

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Shepherd's Staff October 2024

Thumb Circuit Convocation:

Glad Hymns Forever: Alleluia!

Saturday, October 5th, 12:30 - 4:30 pm

2024 marks the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal. The circuit gathering at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing will celebrate, learn, and sing about the heritage of God's Word set to music.

Participants include: Pastor Stephen Starke, a composer of hundreds of Lutheran hymns and the hymn editor of our current Lutheran Service Book, Deaconess Sandra Rhein, Sacred Music Education of LCMS Office of World Mission, who will speak on the making of new Lutheran hymnals in various countries around the world, and Kantor Nathan Beethe, Director of Parish Music at Grace Lutheran, Auburn, who will be the organist for the hymn festival, and who has coordinated the choir for the festival.

Service Time Sun. 9:30 am

Education Hour Sun. 11:00 am Sept.- May

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Mission Sunday-October 13th

Our guest for this special Sunday is a representative from "Camp Restore Detroit". Camp Restore partners with the community of the 9th precinct to restore their neighborhood, while sharing God's love.

Learn more about Camp Restore at a coffee reception and presentation in the fellowship hall following our worship service.

Stay after the presentation for a fellowship potluck meal. Please bring a main



dish and a salad or dessert to share.

A door offering will be gathered on October 13th in support of Camp Restore. Page 2 Shepherd's Staff October 2024

Welcome Back to Sunday School

Good Shepherd's Sunday school and Youth program resumed after the summer break on September 15th. Thank you to our teaching volunteers: Stephanie Kubacki, Paige Schulz, Michelle Hoppe, Anna Irwin, Jen Bagnall and Mike Melton.

As is tradition, books were distributed to all children and young adults in the congregation.



Every Sunday morning Adult Bible study meets in the fellowship hall following our 9:30 worship service.

Take this opportunity to learn more about God's Word for you.

New Church Directory

Plans for a new directory are underway. If you did not sign up to have your photo professionally taken and want to submit your own photo, it must be done digitally. Send a digital photo to

Anna Irwin at:

annanbagnall@gmail.com by November 3rd.

If you have questions on how to do this, give her a call at 810-537-1146.



Voters' Meeting

The quarterly voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th at 12:00 pm. Please note the time change. The meeting agenda wil include board reports and the

election of officers and board members for 2025.

If there is an item that you would like to bring before the Voters, please give it to a council member before their meeting on Tuesday, October

15th. Council members are Ron Pawloski, Jerry Guinther, Roger Gnagey, Beth McCallum, Paul Kruse, Pete Martin, Anna Irwin, Judy Hahn, Gin Lounsbury and Shannon Horning.

Join us for the next Women's Bible Study Saturday, November 9th, 9:00 am.

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Even The Empty Boxes Are Precious



With its shipment to South Sudan earlier this year, Orphan Grain Train--Michigan included a portion of goods earmarked especially for Hands of Mercy, a care ministry bringing the tangible love of Jesus Christ to those in need in South Sudan, especially those with disabilities, and helping those who have been marginalized in their community.

Supported by the body of Christ, the Church, Hands of Mercy works to give those with disability marketable skills to sustain and improve their lives.

Since 2006 Hands of Mercy has been guided by Deaconess Pat Nuffer as a partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan. Deaconess Nuffer wrote "We unloaded several boxes of scrap fabric and I would have collapsed the boxes and put them in our dug out trash pit. But oh no! The people of Hands of Mercy each wanted an empty well-worn box. So we loaded each person up on their own three wheel bicycle with a box and they were thrilled."



Homebound Members

Shirley Kappen 3192 Cass City Rd. Cass City, MI 48726

Loretta Hacker 6152 Greenland Rd. Cass City, MI 48726

Lois Moslander MediLodge of Cass City 4782 Hospital Drive Cass City, MI 48726 Bea Rhinehardt Stonegate Health Campus 2525 DeMille Blvd. Lapeer, MI 48446

Dale Leslie Woodland Acres AFC Snover, MI 48472

Audrey Leslie Stonegate Health Campus 2525 DeMille Blvd. Lapeer, MI 48446 Consider sending a card or note of encouragement to a member who is unable to be with us for worship.

Joanne O'Dell 4334 Krapf Rd. Cass City, MI 48726

Marcia Hoffman Heritage Hill Assisted Living 1430 Cleaver Rd. Caro, MI 48723

To put someone on the prayer chain call Chris Weippert at 989-670-0524 or Joann Guinther at 989-872-4967

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LWML Thumb Zone Fall Rally



Guest Speaker: Suzanne Hall from Burning Bush Ministries

Saturday, October 12, Here at Good Shepherd

Rally begins at 10:00 a.m.
with a light lunch served after the rally
Cost: \$8.00 Registration Fee & Free Will Offering

Burning Bush Ministries is the "street name" for Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism. LIJE seeks to engage in intentional evangelism within the Jewish community in the US and seeks to connect congregations for training in evangelism and to help churches understand the Jewish roots of their faith. Come to the rally to learn more about their work.

An ingathering for the Deckerville Food Pantry will be collected at the rally. Please bring any of the following items: cereal, canned meats, SpaghettiOs, canned fruits, and canned vegetables.

Annual Pecan Sale

Order forms are now available on the narthex table for this year's sale.

You can also order by calling the church office at 989-872-2700 or Gin Lounsbury at 989-872-2398.

The order deadline is October 13th.

Price List:

Pecan Halves - \$8.75 Whole Jumbo Cashews- \$7.75 Choc. Covered Peanuts-\$7.25 Choc. Covered Raisins - \$6.25 Deluxe Mixed Nuts - \$7.00



Evangelism Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 pm

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Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m.

The committee is looking for ideas and suggestions of activities, service projects, and missions to support.

Speak with any committee member and share your thoughts.

President Diane Lowe Secretary Traci Schulz

Treasurer Lynette Witherspoon

Chairperson of:

Caring Ministry Chris Weippert
Church Care Amy Talaski
Fund Raising Susan Hoppe
Service Projects Evelyn Jameson
Social Activities Beth McCallum



Quilting

This month, our quilters will be sending off their year's work to Lutheran World Relief. Making Lutheran World Relief Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. The quilts that are made by our quilters are used as warm bedding, simple tents, or

floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world that is rife with suffering.

A few of this year's quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary on October 6th.

Thank you to our group for their hard work. If you would like to join them, they



will be tying quilts on Tuesday, October 8th and 22nd starting at 10:00 am. Speak with Sharon Rockwell or Joann Guinther to ask how you can help.

Bake Sale-Sunday, October 20th

Don't miss this opportunity to bake your favorite fall treat, or if you don't feel like baking, pick up your favorite fall treat. Women's Ministry is sponsoring the bake sale to support their mission and service projects.



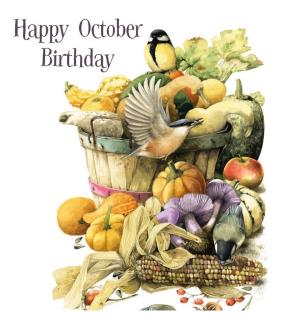
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August Financial Report submitted by Roger Gnagey; Treasurer

Year to Date:

				Thumb National CDs	
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	Total:	\$591,746.93
Current	\$97,151.26	\$99,047.89	-\$1,896.63		
Missions	\$5,206.50			Church Extension Fund	
LRPF	\$1,373.00			Total:	\$13,759.83
Com. Ser.	0.00				
Facility Use	<u>\$65.00</u>				
Total:	\$103,795.76		Checking acct. \$15,426.38		
August:			Dedicated accts.	\$6,067.54	<u>1</u>
Current	\$10,530.00		Balance	\$9,358.84	
Expenses	<u>\$11,830.13</u>				
Difference	-\$1,300.13				

Copies of the monthly reports are available on the Narthex table.



October 1
Shane Hoppe
Dean Kruse
October 2
Max Kubacki
October 5
Connie McNaughton
October 8
Gin Lounsbury
Jim Matthews
October 11
Erica Horning
October 15
Laura Collins

October 16

Emily Martin

October 18 Elaine Hoppe

October 20

Chris Matthews Abby Melton

October 21

Hayden Larkin Connie Roemer

October 23

Dale Leslie

October 25

Tana Shrader

October 27

Joanne O'Dell

October 28

Laura Schinnerer

Happy Anniversary!

October 9

Jim & Joann Guinther Roger & Cathy Wing

October 27

Anthony & Kris Adams

October 29

Ron & Sue Pawloski

