

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

January 2022

That You May Believe

What's the purpose of Scripture? John 20:30-31 describes why John wrote his Gospel, and it summarizes the entirety of the Scripture. "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (ESV). In other words, though the Bible only begins to describe what God is like and what he does, the whole point of the Bible is that we can believe in Jesus as the Christ. This is what brings us life.

This is why I've been having brief children's lessons based on the Catechism. It helps the entire congregation, which consists partly of children, to remember what Jesus has done and taught. It puts a little chunk of that teaching into very specific terms that we can take home with us. And to make it easier for us to follow through during the week, we're going to put the portion of the Catechism for the week into the bulletin for your continued reflection, discussion, and growth.

Should Christ's people learn to pray better? We sure should! If you take a poll of people and ask them about their prayer life, virtually everyone will confess to a need to pray more or better. Do specific prayers sometimes seem like a closed book? Notice that we're starting to put the Collect of the Day (the opening prayer which gathers up ideas from all the Scriptures of the week) in the bulletin. If you have doubts about how to pray, walk through the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Collect. You won't go wrong!

January Church Events

- 1.4 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 1.4 2:00 pm Heritage Hall Church Service
- 1.9 Church Council meets after service
- 1.10 1:00 pm Womens Guild meet
- 1.11 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 1.18 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 1.23 Quarterly Congregation Meeting after service with carry in meal.
- 1.25 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "That You May Believe"
(led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study:
"Our Way Home – A Journey through the Lord's
Prayer" (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on non-Communion
Sundays, during the Sermon.

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We're also kicking off a new Adult Bible Class series. Who can come to the Adult Bible Class? Anyone who doesn't have a youth Sunday school class. No gray hair is required. In fact, no hair is required at all! The study is called "That You May Believe." It's a topical study, with a new topic each week. Every week we'll have a handout with some leading questions, Bible passages to study, and key ideas. We'll also plan on having the upcoming week's handout available for those who wish to study ahead and come with ideas and questions already cooking!

What's the point of all this? It's so that Christ's people can believe, ever better, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God! In this way, believing, we receive life in His name. And as we grow in Him, we become more and more comfortable bringing His Word into all areas of our lives. Jesus has met our greatest need, for forgiveness of sin. He gives life and salvation. This is the good news for you, for me, and for every last person we know.

May the Word of God dwell in you richly! Let's learn and grow together!

Pastor Spotts

Helping Others

Shepherd Supply

**Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only
contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)**

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer will be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and clean dry plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Please make sure your jugs are clean and dry inside.

2021 Centralia Adopt a Family

The Good Shepherd high school youth would like to thank everyone for your generous support again this year. God's blessings to you all.



Lutheran Family & Children's Services "Season of Sharing"

There is still time to show your support if you haven't already done so. LFCS appreciates everything we do to help out. Thank you all!

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 
2 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	3	4 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am 2:00pm Heritage Hall Church Service	5	6	7	8
9 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church Church Council meets After Worship service	10 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	11 No Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	12	13	14	15
16 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	17	18 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	19	20	21	22
23 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church Quarterly Congregation Meeting after service	24	25 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	26	27	28	29
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January Birthdays

*Happy
Birthday*

Nataniel Mahieu	1.2
Verda Adkisson	1.4
Tim Billings	1.12
Garon Stowers	1.14
Audrey Seider	1.15
Ella Smith	1.15
Kim Decker	1.16
Danny Nadler	1.18



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

January

January 2

"Gospel Power for Personal Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

No one likes to wait! Hear God's promises for impatient people.

(Luke 2:40-52)

January 9

"Facing Rejection"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Luke 3:1-22)

January 16

"Hazed and Confused"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us.

(Luke 4:1-37)

January 23

"Caught"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Luke 4:38 - 5:16)

January 30

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

January Calendar

January 2: Second Sunday After Christmas
Text: Luke 2:40-52

January 9: The Baptism of Our Lord
Text: Luke 3:15-22

January 16: Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: John 2:1-11

January 23: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Luke 4:16 -30

January 30: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Luke 4:31- 44

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236

Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230

Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497

Board of Trustees

Kathy Dickey (573) 489-3421

John Briggs (573) 424-2257

Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling
Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

November 28

Attendance	54
Current	\$ 1,444.00
Building	\$ 416.40

Total \$ 1,860.40

December 5

Attendance	53
Current	\$ 2,890.00
Building	\$ 305.00

Total \$ 3,195.00

December 12

Attendance	73
Current	\$ 1,998.00
Building	\$ 140.00

Total \$ 2,138.00

December 19

Attendance	48
Current	\$ 5,880.00
Building	\$ 255.00

Total \$ 6,135.00

December 26

Attendance	32
Current	\$ 785.00
Building	\$ 376.40

Total \$ 1,161.00

Current

10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building

100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

Special Services

		Attendance
11/24/21	Thanksgiving Eve	\$240.00 20
12/1/21	Advent Service	\$262.00 31
12/8/21	Advent Service	\$246.00 32
12/15/21	Advent Service	\$165.00 10
12/22/21	Advent Service	\$ 95.00 17
12/24/21	Christmas Eve Service	\$464.00 73

Other November/December Deposits

11/28/21	Sr Youth Pie Fundraiser	\$240.00
12/5/21	Operation Christmas Child	\$65.00
12/5/21	LWML CPH Order reimb.	\$81.98
12/12/21	Sr. Youth	\$70.00
12/19/21	December Volleyball usage	\$120.00
12/19/21	LWML CPH Order reimb.	\$60.00
12/19/21	Boone Electric Capital Credit Fund	\$84.76
12/26/21	LWML CPH Order reimb.	\$89.00
12/26/21	Christmas Treat Bags	\$20.00
12/26/21	Ministerial Alliance	\$100.00

(In Honor of Ed & Ernestine Ramsey)



Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd.
Sign up and register at: www.churchupdates.org

The 2022 Congregation offices needed

The nominating committee is looking for members who are willing to serve the congregation in the following roles: **Elder, President**, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and **Trustee**. Our current Financial Secretary and current Recording Secretary have agreed to run again for those positions. The other positions will need nominees. A description of the responsibilities for each position can be found printed in a handout on the narthex table. If you would like to serve or have questions about serving, **please contact one of the nominating committee members: Ann Seider, Alane Gronfeld or Jon Hoek.**

The next congregation meeting is January 23, right after worship services. We will have a carry-in/potluck lunch right before the meeting.



SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Mark Ramsey – son of Ed Ramsey diagnosed with Covid; **Dana Goings** – Co-worker of Kathy Dickey battling cancer; **Iris Chrystal** – sister of Kim Decker and sister in-law of Verda Adkisson; **Verda Adkisson; Linda Benoit** – battling cancer; **Bryan Cornett** battling Bladder cancer; **Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Erica Cornett; Palmyra Dubbert; Terry Decker; Jane St. John; Darleen Wiederhold** – sister of Roy Richterkessing; **Chloe Decker; Joanne Bettenhausen; Mary Brechler; Pastor Kriete; Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** –daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey**; Community: **Father Mike Coleman.**

ARMED FORCES

Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Hoek Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay; Jeremy Mitchell.**

2022 National Youth Gathering



Christina Gronefeld



The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 9, 2022 - July 13, 2022 in Houston, Texas under the theme "In All Things." The Youth Gathering is held every three years and provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

Thanks to everyone who supported our High School Youth November Homemade Pie Fundraiser!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!