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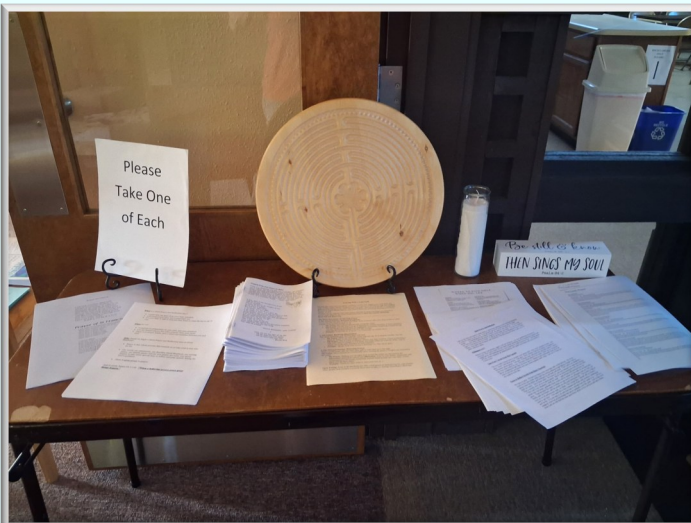
THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

What's happening at Good Shepherd



Thanks to Dick McWilliams and Dean Copp, we now have a new roof on our shed!



On October 3rd, we held a prayer vigil at Good Shepherd. Thank you to everyone that was involved in organizing it!



November Is a Time of Thanksgiving

November makes me think of Thanksgiving. While we set aside a day each year as "Thanksgiving," we also know that giving thanks is not limited to just one day. Gratitude is a lifetime attitude. [I didn't do that on purpose. Please see note on Page 3.] In an age where there is such a great sense of entitlement ("I deserve this," "I need this."), it is even

more important to remember the humble recognition that there is so very much for which thanksgiving is the only proper response. Thanksgiving is recognizing once again that we independent people are so very dependent on God, on orderly creation, on good government, and on one another. We say "Thank you" but we also use phrases like, "God has been so good to me;" "God has blessed me;" "I am blessed."

Sometimes I sit down and read the Psalms randomly. I find that the Psalm writer often helps me put into words what I wasn't able to express as well myself. Some of those Psalms are words of gratitude, of thanksgiving. The thanksgiving Psalms come both from the whole community (for instance Psalm 107, Psalm 124) and from an individual (for instance Psalm 34, Psalm 65, Psalm 116, Psalm 118).

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my
mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by
the LORD, and was saved from every
trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers
them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

Psalm 34:1-8

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Luther summed up the attitude so beautifully in the Small Catechism, the meaning of the 1st Article of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe that God has created me and all that exists.

God has given and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers.

God provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day.

God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil.

All this God does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it.

Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey God.

This is most certainly true.

After surgery my broken kneecap is healing well, and in a couple of months it will be just an embarrassing memory.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,
Pastor David Andert

Remember to Vote on November 3, or earlier.

Gratitude

Note:

A little challenge, just for fun.

Gratitude is a lifetime **attitude**.

A year or two ago I spotted a T-shirt that appealed to me. There were 4 words circling a beautiful mountain scene with the sun rising in the background. The words were:

Solitude Altitude Gratitude Attitude

Each word was repeated once, so there could have been 8 different words. As I wore the shirt, and pondered the terms, I marveled at how many English words end in -itude. Then I wondered which of them I would have put on the shirt if I had designed it.

Want to try it? How many words can you list that end in -itude? (No fair using the computer until you have exhausted your memory.) Which would you wear on a T-shirt? You can let me know when we see each other for worship on Sundays. (My list was 31.)

Thank You!

My heart is full. Thank you for the kind and gracious cards I received after worship last Sunday. Serving with the faithful people of Good Shepherd is a wonderful experience, and is good for me. I join the Apostle Paul in saying, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:3)

~Pastor David



Instead of our third Sunday of the month potluck, in November we are doing a Favorite Pie Day on the 22nd after the 10 am service. Bring your favorite and share the story about it.

I know Christmas seems far off, but the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we will be decorating the church for Christmas, and I will be putting up the Warming Tree for collection of all things warm. Socks, mittens, scarves, hats and blankets. They will be donated to various organizations (ECHO, Mercycare, 16/49 and the Gifts Shelter).

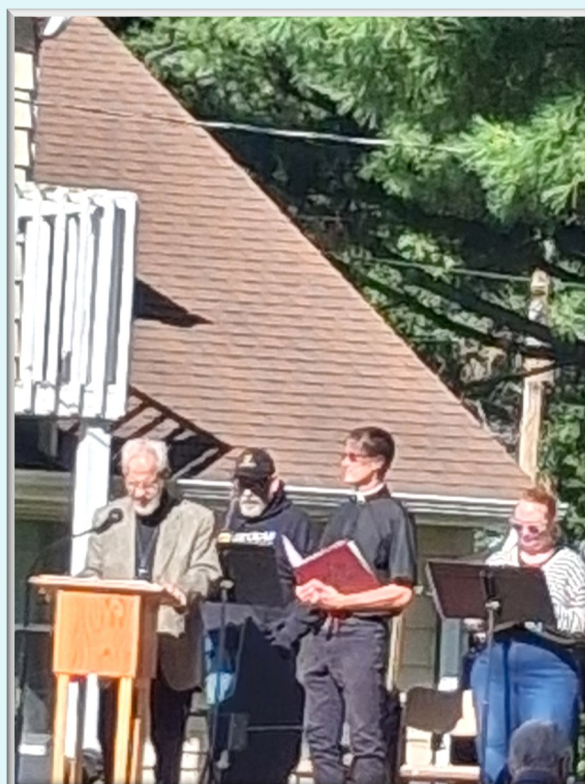
ECHO has an annual canned cranberry drive and would like to get 1,200 cans for the Thanksgiving baskets. Also, we will be collecting cans of soup for November.

Ruth Demmon,
Care and Concern





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**For recordkeeping purposes,
please only use the offering en-
velopes that were assigned to
you at the beginning of the year.**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 2026

		Attendance	
09/06/26	\$1,342.00	56	1 service
09/13/26	\$1,032.00	91	1 service
09/20/26	\$579.00	82	1 service
	\$2,953.00		



You can now send your offer-
ings electronically through our
website
(goodshepherdjanesville.org)

by clicking on the Support Our Ministry link.



Nov 4	Donna Reay
Nov 5	Kathy Hartenberger
Nov 7	Kaylee Oja
Nov 17	Rod Wilberg
Nov 19	Kent Hilker
Nov 20	Maury Martin



Nov 3	Dale & Kris Arneson
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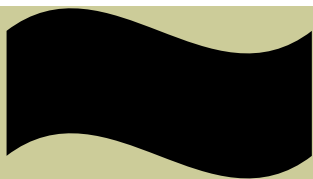
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings— Move clocks back one hour at 2:00 am <u>8:00 am & 10:00 am</u> Worship Services with Holy Communion	2 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	3 Remember to vote	4	5 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	6	7
8 <u>8:00 am & 10:00 am</u> Worship Services with Holy Communion	9 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	10	11	12 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	13	14
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22 <u>8:00 am & 10:00 am</u> Worship Services with Holy Communion <u>11:00 am</u> Favorite Pie Day (bring your favorite pie)	23 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	24	25	26 Church office closed Happy Thanksgiving	27 Church office closed	28
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Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
9:30 am—3:30 pm