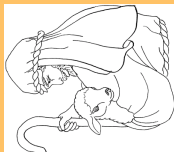




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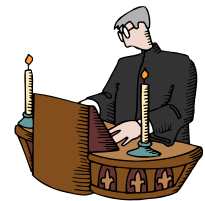
## From the Pastor ~ ~

In 1887 the coffin of Abraham Lincoln was pried open to determine if it contained his body. What makes that act so remarkable is the fact that Lincoln's body had rested in that coffin for 22 years. Yet, even more amazing is that 14 years later a rumor circulated again that Lincoln's coffin was actually empty. The furor so gripped the land that the only way to silence it was to dig up the coffin again. This was done and the rumor silenced when a handful of witnesses viewed the lifeless body of Abraham Lincoln.

Empty tombs are at the core of the Easter message and Christianity itself. No matter how many tourist look in the tomb believed to have

been occupied by Jesus, all find an empty tomb. The empty tomb tells us He is who He claimed to be. He kept His promise to rise from the dead. Thus, all of His promises are trustworthy and we can rest assured. Because He rose from the dead, we will be raised to spend eternity with Him and with all believers. Christmas is in less than two months. First we look to the empty tomb to be reassured that all that was written about Him would come true and He keeps His promises.

Pastor Daene



## Time change November 3, 2024



## Thanksgiving Eve

### Service

7:00 p.m.

November 27, 2024

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### Special points of interest:

- Time changes the night of November 2
- All Saints Day, November 3
- Church Council Meeting November 10
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Decorate the Church for the Christmas season on December 1 after worship service

## Church Council Highlights ~ ~

Church Council met on October 13, 2024 after our Special Voter's Meeting. Those present were: Michelle Walker, Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert, Heidi Baca, Randy Powers, Amy Houck, Gerda Martin, and Rose Krimmel. Those absent were: Troy Johnson, Brian Walker, Kent Krimmel and Larry Hill. Pastor was having a confirmation class.

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Weber as Brian could not be here today. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Johannah presented the minutes from our meeting in September. After discussion the minutes were approved.

Rose presented the financial secretary's report which stated the offerings and Thrivent Choice Dollars total for September was \$15,349.50.

Larry's report showed the expenses for October were \$10,560.37.

Pastor's report showed we averaged 48 in attendance for church services in September. He had five services; 9 Bible Studies; 3 visits; 2 Hospital visits; 8 Counseling sessions; visited 3 Shut-ins; and had 2 Confirmation classes. This year he has two first year students for Confirmation Class.

Kevin had nothing to report for the Deacons.

Troy was absent and did not have a report.

Heidi reported that during the month of September, the preschool class studied the Old Testament. The middle school class studied Confirmation lessons.. Linda Haddck continues to lead the Children's Church on non communion Sundays. Trunk or Treat will be in late October with the City of Franklin.

Stewardship—Vacant

Michelle Walker reported that we are collecting Laundry detergent and Dish Soap in the month of November.

Gerda reported that the Pitch-In Lunch Sundays have been going fine. We have a donation can on the serving table for those that have not contributed food may leave a donation if they wish, but is not necessary. Terri Lynn Nuts & Candy orders were due in today, October 13th. They will be here and ready for pick up on November 24th.

Randy had no report for the Member-at-Large.

Old business was Jazzercise using our facility for classes. It was tabled until we get answers to some questions.

Next Council Meeting is November 10, 2024 after our worship service.

The meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

## LWGS

Hello ladies ~

We want to thank everyone that bought and sold nuts & candy for us. The order has been sent and we expect it to arrive around November 14. Just in time for us to put the orders together and have them ready for you to pick up on Sunday, November 24th.

Mark your calendars for December 7th for our Ladies Christmas Tea. More on that soon in the bulletin and in December's newsletter.

Decorating the church for Christmas will be after our worship service on December 1. It will also be a Pitch-In so plan on

## Bible Readings for November

staying and have lunch and help us decorate the church. The more that help the faster it is complete. Good fellowship with your brothers and sisters of Good Shepherd.



Nov 1—Genesis 25-26; Nov 2—Genesis 27-29; Nov 3—Genesis 30-31; Nov 4—Genesis 32-34; Nov 5—Genesis 35-37; Nov 6—Genesis 38-40; Nov 7—Genesis 41-42;

Nov 8—Genesis 43-45; Nov 9—Genesis 46-47; Nov 10—Genesis 48-50; Nov 11—Exodus 1-3; Nov 12—Exodus 4-6; Nov 13—Exodus 7-9; Nov 14—Exodus 10-12; Nov 15—Exodus 13-15; Nov 16—Exodus 16-18; Nov 17—Exodus 19-21; Nov 18—Exodus 22-24; Nov 19—Exodus 25-27; Nov 20—Exodus 28-29; Nov 21—Exodus 30-32; Nov 22—Exodus 33-35; Nov 23—Exodus 36-38; Nov 24—Exodus 39-40; Nov 25—Leviticus 1-4; Nov 26—Leviticus 5-7; Nov 27—Leviticus 8-10; Nov 28—Leviticus 11-13; Nov 29—Leviticus 14-15; Nov 30—

## Care & Concern ~ ~



**Sympathy and Prayers for Jim Wurster and family on the passing of Margaret Wurster.**

**Remember in your Prayers: Tony Boxdorfer, healing & comfort; Barbara Lembke, heal-**

**ing, strength & comfort; Jennifer Fugate, cancer surgery; Alice Cline, healing, fomfort & support; Alan Greenhut, late stage cancer; Vic & Hele Rinehart, healing and strength; Jon Clark, healing and comfort;**

**Craig Fouts, stage 4 lung cancer; Isaac Cranfill & family, healing and comfort; Steve Compton, strength & healing; Brand Rice, brain tumor; Bill Powers, healing; Bob Bailey, cancer; Isch family, prayers; Jeff Hawkins, strength & comfort; Raymond Kinnan, strength & comfort; Gerda Martin, healing, comfort, patience; Elizabeth Samples, healing & comfort; Julie Ploss, strength & comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength & comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength & comfort; Steve Clodfelter, Parkinsons; Debbie Houck, strength.**

## Interchurch Food Pantry

**In the month of November the Interchurch Food Pantry has asked us to donate Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex.**

**Thank you for helping the less fortunate in Johnson County.**

# Think about serving on Church Council 2025-2026~~

## The positions and duties are listed below coming up for election.....

### **Vice-President —The Vice President shall:**

1. Represent the President when the latter is unable to perform his duties and, furthermore, should the office of the President be vacated for any reason, the Vice President will assume the office of the President, until next Voter's Assembly meeting;
2. Serve as parliamentarian at all meetings of the Church Council and Voter's Assembly;
3. Make an annual report to the Voter's Assembly of his activities.

### **Financial Secretary — The Financial Secretary shall:**

1. Record the contributions of the giving units of the congregation;
2. Supervise the counting of the contributions and cause them to be deposited in a designated bank;
3. Issue an annual statement of contributions to the giving units of the congregation;
4. Order, prepare, and distribute the offering envelopes;
5. Serve as a member of the Board of Stewardship.

### **The Board of Christian Education shall consist of the Chairman and four (or more) members. They shall:**

- a. Foster spiritual growth in and through the congregation;
- b. Set up adequate objectives for every age level, agency and organization, embracing training in Christian knowledge, attitudes, and skills, such as use of the Bible, witnessing, prayer, giving, and Christian family living;
- c. Provide an adequate amount of learning opportunities for such objectives to be utilized at all age levels;
- d. Select curricula so that the objectives for each agency and age level can be carried out in a Christian and God-pleasing manner;
- e. Establish and maintain a church library;
- f. Organize and conduct a summer education program;
- g. Encourage individuals of all ages to utilize the church's education programs;
- h. Select responsible personnel and provide them with the proper training necessary in order to equip them for their assigned duties;
- i. Give attention to enrollment and attendance of pupils as well as to their personal development and growth;
- j. Constantly be seeking new ways to involve more people in these programs and keep those already involved interested;
- k. Subdivide and assign responsibilities to individuals or committees in order to facilitate proper consideration;
- l. Delegate the administration of all educational agencies and work to board members or qualified persons (subject to the approval of the Church Council);
- m. Deposit all contributions and funds through the Financial Secretary and;
- m. Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by that Board.

### **The Board of Missions shall consist of the Chairman and four (or more) members. They shall:**

- a. Assist the Pastor in the entire program of proclaiming the Gospel to all people;
- b. Plan, promote, and carry out an evangelism program in the congregation and in the community, i.e., planning and supervising surveys, maintaining evangelism files, and enlisting assistance in visiting prospective members of the church;
- c. Assist the Pastor in training the laity to bring the unchurched to Pastor's instruction class;

- d. Be concerned with the reception, orientation, and integration of new members into the congregational programs and review their progress;
- e. Recommend ways to incorporate evangelism into all aspects of the church's programs;
- f. Endeavor to publicize the Gospel and the activities of the congregation by the various modern methods available;
- g. Call to the attention of the congregation the welfare agencies and efforts being conducted by the church and thereby solicit support for them.
- h. Report on the social needs of the community and solicit the congregation's cooperation with other agencies in the community endeavoring to help meet their needs; and
- i. Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by that Board.

### **The Board of Fellowship shall consist of a Chairman and the Board shall consist of the membership of the Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd and the Sunday Fellowship Hour Chairperson.**

- a. The events consist of but are not limited to:
  1. Farewell Dinners
  2. Installation Reception
  3. New Member Reception
  4. Anniversary Reception/Dinner
  5. Valentine Dinner
  6. Easter Breakfast
  7. Confirmation Reception
  8. Graduation Reception
  9. Stewardship Dinner (consulting Stewardship Chairman)
  10. Community Band Reception
  11. Soup & Sandwich Suppers during Lent, Advent and Lunch after Christmas decorating
  12. Monthly Pitch-In
  13. Church Picnic
- b. The Board of Fellowship will be responsible for keeping the kitchen with necessary paper goods, cleaners, condiments, etc. The Board of Fellowship shall also be responsible for recruiting and assigning greeters for services.
- c. The Sunday Fellowship Hour shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the Fellowship Chairman. The Sunday Fellowship Chairman may appoint committees of choice. The duties include, but not limited to:
  1. Recruiting servers for Sunday Fellowship Hour
  2. Setting up Sunday Fellowship Hour Schedule
  3. Sending weekly reminders to the servers for upcoming Sunday.
  4. Ensuring coffee is made before church service each Sunday.
  5. Make sure an emergency supply of snacks is on hand.

### **Member-at-Large — ONE**

#### **They shall:**

1. Attend Church Council meetings;
2. Council will direct on miscellaneous items brought before the Council.

### **We also have a vacancy for a one year term for the Stewardship Chairman.**

**Prayerfully consider leading your church by considering a position on the Church Council.**



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/6 Brian Pfaehler, Ben Daene
- 11/7 Kyle Fechtman
- 11/8 Camilla Baca
- 11/11 Sylvia Kessler
- 11/12 Rebekah Haugh
- 11/16 Elaine Bloomquist, Sharon Clark
- 11/17 Brian Walker
- 11/20 Angela Coy
- 11/21 Cecelia Campbell
- 11/23 Nicole Pahl, Anne Morris
- 11/25 Curtis Pfaehler, Chris Clark,  
Kevin Clark
- 11/28 Mark Ploss
- 11/29 Jeff Powers, Abigail (Haugh) Powers



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

None listed

*[Please contact the church office (317-736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]*

**T**ry using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will be truly blessed.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**OFFICERS FOR 2024**

- Brian Walker, President  
, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Larry Hill, Treasurer
- Rose Krmml, Financial Secretary
- Troy Johnson, Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons  
, Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education
- Michelle Walker, Board of Missions
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
- Randy Powers, Member at Large
- Kent Krimmel, Member at Large

**DEACONS**

- Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
- Brad Coy 317-508-5770
- Derek Runge 309-258-0603

**PRAYER CHAIN**

**“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”**

**(James 5:13-16)**

**“Devote yourselves to prayer.”**

**(Colossians 4:2)**

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709. She will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

**ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST:** We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to [www.gslcfranklin.org](http://www.gslcfranklin.org) and click on the **Prayer Request button** and enter your request.