

# Shepherd News

I have been absolutely enamored with the fall colors this year. They are vibrant! That may be one blessing from all the rain that we have received. It is my understanding that fall color is not as good during dry years, where the leaves just shrivel up and fall off.

What is interesting about this process is the interaction of various pigments within the leaves. During most of the year, the green pigment (chlorophyll) masks the other pigments. But chlorophyll is one of the first pigments to break down in the fall, unmasking the other colors, which were actually there all along. It is also my understanding that a frost is needed to really get this process going to the fullest extent.

This reminds me of our spiritual condition. Our 'true' colors are exposed to the world through our actions. We may say the right things, go to church, and check off the boxes of things a Christian must do, but our true colors come out in our everyday lives, in the way we treat each other. And just as the stress of a frost is needed to see the true colors of the tree, oftentimes our true colors become exposed during times of stress. We may be nice when things are going well, but come unglued when we are stressed.

Because we are all sinful by nature, our true colors are really determined by the extent we allow the Holy Spirit to reign in our lives. Paul writes:

*<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.*  
**Galatians 5:22-25**

And the Spirit within us remains strong through Bible Study and participation in Holy Communion. May the colors of the Holy Spirit shine vividly and brightly in us this fall.

~Pastor Ted



November, 2019



- **Daylight Savings Time** ends Nov. 3rd—set your clocks back!
- **Pizza Pick-Up** Nov. 3rd
- **Puppet Workshop** November 16th from 2-7PM (p. 5)
- **Feed My Starving Children** Nov 20th at 5:30PM (p. 4)
- **Sunday School Children** sing at 10:45AM service Nov. 24th
- **Teddy Bear Band** Nov 24th at 2:00PM (p. 3)

## MEN ENJOY RETREAT “UP NORTH”

The 2019 Men's Retreat was held the end of September at Anderson's Horseshoe Bay Lodge near Walker, MN.

Continuing on from the presentation by Dr. Rob Carter, we were lead through a Bible Study that focused on Noah and the Ark and information that



corroborated the Bible's account of the story of Noah. The Bible study lead to many engaging discussions that expanded each of our faith and knowledge.

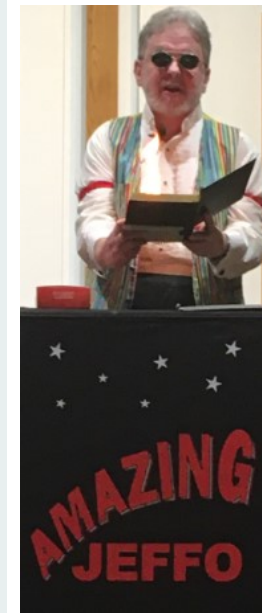
When we weren't in Bible Study, we enjoyed a beautiful Saturday afternoon golfing and fishing and holding to the high standards of a Men's Retreat by indulging in multiple forms of smoked pork. For the record, we did enjoy the other white meat (chicken) on Friday night.

God blessed us with a wonderful weekend of weather and fellowship. Mark your calendars, we have already set the date for next year.... September 18th – 20th, 2020 and we have a place waiting for you.



### WORSHIP SERVE GROW CONNECT

Have you thought about how you can **Worship, Serve, Grow and Connect**. Here at Good Shepherd? Turn to page 7 to see some of the ministries that exist at Good Shepherd and how to join one.



### MESSAGE OF PURPOSE SHARED

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Good Shepherd hosted the *Amazing Jeffo-not the typical blind magician*.

For over 15 years Jeff has performed magical shows even though he is blind. He knew that God had big plans and a purpose for him.

He uses his gift of magic to share the word of God with others. Thirty-four kids and adults heard his message including how to be a great witness for God and that nothing is impossible with the help of God.





## JOIN US FOR THE CONVERSATION

Lifetree Café is a weekly opportunity to meet with others in conversation over a cup of coffee. Current event topics and relative issues are presented in a well-done video presentation and provide an opportunity to have a conversation with others. Everyone is invited!

Join us any Tuesday at 7:00PM or Thursday at 10:30AM (same topic each time, different topic each week.)

- Week of 11/3 - **"Has God Left the Building? An hour of honest conversation about the church."**
- Week of 11/10 - **"Zzzzz.... Practical help for getting a better night's sleep."**
- Week of 11/17 - **"Make a Difference Now: Discoveries Choose to be extraordinary."**
- Week of 11/24 - **"A Day in the Life of the Hidden Homeless: A mother's struggle to keep her family together."** NO LIFETREE ON THANKSGIVING



## WHY DO WE?

What is **All Saint's Day** and why do we celebrate it?

"On November 1st we celebrate All Saints' Day. It is also sometimes referred to as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. "Saints" are all true believers on earth and in heaven, both living and dead. However, in the Lutheran Confessions, the departed ones do not hold a higher "position" in the Church.

We do not pray to the departed Saints, as God commanded we are only to worship and pray to the one true God, the Triune God. Some are revered for the role they served in Christ's Church, but just as all true believers today, each is just another sinner washed in the blood of Christ.

A person is given the title of "saint" when through faith given by the Holy Spirit, they believe Christ is their Lord and Savior, and they are saved solely by His complete atonement for their sins. In our celebration, we remember those who have died in Christ with the hope of salvation and redemption by his grace.

We are thankful for the blessings the departed saints we knew brought to our lives. We also remember the Christian faithful from all generations. We are all members of the same family with them, as we confess in the Apostles Creed to our belief in "The Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints".

All Saints' Day is a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who by His holy life and death redeemed the lost and made them saints through Holy Baptism and faith in Him. The altar cloths are white for All Saints' Day."

Pastor Glen Bohmer—<http://www.trinitysv.com/?p=3305>



Teddy Bear Band's purpose is to provide children's entertainment, children's music and children's products that encourage each child to participate and interact in developmentally appropriate ways. They strive to help children gain and maintain a positive sense of self, as well as an appreciation of their own abilities by interacting, and rocking out, with the Teddy Bear Band.

**At Good Shepherd on:**  
**Sunday, November 24th at 2:00PM.**  
**FREE! Invite your friends!**

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Good Shepherd will be serving at *Feed My Starving Children* on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30 p.m. We are looking for 65 people to help serve that night. If you are interested please sign up in the church lobby by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.



## SERVE BULLETIN BOARD

In **November** we will be focusing on *Feed My Starving Children & Operation Christmas Child*. Check out more information at the *Serve* table.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Follow your box!**  
After you've filled your box, you can follow it to see where it ends up!  
**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

## SERVE-ING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

At Good Shepherd we focus on serving others. We can be the hands and feet of Christ in many ways.

We will also be highlighting a ministry or two per month as we offer the chance to serve through our time, talents and treasures.

In November we are highlight **Feed My Starving Children & Operation Christmas Child**.

### Upcoming:

- *December—Gift Card Collection*
- *January—Food for the Poor*
- *February—St. Andrew's Family Shelter*
- *March—Bible Sticks for Military*
- *April—Safe Families*

## SERVE BY BEAUTIFYING THE SANCTUARY



Celebrate the memory of a loved one, a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion by sponsoring the altar flowers. Sign up at the *Connect* Center to purchase flowers for the altar area each week. You will be contacted regarding payment and who you would like to honor or remember to be printed in the bulletin. A bouquet costs \$25 and you can sponsor one or both in the week you select. These flowers will be ordered through the church office from Hummingbird Floral in Shoreview and delivered to Good Shepherd.

*The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come.* Song of Solomon 2:12

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Shoebox gifts are a way to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### Children's Ministry: Sunday School

Sunday School is so much fun! Each week the kids get to sing and having lessons that show them how amazing our God is. Soon we will be starting new lessons called *Enduring Faith* from Concordia Publishing House. These lessons focus on Bible teaching and life application.

Now through December the Sunday School kids will be raising money to purchase a water buffalo through Heifer International. If you would like to help support this mission please put your donation in the **jar on the Connect Center** in the lobby. So far, we have raised \$98.76 out of the \$250. Thanks for your generosity!

Just a reminder that we have the mystery box the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to sign up please contact [Melanie Appelquist](#).

### Children's Ministry: Kids for Christ

**Kids for Christ** (formerly Each Day Club) is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him.

Every part of Kids for Christ-Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation-all connect to teach life lessons to kids.

Kids for Christ is for kids **Kindergarten-5th grade** on **Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:30PM**. Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends, neighbors, or grandkids.

If you have any questions contact [Melanie](#). It has been so much fun! We have 13-14 kids attending each week! They are learning about the Bible and missions. We are even supporting a missionary family in South Asia.



**PUPPET WORKSHOP** Saturday, November 16  
from 2:00-7:00PM. Sign up in the lobby!

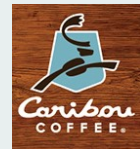


*The Sunday School children will sing at the 10:45AM service on November 24th.*

*Mark your calendars- Good Shepherd Christmas Program featuring the Sunday School kids will be on December 15th at 9:45AM.*

**AN EASY WAY TO SERVE OUR YOUTH!**

Consider donating a Caribou gift card in support of the **Bible & Brew** youth opportunity!



*(Drop them in the Connect Center drop box.)*

*Youth! Mark your calendars for the **first Sunday of the month at noon**. An event will be planned each month especially for you. Join your friends for a fun afternoon!*

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Ted will offer a New Member Class on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00PM in the Lobby. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Good Shepherd family is welcome to attend.

### SPECIAL SERVICES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. We are looking forward to special services to celebrate.

**Thanksgiving Eve** (with pie social) 11/27—7:00PM  
**Advent Services** 12/4, 12/11, 12/18—7:00PM  
**Christmas Eve** 12/24—5:00PM  
**Christmas Day** 12/25—10:00AM

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study is held on various Monday Nights (at the same time as the Women's Monday night study).

The men are continuing an interesting study of the parallel Gospels. They spend time understanding how the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each have accounts of the same story and how they vary and how they connect.

The men meet in Conference Room B in the Lower Level.  
**All men are welcome to join!**



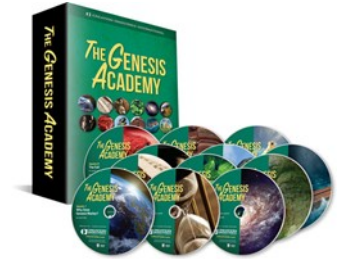
### Session Dates for 2019

November 11  
December 9

## THE GENESIS ACADEMY

### Spiritual Growth Opportunity

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30  
Lifetree Café area  
This study ends on 11/20.



Many believers are excited to learn more to be equipped to face skeptical challenges aiding in evangelism. This new 12-part course will teach you just that. Click [here](#) to see more about this study.

All the presentations have high quality visuals and footage. The hope is that this will become an essential learning tool for everyone at Good Shepherd. Why? Because it is so important to get a correct understanding of the Bible's foundational chapters right—and this series achieves just that!

Scott Gillis	Why Does Genesis Matter?
Dr Jonathan Sarfati	Introduction to Genesis: Author, date, structure, genre
Gary Bates	Day 1: The creation of the world
Keaton Halley	Days 2 and 3: The creation of dry land and plants
Dr Jonathan Sarfati	Day 4: The creation of light-givers
Dr Robert Carter	Days 5 & 6: The creation of air, sea, and land creatures
Gary Bates	Day 6: The creation of mankind
Joel Tay	The Fall: A cosmic catastrophe
<b>11/6 Dr Jonathan Sarfati</b>	<b>The Pre-Flood World</b>
<b>11/13 Dr Robert Carter</b>	<b>Noah's Flood and Billions of Years</b>
<b>11/13 Keaton Halley</b>	<b>Noah's Flood and the Ark</b>
<b>11/20 Dr Robert Carter</b>	<b>The Post-Flood World</b>

Please join us on **any** Wednesday night at 6:00PM.

## SERVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Have you been wondering how to get 'plugged in' at Good Shepherd? One good way is to offer your time and talents on a ministry team. Working side by side with your brothers and sisters in Christ is an excellent way to build friendships.

**A few of the ministries that currently could use your help:**

### Praise Team



This group of musicians love music and love the Lord and provide a weekly worship experience at the 10:45 service. They are in need of additional voices and if you play an instrument it's a bonus! (Drummers are especially needed!)

### Usher Team

If you have a heart to help people get the most out of their worship experience, this ministry is for you. Handing out bulletins, ushering during communion and collecting our offerings are part of Usher tasks. Ushers are especially needed at the 8:30 service.

### Greeter Team

Do you enjoy making people feel at home? Good Shepherd would like to re-establish the Greeter Team. We need 3-4 people at each service; one to be available at each of the two entrances, and someone to be stationed at the Connect Center to assist people with questions. You can work before whichever service you like to attend.

### Counting Team

Are you good with numbers? The counting team could use additional members. On this team you are teamed with one other person to count the offering one time per month.



### Coffee Connection

Do you love coffee? Be a part of the Coffee Connection team. Make coffee and clean up on Sunday mornings. We serve Fair Trade, delicious coffee.

Please contact [Ann](#) in the office and she will put you in touch with the appropriate ministry leader. Check this space each month for other ways you can serve.

*"It was easier to really get connected with others when I volunteered with a ministry." Ann Wellmann*



Did you know you can build an Operation Christmas Child box online?!

[Start Building!](#)



Remember you can support our youth in many ways. See the [website!](#)

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## Women's Ministry

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Good Shepherd has a number of opportunities for women to be in fellowship, to serve, and to study God's Word.

**WINGS** (Women in God's Service) meets monthly and completes multiple fundraising and service opportunities at Good Shepherd and across the world through **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League).

**Advent by Candlelight** is a wonderful opportunity during Advent to meet with other women to prepare our hearts for Christmas and enjoy delicious desserts. December 15th. More information to follow.

**The Quilting Group** group meets 3-4 times per month. They make quilts to donate to ministries and pillows to donate to soldiers. See article on page 9.

*"The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman."*  
Elisabeth Elliot

## WOMEN'S GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

### Monday Evening

This Bible study will be tackling the Book of James using the DVD material from Beth Moore entitled **James: Mercy Triumphs**. Join us on the following Mondays from 6:30-8:00PM in the Lifetree Café area.

November 11 December 9 January 13 & 27

Looking ahead to February of 2020: **Altogether Beautiful: A Study of Song of Songs**

### Tuesday Morning

This Bible Study will be studying the book by Douglas Connelly entitled *Miracles: Signs of God's Glory*. Contact Charlene Behne if you are interested in joining. See article on the left.

### Wednesday Morning

**First Place for Health** at 9:30AM. Questions? Check with Lisa Ost, Cathy Netland or Lissa Marcello.

### Saturday Morning

**Breakfast, Bibles, and Blessings** at 9:30AM. Next session is January 25, 2020.

### Looking Ahead:

The Women's Retreat will again be held at Heartwood Retreat Center in Trego, WI, Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2nd. Mark your 2020 calendar!

### LADIES' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Tuesday morning Bible study is studying "Miracles: Signs of God's Glory" by Douglas Connelly.

We meet in the Lifetree Café' area from 9:30-11:00AM.

All ladies are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.

### November Dates

5th, 12th, & 19th

## WINGS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

**WINGS (Women in God's Service)** will hold its annual "Craft and Bake Sale" on Saturday December 7th from 9:00AM-1:00PM and Sunday, December 8th between services.

Please consider donating crafts or baked goods for this activity. The proceeds will be used for Mission and Outreach Activities.

Items to be included in the sale may be dropped off at the church on:

- Thursday, December 5th from 9:00AM-3:00PM
- Thursday December 5th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Friday, December 6th from 9:30AM-2:30PM

Please price your items or we can do it for you. Items unsold will be returned to the person who donated them. Please label your containers accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.



## WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE



**WINGS (Women in God's Service)** will meet on Thursday, November 21st at 6:30PM in the Lifetree Café area.

Program for the evening is "**Bread of Life.**" Hostess for the evening is Elvera Sachs.

All ladies are invited to attend.

We will hold our meetings in 2020 on the third Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:00AM. Please put those dates on your calendar and come and join us. You're always welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 764-784-8320.

## QUILTING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Join us as we continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and other purposes, and to make pillows for our soldiers.

No experience is required. Quilts are given to those who need encouragement and a reminder of how much they are loved and cared for by Jesus Christ and that He is always with them as they travel along life's journey.

If you would like to help or provide material, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 or just come on the designated Thursday evenings.

The 44 quilts on display in the Sanctuary on LWML Sunday in October were given to the LCMS Prison Ministry and Crossing Home. They said they would be very useful as the cold weather approaches.

### November Dates

7th & 14th

**Time:** 6:30-8:00PM

**Place:** Lower Level—Sunday School area

## PRAYER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Praying in daily life is as important as breathing. Just as we all need oxygen to live, we need God's presence in us for us to be fully alive.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to re-

solve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." Oswald Chambers, Scottish teacher, writer and minister, 1874-1917.



**Next Prayer Meeting—  
November 10th at 6:00PM  
in the Lobby. Join us!**

## MOMS IN PRAYER

Do you worry about your children? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer International (formerly Moms In Touch), gathers moms together to pray for God to transform our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation?

Please contact Leanne Abraham at 651-766-7442 or [MIPICentennial@gmail.com](mailto:MIPICentennial@gmail.com) for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer International visit their [website](#).

## SUBMIT A PRAYER / BECOME A PRAYER WARRIOR

### **Do you need prayer or know of someone who does?**

1. On Sunday, fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew) and place it in the offering plate during the offering. OR
2. Go to the [website](#) and click on "Prayer Request" at the top. OR
3. [Email](#) or Phone (763-784-8417) your request in.

### **Would you like to be on the prayer team?**

You will be added to the email list and receive prayer reminders through email. You can pray in your private prayer time. Send an [email](#) to the office indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.

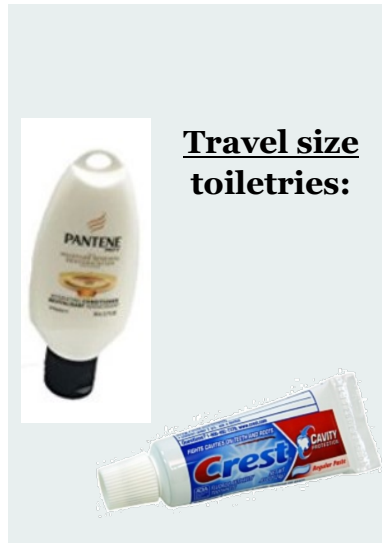
## CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others. Good Shepherd volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15. Thank you to everyone for your generous volunteer support and contributions.

Good Shepherd is collecting monthly food items (**November is TRAVEL SIZE personal items** toothpaste, small lotions, shampoo, etc. **NO mouth-wash**). There is a drop box for donations located by the coat rack in the lobby. If you would like to make a financial donation to the local food shelf, please make checks payable to: Centennial Community Food Shelf and mail to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf  
c/o Gethsemane United Methodist Church  
7330 Lake Dr  
Lino Lakes MN 55014

The Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building). Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651-484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.



**Travel size toiletries:**

### Monthly Ministries:

- **Feed My Starving Children**
- **Operation Christmas Child**

Learn more about these ministries in the Lobby.

### Remember:

- Pickup Heggie's Pizza Sunday, 11/3
- Check out the altar flower calendar at the *Connect* Center and reserve your date today
- New Member class on Tuesday, 11/5—7:00PM

## SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

**Sunday, November 10th** is **New Member Installation**. Join us to welcome those who have become members of Good Shepherd.

Sign up in the lobby to volunteer **Feed My Starving Children** on Wednesday, November 20th. This is an **all-church** event for ages Kindergarten and up.

**Teddy Bear Band** will be performing at November's Connect & Invite event on Sunday, November 24th at 2:00PM.

**Thanksgiving Worship** will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00PM. Join us as we give thanks and praise to our creator and savior.

Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 29th the office is closed.

*November's "theme" item is TRAVEL SIZE toiletries!*

## ELECTRONIC GIVING—A SIMPLE WAY TO GIVE!

**Thanks Giving made simple** – This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Good Shepherd this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, give yourself the gift of no longer having to write a check each Sunday.

Sign up for "Simply Giving" a convenient electronic giving option that allows donations to be made on a scheduled, automatic basis. To set up electronic donations, simply complete an Authorization Form and place it in the Drop Box, both are located at the Connect .

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

*A convenient, consistent way to help your church grow.*

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