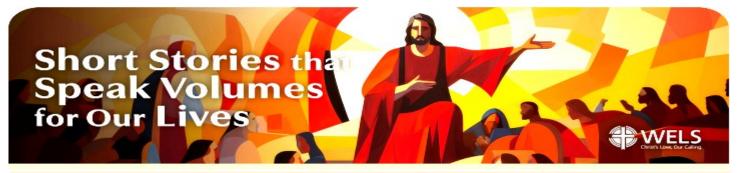


Newsletter from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School



Real Wealth

Jesus told this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop . . . he said, . . . 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21).

"I need money!"

"How much money do you need?"

"Lots! Start with one and keep adding zeros till I say, 'Stop.'"

Did you ever have a conversation like this? At times we dream about being very wealthy. What would we do? Quit our jobs? Buy a new car? Travel?

While it is fun to dream, the reality is that we are richer than most people in the world. Yet we may not feel rich, even though we have almost everything for maintaining a fairly comfortable lifestyle. So why don't we feel rich?

The main reason is because there's something wrong with all of us. We have a sinful nature. It likes to twist things around in our minds, so we constantly want more. And when we get more, our sinful nature still isn't satisfied.

Jesus illustrates this in a story about a farmer who had a bumper crop one year.

Instead of giving away the surplus to feed the hungry or to proclaim how generous God had been with him, he thought only of himself. He planned to build bigger barns and take life easy. But soon, he died. All his accumulated wealth went to someone else, and he had to face God.

Acquiring a lot of wealth in this world is finally worthless without Jesus. He is our real wealth. The Bible says, "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Jesus, the eternal Son of God, left heaven and humbled himself to become a man. He bore the punishment of our sin, including the greed that lurks within our sinful nature. The result of his poverty is that we are freely given the riches of forgiveness and life with God.

When we think about our lives, we have so much to thank God for. Though we may not have all the worldly riches of our dreams, we have real wealth in Jesus!

November Birthdays

- 2) Hannah Grant
- 3) Kathy Brahmsteadt Reverend Dennis Valleau
- 5) Elise Peters
- 8) Theresa Drinkwine
- 9) Patti Gansch Betty Havlik Maddy Mangler
- 11) Conrad McGarry

November Wedding

Anniversaries

- 2) Pastor John and Karla Melke (33)
- 11) Zach and Sarah Erwin (5)
- 14) Al and Eva Weiland (54)
- 19) Dwight and Jane Gilbert (61)

Welcome New Members

George and Connie Bacik, Chad and Kellie Jensen & Caleb

You should be certain that angels are protecting you when you go to sleep, that they are protecting you also in all your business, whether you enter your home or leave your home...Therefore, even when you come to die, you should say that Christ will be with you and will have an unnumbered multitude of holy angels with Him. You should know that angels are at your side not only this life, but also in death. ___Martin Luther



Dear Father, in Your beautiful book of Psalm, You give us this wonderful promise, "From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children." Bless us with Your Word and wisdom. Bless us to be faithful and patient, full of compassion to others. Move us to be for others like You are for us! We are so grateful to You, Lord God. We pray in Your name, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Patti Meyer

- 13) Julie Bunt
- 15) John Haase David Ryun
- 19) Jenna Kammueller Ed Tesch
- 21) Drew Mangler
- 23) Elliot Przybylski
- 25) Sue Bittner

Ben Melke

- 26) Colin Dietzler
 - Amelia Tuttle
- 27) Renee Green
- 28) Ashley Brandl
 - Jasmine Krahn



Parish Nurse Notes

It is November. That means Veterans Day on November 11th. November is also Lung Cancer Awareness Month. This year the Lung Cancer Foundation of America (LCFA) is spotlighting the strength and resilience of our Veterans stating, "their proactive steps for early detection and treatment are not just about surviving; it's about thriving and living a life of honor."

Anyone with lungs should know about the risk factors for lung cancer. Veterans face a higher risk of developing lung cancer due to working where there were occupational exposures during their time in the service and working in areas of conflict or natural disasters where exposure to environmental hazards occur (LCFA).

Smoking is the top risk factor for lung cancer. About 80% of lung cancer deaths are thought to result from smoking. The longer a person smokes and the greater the number of packs smoked per day, the higher the risk. Cigar smoking, pipe smoking, and menthol cigarette smoking are almost as likely to cause lung cancer as cigarette smoking (American Cancer Society/ACS). "Military personnel, especially those who started smoking during service, are at higher risk" (LCFA).



If you don't smoke, breathing in the smoke of others (secondhand smoke) can increase the risk of developing lung cancer. Secondhand smoke is the third most common cause of lung cancer in the United States (ACS.) "This is particularly pertinent in shared living or recreational areas in military environments" (LCFA).

The second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States is exposure to radon. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas and it can leak into your home. It cannot be tasted, seen, or smelled. It is not dangerous outdoors, but indoors it can be concentrated to a dangerous level (ACS.) "Military personnel stationed in certain geographic locations or buildings may have been exposed to radon" (LCFA).

People who work with asbestos (such as in mines, mills, textile plants, places where insulation is used, and shipyards) are several times more likely to die of lung cancer. It's not clear how much low -level or short-term exposure to asbestos might raise lung cancer risk (ACS). "Veterans who worked in specific military specializations, such as shipbuilding or construction, may have been exposed to asbestos" (LCFA).

In cities, air pollution, such as from diesel exhaust, appears to raise the risk of lung cancer slightly. This risk is far less than the risk caused by smoking, but about 1% to 2% of all deaths from lung cancer in the United States are thought to be due to outdoor air pollution (ACS). "In some deployment locations, air quality may have been compromised due to factors like dust, smoke, or chemical emissions, increasing the risk of lung cancer" (LCFA).

If a person has a history of lung cancer, they have a higher risk of developing another lung cancer. Brothers, sisters, and children of people who have had lung cancer may have a slightly higher risk of lung cancer themselves, especially if the relative was diagnosed at a younger age. It's not clear how much of this risk might be due to shared genes among family members and how much might be from shared household exposures (ACS). "Veterans with a family history of lung cancer should be particularly vigilant about screenings" (LCFA).

"Military personnel with a history of lung diseases, like COPD or tuberculosis, have an increased risk of lung cancer" (LCFA).

Are you a smoker or ex-smoker? Your healthcare provider may recommend screening. Screening is used to detect cancer before symptoms appear and early detection can drastically improve survival rates. The most effective screening method is low-dose computed tomography (LDCT). It's estimated that 1.5 million veterans are eligible for lung screening with annual LDCT (LCFA). Talk to your healthcare provider if your risk is high.

May God bless you. And to the active military and veterans, thanks for your service.

Kathy Lee, RN



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Many Ways to Be Thankful

As this school year finishes up the first quarter, we have many things to thank God for.



We are thankful to God for creating our wonderful world in 6 days (left).

We are thankful for the opportunity to experience that world like we did with the walking stick who came to visit (right).

> We are thankful for gifted students who can teach us new skills like making balloon animals (left).

We are thankful for music that God has given us to use to praise him and make our lives more beautiful (right).

We are thankful we don't have to walk uphill to our one-room classroom, but rather get to come to school and hear about Jesus every day (although trying out a school from 100 years ago was pretty cool – see left)!

As you reflect on what you are thankful for this month, please

consider showing your thanks for our school by donating something from our Amazon Wishlist. You can scan the QR Code (right) or go to this link if the Spirit moves you: https://shorturl.at/vCFQy

To view our School Google Calendar, go to <u>https://shorturl.at/voct4</u>. To see Calendar highlights, see the next page.





Amazon Wishlist

Continued....

Events for this month:

- Grades 1-5 Sing for Church: Sunday, November 3 at 9 am for Reformation
- <u>First Quarter Report Card and Parent/Teacher Conferences:</u> November 5-6
- Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday-Friday, November 27-29
- <u>Thanksgiving Worship:</u> Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm
- <u>3K/4K Christmas Program:</u> Friday, December 20 at noon
- <u>Children's Christmas Eve Service:</u> Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30 pm



May God grant you a thankful heart. See you in church! Miss Cook and Mrs. Irwin

A Change in the Bake Sale

The Ladies Group will not be holding a pre-Thanksgiving bake sale this year. The bake sale is being replaced with a Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Cookies will be sold by the dozen. You can select a variety of cookies to make your one, two, three or more dozen cookie package.

This is a freewill event. That means you set the price. Please consider what baked items cost in a bakery and that the Ladies Group will use the proceeds to support mission work as you set a price.

You do not need to pre-order. Simply show up on December 8th and select your cookies. If you are not able to be there on the 8th and would like cookies, contact Kathy Lee (k.lee.rn@charter.net or 715-423-3891) and let her know how many dozen cookies you would like. A variety of cookies will be selected for you.



ONE TEENAGER – CLINGING!

During this month of celebrating God's blessings with thanks, I hope you remember from time to



time a little word: *clinging*. I do this tiny word refreshes me. In my case, God uses that word to bring to mind a little girl in a little Welsh town in England. Less than 500 called it home. But that is the tiny town where Jesus placed the parents who would raise His blessings of a baby girl. **Mary Jones** was born way back in year of our Lord <u>1784</u>.

Jesus had given Mary's parents a great love for Himself and His word. They read to Mary the Words of the living God. She heard God's record of people like Esther, King David, the apostles, Mary of Magdala, Mary (Jesus' mom), and Mary (Lazarus' sister).

In 2024, thanks to God's gift of Martin Luther and God's Reformation of His people, you can read the Bible for yourself. On your phone or tablet, in audio or print, in your own language you can read God's own hand-picked words, for yourself, in *your own copy* of the Bible. What God did through Martin Luther did not stop in the country of Germany nor the Germanic language. God's Word kept working, growing, spreading. And it is due in large part to the attitude God's Word

worked in this one teenager, Mary Jones. This is how her history goes...

Mary Jones did not know it at the time, but God was going to use Mary's heart and life to bless the whole world—right up to the present day! Mary was just a regular, not famous, poor, not rich, normal teen girl. (Jesus gave her to her parents long before he let us invent bicycles, cars, airplanes, Internet, , computers or iPhones.) When Mary was about 9 or 10, she began saving money to buy something. She would baby-sit, weed gardens, sell eggs, do odd-jobs for neighbors and it all went into her little savings purse. Bit by bit, for **SIX** years (**over 72 months**) she saved up! Finally, when she was about 15 or 16, she had enough of her own money to go buy what she had really wanted. And what was worthy **72 months wages** for this teenager A video game? Tickets to a music **concert**? A **new outfit**? **cellphone**? **iPad**? **WHAT DID THIS TEENAGER CRAVE SO,SO MUCH?** Brace yourself.

FOR 6 FULL YEARS SHE HAD BEEN SAVING UP TO BUY A BIBLE. 1 (ONE) BIBLE.

Yes, you read that right, a **B.I.B.L.E**. But there was no store to go buy one, AMAZON was not even thought of yet! So, with her parent's permission, she *walked* to the city of **BALA**—40 kilometers away (Yes, 80 kilometers, round-trip, remember; before bicycles, cars, buses, trains, planes...) She was *clinging* tightly to her

purse the whole way to Bala. Once there, pastor Charles had just one Bible left on his shelf. After quite some convincing (it was his last Bible), Mary at last talked Pastor Charles into selling her his last Bible. Now, pause.

Take a deep breath and drink up this tiny moment in history.

Can you imagine how Mary Jones felt? *clinging* to her six-yearsworth-of-savings-Bible? She must have been almost skipping her way back home! Do you see her smile stretching from cheek to cheek as she bounced her way home? All the way back from Bala? *clinging* to her new Book, God's own Book in her own hands to read about Jesus any time she wanted!! Mary's heart was spilling over with God's unspeakable joy!

God had formed her teenaged-heart into a spiritually mature heart. She had a thirst and hunger for God's pure Word. God blesses and then blesses on top of his generous blessings as He prepares to bless more. God is like that, you know.



It happened like this: Pastor Charles started thinking about his visit with Mary. More than anything she wanted to *'read my own Bible'*. Her family was poor. She could have used her savings for other practical, needed things, things that would help care for her poor family. But for her, nothing could take the place of God's own words and promises that God Himself had chosen to reveal in the Bible. She was clinging to God's Word and promises with such joy it just splashed out everywhere!

And unknown to Miss Mary, the Lord God had already been working in the background! The full and free Gospel was used by the Holy Spirit to drench her fifteen-year-old soul. She poured His Word into her children, grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren with blessings on blessings! In fact,

> your family and mine were splashed with God's joyful word along with countless others! What happened was this: a group of grown-ups led by Pastor Charles worked out how to make the Bible more available. The Lord fanned their hot idea and turned it into a blazing spiritual wildfire. They gave the idea the name: *The British and Foreign Bible Society*. The **BF** Bible Society went to work. During the next 100 years God's generous purposes played out as over 700 million Bible copies blessed His world!

So, let's pause again. Do you see what happened? Mary Jones worked odd jobs. How long? Six years. Teenager Mary then walked an 80 kilometer trip by herself. *Why*? She wanted to buy a book.

What book? a Bible. Why? She wanted her own.

Why? To read for herself God's own words and freely share His Gospel with others.

The result? Jesus turned Mary's six years of working and waiting into over a **hundred** years of *no -waiting* anymore. **God multiplied her single clinging to her one precious single copy** of the **Bible** into **millions** of copies! **Hundreds of languages! In thousands of places!** That is how Mary's Gospel joy spilled out from her southern Welsh town, named "Llanfihangel-y-Pennant", to just about wherever you go in 2024-2025: Mexico, China, India, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Vietnam, Nigeria... And that includes right here! Just like Mary you can have *your own Bible and read about God's full and free Gospel for yourself.* Wow! Do I treasure God's Word as much as that teenager, Mary Jones, did?

Would I walk across the room to shut off TV so I can pick up my Bible and read it? Do I



pursue conversations with God in my Bible? paying attention like I do when Facetiming with someone? Do I use my extra jobs to help me fortify my faith? Would I get out of bed and travel by myself to talk earnestly and compassionately with a pastor about "*just* buying a Bible"? I cannot speak for you, but I am so glad the Lord recorded this history of His teenaged-daughter of faith. What a great example of how our generous, amazing and merciful heavenly Father

works with His Gospel! An anonymous writer penned these words:

"CLING to the Word—God's wonderful Treasure brings life eternal and saves fallen man; Surely its value no mortal can measure seek for its blessing, O soul, while you can."

That's surely a good word the poet chose – "*cling*". Can you see how Mary joyfully and tightly held her Bible? Do you see how delighted she was to open its cover and hear God speak directly to her? Do you see her carefully, eagerly, turn each page? waiting to discover more of the depth and height of God's love in Jesus Christ?

My prayer is pretty straight forward: "O Savior Jesus, help me not get lukewarm in my love for You. Dear Jesus, Cling to me with Your Word, Please forgive me; keep me close, safe in Your Gospel. Fan my own faith into a blaze of fire for You, just like You did for Mary Jones walking back from Bala. Move me to *cling* to Your Word of life. Let me *cling*, with joy and eagerness, to every Word and promise on every page! Let me *cling* to Your conversations with Adam and Eve, to the angels praise over Bethlehem, to Your prayers from shouted from Your cross. Let me *cling* to Your Easter word: "Peace!"

As the world spins in hatred and fear, Your Word steadies my heart. Let others see me clinging to Your Word of full and free forgiveness, no strings attached! Wow!"

From my family to you and yours, happy clinging!



Alive in Jesus! Pastor Tullberg



The Ladies Group will be sponsoring an Angel Tree again this year. Information about children and their wish list will be available before Thanksgiving. Watch for more details in the weekly announcements.



Trinity Lutheran Church women's group invites the ladies of Good Shepherd to join them as we prepare and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.

> Advent by Candlelight Sunday, December 1st 2:00 pm

Rembs Celebration Center

2050 South Oak Avenue

Marshfield, WI 54449

ORGAN FUND

Our organ committee reported on the need for a new organ. And as explained, the parts to repair our current organ are no longer available. A new one is our best option. The Congregation approved the purchase (up to \$55,000) when the funds are available. We are accepting donations for this project. You may mark your regular envelopes for this use or fill out a yellow designated envelope with your gift.





November 3rd and November 10th

The "AMMO" can is in the narthex to receive your donations to assist our ELS/WELS pastor as they serve our military men and women and their families. Your gifts are appreciated!

NORTHLAND FRUIT SALE

Northland Lutheran High School is holding its annual fall fruit sale. All proceeds from the fruit sale are used to support Northland's ministry of preparing students for this life and eternity through premier Christ-centered education.

Please use the order form available in the church narthex **by November 20, 2024.** Order pick up will be December 12, 9 AM -3 PM and December 13, 9 AM-12 PM.

Our Christmas Digital Evangelism is underway!

Like last year, we are using *Praise and Proclaim Ministries* to partner with us in our efforts to connect with our community. What are you able to do to help promote this year's theme: *The Gift of God* ? Some ideas to ponder: • Personally hand out the Christmas flyer to family and

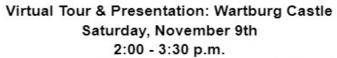


- friends—we will let you know when they are printed.
- Use the QR code on your smartphone to see the landing page (our church website linking the details of our Christmas schedule) and share it with family and friends!
- Interact with the Christmas ad when it appears on our church's Facebook news feed by liking it, commenting on it and sharing it!
- Invite family and friends to our Christmas worship services.

May the Lord bless your efforts to share the good news of *The Gift of God* with great joy!

God's blessings poured out on Amanda Slagowski and John Paulson. Baptized into Christ Jesus we are freed; forgiven in Him and living for Him.







- Get an inside look of where Luther translated the New Testament
- Learn the Wartburg's history before & after the Reformation
- Enjoy German treats and coffee following the presentation

Financial Secretary Report Thru September 2024

September Attendance Summary for current and previous years

	2021	2022	2023	2024
# weeks	4	4	4	5
Average Sunday	70	102	90	81
Avg Sunday On-Line	66	50	47	52
Total Attendance	646	630	663	796
Average Mid-Week	10	10	16	11
Avg Midweek On-line	16	18	14	15
Total Avg Weekly:	166	158	166	159

On Line numbers = # of computers watching X 1.65

Planned Giving & Income through September for current and previous Fiscal Years

Planned Giving & Other Income	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025				
Unified Budget Envelopes	\$66,433.77	\$82,194.53	\$92,099.55	\$67,239.15				
On-line Offerings	9,890.05	12,062.38	8,761.00	14,890.00				
Spec Services Envelopes	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00				
Initial Offering Envelopes	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00				
Plate	1,376.02	1,118.38	1,234.25	1,134.27				
Other Income/Gifts	3,123.34	74.72	0.00	65.00				
Bank Account Interest	12.09	15.67	86.99	191.18				
Actual YTD Total Actual YTD vs Prior YTD	\$80,835.27 	\$95,480.68 \$14,645.41	\$102,181.79 \$6,701.11	\$83,524.60 (\$18,657.19)				
Planned YTD Total	\$88,411.50	\$88,654.50	\$93,307.50	\$97,150.00				
Changed Plan vs Prior Yr		\$243.00	\$4,653.00	\$3,842.50				
Actual YTD vs Plan YTD	(\$7,576.23)	\$6,826.18	\$8,874.29	(\$13,625.40)				

Planned Giving & Other Income for FY 2024/25 as of September 30, 2024

Planned Giving & Other Income	September	Fiscal YTD	**References**
Unified Budget Envelopes	\$26,229.62	\$67,239.15	Fiscal Yr Giving Plan
On-line Offerings	4,001.00	14,890.00	\$388,600
Spec Services Envelopes	0.00	0.00	Monthly Giving Plan
Initial Offering Envelopes	5.00	5.00	\$32,383
Plate	438.00	1,134.27	% of FY Complete
Other Income/Gifts	-	65.00	(12 of 12 mos)
Bank Account Interest	61.34	191.18	25.0%
TOTAL GIVEN	\$30,734.96	\$83,524.60	% of FY Plan Given
Less PayPal fees (note 1)	\$30,611.99	\$83,071.73	21.5%

Notes:

- 1) PayPal Fee: \$122.97 YTD: \$452.87
- 2) In-Kind Contributions: \$36.60
- 3) Memorials: Ron Fregien: \$1,000



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