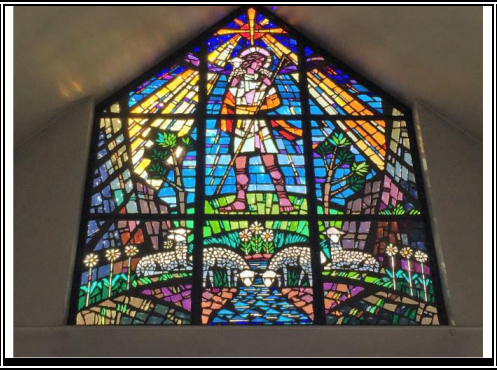
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter**

# THE CALL



**November 2026**
**Goodshepherdpaxtang.com**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The November page on the calendar in my office quotes Revelation 7:9.

"A great multitude that no one could count … standing before the throne"

This year has been like no other year that I have ever experienced in my years as a parish pastor. And as best as I can tell, it goes for the history of the congregation. While the Revelation quote talks of a great multitude, we do not have an image of that for the last twelve months.

There are but TWO names in our Book of Life (at the entrance to the Nave)! One is the sister of Nancy Knol (a non-member yet we had her memorial in the St. Mary's Chapel) and the second is Jean Johns (long time member that did not have any services). That is all.

As we approach the feast of All Saints, the image of a great multitude will not be reflected in an abundance of candles flickering in the chancel.

No, this year the great multitude will be reflected in the abundance of names being read during the distribution.

Think about the words that were left out of the quote on my calendar. In full the verse reads, "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."

We are not alone. We are part of a great multitude that gathers at the throne of God. Today we live on earth as we will in heaven.

We come together as people from all backgrounds to worship and sing and praise and feast. All hurts and pains and tears will be gone. Reconciliation and joy and healing will be present in ways that we cannot imagine.

God does this work. God turns it all around. We crucified Jesus and God raised him from the dead. God brings us all together, wipes our tears away and changes death into life. Claims us and a great multitude as children of the resurrection.

Thanks be to God!

Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
pastor

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**From Our Treasurer:**

**September Financials**

| | 2026 | |
|---|---|---|
| | SEPT | YTD |
| Giving | 15,650 | 196,864 |
| Spending | 19,557 | 182,387 |
| Surplus/(deficit) | **(3,903)** | **14,476** |

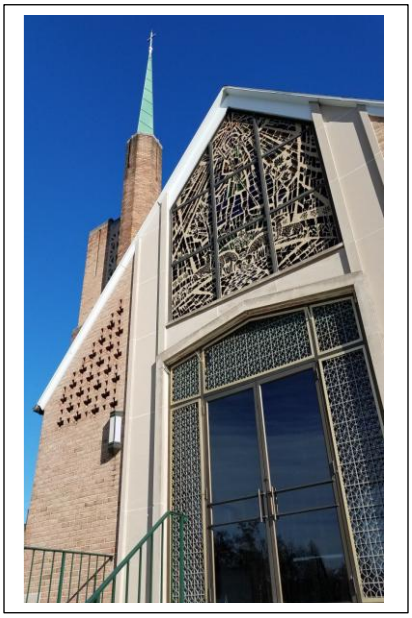
**BALANCES**

| | |
|---|---|
| **General Fund** | **46,335** |
| **Exchange (Restricted)** | **40,159** |
| **Memorial** | **22,631** |
| **Mission Investment Fund CD** | **33,648** |
| **Investments** | **448,603** |

# MEETING NOTICE
## Annual Congregational Meeting
## Sunday, November 8
### 10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Immediately following one worship service beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Nave, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 10.

We will review the Annual Report, vote on the 2027 Proposed Spending Budget, elect new members to Church Council, and address any New Business. Your presence and your vote are important!
The Annual Report was distributed electronically with What's Happening email. Hard copies of the report are available upon request from the church office.






On November 1 and 2, we hold in memory those who have joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day who now rest from their labors:

**Alma Fultz**
**Jean Johns**

**Advent News:** Wednesday night Advent "Souper Suppers" begin on December 2, 2026, and continue Wednesdays, December 9, 16 and 23 at 5:30 PM in All Saints Hall. The Hospitality Committee is asking For volunteers to sign-up to bring a crockpot of soup or a loaf of bread or a dessert. Volunteers are also needed to set up or clean up for a Wednesday night supper. If you have any questions or comments, please see or contact Susan Master.

# November Readings

**11/01** Micah 3: 5-12, Psalm 43, 2 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

**11/02** Psalm 5, Jeremiah 5: 18-31, 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-20

**11/03** Psalm 5, Lamentations 2: 13-17, Acts 13: 1-12

**11/04** Psalm 5, Proverbs 16: 21-33, Matthew 15: 1-9

**11/05** Psalm 70, Amos 1: 1--2:5, Revelations 8: 6—9:12

**11/06** Psalm 70, Amos 3:1-12, Revelations 9: 13-21

**11/07** Psalm 70, Amos 4: 6-13, Matthew 24:1-14

**11/08** Amos 5: 18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

**11/09** Psalm 63, Amos 8: 7-14, 1 Corinthians 14: 20-25

**11/10** Psalm 63, Joel 1: 1-14, 1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

**11/11** Psalm 63, Joel 3: 9-21, Matthew 24: 29-35

**11/12** Psalm 90: 7-8, Ezekiel 6: 1-14, Revelation 16: 1-7

**11/13** Psalm 90: 1-8, Ezekiel 7: 10-27, Revelation 16: 8-21

**11/14** Psalm 90: 1-8, Ezekiel 7: 10-27, Matthew 24: 43-45

**11/15** Zephaniah 1:7, Psalm 90: 1-8, 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

**11/16** Psalm 9: 1-14, Zechariah 1: 7-17, Romans 2: 1-11

**11/17** Psalm 9: 1-14, Zechariah 2: 1-5,5: 1-4, 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18

**11/18** Psalm 9: 1-14, Job 16: 1-21, Matthew 24: 45-51

**11/19** Psalm 95: 1-7a, 1 Kings 22: 13-23, Revelation 22: 1-9

**11/20** Psalm 95: 1-7a, 1 Chronicles 17: 1-15, Revelation 22: 1-9

**11/21** Psalm 95: 1-7a, Isaiah 44: 21-28, Matthew 12: 46-50

**11/22** Psalm 95: 1-7a, Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25: 31-46

**11/23** Psalm 7, Esther 2: 1-18, 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

**11/24** Psalm 7, Esther 8: 3-17, Revelation 19: 1-9

**11/25** Psalm 7, Ezekiel 33: 7-20, John 5: 19-40

**11/26** Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Zechariah 13: 1-9, Revelation 14: 6-13

**11/27** Psalm 80, 1-7, 17-19, Zechariah 14: 1-9, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

**11/28** Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Micah 2: 1-13, Matthew 24:15-31

**11/29** Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19, Isaiah 64: 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37

**11/30** Psalm 79. Micah 4: 1-5, Revelation 15: 1-8

Women of the ELCA

# MONEY. STEWARDSHIP. GENEROSITY.

It's a WELCA tradition. Our December meeting is when we bring homemade Christmas cookies to deliver to our homebound members. We order containers, Susan Master makes creative Christmas label decorations, cookies are baked, packed and delivered. Two years ago, our containers weren't as full as usual. We added candy and snacks. Last year we were blessed when Workshop added their names to our homemade cookie list. We had so many delicious leftover cookies; we knew what to do. We shared them with Good Shepherd's Advent dinners.

This year containers are ordered, and the cookie list is being signed. We will pack and deliver Tuesday December 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Lydia/ ASH room. At our October WELCA meeting, we were preparing for our Angel Tree project. It was mentioned to ask our Good Shepherd congregation to participate. So, this is our invite. Not to be confused, this project is called Prison Fellowship Angel Tree. I mistakenly keep calling it the Prison Ministry Angel Tree!

It started in 1982. "It connects each child with their incarcerated parent through a gift, the Gospel and a handwritten note." Over 11 million gifts have been sent. Mary Kay Beard was on the FBI Most Wanted List for safecracking and armed bank robbery. While a prisoner, her eyes were opened. Prisoners were saving socks, toothbrushes, and soap to gift their children. When she was released from prison, she started Angel Tree. Families are able to share their love. Our deadline is November 9 because our gift is doubled. Their mission is to heal and restore families. There will be a display and envelopes for you to participate.

A quote from their information, "Jesus is the greatest gift that ever was given and the reason for our Christmas joy… thanks for sharing God's love…".

WELCA 's November meeting will be in the Gathering Room on Monday November 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Sue Bricker will be the leader for the final of our 3-part series on "I am Worthy". Session 3 "I am because you are". In scripture we learn how no one can flourish unless everyone does for our lives are bound with one another."

Our December meeting, Cookies for the Homebound will be December 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Lydia/ASH room.

Thanks for your generosity and sharing God's love ❤️

-Lois Griffiths

# Workshop News

This has been a very busy time for Workshop and Prayer Shawl. I hope you were able to see the display in the Narthex for In-Gathering on October 3 and 4! We packed 41 boxes for Lutheran World Relief. They were delivered to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, on October 13. **We delivered; 49 full size quilts, 75 Personal Care Kits, 6 Fabric Kits, and 163 School Kits!** Throughout the year we have also donated **locally: 20 Infant hats and sweater sets, 13 hats, 16 Twin quilts, 20 Fidget mats, 94 Lap robes, 54 Prayer Shawls and 75 Kid scarves!**

This could not have been possible without the dedicated workers who give of their time and talents and the generosity of the members of this congregation who support us through their donations. You make this possible! **Feel free to stop in on a Tuesday morning and see how all of this happens. You might feel like contributing in some way. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, please call, Georgia, Carol or Sylvia Beard.**

Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region

**Thank you to everyone who helped make our last Host Week** of 2026 a success! We had 2 families with a total of 10 guests! We just submitted our Host Weeks for 2027. **Our next Host Week** will be the week **of January 10- 17. Mark your Calendars NOW. It does not take very much time/effort to Help Homeless kids and their families. We each can do a small part, but it makes things happen for these families and they are so grateful! We are always in need of folks to help with meals (Prepare and/or serve), van drivers, and overnight hosts. If you think you might like to help in some way, contact Georgia and we can arrange for you to visit and see what it is all about!**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**November 3**
Bernie Crust

**November 7**
Carol Siipple
Gary Still II

**November 9**
Nancy Cartwright

**November 10**
Nathaniel Davis
Zach Gleiter

**November 11**
Jackson Stettler

**November 12**
Karen Borzok

**November 17**
Colin Koser
Gary Meredith

**November 21**
Sandy Baum
Robert Roller

**November 22**
Susan Roebuck

**November 23**
Gary Wendt

**November 26**
Donald Rehm

**November 30**
Susan Boyne

# WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP

**Flowers $25 Bulletins $30 Lamps $10**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| November 1 | Master | | Stewart |
| November 8 | | | |
| November 15 | Sprunk | | |
| November 22 | Wendt | | |
| November 29 | | | McCauley |

## Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____ 2026

____Flowers $25 ____Bulletins $30 ____Sanctuary Lamps $10

_____ To the Glory of God _____ In Memory Of _____ In Honor Of _____In Celebration Of

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Submitted by:

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Amount: _____ Deadline: Wednesday a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday




# NOVEMBER 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>8:30 am W &S (YouTube/Nave)<br>9:45 am Adult faith formation<br>11am W &S (Nave) | 2 | 3<br>9:30 am Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)<br>10 am Ready for school, etc. (St. Peter/St. Paul) | 4<br>9:30 am W &S (Chapel)<br>11 am Worship and Music<br>7am Keystone Concert Band (ASH) | 5 | 6 11 am Ready for School, Ready to succeed (St. Peter and St. Paul) | 7<br>5pm W&S (chapel) |
| 8<br>9:30 am W &S (YouTube/Nave)<br>10:30 am Annual meeting (Nave) | 9 9:30 am WELCA (Gathering rm.)<br>Last day to donate to Prison Fellowship Angel Tree<br>6:30 pm Cub Scouts (ASH)<br>Congregational Council (gathering rm.) | 10<br>9:30 am Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)<br>10 am Ready for school, etc. (St. Peter/St. Paul)<br>11am -12pm Prayer Shawl (ASH) | 11<br>9:30 am W &S (Chapel)<br>7am Keystone Concert Band (ASH) | 12 | 13<br>11 am Ready for School, Ready to succeed (St. Peter and St. Paul) | 14<br>8am Cleanup day<br>5pm W&S (chapel) |
| 15<br>8:30 am W &S (YouTube/Nave)<br>9:45 am Adult faith formation<br>11am W &S (Nave) | 16<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts (ASH) | 17<br>9:30 am Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)<br>10 am Ready for school, etc. (St. Peter/St. Paul) | 18<br>9:30 am - W &S (Chapel)<br>7pm- Keystone concert band (ASH) | 19 | 20<br>11 am Ready for School, Ready to succeed (St. Peter and St. Paul) | 21<br>5pm W&S (chapel) |
| 22<br>8:30 am W &S (YouTube/Nave)<br>9:45 am Adult faith formation<br>11am W &S (Nave) | 23<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts (ASH) | 24<br>9:30 am Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)<br>10 am Ready for school, etc. (St. Peter/St. Paul) | 25<br>9:30 W &S (Chapel)<br>7am Keystone Concert Band (ASH) | 26 | 27<br>11 am Ready for School, Ready to succeed (St. Peter and St. Paul) | 28<br>5pm W&S (chapel) |
| 29<br>8:30 am W &S (YouTube/Nave)<br>9:45 am Adult faith formation<br>11am W &S (Nave) | 30<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts (ASH) | | | | | |

**Our Purpose**
To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

**Guiding Principles**
When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

welcoming/accepting

generous and giving

supportive and caring

active/involved

joyful

spiritual/faithful

*Adopted by the Congregation Council of Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020*



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**Sunday Holy Eucharist**
5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)
8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)
11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)
9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)

## Poinsettias for Christmas



We spend only funds designated for seasonal decorations. Nothing is ever spent from the general fund. Please return this coupon with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) if you'd like to contribute toward this effort. Dedications will be printed in the back of the bulletin at Christmas.

To the Glory of God:
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