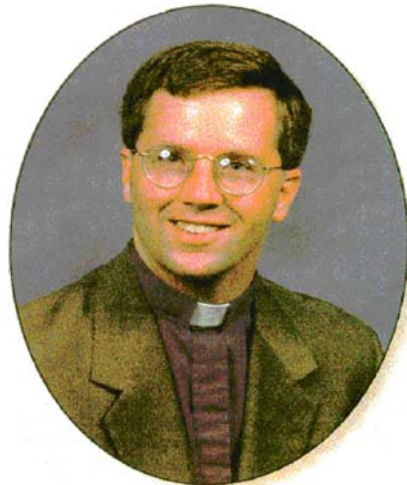


The Hornblower

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

November 2002



PURSUING PEACE IN AN AGE SNIPERS

By Pastor Dave Sonnenberg

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October has been a haunting month in which the violence of the world hit home. The serial sniper in the Metro DC began his (or her) work in our county and has moved out to the surrounding areas. The police diligently do their work seeking evidence, following leads, and faithfully working around the clock to find the "poor lost soul" who has done these horrible deeds. At the same time, we continue to hear the news of violence overseas. Furthermore, I don't know about you, but I hear countless rhetoric about the need to "fight terrorism" and prepare us for war. Do you hear it as well? We seem to be in a state of "preparedness"- but the haunting question you and I should wrestle with is, "are we preparing ourselves for peace with the same passion?"

I look ahead in our worship schedule and I can't help but be haunted. I say that because in the coming weeks I hear Jesus reaching out to challenge us. He challenges us to do more than simply overpower evil. He challenges us to transform the world. Transforma-

tion begins in our hearts and takes on flesh when we act in our daily lives. Consider what you will hear in the coming weeks.

1. On November 3rd (All Saints Sunday), we will hear the words of Jesus- "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."
2. On November 10th, our 9th graders will be confirmed. In the midst of their confirmation, each will be asked this pointed question, "do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism . . .to proclaim the Good News of Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? Their response- "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."
3. On November 17th- we will read the Parable of the Talents and be reminded to use the God given gifts we have been given. When we put those gifts to good use and are full of passion- Jesus promises that he will use our gifts to bless the world.
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From Pastor Lathrop

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“Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God’s faithful people,
- to hear his Word and share in his supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”

Dear Friends in Christ,

These are the words of intent that our ninth graders will declare before you during their confirmation service on November 10th. That Sunday will be the culmination of three years of intensively learning about the Word and works of God as understood specifically through our Lutheran doctrine. It is time for them to stand up and be counted; to declare before God and the world what it is that they believe, and what they plan to do with that faith that God has given them.

However, those words ought not be for them alone. Did you know that

every Sunday *you* affirm your baptism? Every time we say the creed we are re-dedicating ourselves to the promises made at our baptism. Every time we “go in peace and serve the Lord”, we again are commissioned to live, proclaim and serve in the world.

It’s quite a job, I know. Certainly we cannot perform such a task on our own. It’s easy to be overwhelmed, and to feel like we are not up to the challenge. That is why it is so important for all of us to be there when our youth make these promises. We must be there to lend our support and encouragement to our new co-workers in the kingdom.

The 11:15 service on November 10th will be completely youth-led. Our ninth graders will lead the liturgy, read the lessons, and preach the Word. Please join them in support of this special event. It is only together that we can fulfill the weighty task of living in our baptismal covenant.

This is also an excellent opportunity for self-evaluation. How am I living out my call? If you’re like me, some days are better than others. But we must continue to strive for discipleship in service to the Word. There are multiple opportunities to grow and be fed here at Good Shepherd. As you look through this month’s newsletter, ask yourself, “Which of these ministries would be best suited to help me to live the baptismal life?” Prayerfully consider joining us in one of the educational opportunities provided, or to serve in our social ministry, or in the upcoming Stephen’s Ministry program. Remember, the more we serve, the more we grow.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Justin

Deadline for the December Issue

of the Hornblower is Friday, November 15, at 5:00 PM. All news items should be placed in the Hornblower box in the church.

Activities & Opportunities

Every Single One

November 10 - Dinner at Bugaboo Creek Steakhouse (on Shady Grove Road in Gaithersburg). Meet at GSL Church at 6 PM.

November 16 - The Heim Woodwind Quartet concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This is part of the Albert Louis Smith Concert Series for 2002. All concert proceeds go to musicians & social ministry programs in & around Montgomery County including: Gaithersburg HELP, Senior Services, Disaster Relief, Prison Ministry, the Lord's Table, & Up-County Housing Programs. Show time is 8 PM. Reception with musicians will follow concert.

For information regarding "Every Single One" contact Joy Freund at GSEVERYSIN-GLEONE@hotmail.com or (301) 424-7988.

Seniors-Retirees

We will Tour Mount Vernon on November 8th, with the bus leaving at 9am. Lunch will be at the tavern. Contact Bob Linkins for more information.

A Steering Committee meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 12th at 1pm.

A Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 19th.

Phoebe Circle

The Phoebe Circle will meet at 9:30 am on Nov 5th at the home of Alice Helm, 10543 Cambridge Ct in Montgomery Village. Alice Glatz will be our hostess. We will be studying chapter 9 in our series on The Lord's Prayer. Please call Dot Haltwanger (301 258 0043) or Jeanne Ely (301 762 5338) or Alice Helm (301 977 2257) for more information. All women of Good Shepherd are welcome.



November 13th

Please join us from 6-7:30pm for dinner, fellowship and fun. Sign up on the Family Night Board in the lobby and bring a dish to share.



**CHRISTMAS
WREATHS**

It's not too early to think about Christmas decorations for this year! The Senior High Youth going to the National Youth Gathering in July are selling fresh Christmas wreaths and other fresh evergreen products to raise money for this trip. Orders will be taken between church services on Sunday, October 27th, November 3rd, and November 10th. Money is due when you place your order. Pickup will be a Sunday morning in early December. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Egan at 301-253-4089 or legan99@hotmail.com. You may also contact Laura Albanese at the church.

Attention All Scrapbookers

Every 3rd Friday of the month, come work on your scrapbooks while enjoying the company of fellow croppers! The next crop will be Friday, 11-15 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your albums and supplies to church and spend time preserving your photos and stories. Crops are open to anyone interested in scrapbooking – veterans and newcomers alike. Karyn Nicholson, (daughter of Gayle Carlson) a Creative Memories consultant, will be in attendance if you would like to purchase supplies. All of Karyn's earnings during the crop go to Lutheran World Relief. We will also be accepting a free will offering to Lutheran World Relief. If you have questions, please call Andrea Maples at 301-990-0496.

Antietam Luminaries

The B&B Shepherding Group will be traveling to the Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Saturday, December 7, to drive through the annual display of luminaries. More than 23,000 luminaries are placed over the rolling fields to represent each of the persons killed, wounded, or missing in the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest one-day battle in U.S. military history. It is an awesome and chilling sight---23,000 lights flickering in the winter night.

The group will go on the church bus and invites others to go if space is available. We will leave Good Shepherd around 4 p.m., eat dinner in the Hagerstown area, see the luminaries, and return around 10 p.m.. If you are interested, contact Art or Vera Mae Schultz, 301-972-0848, atreefarmer@cs.com.

Flock Assistants

| DATE | TIME | GREETERS | READERS | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | BREAD/WINE | ACOLYTES |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|--|
| 3 rd | 7:45 | Marilyn Gowetski, Lois Early | Carl Crawford, Nathan Strand | Anne & Carl Crawford, Nathan Strand, Verne & Lois Lewellen, David & Betsy Bruning | Marilyn Gowetski, Lois Early | |
| | 9:00 | Mary Jo & Elizabeth Anderson | Brenda Kessler | Brenda & Ernie Kessler, Walt & Joan Eccard, Penny Risen | Mary Jo & Elizabeth Anderson | Emily Cole, Breton Stailey, Melissa Bollman |
| | 11:15 | Alan & Arline Fraser | Al Diercks, Dylan Erwin | Ardy & Al Diercks, Dylan Erwin, Kenneth & Elizabeth Lassek | Alan & Arline Fraser | Elizabeth & Emily Anderson, Katherine Richards |
| 10 th | 7:45 | Art & Virginia Rabenhorst | Shayne Sullivan, Alex Christian | Debbie & Shayne Sullivan, Jim & Phyllis Voldal, Jack & Sandie Fowlkes, Alex Christian | Art & Virginia Rabenhorst | |
| | 9:00 | Denis & Elisabeth Light | Ed McKay | Ed & Karen McKay, Janelle Jensen-Stone, Mike & Janice Commarato | Denis & Elisabeth Light | |
| | 11:15 | Confirmation Sunday | Confirmation Sunday | Confirmation Sunday | Confirmation Sunday | Confirmation Sunday |
| 17 th | 7:45 | Tom & Carole Turner | Tom Milke, Ricky Phillips | Tom Milke, Ricky Phillips, John Mathur, Harley Heath, Jud, Laura & Elspeth Stailey | Tom & Carole Turner | |
| | 9:00 | Jim & Betty Rimmel | Emily Cole | Emily Cole, Ron & Pam Collins, Art & Alice Johnson | Jim & Betty Rimmel | Alex Christian, Scott Olson, Andrew Wagner |
| | 11:15 | Jim & Janet Mertz | Dick Foster, Patrick McGuire | Sandy & Dick Foster, Patrick McGuire, Jim & Jacqueline Summers | Jim & Janet Mertz | Ricky Phillips, Doug Seek, Allison Kimball |
| 24 th | 7:45 | Gene & Dennis Ritz | Kevin & Elizabeth Anderson | Kevin, Mary Jo & Elizabeth Anderson, Frank Walkuskie, Vonnie Bennett, Vera Mae & Art Schultz | Gene & Dennis Ritz | |
| | 9:00 | | *All Assignments are youth arranged by Laura Albanese | | | |
| | 11:15 | Dan & Dawn Sell | Jerry Klingler, David Cappel | JoLou & Jerry Klingler, David Cappel, Bev & Pat Iannone | Dan & Dawn Sell | Danielle Tardif, Greg Riesett, Kelsey Flickinger |

If you can't serve on the above date, call Carolyn Humerickhouse (301) 926-3490.

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4. On November 24th (Christ the King Sunday), our text is Matthew 25, wherein we read that whenever we reach out to the least of these in this world, we have cared for Jesus. Thus, our call as always is to pay attention and offer care instead of turning the other way.

I don't want to ever discount the fears that people may be experiencing right now. The last month has been unsettling to say the least. I pray daily that God helps to keep us safe. I simply want to remind you that times like these must be a reminder to us that we are called to let our light shine at all times and in all places. In this time of unrest, my prayer is that you and I will still hear answer the call to pursue peace, answer the call to serve, share our gifts freely, and continue to reach out and serve the "least of these".

We live in times where faith is an absolute necessity. May your faith be strong and may you have the confidence to carry on as our forefathers and mothers in the faith did. "For I am certain that nothing can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord."- St. Paul in his letter to the Romans.

Social Ministry News



Social Ministry is YOUR Ministry

EMERSON ENDOWMENT: DID YOU KNOW...

Good Shepherd has an endowment fund for Social Ministry programs. This fund was established by Carol Emerson in 1995 and is called the Emerson Family Fund. Carol was actively involved in Good Shepherd's Social Ministry programs for many years.

Over the past seven years, the Emerson Endowment has provided funds for a variety of programs that have helped serve the needs of families and youth, both locally and internationally. In recent months, the endowment has:

Helped fund critical medical needs of someone locally;

Provided seed money for the Malagasy Lutheran Church of Madagascar to place about 100 solar cookers in use in an area of the country where, according to an ELCA missionary, "there is no longer any kind of fuel available for cooking, because even cow dung is in low supply:"

Contributed toward filling a funding gap sustained by two

local charities involved in housing and feeding the homeless population; and

Helped provide Christmas gifts to teens through the Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Program.

The Emerson Fund Committee is chaired by Paula Bunge. The committee invites suggestions by Good Shepherd members concerning critical needs of families and youth. All requests should be submitted in writing for consideration by Sunday, December 1. For more information, call Paula at 301-424-1762.



Gaithersburg HELP

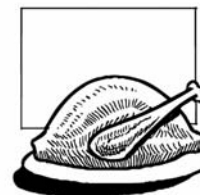
Thanks to those who are contributing food in the blue Gaithersburg HELP basket in the lobby. Current needs include canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, beef stew, and cereal. We often have requests for low-sugar fruits and low-salt vegetables. These items would be much appreciated. Also, remember to ask for paper grocery bags when you shop and bring your extras for HELP.

Gaithersburg HELP is an all-volunteer organization that has been serving our neighbors in Gaithersburg for 34 years. In 2001, HELP provided:

- Over 1900 families with a minimum of a 3 day supply of food

- 411 clients with prescriptions
- 305 families with diapers/formula
- 373 rides

Your contribution through the United Way/CFC Campaign (#8432) will make a difference.



NOW IS THE TIME... To bring in your Donations for the THANKSGIVING FOOD PROGRAM

Each year we have over 600 needy families referred to TGF. To support this outreach, Good Shepherd is collecting grocery store food gift cards (\$5 & \$10 denominations), which will be distributed from our church on November 22 and 23. All local groceries have food gift cards available from their business desk. If you prefer to make a financial contribution, please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Memo: Thanksgiving Food Program. Then place it in the offering plate or "THE Box" outside of the church office beginning October 13. **All donations are needed by Sunday, Nov. 10.** We hope to be able to provide a family of four with gift cards in the amount of thirty dollars so that they can purchase and prepare their traditional Thanksgiving meal. Thanks for your support!

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

DEC10 till JAN 2,2003

It is time again to start thinking about our Christmas International House program. Our goal is to provide 12 students with a place to stay and activities during what should be a joyous season. This is the 23rd year that GPB and Gaithersburg area churches will host college students studying in the US from all over the world. We are asking for volunteers to host a student or two for all or part of the Christmas holiday break. This is the perfect time of year to exercise the gift of hospitality and be part of our Christmas International House program. As well as homes, we also need volunteers for dinners for two, tour guides for all day trips, and International Dinner hosts. For more information or to volunteer, call Margaret Curren at 301-990-0550.

2 WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP!!!

The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary is in need of all types of stamps. The residents and volunteers process the stamps; many can be sold to dealers in bulk. Donate all used stamps and collections you may have. There is a need for volunteers to help with this project.

Save your old ink cartridges, bring them in the GSL in a plastic bag, and place them next to the table where you put your used stamps to be recycled. One dollar is donated to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children for every cartridge received. Every dollar helps the Children!

For information on either project, call Royce or Christine Watson at 301 869 4321.

"WHEN CAN WE GO HOME?"

LAST CALL: We urgently need helpers – skilled or not – for our **Food Recovery Work Trip to North Carolina on November 9.** You will be a blessing and an answer to 3 years of prayer that you would come. To register or learn more, call Dennis Luther (301) 948-1279 no later than Sunday, November 3. And please pray for Our Lord's ministry in North Carolina during this time.



Gifts of Hope

In 2001, over 100 prescriptions were filled for residents of Fellowship Square Foundation housing – because someone bought *Gifts of Hope*. Nearly 300 sets of underwear and sock and over 1000 Metro bus tokens were provided to women on the way up from homelessness at N High Street Village – because someone bought *Gifts of Hope*. Lutheran Volunteer Corps members continued to work in medical clinics and programs for disadvantaged youth; street children were fed in El Salvador; and students continued their high school and seminary education in Slovakia – all because someone bought *Gifts of Hope*.

Gifts of Hope is now starting its second decade, with total gift purchases since 1992 exceeding \$1million! Every penny has been

distributed to support special needs and activities identified by local social ministry organizations, affiliated ministries of the Metro DC Synod and the synod's companion Lutheran churches. Together we spread the joy of God's grace here and throughout the world.

Pick up a *Gifts of Hope* catalog in the lobby beginning November 24. If you want more information try the website:

www.GiftsOfHopeMetorDC.org

A note from the Editor

The Hornblower has experienced some growing pains lately; it has gotten too large. This makes it difficult for our dedicated team of assemblers to work with, so it will be necessary to limit the final number of pages. We can use your help in this way; *simply write shorter more concise articles.*

Most notably the Prayer List is not in this month's Hornblower, but as always, it is printed in our weekly bulletin, and if you need a copy please contact the church office.

We may evaluate other strategies to create the right size and means to convey information in the Hornblower. As always *Thanks* for your contributions. For new contributors, please submit articles to me in "Word" via email, bwcole75@hotmail.com, or saved on disc, or by pen and paper in the Hornblower box. Sincerely,
Beth

Bedrock Beliefs

Further Revelation of God's Vision through Bedrock Beliefs

Since the beginning of September, we have been exploring Bedrock Beliefs as part of our Vision Discernment process. They help us, as a collective people of God at Good Shepherd, to vitalize our Core Values. We have explored our Bedrock Beliefs in the context of what is most crucial for us to

- pass along to future generations,
- rely on in times of personal stress and struggle, and
- believe and share with others in their times of crises.

The Bedrock Beliefs explored and shared in the past several weeks are coming together as a collective insight into our faith and our experience of the Holy. Here is a list of the key bedrock beliefs alongside the list of our Core Values:

GOOD SHEPHERD BEDROCK BELIEFS

We Believe:

In a TRIUNE GOD (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)

In Holy SCRIPTURE (inspired Word of God)

That GOD IS THE ULTIMATE POWER/GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

In the importance of CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY – strength of and need for (worship, Communion of Saints)

In GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS (extended to all)

In a plenteous RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – God is in relationship with us; we are in relationship with God

GOOD SHEPHERD CORE VALUES

SPIRIT-LED

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

MISSION/SERVICE

LEADERSHIP

GROWTH

Take a look at how the Bedrock Beliefs “dove”-tail when matched with our Core Values. There are some obvious connections in the two lists – the Bedrock Beliefs of Scripture and a Triune God make sense knowing that one of our Core Values is to be Spirit-led; the importance of Community/Family from the Core Values list is mirrored in the importance of Christian Community in our Bedrock Beliefs, and the foundational belief in a relationship with God is tied to the value of growth, for all relationships are dynamic and God does indeed call each of us to grow in relationship with Him.

Clarity and consensus for our Bedrock Beliefs should provide a foundation for a deeper spirituality and a clearer awareness of the content and message of Good Shepherd, and combined with our Core Values, they provide a foundation for trust and respect. We are ready to place ourselves in an environment of expectancy – a willingness to seek God's “vision” for Good Shepherd – to discern the motivation for our life and mission together as a congregation.

The Call To Empower our Vision Discernment:

Unlike our lists of Core Values and Bedrock Beliefs, God's vision for Good Shepherd is not something we will ‘create’ – rather it will be revealed to us by God. That is why we need now to create a “climate of waiting” in which our Core Values and Bedrock Beliefs, along with a directed study of scripture, will open us to the creative force of God's vision. This may take us in unexpected and unsettling directions, but it will most certainly take us closer to God. We ask you to commit yourselves to a “covenant of openness” that will allow us to move towards the discernment of the directions in which God will lead us.

We will ask you to pray, to study scripture, to reflect on and share about what the scriptures and the Core Values and Bedrock Beliefs that have emerged in our months of work together reveal to you about Good Shepherd's mission and focus. And then we will ask you to share these thoughts, prayers, spiritual conversations and visions with us in a gentle and open framework.

These are exciting times at Good Shepherd. May God bless and empower our efforts as we seek His vision!

Worship Attendance

| Date | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | Total |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 9-15 | 75 | 155 | 171 | 401 |
| 9-22 | 76 | 187 | 155 | 418 |
| 9-29 | 68 | 239 | 126 | 433 |
| 10-6 | 72 | 220 | 184 | 480 |
| 10-13 | 104 | 196 | 138 | 438 |

Community News / Council Notes



From the Health Ministry...

Stephen Ministers

The church council recently approved the financial resources to send a pastor and two laypersons within the congregation to be trained as Stephen Minister leaders who will, in turn, train Stephen Ministers.

Why is there excitement in the air about this commitment?

Because Stephen Ministers multiply ministry by providing high quality care to...

- those grieving the loss of a loved one
- terminally ill people and their families
- people who are homebound
- victims of disasters
- the hospitalized
- the aging and elderly
- those who are lonely or discouraged
- those with a chronic illness or disability and members of their families
- those who are separated or divorced
- those experiencing birth or adoption
- new members in the congregation or community
- those in a job crisis
- those facing major life transitions

- and countless other situations in which someone is experiencing a crisis or difficult time and could benefit from ongoing, one-to-one Christian care.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people!



MAKING GOOD MARRIAGES BETTER

Come to know and experience God's full joy, love, and peace in your marriage by rediscovering the one you love on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend. You will have 44 hours to focus on each other without the everyday distractions of jobs, children, chores, phones, etc. Lutheran Marriage Encounter has been called "one of the most effective ministries to support Christian marriages." It provides couples with greater depth, growth, and enrichment in their relationship. You'll like the difference a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend can make! Weekends in this area are scheduled for--

- November 8-10, 2002 -- Baltimore, MD
- February 21-23, 2003 -- Herndon, VA
- April 25-27, 2003 -- Gaithersburg, MD

For info and to register, call Alan & Arline Fraser 301-869-2329.

Council Action

October 8, 2002:

Joint Council/Committee Chair Meeting: Council approved a motion to hold a joint Council/Committee chair meeting in early February of 2003.

Stephen Ministry: Council approved a motion to include \$6,176 in the 2003 budget to implement the Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Ministry is a program that provides one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or difficult time. Stephen ministers are well-trained lay caregivers and pastors.

Youth and Family Ministry: Council heard a special report from Laura Albanese, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, concerning the activities of the youth and family ministry, particularly relating to a ministry opportunity in Bosnia. Laura Albanese has participated in a ministry program that holds one-day reconciliation camps for children throughout Bosnia and would like to lead a local group in this ministry with the goal of traveling to Bosnia in late July/early August of 2003. The Council expressed support for her pursuit of the program.

Nominations for Council: At the 2003 annual meeting, five new council members will be elected – four members to fill three-year terms and one member to fill a two-year term. All nominations should be directed to Pastor Dave or Kevin Anderson.

Andrea Maples,
Council Secretary

Christian Education

We Give Thanks

In this month of Thanksgiving, the Christian Education Committee gives thanks for the many people who give of their time and talents to ensure that our programs are successful. We are especially thankful for the folks who sewed, painted, and helped decorate our new Rotation classrooms and nursery. Please stop by the new nursery or classrooms and marvel at the handiwork of Joe & Shelly Stavely, Tim Foecke, Vicki Hansen, Darine Prok, Heidi Armonda, Chas Foster, Sandy Foster, Gail Cooper, & Bev Iannone.

We still need teachers, especially in our new Rotational Sunday School Program. Please consider helping us to spread God's Love to our growing Christians. Contact Pastor Justin in you can help!

God's Love: FEEL THE POWER

With the units of Creation and Jonah already completed, it is time for the elementary grades to begin the study of Elijah. The story of Elijah helps show us the Power of One True God.

Rotation Schedule

- Nov 3rd (Jonah continued)
- 1st-Faith in Action
 - 2-3rd-Creation Corner
 - 4th-Acts of God
 - 5th-Holy Word Cinema
- Nov 10th Elijah
- 1st-Holy Word Cinema
 - 2-3rd-Faith in Action
 - 4th-Creation Corner
 - 5th-Acts of God
- Nov 17th Elijah
- 1st-Acts of God
 - 2-3rd Holy Word Cinema
 - 4th-Faith in Action
 - 5th-Creation Corner
- Nov 24th Elijah
- 1st Creation Corner

- 2-3rd-Acts of God
- 4th-Holy Word Cinema
- 5th-Faith in Action

Check the bulletin boards in the hallways each Sunday to determine your Rotation!! Hope to see you there!

Senior High Sunday School:

On November 10, The Senior High Sunday School classes will begin a video series on Injustice in the World and the Christian Response. Come and be a part of this insightful and timely discussion.

Adult Education

Interesting classes for Adult Sunday School are being offered this month.

November 3: Pastor Fritz Foltz is continuing his offering of "Was the Reformation a Big Mistake?" Not to be missed! Also meeting this Sunday is another session of **Sandy Redmon's** popular "Parenting of Teens" class.

November 10: An engaging speaker from "Friends in Action", **Monica Barberis-Young**, will inspire us to action on behalf of Montgomery County's needy families. This session is sponsored by Good Shepherd's Social Ministries committee.

November 17: "Empowerment for Vision" is the next step in Good Shepherd's visioning process, and our own **Anne Crawford** (and DOVE team) will be presenters.

November 24: Previewing this year's **GIFTS OF HOPE**, **Virginia and Art Rabenhorst** will explain the program and offer new insights into this opportunity for December sharing.

The Gospel of John Bible Class, meeting at 10:00 a.m. and taught by **Shelly and Mike Kline**, will continue weekly. The class is enjoying full enrollment.

Weekday opportunities: Meeting Wednesdays 7:30-8:45 p.m. Spiritual Renewal groups, led by **Pastors Dave and Justin**. Thursdays 10:00-11:45 a.m. MOM'S Group, for fellowship and bible study, meets in the Nursery. Also Thursdays 10:30-11:45 a.m. **Pastor Fritz Foltz** leads discussion of the popular book *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey (Fireside Room). All of these groups are open for any additional persons wishing to join.

New Singers Class for Adults During the Education Hour

WOW!! Wasn't this week's choir anthem beautiful? Did you know that YOU, too, could sing like that? If you sang in high school, or college, or never sang with a group before, or have ever been just curious about what group singing is all about, then the **New Singers Class** is for you! Music Assistant Caitlin Garry will lead the class **each Sunday in November** during the **10am Adult Education hour**. The topics covered in class will include (but are not limited to) elements of good group vocal production, sight-reading, and components of a rehearsal. We will perform both traditional and contemporary worship music, so there will be something to whet everyone's musical appetite! Please join us beginning **Sunday, November 3rd at 10am** in the sanctuary, and we'll make a joyful noise together!

Caitlin Garry, Music Assistant
301 770 4622

Christian Education / Gabriel's Blast

Christmas Pageant

Do you have fond childhood memories of acting in your church Christmas Pageant each year? Were you an Angel or an Animal? Were you a Wise Man or a Shepherd? Now is your chance to help a child in our congregation create those same memories. The Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize our annual Christmas Pageant. We have everything needed for a successful program: costumes, scripts, and willing young actors. Please consider helping our children create a special Christmas memory. Please call Pastor Justin or Betsy Bruning if you can help.

Attendance

| September | 15 th | 22 nd | 29 th |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3's | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 3-4's | 12 | 6 | 10 |
| PK - K | 11 | 9 | 10 |
| Grade 1 | 11 | 8 | 12 |
| Grade 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Grade 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Grade 4 | 10 | 8 | 11 |
| Grade 5 | 14 | 12 | 14 |
| Grade 6 | 8 | 11 | 11 |
| Grade 7 | 16 | 13 | 19 |
| Grade 8 | 16 | 13 | 13 |
| Grade 9 | 12 | 10 | 13 |
| Senior High | 16 | 22 | 19 |
| Adults 9am | 12 | 8 | 6 |
| Adults 10am | 64 | 31 | 25 |
| Parenting | | 7 | 23 |
| Bible Study | | 14 | 10 |

Christian Ed Meeting

The next Christian Education meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 7 pm. We are always looking for new folks to join our group. No matter what age group you are interested in, we have a place for you. Please prayerfully consider joining our group!!

In Sympathy

We offer our love and Christian sympathy to the following families:

- Pam and Ron Collins and family on the death of Pam's mother, Peggie Geiger, on Sep 17th.
- Gene and Nel Jorgensen and family on the death of Gene's mother, Luella Jorgensen in Minnesota on September 26th.
- Bob Schultz and family on the death of Alice Schultz on Thursday, October 3rd.
- Kathy Boivin and family on the death of Lucien Boivin on Friday, October 11th.

Thank you

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

I would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers during Lucien's illness and his passing last week. It has been a wonderful comfort to me, knowing that so many people reached out to him through you prayers and cards.

On behalf of my and Lucien's family, our sincere thanks.

Kathy Boivin

Dear Friends,

The National Lutheran Home thanks you for your gift of \$500. For 112 years the Home has depended upon the support that you and others provide to ensure that those residents who cannot afford the cost of care will receive the highest quality care available in their time of need. Gifts to the Endowment Fund enable the Home to subsidize about 55% of the residents. One million dollars in sup-

port was provided in 2001. Thank you for your stewardship.

Dale Snyder,
Director Planned Giving

With Joy

We celebrate with Joy and Thanksgiving the Installation of Pastor Justin Lathrop on Sept 22nd at Good Shepherd.

We celebrate the Baptism of Ella Marie Rommel on Sept 22nd at Good Shepherd. Ella Marie is the daughter of Tonie and Christopher Rommel.

On September 29th, Halle Marie Sell was Baptized here at Good Shepherd. She is the daughter of Daniel and Dawn Sell.

Amy Schulz celebrated the arrival of her nephew, Hayden William Schulz, on Sept 14th Georgia. The parents are Amy's brother Nathan and wife Shanna Schulz.

Thomas Sybrant and Vasilea Kyros were married in Pine Island, NC on September 28th. Thomas is the son of Roberta Sybrant.

We celebrate the birth of Chase Haines Aldous on October 6th. Chase is the son of Travis and Jane Aldous, and grandson of Vonnie Bennett.

Sarah Elizabeth Patch was born on Oct 4th. Sarah is the daughter of David and Linda Patch.

Our Congregation celebrated Consecration Sunday, October 20th, with a brunch for all members and guests. Pastor Fritz Folz delivered the sermon.

Worship and Music / Synod News



Music for Worship During November

During the church year, the choirs and instrumental groups will vary their schedules so that each worship service can enjoy their musical praise.

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| November 3 | ALL SAINTS DAY |
| 7:45 a.m. | Chancel Choir; Instrumental Ensemble |
| 9 a.m. | Chancel Choir |
| 11:15 a.m. | God's Messengers Choir |
| November 10 | |
| 7:45 a.m. | Children's Choir; Good Shepherd Chimers |
| 9 a.m. | Chancel Choir |
| 11:15 a.m. | Chancel Choir; Shepherd's Bells |
| November 17 | |
| 7:45 a.m. | Chancel Choir |
| 9 a.m. | Teen Chorus |
| 11:15 a.m. | Rhythm and Good News |
| November 24 | CHRIST THE KING |
| 7:45 a.m. | Chancel Choir; Bells of Joy |
| 9 a.m. | Chancel Choir; Good Shepherd Ringers |
| 11:15 a.m. | Vocal Duet; Good Shepherd Ringers |
| November 27 | THANKSGIVING EVE |
| | Hosted at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |

Metro DC Synod Scene

11/2: The National Lutheran Home Auxiliary presents its **annual Fall Festival** at 9701 Veirs Dr. in Rockville on Sat., Nov. 2 from 9:30 A.M.-2 P.M. Handwork, baked goods, and "Grandma's Attic," and tours of the Cottages will be offered at 10:30 A.M. & 1 P.M. Lunch available. Proceeds benefit NLH residents. Call 301-424-9560.

11/9: Wittenberg Awards. The Luther Institute annually honors Lutherans who have made significant contributions to society. This year's honorees include Dr. Joachim Gauck, German theologian and human rights leader; the Rev. Arthur Simon, founder of Bread for the World; and General Jon Vessey, leader in Lutheran higher education. For details contact 202-547-5504; web site: <http://www.lutherinst.org>.

11/19: The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington will hold its 23rd Annual InterFaith Concert, "A Celebration of the Sacred in Song, Dance and Chant" on Tue, Nov. 19, 7:30 P.M. at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, located at Macomb St. and Massachusetts Ave, NW. Eight faith traditions will each contribute: Baha'i, Hindu/Jain, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Protestant, Roman Catholic and Sikh. A combined choir of over 150 voices will sing anthems. Reception follows. Reserved seating, general admission tickets, and group rates are available. Call 202-234-6300

11/22: Ecumenical Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East, River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda, MD (7:30 p.m.) Churches in greater D.C. and Maryland will continue to hold prayer services for peace in the Middle East on the 22nd of each month until the violence ends and a just & lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis is reached. Similar services are taking place in the U.S.

Frequently Requested United Way Designees: Various campaigns of the United Way are entering their workplace promotion period. The following list of church-affiliated organizations is suggested on the Synod web site. All are valid for the United Way Campaign of the National Capital Area. An (*) indicates validity for the Combined Federal Campaign as well.

- *1472 Bread for the World Institute on Hunger and Development
- 8818 Community Family Life Services
- 8821 Downtown Cluster of Congregations
- 8832 InterFaith Conference of Metro. Washington
- *7476 Luther Institute (*new this year*)
- 8146 Lutheran Social Services of the NCA, Inc.
- *0335 Lutheran World Relief 8281 N Street Village, Inc.
- *7360 National Lutheran Home 9187 Southeast Ministry

Youth News

Elementary Group: 1st– 5th grade

- Sunday, November 17 12:30-2:00pm- Join us as we make care packages for children in Bosnia. We will meet in the youth room for lunch, our service project and games. Please sign up on the youth board or by email.

Middle School News: 6-8th grade

- **Friday, November 1-3-** 7th Grade Confirmation Retreat



- **Monday, November 4, 7:00pm-** with the Senior High. Please bring sleeping bag and munchies to share. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED! You must, must, must, SIGN UP FOR THE LOCK –IN by November 1.
- **Sunday, November 17 12:30-4:00pm-** Bowling at Bowl America! Help the elementary kids make care packages for children in Bosnia and then head over to Bowl America. Cost \$6 for two games and shoes. Please sign up on the youth board.
- **Sunday, November 24-** Help assist at the 9:00am service. We need at least 11 volunteers to be greeters, ushers, communion assistants, readers etc. Please sign up on the youth board.

***** Children, Youth and Family Committee Meeting- November 6 at 6:30pm in the youth room.**

All are welcomed!

Senior High News: 9-12th grade Join Us Every Sunday in the Youth Room for Sunday School

- **Sunday, November 3- Confirmation Banquet**



- **Monday, November 4, 7:00pm-** with the Middle School. Please bring sleeping bag and munchies to share. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED! You must, must, must, SIGN UP FOR THE LOCK –IN by November 1.
- **Sunday, November 10- Confirmation Sunday.**
- Sunday, November 10- Martha's Table- Help serve food to the homeless in DC. See the youth board and postcard for more information.
- **Saturday, November 23-** Join us for an afternoon of flag football and dinner as we participate in the First Annual King of Kings Lutheran Church vs Good Shepherd Turkey Bowl. We will be leaving Good Shepherd at 2:00pm and be returning by 6:00pm. Sign up on the youth board.

Youth Gathering 2003 Information

Fund Raising Activities:

- We will be selling Christmas Wreaths and centerpieces on Sunday mornings during the month of November. The money raised will go towards the Atlanta 2003 trip
- Coffee Bar: Please sign up for two Sundays to provide refreshments for the congregation. Food should be ready after the 7:45 service. (Donation sign and bucket is located in the kitchen). Sign up sheet is on the youth board.
- **Bible Study and Fellowship Activities:**
- Saturday, November 23- Please come to the First Annual Turkey Bowl. See Senior High news for details.
- Sunday, November 24, 12:30-2:00pm- Bible Study and lunch in the youth room.