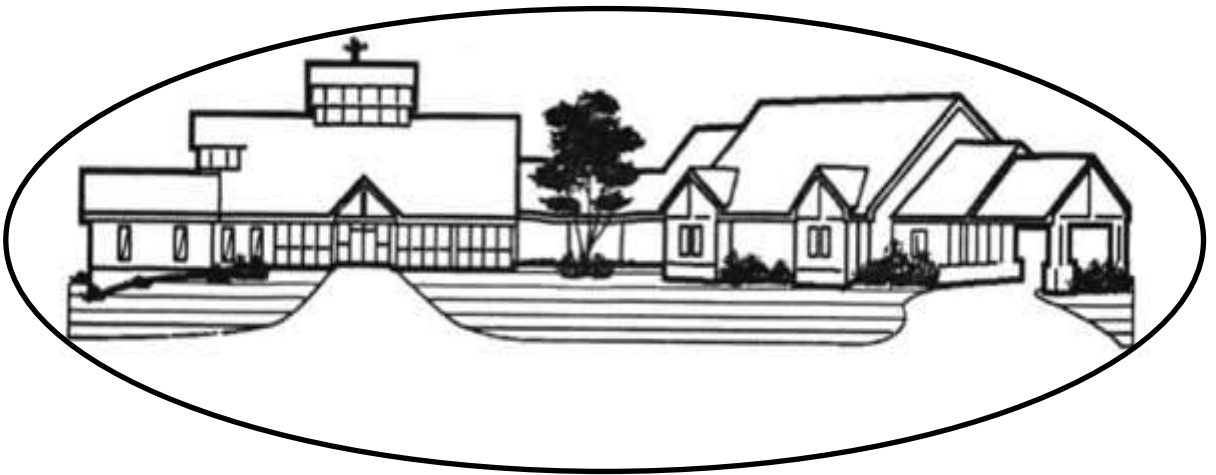

Agapegram

November 2022



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Living in Forgiveness



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Ephesians 4:32 EHV

We have Reformation and the themes of grace, faith, and the authoritative Word of God fresh in our minds this time of year. Grace, faith, & Holy Scripture are all tied thoroughly to Jesus Christ and as WELS pastor & professor Rev. Wade Hampton writes...

Christ is the beating heart of Christian community. It's in Christ, that we relate to our neighbor. It's in Christ, that we, who are different in many ways, are made into one body. It's Christ who brings us together and teaches us how to live together. A process that always begins and ends with forgiveness.

And when we consider the price Christ paid upon the cross and our own struggles to release grudges and avoid bitterness toward those who have offended us, we agree with Rev. Hampton's assessment:

Forgiveness is no easy thing. Jesus says, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him" (Lk. 17:3-4).

How did the apostles respond? They begged, "Increase our faith!" (Lk. 17:5) God bless the apostles, they got it. They knew they couldn't live up to all that God asks. ...

Forgiveness is hard. The apostles knew that. And yet Christ came to forgive, and we forgive as we have been forgiven. Faith breathes in forgiveness and faith breathes out forgiveness. Where Christ is, absolutions abound.

...This is the heart of Christian community: Christians are forgiven and forgive. This is the heart of Christian marriage, Christian family, Christian friendships, Christian ministry, and Christian community of any sort. ...

There is no true life and meaningful community apart from forgiveness. If left to the law and quid pro quo scorekeeping, we'll never be enough, we'll never love our neighbor simply to love, and we'll find ourselves on a treadmill that never turns off. Apart from faith, we are and will always be unworthy servants. ...

But God doesn't deal with us as we by nature deal with others like a master with a servant. God owes us nothing, and we can never give to God all that we owe him. But God isn't interested in wages because God gives gifts.

If you want wages from God, there are some. Paul says "the wages of sin is death" (Ro. 6:23)... but God doesn't want to deal with us with wages. That sentence therefore continues. Paul says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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Jesus... [says]: "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home ... blessed are those servants!" (Lk. 12:26-38)

In Christ, we are ready, because we're forgiven. And Christ will be returning. And when he comes, he'll dress himself for service and serve a feast like we've never seen before. We'll enjoy it with brothers and sisters, known and unknown, but all forgiven. ... It will be the perfect community, like the kind we can't have here, but the one for which this community prepares us, by forgiveness—forgiveness received and forgiveness given. Oh, what a day that will be! [Excerpted from: <https://www.1517.org/articles/how-to-define-christian-community>]

I acknowledged my sin to you... and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:5 EHV

Pastor David



***Thanksgiving Day Worship
w/Communion
Thursday, November 24th at 10:00 am***



Deaconess' Musings

Our Anchor for the Soul

Autumn arrives and the world outside soon changes and prepares for wintertime, whether we wish it to or not. And as we move out of summer's long, hot days and into fall's cooler, colorful ones, this time of transition never fails to bring a certain time of contemplation and introspection.

The main thought: change.

It is a word that could invoke many a thought and attitude. It is a thought pattern that frightens the best of us. It is inevitable and something that will touch each one of us – no matter our age or stage of life.

We all experience various changes with our lives, whether it be a new marriage, the arrival of a new child, graduation, job promotions/losses, moving, death of a family member or spouse, death itself, etc... But while all people on Earth experience the very same things, we remain anchored through unpredictable waters.

Our Lord God remains our constant source of life and hope. He is our anchor, in whom we find “strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us” (Hebrews 6:18, 19a). No matter the change we will face in this life, God proves a most trustworthy and ever-present companion who is “the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). And even though for a time, our lives be mired with change, sorrow, distress or tears, we hold an anchored hope in Jesus Christ and lean on His never-failing grace and forgiveness. For through every change and season of our life, we rejoice in the future that has yet to be revealed when all will be made perfect and complete through Christ.



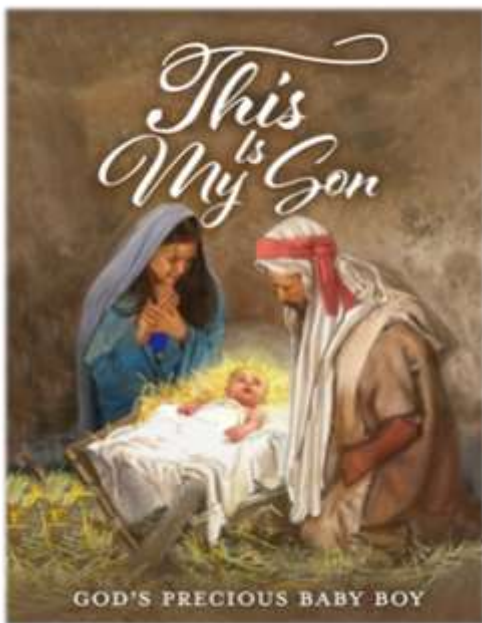
Until that day, we take comfort and rest when we face the multitude of changes in our unchangeable, immovable, ever-present Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

~Deaconess Holly



*Please remember to set your clocks **back one hour before going to bed on Sat. Nov. 5th** as Daylight Saving Time ends.*

Advent Workshop



November 27th

**at 9:45 am
in room #300**

**All children ages
12 and under.**

~We look forward to seeing you there.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 20th after the late service.

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Lunch
and then an important Annual Voter's Meeting.**

or

you can join us via zoom.



November 2022 Council Update

The Council Team met on October 5th. Following are some updates from your Council:

Worship Attendance:

God continues to bless Eternal Shepherd. Weekly attendance (in-person plus online) is now greater than before the Covid pandemic began in March 2020!

2023 Little Lambs Budget: Jane Fireovid (Little Lambs Chair) presented the 2023 budget. Based on income and expenditures, the budget predicts a \$2,400 surplus. Special thanks to Jane, Gina Cote and Jon Tyner for this great position compared to where we were just 1 year ago. Jim Zwahlen noted that the Finance Board had reviewed the budget and believed it to be solid and based on conservative assumptions. Council approved the LL budget unanimously.

2023 Congregation Budget: Jim Zwahlen (Finance Chair) presented the budget. The largest increase is in the Board of Property, with the increase going into the Building Contingency Fund. Jim and Monty Moore (Property Chair) explained that the 5-year plan is necessary based on the age of the building. Other increases were due to insurance and employee benefits. Council approved the budget unanimously.

Lutheran School Feasibility Study: Ann Miller told Council that the Board of Christian Outreach unanimously voted to begin a feasibility study on expanding our education outreach to kindergarten to 6th grade, and eventually up to 12th grade. Al Roeder presented the rationale for starting the process at this time. Discussion items included, costs, benefits, challenges, possible District resources, and remote learning options. Council voted unanimously for the Board of Christian Outreach to form a committee to begin a feasibility study.

November 20th Congregation Meeting: Our annual meeting will be held after the 11:00 Service. The main topics will be the ESLC Budget, Little Lambs Preschool Budget, and the proposed Safety Response Team. There will be a potluck luncheon prior to the meeting.

In His service,
John Cochell



We would like to thank all of the ESLC family for your thoughts, prayers and cards during this difficult time. Your support, comfort and kindness will always be remembered.
~The family of Rein Brueggeman, Betty

**Join us each week for Wonderful Wednesdays
potluck dinners on Wednesday evenings.**

**Join us for fellowship with other church members
as we enjoy dinner.**



**Potluck Dinner & Fellowship from 5:30-6:30pm
Choir Practice begins at 6:30pm**

Note: Every third Wednesday, we'll be hosting Youth Conversations where members of our congregation will speak and teach our Youth about various topics.

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE 'STUFF THE BUS' CAMPAIGN.**

Our church bus is planning to accompany Seth, our Comfort Dog, and Hope, the Comfort Dog from Marietta, GA, to Lutheran Towers, a HUD facility, in Midtown Atlanta on November 18th with a bus load of household items that the residents need. The complete list of the needed items is available above the collection bin in the Narthex. These items need to be new and unopened.

Susan McCart, one of our newer members, serves on the board of directors for Lutheran Towers and can provide you additional information about this worthy cause. More detailed information was also provided in the October Agapegram.

**We want to thank all that have already
generously given; but, we would truly like to
'Stuff the Bus'!**

**Please consider donating if you have not done
so already. All donations need to be given by
Sunday, November 13th.**

Please help
me Stuff
the Bus!
Thank you!



Comfort Dog News

We have had an exciting month with Seth with several unique opportunities we were blessed to be invited to and participate in.

Emmanuel Lutheran School in Asheville requested Seth after the death of a former student.

We spent the whole day visiting with every student in the school from kindergarten to 8th grade. Seth was the perfect angel as each student petted him and shared with him their feelings of sadness of losing one of their own.

Westminster High School invited Seth to their Hike for Hope Suicide Awareness event to work in their “Comfort Station” for participants. Once again, Seth did what he does best and offered comfort and love to all who greeted him.

Oconee Veterans Administration invited Seth to participate in the Veteran Appreciation Event held at South Cove County Park. It was a beautiful day by the lake and many veterans stopped by our station to say hello and learn more about Seth’s veteran ministry.

Southeastern District of the LCMS invited Seth to attend their Educators Conference in Williamsburg, VA alongside Solomon Comfort Dog (Williamsburg, VA) and Kezia Comfort Dog (Baltimore, MD). The Comfort Dogs were situated in the youth room where the educators would come and visit in between their sessions. The purpose of having the Comfort Dogs there was to offer comfort to these hard-working educators who have had a very tough job over the last few years.

LWML Carolina District Western Zone invited Seth to greet the participants attending the rally. The ladies of the LWML are always thrilled to have a Comfort Dog greet them at their events and they have always supported not only Seth but all the LCC K9 Comfort Dogs across the country.

In addition to all these special events, Seth has continued his regularly scheduled visits to assisted living homes, the hospital, cancer center and hospice homes. He is a busy boy!

Looking ahead....

On November 9, Seth will be visiting the Rudolph Gordon Middle School in Simpsonville to share the ministry with the 6th grade students.

On November 18, Seth and Hope Comfort Dog (Marietta, GA) with their teams will be visiting Lutheran Towers in Atlanta to greet the 200+ residents. We will also be delivering all the items you have generously donated for them. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity – so many wonderful items have been collected so far and the bus is filling up! Also, many thanks to all the crocheters/knitters who made 125 pocket prayer shawls to distribute to the residents. Thank you to all for supporting this worthwhile cause! PS- there is still time to donate items to “Stuff the Bus”! **Last day to contribute will be Sunday, November 13.**

Sometimes I can’t believe where this amazing dog, created by God, has taken us! I look at every opportunity God places in our path as a chance to share Christ with those we meet.

Serving God and our neighbors alongside Seth has been an

amazing adventure for me personally. I hope and pray we can continue this journey as God allows and directs us to! *To God be the Glory, Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*



New Mission (sort of)

By Deek Decker

Over the last few years, I (Deek) have been involved with building about eleven handicap ramps both in SC and GA. It started with a phone request that came into the church office from folks in Walhalla who needed a ramp finished after someone else stopped working on it. The next two ramps were for habitat that was building a house for a lady in a wheelchair. After that we worked on several during the tornado recovery. More recently we have done three for church members.

Sometimes funding for materials is available and sometimes not. Most of the time people needing a ramp are financially challenged, usually because of the very reason they are handicapped. The purpose of the new initiative is to establish a formal process to meet the needs of people in our community. The plan is to establish a base line of funding for ramp materials through a budget line within the outreach committee. We don't know how often and when a request will come in. We just know that we want to be ready when it happens. If it turns out that we need more funds than the budget provides we hope to identify folks within the congregation that will step forward and donate what is needed. This has happened a couple of times in the last year.

The proposed way this would work is that checks would be made payable to the church with the designation for the Ramp Fund. It is my hope that folks would join me and (confidently) indicate their willingness to help, so I know who to call if/when the need arises.

So...how much does a ramp cost? It depends on the price of materials that have been very volatile in the last two years. A little over two years ago lumber was about \$500.00 per 1000 board feet. Then it got almost to \$1,500.00 but is now down to just under \$500.00. The other factor is how long the ramp needs to be. A good practice requires the ramp to be one foot long for every inch of drop from the house level to the ground at the end of the ramp. The last two inside the garage ramps cost between \$1,200 and \$1600. Because of different material requirements a long outside ramp would cost several thousand dollars.

The intent of this mission is to reflect ours and God's love for our community. For questions or to help please contact Deek Decker at (864) 356-2135 or docdeek0@yahoo.com

CHRIST CENTRAL MINISTRIES is looking for someone to head up their weekly Saturday Feed the Hungry Minsitry at Our Daily Bread on Jordan Street in Seneca. Ashley and Tiffany Williams have been doing this every Saturday and their growing family is requiring more and more attention. If you would be willing to help out please contact Tiffany at the Christ Central Ministries phone number 8646383322 and press 2 to leave a message with your call back number. Contact Ann Miller 8646378353 if you want more information.

Update on our Haiti Mission

Below is in from Pastor Walta in response to our sending a Wire Transfer to cover the cost of Pas Bonbon school staff for September and October and \$2,000.00 to Trinity HOPE to cover the first couple of months of School lunch.

Greetings to our dear Brothers in Christ,

We Thank God and we thank you so much, Brother Lars and all the other Members of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church for all you are doing on behalf of the children in Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road. You make a difference in the life of hundreds of families by helping these children. You are building the future of Haiti. After the Gospel, I believe that education is the key to development. When a boy is going to school, that reduces his chance to become a gangster. When a girl is going to school, that reduces her chance to become pregnant early at 15 or 16 years old in Pas Bonbon, So, we are so blessed, so thankful to you and will continue to pray for you all.

We would like to thank Brother Keith of Trinity Hope who continues to take care of thousands of children in Haiti. Haiti ranks 170th of 189 countries on the 2020 Human Development Index. With a population of more than 11 million, more than 1.5 million people are highly food insecure and around 4.5 million people did not have enough to eat last year. More than half of the population do not have enough to eat now; and more than 25 percent of children are chronically malnourished. Food security has also continued to deteriorate in rural areas, with several going from crisis to emergency phase. Hunger has reached Catastrophic levels. Catastrophic hunger levels were recorded for the first time in Haiti in this month of October. Haiti is not like it was last year. And, the situation has become worse now, because gangsters take control of many parts of the country, many streets are literally blocked. No physical connection between departments. So, by feeding children, you are doing a very good job. Trinity Hope is helping families. Many of these children receive just the meal of Trinity Hope in their School and do not receive any food at home because their parents are not working. Thank you so much, Brother Keith, for your past and continuing blessings. Trinity Hope brings Hope for the future of Haiti.

Again, thank you Brother Lars for the funds you sent for Pas Bonbon and those that were part of Rocky Road and now absorbed into another school. We appreciate it. This fund is designated to 2 schools:

- 1. Reformer of Pas Bonbon 300 children**
- 2. Reformer of Fombrun/Rocky Road 100 children**

Please, Brother Keith, if possible, could you add Reformer of Fombrun/Rocky Road in the list of Central-Plateau? The Food program Directors in Central-Plateau have all the information required about the Reformer of Fombrun/Rocky Road and will be glad to serve it.

We thank so much Eternal Shepherd Seneca for these 400 students for the 2022/2023 school year. So, the children will receive food at school. They will be able to learn many things and will contribute to change the situation of our country, Haiti.

Please, continue to pray for Haiti.

In His Service and to His Glory,
Walta Clercius

For the Board of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and Schools of Central-Plateau, Haiti

Honduras Mission News

Your Honduras Mission Team has formed and will go serve in Tegucigalpa, Honduras the week of Feb. 18 to Feb. 25, 2023. Team meetings begin October 30 and team members are getting their support together to enable them to travel. We are also having a "Helping Hands for Honduras" fund raiser to purchase the needed supplies for the trip. For now we are no longer allowed to bring our footlockers filled with medicine and supplies as before but the mission is still medical with an evangelistic outcome. We are going there to share the gospel with the people of Honduras and to bring a small degree of relief for their difficult lives. We respond to God's call "to go and make disciples of all nations".

Please pray for our team as we prepare to go serve in Honduras.



Helping Hands for Honduras



On the 6th of November your Honduras team will distribute garden gloves to everyone who would like to support our Honduras Mission trip. At present the country will not allow us to bring donations as before and therefore we must raise the funds to purchase all needed ministry supplies and medicine in Honduras.

PLEASE take a glove and fill it with pocket change, cash or a check to support your Honduras Mission Team's Ministry. Thank you and God Bless You. ~Your Honduras Mission Team.

REMEMBER THAT ALL ESLC MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY!

Although there is a group of women that lovingly and prayerfully make these prayer shawls, it takes the individual members of our entire congregation to distribute the prayer shawls to those that are ill, distressed, grieving, etc. You may give these to anyone; they do not need to be members of our congregation. If you are concerned and praying for someone, don't wait for someone else to give them a prayer shawl, please do it yourself. Currently there are 20 prayer shawls that we can give.

If you are not familiar with this ministry, the prayer shawls are available at all times in the Fellowship Hall by the closets. You will see one prayer shawl displayed. There are bins beside this display containing the prayer shawls. You simply select the style and color that you would like to give. After you found the 'one', just sign your name, the date and the name of the person that you are giving it to. We simply ask that you pray with the person if you give it to them in person.

We as a congregation have already given 21 prayer shawls so far this year and over 150 since this ministry began. Behind the log sheet, there is a list of people who have already received prayer shawls.

This group of women also makes pocket prayer shawls. You may have noticed in the Bulletin a request to make these for Seth and his visit to Lutheran Towers in Midtown Atlanta this month. Thanks to all those that have helped, we were able to make over 125 pocket prayer shawls for Seth in just a month.

~Sue Hauser



Please Note: The Little Lambs Preschool **no longer collects** Campbell's Soup labels since our school does not qualify for their current program. We do use the Tools For Schools program from Ingles which is a big help in getting many of the school supplies needed each year. Please be sure to sign up for our Tools for School program through your Ingles card. Questions please ask Preschool Director Gina Cote or Jane Fireovid. *We thank you for your prayers and continued support.*





IT'S SHOEBOX PACKING TIME!
Beginning this year our event has a start time
Join us on Saturday, November 5th at 3:00pm!

Come hear guest speaker Tonya Sawyer, the Logistics Coordinator for the OCC Western SC Area Team. She'll share with us what's involved with being a drop-off center. In the past year another drop-off center had to close, meaning there are fewer centers available to receive shoeboxes. The Western SC Team has asked Eternal Shepherd to consider becoming a drop-off location to fill the gap. Tonya's information will help us have the information we need to consider in making a decision. If you enjoy this ministry, please come, bring your questions, and hear what's involved.

We'll also learn what happens to our shoeboxes after we pack them and what's involved in getting them into the hands of children around the world. Come and watch a video about the distribution of shoeboxes in Benin, which is where some of our shoeboxes were distributed in 2021. It will bring you so much joy!

~There will be snacks~

After we share some information about the boxes, we'll all enjoy some amazing fellowship as we work together to pack 300 shoeboxes!

PLEASE come and join us. You WILL be blessed!!

I hope to see you at 3:00 on Nov. 5th

~ Please call Terri Baumann with any questions: 864-882-4386



Scrip Cards Make Great Gifts

Dear Friends, At this time of year we are giving thanks for our blessings but it is also a time we are looking forward to Christmas. And, we are planning our list of gifts for our loved ones. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of our Scrip Program.

If you haven't ordered gift cards previously let me help you become acquainted with the ease of the process. We have order forms available in the Narthex at the Scrip box. Please take the time to pick up the form and see how many cards are available. You will mark the form and return it to a committee member with a check for the full amount. Each of those cards is purchased by our church at a discount but sold to you at the face value. All that is required of you is some advance planning. In almost every case we will return your order to you in one week or less. We are aware that these cards are available in many stores but the difference is—if you purchase them at a store, the store reaps the profit. If you purchase them from us the full profit goes to Eternal Shepherd. It is a very easy way to be a good steward of our gifts.



On the order form the stores listed are ones that are available in this area for the most part. We also are able to obtain cards for stores that are in other parts of the country. If you'd like to purchase something that isn't listed please contact one of us.

For that question and any others you may have about this program please contact me or another member. Scrip members are Elisabeth Baker, Libby Dunlap, Sue Hauser, and Beckie Rau.

*Thank you,
Beckie Rau
(864) 944-6096*



Needs Mentors!

Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty.

Mentors are needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and share life changing skills with our children!

Visit our website at www.rippleofone.org
For more information, email Ria Dawkins at:
ripple.terria@gmail.com



Volunteers Needed for BabyRead

BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read one-on-one to moms and their babies or toddlers at public venues twice a month for one hour each time. Covid options are available which don't require face-to-face contact. We are, also, looking for volunteers in management, leadership, and administrative positions. To become a BabyRead volunteer, call (864) 643-8083 or visit www.babyread.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Habitat For Humanity is in need of volunteers throughout the organization. There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. Find out more about serving with us at <https://www.oconeehabitat.org>.

ON-LINE GIVING Remember you can give on-line. Just go to our church website at www.eternalshepherd.org and click on the On-line Giving bar in the top right corner on the homepage. ~Thank you for your faithful support.



FOOD BANK NEWS: Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to 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.



CARD CART NEWS! - If you have a chance, stop by the Card Cart Ministry Display in the Fellowship Hall. You might find a card that is just perfect for someone you know! There is a wide variety for all kinds of occasions and the price is perfect!!! \$.50 for all cards and \$5.00 for a box of 12 found on the bottom of the cart.



Hospitality Happenings for November

11/6 – Laura Scott

11/13 – ???

11/20 – Sue McCart & Vendo Toming

11/27 – Bob & Teri Massa



Hospitality is going forward full speed since the conclusion of the Pandemic. We have provided for Memorial Services and Sunday Bible Study. We always remain committed to our church and are always looking for new members. This requires as little or as much as you would like to help with: providing food, set-up, serving and clean-up. All these are helpful and needed.

If you are new to any of these, please contact me at 864-784-0421 and my husband and I will gladly help. ~Colleen Wakeman

November Birthdays

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| 2 – Lauren Lucas | 18 - Emerson McKay |
| 3- Joyce James | 19 – John Durham |
| 6 - Rick Cochell | 20 – Dcs. Holly Cox
John Lindgren |
| 7 – Craig Baumann | 22 – Bob Krabbe
Delores Stewart |
| 8 – Jenna Fireovid | 23 – Christine Davis
Tom Eckersley |
| 11 – Jim Jacques
Lee Lampe
Margi McLain
Lois Owens | 24 – Al Johnson
Woo Wagner |
| 12 – Gerry Durham | 26 – Chuck Rau |
| 13 - Kate Wells | 27 - Ken Dunlap |
| 14 - Matthew Dunlap
Garner Sorrell, Jr. | 30 – Milo Bell |
| 15 – Joan Callahan
Scott Kaltrider | |
| 16 – Patty Kaltrider
Quin Toussaint | |



November Anniversaries

- 1-- Richard & Joyce Thompson
- 4 - Christian & Katie Getchell
- 7 – Alan & Rocki Van Heusen
- 9 – Rein & Betty Brueggeman
- 16 – Rick & Suzanne Lucas
- 20 – Doug & Denise Zirbel
- 25 - Sherwood & Patsy Drexel
Pastor David & Judy Hammer
- 27 - Mike & Sue Hauser



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In September the following gifts were given:



In loving memory of *Marilyn Kluckman*
the General Fund received a gift of \$2,000.00

In loving memory of *Harold Krueger*
the Disaster Response Team Fund received a gift of \$25.00,
and the Elders Fund received a gift of \$50.00

In loving memory of *Nancy Stockman*
the General Fund received a gift of \$100.00

In loving memory of *Henry Watson*
the Elders Fund received gifts of \$702.76,
the General Fund received gifts of \$1,200.00

Other Gifts:

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$643.48,
and a gift of \$597.50 from the Augustus J. Pleuthnr Religious Foundation Grant

The Disaster Response Team Fund received gifts of \$950.00,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Giving Thanks Grant,
and a gift of \$595.50 from the Augustus J. Pleuthnr Religious Foundation Grant

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$124.06

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$24.06

The General Fund received a gift of \$500.00 from Blessings Shared Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$705.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$3,300.00,
and a gift of \$202.83 from the Augustus J. Pleuthnr Religious Foundation Grant

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$96.71

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$370.00

The Youth Fund received gifts of \$677.67

Little Lambs Tales

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

We are ready for the month of November. A time to give thanks here at Little Lambs Preschool. We are thankful to the parents who entrust their little ones to us each 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 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. In the month of November, we will be busy giving thanks and sharing our gifts of faith, family, and friends with our children.

We had quite the busy month in October! We finally were able to enjoy a field trip to Little Cane Creek Farms. The past several years we have been rained out and although the rain threatened in the morning the sun came out and we had a beautiful day enjoying the Farm. We were able to go on a hayride to see the corn fields and feed the cows! The highlight of our day as the cows were hungry and stuck their big, long tongues out in our faces to get some corn! We went through the corn mazes where surprisingly none of us got lost! We jumped on the jumpy houses, swung on the swings, rode down the big slides. We met the pet cow, Clover, and Billy the goat. The day was very eventful, and I am sure the kiddos and teachers had good afternoon naps!

We also had our community helpers week in October where we had several visitors share how they help our community. We began the week with a visit from Mrs. Tiffany Melton who talked to us about being a nurse. She checked all the children's hearts with her stethoscope to make sure they were beating strong and steady! Tiffany is the mother of one of our students in the 4's class. Also joining us at the school was Firefighter Austin Grant who is also father to one of our students in the 3's class. He talked to us about what it is like being a firefighter and brought the fire truck as well which of course was very exciting for the children. They were able to climb aboard and try out lots of gadgets on the truck. Finally, we had deputy sheriff Jake Spence come see us and he invited the students to get inside the car to try out the siren and lights. We are so thankful for our community helpers and how much they assist all of us as we work and play in our day to day lives!

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be celebrated on November 18th! We are excited to bring back our gathering into the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the wonderful blessings God has given to us. This is a potluck event where the parents and teachers bring the meal, and all our Little Lambs families sit down for a yummy feast of good food and more importantly fellowship. After this event, we will take a break and allow our families to travel for Thanksgiving Holiday with their families and friends. **School will be closed from November 21st through November 25th.**

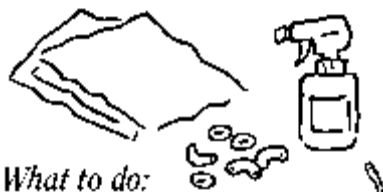


We hope that each and every one of you can join us in counting our blessings as we celebrate this month of thankfulness! ~Blessings, Gina

Make a
**"Thankful
 Garland"**

What you need:

- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- pencil, marker or crayons
- yarn, ribbon or raffia
- scissors
- hole-punch
- spray bottle filled with water
- (optional) real leaves
- (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole



What to do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)

16:34, NIV

Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, 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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