



"Our mission is to provide a welcoming and caring environment where all people can experience the help, strength, hope, and love of Jesus Christ."

Good Shepherd News

November 2018

The LORD said to Moses, "Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'"
Exodus 33:1

God has blessed Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (LCGS) with the gifted staffing personnel of Mrs. Mary Walton (Office Administrator) and Mr. Melville Seagren (Choral Director). At this time, God is calling both of them to new endeavors in different locations.

God has called Mary, and her husband Craig, to Chadron, Nebraska. Mary has added to our mission here at LCGS with office management skills, hospitality and an appreciation for ministry. We were blessed and fortunate to have Mary's leadership here at LCGS.

Melville, and wife Lydia, are moving to the Norfolk, Nebraska area. Both of them are pursuing other professional opportunities. Melville enabled the choir and congregation to praise God more fully. His love of music and directing skills from his years at Hastings College were an asset to us.

The staff support team is working to evaluate the needs and new possibilities for both of these positions. In this time of transition, God brings to a close our time with Mary and Melville; at the same time, we enter this potentially creative time of what God will unfold for us next as a congregation. As we say goodbye to Mary and Melville we wish them the best in their new endeavors in their new locations. Please join me in giving thanks for Mary and Melville as we bid them farewell and send them forth with God's blessing!

In Christ,
Pastor Steven

Thanks and Giving Ministry! As a congregation, we will worship God through acts of service in the Hastings community on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Through **Thanks and Giving!**, we as a congregation will serve gourmet, 'brown bag' lunches to people who will be working on Thanksgiving Day at select community services and employments such as police and fire departments. Each meal will contain a turkey sandwich on croissant bread, baby carrots, potato chips, and a dessert of fruit cocktail. Everyone at LCGS is invited to participate in this ministry! I will be applying for a Thrivent Action Team grant for financial funding for this ministry. LCGS volunteers will be needed for about an hour on Thanksgiving Day beginning at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall to make the sandwiches, assemble the sacks, and distribute the lunches. Prayers of gratitude are needed for this ministry and for the people we will serve. Look for further information about **Thanks and Giving Ministry!** in the coming weeks or speak with me as we prepare to give thanks to God by serving others!

Pastor Steven

You are invited to Thanksgiving Eve worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Glenvil, Nebraska on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm. St. Paul is one of the congregations of our South Central Prairie Cluster of the Nebraska Synod. St. Paul is located at 6075 East Assumption Road in Glenvil, Nebraska.

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 4! To commemorate All Saints Sunday, you are invited to write the names of saints in your life, both living and deceased, on the new All Saints banner in the narthex. Please use the fabric markers provided when writing the names of saints. The banner will be in the narthex from Oct. 21st – Oct. 28th. The banner will be displayed in worship on Sunday, November 4. You are also invited to bring framed, table-top photographs of family, friends and loved ones to honor on All Saints Sunday.
Pastor Steven

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Dirks
- 3 Sherrill Mesecher
- 6 Russ Sealey
- 7 Bonnie Detter
- 8 Gladys Ostrander
- 10 Natalie Augustin
- 13 Judy Schnuerle
- 18 Cathy Klein
Brayden Adrian
- 20 Ross Struss
- 23 Connie Cramer
- 26 Braxton Adrian
Justin Ostrander
- 29 Michael Hitchcock

November Anniversaries

- 8 Corey & Laura Stutte
- 12 Bob & Arvelyn Loudon

Mary/Martha Circle meets Tuesday, November 6th at 12:30 pm at church in the narthex. Joyce Grothen will hostess and Mona Mueller will lead the lesson.

Sarah Circle meets Monday, November 5th at 6:30 pm at church. Varena Kloepper will hostess and Kathy Witt will lead the lesson.

Esther Circle meets Monday, November 12th at 7:30 pm at church. Dianne Mullins and Courtney Peeler will hostess and Jerri Haussler will lead the lesson.

Thank you Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for all you did to make Autumn Renewal such a special day. The lunch was delicious & the afternoon snacks were a special treat for us as we left& the doughnuts & rolls started the day off.

Thanks again, God Bless You!

Nancy Johnson

As the holiday season approaches, let us remember those who are alone and may be struggling this time of year. Give the best gift—your time--and go visit!

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Most people think that Hospice and Palliative Care are the same thing, but they are actually quite different. Hospice is considered when a person has a terminal or life-limiting illness (usually 6 months or less). Hospice team members include doctors, therapists, dietitians, bath aides, social workers, nurses, and other specialists that are needed to maintain quality of life. Hospice doesn't replace patient's caregivers, it actually enhances the care of the person. Counseling (spiritual, emotional, bereavement) is provided. Palliative Care, on the other hand, focuses on symptom management of serious or chronic illnesses. Most people think of it as end of life care, but it is meant for anyone with a serious or chronic illness. Palliative Care does not have the multiple resources available like Hospice does. Think of it more as an education piece. Patients keep their current doctors and the Palliative team works with the doctor, patient, and family. If you have questions about either Hospice or Palliative Care, contact Mary Lanning Healthcare.

To All Veterans
The Parish Life Committee has made plans to honor all veterans during the church service on November 11th. Please contact the church office at 402-463-2087 or Mona at 402-463-1644 with your name, branch of service and date of service.
Thank you,
The Parish Life Committee (worship)

November Worship Schedule 9:00 am

- November 4th Worship/Communion
- November 11th Worship/Noisy
- November 18th Worship/Communion
- November 25th Worship/Noisy

Sunday School 10:15 am

- November 4th The Ten Commandments
- November 11th The Battle of Jericho
- November 18th Naomi and Ruth
- November 25th Thanksgiving weekend— No Sunday School



The office will be updating the **Member Directory for 2019**. The current directory pages will be on a clipboard in the narthex, please make any changes necessary. If you have no changes please put an ok by your last name.

Have you ever heard of a Thankoffering service? Wonder how it all got started? Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection. Thus was born the Thankoffering service.

Women of the ELCA Thankoffering

Thankofferings are a [long-standing custom](#) among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

Today Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization. Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, including our triennial conventions, the work of your elected churchwide board, the annual conference of synodical presidents, our communications ministries, justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

We will participate in this annual Thankoffering by receiving your gifts on Sunday, November 18th during the 9:00 am worship service. A special envelope for this offering can be found in your church mailbox.

How will you say thanks today?

Blessing of the quilts: The personal care, baby care, school, & fabric kits have been assembled and packed and readied for shipment. Don't miss worship on Sunday, November 4th when the past year's quilts that have been created by dedicated quilt makers will be displayed on the pews. This is a chance to see & feel these quilts which will be blessed before being packed and shipped.

Quilts and kits are frequently a component of relief efforts and provide basic necessities to help communities regroup after a major storm or natural disaster. Lutherans in the United States have been supporting our neighbors around the world since 1945. With tracking now available, we receive information with the destination where the kits and quilts that were created and assembled by Good Shepherd are sent.

The next step is to move these items from 1338 N. Saunders Ave to the warehouse in St. Paul, Minnesota where they are shipped to all parts of the world. A trucking company donates the transfer from Kearney to the warehouse. This year on November 4th, we will receive a back door offering to contribute to the Lutheran World Relief Fund used for shipping these items from the warehouse to the needed destinations.

Women of the ELCA brings our mission and purpose to life through three expressions – our congregational units, our synodical women's organizations and our churchwide organization. Together, we mobilize women to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ – to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and actions, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3:15 pm Exercise 4:30 pm Yoga	2	3 8:30 am— 12:00 all congregation outside clean- up day
4 9:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Forum	5 3:15 pm Exercise 4:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Sarah Circle	6 Election Day 10:00 am Bible Study meets in the narthex 12:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle meets in the narthex	7 1:00 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Con- firmation din- ner 6:00 –8:00 pm Confirmation class	8 1:30 pm Open Table 3:15 pm Exercise 4:30 pm Yoga	9	10
11 9:00 am Worship//Noisy 10:00 am Blood pressure screen- ing 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Forum	12 3:15 pm Exercise 4:30 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Fi- nance Comm. 7:30 pm Esther Circle	13 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Wor- ship Team mtg.	14 1:00 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm HMT meeting	15 3:15 pm Exercise 4:30 pm Yoga	16	17
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25 9:00 am Worship/Noisy No Sunday School 10:30 am No Adult Forum	26 3:15 pm Exercise No Yoga	27 9:30 am Newsletter articles due 10:00 am Bible Study at Homestead 7:00 pm Property Com- mittee mtg.	28 1:00 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Prayer Shawl	29 3:15 pm Exercise 4:30 pm Yoga	30	

November 2018 Worship Assistants

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Assistant	Hospitality	Sound System	Communion Set/Clean Up
Nov. 4	Rae & Jessi Northrup	Earl & Dianne Mullins	Diane Anstine	Andrew Peeler	Andrew & Courtney Peeler	Libby Florian	Libby Florian	Joyce Grothen
Nov. 11	Margaret Stumpf & Dorothy Refsell	Jim & Shirley Meers	Jerri Haussler	Addison Cass		Witt's & Kauk's	Randy Witt	
Nov. 18	Dale & Mona Mueller	Gary & Betty Aadland	Mona Mueller	Evan Struss	Libby Florian	Jim & Shirley Meers	Rae & Jessi Northrup	
Nov. 25	Babz Moffatt	Tim Cass	Libby Florian	Addison & Ian Cass		Margaret Stumpf & Stephanie Hagemeyer		