

## November 2022 Newsletter

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### *Thoughts from the Vicar*

Greetings in Christ,

November can seem to be a dreary month as days become shorter and darker, trees lose their colorful leaves, the air has a chill and skies are grey. And yet, November is for us a time for giving thanks to God.

We begin the month with All Saints Day, a day for celebrating the lives of all the saints, near and far, ancient and modern, and our “heroes of the faith” who have inspired us by their lives, their words, and most of all by their dedication to Jesus our Savior.

Then, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the church year, when we thank God for the whole of Jesus’ life, death, and life, and his eternal kingdom.

And on the 24<sup>th</sup>, with all Christians, Jews, and other Americans, we will mark Thanksgiving Day, as we give thanks to God for the abundance of the earth and for all the blessings he has bestowed on us this year.

The very next Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, the earliest day it can fall, we begin the cycle of the church year all over as we enter Advent, once again thanking God for Jesus coming into the world, once as a baby in Bethlehem, then through the Holy Spirit in our baptism, and looking forward to his second coming to the whole world.

So instead of a dreary November, I wish you all a thankful, wonderful November, filled with the love and joy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Blessings in Christ,  
Vicar Thomas

#### October Treasurer's Report

Jay Andrews

Incoming September 2022	\$5,078.09
Expenses September 2022	<u>\$4,850.34</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 227.75
Income, Year to Date 2022	\$64,888.16
Expenses, Year to Date 2022	<u>\$87,991.33</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(23,103.17)

#### *The Piece Corps Quilters Group*

Would like to thank all of our angels who have helped by trimming the fabric at home and who have generously donated material to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you for your donations.

#### **Fellowship Hour Treats**

Hello Everyone,

Please join us for Fellowship Hour held each Sunday, directly after Worship Service at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for weekly volunteers to bring cookies, snacks or other finger foods. Please join us for a snacks and coffee as we visit with one another and our Clergy.

Sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall

## Council Meeting Highlights

**September 15, 2022**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council met on September 15, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. President Wayne Kurth called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**Secretary's Report:** The August 18, 2022 Secretary's report was reviewed. Having no additions or corrections. Secretary's report was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that on the report, that Mission Support and Pastor's benefits and pension were payments for both July and August. There are no outstanding bills at this time but the Current Account is still \$3000 behind. The checking is good but offerings are still running low.

Electric Bill - \$178.03      Gas Bill - \$344.54

Treasurers report was approved.

**Vicar's Report:** Vicar Thomas Mosbo reported that having been her four weeks he has made 9 visits, given communions to 8 members, and lead Sunday Worship Service. He is trying to integrate into the Church and Community by visiting the Quilting Ladies, attending Bible Study, attending Fall Festival and sitting in the Church Tent as well as updating the Church's visitors pamphlet.

### **Committee Reports**

**Worship and Music Committee:** The Committee met on August 22, 2022 at 6:30pm.

*Items discussed:*

*Sunday School:* Sunday School will start on October 9, 2022 at 9:00am and be held on the second and fourth Sundays in October, November, and December. This is open to all children and adult

*Choir Practice* will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup>, following Worship Service  
*September 11<sup>th</sup>* will be Quilt Sunday.

*September 18<sup>th</sup>* the liturgy will change to ELW Setting 3 until Advent.

*Recognition of Memorials* will be held in October or November

*October 20<sup>th</sup>* is Reformation Sunday.

*November 6,* will be All Saints Sunday.

*November 27<sup>th</sup>,* Advent begins. Liturgy will change to WOV Setting 5  
(Bread of Life) using the Psalms until Lent.

*December 24<sup>th</sup>,* Christmas Eve Service will be one service at 7:30pm,  
using candles.

*December 25<sup>th</sup>,* Christmas Day Service at 9:30am.

*Christmas Caroling* will be announced later.

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**Stewardship Committee:** Picnic and outdoor service went well.

**Property Committee:** Have down payment for gutters. Trying to meet with Pearl City Seamless Gutters for date to install the gutters.

**Website:** Needs to be updated.

**Men's Group:** Next meeting will be on September 24, 2022

All Committee Reports were approved.

### **Old Business**

**Constitution:** Committee will meet on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm and will be working on the revisions the Synod suggested.

**Vicar's Contract:** With the Synod changing leadership with a new Bishop, we are still waiting on them for direction and paperwork for a written contract with Vicar Thomas Mosbo. Until we get more information from the Synod, the council will continue with the verbal contract with Vicar until the end of October.

### **New Business**

**Birthday Cards:** With the increase of postage and the current budget, a suggestion of sending out Birthday Postcards to the members was suggested. Another suggestion was to send members a Birthday email. The majority of the Council Members felt a post card was more personal than and email. Will ask Betty to print up some nice postcards to send out to the members for their birthdays.

**CPR Class:** Looking at either a Thursday or Saturday to have the class. More with all it's revisions.

**Membership:** Vicar Thomas Mosbo has a new copy of the current Membership List with all its revisions.

Having no other business before the council. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.  
Next meeting will be on October 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Kurth  
Church Council Secretary

### **Prayer Chain:**

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain team. We send prayer through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

Martin Luther, "The gospel cannot be truly preached without offense and tumult."

Source: The Table Talk of Martin Luther.

## *We lift up our prayers*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, and LaVonne.*



*Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family of Sharon Tillis, Carol Fluegel,*

## *Family Advent Project*

The Stewardship Committee has put together an Advent project to help the Le-Win Food Pantry, for the month of December, calling it; "**Reverse Advent Calendar**". Each day add an item to a box, (You can fill a box at home, or bring it to the church and fill the box here.) on Christmas Eve the items will be taken to the Le-Win Food Pantry. Any questions, contact Janis Kurth.

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|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>December 1</i>  | <i>Box of cereal</i>         | <i>December 13</i> | <i>Canned beans</i>            |
| <i>December 2</i>  | <i>Peanut butter</i>         | <i>December 14</i> | <i>Box of crackers</i>         |
| <i>December 3</i>  | <i>Stuffing mix</i>          | <i>December 15</i> | <i>Package of rice</i>         |
| <i>December 4</i>  | <i>Boxed potatoes</i>        | <i>December 16</i> | <i>Package of oatmeal</i>      |
| <i>December 5</i>  | <i>Macaroni &amp; cheese</i> | <i>December 17</i> | <i>Package of pasta</i>        |
| <i>December 6</i>  | <i>Canned fruit</i>          | <i>December 18</i> | <i>Spaghetti sauce</i>         |
| <i>December 7</i>  | <i>Canned tomatoes</i>       | <i>December 19</i> | <i>Chicken noodle soup</i>     |
| <i>December 8</i>  | <i>Canned tuna</i>           | <i>December 20</i> | <i>Tomato soup</i>             |
| <i>December 9</i>  | <i>Dessert mix</i>           | <i>December 21</i> | <i>Can of corn</i>             |
| <i>December 10</i> | <i>Jar of applesauce</i>     | <i>December 22</i> | <i>Can of mixed vegetables</i> |
| <i>December 11</i> | <i>Canned sweet potatoes</i> | <i>December 23</i> | <i>Can of carrots</i>          |
| <i>December 12</i> | <i>Cranberry sauce</i>       | <i>December 24</i> | <i>Can of green beans</i>      |

*December 25 Merry Christmas*

## November Birthdays

- 11-03 Brian Albrecht
- 11-03 Brianna Lynn Fye
- 11-04 Kathy Andrews
- 11-04 Ashtyn Brinker
- 11-04 Hanna Brinker
- 11-06 Lorene Solace
- 11-06 Neal Shumaker
- 11-06 Dale Andrews
- 11-07 Amanda Lessman
- 11-07 Cameron Baker
- 11-10 Martin Luther
- 11-15 Sarah (Huber) Andrews
- 11-18 Deanna Drye
- 11-19 Lukas Price
- 11-20 Wade Flack
- 11-22 Leona Block
- 11-22 Sue Diddens
- 11-23 Peggy Roettger
- 11-28 John Huneke
- 11-30 Taylor Patterson
- 11-30 Alex White

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!

### LE-WIN FOOD PANTRY

We are thankful for all our volunteers who offered their time and donations to the Le-Win Food Pantry this year. **THANK YOU!** Our last volunteer date will be in **December.**

*During October, the Le-Win Food Pantry served 78 families, 207 individuals, 28 families with children over 18 and 62 with children under 18.*

### Devotion Books

*October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful way to keep growing our faith. Take one home today!*

## Lena Area Church Cooperative

The Lena Area Church Cooperative will be giving gift certificates for meat and groceries to those in need this upcoming holiday season. If you would like to donate monetarily to the Lena Area Church Cooperative you can either put the money in the earmarked basket in the Fellowship Hall, or you can put it in the offering being sure to designate that it should go to the Lena Area Church Cooperative or LACC. The Lena Business and Professional Association will be doing the Giving Tree again this year at the Lena Mercantile. Please contact the Mercantile if you have questions concerning the Giving Tree.

Thank you,  
Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*



**Attention: Committee Chairpersons,**

*It won't be long and we will be into 2023. Chairpersons please start to look at your committee work for 2022 and write up your year-end report and turn it in to Betty in the secretary's office. We need to put these into the Annual Report folder. Please submit your reports to the office by December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

*Any suggestions from Committee Members regarding distribution of Endowment Funds for end of year contributions would be appreciated.*

*Thanks to everyone serving on the numerous committees that we have here at Good Shepherd. Using your time and talents help to keep all of our programs going to do God's work,*

*Congregational Council President  
Wayne Kurth*

*All Saints Sunday—November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Worship with all saints*

*This year's All Saints Sunday we will remember them with a carnation on the altar and also by lifting their names during prayer of the people. We will worship together with all saints.*



*Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of the birth of Jesus!*



*Christ the King HAT Sunday  
November 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*Wear your HAT to worship, we will celebrate the last day of the church year by wearing our favorite hat to worship service.*

Orders must be placed by December 11<sup>th</sup>. Price has not been determined at this time.

*Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office. **Thank you!***

**Make-A-Smile cards for Lena  
Living Center**

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This ministry has been created to share love of Christ to the residence in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office.



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**Poinsettia Order**

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**phone # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given (check one)**

\_\_\_ **in memory of...** \_\_\_ **in honor of...**

**Name (s)**

\_\_\_\_\_

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## About Thankofferings

### Women's offerings: a brief history

Women's offerings: a brief history The idea of collecting donations in small offering boxes goes back to the very early 1800s, when women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money.

Mite boxes were given out as fundraising tools to collect pennies for the support of church projects and foreign missionaries. These women-led cent societies, platforms for social activism as well as evangelism in the 19th century, published their own literature, Bible studies and other materials advocating around issues such as child labor, literacy and prison reform. In time, larger missionary and ladies aid societies developed out of this work because there was such an overwhelming demand not only for foreign missionary support but for support at home. These women's groups funded needs in their local churches as well as local community projects. Their capacity for fundraising was acknowledged and generally welcomed by their congregations. The earliest American Lutheran women's missionary society was founded in New York in 1837 to financially support the education and ordination of foreign missionaries from their synod. In 1879, the first national American Lutheran women's missionary society, the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, was founded. The original reason behind the creation? Funds were needed to financially support two young women who wanted to be foreign missionaries but were denied funding by the Board of Missions. A national women's structure was born! For this new organization, supporting missionary work both abroad as well as in the United States was seen as essential, and so missionaries were assigned to both foreign and domestic locations. For example, because of the support of the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, a young pastor named Rev. C.W. Heisler was sent as a missionary to Los Angeles, California. He helped establish First Lutheran in 1887, which is now the oldest ELCA congregation in Los Angeles. Less than a decade after the national missionary society was established, the wide-reaching impact of women's giving to the mission and ministries of the Lutheran church was evident.

***We will collect Thankofferings during November and December.***

### **Individuals giving by mail**

Please make out your check to Women of the ELCA and write Thankoffering on the memo line. Then mail it to:

*Women of the ELCA  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield VA 22116-8009*








### **Congregational units giving by mail**

Please make out your check to Women of the ELCA and write Thankoffering on the memo line. Download and print out a copy of Form B in English or Spanish and fill it out according to the directions on the form. Then mail the check and form to:

*Women of the ELCA  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield VA 22116-8009*

Source: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings>

# November 2022 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Group 	2 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	3	4	<b>5</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall Back 
<b>6 All Saints Sunday</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday)</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 10:45-11:15am Choir Practice 12:15pm Welcome Potluck for Vicar Thomas and Coral Mosbo	7 Cub Scouts Meeting at 6:30om	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Group Full Moon 	<b>9</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>10</b>  Veterans Day 1:00pm Friendship Club Entertainment by Mississippi Man	11	12
<b>13</b> <b>9:00am Sunday School</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 10:45-11:15am Choir Practice	<b>14</b> National Teddy Bear Day 	<b>15</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Group	<b>16</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Council Meeting	18	<b>19</b> National Play Monopoly Day 
<b>20</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday)</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 10:45-11:15am Choir Practice	<b>21</b> Cub Scouts Meeting at 6:30pm	<b>22</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Group	<b>23</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed 	25	26
<b>27 Christ the King HAT Sunday</b> <b>9:00am Sunday School</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 10:45-11:15am Choir Practice	28	<b>29</b> 11:00 am Bible Study Group	30			





## Greeters

*November 6*

*Michelle Andrews and Wayne Kurth*

*November 13*

*Tim Gordon and Darci Meier*

*November 20*

*Sue Diddens and Wayne Kurth*

*November 27*

*Anna Patterson and Tim Gordon*

## Lector

*November 6*

*Karen Niemeier*

*November 13*

*Cora Hudik*

*November 20*

*Sue Diddens*

*November 27*

*Tena Rackow*

## Announcements

Join in welcoming Thomas and Coral

Come join us for "A Hearty Welcome" for Vicar Thomas Mosbo and Coral on Sunday, November 6, 2022 after the service in Fellowship Hall, before the Potluck Dinner. Potluck dinner will begin at 12:15pm, bring you favorite dish to share.

## Communion Assistant

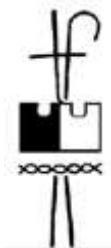
*November 6*

*Beth Martin*

*November 20*

*Shirley Fox*





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### **Lesser known Commemorations**

#### **Martin, Bishop of Tours, died November 11, 397**

*Also known as Martin the Merciful, he was the third bishop of Tours. Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the army at age fifteen. One winter day, a beggar approached Martin for aid, and he cut his cloak in half and gave a portion to the beggar. Later, Martin understood that he had seen the presence of Christ in that beggar, and this ended his uncertainty about Christianity. He soon asked for his release from his military duties. He was charged with cowardice and was imprisoned instead, but in response to the charge, he volunteered to go unarmed to the front of the troops. His superiors planned to take him up on the offer, but before they could, the invaders sued for peace, the battle never occurred, and Martin was released from military service. After his release from prison he began preaching, particularly against the Arians. In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. As bishop he developed a reputation for intervening on behalf of prisoners and heretics who had been sentenced to death.*

Source: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Sundays and Seasons