna Reay
Nov 5	Kathy Hartenberger
Nov 5	Brielle Heeren
Nov 7	Kaylee Oja
Nov 8	Parker Itnyre
Nov 12	David Litin
Nov 15	Peggy Heeren
Nov 17	Rod Wilberg
Nov 19	Kent Hilker
Nov 20	Maury Martin
Nov 24	Greg Lange
Nov 30	Jan Hendricks



Dale and Kris Arneson
November 3



WEEKLY OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 2025

9/7/25	\$1945
9/14/25	\$3490
9/21/25	\$1980
9/28/25	\$385
TOTAL	\$7800

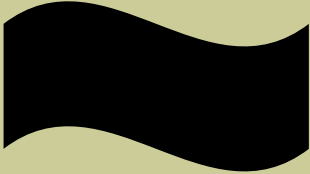


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Service-All Saints Sunday <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting	3 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	4	5	6 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	7 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day	8
9 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Service	10 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	11	12	13 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	14 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day	15
16 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Service	17 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	18	19	20 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for December newsletter articles	21 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day	22
23 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Favorite Pie day	24 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29 <u>9:00—10:00 am—</u> Church decorating for Christmas
30 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Service						



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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

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Tuesday—Friday
9:30 am—3:30 pm



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