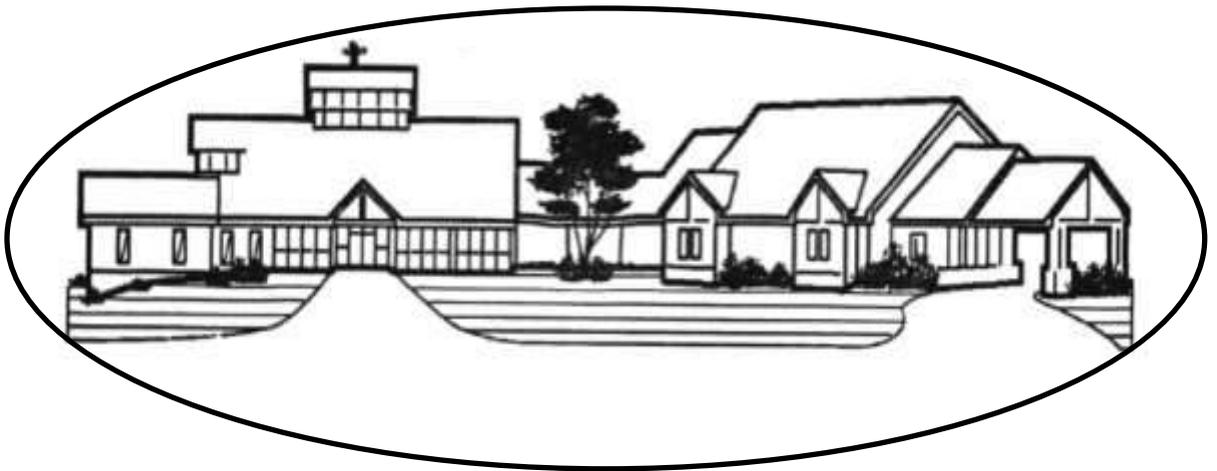


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# Agapegram

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November 2018



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## Thanksgiving Again

*"I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O Lord. I will make music to you among the nations, because your great mercy reaches above the heavens, and your faithfulness to the skies." Ps. 57:9-10*

In our Sunday morning bible class, we've seen again and again the expressions of thanksgiving to God from King David in all manner of circumstances. As we enter November and anticipate our nation's Thanksgiving celebrations, I find myself being very thankful, too.

Marking 10 years of ministry at Eternal Shepherd has been a joyous time filled with so many kind words, endearing notes, generous gifts, and a truly wonderful celebration event! I am very grateful for both these many acts of kindness as well for ESLC's support of their pastor throughout this entire decade!

*Thank you, very much saints of ESLC For all you have done for me and for our family these 10 years!!*

While we're saying thank you and thinking about decades, it is worth saying thanks to our faithful office secretary, Celeste Entekin, who also marked 10 years in 2018. From bulletins & newsletters that we all see and use to the many, many behind the scenes details of keeping our office running and supporting our boards & ministries, Celeste has been a great blessing to our congregation! *Thank you, Celeste, for all you do for ESLC!*

And, as mentioned at late service the other week, our pianist, Michelle Rowland, also marks 10 years of service to ESLC this year. (She actually got here before Celeste and I, which is why we lost track of her time with us). We have been greatly blessed with a decade of beautiful accompaniment, special music, concerts, & covering Sunday services! Another fantastic blessing to us all. *So, thank you, Michelle, for all your contributions!*

Whether it's the 10 year staff members, our other dedicated workers, or the faithful saints who encourage us, we're all here to serve and honor our Lord Jesus Christ! And, as we reflect upon our recent Reformation celebrations, we give all glory and ultimate thanks to God, our heavenly Father who has given us his Holy Word that we might know and trust in Jesus the Savior. *Thanks be to God!*

*"I will complete my thank offerings to you, because you have delivered my life from death."  
Ps. 56:12b,13a*



*Pastor David*

**2018 VETERANS'S DAY TRIBUTE**  
**NOVEMBER 4-11**



**HONOR  
OUR VETERANS**

Once again we will be honoring any and all members of the Military... both past and present. **The Tribute Board will be displayed during the week of November 4th—11th.** We would like to proudly display your story during this important week. **Simply submit a photo and/or short story of history of service before November 2nd.** For those who have been displayed from previous years, your photo and story will automatically be included in this year's display. We encourage everyone to participate. **To be included, simply put your entry with photo (if available) in Craig Wells Church mail box, or email Craig at: wells4589@aol.com**

**Please join us and bring a friend to Movie Night at Eternal Shepherd.....My Son, My Savior**

**When:** November 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Child Care provided)

Church will be serving soups and sandwiches starting at 6:00 pm.

**My Son, My Savior** is a movie that traces the emotional journey of Mary who carried out the unique role in God's plan of salvation as the mother of Jesus. Mary experienced the miracle of Jesus' birth and was very blessed to call Jesus her son. As she witnessed his life and work, agonized over his suffering and death, and rejoiced at his resurrection from the dead, she humbly grew in her understanding that much more importantly she was blessed to call Jesus her Savior.



*Please remember to set your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on **Sat. Nov. 3rd** as Daylight Savings time ends.*



## *Deaconess Musings*

### *Hymnody Ponderings*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.

What can these anxious cares avail thee, these never ceasing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou bewail thee o'er each dark moment as it flies? Our cross and trials do but press the heavier for our bitterness.

***Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved. ~Psalm 55:22***

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6***

God knows full well when times of gladness shall be the needful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with sadness and from all guile has found thee free, He comes to thee all unaware and makes thee own His loving care.

Nor think amid the fiery trial that God hath cast thee off unheard, that he whose hopes meet no denial must surely be of God preferred. Time passes and much change doth bring and sets a bound to ev'rything.

***But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob,  
whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;  
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,  
and called from its farthest corners, saying to you,  
“You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”;  
fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ~Isaiah 41:8-10***

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, perform thy duties faithfully, and trust His Word; though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted Him indeed.

~If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, *LSB* 750, st. 1-2, 4-5, 7

Reflecting on hymns is something I greatly enjoy. I pray you, too, find as much comfort and peace in this particular hymn text and Scripture as I did this past month.

*Lord Jesus, at the Father's right hand, sanctify me and guide my steps,  
that I walk like Abraham, your friend. Amen.* (Prayer taken from *TLSB*, p1155)

***Congregational Meeting  
&  
Potluck Lunch***   
***Sunday, November 18th  
after the late service***

***Be sure to attend this important voter's  
meeting and join us for great food  
and fellowship.***

***Please bring your favorite  
dish to share.***



**Proposed Amendments to ESLC Constitution & Bylaws**

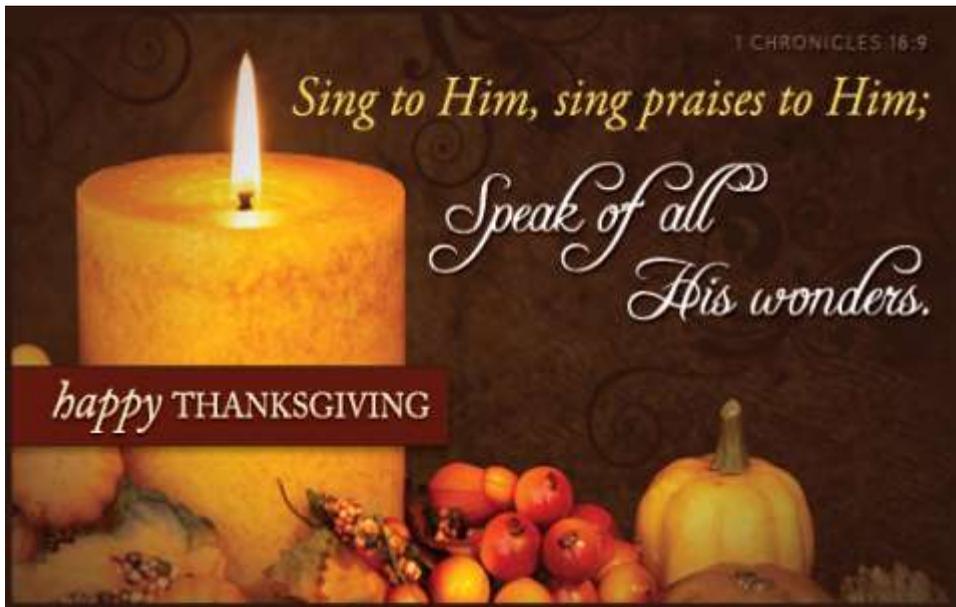
At the upcoming Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting, the Members of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church will vote on proposed amendments to the current church Constitution & Bylaws.

**Copies of these proposed amendments have been sent out to membership via email.**

**If you wish to receive a hard copy, please contact the office.**

A published copy is posted on the bulletin board.

If you did not receive a copy of the proposed amendments via email, contact Deaconess at [deaconess@eternalshepherd.org](mailto:deaconess@eternalshepherd.org).



*Please join us for  
Thanksgiving Day Worship  
w/Communion*

*Thursday, November 22nd at 10am*

Youth Gathering Fundraiser  
Fall Game Night! Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 3–6pm

Love games? Love chili? Love supporting our Youth?

On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm, join the Youth Gathering group for an afternoon of games and chili! Bring the whole family for 3 rounds of Bingo\* and 3 rounds of themed trivia, as well as a Chili Cook-Off dinner. Find a Youth and Adult Leader for your tickets every Sunday! Funds collected will go towards transportation costs for the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

\$15 for Adults; \$5 for Children under 14; 3 for \$5 extra Bingo cards

\*Non-cash prizes awarded per round.

~ESLC 2019 Youth Gathering Group



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I say November, quick what comes to mind? Thanksgiving? Midterm elections? If you said our November Congregational meeting, than you would be right! At this very important meeting on November 18, we will be voting for several candidates who have graciously agreed to fill vacating church council positions. It is very important that you make every effort to attend and cast your vote. The candidates are as follows:

President	John Cochell
Vice President	Pastor Phil McLain
Treasurer	Shannon Cox
Secretary	Debbie Krueger
Board of Stewardship	Sue Hauser
Head Elder	Fred Bell



Our 2019 proposed budget will also be presented for your input and discussion before it is voted on. The Board of Finance chaired by Bob Massa has been working very hard to put forward a realistic proposal, one that reflects our needs, balancing the bottom line with good stewardship practices.

We will also be voting to accept proposed changes to our church Constitution and By-laws. The last time a revision was done was February 2013. The Council at our January retreat this year set this as a goal and I would like to thank Don Seigler and Deaconess Holly Lustila for their time and effort in helping to bring this project to completion.

And if all this was not enough, you will also be asked to vote and accept the new Child/Youth Safety Policy. Unfortunately because of the times we live in the Council felt that for the safety of our children and the people who work diligently to serve them, we had to create a safety policy to help protect them in anyway we could. I want to emphasize that this policy was not created because anyone person or situation necessitated it. It is purely a precautionary measure that's time was due. With all that said, an affirmative vote will than allow the actual implementation process of this policy to be crafted by Council so it can move forward. I would like to thank Kerry Blount for his hard work in this endeavor as he led the sub-committee through several revisions of this important document.

**So as you can see this congregational meeting is extremely important and again I ask that you make every effort to attend on November 18, 2018 after late service. It will be a potluck lunch so we will be well fed before we begin our work!**

I feel a bit of sadness that this will be my last congregational meeting as your Council President (unless something urgent should require another before year end). I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this position and ask you to give my successor as much love and support as you gave me. This has certainly been a growth experience for me, one that has been a challenge but one that I have enjoyed. Thank you all for being patient with me and showing me forgiveness and grace when necessary. I look forward to continued joy here at ESLC as we work together to serve our neighbors and Christ here in this beautiful part of God's creation.

*God Bless you all,  
Rudy Carbone  
Council President*

## **A Word from your Stewardship Board,**

We all should pray daily for a spirit of gratefulness. All of us, to some degree, take our Father's grace, mercy and love for granted. He has already given us far more than we deserve.

Following is a prayer that was sent to me and seems perfect for year round and especially at Thanksgiving time.

***Thank You, Father***

**Dear God:**

I want to thank You for what You have already done.  
I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards,  
I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better,  
I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears,  
I am thanking You right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves,  
I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet,  
I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job,  
I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief,  
I am going to thank You right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed.  
I am thanking You right now.

I am thanking You because I am alive.

I am thanking You because I made it through the day's difficulties.

I am thanking You because I have walked around the obstacles.

I am thanking You because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking You because, Father, You haven't given up on me.

***With a thankful heart,  
Your lowly servant***



# *Tenacious*

by Kerry Blount

Growing up in a fundamentalist family with an authoritarian father gave me two things: a love for God, and a disdain for rigidly enforced legalism. When I left home for college, I decided to let my disdain have its way, and soon began to indulge my new-found “freedom” in every way I could think of. Fortunately, my imagination in those areas was pretty limited (thanks to God and my parents), and my preferred vices were binge drinking on weekends and chasing coeds, which was not limited to weekends.

The bane of my existence that year was a smart, funny, personable pre-med student named Forrest, who lived in the dorm with me just a couple of doors down the hall. The problem was this: he too was a Christian, and sometime during every week of my chosen dissipation, he would invite me to go to church with him on Sunday. Even worse, he would come by my room at 9:00 every Sunday morning, knock to wake me up from sleeping off my Saturday night drunk, and ask politely if I was going with him. He never lectured, never judged; but his gentle knocks and quiet invitations were decidedly unwelcome reminders of the One I had decided to ignore.

Meanwhile, sober or not, I was completely unscrupulous about chasing women. The student union, a variety of classes, the 3.2 beer halls around town, and even church, when I was sober enough on a Sunday morning to go (not with Forrest, of course), were all venues to be exploited. Church was where I met a devoted young Christian woman one of those rare Sunday mornings I actually attended. Shari was a smart, funny, personable pre-nursing student who intrigued me but would not be swayed from her commitment to God toward things I thought would be more exciting. She never badgered or belittled, but her unshakeable moral compass made for an unsettling comparison with my broken one.

In the anger, confusion and denial of this foolish and conflicted lifestyle, I occasionally found my way (always in the dead of night) to a little chapel at the edge of campus that was always open. No one was ever there after midnight, and I would sit quietly for a while and then stand at the altar rail and sing from memory all the old hymns I had learned at home and in church, enjoying the wonderful acoustics of the old stone nave. Late one night as I was standing in the dim light singing, I was surprised to hear the door open and shut at the back of the chapel. When I finished the hymn I had been singing, I was too embarrassed to turn around to see who was there, so I just started another one.

*“Purer in heart, O God, help me to be.  
May I devote my life wholly to Thee.  
Keep me from secret sin, Reign Thou my soul within.  
Purer in heart, help me to be.”*

When I finished the verse, a young woman’s gentle voice spoke from the very back of the chapel: “That’s a very beautiful song. You might want to listen to the words sometime.” Then I heard the door close as she left. That was the last time I heard Shari’s voice. Very shortly thereafter, I decided to transfer to another university. The semester was ending and I was too ashamed to come back to a place where I had demonstrated my childish disdain for all I knew to be noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. Over the summer, God graciously directed me to a place that would nurture me back to relationship and service, as He had been intending all along. I look back across the years and praise Him for His tenacious love, and for those He sent—and continues to send—to remind me of it. Thank you all.

*For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.  
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## FINANCE BOARD

On Sunday October 21, 2018 we celebrated “Commitment Sunday” as good stewards we offered our time, talents, and financial resources for 2019. This process of good stewardship continues as the Finance Board presents the 2019 church budget to the voters on Sunday November 18, 2018. This budget represents the Boards and Councils proposed utilization of our gifts (actually our re-gifting) for 2019. As a church this is one way to be good stewards with a host of other ways to also exhibit stewardship.

As individuals daily we are charged with being good stewards of God’s gifts to us. Financially, one method to accomplish this is by utilizing our church’s “Scrip” program. You can purchase cards (like gift cards) for things we purchase and use daily with a portion of the gross purchase amount being given to the church. For instance, Shell, Speedway, Marathon, Sunoco, and Walmart are a few who participate with gas cards and the church receives from 1.5 percent to 4 percent of the cards gross price. Ingles and Bi-Low Food stores participate. Amazon returns 5 percent to the church while Eddie Bauer returns 7 percent, Lands End 14 percent and L.L. Bean 18 percent. With the Holidays on the horizon these can be a good option while contributing to Eternal Shepherds ministry. Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and Lowe’s Home Improvement all remit 4 percent.

The list of participating businesses is extensive and includes national restaurants, hotels, retailers, and pharmacies/drug stores. On the local scene how many of us frequent Bountyland Quikstop (4 %), Moe Joe Coffee (9 %), Paesano’s (8 %), or Wilson’s Meat Markets (6 %). With a little planning we can improve our stewardship and contribute greatly to Eternal Shepherd. See one of the “Scrip” team members for the complete list of participating businesses.

### **OUTREACH RESTAURANT MINISTRY**

Please consider sharing ESLC’s reputation for showing love to a member of our community by patronizing a local eatery, sometime during November and chat with your server/order-taker, taking time to observe their name tag. When leaving the restaurant or when picking up your order write a short thank-you note on the back of an ESLC business card which are on the front desk at the church office or the wall rack in the narthex. Leave that thank-you card with your tip or hand the card to your order-taker. May we suggest that you pray about taking that opportunity to participate in this ministry of love!

You can use your smart phone, computer, etc. to E-Mail your server/order-taker’s first name only (for privacy purposes) to Celeste, our church secretary or Deaconess Holly [office@eternalshepherd.org](mailto:office@eternalshepherd.org) or leave a note on Celeste’s desk... or Deaconess Holly at [deaconess@eternalshepherd.org](mailto:deaconess@eternalshepherd.org). Tell Deaconess Holly or Celeste about your witnessing adventure...with the first name of your server/order-taker, and they will include that person in the Sunday Bulletin special prayer section, as well as on the E-Mail prayer chain. We understand that not everyone is comfortable with “public prayer”...so please note that this “show of love” does not in any way necessitate any member to engage in public prayer at the restaurant. *“Love thy neighbor”*

# WE'RE HAVING A PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Our 4th Annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party will take place in the Main Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** from **2:00-5:00pm**  
**WE NEED YOUR HANDS!**



Please come and join us as we participate in this awesome ministry that is changing the world, one child at a time! Great snacks and wonderful fellowship will be enjoyed by all!



If you wish to take a box home and fill it on your own, you'll find empty shoeboxes on the ping-pong table in the fellowship hall. Return it to the ping-pong table prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will include your boxes with ours, and will also pay your shipping fee!

**All filled boxes will be taken to the collection center by Monday November 12, 2018.**

*Thank you for helping us bless kids around the world this Christmas!!!!*  
*~ The Crossing Youth*

**ON-LINE GIVING** Bob Massa, Finance Board Chair  
Remember you can give on-line. After establishing an account, if you have the QR App on a device, you can use this method to contribute each Sunday using the QR code printed in the Sunday bulletin or the monthly Agapegram.



**SUNDAY FLOWERS** - Our two vases have been looking so very, very nice lately. Tiger Lily has really done an outstanding job with no increase in cost to us. However, there are many unfilled Sundays in the next three months which would mean that we might have to drop back to only one vase per Sunday. It surely would be appreciated if you would prayerfully consider helping to keep our Sanctuary beautified with two arrangements of flowers that our Lord so generously provides for us to enjoy. Thank you.



## DISASTER RELIEF TEAM UPDATE:



Mission team 709 (total age of team members) worked two days in Lumberton NC doing chain saw work. We cut up damaged and fallen trees in five different locations. The picture reflects the last part of a very large tree we cut up and removed for Betty, the 85 year old lady holding the axe in the picture. Unfortunately Michael cut short our week with rain starting Wednesday morning, but we did a lot of good work in two days.

**WE are planning a return trip to the area the week of October 28. Final details are being determined as this is being written.**

**We are also planning another 2018 trip for the week of December 2nd.**

**Planning for 2019 trips is in process with tentative dates; Feb 24, Apr 7, May 19, Sep 15, Oct 20 and Nov 17. We will be posting a signup sheet for ANYONE who is interested in going on ANY trip to register their interest and contact info.**

Questions to Lars, Deek and Monty or any member of the mission committee.

### **ISRAEL TRIP: October 29th - November 11th 2019**

If you are interested in possibly going to Israel for an inspiration and eye opening experience **come to the informational meeting on November 14th. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall of Eternal Shepherd at 6:00 pm.** The meeting should be no longer than an hour and a half. **Refreshments will be provided.** Please let Philip or Margi McLain know if you plan to attend. ~Shalom, Phil

## MISSION NEWS

### MISSION QUILTERS DO IT AGAIN—2018:

On October 14th Pastor Hammer blessed 65 quilts that were made by a small group of ladies who volunteer their time from 9 am to 1 pm once a month. These quilts go to 3rd world countries and at least 11 are going to Haiti to help Pastor Walta and his orphanage. There is no hand sewing done and we work at stations in a production line, enjoying fun and fellowship as we help those in need. The quilts are then blessed and packaged for shipping where they are sent to Maryland for distribution. The following ladies are at the center of this rewarding work: *Rosie Caprio; Gloria Christopher-son; Juanita Dettman; Jean Feldt; Karen Findlay; Jane Fireovid; Raija Griffin; Sue Hauser; Sami Johnson; Glenda Krabbe; Roberta Port; Becky Rau; Gloria Shealy; Delores Stewart; Joyce Thompson; Colleen Wakeman, and Chris Worthy.* We would love to have you join us, please consider doing *sew*. For questions or to join our group please contact *Marlene Bell*.



### **Amazing School at Pas Bonbon Haiti. 96 Students!**

Students in Pas Bonbon meet outside in two areas and inside the church in three areas. The lower left shows rocks supporting a board to sit on. What is **amazing** – one of our members' two young grandchildren donated their allowance and the money was used to build the bench desks. Please come Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to our fellowship hall. Pastor Walta of Haiti will be here to personally give thanks for what has been accomplished since our involvement started this year. This is a great opportunity to hear what has happened, what is currently happening, and what is on the horizon. You will also be able to meet several from Mt Pisgah, our sister congregation involved in the Central Plateau. **Please let Lars know if you are coming so he knows how much water to put in the soup.**



Pastor Walta

***Bring the whole family – it's a celebration!***



**HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS:** Our Honduras team is almost set and it is time to begin preparations for our mission. As a medical mission with an evangelistic outcome we bring medicine, eyeglasses, dental supplies, and children's ministry supplies, plus we purchase Bibles, water filters, and other needed items that we cannot carry with us. To do this requires funds and we have been able to raise much of our needs through our "Helping Hands for Honduras" glove drive each year. Beginning Nov. 4 we will be distributing gardening gloves for our friends to fill with loose change, cash or checks to help with these vital needs.

If you are new to ESLC and are not familiar with our mission, we travel to Honduras, an impoverished Central American country to bring relief to a people who have very little. Many live in shacks with dirt floors, the water is not pure and the opportunity for income is almost non-existent. For many what we bring is their only opportunity to have medicine, clean water, a concrete floor or to hear the Word of God.

We invite you to join our mission through your support of our glove drive. The gloves will be distributed during the fellowship time and before both services on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you in advance for your support. *Que Dios te bendiga (May God bless you), Your Honduras Mission Team*



### *Comfort Dog News*

*"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Isaiah 40:1*

Thank you to all who have contributed and supported the Comfort Dog Ministry to date. We have reached our goal of raising the remaining \$7500 for the dog, praise God! Although part of the money raised has come from fundraising efforts in the community, much of it was donated by many of you – thank you! We will continue to raise funds to get the ministry off the ground over the next few months so we can purchase dog supplies and help offset the future travel and training costs for handlers and caregivers.

The Comfort Dog team is firming up as 9 members have submitted handler applications through Lutheran Church Charities. In addition, caregivers have also submitted their applications. We are now looking to enlist Ministry Partners to join the team. A Ministry Partner can fulfill various functions such as accompanying the handler and dog to events or visits. A Ministry Partner can also help with publicity, handle correspondence, prepare baked goods for various visits (such as police and fire stations), and even maintain a bulletin board showing what the dog is doing in the community. There are so many ways to serve and be involved in this compassionate ministry! The team will meet after late service on November 11 in room 300. Please feel free to join us if you are interested in being a Ministry Partner. All handlers and caregivers, please attend!

Recently, Rudy and I set up a booth at the Seneca Animal Hospital's Pet Palooza event. Seneca Animal Hospital has agreed to offer us free vet care, thanks to Sue Blount's efforts. We enjoyed the festivities all day and made some contacts with the police, the Community Emergency Response Team and other vendors.

The team will once again participate in the Belk's Charity Sale. This is a wonderful fundraiser for us as we raised \$637 in April. This is how it works; the customer purchases a \$5 ticket from the charity (i.e. Comfort Dog Ministry) and the charity keeps the \$5. The customer then uses the ticket on the day of the sale which is Saturday November 3 and gets \$5 off their purchase. It is a win-win for the customer and the charity! We will be selling tickets at the Seneca Belk's store for two weeks on various dates. If you would like to buy a ticket to support the Comfort Dog Team, please see Colleen Wakeman or myself.

Lastly, we will be selling our popular homemade dog biscuits once again at Christmas so don't worry about having to buy that special pup a present, we got you covered!

As always, thank you for your generosity, support and prayers. We are getting closer every day to fully launching this ministry and getting our own Comfort Dog. Although we don't know exactly when or how the ministry will unfold in our community, we trust the Lord to guide us every step of the way as He has done already by bringing this ministry to Eternal Shepherd! ~Kyra Carbone, Top Dog

## FOOD BANK NEWS:

Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month. These items will help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **November's preferred product is "Canned Fruit". Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall. ~Thank you for your generosity and support.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Habitat For Humanity is in need of volunteers throughout the organization. Due in a large part to longtime volunteers moving away. There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. If you have any questions contact Henry or Sue Watson.

## Hospitality Happenings for November

November late service schedule:

11/4 - Marilyn Robertson

11/11 - Jill Roeder

**11/18 - Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch**

11/25 - Janet Moriarty & Betty Terry



Thinking about joining the hospitality board? Please see myself or Marlene Bell with any questions. *In his service, Sue Williams*



**Greeting Cards —** Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Cancer/Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! Please be sure to check out the card cart in the Fellowship Hall. They are still \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. *Thank you for your support.*

## SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS



**In *September* the following gifts were given:**

In loving memory of *Lillian Grace Bartle*  
the Comfort Dog Fund received a gift of \$100.00

In loving memory of *Dr. Vil Griffin*  
the General Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Greg Krabbe*  
the Elder Fund received gifts of \$325.00

In loving memory of *Alex Richards*  
the Comfort Dog Fund received gifts of \$200.00

In loving memory of *Marion Rogers*  
the Local Missions Fund received a gift of \$250.00

In honor of *McLain Roberts* Baptism  
the Special Mission Fund received a gift of \$25.00

### Other Gifts:

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$100.00

The Carpet Fund (Fellowship Hall) received a gift of \$25.00

The Church Mission Fund received a gift of \$20.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$885.00,  
gifts of \$372.00 from the Apple Festival Sales,  
and a gift of \$407.00 from Thrivent Choice

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The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00

The Disaster Relief Trailer Fund received gifts of \$215.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The General Fund received a gift of \$500.00  
from the Kulper Family Trust Fund  
and a gift of \$67.00 from Thrivent Choice

The Haiti Mission Fund received gifts of \$4,412.50

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$400.00

The Hospitality Fund received gifts of \$125.00

The Lutheran Witness Fund received gifts of \$140.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$300.00

The Youth Fund received a gift of \$25.00

## **SCRIP CARDS**

Please remember that  
**Scrip cards make *great birthday, and  
Christmas gifts* and earn money for  
Eternal Shepherd at the same time.**

Please see your scrip ladies today or pick up  
an order form located by the Scrip box in the  
narthex. ~*Thank you for your support.*



# Little Lambs Tales

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever"  
1 Chronicles 16:34*

It is the month of November and we have much to give thanks for here at Little Lambs Preschool. We are thankful to the parents who entrust their little ones to us each and every day. We are thankful for the children who remind us through their words and actions the love of our God and the beauty of His creation. We are thankful for the support of our staff as we gather together in prayer each morning and are reminded that God is with us through the good days and bad. We are thankful for this church and the many members who continue to support us in so many ways.

This month we will be busy giving thanks and sharing our gifts of faith, family and friends with our children.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be celebrated on November 16<sup>th</sup>! This feast will be held in the Fellowship Hall where our staff, parents and children will gather as one community in celebration for the many blessings that God has given us. To kick off our feast, we will have our own Thanksgiving parade where the children will be dressed in costume and upon entering the hall will walk as pilgrims and Indians singing and parading until they find their families who will be seated at their tables. The staff will then serve our families the Thanksgiving meal as a way of saying thank you for being a part of our Little Lambs Preschool family.

We culminate the month of November with our Parents Night Out. On this evening our parents are given an opportunity to go out as a couple and spend time with one another as we care for their children.

We hope that each and every one of you can join us in counting our blessings as we celebrate this month of thankfulness!



*Blessings,  
Gina*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

# SIGN OF THANKFULNESS



Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

## What you need:

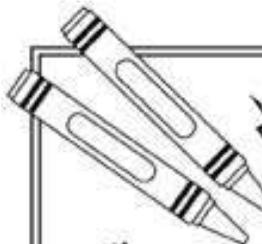
- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

## What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



# PUZZLE



## Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

**Directions:** In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give<br>Take<br>Grab   | 2. peanut<br>praise<br>pear | 3. temple<br>house<br>LORD            | 4. proclaim<br>past<br>present | 5. name<br>boy<br>lad  | 6. ruin<br>destroy<br>make |
| 7. pine<br>acorn<br>known | 8. train<br>nations<br>bus  | 9. done<br>donut<br>muffin            | 10. Sing<br>Sleep<br>Yawn      | 11. she<br>him<br>girl | 12. sun<br>praise<br>moon  |
| 13. tell<br>fast<br>slow  | 14. red<br>all<br>blue      | 15. horrible<br>dreadful<br>wonderful | 16. acts<br>sisters<br>aunts   |                        |                            |

" \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ ;

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

\_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_ .

6                      7                      8                      9

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his

10                      11                      12                      13                      14

\_\_\_\_\_ " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

15                      16

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts  
Give praise to the LORD; proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

## **SERVICE TIMES**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



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Choir Director: Rick Schmidt  
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*Happy Thanksgiving!*

