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Start Every Day with a Grateful Heart!

The leaves are falling and falling and falling. The pumpkins are out. Soon, it will beThanksgiving. I know, you probably thought that soon it will be Christmas. Let's not rush things and miss the importance of Thanksgiving in our lives.

William Law in 1729 wrote: "Would you know Him who is the greatest saint? It is not he who prays the most or fasts the most; it is not he who gives Alms, but it he who is always thankful to God, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it."

In this month of November, we are focusing our attention and our worship on Stewardship as we consider our calling to offer our Father the First Fruits of our lives. The foundation of all this is rooted in our gratitude for all that He has given us. True joy is found when we take time to give thanks and acknowledge in our giving that all that we have is from His fatherly and loving hand. "It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." (David Steindl-Rast)

In our kitchen, we have a sign hanging above the cabinets "Start every day with a Grateful heart." One can have all the riches of the world, but without a grateful heart, one's life is lived out in poverty. Even when we would prefer to skip the day ahead, there is one reason for which we can always be filled with gratitude - Him! He is our Father. He is our Savior. He is our Counselor. When we begin a day knowing this, then our entire sense of being will be one of gratitude, no matter what the day holds.

- Pastor Barry J. Keurulainen

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I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.— Matthew 19:14

The President's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have a lot of wonderful things going on at Good Shepherd. Let me start by thanking all those, all of you, who contribute to the life and vibrance of our Good Shepherd Congregational Family!

Let me start by highlighting our Preschool and Ashley Miller, Preschool Director. I have been helping at the Preschool by doing Chapel on Tuesdays. When you walk in the building on any Preschool day, you can't help but smile and be impressed. Ashley is full of energy and enthusiasm. She and the incredible Team of Teachers and Aids are not only teaching fundamental skills, but they are also instilling Christian principles into these young children.

The work of LWML, the Buildings & Grounds Team, the Altar Guild, and so on allows our Congregation to continue to provide for the needs of our Parishioners. We are blessed by our Church Services. How fortunate we are that Regina has joined us to take over at the Organ to replace Joan. Jeremy and Jeff are such a talent. Their music touches the heart and soothes the Soul. And isn't it sweet when Piper and Ella and Amy are able to join Jeremy. And thank you to Kaleb for his work in the loft to manage the screens and livestream the Service. I'm sure you agree with me that the teaching and preaching of Pastor Barry is food for the soul that is deep in wisdom and rich in love.

We have called a Seminarian. His name is Joshua Makey. His wife's name is Sarah. A Congregational Call Meeting was held on October 9th. The meeting was well attended. Once a decision is made by the Seminary and Josh is certified by the Board of Presidents, we will await his decision on whether to accept our Call. We anticipate that Josh will accept our Call and will be available to begin his Ministry at Good Shepherd sometime in Jan. 2023.

First Fruits Sunday is recognition of the wonderful gifts we each have been given by God. We ask that you consider an extra offering that equates to a tithe (10% of your income) for one week. This is part of our Stewardship effort that will afford us the ability to fund a full time Pastor.

These are exciting times at Good Shepherd. Advent is coming quickly and we will once again prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. For those of you who attend regularly; thank you and please continue. For those of you who are attending periodically or not at all, please reconsider and come back and join us weekly. We need you and welcome your involvement.

Your Brother in Christ, Ray Betler

Ministry News

Preschool Notes

Thank you to all Good Shepherd members and friends who are Preschool Pals! The Preschool children have colored personalized cards for their Good Shepherd Preschool Pals. These cards will be available for distribution beginning November 6. Good Shepherd members and friends can check with the church office to receive your card.

First Fruits Focus



Giving to God FIRST. That has been the focus of our First Fruits initiative. Giving our heart to God FIRST. Giving to God FIRST in small ways. Giving to God FIRST in radical ways. Join us in the journey towards **First Fruits Sunday** on November 20, when we'll take the opportunity to test God and to test ourselves. Consider giving 10% of your income on this one Sunday. Then, examine your heart to determine your sacrificial giving going forward.

Special Holiday Food Drive for SHIM

Our collection for area food pantries continues year round with donations taken to SHIM and the Cloverleaf Foodbank. During the school year the Preschool children bring in food donations each week they have chapel. Coming **November 13—27** we'll be holding a special Thanksgiving holiday food drive to support SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement). There will be a table set up in the narthex on which to place the donated items. As we approach the holidays and give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings we have received, let us come together in community to share our blessings with others. So many people are in need this year, and SHIM is ever grateful for our contributions.

Items most needed include: dried beans and lentils, pasta sauce in jars, cereal and oatmeal, soup (especially low sodium), canned proteins (tuna, chicken, salmon, beans), beverages (juice, tea, coffee), personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), diapers sizes 3-6.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. — Philippians 2:3-4

Ladies' Ministry

LWML

The annual **Four Seasons Luncheon** is **Saturday, November 19, 12-3pm**. Each table will be decorated with a theme for one of the four seasons. We'll have lunch, a basket raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. The cost to attend is \$10. The menu will be tomato basil pasta, rolls, and a variety of desserts. See Jeannie Barone to purchase tickets in advance. Invite your family and friends, EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

If you picked up a mite box on LWML Sunday, filled boxes may be placed in the large mite collection box located in the narthex. These mite contributions help to fund district and national mission grants.

Ladies' Bible Study for Advent

Attention ladies! Join us for a 5-session Advent Bible study—*The Wonder of Advent*—beginning later this month. In this study, we'll explore each of the themes of Advent—hope, joy, peace and love, tracing the theme throughout scripture. More information, including the dates and times of the study, will be available soon.

Be sure to check goodshepherdpittsburgh.org for a live calendar and up-to-date information.



Daylight Savings Time ends November 6. Turn your clocks back.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Worship Sermon Schedule:		1	2	3	4	5
11/6—Pastor David Weeks 11/13—Pastor Barry Keurulainen 11/20—Pastor Barry Keurulainen 11/27—Pastor Barry Keurulainen		<i>4p BCAP</i> <i>6p Scrapbookers</i>	<i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	<i>4p BCAP</i> <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	<i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7p Plastic Model Society</i>	<i>8a Priv Use Hall</i> <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
6 All Saints' <i>9a SS/Adult</i> <i>Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ communion</i> <i>11:30a Bell Choir</i>	7 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	8 No School <i>4p BCAP</i>	9 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	10 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	11 <i>4p BCAP</i>	12 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
13 <i>9a SS/Adult</i> <i>Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ communion</i>	14 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7p Boy Scouts</i> <i>7p Council Mtg</i>	15 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>6p Scrapbookers</i>	16 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	17 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	18 <i>4p BCAP</i>	19 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i> <i>12p Four Seasons Lunch</i>
20 First Fruits <i>9a SS/Adult</i> <i>Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ communion</i>	21 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	22 Articles Due for Dec Newsletter <i>4p BCAP</i>	23 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	24 Thanksgiving Day — Church Office Closed — — No Preschool —	25	26
27 Advent Begins <i>9a SS/Adult</i> <i>Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ communion</i> <i>11:30a Bell Choir</i>	28 No School <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	29 <i>4p BCAP</i>	30 <i>4p BCAP</i> <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	Looking Ahead Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24 will be at 3:30pm and 7pm		

Sunday morning worship continues in-person and it is also being live streamed.

[Click here](#) Sundays to join us in worship via our YouTube Channel.

Complete the [Online Worship Fellowship Record](#) to let us know you have joined.

November Birthdays

11/1—Becca Rodriguez

11/3—Christina Meyer

11/9—Logan Frantz

11/10—Glenn Coleman

11/10—Ashley Winters

11/12—Larry Winker

11/14—Anna Meyer

11/14—Jordyn Moore-Gray

11/15—Donna Dunmire

11/19—Hollie Ulanowicz

11/22—Eric Hoellein

11/22—Everly Kochanski

11/25—Mary Jane Forrest

11/26—John Simpson

11/28—Ray Betler

11/29—Alice Meyer

11/30—Liam Moore



November Anniversaries

11/1—Art and Debbie Malenky (47)

11/13—Rick and Cindy Geis (29)

11/18—Larry and Rita Winker (44)

11/24—Michael and Georgia Nader (27)

11/23—Pastor Barry & Andie Keurulainen (48)

11/24—Bob and Kari Sawchak (21)

11/25—Mike and Kim Ressler (33)

11/30—Ed and Susan Davies (43)



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias to beautify the altar at Christmas may be **ordered through Sunday, Nov. 13**. Colors include red, white, or marble. The cost is \$12.50 each. Checks are made payable to: *Altar Guild, Good Shepherd*. Order forms are available in the narthex or [click here to complete your order electronically](#). Return forms and payment to the Church Office or to an Altar Guild member by November 13.

Sunday School Notes

The **Children's Christmas Service** is **Sunday, December 11**. The final rehearsal will be Saturday, December 10, 10-11:30am. Sunday School families, watch your email for information on additional practices and how you can help.

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

Denny, Michael Ayres, Sally Taccone, David, Rachel, Kelsie, Bill Mutschler, Mrs. Deemer, Liam Storey, Rachel, Carol DeAngelis, Debbie, Nicole, Pastor Bob McCannless, Larry Winker, Cindy Geis, Lorraine, Rob Welsh, Karen, Mike Brennan, Jim Stocker, Erika Similo, Jan Kleiser, Sherri, Lisa Brady, Don Matthews, Phyllis, Don Richards, Pastor Tim, Debbie Volland, Tiffany, Jennifer Meyer, Earl Richards, Mary Jane Forrest, Fred "Butch" Taylor, Dottie Tritsch, Scott Garretson, Hope Leydig, Dennis Lee, Sam Langol, Linda, Barb Hentsch, Melissa Medved, Anne Malone, Gary Cooper, Carolyn Uhlyar, Joan Steigerwald, Norma Mikoleit, John Simpson, Tillie Koerth, Pam Spechtold, Joan Uhrinak

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