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Call

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The November page on the calendar in my office quotes Luke 20: 36: "They cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection."

As we approach the feast of All Saints, I need this image. Maybe you need this image, too. I am ever grateful to have a community of faith, particularly this community of faith, to share the burden of mourning and grieving and crying, but most importantly, hoping.

These are signs of things that are changing. Our community of faith is changing. And, at times, I feel as if it is all happening too quickly.

There are people who died in these last 12 months who I miss. Deeply. I greedily and selfishly want them back. I want to see their faces sitting in the pews. I want to feel the touch of their hands as they walk out of worship. I want to talk to them and hear their stories of faith to give strength to my own. I want to hear serious and silly musings of days gone by that they will tell me either for the first time or for the fortieth time. It wouldn't matter. I just want them back.

Yet sitting and breathing, hearing the blustery wind outside, and watching the squirrels gather every last acorn they can find, I am hoping for a time when we cannot die anymore, being children of the resurrection.

Things are changing. Quickly. I have been in the Harrisburg Conference for 25 years, does that count as quickly?

While I am still Pastor Baker, child of God, I am most certainly not the same as I was yesterday or last week or last year. Neither are you. The Holy Spirit moves through our lives to mold us and change us. Sometimes, the change comes in beautiful ways.

Truth be told, there are mixed feelings about these changes. It isn't all sadness and mourning and crying and pain. Some changes we welcome with great joy: new employment, good grades, or the birth of a child. At the same time some changes cause us grief, pain, and suffering: the death of someone special, the realization that our favorite clothes don't fit like they used to, or the breaking of a close relationship.

They cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

God turns it all around. We crucified Jesus and God raised him from the dead. God turns it all around, wipes our tears away and changes death into life. Claims us as children of the resurrection.

Thanks be to God!

*Peace, and many blessings,
The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM*

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 Deadline for submissions is the third Sunday of the month.

**From Our Treasurer:****September Financials**

	2025	
	SEPT	YTD
Giving	22,625	192,033
Spending	20,646	181,864
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,979	10,169

BALANCES

General Fund	31,251
Exchange (Restricted)	35,047
Memorial	19,078
Mission Investment Fund CD	32,924
Investments	407,407

MEETING NOTICE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 9

10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Immediately following one worship service beginning 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 2026 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:

Sylvia Ann Mummert

Donald Dearing

Romayne F. Leedy

Vance E. Souders

Freda Fontaine

William L. Weaver

Barbara A. Willhide

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Kenneth L. Kramer

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Jack Esworthy, Jr.

Arthur Wayne Wallace

Gary E. Stradley

Kenneth E. Beard, Jr.

November Readings

- 11/01** Isaiah 1: 1-9, John 8: 39-47, Psalm 32: 1-7
11/02 Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1: 11-23; Luke 6: 20-31
11/03 Nehemiah 13: 1-3, 23-31; 1 Corinthians 5: 9-13; Psalm 50
11/04 Zechariah 7: 1-14, Jude 5: 21, Psalm 50
11/05 Amos 5: 12-24, Luke 19: 11-27, Psalm 50
11/06 Deuteronomy 25: 5-10, Acts 22: 22-23:11, Psalm 17: 1-9
11/07 Genesis 38: 1-26, Acts 24: 10-23, Psalm 17: 1-9
11/08 Exodus 3: 13-20, Luke 20: 1-8, Psalm 17: 1-9
11/09 Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians 4: 4-9, John 6: 25-35
11/10 Job 20: 1-11, 2 Peter 1: 16-21, Psalm 123
11/11 Job 21: 1, 17-34; 2 John 1-13; Psalm 123
11/12 Job 25: 1-26: 14, John 5: 19-29, Psalm 123
11/13 1 Samuel 28: 3-19, Romans 1: 18-25, Psalm 98
11/14 2 Samuel 21: 1-14, 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-12, Psalm 98
11/15 Ezekiel 10: 1-19, Luke 17: 20-37, Psalm 98
11/16 Malachi 4: 1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13, Luke 21: 5-19
11/17 Ezekiel 11: 14-25, Ephesians 4: 25-5:2, Psalm 141
11/18 Ezekiel 39: 21-40:4, 1 Corinthians 10: 23-11:1, Psalm 141
11/19 Ezekiel 43: 1-12, Matthew 23: 37-24:14, Psalm 141
11/20 2 Chronicles 18: 12-22, Hebrews 9: 23-38, Psalm 46
11/21 Zechariah 11: 1-17, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, Psalm 46
11/22 Jeremiah 22: 18-30, Luke 18: 15-17, Psalm 46
11/23 Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43
11/24 Jeremiah 46: 18-28, Revelation 21: 5-27, Psalm 24
11/25 Isaiah 33: 17-22, Revelation 22: 8-21, Psalm 24
11/26 Isaiah 60: 8-16, Luke 1: 1-4, Psalm 24
11/27 Daniel 9: 15-19, James 4: 1-10, Psalm 122
11/28 Genesis 6: 1-10, Hebrews 11: 1-7, Psalm 122
11/29 Genesis 6: 11-22, Matthew 24: 1-22, Psalm 122
11/30 Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13: 11-14, Matthew 24: 35-44



MONEY. STEWARDSHIP. GENEROSITY.

A Nana story.

Our grandchildren attended Christian daycare. Mason one year had to learn Bible verses. So naturally the entire family got involved. One day Mason and his mother were at the grocery store for a quick order. They were at the checkout where all those snacks are lined up on shelves. Mason asked for one. His mother said, "No." Then Mason said, "You know, Mom, 'God loves a cheerful giver.'"

Our recent fall *Gather* magazine's Bible study is in three parts:

Session one: "MONEY: What do we treasure?" The hymn is "The Lord Is My Shepherd." The focus verse is "Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(Matthew 6:19-21)

Session Two: "STEWARDSHIP: How do you tend our treasure?"

The hymn is "Take My Life, That I May Be." The focus verse is "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." (Luke 12: 48b)

Session Three: "GENEROSITY: There's a wideness in God's mercy." The hymn is "There's a wideness in God's Mercy." The focus verse is "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,...for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7.)

At W/ELCA we are cheerful givers. Here are some of Good Shepherd's acts of generosity. In November, we put money on an Angel for the Prison Ministry

Angel Tree. Our donation is doubled, and the money is used to buy children whose family member is incarcerated a gift for Christmas. Here are quotes from 2 brothers whose father is in prison. Erick, 12 said, "I think it's pretty cool. It proves that he still cares for us. I just feel more connected to him when I visit him." Isaac, 8 said, "I like the blue monster truck that he got me last Christmas. I love that he got me a present. I didn't know he was going to give me a present. thank you, Angel Tree." Four decades and 11 million gifts later Mary Kay Beard's gift idea is still happening. She was once on the FBI's Most Wanted List. She was wanted for armed bank robbery and safecracking. In prison she saw prisoners saving socks, soap, etc. to give to their children for Christmas. When she got out, she started Angel Tree.

CCU's Women Shelter finally is a year round mission. We learned about CCU's homeless outreach program when Aisha Mobley gave an inspiring presentation at one of our meetings. We answered the request that was in our Sunday Bulletin to provide the gift of rest for some of Harrisburg's most vulnerable and donated money for a bed.

It's also the time of year when we bake homemade Christmas cookies, pack and deliver them to our homebound members. Donations are welcome. You can participate by joining us on

December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall as we pack and then deliver them.

Thankoffering is usually in the fall. However, Good Shepherd's fall schedule is very busy. We do our Thankoffering in the spring. There is an opportunity to go online for a W/ELCA Churchwide service. It's on November 9 at 6:30 p.m. (CST) Visit welca.org/thankofferings for more information.

The Thankoffering service theme is Strength, Soul and Spark: Celebrating the gifts of Women.

You're invited to join us at Good Shepherd on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. We are continuing our study of women of the Bible. All are welcome.

Our cheerful giving provides for the "ministries of the Churchwide organization. Those ministries include justice and advocacy work, anti-racism training, scholarships, global education, grants, and a multitude of online and printed resources that raise awareness of issues like domestic violence, human trafficking and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, to name a few."

Always remember, "God loves a cheerful giver"

—Lois Griffiths

Workshop News

The month of October was focused on In-Gathering. This year Good Shepherd donated: 54 Quilts, 128 Personal Care Kits, 151 School Kits, 12 Fabric Kits, and \$175 (to help with shipping costs to send the items to Lutheran World Relief). Other Donations in October included 19 Baby Quilts/Afghans and 2 Sweater/Hat sets to Morningside Pregnancy Services and 22 Laprobes to UPMC.

Beginning in November, on the second Tuesday of each month, Workshop will welcome Prayer Shawl Ministry participants to join us in ASH beginning at 11:00 a.m. until Noon, at which time they are invited to join us for lunch. We look forward to working together to provide for needy individuals in our area. If you would like to come and spend an hour knitting and/or crocheting, please feel free to join us!

—Georgia Rehm



New Time & Place!

**2nd Tuesday
at 11 a.m.
in All Saints Hall
with Workshop**

**Beginning November 11
Bring a lunch!**

On October 17, Family Promise celebrated **15 years of helping families move from homelessness to home.** It was also an exciting week because it was our Host Week and we saw the excitement of one of the families moving into their own home. They were overjoyed! It was exciting to be part of such a step forward in their lives. **YOU**, the volunteers and supporters of this program, **made this possible!!**



At the other end of the spectrum, was a second family who only recently joined the program. It was good for them to see the possibility of what this program can do for their family, as well!

A HUGE “thank you” to all who helped with a meal, drove the van, and/or stayed overnight with the guests. This is what it is all about!

—Georgia Rehm



November Birthdays

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| Nov. 3 | Bernie Crist |
| Nov. 7 | Carol Siipple
Gary Still II |
| Nov. 9 | Nancy Cartwright |
| Nov. 10 | Nathaniel Davis
Zach Gleiter |
| Nov. 11 | Jackson Stettler |
| Nov. 12 | Karen Borzok |
| Nov. 17 | Colin Koser
Gary Meredith |
| Nov. 21 | Sandy Baum
Robert Roller |
| Nov. 22 | Susan Roebuck |
| Nov. 23 | Gary Wendt |
| Nov. 26 | Donald Rehm |
| Nov. 30 | Susan Boyne |



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: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
November 2	Master		D. McCauley
November 9	Crist		
November 16	Hafer		
November 23	Stewart	Wendt	D. McCauley
November 30	no flowers	Boyne	

A central calendar is also posted in the Narthex of the Nave. Sign up on that calendar and turn in the form to the office. We can also do double dedications.

Sponsorship Form



Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____ 2025

____ Flowers \$25 ____ Bulletins \$30 ____ Sanctuary Lamps \$10

____ To the Glory of God ____ In Memory Of ____ In Honor Of ____ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

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

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Saturday, November 15 at 8:30 a.m. We will concentrate on cleaning leaves and debris from all areas. We'll weed the landscape beds, remove dead annuals, cut off the tops of perennials as needed and trim shrubs if necessary. Coffee, donuts and bottled water will be available. Please contact Bill Baum if you can help.						
2 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave)	3 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	5 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul) 2:30 p.m. W/ELCA Board (Gathering Room)	6 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	7	8 10:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)	1 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
9 9:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (Nave)	10 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	11 9:30 a.m. Workshop and Shawl Ministry (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)	12 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 10:45 a.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 1:30 p.m. Stewardship (Gathering Room) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	13	14 10:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)	15 8:30 a.m. Fall Clean-Up (Church Grounds) 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
16 DEC CALL DEADLINE 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave)	17 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	18 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts Peter/Paul) 7 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Gathering Room)	19 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	20	21 10:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)	22 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
23 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)	24 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	25 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts Peter/Paul)	26 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	27 THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office CLOSED	28 10:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)	29 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
30 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave)	Looking ahead: Advent begins November 30 This year's Advent Devotional, produced in-house, will be available on November 9, 2025					

Adult Faith Formation November Opportunities

- **The Adult Formation Class** meets **Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.** The class will be in recess on Sunday, November 9.
- **Pastor's Bible Study** meets **Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m.** in the Gathering Room to continue the study of the Gospel according to St. John, focused on with chapters 8:16 and 9:4-5.
- **Living Room Dialogue** meets **Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Room.

Community Day Update

The Evangelism Committee is pleased to announce that proceeds from our Community Day sales totaled \$3,260.00. This is the highest amount ever collected. Below is the list of nonprofit organizations chosen by the Committee to receive money, as well as the amount. All glory to God!

\$1,000.00	Family Promise Capital Region
\$ 600.00	Christian Churches United
\$ 500.00	Paxtang Elementary School
\$ 360.00	Medical Outreach
\$ 300.00	Beacon Clinic for Health & Hope
\$ 200.00	Harrisburg Food Pantry
\$ 200.00	NAMI (Mental Health)
\$ 50.00	Cub Scout Pack 42
\$ 50.00	Schnauzer Homeward Bound Rescue

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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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)