

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS October 2024



Over 80 years of History!

The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)** was established in 1942 as the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

With the launch of our new logo in 2023, we are shifting away from the acronym **LWML** and towards the descriptive phrase **Lutheran Women in Mission**. Past President Gloria Edwards championed the phrase during her term, and in 1998 it became the official doing-business-as (DBA) name for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. That's over 25 years ago!

Lutheran Women in Mission: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday we remember our past and look to the future.

Mites, Missions, and Mustard Seeds:

Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the **Mite Box** is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. The Mite Box box is more than just a symbol of God's provision — it's a reminder that your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. You can also donate online at lwml.org/donate-online to make giving easy!

Making an impact at home and abroad! As Lutheran Women in Mission, we know it's an honor to serve God by serving others. We serve local organizations with Gifts from the Heart, Mission Service Activities, and Special Offerings. And through a careful selection process, we choose mission grant recipients from around the world each biennium. Starting with one grant of \$15,000 our mission grant goal continues to grow each biennium. **In 2023, a Mission Goal of \$2,350,000 was approved to fund 31 grants.**

The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly insignificant can have a powerful impact. Like the analogy, our **Mustard Seed Daily Devotions** are short devotions, small seeds of faith, that are great for your spiritual growth, and are easy to sow by sharing with friends.

Join us for the next chapter of the journey!

Membership is available to any woman who is a communicant member of a congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Learn more about how to get involved at lwml.org/membership.

October Church Events

- 10.01 Elders Meeting 7 pm
- 10.02 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.02 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 10.06 OCC Craft Day following worship – with lunch
- 10.08 **Ministerial Alliance at Good Shepherd noon**
- 10.09 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.09 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 10.10 Heritage Hall 2 pm
- 10.13 **Church council follows worship**
- 10.14 LWML Meeting 1 pm
- 10.16 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.16 Worship Committee 4:30 pm
- 10.16 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 10.20 **LWML Sunday**
- 10.20 Pastor's Conference at Lake of the Ozarks
- 10.23 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.23 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 10.26 GSLC 66th Anniversary
- 10.27 **Voter's Meeting following service**
- 10.27 **Hot Dogs/Bonfire/Hayride w/Campus 4:30 pm**
- 10.30 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 10.30 ZOOM Prayer Group 8 pm
- 10.31 Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning "
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church is offered on non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon for children age 4 through 4th grade.

PET PROJECT

Pick up will be arranged by calling when we have items ready. At this time, they will no longer be accepting 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.

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Monday – Thursday 9-12 OR by appointment
Contact 573-682-3941

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CRAFT DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
AFTER WORSHIP – 4:00PM

THESE ARE THE THINGS WE WILL BE MAKING.
OR BRING A FAVORITE CRAFT FROM HOME.



ITEMS NEEDED:

SCISSORS

RULERS

GLUE GUN

OLD T-SHIRTS (can have blemishes)

EMPTY BOTTLES (see example)

Contact Jacki or Hannah with any questions.



Pictures from OCC Craft Day August 24, 2024



Insights from Philipians Workshop on Stewardship by Reverend Heath Curtis

I found the workshop very informative and not boring! I look at budgeting in a new way after attending.

My notes from the workshop: There are 3 Holy callings in life:

Home – we are born into this vocation

Church – we are sons and daughters of the household of God

Society – Stewardship is part of the vocation as a Christian –
this includes presence in the church and support of the church.

Stewardship/tithing (pledging) is a 3 step plan – Teach – Ask – Plan Accordingly

Budget is not set on what you think might come in – budget is set on what is pledged. Planning is a 9-12 month process.

People like to go to the church that other people like to go to. Resolve to never say anything negative about your church, your pastor or the members of the congregation.

Every problem in the church will have it's answer in the Bible.

1. Teach the Small Catechism.
2. Hear what the Bible says then ask; pray.
3. Consider what God does in the church.
4. Examine yourself.
5. Decide on your proportion.

Free resources are available at lcms.org/stewardship – including the book *Stewardship Under the Cross*
The book tells the story of a real LCMS congregation and how they went from financial chaos to faithful, Lutheran, biblical stewardship.

Our giving is support for the ongoing, daily mission of our congregation.

Input from other attendees - We both enjoyed the workshop. The presentation was lively and the content was encouraging. Pastor Curtis laid out a solid Biblical plan to foster giving.

One of my favorite points in the workshop was the encouragement for congregations to have weekly Communion, which would be a great blessing for all.

RALLY DAY FUN



Many thanks to Katie Hoek and her team for another successful Sunday School year.



Thank you, Jon and Donna Hoek for smoking the meat for the pulled pork dinner. Also, thank you Donna for the pies for the pie-eating contest. Thank you, Katie for all your work planning a fun rally day!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	7	8 Ministerial Alliance at GSLC noon	9 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	10 2:00pm Heritage Hall	11	12
13 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service	14	15	16 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Worship committee at 4:30 pm ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	17	18	19
20 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion Pastor's Conference at Lake of the Ozarks	21 Pastor's conference	22 Pastor's conference	23 Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	24	25	26 GSLC 66th Anniversary
27 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service Voter's Meeting follows service 4:30 pm Hot Dog Roast w/bonfire and hayride	28	29	30 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am ZOOM Prayer Group at 9:00 pm	31 Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm	1	2 Women's Guild Craft Fair 9-1 Trivia Night 6:30 pm



October Birthdays

Ronald Borgman	10.04
Leah Cochran	10.06
Mark Nygren	10.17
Sydney Fischer	10.19
Noah Banks	10.19
Kyle Smith	10.25
Jon Hoek	10.26
Ed Ramsey	10.30
Ken Manola	10.31
Vickie Chism	10.31

October Anniversaries

Bonnie & Gentry Pemberton	10.13
Russell & Jacki Stelzer	10.18
Randall & Catherine Simmons	10.19





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

October 6

"Fit to Be Tied"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8)

October 13

"Difficult People"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life. (Genesis 31:6-7)

October 20

"Children of God--No Longer Losers"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez (Hosea 12:2-6)

October 27

"God-Struggles"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 32:28)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

October 6: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 10:2-16

October 13: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 10:17-22

October 20: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Text: Mark 10:23-31

October 27: Reformation Day

Text: John 8:31-36

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor James Lanning

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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



FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

September 1

Attendance 58
 Current \$ 3,843.00
 Building \$ 180.00

Total \$ 4,023.00

September 8

Attendance 55
 Current \$ 963.00
 Building \$ 190.00

Total \$ 1,153.00

September 15

Attendance 53
 Current \$ 1,286.00
 Building \$ 140.00

Total \$ 1,426.00

September 22

Attendance 50
 Current \$ 1,236.00
 Building \$ 540.00

Total \$ 1,776.00

September 29 (in Nov newsletter)

Attendance
 Current \$
 Building \$

Total \$

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.

Other September Deposits

09/01/24 Sunday School	\$ 8.00
09/08/24 Sunday School	\$ 2.00
09/08/24 Shared Ministry Support	\$1,250.00
09/08/24 Hall Rental	\$ 200.00
09/15/24 Sunday School	\$ 3.00
09/15/24 Partnership Grant	\$ 500.00
09/15/24 Rally Day	\$ 30.00
09/22/24 Sunday School	\$ 5.00

Offering envelopes - please use your envelopes for your church giving as much as possible. It makes things much easier for our financial secretary when counting and recording member information. If you need envelopes just let Tracy know and she can get you some. Thank you



Sponsored by GSLC Youth (grades 6 and up),
 Thursday, October 31st from 4-6 pm.

Event will be in the church parking lot – will move to the fellowship hall in the event of inclement weather.

Come with a theme-decorated trunk and treats to hand out to community kids. They do not have to be candy treats. Can also give out pretzels, snacks or small trinkets.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Robert Moss (Brenda's husband) – recently diagnosed with melanoma; **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker's daughter–injured in motorcycle accident; **Savannah Tarwater** - high risk pregnancy, baby has CDH; **Ron Borgman**; **Ryan James**–cousin of Betsy Cochran–health issues; **Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss' father–health issues; **Sherry Morse**–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Craig**–suffering with spinal stenosis–friend of Randy Simmons; **Verda Adkisson**; **Mark Blanton**–Betsy Cochran's cousin–waiting for liver transplant; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Bill & Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey**; **Jane St. John**; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - **Pastor Tim Schulte** and wife **Erin**

Community Prayers: **Father Mike Coleman**; **Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **Dylan Dick**–health issues; **David**–health issues; **Marlene**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues.

ARMED FORCES: **Brandon and Jesse Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brothers of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden**–grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CRAFT DAY – Sunday, October 6th, following worship – with lunch. Please see the information in the newsletter.

ATTENTION: YOUTH AGES 14-20

If you are interested in attending the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 19 - 25, please contact Alane Gronefeld.

The registration papers are due October 15, 2024.

This is a life changing event held every 3 years that brings together thousands of youth and adults as a community of God's people to learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

I would prefer not to take the straw bales home after the church hay ride on Oct. 27th. If anyone would like to take some home afterward, please contact me. Thank you. Curt Nadler 573-682-4541.



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