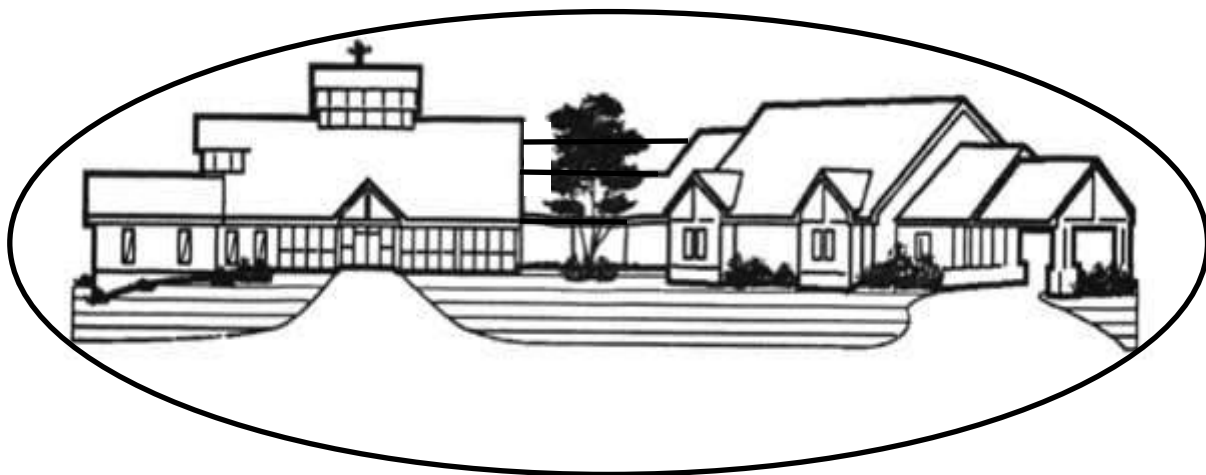

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Hallowed Halloween

But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess the kingdom forever—yes, forever and ever. Daniel 7:18 EHV

Over the years, I've shared the writings of Rev. Joe Abrahamson and his "Who's Lying?" series from the Diatheke blog regarding the truth about Christian holidays. Last year, we shared his Christmas research and his

Easter article in 2023, but it was 2012 when we last shared his Halloween article. An abridged version of that article follows:

Who is Lying about Christian Holidays? Halloween.

...there is a lot of new mythology about Halloween that has been invented to claim that Halloween is a pagan holiday. It is not, and it never was.

In the first three centuries after Christ's resurrection, the lives of the martyrs of the Church were commemorated on the day and in the place where they were killed... a common day for commemorating the Saints has been around throughout the Christian Church from very early times. And the fact that it falls on November 1st today has nothing to do with paganism.

OK, so what does this have to do with Halloween? In the Bible the day begins at sundown or evening. This is why we have Christmas Eve. Halloween is All Hallows' Eve', that is All Saints' Evening. Halloween is the beginning of All Saints' Day starting at sundown on October 31st.

These days we have "Trick or Treat," costumes sometimes too gruesome to describe: witches, goblins, werewolves, vampires, zombies, Lady Gaga; Jack-O-Lanterns, skeletons, spooky sounds, grave stones, candy and a celebration of gore and all that is un-Holy.

Many of the Christian Churches in the Reformed traditions claim that Halloween is a pagan celebration. And there are many in the Neopagan and Wiccan communities who have tried hard to make it look like the truth... Neopagans and Wiccans like to claim that the source of Halloween is the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced Sow-in). There are three basic problems with their claim.

1) The celebration of All Saints' Day didn't originate in Ireland or any other area populated by Celts or their descendants. 2) None of the days on which All Saints' Day was celebrated had anything to do with any Celtic holiday. 3) The celebration of All Saints' Day in Celtic regions is documented to be older than the documented celebration of Samhain.

So let us look at each of these three claims:

1) In order for the Neopagan and Wiccan claim that Samhain is the origin of Halloween to be true, then Halloween and All Saints' Day should have started in Celtic areas. But we've already seen that All Saints' Day was celebrated in Syria as early as 373 A.D, in Caesarea in 397 A.D., and in Constantinople (under Chrysostom—modern Istanbul) by 407 A.D.

2) In order for the Neopagan and Wiccan claim that Samhain is the origin of Halloween to be true the particular day chosen should have some significance to the Celts and Samhain. But here we run into some serious problems. According to the best sources, Samhain was a Lunar festival of harvest. That means that the day of Samhain can vary up to a month in difference from any Solar year day. Compare, for example, the wide variety of days upon which Easter can take place. When sources claim that Samhain was October 31 to November 1 of the modern Solar Calendar they are being dishonest and disingenuous. They are intending to deceive the reader. Only once in about every 30 years would Samhain take place exactly on those dates...

3) In order for the Neopagan and Wiccan claim that Samhain is the origin of Halloween to be true Samhain they should be able to prove that Samhain is older than All Saints' Day. But, in fact, the opposite is true.

We have a manuscript from 843 A.D. Where the Irish Christian Bishop Óengus of Tal-laght wrote about the celebration of All Saints' Day. ... But the earliest-ever-mention of Samhain in Irish folklore doesn't come until the 10th Century (Ronald Hutton's 1996 book *Stations of the Sun: A History of the Ritual Year in Britain*). There is no mention of Samhain outside of Ireland until centuries later....

All Saints' Eve (Halloween) and All Saints' Day have a special place in the commemoration of the Christian Church because of the Reformation. It was on October 31st, Halloween, that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany. It was on that date he chose to challenge the corruption in the official church about the notion that salvation in Christ could be bought with money or works. All Saints are saved by Grace, through Faith, revealed by God's Word in Christ...

It should not be surprising that Satan and the World have gone to such extremes to defile Halloween with anything that would distract Christians and the unbelievers from Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia and Solus Christus (Only Scripture, Only Faith, Only Grace, and Only Christ).

...Neopagans and Wiccans [claim these things] as evidence that Christianity is a fraud and newcomer that has replaced the "Older" so-called "Truth". But they lie.

Halloween, Reformation Day, All Saints' Day is a very special day of the year for the Christian Church. We commemorate all saints past, present, and future with the confession that we cannot save ourselves with our own works, no price we could ever pay would be good enough. But Christ has paid for the whole world. And all believers in Christ, and these are the Saints, will be raised on the last day to eternal life.

The author goes on to explain how many of the trappings of Halloween (Trick or Treating, costumes, Jack O'Lanterns, etc.), while claimed to be ancient pagan traditions, actually have recent origins, too. Full article:

<https://diatheke.blogspot.com/2012/10/halloween-short-history.html>

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen. Rev. 22:21 EHV

Pastor David

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW that the Prayer Shawl Ministry provides POCKET PRAYER SHAWLS also?

These pocket prayer shawls are hand size, contain a cross, and come in many different colors. They serve as a gentle reminder to those that receive them to take their problems to the Lord in prayer as well as to thank Him for His goodness. You can carry them in your pocket or purse, if desired..

These pocket prayer shawls can also be given with in a card or gift when you are concerned about someone. They can be found in a plastic shoe box by the displayed Prayer Shawl in the Fellowship Hall by the closets. There are the same prayer shawls that Seth distributes on his visits. There is no need to sign them out. Please take one to give and one for yourself.

Of course, the full size prayer shawls are still available to give. There are fourteen available now. For these prayer shawls, we request that you give us your name, the date, and the person that you are giving it to. That is it; you do not need to ask anyone for permission.

Please help us comfort those that need a little extra support by sharing either the pocket prayer shawl or a full size prayer shawl with your prayers. Those that have already received prayer shawls are listed on a sheet behind the sign out sheet.

If you have any questions or would like to join this ministry, please contact Sue Hauser.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS



Our 10th Annual Shoebox Packing Party was a great event! A big THANK YOU to the thirty-two people who came out and packed 402 Shoeboxes in an hour and fifteen minutes! We packed a record number of boxes in record time! Seth also showed up to encourage our packers! We had lots of fun and fellowship, and gave away lots of free T-shirts! The fruit of our labors is stacked up in the Fellowship Hall, awaiting National Collection Week, when they will all be cartonized for their trip to the Processing Center in Charlotte, NC.

DON'T FORGET: We are still running our **Virtual Packing Party Online** through November 30th. Our goal is to pack 25 shoeboxes online. They will end up in hard-to-reach countries that are hostile to the Gospel. So far, we have packed 22 of the 25 boxes. Please access Eternal Shepherd's online page through this link:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/7e225649-bdb7-4cc5-86e5-d2f4b0e4fcba>

OR this QR code:



NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK (NCW) will take place every day between 11/17 and 11/24.

Our hours of operation are listed below:

Monday 11/17 – Friday 11/21 3pm-5pm

Saturday 11/22 10am-12pm

Sunday 11/23 2-4pm

Monday 11/24 9-11am

All those who volunteered to work during NCW should have already received the first draft of the schedule. If you have not received it, be sure to let me know. Very short training sessions will take place following the late service on 11/2 and again on 11/9 for anyone who still needs it or has questions. Everyone will need to fill out their short term volunteer forms at that time. Watch the bulletin for announcements and reminders, and call me if you have any questions at all!

COMING IN DECEMBER: Our church bus is taking a trip to the Shoebox Processing Center on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Grover will be our driver, and we will be working from 10am – 4pm at the Center. There are still 2 seats available on the bus if you would like to go. Please Sign-up on the sheet on the Narthex Bulletin Board and watch the bulletin for more information.

~ Terri Baumann, Project Leader (864)482-1243

HONDURAS NEWS

Your Honduras Mission Team is almost in place with 20 missionaries at present. The final decision date is fast approaching and then the team will work on coming together to prepare to serve in Honduras. The Helping Hands fund-raiser has just kicked off to raise funds to support the ministry activities of the team such as purchasing Bibles, medicine, water filters, lice shampoo for the children, toothbrushes and paste, as well as any other needed supplies. If you haven't picked up a garden glove to fill for Helping Hands they are next to the mailboxes. We appreciate whatever support you are able to provide.

Most of all we ask for your prayers for the team, for our host World Gospel Outreach and for the people of Honduras that we will see and serve while in country. We will be there for one week from Feb. 21st to Feb. 28th, 2026. Thank you in advance for your support and your prayers as we prepare our team for this important mission.

Dios te bendiga (God Bless You), Your Honduras Mission Team



Advent Workshop

All youth and children (3 and up) are invited to join us November 30th during the Sunday school hour for our annual Advent Workshop in room 300. We'll make a craft, learn about Jesus with the Jesus cake, and have fun and fellowship. Families are welcome, but not required to attend.



Lives Worthy of the Calling

Worthy: an adjective that means having worth, merit, or value. It can also mean honorable, admirable, or deserving. When used to describe a person, it means that the person is deserving of respect, admiration, or support. When used to describe a goal, project, or student, it means that it has enough value or excellence to be considered important or deserving of praise.

Ephesians 4:1-2

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. ² Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

Philippians 1:27-28

²⁷ Just conduct yourselves in a way that is **worthy** of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ not frightened in any way by the adversaries.

Colossians 1:9-11

We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰ so that you might live in a way that is **worthy** of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹¹ In the same way, you know that we treated each of you as a father deals with his own children: ¹² encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives **worthy** of God, who is calling you into his kingdom and glory.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

¹¹ For this reason, we are always praying for you, that our God will make you **worthy** of your calling and use his power to fulfill every good desire and work of your faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him, in keeping with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We are called to conduct ourselves—every day and in every way—in a manner that is:

Worthy of our calling,

Worthy of the gospel,

Worthy of the Lord,

Worthy of God.

Teach us, Lord, how to walk worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Fill us with the heartfelt desire to be the person you have called us to be through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Shepherd J.O.B. Board Joyous Opportunities for Believers

On page 20 of the excellent October edition of The Lutheran Witness, worship is defined as "... when God's people come into his presence to receive His gifts and respond with faith, reverence, thanksgiving and praise". As members of Eternal Shepherd, we come together before Him at 220 Carson Road, Seneca.

The operations that keep 220 Carson Road a beautiful place to worship, as well as the missions that are the fruits of faith of God's people there need your active support.

Below are the many **Joyous Opportunities for Believers (JOBs)**. You will notice this list is the same as last month. You are needed. Please give these JOBs your prayerful consideration. If you have questions, please reach out to the individual listed.

Finance Board Chair

The Finance Board Chair leads the Finance Board and sits on the ESLC Church Council. The main duties include overseeing the actual receipt and depositing all monies received into the church accounts with help of the Finance Secretary, making recommendations on financial matters to church council (i.e., insurance, leases, etc.) and annually develop a proposed budget for presentation to the Church Council and congregation. Busiest time for the Finance Chair is during budgeting season August-November of each year. Experience with business software (Quick Books is easy to learn) and Excel is required. See Article VI section F. of ESLC Constitution & By-Laws for a more detailed description of this role.

Please contact Jim Zwahlen at 281 543-4354.

Hospitality Board Chair

The Hospitality Board Chair leads the Hospitality and Fellowship Board and sits on the ESLC Church Council. The main duties include organization of funeral, celebratory and congregational meals; maintain supplies and organization of the kitchen; ensure kitchen is clean and equipment is operational; submit annual budget; and coordinate activities of hospitality team and volunteers. See Article VI section G. of ESLC Constitution & By-Laws for a more detailed description. In addition, Coleen has recently developed detailed procedures for this role.

Please contact Colleen Hessmann at 864 784-0421.

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Stewardship Board Member

Serve as vice chair with expectation to become chair in 2027. The main duties include developing good stewardship of congregation's time, talent, and finances to support the operation and missions of ESLC; encouraging the growth and advancement of the congregation's spiritual well being and working to assimilate new members.

Please contact Sue Hauser at 864 643-9245.

Little Lambs Preschool Financial Secretary

The LL Financial Secretary is a member of the preschool board. The main duties include oversight of tuition billing and receipts in concert with our bookkeeper at H&R Block using Quick Books accounting software; depositing receipts at Bank of America, Seneca; tracking gifts/contributions & sending thank you notes; and supporting annual auction. Experience with business software (Quick Books is easy to learn), Word and Excel are required.

Please contact Jon Tyner at 513 600-1329.

Altar Care Board Members

Serve as a member of the Altar Care Board. For an assigned service, main duties include preparing the altar before the service; provide all elements required for communion and baptism; maintain all sacramental utensils and set up the appropriate parament, banners and seasonal decorations. You will work with experienced members. See Article VI section B. of ESLC Constitution & By-Laws for a more detailed description of this board.

Please contact Tracy Keefer at 864 247-9606.

Nursery Volunteers

On assigned Sunday provide care for small children while parents attend church service and/or bible class.

Please contact Nicole Beattie at 864 710 1574 or Cyra Phelan at 843 302-1167.

Substitute Sunday School Teachers

Work with lead teacher as an aide and assume teaching responsibilities when lead teacher is not available.

Please contact Cyra Phelan at 843 302-1167.

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Christian Outreach Volunteers

Volunteer to support the Christian Outreach Board with evangelism and charitable activities in the local community. See Article VI section D. of ESLC Constitution & By-Laws for a more detailed description of this board.

Please contact Ann Miller at 864 637-8353.

Elder

Serve as one of seven lay leaders who assist the pastor in the spiritual care and oversight of the congregation. Assist pastor with communion and baptisms. Direct the activities of ushers, music, acolytes, and readers. See Article VI section F. of ESLC Constitution & By-Laws for a more detailed description of this role.

Please contact Jim Bluhm at 440 725-1160.

Ushers

Welcome people as they arrive for church service, hand out bulletins, assist with seating, answer questions, assist with communion (it's really not hard), baptisms and assure sanctuary is clean and orderly after service. You can request your preferred service (early or late).

Please contact Vendo Toming 512 466-4010

Property Management Volunteers

Assist the Property Management Board with special projects on an as needed basis.

Please contact Paul Sherman at 864 602-3262.

Toys for Gods Kids Volunteers

Assist in making wooden toys. Cut the car bodies using a scroll saw or band saw. Over 3,000 cars are made each year!

Please contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg at 904 583-1214 or Mike Hauser at 864 643-8646.

Prayer Shawls Volunteers

Need people who have the skill to crochet or knit prayer shawls. This can be done at their home at their convenience.

Please contact Sue Hauser at 864 643-9245.

Comfort Dog News

I am thrilled to announce our next Top Dog, Judy Reese! It is now official as Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) has approved Judy to hold this position as we move forward in receiving a supplemental LCC K9 Comfort Dog in the future. As I write this, Judy is attending Top Dog training in Northbrook, IL and will then start working on developing a new team for our future dog. Meanwhile, I will still hold the position of Top Dog for Seth's team. We also recently sent in the deposit for the next dog, so Eternal Shepherd is on the list of churches awaiting dogs. It will probably take close to two years from now to receive our next dog. Seth is 8 so by then he will be 10 and will be probably working less so the timing of this works out well.

Since Judy is relatively new to Eternal Shepherd, please let me share a little bit about her. Judy was born and raised in St. Louis and earned a BS degree in Chemistry from Arkansas State University. She worked for 15 years at Monsanto in St. Louis. Judy and her husband Rob, who will be married 40 years in March, moved to the Seneca area in July 2024. They have 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren. Her life thus far has been filled with many volunteer activities - Sunday School teacher, handbell choir, altar guild member and altar board chair at her previous congregation. She also volunteered for the APA animal shelter and for CHAMP Assistance dogs for clients. As you can see Judy has a heart for service in and out of the church walls. She has also seen how a dog can be the bridge to help people in so many ways. Another tidbit about Judy - she loves the Cardinals, and you will see her don her Cardinal purse during baseball season!

Personally, I am confident that Judy will be an amazing Top Dog! I feel God has put the passion in her heart to lead the ministry. She brings to the table much enthusiasm, good ideas and love for God's people. Currently she is serving on Seth's team as a ministry partner so she is able to see the positive effect Seth has on those we visit and at the same time learn more about the ministry.

Please offer your congratulations to Judy when you see her and as you have done for me, please encourage and support her as she moves forward into the important role of Top Dog!

To God be the Glory,
Kyra Carbone, Top Dog
864-932-8308



Judy Reece

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND



JOHN BEATTIE
DISASTER RESPONSE
(864) 280-5008



DEEK DECKER
RAMP BUILD
(864) 356-2135



BILL BARTHEL
CHAINSaw TEAMS
(865) 228-4597



JOHN COCHELL
HONDURAS LEADER
(770) 331-1300



RICHARD GROTHEER
NEW OPPORTUNITIES
(312) 659-2364



RAY RAMSBURG
TOYS FOR GODS KIDS
(904) 583-1214



LARS HELLAND
MISSION CHAIRMAN
(706) 244-4544

**ETERNAL SHEPHERD IS BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.
HERE AM I LORD, SEND ME!**

Toys for God's Kids News:

Your Toys for God's Kids team members, known as Smilemakers for the smiles they bring to children's faces around the world, have had a very busy year cutting and assembling wooden toy cars. To date we have assembled and delivered just under 3400 toy cars. Most of them have gone into the shoeboxes that Samaritan's Purse sends throughout the world at this time of year. We have provided cars to 20 plus churches with more requests on the way. We also provide toy cars for mission teams going mainly to Central America and Africa, so our work for the year is not quite complete. If you have some woodworking skills and equipment, just want to help assemble or want more information, please contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg or Mike Hauser.

~Blessings from your ESLC Smilemakers

Disaster Response Activities and Planned Deployments – 4th Quarter 2025

The Disaster Response Chain Saw Team just completed a 4-day deployment to Spartanburg SC the week of October 12th. The team completed 116-man hours of tree cutting on 4 different properties aiding Spartanburg residents who requested assistance from the Emergency Management Center. Hurricane Hellene downed more that 466 trees in their area.

Our Eternal Shepherd team plus a member from Emmanuel Lutheran in Simpsonville, had the opportunity to aid residents in cutting trees that were downed by Hurricane Hellene. The Lord provided the team with the opportunity to serve the families and offer prayers and praise for the Lord.

A deployment is being planned for the week of November 3rd by the chainsaw team to continue the much-needed support in the area. Additionally, the Disaster Response Reconstruction Team is planning a return trip to Hendersonville NC in early December to aid the Habitat for Humanity of Hendersonville in reconstruction of homes for individuals who completely lost their homes in Hurricane Hellene. Please keep all team participants in your prayers.

If you would like to support the teams' efforts and volunteer on future deployments please contact Bill Barthel for the chainsaw team and John Beattie for the reconstruction team.



Hospitality continues as an important ministry in our church since our church believes that fellowship with other Christians is vital. We always remain committed to our church and are always looking for new members. We are increasingly utilizing this ministry more and more with each passing day. We would love to have more people involved: This requires as **LITTLE** or as **MUCH** as you would like to help with: providing food, set-up, serving and clean-up at certain functions. All these are helpful and needed. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Colleen Hesemann



On Sundays, we are involved with treats for Bible study between 1st. and 2nd. services. This again can be as **MUCH** or as **LITTLE** as you want, having the coffee made and any treats that can be homemade, store bought or packaged: Emphasis being put on amount...it need not be large quantities...working with other families is often helpful. If you sign up and are not sure how to proceed, just let Colleen Hesemann know and she will help you learn the ropes (which is not difficult). It will allow you to get to know more people and is great fun. The pumper pots are now color coated...matching color to color and they will work.

Hospitality has worked to "organize" the kitchen. Items have been removed and they are currently in the basement. If you feel that any of these items be returned, please let hospitality know. Many of these items have taken up shelving space and have not been used for the last two years. Included in this is now the "Melamine Dishes".

Thanks to all who do so much to further our "hospitality" ministry.
Blessings, Colleen

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.*



Scrip Cards are available and make great gifts as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time.

Please note we have Publix, Ingles, Walmart and Food Lion gift cards available. For orders pick up an order form from the Scrip Box or please contact **Beckie Rau** at (864) 944-6096. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser.** ~*Thank you for your support.*





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! For more information see the contact info listed below.

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



Volunteers Needed for BabyRead

BabyRead desperately needs volunteers to read one-on-one to moms and their babies or toddlers at public venues twice a month for one hour each time. We currently have 10 new families who are waiting for a volunteer reader. All of our current readers are assigned to other families. To become a BabyRead volunteer, visit www.babyread.org. Please consider serving in this ministry.



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 your items in the containers marked Food Bank down by the Fellowship Hall). ~*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



ESLC CARD CART

Come check out our new assortment of cards.

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

11/2 — Overby

11/9 — Arkfeld for Fellowship and
Congregational meeting & Potluck Luncheon

11/16 — Blount

11/23 — Hesemann

11/30 — Massa



Hospitality is going full speed. We provide 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

November Birthdays

3- Joyce James	18 - Emerson McKay
6 - Rick Cochell	19 – John Durham
7 – Craig Baumann	20 – Dcs. Holly Cox
8 – Jenna Fireovid	John Lindgren
11 – Jim Jacques	21 – Ronda Parrish
Lee Lampe	22 – Delores Stewart
Margi McLain	23 – Christine Davis
Lois Owens	Tom Eckersley
12 – Gerry Durham	Cindy Munro
13 - Kate Wells	24 – Woo Wagner
15 – Joan Callahan	25 - Jocelyn
John Gemkow	Johnsonwall
Scott Kaltrider	Rori Kern
Carol Nichelson	26 – Chuck Rau
Tiffany Presley	30 – Milo Bell
16 – Patty Kaltrider	



November Anniversaries

- 1- Richard & Joyce Thompson
- 2 - Rich & Colleen Hesemann
- 4 - Christian & Katie Getchell
- 7 – Alan & Rocki Van Heusen
- 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 *Al Johnson*
the Elder's Fund received gifts of \$1,153.76,
and the Hospitality Fund received a gift of \$250.00,
and the Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*)
received gifts of \$815.00**

**In loving memory of *James Randles*
the Elder's Fund received a gift of \$200.00**



**In loving memory of *Alex Richards*
the Comfort Dog Ministry received a gift of \$100.00**

Other Gifts:

**The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$581.77,
and The Lutheran Towers Fundraiser received gifts of \$80.00**

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$150.00

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$345.80

The Foothills Care Center received gifts of \$37.08

The General Fund received a gift of \$800.00 from Blessings Shared Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,200.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$1,525.00

**The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received gifts of \$480.89,
and gifts of \$121.12 for the LLP C.A.R.E. Scholarship Fund**

The LWML Fund received gifts of \$150.00

The Safety Committee Fund received a gift of \$48.13

Toys for God's Kids received gifts of \$74.17

The Youth Fund received a gift of \$30.00

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 Pre-school. 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.

As I write this letter, we are heading into a busy few weeks celebrating our “dudes” (dads, uncles, grandpas, etc) with a morning called “donuts with dudes”. The children are excited to bring their special guest into their classroom for the morning to show them their classroom, and their morning routine! And of course, share a donut hole or two!

We are then heading to our annual field trip at Little Cane Creek Farms! Always a fun day on the farm! We will take a hayride and see the corn growing and the cows grazing. Since we are one of the first groups to go on the hayride for the day, the cows are usually very hungry, and the children have lots of fun feeding them the corn! They also can say hello to other farm animals as well as meander around a maze in the corn fields. Because this farm caters to young children, there will be lots of jumpy houses and a large trampoline for the children to enjoy.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be celebrated on November 20th. We will be holding this event in the Fellowship Hall and look forward to celebrating 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. Thank you to our Preschool Board who takes special care cooking and providing all the turkey for our Feast!

After this event, we will take a break and allow our families to travel for the Thanksgiving Holiday with their families and friends. School will be closed from November 24th through November 28th.

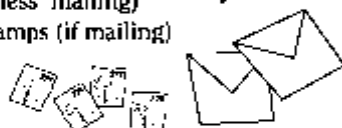
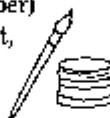
Thanks for your support and continued prayers!
Blessings,
Gina

Say "Thank You!"

Have you ever sent a thank-you card to someone for a gift you received? You can send thank-you cards for things besides presents. There are many people around you who do very thoughtful things for you every day. Celebrate this Thanksgiving by sending homemade thank-you cards to the people you are thankful for.

What you need:

- A list of people to thank (as many as you want)
- Paper (colored construction paper or white copy paper)
- Crayons, markers, paint, stickers, etc.
- Envelopes (optional, unless mailing)
- Stamps (if mailing)

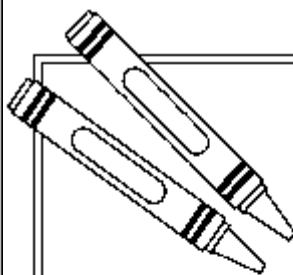


What to do:

1. Next to each name on your list, write something that person has said or done that was helpful or kind.
2. Fold each sheet of paper in half like a card. (If you're using an envelope, make sure it fits inside.)
3. Decorate the card's front with drawings, stickers, etc.
4. Write a short note on the inside, thanking the person for the thing he or she did or said.
5. Deliver the cards in person or by mail.

Some people you may want to thank:

- Family members
- Sunday school teachers
- School teachers
- Friends
- Neighbors
- People at church



Just for KIDS

"Thank You, God"

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.

Directions: Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).



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Psalm 107:1

Answer: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good."

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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