

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church November Newsletter



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it

and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



Manners and Customs of Bible Times

Shopping

If food was not available from one's own stores, it was necessary to go the local market to purchase provisions. This was a daily task because it was not possible to keep food for more than a day in the hot climate without recourse to drying or salting. This practice lies behind the words in the Lord's Prayer, "give us today our daily bread," where we pray for god's help to enable us to live one day at a time (Matthew 6:11).

As part of the visit to the tradesmen, some families would collect bread that had been baked in the community oven. Hosea tells us how loaves were put in the oven overnight and were cooked slowly, until taken out before the baker stirred up the fire in the morning again (Hosea 7:4-6), and while Jeremiah was imprisoned, he received a daily loaf from the street of the bakers in Jerusalem (Jeremiah 37:21).

While the water and food was being collected the mother and other girls had plenty to do. The floor of the house had to be swept carefully and the place made tidy (see Luke 11:25), particularly if animals had slept inside overnight, and washing had to be done. The fire had to be fanned into a flame so that cooking could proceed.

Siesta

As the heat of the day approached, it was time for a siesta out of the sun. Abraham sat in the door of his tent for siesta (Genesis 18:1), Saul went into a cave (1 Samuel 24_3), and Ish-Bosheth stayed in his house (2 Samuel 4:5).

Submitted by Beverly Steele



Grace Lutheran/Slaton Woollard Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a student from our church or any other Lutheran Church of Okaloosa or Walton Counties who is enrolled in Northwest Florida State College full time. Students must self-identify to be eligible for financial support in pursuing their education. This is a \$750 scholarship. Please contact Amy Silva, silvaa1@nwfsc.edu, to submit your name.



CONGREGATIONAL HAPPENINGS

New Members:

Brett, Rachel and Evelyn Bollinger received by transfer.

Brandon and Sarah Wood with daughters Abigail, Lillian, Annabel, Caroline and Scarlett received by transfer.

October 24, 2023 Frank Shaw was received in heaven after a heart attack at home.





- 11/1 Matthew Roberts
- 11/2 Malachi Hofman
- 11/3 Elijah Haase
- 11/5 Tim Philpott
- 11/6 Sarah Lienemann
- 11/11 Don Chandler
- 11/13 Audrey Anderson
- 11/14 Kevin Merrill
- 11/17 Karen Seagle
- 11/21 Sandee Baughn
- 11/24 Jeff Adams
- 11/25 Dean Brown
- 11/25 Lyla Philpott
- 11/29 Bob Farmer
- 11/29 Jason Berkowitz
- 11/30 Tim Prince

- 11/4 Tim & Susi Evers
- 11/6 Allan & Judy Koepsell
- 11/15 Curtis & Joella Parker
- 11/20 Joe & Karrell Staton
- 11/22 Larry & Ruth Hill
- 11/25 Lance & Flo Hofman
- 11/26 Philip & Linda Babiak
- 11/29 Kevin & Maria Merrill





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study	2 5:00 PM American Heritage Girls 6:00 PM Elder's Meeting	3	4 8:00 AM Praise Band
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REFORMATION DAY















Regular Sunday Worship Times
Traditional Worship @ 8:00 AM
Contemporary Worship @ 10:45 AM

Sunday School @ 9:30 AM



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