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"For All Saints"
By; Richard Mant
February 12, 1776-November 2, 1848

"For All Saints" is an enduring, understated masterpiece written by Richard Mant specifically for All Saints' Day and saint commemorations. It serves as a grateful thanksgiving for the lives of the Apostles and early evangelists, asking that modern believers might follow their path of sacrificial faith.

Born, in Southampton, England, Mant was the son of a grammar school headmaster. He received an elite classical education at Winchester College before matriculating to Trinity College, Oxford. His university years were glittering with distinction: he swept the Chancellor's Prize for an English essay, earned his Master of Arts in 1799, and was elected a prestigious Fellow and College Tutor at Oriel College—then the intellectual epicenter of Oxford University.

Mant was ordained in the Church of England, initially holding a curacy at Southampton in 1802. He was then appointed to the vicarage of Coggeshall, Essex in 1810, and in 1811 he became Bampton Lecturer. 1813: Served as the Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the highest administrative post for a priest in England. In 1816 he was made rector of St Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and in 1820 became Bishop of Killaloe and Kilfenora, in Ireland. In 1823–1842: Transferred to the influential See of Down and Connor, eventually absorbing Dromore into his care.

Alongside his contemporaries John Chandler and Isaac Williams, Mant was among the very first English churchmen to systematically unlock the Latin liturgies of the historic *Roman Breviary* (the traditional book of daily liturgical prayers), translating them into English verse and permanently reshaping modern congregational worship.

Source: Wikipedia and Hymnal Library.

November 2026 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday

By: Cory Driver is an ELCA pastor who serves as the director of L.I.F.E. (Leading the Integration of Faith and Entrepreneurship) at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember all the siblings in the family of God (1 John 3:1-2) who have passed into the church triumphant, especially in the past year. But our remembrance is more than just marking their passing or processing their loss. Instead, we look to the examples of their lives. This week, we reflect on saintly lives that Jesus wants all his followers to emulate.

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (he also preached it on the plain, as read in Luke 6:20-49, and probably at most places he went), he described the happy life of sainthood. Jesus began by saying that those who are poor in spirit are happy, because they are part of the kingdom of heaven. The notion of "poorness" here comes from the Greek *ptochoi*, meaning to crouch down or make oneself lowly, as a beggar might. These folk are spiritually humble citizens of the kingdom, not self-aggrandizing spiritual celebrities.

Those who mourn now, like many of us this week at the passing of loved ones, are happy because we receive the comfort that death is temporary. Resurrection is the promise of Jesus. We don't mourn as the world does (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Temporary parting is plenty sad, but we know that in Christ, life has the last word.

Happy are the gentle or the meek. While the strong and those who choose violence might think they will inherit the earth, Jesus proclaims this a deceptive lie from the father of lies. It is the gentle who will truly inherit the earth.

Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Those who hunger and thirst for acquisition, riches or conquest will never be satisfied. But those who concentrate on pursuing what God wants will find it and be satisfied.

Happy are those who show mercy when someone offends them or owes them a debt. It is they, rather than the folks looking to defend their wealth and status, who will receive mercy from God. In the next chapter, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray that God forgive our debts in the same way that we forgive those who are indebted to us. The mercy we show is the mercy we receive.

Happy are those with clean hearts. Jesus told his followers that coming into God's presence requires more than a ritual bath. We need hearts cleaned by God's own work, so that we can behold God (Psalm 24:4).

Source: excerpts from, www.livinglutheran.org/lectionary-blog/happy-saints/

All Saints Sunday, November 1st

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

Council Meeting Highlights

September 10, 2026

Agenda Review: The Agenda was reviewed. The Fall Festival was added under Unfinished Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was presented. A Spelling error was found in the Secretary's Report, It will be corrected before posting on the bulletin board. Motion to approve the Secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jay Andrews presented his report. Currently the checking account is at $11.500.00 while the yearly budget is $17,000.00 behind. Treasurer Jay Andrews also presented a synopsis on the investments and explained to the Council how the investments worked.

Gas Credit: $274.69; Electric Bill: $225.51

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Thomas Mosbo presented his report. Pastors time has been spent largely on working on the Constitution. He has also completed his regular duties as our Pastor by preparing for Sunday services, making Pastoral phone calls, bulletin preparation as well as attending church meetings. The Pastor's Report was approved.

Committee Reports

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: There is no news from te contractor as to when construction will start.

Having no other Committee Reports, the Property Committee report was approved as presented.

Unfinished Business:

Fall Festival: Need volunteers to sign up for the church booth. The sign-upsheet is outside Fellowship Hall.

170th Church Anniversary: The council discussed the upcoming 170th Church Anniversary. After some discussion, the Church Council decided to have a smaller celebration for the 170th Anniversary and to concentrate on a larger celebration for the 175th Anniversary of the church. This would give more time for planning.

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September Treasurer's Report
Jay Andrews

Incoming September 2026	$4,529.00
Expenses September 2026	$7,342.89
Net Income (Loss)	$(2,813.89)
Income, Year to Date 2026	$64,800.53
Expenses, Year to Date 2026	$79,807.87
Net Income (Loss)	$(5,007.34)

My Friends Closet
Volunteers needed.

If you are interested for a place to socialize, meet new people and a place to serve God, contact Chris at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena at 815-369-4035.

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Constitution: Pastor Thomas Mosbo reported that he had sent the new Constitution to th e Synod and that they approved the new Constitution. The Church Council went ovr the new Constitution with Pastor Mosbo answering any questions that members asked. A motion was made to accept the New Constitution as presented and to recommend it to the Church Council for their approval. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of yes. After the vote it was determined to have copies for the church members to pick up and read before any meeting. It will be done by September 20, 2026. a Church Congregational Meeting for the Congregation to approve the New Constitution will be held on October 18, 2026 following morning worship service.

Having no other business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be on October 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Attention: Committee Chairpersons,

It won't be long and we will be into 2027. Chairpersons please start to look at your committee work for 2026 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 10th, 2026. Thank you.

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.



Martin Luther Trivia



In 1525 Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora. What was unusual about his bride?

A) She was a former nun?
B) She was sixteen years older than Luther?
C) She was divorced?

Answer on page 6

Source : The hard life of Martin Luther trivia and Wikipeida

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Troy Keene, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D. ,Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy, Leta Toelke, Pr. Paul Carlson, Shelvan Heid, Bob Schlachter, Mary Gerbode Lorie, Stacy and Karl Kayser.

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.

Le-Win/Orangeville Food Pantry

We are thankful for all our volunteers who offered their time and donations to the Le-Win/Orangeville Food Pantry this year. Thank you!

Our last volunteer date for 2026 will be on December 26th.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club will meet on *November, 12th* at 12:30pm for potluck. Entertainment will be provided by Set Free.

November Birthdays

11-03	Brian Albrecht
11-03	Brianna Lynn Fye
11-04	Ashtyn Brinker
11-04	Hanna Brinker
11-06	Neal Shumaker
11-07	Cameron Baker
11-10	Martin Luther
11-19	Lukas Price
11-22	Sue Diddens
11-28	John Huneke
11-30	Taylor Patterson

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

Weird and Funny Thanksgiving

Fact: In November 1926, Vinnie Joyce from Nitta Yuma, Mississippi, sent President Coolidge a live raccoon to serve for Thanksgiving dinner. But instead of putting it on the menu, Coolidge adopted the raccoon as a family pet and named it Rebecca! Not your typical Thanksgiving feast, right?



Martin Luther Trivia

Answer from page 4; A) she was a nun.

Born in 1499, Katharina von Bora was the daughter of an impoverished nobleman. She went to convent school from the age of five and became a nun when she was only sixteen. In 1523 Katharina became interested in the growing reform movement and grew dissatisfied with cloistered life. Conspiring with several other sisters, she contacted Luther and begged for his assistance. On April 4, 1523, Holy Saturday, Luther sent Leonhard Köppe, a merchant and councillor of Torgau who regularly delivered herring to the convent. She and eleven other nuns escaped from the convent and took refuge in Wittenberg. The marriage resulted in six children.

Our Purpose Statement

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

All women of the ELCA are members of WELCA and are welcome at Good Shepherd, synod and churchwide WELCA activities.

During this special season of thankfulness, we acknowledge all we are grateful for by generously contributing to the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Fund. And around the world, both near and far, someone is giving thanks for the wonderful gifts made by Good Shepherd's own Piece Corps Quilters.

The following is excerpted from Autumn 2026 LWR Special Report and reprinted with permission of Lutheran World Relief:

"The Global Reach of LWR Quilts

To truly appreciate the significance of quilter's work, consider how quilts impact our neighbors in need:

• In a refugee camp in the DRC, quilts provided warmth during cold nights and a sense of security to neighbors in uncertain times when no one else could reach them.

• After the hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, wildfire and other disasters ravaged states across the U.S., quilts offered comfort, warmth and hope to families who lost everything, reminding them that they were not alone.

• In Tanzania, LWR quilts prevent childhood stunting by providing warmth, helping little ones conserve energy for growth instead of body heat. Each quilt tells a story of hope and resilience."

Good Shepherd Piece Corps meets every Wednesday morning in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 – 11:30. Feel free to join them; no prior quilting experience is needed!

Three groups came together in 1987 to form Women of the ELCA. These groups were the American Lutheran Church Women (of the American Lutheran Church), the Lutheran Church Women (of the Lutheran Church in America) and Women in Action for Mission (of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches). The constituting convention was held June 13-14, 1987, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with the theme "Embrace God's World." The organization was officially constituted Jan. 1, 1988, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Since constituting in 1988, Women of the ELCA has belonged to the women; it is self-incorporated. No money from the ELCA budget is given to Women of the ELCA; all monetary support comes from the women themselves.

Thanks to you, Women of the ELCA continues its ministry today.

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW? If you would like to check where you're at in your giving to Good Shepherd you can ask Sheila to look up the amount for you.

DID YOU KNOW? If you use recycled envelopes and need more, you can ask Sheila for them.

She can be reached at (815) 297-3044 or by leaving a note in the church office.

Hanna Circle

Will not be holding their monthly meetings on November 1st or December 6th

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR 2026 OFFERINGS

Please be sure that all offerings for 2026 are received in the offering plate by the end of worship on Sunday, December 27.
Any received after that will be credited in 2027.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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2027Annual Collection

As part of my/our commitment to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church I/we pledge;

$_____Per Year $ _____Monthly

$ _____Weekly $ _____Twice a month

$ _____ Quarterly $ _____ Other

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Signature _____

The first Unknown Soldier was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1921, making the day an integral part of Veterans Day history.



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

"The **American Legion Auxiliary** has been helping our veterans, our communities and our children for one-hundred years"

Current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry as stock is very low.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

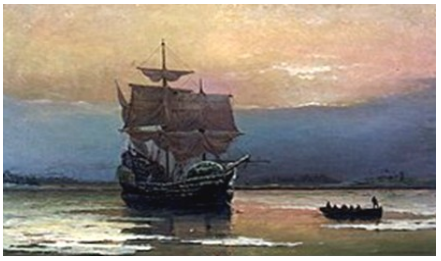
We currently need;

Cans Soup	Shampoo & Conditioner
Cans Vegetables	Laundry Soap
Canned Fruit	Body Wash
Ramen Noodles	

Paper towels and toilet paper.

This list is immediate needs; however other items will always be accepted.

Donations can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 at 316 W. Main St., Lena.
Questions call 815-369-4684



The Mayflower

Mayflower was an English square-rigged merchant sailing ship, active from before 1609 until 1622. The ship sailed from England to Plymouth, Massachusetts, during its trans-Atlantic voyage of September 6 – November 9, 1620. The *Mayflower* departed England with 102 passengers, 74 male and 28 female, and a crew headed by Master Christopher Jones. About half of the passengers died in the first winter. Many Americans can trace their ancestry back to one or more of these individuals who have become known as the Pilgrims. Thirty-seven passengers were members of a separatist Puritan congregation in Leiden, the Netherlands (also known as Brownists), who were seeking to establish a colony in the New World where they could practice their religion without interference from the English government or church

November 8th is International Tongue Twister Day

How well does your tongue still operate?

Sally selfish selling seashells by the seashore. So if Sally's selfish selling seashells by the seashore, where are the seashells Sally's selfish is selling?

Congratulations if you didn't trip on any words, don't you wonder who comes up with these unique Awareness Days?



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 10th of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile!
Questions? Contact the church office.

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!

Christmas is approaching, it's time to place your poinsettia order. Poinsettia Orders must be placed by December 7th. Price has not been determined at this time.

Please complete the form below and mail it, drop it off at the church office or place the payment in the collection plate. ***Thank you!***

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

___ in memory of... ___in honor of...

Name (s) _____

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