



Shepherd's

November 2023 Newsletter

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
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STAFF



Serve Others This Thanksgiving!

Partnering with Bethel Lutheran

Good Shepherd has been partnering with Bethel Lutheran in West Garfield Park for shared ministry. One such connection has been helping with their Thursday lunch program which serves 150 meals each week.

Thanksgiving is a very special Thursday. We are looking for people who can help distribute meals on Thanksgiving Day. The commitment is from 9:30a till 1p. People stop by to pick up meals between 11a and 12:30p. If you have only an hour to help, please consider joining us. Look for sign-ups on the digital and paper Prayers and More. For more information contact Pastor Kathy.

Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Day

Join us on Friday, November 24 from 11:30a through 1:15p, for a volunteer shift at the Feed My Starving Children warehouse in Libertyville. We gather around work stations to put together nutrition-dense food packets. It's a great group activity and perfect for families! (Please note that volunteers must be aged 5 and older.)

Registration with FMSC is required. Go to tinyurl.com/gslcfeed2023. Questions can be directed to Deaconess Debbie at christianed@goodshepherdlc.org.

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me...

Good Shepherd will begin accompanying a migrant family of 4 (mom, dad, 7 year-old girl, and 19 month-old boy) moving to Oak Park on November 15. We need to set up their apartment, **especially moving in furniture!!** There is a list in the back of the sanctuary with supplies needed. In addition, clothes for the children would be appreciated. If you have any gently used furniture and/or other household items to donate, please set them aside. Smaller items can be placed at the back of the church. For furniture and larger items, contact the church office.

All Saints Day, November 5

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As a reminder, we invite those loved ones who have passed from this life to the next into our worship service on November 5. Ribbons of various colors will be available with pens to write the names of your loved ones. During worship all will be invited to bring their ribbon(s) forward to create a visual representation of the living and dead. For those who do not expect to be present physically in worship, you can include your names in two ways: create your ribbon on the weeks leading up to All Saints Day or write your name(s) on the Prayers and More form and we'll create a ribbon for you.



Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5, so be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep!



WORSHIP

Advent & Christmas Worship

Like the brilliant deep-blue sky in that moment when the darkness of night is about to become dawn, this Advent we will explore what it means to be on the cusp of new things that are expected, but not yet fulfilled – to wait with both hope and trepidation, knowing that life is about to be transformed.



This year, Advent begins on December 3, not the last Sunday of November. This means that Advent 4 arrives on December 24 — we will celebrate both Advent 4 and Christmas Eve on the same day! At 10:30a, there will be an Advent 4 service with the children's program, which will end with the announcement of Christ's birth. At 8p there will be the traditional choir-led Christmas Eve worship that ends in candlelight and Silent Night. Please note that there will be no 8:30a worship service on either December 24 or December 31.

Healing Prayer, Healing Song:

An Ecumenical Service to Pray for Healing

Ascension Church (808 S East Ave, Oak Park) is offering an ecumenical prayer service, *Healing Prayer, Healing Song*, on Thursday, November 16, at 7:30p. The service includes scripture; healing songs and prayers from various traditions; shared silence; and the opportunity for individual prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing.



Additionally, an ecumenical and multi-cultural prayer team of pastors and other pastoral care ministers assist in this ecumenical outreach of prayers for healing, wholeness, and unity in our world. As an ecumenical service, Ascension Church recognizes the unifying power of Christians from different traditions, ethnicities, and races to join as one, to intentionally pray for the healing of division and for a deepening of unity in our world. The service will also be live-streamed. For more information, contact Ascension's David Anderson at d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com.

JAZZ PRAYER



Coming Together

November's theme for Jazz Prayer is "Coming Together," as we welcome new-to-us musicians the *Prohibition Trad Jazz Band*, led by Daniel Sniderman. "Trad Jazz" stands for traditional jazz from the early big band era. The band playing at the November 17th Jazz Prayer are all members of the larger *Prohibition Trad Jazz Orchestra*. Here's how they describe their style:

We are a 10-piece band dedicated to playing the music of the early big band era. All of our arrangements were published from 1923 to 1934. It's the real authentic sound, and we're the only Chicago-area band currently playing in this style. In addition to capturing the music as authentically as possible, we seek to capture the era's brash sense of fun.

As we listen to this traditional jazz music, our readings will lean into the possibilities for new harmonies for humanity, something we certainly need today. Coming together isn't about losing self to a melting pot, but instead reveling in the differences to create new possibilities, new harmonies, new inclusive ways forward. Join us on November 17th. Doors open at 7:10p and music begins at 7:30p.

Seeking Worship Helpers

Our Sunday worship would not be the same without the members who make it happen. But we can definitely use more helping hands. It would be great if no one had to serve more than once a month. We offer orientation so you can learn what the various roles include. Please consider helping with worship. Contact the church office or Judy Beisser for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Good Shepherd Sunday School welcomes children that are age 2 through grade 8. If you have not already done so, please register your child/ren now by using the above QR code, or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/gslc23-24SundaySchool>.

Special note for November: NO Sunday School classes on November 26.

Middle School/Confirmation News

Join us for classes on November 5, 12, and 19. Please note there is no Sunday class on November 26. *Don't forget to be working on your family sermon notes!*

Our Tuesday night gatherings for this month are November 7 and 21. Also, please consider joining us for our service day at Feed My Starving Children on Friday, November 24 from 11:30a until 1:15p.

As always, Middle schoolers who are not on a confirmation track are welcome to join us for any and all of our activities!

High School Youth

Our first planning meeting for the ELCA Youth Gathering will be on Sunday, November 19 following the 10:30a worship service. More details to come!



Sunday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join in our Sunday Morning Bible Study. This group has lively discussions about scripture, using shared resources from our church library. No Bible background or expertise needed! Sundays at 9:15a.

Adult/Teen Monthly Forum

November 5 Forum: The Holy Land Today, presented by Barb Hunt. In April 2023, Good Shepherd member Barb Hunt traveled with groups from two ELCA Synods to spend two weeks visiting sacred sites in Israel and Palestine. She will share some of the sights and sounds of her amazing trip. Need caffeine? You'll find it at the forum.

December Forum: On Sunday, December 3, we will hear from our Anti-Racism Team.

Gift Card Fundraiser

Get your shopping done early and conveniently! You can order gift cards using a paper form or download the RaiseRight app to order most gift cards right from your phone!

To order on the app:

1. Download the RaiseRight app, and create your user profile. Be sure to include Good Shepherd's enrollment number (C741794555914), so that we get credit for your purchase.
2. Select the cards you want to order. Before you add a card to your cart, you will see a message stating whether that particular card type can be sent to you directly or will come to church in our next order.
3. You can order and pay for all of your cards at once. Cards that are eligible for home shipment will be shipped to you directly, others will arrive at church and you will be able to set up a pick-up time with Deaconess Debbie. You can also opt for digital e-cards.



Paper order forms will still be available for those that would like to order this way. All cards ordered through paper forms will be shipped to the church and available for pick-up.

Sounds a bit confusing, but the app makes it clear as you go along. Paper order forms can be found on our website. Those using paper order forms: **Deadlines for orders are November 19 and December 3.**

Double-dip! Not only do the funds raised through gift card sales support Good Shepherd youth activities, but you can also purchase gift cards to help our social ministries, such as the Holiday Food and Gift Program.

Find us online!

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Facebook: goodshepherdlc.org

YouTube: @GoodShepherdLutheranOak Park

Website: goodshepherdlc.org

GS CONNECTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Susan Abbott
 Darlene Matthews Carter
 Karen Colley
 Kaitlin Cernak
 David Kirschbaum
 Rose Mabwa
 Jo Mohan
 Karen Breitenbach
 Lisa Guagenti
 Kenn Sinko
 Sammy Hann
 Luke Novak
 Susan Greeley
 Ella Roadruck
 Becca Wagner
 Anna Johnson
 Jan Salzman
 Roxanne Dominis
 Elizabeth Overland

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kelly and Brian Moreland
 EJ and Nick Roginic
 Patty and Tom Jurczak
 Mark and Julie Ledogar
 Carl and Pat Heine
 Chris and Ramona Koetke
 Thomas and Jessica Cane

Please note: Personal information, such as birthdates, anniversary dates, and personal contact info are stripped from the website version of our newsletter. If you would like a complete newsletter, please contact the church office.

Daytimers

Daytimers will visit Holy Name Cathedral on November 14. **Holy Name Cathedral** in Chicago is the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago and was built to replace the church destroyed in the Chicago fire in 1871. We will leave from Good Shepherd at 10 a.m. Lunch will be near the cathedral. For more information, contact Barb Hunt at clownbarb@sbcglobal.net.

December 12 will be a trip to Garfield Park Conservatory to view the Christmas displays. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. For more information, contact the church office.

Book Club

After a November hiatus, members of the Flock o'Readers book club will gather for lunch at MPKitchen on December 5 at 11:30 a.m. We will enjoy time together and discuss books for future discussion. For more information, contact the church office.

Save the Date!

After the success of last January's "Martini Madness," we have contacted local mixologist Dave Hudson to schedule another event. On February 3, we hope you will join us for "World Whiskey Night," as we explore differences between whiskeys from around the world. More information will be available in late fall.

Crafters Needed!

We need your help! Our annual Christmas Marketplace will be held on Sunday, December 3. We are in the process of identifying crafters and vendors. Ten Thousand Villages has already committed to attending. If you know of a craftsman or not for profit organization that would like to participate, please contact the church office.



Carl and Pat Heine
 celebrate their
50th wedding anniversary
 in November.

Financial Planning Seminar
 Good Shepherd welcomes Pastor Dick Wehrs, financial advisor and regional manager of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, who will join us on Sunday, November 5 at 11:45a to lead a seminar about financial planning. This presentation will include key considerations when developing and managing an estate plan.

Holiday Food and Gift Program

This year, the Holiday Food and Gift Program anticipates providing over 2,000 individuals in Oak Park and River Forest with **grocery gift cards in November** and **holiday gifts in December***. While the holiday gifts are sponsored by community members, the HFGB organization typically purchases over \$30,000 of gift cards at Thanksgiving - all of that money comes through donations. Your generosity is critical to the success of this program.

To donate towards grocery gift cards: www.communityofcongregations.org. Click GIVE in the upper right corner and indicate that your contribution is for Holiday Food and Gift Basket.

Checks can be sent to the following address:
Holiday Food and Gift Basket
c/o Community of Congregations
P.O. Box 3365, Oak Park, IL 60303-3365

***Want to help with holiday gifts in December by “adopting” a family? Watch for more details soon!**

Women & Spirituality — Experience Taizé

All women are invited to join us on Friday, November 3 for an evening of fellowship, meditation and prayer, starting with dinner and ending at the Taizé service at Ascension Catholic Church (East and Van Buren in Oak Park).

We'll meet at 5:15p at Leslie Marino's house for supper and conversation and then head to the Taizé service that starts at 7:30. The service is about an hour long, so you'll be heading home by 8:45.

If you've never been to a Taizé service, several of us highly recommend it! It is a meditative service that includes singing simple beautiful songs, candlelight, and silent meditation. Before COVID, up to 700 people from all over Chicagoland attended the service. Now the numbers are considerably smaller.

If you plan to join us, please let Lynn Railsback know by **November 1**. If you can't make it to Leslie's by 5:15 but want to attend, let Lynn know if you'll be arriving late to her house or whether you want to just meet us at Ascension.

Thank you!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month and remember how much we are all grateful for, I want to send special thanks to the staff at Good Shepherd - where would we be without each and every one of them? Thanks to Pastor Kathy and Pastor Kerstin for their leading of worship and pastoral acts, Deaconess Debbie for her commitment to our families and children, Carl for his wonderful music and leadership of the choir, and Kimberly for keeping us all informed of congregation happenings, maintaining the office and being the first to greet callers and those who stop by.

Thank you to our council and committee chair leadership. It is your dedication to Good Shepherd and its ministries that makes this place a place of vibrant worship and connections, both within our congregation and in the wider community. Thank you to our members who are there each and every Sunday in worship and also are a part of Good Shepherd in various ways throughout the week. Thank you for you! We wouldn't be Good Shepherd without each and every one of us.

Gail Frost, Congregation President

From the Vice President, November 2023

- The Nominating Committee will meet again on November 12 to complete our slate of nominees for the elected positions for 2024. If you have anyone you would like to nominate for Council, Memorial Endowment Fund, United Power, the annual Synod Assembly, or any of the standing committees, please contact Elizabeth Overland. Elizabeth is our point person for gathering names of nominees.
- Also, the Personnel Committee is still looking to hire an attendant for our nursery on Sunday mornings. We're asking all of you, especially parents of young families, to talk about this with the people you know and invite any interested adult to contact Pastor Kerstin.

Blessings and joy to all this Thanksgiving holiday!

Pete Chapman



Ms. Elizabeth shares the Noah story



Daytimers are out and about



We reluctantly bid farewell to Lynell



Left: Sunday School students share a song.



Right: Middle schoolers beat the escape room!



Left to right above: Ben, Lucas, and Emmett celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism.





Oktoberfest 2023 featured music and traditional German dances led by Paul Collins of Ethnic Dancing Chicago. Delicious food included German roast pork, sauerkraut, spaetzle, potato salad, and German desserts.



Donut Day October 7

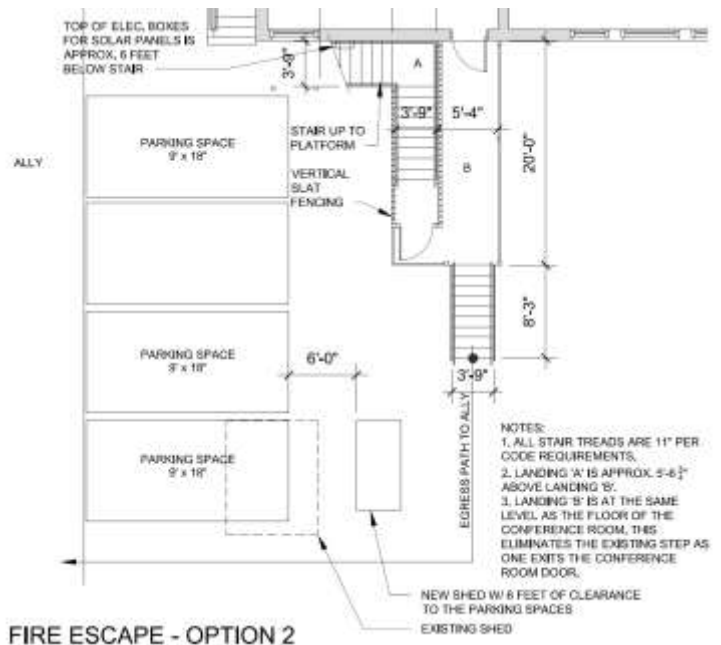
Thanks to our many volunteers who helped make this day a success!



Phase 2 Renovation Update

Thanks to the 43 Good Shepherd members plus non-member participants who gathered on Sunday, October 1, for a meeting of the congregation to receive an update on Phase 2 and vote on a resolution to approve funding for the replacement of the existing fire escape.

The resolution passed unanimously, authorizing the Council to commence a competitive bidding process and spend up to \$150,000 for the installation of a new fire escape. A plan for this new and improved fire escape has been developed (see right) and construction is expected to begin in the Spring.



FIRE ESCAPE - OPTION 2

Phase 2 highlights include:

1. Good Shepherd is managing a mortgage of approximately \$300,000 which includes a minimum mortgage payment of \$1,726 per month which is now being paid from the congregation's Unified Budget operating fund, allowing all current and future deposits within the Capital Campaign funds to be used for future Phase 2 construction projects.
2. The estimated cost for the new fully accessible front door entrance, including installation of the elevator, construction of the entrance vestibule, and nursery ("Phase 2b") is \$1.27 million, which will require the launch of a new capital campaign, the timing of which will be determined following subsequent congregational meetings and in prayerful dialogue with God and with one another.

Generosity Abounds

Thanks to the 41 individuals and families who committed to the future of Good Shepherd's ministry by making a financial pledge for 2024 on Commitment Sunday (October 22). Those making a pledge on this first Sunday included eight individuals and families who made a pledge to Good Shepherd for the first time. Ten of those individuals and families also pledged to make additional gifts in 2024 to reduce Good Shepherd's mortgage debt by \$5,500, which if maintained beyond 2023, will reduce our mortgage by approximately seven years.

Concurrently, donations continue to be made to Good Shepherd's Capital Campaign to empower Phase 2 of our facility renovation plan. \$689,495 has been pledged to the Capital Campaign, of which \$489,800 has already been fulfilled. The remaining \$200,000 will be received from donors over the course of the next two years.

There's still time to make your pledge for 2024. 34 individuals and families who made a financial pledge for 2023 have not yet shared their pledge for 2024. If you have not yet shared your pledge for

2024, please complete the pledge form that was provided to you last month and place it in the offering box during worship or mail it to the church office. Your pledge is critical to the future of Good Shepherd's ministry. It allows our congregation's leadership to make plans for the new year and commit available resources to the work of sharing God's love near and far.

Thank you for the many ways that you support the ministry of Good Shepherd – through the sharing of your time, talents and treasures – by sharing your presence in worship and at the wide variety of Good Shepherd's programs and activities – and by praying for your faith community.

PASTOR'S PAGE

There are times when I am alone in the sanctuary, and I suddenly think of you. I get the image of children, surrounded by parents and grandparents in the nursery. Or I turn the opposite direction and get an image of Carl playing amazing music from Bach on the organ or perhaps a lively tune on the piano. The empty chairs are filled with choir members in my mind. Looking out towards the back of the sanctuary, I see the rest of your faces, perhaps sitting in the pews, or perhaps greeting one-another warmly.

In those moments I am so overcome with joy and gratitude that I stop on the chancel steps and talk with God about what an amazing group of people you are and how grateful I am that God sent me your way. I recount the many ways that you have been a blessing in my life, both as individuals and a group. It is impossible to explain the feeling in those moments of contentment and serenity.

To be a pastor is to be someone who is convicted with the belief that the message of Jesus Christ is transformative, that when people truly grasp that they are loved, not for their perfection but just for their personhood, that something shifts deep within. It is to believe that following Christ's way of peace, compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and love can truly create the world which we all hope for. It is to believe that life has meaning and purpose beyond the worldly pursuits of recognition and financial security.

Yet, to be a pastor who believes such things and be surrounded by people who have the same convictions is amazing. Your passion for Christ spurs me on. Your compassion and generosity is always an example to me.

In my work at the synod I am often asked, is there a church where there are young people? Is there a church with new members? Is there a church that is actively growing its ministry? Is there a church filled with life and energy? In every case, I can easily answer, yes, and I point to you.

I imagine that Paul felt the same joy and gratitude for the members of the congregation in Philippi. He calls them his partners in the gospel, which means that they join him in spreading the word of Jesus and bringing others in to follow the way of Christ. There is a sense that he feels strongly supported by the members, even as he is struggling himself.

I don't ever suppose that I can compare myself with Paul, but I can enter into the joy that he felt by being surrounded by such a great crowd of saints.

As we move through All Saints Day, towards Thanksgiving, I find my heart and mind filled with thoughts of you and I am overwhelmed with joy. To be your pastor is nothing short of a daily delight, even on the long, difficult days. Your work alongside me gives meaning and purpose to my life. And like Paul, *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."*



Pastor Kathy Nolte

Philippians 1:3-11


² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that the One who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Schedule: 8:30a Worship 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages 10:30a Worship (in-person & livestreamed) </div>		7:30a Matins (Offsite) 7:15p Choir		5:30p Persist 8p AA	
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Pastor is available
by appointment:
calendly.com/revk

Attention Church Leadership

Annual Reports are due December 1st. Please share your reports and any photos you'd like to include by this date. Copies of last year's annual report are available on top of the mailboxes and can also be emailed to you if you need one for reference. Email your reports to churchoffice@goodshepherdlc.org.



Leadership Retreat. Also for our leaders and others interested in the topic: On Saturday, November 18, 9:00a-noon, Will Campbell will be leading a retreat entitled, "Why Should Anyone Be Led by You?" What can we provide to strengthen our leadership skills and grow our volunteer base? Learn four things that leaders need to provide their followers. Please RSVP to Deaconess Debbie if you would like to attend.



Happy Reunions

Recently, Lynn Zamora met some visitors taking pictures of the building who were in the area for their high school reunion. They were thrilled to take a tour of the building.

Left to right: Becky Klar Morgan (confirmed 1968); Beth Klar DeFreece (confirmed 1969); Felecia Smith (parents married at GSLC 1969); Melinda Rayter (Felecia's partner).

June and Jack Klars lived in the church house on the now-empty lot from 1961-1965 and served as custodians of the church until their move to Kenilworth.

Please note that the church office will be closed on November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Additionally, Deaconess Debbie will be on vacation from November 20-26.



FINANCE UPDATE

For Financial updates, please contact the church office.

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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where our doors
are open wide to people from all backgrounds.

We want to be a place of blessing. If you are just beginning to
wonder about Christianity, this is a safe place to ask questions

and to explore possibilities. If you have been journeying with
Christ for some time, this is a place to grow deeper in your walk

as a disciple. If you have wandered here and there or up and
down in your spiritual journey, this is a place to speculate,

marvel, seek, and find.

And whether you live out your faith primarily through study,

meditation, emotional experience or social activism, you can find
others at Good Shepherd who share your spiritual temperament.

This is a place of open doors, open minds, open hearts, open hands.