

# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

November 2018 Newsletter

## FROM PASTOR DAVE

### Generations of Generosity

*"One generation shall laud your works to another"* (Psalm 145:4)

As we celebrate 75 years of mission and ministry we look back in thanksgiving for the generosity of the generations before us. We consider how God will use our generosity to carry this mission and ministry to the generations to come. Empowering it all is the generosity of God, who has given us life and entrusted to us the stewardship of the Gospel message of life to our children, all nations, and the entire creation.

Psalm 145 invites us to consider past and future generations as we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions to God. This Psalm moves from personal to universal praise of God. As we thank God and offer ourselves to God's future, our stories become part of the crescendo of praise to the living God, who has given us life in all of its fullness.

### Our Stories of Generosity

This month we invite all of our people of every age to share their story of generosity with other members of our congregation. Our stories could be told in response to these questions:

1. What special story does your family like to tell about your parents or grandparents?
2. What important lessons have you learned from those of previous generations?
3. What is your earliest memory of giving something to someone?
4. What is a recent story of your receiving a gift? Of giving a gift?
5. What stories of generosity does our church have?
6. How do you envision God using the generosity of our church in the future?

Please take the time to tell your story and to listen to the stories of others. What a powerful experience of community transformation would happen if each of us had conversations with at least one person from each of the following demographic groups:

Children	(through grade 6)
Youth	(grades 7-12)
Young Adult	(from high school graduation through starting a family)
Family	(with children living at home)
Empty Nest	(no children at home)
Grand age	( grandchildren have arrived)

### Our Curriculum of Life Stewardship

Through the Sundays of November our worship services will develop these life-curriculum themes through Bible readings, proclamation, personal stories, music and liturgy.

#### November 4 All Saints Sunday: Life

Thanksgiving for those saints God has used to lead us to life

Spiritual practices to counter consumerism

Mark 10:17-31

Question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus' answer: "You lack one thing: go, sell, give, come follow"

Response: Shocked, went away grieving

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**November 11 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Love**

Mark 12:28-34

Question: "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus' Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . love your neighbor as yourself."

Celebration Brunch

Thursday (11/15) evening supper, evening prayer, Bible study, Communion

**November 18 25th Sunday after Pentecost: Our whole life**

Mark 12:38-44

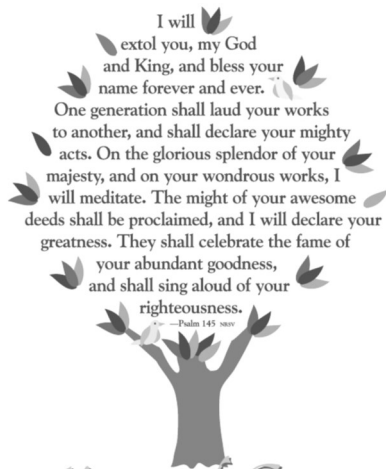
Poor widow: Out of her poverty put in her whole life (bios)

Processional Offering

Thanks be to God!



Pastor Dave



## Generations of Generosity

### Stewardship Annual Financial Response

**November 4-18, 2018**

Our congregation continues its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with a unique opportunity to hear the stories of how past and present members have been faithful stewards, nurturing our congregation into deepening discipleship, loving God and loving our neighbor. Make a commitment this fall to a deeper exploration of stewardship and the Word during Sunday worship:

**November 4- Mark 10:17-31. The rich man who lacks "one thing." All Saints Sunday.**

**November 11- Mark 12: 28-34. The First commandment: Love God with all your heart. *Special Celebration Brunch for all families between worship.***

**November 15- Simple supper and stewardship Bible study with Pastor Mesner**

**November 18- Mark 12:38-44. Widow's offering of her "life." Commitment Sunday.**

Be sure to join us as we look forward to celebrating our past and present and envisioning our future together as a committed community of faith, with Christ as our center.

Paula Tsufis, Stewardship Committee



**Pasty's! It's that time of year again! We will be making and selling Pasty's! \$5.00 each!**

**Thursday, November 29th** 5:00-7:30pm - Peel, cut and prep!!

Make and Bake! **Friday November 30th** from 8:00am to 10:00PM

**PICK UP** Pasty's Starting at 11:00am until 9:00PM

**Saturday December 1st:** bake from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Pick up from 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Sign up at church in the Gathering Space on Sundays and in the office during the week.

Call Dave and Kathy Kreager with questions 525-1476



Dear Friends of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, As ministry partners of LSS, I wanted to let you know how much we and I appreciate you! The work you do to inspire hope, change lives, and build community has an incredible impact on our shared call to serve our neighbors.. Last year alone, Good Shepherd generously gave over \$2,000 to support LSS services in our community and across MN. Thank you for your generosity, your volunteerism, and your prayers. We/ I am grateful for you!

Tom Seidleman, Foundation & Governing Board Member for LSS



Thank you for your congregational contribution of \$1000 to the CHUM Food Shelf, \$20 for the backpack distribution, and \$10 for CHUM general operations in August.

Your support of CHUM, in all ways - time, treasure and good will - makes our work possible. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Lee Stuart

Executive Director

Food Donations: Just a reminder that we always accept food donations for CHUM. Place any nonperishable foods in the wooden cross in our entryway or in the grocery cart near the welcome center. Thank you!



Thank you for your contribution of 29 pounds of food to the CHUM Food Shelf. We operate our food shelf at three sites throughout Duluth, with one open each day Monday through Friday. Each month we serve between 500 and 600 families at the CHUM Food Shelf. Your gift makes a difference in how much and what foods are available.

At a recent meeting, the Duluth School Board awarded CHUM with a certificate of Outstanding Achievement in recognition of our tremendously successful backpack and school supplies drive. This year we were able to distribute more than 1,100 backpacks to area students thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors and dozens of volunteers.

Your support of CHUM, and the Food Shelf, in all ways – time, treasure and good will – makes our work possible. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

*Scott Van Daele*

Scott Van Daele, Director of Distributive Services



## Youth and Family Ministry at Good Shepherd

### What's Happening in November?!

**Peer Ministry begins on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. We meet in the Youth Room from 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

**Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is the “Wrapped in God’s Love” Milestone** for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders – join us in worship (8:45 am or 11:00 am) to receive a tangible reminder that you are loved!

**The Middle School Gathering for Confirmation Students** will be happening Nov. 17-18. 20 students and 5 adults from Good Shepherd will be traveling to Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd to worship, learn, and play with hundreds of other Confirmation students in our Synod. Please keep us and this entire event in your prayers!

**Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> is the first Christmas Worship Practice for Sunday School Children.** Save the date: our Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> during worship. (Also save the Date for Dec. 2: our final run through and Advent Workshop!)

**Thanksgiving!** In Sunday School, we will be learning the Bible Story called “10 Men Healed.” (Luke 17:11-19). In this story, 10 lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one remembers to say “Thank you!” How often does this describe your life?! Remembering to say “Thank You” to God for everything we have been given can be a challenge – but now is a great time of year to practice, especially with the Thanksgiving Holiday fast approaching. Don’t wait until November 22 - start reflecting on what you are thankful for today! Challenge yourself to be like the one leper who stops and says Thank You to God.

**There will be No Confirmation on Wednesday, Nov. 21**

**and No Sunday School Sunday, Nov. 25**



Save the Dates: Confirmation students will be leading worship on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.\*

Sunday School students will share their Christmas Program in worship on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.\*

*\*All are welcome to join us and enjoy worship experiences led by our amazing young people!*

**Attention Sunday School Families: The Christmas Program is Coming!** Mark your calendars... Every child has a part to play! A costume to wear or a line to say!

**Sunday, November 18 – Our First Christmas Worship Practice (during Sunday School)**

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – No Sunday School – Happy Thanksgiving!

*Many of our volunteers and families will be out of town visiting friends and family – Thank You for understanding!*

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Worship Practice: Full Run Through (during Sunday School)**

**Join us after practice for the Advent Workshop!** Christmas Crafts and Gift-Making for the whole family! Bring something to share for the potluck lunch... We hope to see you there!

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Christmas Worship**

**8:45 – Kids Lead Worship**

**10:00 – Treats and Activities for the whole family!**

**11:00 – Kids Lead Worship**



## LCGS IS PRAYING

Good Shepherd randomly prays for all its members.  
During these weeks we are keeping the following in our prayers:

Nov 4 Heidi Nagler; Cheryl & Scott Racine; Polly Vallie;  
Lori & Jason Yecoshenko, Fayth, Kristianna and Brock

Nov 11 Donna Nelson; Emily & Rob Raleigh, Linnea, Mable and Oscar;  
Phil Vallie, Wyatt, Zach and Alexis; Adele & Steve Yorde

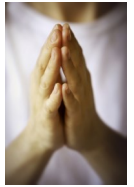
Nov 18 Mae Nelson; Joy & Blake Yorde; Staci & Mike Collison, Emmett and Theodore; Ellen Ramsay

Nov 25 Sandi & Glen Nelson; Taylor & John Hilleren, Vivian and Harrison;  
Shawna & Gregg Velander, Taylor, Samantha, Austin, Beau and Jackson;  
Elizabeth & Ross Young

Prayer:

*Be strong, and let your heart take courage, and he shall strengthen your heart  
all you who wait for the LORD.*

Psalm 31:24

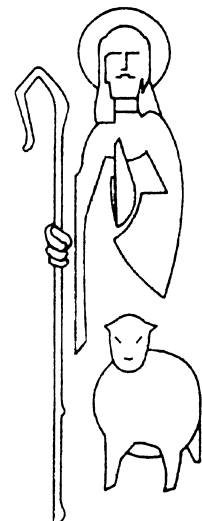


**PRAYER REQUEST** - If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, please email Patti at [office@lcsduluth.org](mailto:office@lcsduluth.org).

**PRAYERS FOR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS** shared with the Prayer Chain (and in the Prayers of the Church) will begin with "God knows the names of all for whom we pray..." unless permission has been granted by the hospitalized individual or a family member of the individual. This is in keeping with our Privacy Policy. If you have questions/ comments regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss it with one of the pastors.

### Worship Attendance

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>		<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
9/30	140	58	10/7	115	47
	<u>10:00</u>			<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
10/14	283		10/21	103	50





**Give to the Max!! It's really easy!** Each year, generous supporters like you celebrate Give to the Max Day by making your online donation on GiveMN.org. Your generosity on this day makes a difference far beyond the 24-hour giving event. It's a fun day to be a part of, listening on the radio, watching the dollars increase on-line and cheering on our favorite non-profits!

Please join us on November 15, 2018, for Give to the Max Day and help us continue to live out our mission both here in Duluth and beyond by showing God's love and grace. Just look for Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth! Look to our website for more information as the big day gets closer!

[Www.lcgisduluth.org](http://www.lcgisduluth.org)

Your donation on Give to the Max Day also may help us win additional prizes! How? On November 15, every gift made on GiveMN.org will be entered into additional prize drawings for GiveMN Golden Ticket which will be awarded as often as every 10 minutes. Your gift of \$10 or more could instantly turn into an extra \$500, \$1,000 or even \$10,000 for us!

The more gifts we generate on GiveMN.org during Give to the Max Day, the more our chances increase to receive those additional prizes.



**75th Anniversary Ornaments Cost: \$10**

Featuring a beautiful photo of our church, plus a prayer:  
*God bless this Christmas tree and all who gather near.*

*Help us reflect Your Light in all we say and do. Amen.*

Our deepest hope is that this ornament will become part of the family traditions in your home at Christmas time. Imagine family and friends seeing this ornament and the conversations it might inspire. Imagine reading this blessing out loud with others or silently to yourself in a thoughtful moment of prayer.

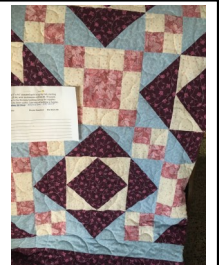
We hope this ornament will be a blessing to you for years and years to come.

**The violet and blue 67x94 inch quilt in the Gathering Space is up for bid!!**

Proceeds will be going to the quilting group at LCGS for supplies to make more quilts for LWR! The Starting Bid is \$125 with increments of \$10.

Bidding will go until Sunday, November 25th.

Questions? Barb Skogg 723-1445



**Photo Directory!!** If you did NOT get your family photograph taken, but would like to submit a family photo to have in the directory, please e-mail it to Cyndi Venberg by November 15th at [cyndivenberg@gmail.com](mailto:cyndivenberg@gmail.com) Thank you!!

**The Salvation Army is looking for help: Wrapping gifts**

- Our Kiosk is located in the Miller Hill Mall, outside Sears and Lenscrafters
- Kiosk is open Dec 1 - Dec 24
- Mon - Sat - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. One Sunday: Dec.23rd only - 10:00 - 4:00
- We purchase all the supplies
- Shoppers bring their packages to us and in turn make a cash donation to support the Army's work of helping people year round in the Greater Duluth Area; food, clothing, housing, basic needs
- Call Jill or June at 218-722-7934 to sign up for this fun event



Give to the Max is just around the corner. Join us Thursday, **November 15th and support Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry.** Scheduled giving is now open as well. Plan your gift so you don't have to worry about forgetting on the big day Incentive opportunities available:

- \$500 awarded each day from November 1-14 for all scheduled gifts
- \$500 Golden tickets given every 10 minutes
- \$1,000 Hourly Golden Tickets
- \$10,000 Super-Sized Golden Ticket given out at the end of the day.

[www.givemn.org/organization/Voyageurs-Lutheran-Ministry](http://www.givemn.org/organization/Voyageurs-Lutheran-Ministry)



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### **OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)**

**What: Bong Museum \$6 Guided tour and special "foot locker" presentation.**

Lunch @ the Chinese Golden Inn to follow. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

When: Friday, November 9th 10:00-12:00

Where: 305 Harbor View Parkway Superior, Wisconsin



### **Create, Laugh, Learn!**

**Sunday, November 4, 3-6pm in Church basement**

Come and join us to play board games, cards and a pizza dinner. Bring your favorite game to this multi-generation event for singles, couples and families.

We will order pizza Sammy's Pizza for dinner.

Hosted by Lois Opseth who can be reached at 218-340-3605 or oawbuddy@msn.com for questions.



**At Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion this summer, campers collected an offering.** They chose to use the offering to provide meals for local food shelters! Our confirmation students, families, and friends **packed up 6,588 MEALS!**

The meals have been delivered to CHUM here in Duluth, also to shelters in Virginia and Grand Rapids! Thank you so much to the campers who donated and to all our LCGS volunteers that help pack the food! We are very proud and grateful for your help!

**Cookies for Outreach** - You can help brighten someone's holiday season! Good Shepherd's Visitation Team is collecting cookies for our home-bound members as well as for the CHUM Drop-In Center, the St. Louis County Jail, and the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers. We bring a smile to many faces with this ministry; 20 home-bound families were visited last year and the Jail's annual program serves over 225 people including inmates, staff and volunteers. Please put your homemade cookies on the counter in the church office by **9:00 Monday morning December 10<sup>th</sup>**. To assure proper delivery, mark them "Visitation." Because of food allergies, if you bake with nuts, peanut butter or coconut, please label your cookies accordingly. Again this year, the Jail will take candy and any extra holiday cards we may have. Those can be left in the church office to Marcia's attention. Questions, contact Patty Altonen at 525-1807 or Marcia Semerau at 576-5531. Thank you!



### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December 1st & 8th**

Are you looking for a way you can do ministry during the holidays? One easy way is ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd members, families and friends have the opportunity to donate one or two (or more) hours of time to assist with this critical work. We will cover two full days of bell ringing at one location: Cub Foods on Central Entrance (inside!). The dates are Saturday, December 1st and 8th, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Look for the signup poster in November. It will be on an easel in the gathering space. Please fill in your name for one or two one-hour time slots to offer your help for this worthwhile cause.

Call Marcia Semerau at 576-5531 with questions.



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