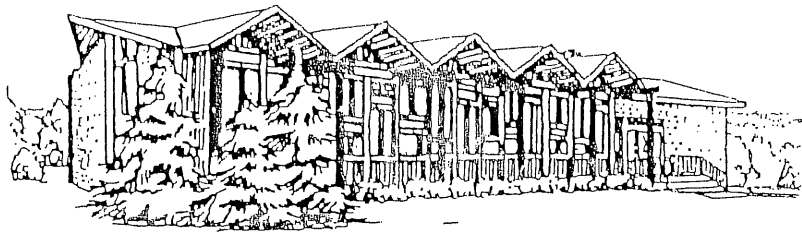


SHEPHERD'S STAFF

NOVEMBER 2016



Because we at Good Shepherd want to say 'Thank you' to our members and friends who faithfully attend Sunday worship services, on November 6 we are offering an extra hour of sleep to everyone who comes to church that Sunday.

Instead of having our service at 9:30 a.m. EDT, we will begin worship at EST! All you have to do to arrive at Good Shepherd on time is set your clocks back one hour the night before.

If this arrangement proves popular, look for all our services to be scheduled on Eastern Standard Time through the fall and winter.

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Thanksgiving

The United States celebrates Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a time to thank God for a bountiful harvest and for the many other blessings of life, as did the Pilgrims in the year 1621, along with the Wampanoag Indians.



BE THANKFUL

Be thankful you don't have everything you desire.

If you did, what would you look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something.

It gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,

Because they give you the opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,

Because it will build strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary.

Because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things,

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those

Who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,

And they can become your blessings.



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THANKSGIVING SERVICES

ALL SAINTS Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship following the service

CHURCHILL METHODIST Wednesday, Nov. 23 at

SPEAK UP!

What do you care about? What stirs your heart enough to act? What can't you help keeping silent about?

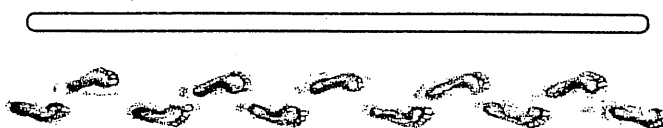
All those are part of advocacy—speaking up for someone who is unable to. All parents are advocates for their children at one time or another and some people have experienced being an advocate for a relative who is ill and temporarily cannot speak for themselves. Have you ever thought of advocacy as a witness to Christ? Because what you are doing is caring for your neighbor. Do you remember the bracelets that said WWJD (what would Jesus do)? The answer is that Jesus would care about the hungry, the homeless, the stranger, the children and orphans and widows.

ELCA advocacy is a wide-ranging effort, touching on local concerns as well as national and world-wide. Sometimes advocacy is dramatic and very public, as in rallies and demonstrations. But more often it's quiet and slow, involving months or even years of work with governments and social agencies. It is not political as it does not identify with a particular ideology or party. Here is a partial list of topics that ELCA Advocacy focuses on: migrant children; corporate social responsibility; faith, science, and technology; justice for women; peace not walls; racial justice; social issues. Go to elca.org, type "advocacy" in the search box, and you can sign up for email updates of those issues and more. You can find opportunities for action and also more resources.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, and defend God's creation. Advocate as a witness to your faith!

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

Blessings, Marcia Brown



Don't ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.

H A V E Y O U H E A R D ? ?

There will be a
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON
Sunday, November 27
after worship

Your voice
and your
presence
are
important.
Please plan
to attend.

In the Hospital

Kevin Eslaesser is in ICU,
Mercy Hospital. Keep him
and David in your prayers.



ADVENT I, NOVEMBER 27

O Lord, how shall I meet you,
How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
My hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please you best.

"O Lord, how shall I meet you?" is certainly an appropriate question. Advent has begun. Christmas is around the corner. There are so many things to do: presents to buy and wrap, things to make, people to see, cards to address and notes to include; the lists seem endless. Typical holiday pressures seem slight, though, in comparison to what German hymn writer Paul Gerhardt must have faced.

Four of Gerhardt's five children died early in life. His wife died when the remaining child was only six years old. The political situation in Germany caused problems for Gerhardt, who was also a pastor. Yet, how positively Gerhardt answers his own question, "O Lord, how shall I meet you?"

Sometimes hearing about the problems of others can put our own situations in a proper perspective. Anticipating our future with Christ always can lighten our load. As we move toward that little town of Bethlehem, the promise of eternal life brings joy, hope, and peace.

Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn your joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not; he is near you,
There, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more. Amen.

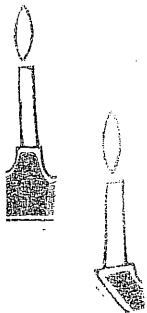


On November 27, the first Sunday in Advent,
we will sing Gerhardt's hymn.

WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD met on October 9 and discussed

the fund raisers:

Bottles and Cans
Pizza Hut
Denny's and
Frito Lay. Donna is working on ordering
for a November delivery



Also discussed were the candle for the holders
At the end of the pews, the mission project
(a sheep) and the group decided to recommend
to the council the dates of November 1 through
January 31 for this project, and the Hanging
of th Greens.

Seven ladies spent an enjoyable evening with the
All Saints women at their fall dinner. A delicious
meal was followed by the game "Name That Tune."

ALTAR FLOWERS There are four open dates in November:

the 13th two vases

the 27th two vases



WORSHIP andMUSIC COMMITTEE AT ITS October 11 meeting
made the following recommendations to present
to the council:

Hanging of the Greens take place on
Sunday, December 4 and that council secure
someone to chair the lunch on that day.

The "Greens" be taken down on Sunday, January 1,
after the worship service.

That the Christmas Eve Service begin at 6:30p.m.

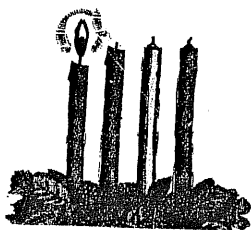
Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and it is
recommended the time be changed to 10:30 a.m.
and that it be a service of lessons and carols.

The following were also discussed:

That the names of those who have joined the
church triumphant since the last All Saints Day
be remember on November 6, All Saints Day, with
their names read and a chime played on the organ.

That members be encouraged to attend Thanksgiving
service. All Saints, Hamburg, will have their
service on Tuesday, November 22 and Churchill
Methodist, Boston, 's will be on Wednesday, at
7:00 p.m. All Saints" will be at 7:30 p.m. with
a coffee hour to follow.

Advent begins on November 27. There will be a
special lighting of the Advent wreath each week.



FLORAL TRIBUTES

Nov 6 gift of Corky and Geri Hubert in honor of son and daughter-in-law Jon and Jennifer's wedding anniversary

Nov 6 gift of Joyce Carr in loving memory of her husband Jim

Nov 20 gift of Gene and Jocelyn Rola in honor of daughter Laura, son-in-law Geoff, and grandson James birthdays

Nov 20 gift of Diane and Henry Enser for blessings received

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

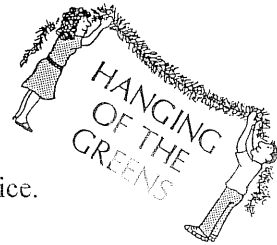
There will be a Thanksgiving Service held at All Saints in Hamburg on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm. There will be a coffee hour following. All are invited.

PHARMACIST HOUR

All Saints in Hamburg is sponsoring an *Ask the Pharmacist* time, where the pharmacist will give out information on taking medications, should you take things together etc. This will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 2 pm and will be also open to the public. Come and get some valuable information!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The annual Hanging of the Greens will be held on December 4th following the church service. *We are in need of a chairperson for the potluck luncheon.* If you are able to help with this, please see a member of the council. Save the date as we always have a wonderful time putting up the decorations and the fellowship at the luncheon. Hands of all ages are needed, so men, women and children mark your calendar.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The November congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 27th following the church service. This meeting is when the council presents a budget for the congregation to consider and vote on. Please plan to attend so your voice is heard in this process.

SYMPATHY TO...

Our prayers and deepest sympathy to Louise and Pastor Siemann and family on the death of Louise's sister Isabel. Pastor and Louise please know our thoughts are with you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There were two visitors at Sunday School-Kira and Connor! We hope to see them both again very soon. There has been perfect attendance to date for Grace, Sophie and Julian Collins.



FINANCIAL FOR SEPTEMBER

Monies received \$3,498

Disbursed \$1,362.27

Roof to date \$574

PRAYER CORNER

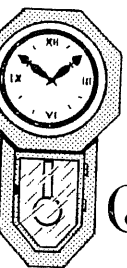
Remember in your prayers...Dennis Pilecki, Pastor and Louise Siemann, Pastor Raymond Fitch and his family, Jackie Cobb, John Demler, Tim and Linda Hoare, Tom Hedden, Lisa, Corky Hubert, Debbie Rogers, Herb and Jean Klein, Marc Schultz, Lorraine Kurkowiak, Bishop Macholz, Paul Pitz, Jeane Muck, David and Kevin Elsaesser, Dawn Ackerman, Anna and her family, Donald Murray, Judy O'Brien and Debbie Quinn

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS on Veterans Day and the sacrifices they and their families have made for our freedoms.

TIDBITS (from The Complete Book of Bible Trivia by J. Stephen Lang)

AS A REMINDER

1. What was given as a reminder that the world would never again be destroyed by a flood?
2. What ritual was to be a reminder of Christ's body and blood?
3. What day of the week is a reminder of God's completed creation?
4. What was the manna put into the ark of the covenant a reminder of?
5. What festival was to be a memorial of the Jews' salvation from the wicked Persian Haman?
6. What feast was to be a reminder of the simple homes the Israelites had in Egypt?
7. What feast was a reminder of the death angel killing the Egyptian firstborn?
8. Who made brazen lights to remind the people of Israel that no one except Aaron's descendants should serve as priests?
9. What woman did Jesus say would have her story remembered for doing a kindness to him?
10. Who set up 12 stones to remind the people of God's power in bringing them across the Jordan?



TIME CHANGE

1. The rainbow (Genesis 9:13-16)
2. The Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19)
3. The Sabbath (Deuteronomy 5:15)
4. God's supernatural provision in the desert (Exodus 16:32)
5. Purim (Esther 9:28)
6. The Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:39-43)
7. Passover (Exodus 12:11-14)
8. Eleazar (Numbers 16:39-40)
9. The woman who anointed his feet at Bethany (Matthew 26:6-13)
10. Joshua (4:7)



Give Thanks

NOVEMBER 2016

- 11/4 3 PM - Choir
- 11/6 9:30 AM - Worship Service
Coffee Hour
10:45 AM - Sunday school
- 11/7 8 AM - 11 AM - Office Hours
- 11/11 3 PM - Choir
- 11/13 9:30 AM - Worship Service
10:45 AM - Sunday school
- 11/14 8 AM - 11 AM - Office Hours
- 11/18 3 PM - Choir
- 11/20 9:30 AM - Worship Service
10:45 AM - Sunday school
- 11/21 8 AM - 11 AM - Office Hours
6:30 PM - Council
- 11/22 7:30 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Worship
All Saints, Hamburg
- 11/23 7:00 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Churchill Methodist
- 11/25 3 PM - Choir
- 11/27 9:30 AM - Worship Service
10:45 AM - Sunday school
- 11/28 8 AM - 11 AM - Office Hours

Birthdays

Joel Slighter - November 7
Kathy Pilecki - November 13
Janet Slighter - November 19
Laura Collins - November 22
Rodney Carr - November 25
Geoffrey Collins - November 26

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- 11/6 Greeter - Gene and Jocelyn Rola
Ushers - Todd and Amanda Schroeder
Reader - Kathy Pilecki
Communion - Kevin Elsaesser
Cleaner - Diane Enser
Altar - Geri Hubert and Diane Enser
- 11/13 Greeter - Diane Enser
Ushers - Paul Kracht and Brian Slighter
Reader - Karen Kracht
Communion - Kevin Elsaesser
Cleaner - Joy Rease and Tim Metzler
Altar - Geri Hubert and Diane Enser
- 11/20 Greeter - Skip and Joy Rease
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Anniversary

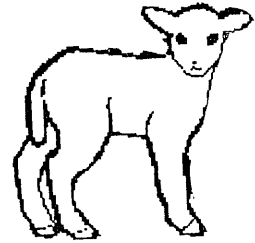
Fred and Marion Igel - November 1

M I S S I O N P R O J E C T

A S H E E P

There is a family somewhere in the world that will receive "our" sheep and it will change and add to their lives.

How many ways can you think of that a sheep can improve the lives of those that have one? Can you think of three? Maybe four or more? Jot your ideas down so they can be shared.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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