



# The Good Shepherd's Voice

## October, 2024

Newsletter from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School



**Short Stories that  
Speak Volumes  
for Our Lives**

### Search For What Was Lost

Jesus told this parable, "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:8-10).

My wife works with a lady who buys her lottery tickets every now and then. One day, a rumor spread that our local grocery store sold a \$100,000 ticket. We both thought, "Are we winners?" How would we spend it? Then I said, "Honey, where's the ticket?" After a brief panic and a 20-minute search of the house, we found it. The ticket was a loser.

When we lose something that we hold to be valuable, we search for it frantically. That's what Jesus described in this short story about a woman searching for a coin that she lost. Without Jesus, you and I are like that lost coin.

Our lustful thoughts, hurting words, and loveless deeds—everything we think, say, or do that fails to be perfect—are sins that separate us from God. How frightening to be lost in sin!

Thankfully, though, there is good news! Jesus came "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). God sent Jesus to find

us, to reconnect us to God. Jesus did that when He paid for all our sins by his death on the cross. That is God-love in action, that's how much Jesus loves us!

Jesus searches for us and finds us. The angels in heaven rejoice! Jesus comes to us through His Word, takes away our fear, comforts us with the forgiveness of sins. He assures us that He has made us dearly loved children of God. Through Jesus, heaven is our inheritance.

God loves us so much that He stopped at nothing to find us and save us from eternal separation from Him in hell. Through Jesus, we have the gift of eternal life, which is a whole lot more valuable than winning the lottery. How fortunate we are! We will never be lost again when we cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior.

Come and share with us the love of Jesus. Like heaven's angels, we rejoice over all Jesus did to find us and give us life with God.



# October Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Tyden Etter     | 14) Terri Haase     |
| 3) Adam Timmermann | 16) Shelley Tesnow  |
| 5) Jerry Blum      | 19) Mike Meyer      |
| Heidi Paradies     | Katlyn Savage       |
| 7) Carol Zastava   | 21) Darlene Estlund |
| 8) Chad Beyer      | 22) Linda Wallace   |
| Roger Beyer        | 25) Josiah Melke    |
| Liz Bowen          | Ben Timm            |
| 9) Jon Haag        | 29) Josh Beyer      |
| 11) Ruth Bauman    |                     |



# October Wedding Anniversaries

- 2) Chris and Joan Rhein (14)
- 10) Linda and Gil Ewer (43)
- 31) Rod and Roxann Dashner (15)



Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross. We confess that without your love we are lost. We pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart. Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope. Amen



*"News from Your School"*  
October 2024  
Email: 1goodshepherdschool@gmail.com

## ***New Things Are Hard!***

We are off to a great start of the year, but teachers and students alike are getting used to new things. Here are some tips to help your child if they are having trouble adjusting to a new school or other difficult things (from September 2024 Forward in Christ article by Whitney Donovan):

**Listen to your child and acknowledge that the feelings are valid.** Navigating change can feel overwhelming, even for adults! Empathizing with your child and providing a safe space for sharing worries and fears can be a huge help in moving beyond those fears... Coping skills for those situations to teach could be: going for a walk, listening to music, taking deep breaths, or saying a prayer. You can brainstorm with your child to discover coping skills that are appropriate for your child's stress. Offer your child examples that work for you.

**Establish the new routine.** Kids thrive with structure and predictability. Creating routines can help decrease some of the nerves around school. A morning routine is what happens from wake-up until arrival at school. Try to keep it consistent from day to day. Talk with your child ahead of time if there is going to be a change in the routine. For young kids, a picture schedule can help them understand the plan more clearly.

A final thought from your Good Shepherd teachers: remind your child that they are loved by Jesus no matter what and communicate with us about any struggles so we can support you!

To view our School Google Calendar, go to <https://shorturl.at/voct4>.

### ***Events for this month:***

- Field Trip to Reed School Grades 1-5: Thursday, October 3 10 am-2 pm in Neillsville, WI
- Picture Day: Tuesday, October 8
- NO SCHOOL for Teachers' Conference: Thursday-Friday, October 24-25
- Trunk-or-Treat: Saturday, October 26 in the Good Shepherd Parking Lot
- End of Quarter 1: Wednesday, October 30
- Grades 1-5 Sing for Church: Sunday, November 3 at 9 am for Reformation



Amazon Wishlist

Scan the QR Code or go to this link: <https://shorturl.at/vCFQy> for our Amazon Wishlist.



*Blessings and Joy in Jesus!*  
*Miss Cook and Mrs. Irwin*

# Parish Nurse Notes

It is October. It is fall and you might be seeing colors like orange, red, yellow, brown. But during the month of October, you might be seeing a lot of pink. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Aside from skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer that affects females and represents 14% of all new cancer diagnoses in the United States. This month I would like to focus on the American Cancer Society's recommendation for breast cancer screening.

Screening tests are used to find diseases in people who have no symptoms. Breast cancers found during screening exams are more likely to be smaller and less likely to have spread outside the breast. That means a better prognosis. Guidelines are available for the average risk women and the high-risk women.

Who is considered average risk? The woman who doesn't have a personal history of breast cancer, a strong family history of breast cancer, or a genetic mutation known to increase risk of breast cancer (such as in a *BRCA* gene) and has not had chest radiation therapy before the age of 30.

Who is considered high risk? A woman with a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* gene mutation or has a first-degree relative (parent, brother, sister, or child) with the mutation. A woman is considered high risk if she has Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Cowden syndrome, or Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome, or have first-degree relatives with one of these syndromes, if she had radiation therapy to the chest before the age of 30, or if she has a lifetime risk of breast cancer of about 20% to 25% or greater, according to risk assessment tools.

These are the American Cancer Society's guidelines for **average risk women**:

- Women between 40 and 44 have the option to start screening with a mammogram every year.
- Women 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year.
- Women 55 and older can switch to a mammogram every other year, or they can choose to continue yearly mammograms. Screening should continue as long as a woman is in good health and is expected to live at least 10 more years.



What is a mammogram and what are the different types? A mammogram is an x-ray picture of the breast. It is 85% to 90% accurate. In the United States digital mammography has replaced conventional film mammography. Either 2D or 3D digital mammography is used. Both conventional film and digital mammography use x-ray but the way the image is saved is different. Digital mammography allows healthcare providers to save the file electronically and to more easily evaluate and share the images.

A 2D mammogram usually involves two pictures of each breast taken at different angles — typically from top to bottom and from side to side — and provides a two-dimensional (2D) view. The breast is compressed for each view taken.

3D mammography is a newer type of mammogram in which each breast is compressed once, and a machine takes several low-dose X-rays as it moves in an arc over the breast taking many more images of the breast.

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A computer assembles these images into cross-sections, or slices, of breast tissue, allowing healthcare providers to see breast tissues more clearly in three dimensions. Many studies have revealed that 3D mammography increases cancer detection, including lower-grade cancers, and decreases false-positive rates. Given these advantages, 3D mammography for both screening and diagnostic mammograms is rapidly becoming the go-to option for mammograms. It should be noted that 3D mammograms often cost more than 2D mammograms, and this added cost may not be covered by insurance.

Research has not shown a clear benefit of regular physical breast exams done by either a health professional (clinical breast exams) or by women themselves (breast self-exams). There is very little evidence that these tests help find breast cancer early when women also get screening mammograms. Women who do find a lump typically find it during daily activities such as bathing. Clinical breast exams are not recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening among average-risk women at any age.

Women who are at **high risk** for breast cancer based on certain factors should get a breast MRI (magnetic reso-

nance imaging) and a mammogram every year, typically starting at age 30. A breast MRI uses radio waves and strong magnets to make detailed pictures of the inside of the breast. If breast MRI is used, it should be in addition to, not instead of, a screening mammogram. This is because although an MRI is more likely to find cancer than a mammogram, it may still miss some cancers that a mammogram would find. A breast MRI is not recommended for an average risk women because the test is more likely to find things that turn out not to be cancer (called a *false positive*).

Careful breast exams might be useful for screening men with a strong family history of breast cancer and/or with *BRCA* mutations found by genetic testing. Screening men for breast cancer has not been studied to conclude if it is helpful, and mammography and ultrasound is usually only done if a lump is found.

Enjoy the traditional fall colors. But when you see pink remember the importance of breast cancer screening.

God's blessings,

*Kathy Lee, RN*



**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm**

Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe option for families to have a little fall fun. This is a large event for our church families and those in our community.

Please consider signing up to decorate your trunk and hand out treats. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

If you are unable to make it that day there is also a spot to donate candy or other small treats.



Questions? Call or text Amanda 715-459-7024

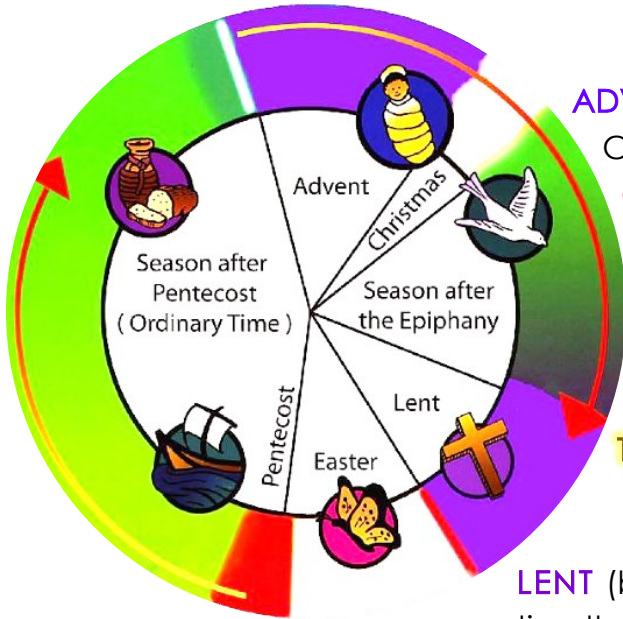
## A YEAR-LONG CHRISTIAN "THANK YOU" TO THE LORD JESUS



The Christian church year glorifies God by teaching and reinforcing Truth from generation to generation. Christian Festivals dot family calendars. We celebrate the gracious redeeming activities of the triune God in history.

The church-year calendar divides into two parts. The **first half** reviews the earthly life of Jesus Christ. The **second half** reviews Jesus Christ's teachings as we, His followers, put them into practice in our lives.

### FIRST HALF OF THE CHURCH YEAR – THE LIFE OF CHRIST



#### *THE CHRISTMAS CYCLE OR THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS*

**ADVENT** (four Sundays; preparation for the coming of Christ)

**CHRISTMAS** (twelve full days celebrating the birth of Christ)

**EPIPHANY** January 6; the revealing of the Savior to the non-Jews)

**BAPTISM** of Jesus (first Sunday *after* Epiphany)

**TRANSFIGURATION** (last Sunday *after* Epiphany)

#### *THE EASTER CYCLE OR THE TIME OF EASTER*

**LENT** (beginning on Ash Wednesday; a time of 40 days, not counting the five Sundays; preparation for crucifixion)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, Holy Saturday** (The final three days of Holy Week are called the **Tridium** "three days")

**EASTER SEASON** (including **Easter Sunday** - **Resurrection Day** of Jesus Christ from the dead)

**ASCENSION** (Easter +40th day)

**PENTECOST** (Easter + 50th day; celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit)

The word "Liturgy" means "people's work". It is designed **to be for people not against them**. It is one of many ways to structure how pastors and people learn and review all of God's mercies He has revealed in His Word. Many folks grumble about liturgy, their likes and dislikes. Even many pastors and church leaders boast that they are anti-liturgical. So let's remember: "**Worship!**" is God's clear command, but a particular pattern or style of worship is not commanded.

### WHY EVEN USE A LITURGY FOR WORSHIP?

**1. HISTORIC ROOTS.** The race of faith is a relay race, one generation handing on the truth faithfully to the next generation. Some portions of our liturgy connect us to believers at worship in the days of Mo-



ses, or those who were listening to the apostles give their sermons.

**2. A DISTINGUISHING MARK?** *What we believe* (God's Word) determines *how we worship* (God's Word) and *how we confess* what we believe (God's Word).

**3. REPETITION?** It is the mother of learning. BUT Just eating steak & eggs all the time, every meal, is not healthy (especially for infants). And Dad is also right: one desert after another (think trick-or-treat) is not healthy. So also, in worship. Endless variety just for variety's sake is not healthy. And mindless repetition for habit's sake is not healthy.

**4. COMMUNITY?** Public Worship is a shared activity. God instructs, *"Let us go to the house of the Lord."* (Psalm 122) The Holy Spirit gathers His family for four reasons:



**1) Psalm 115:1** To give God the glory

**2) 1 Peter 4:10; Philippians 1:25** To serve one another's *faith*.

**3) Colossians 2:2** to be encouraged with strong ties of God-love;

**4) Hebrews 10:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11** to meet together in God's presence, at His bidding and blessing, before the great Day comes

**5 STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF THE HERE AND NOW** When the Roman world was going to hell in a hand basket, the church was debating the two natures of Christ, not Roman politics. In worship, **God's Word sets life's agenda**. God's Word defines sin and announces God's divine solution. The Liturgy is a great tool that proclaims and promotes Truth, not fads or fears or "woke" ideas of life.

**6 NAVIGATE FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD.** Feelings come and go. The liturgy supplies an anchor in Jesus Christ for the feelings of life. This is repeated through Water and the Word, Communion, sermons and songs in public worship. God's Family-of-Faith is all about **WHOM** it is we worship and **WHY** God gathers us to worship. It's *not* about you and me, it's about Him who saved us.

**7 The Word of God.** *Faith comes from hearing the message of the Word of Christ* (Romans 10:17). Liturgy is a well-traveled road in life on which we hear Christ's message. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18) for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16)

**Jesus said "ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO GOD LISTENS GLADLY TO THE WORDS OF GOD. BUT YOU DON'T LISTEN BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELONG TO GOD."** (John 8:47)

When Jesus calls His people to worship, the effect of His Word can be seen by anyone who has their eyes open. You can hear it as we encourage others and praise God. What a privilege to gladly hear and learn God's Word.

As has been said, *AMOR TUSSISQUE NON CELANTUR.* - "Love, and a cough, are not concealed".

From my family to you and yours, happy coughing!  
Alive in Jesus!

Pastor T



## SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

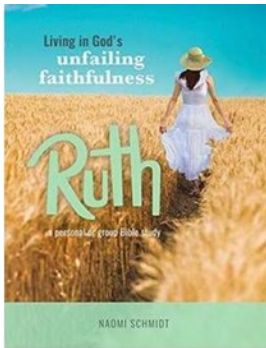


Now that school has started, please be aware of the children in the parking lot and playground. The children like to spend as much time as they can outside, so please be careful when pulling into the parking lot and leaving. They have half hour recesses three times during the day— 10:30 am, 12:20 pm and 2:15 pm. They also have phy ed and some classes weather permitting. We appreciate your understanding.

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—RUTH

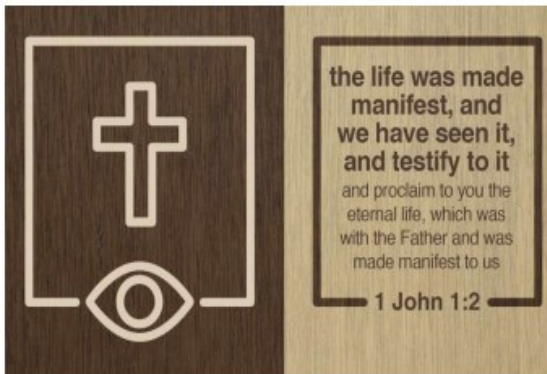
An 8 week women's Bible Study of the book of Ruth begins Thursday, October 3rd. and will meet at church at 3:00 pm. All women and your friends are invited to come.



You can see yourself in Ruth, whether you relate to her tainted background, the loss of a loved one, or the feeling that you don't belong. If you have at times struggled with passionate feelings, then you can relate to Ruth. Single? Married? Widowed? This book covers all those things. But here's where you will certainly relate to Ruth- you need a Savior. Kathy leads this beautiful story of redemption and grace. The grace Ruth received is the same grace we have through faith in Christ- it is the grace we are called to share with others.

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—FIRST JOHN



An 8-12 week women's Bible Study on First John will begin Friday, October 18 at 10:00am. All women and your friends are invited to come to the second floor of McMillan Public Library.

You will rejoice in the full assurance of Jesus' saving work every time meet. First John reveals how Jesus' word first is to be rightly reflected in teaching and then put into practice.

Through it all, God's Word keeps us confident in the truth. "...so that you may know that you

have eternal life...We know that we are from God" (First John 5). Bring your bible, your questions and your kindnesses. Dawn leads the discussions as together we learn how the Spirit uses His Word to strengthen our trust in the truth.



# SCENES FROM THE AMISH COMMUNITY BUS TOUR



# Financial Secretary Report Thru August 2024

## August Attendance Summary for current and previous years

	2021	2022	2023	2024
# weeks	5	4	4	4
Average Sunday	73	85	76	92
Avg Sunday On-Line	62	59	39	48
Total Attendance	847	680	605	616
Average Mid-Week	15	17	23	9
Avg Midweek On-line	18	14	13	4
Total Avg Weekly:	164	170	151	154

On Line numbers = # of computers watching X 1.65



## Planned Giving & Income through August for current and previous Fiscal Years

Planned Giving & Other Income	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Unified Budget Envelopes	\$48,254.00	\$53,284.03	\$65,027.45	\$41,009.53
On-line Offerings	6,394.66	7,971.38	5,010.00	10,889.00
Spec Services Envelopes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Initial Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plate	1,226.02	561.38	540.00	696.27
Other Income/Gifts	3,123.34	18.00	0.00	65.00
Bank Account Interest	12.09	8.43	56.41	129.84
<b>Actual YTD Total</b>	<b>\$59,010.11</b>	<b>\$61,843.22</b>	<b>\$70,633.86</b>	<b>\$52,789.64</b>
<b>Actual YTD vs Prior YTD</b>	-----	<b>\$2,833.11</b>	<b>\$8,790.64</b>	<b>(\$17,844.22)</b>
<b>Planned YTD Total</b>	<b>\$58,941.00</b>	<b>\$59,103.00</b>	<b>\$62,205.00</b>	<b>\$64,766.67</b>
<b>Changed Plan vs Prior Yr</b>	-----	<b>\$162.00</b>	<b>\$3,102.00</b>	<b>\$2,561.67</b>
<b>Actual YTD vs Plan YTD</b>	<b>\$69.11</b>	<b>\$2,740.22</b>	<b>\$8,428.86</b>	<b>(\$11,977.03)</b>

## Planned Giving & Other Income for FY 2024/25 as of August 31, 2024

Planned Giving & Other Income	August	Fiscal YTD	**References**
Unified Budget Envelopes	\$16,639.01	\$41,009.53	<b>Fiscal Yr Giving</b> <b>\$388,600</b>
On-line Offerings	4,906.00	10,889.00	
Spec Services Envelopes	0.00	0.00	<b>Monthly Giving Plan</b> <b>\$32,383</b>
Initial Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	
Plate	397.27	696.27	<b>% of FY Complete</b> <b>(12 of 12 mos)</b> <b>16.7%</b>
Other Income/Gifts	-	65.00	
Bank Account Interest	61.18	129.84	<b>% of FY Plan Given</b> <b>13.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVEN</b>	<b>\$22,003.46</b>	<b>\$52,789.64</b>	
<b>Less PayPal fees (note 1)</b>	<b>\$21,853.83</b>	<b>\$52,459.74</b>	

**Notes:**

- 1) PayPal Fee: \$149.63 YTD: \$329.9
- 2) In-Kind Contributions: \$96.20
- 3) Memorials: Elmer Loechler: \$1,226, Ron Fregien: \$25





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## October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scrip Orders Due <b>Oct. 6th</b> Scrip Orders Delivered <b>Oct. 13th</b>	Watch Services: Sunday's on Solarus Channel 3 or Spectrum Ch 985 at 2:00 pm	10:00 AM Elders	6:00 Confirmation	3:00 PM Ruth Bible Study <b>6:30 PM Worship Service</b> w/Communion		
<b>9:00 AM Worship Service</b> w/Communion 10:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School	7 11:00 AM Coffee w/Christ Pastors Conference 6:30 PM Choir	9 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 PM Church Council	10 3:00 PM Ruth Bible Study <b>6:30 PM Worship Service</b>	11 Newsletter Deadline		12
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Worship Schedule  
Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 am  
Bible Class: 10:15 am  
Thursday Worship: 6:30 pm

Or Current Resident

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