



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus' Name

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



A Season of Hope

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David.... Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. - Luke 1:68-69, 78-79

The artist of this piece, Lauren Wright Pittman (<http://www.lewpstudio.com>) writes, "On the day before Christmas Eve almost ten years ago, my best friend died after a fiercely-fought battle with cancer. Later that day my friends came over for our annual gift exchange and we couldn't leave one another; we couldn't seem to go to sleep either. We stayed up all night telling stories about our friend and

decided we would drive to an overlook to watch the sunrise. I remember sitting there in the cold, wrapped up in a blanket, huddled with my friends as the wind blew and spattered the tears that could not stop pouring out of my eyes. I desperately needed dawn to break because I was certainly sitting in what felt like the shadow of death.

In this text we find Zechariah having his own kind of mountaintop experience in response to the birth of his son, John the Baptist. Zechariah praises God for what he has done for Israel and prophesies about the person his son will be—"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High." When we so directly see God's movement in the world it empowers us to boldly claim what God will do in the future."

Lauren continues, "As the sun hit my face that morning, I felt embraced by the light. Though everything was in shambles in that moment, I felt a sense of peace—not a fleeting peace, but one that carried me in my grief and continues to carry me now. At the end of the night, the sun

will come up. The darkness will be shattered by the dawn breaking."

When I look at this artwork, I also wonder if folks might see the distant light not as dawn breaking anew, but as bombs and fires. With war in Gaza still raging as I write this, my heart goes out to all those who look at the horizon with fear. My hope – in this season of hope – is for peace. I pray for lasting peace for the people of Palestine and Israel and Gaza. Peace that is brought not by fear or violence, but by justice and cooperation and mutual respect. That peace feels a long way off, to be certain. Especially to those sitting in the shadow of death. But, the promise of God is that dawn WILL break.

This season, as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior, may we also hope and pray and work for peace.

- Pastor Lynette Chapman

Wall of Hope

You are invited to add your thoughts to our "Wall of Hope" display during the advent season. Write what it is you hope for. Maybe it's peace on earth. Maybe it's a good report from the doctor. Maybe its new direction from God. Maybe it's that your grandchild gets a job! Or that your friend's marriage survives a bumpy time. Maybe it's something for our congregation. Whatever it is, you are invited to write on the blue wall – as many times as you'd like!

The Wall of Hope display will be in the Narthex/Lobby on the windows between that space and the sanctuary.

The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:12-13

WORSHIP NEWS

December 3 – Second Sunday of Advent
9AM; Advent Cross+Gen 10:15AM;
Drive-Thru Live Nativity 3-5PM

December 10 – Third Sunday of Advent
9AM; Sunday School, Adult Forum, and
Dwelling Together 10:15AM; Christmas
Cantata at St. Matthew, Urbana 3PM

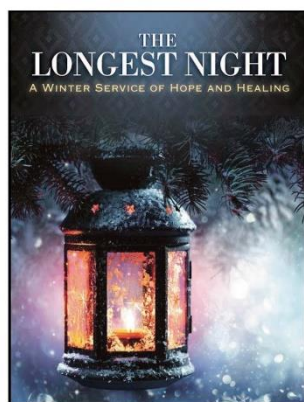
December 17 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
9AM with congregational Christmas
program; Refreshments follow worship.



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Good Shepherd is looking for families that would be interested in lighting the Advent

Wreath during worship on **December 17 and December 24 (both services)**. If your family would like to serve in this way contact Traci in the church office.



Thursday,
December 21, 2023

7:00 pm

St Matthew Lutheran Church
2200 Philo Rd, Urbana

Shared service with
ELCA churches in
Urbana and Champaign

Thursday, December 21 – Longest Night
Service 7PM @ St. Matthew Lutheran
Church, Urbana



December 24 – Christmas Eve worship
in the EVENING ONLY – 4 and 8 PM



December 31
9AM

Christmas
Lessons and
Carols – more
wonderful
carols and
communion

January 7 9AM

Epiphany Celebration – yet more
wonderful carols, focusing on the visit of
the Magi.



HELP
DECORATE
THE
SANCTUARY
FOR
CHRISTMAS!

Saturday, December 2, 9AM



POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS

We will once again order poinsettias for the sanctuary. **Orders will be due by Sunday, December 3.** Order

forms will only be available at the church, not online. Cash or check only, made payable to Good Shepherd with "poinsettia" in the memo line.



Cross+Gen
December 3, 10:15AM
Fellowship Hall

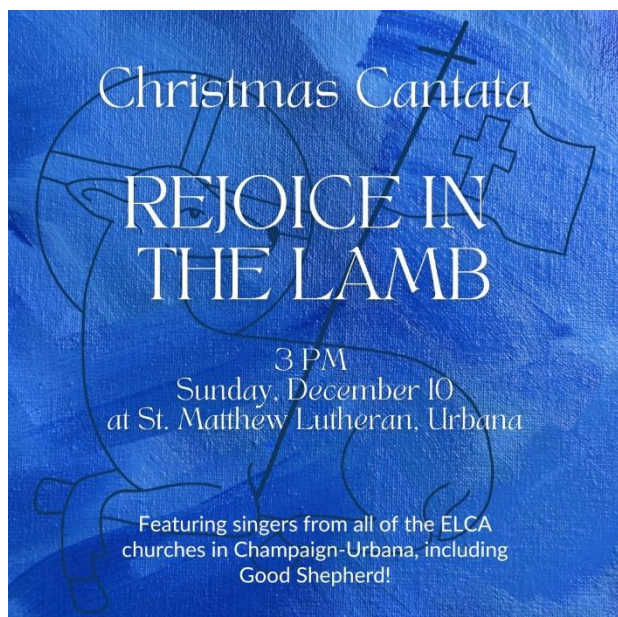
Would you like to get to know some of our young people better? Or just have conversations about life and faith with a new group of people? Everyone is invited to our monthly Cross-Generational gathering. At these casual gatherings, we have coloring sheets or a project available, a bible story that we share in a few ways, activities you can participate in (or observe if you prefer!), and great discussion questions. We always end with prayer in a circle and we always have fun. Whether you can come every month or just occasionally, you are welcome!

December Topic: Advent Peace – Mary gets a surprise visit from an angel! Luke 1:26-38

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Print and online Advent devotionals are available

for individuals and families. Pick up paper copies in the narthex or check out our Facebook page for info about receiving a daily online devotion during Advent. The online devotional was written by leaders in our synod, including Pastor Lynette.



ADULT FORUM TOPICS

December 10 – Institutional Racism or Micro-Aggressions; Led by Vance Martin

December 17 – Part 2: Bible Archaeology of the New Testament; Led by Pastor Lynette



NURSERY ATTENDANT HIRED

After a public search, the Nursery Committee interviewed and hired Raylynn Chapman as our new Nursery Attendant. Raylynn, also known as Ray, has been volunteering in the position since the beginning of summer. She previously worked as an Assistant Teacher at the Cadence Academy Preschool in Normal, managing groups of up to 20 students, ages infant through 5 years old. She has received training through DCFS and is certified in First Aid and CPR. She is an EMT-B and also works full-time at Carle Hospital Emergency Department as an ER Tech.

Raylynn is the daughter of Pastor Lynette Chapman and will be supervised in consultation with the council and Nursery Committee. Please welcome her to this new position!

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

"To dwell" means "to spend time in".

Our group spends time in supportive conversation, in scripture, and in prayer. **Join them 2nd through 5th Sundays in**

the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday
December 28,
6PM**

All are welcome! Feel free to invite anyone who may be battling, recovering from, or has family or friends living with a cancer diagnosis.



GSLC PIECE MAKERS

**Tuesdays
Noon-3PM**

The new
PieceMakers

Quilt Group announces that we have "Quilt-Block Kits" available in the Narthex for anyone to take home to sew. Instructions are in the kits. Please return sewn squares to the basket in the Narthex or to the quilting room at the north end of the church. We're making mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

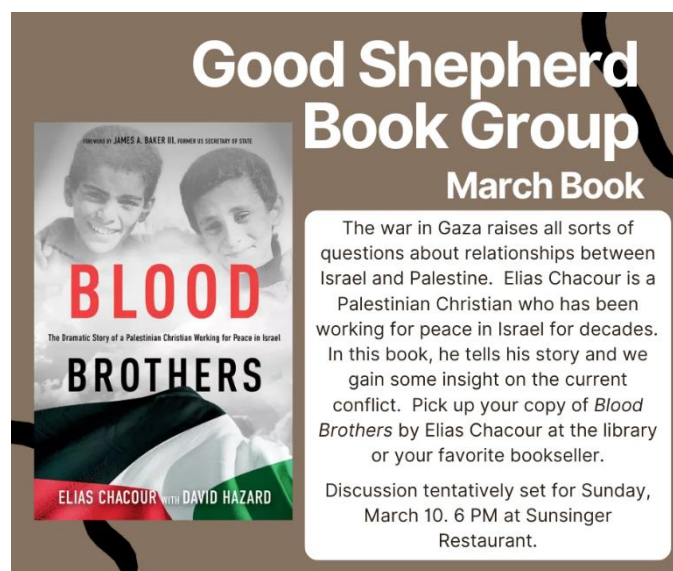
Sewing experience is NOT needed to participate. Most of our meeting time is spent sorting, cutting, and ironing fabric. There are jobs for every skill level! All are welcome!! Contact Lois McConomy or Jodi Davis for more info.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



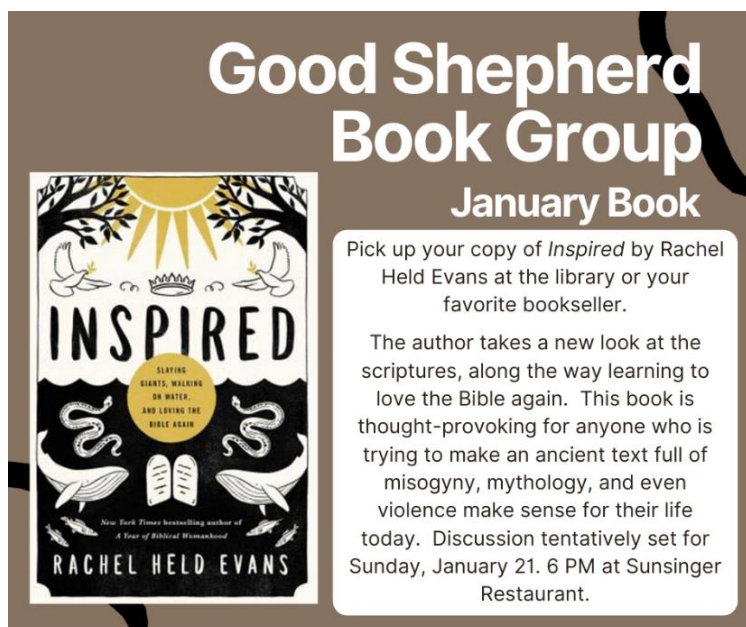
The next Fellowship Committee meeting will be on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in the choir room. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82220829003?pwd=c3JVQ0JORMdHTFRlUmINK2FsUDQ5dz09>



SAVE THE DATE!

GSLC Book Group for March is tentatively set for Sunday, March 10, 6PM @ SunSinger Restaurant, Champaign



The next GSLC Book Group is set for Sunday, January 21, 6PM @ SunSinger Restaurant, Champaign.



PICKLEBALL THANK YOU

Thank you to Don Block for leading the pickleball activity at church on November 12. People had fun learning the game. Contact Don if you want more information about pickleball lessons offered through the Champaign Park District.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Thanks to all of you who chose a tag from our LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) Giving Tree, all our tags have been spoken for!

REMINDER: We are asked to limit spending to around \$25-\$50 per child (whether you buy one or multiple gifts), and **gifts with tags (gift bags preferred) need to be dropped off to GSLC no later than Sunday, December 3.**

No time to shop, or prefer not to shop? **You can give money toward this project by dropping off a check with LSSI giving tree in the memo line on or before Sunday, December 3.** Questions? Feel free to contact Jenelle Keene.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity, and blessings to all this holiday season.



LIVE NATIVITY

Sign-up to volunteer at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UwZXjVSRgJabkUVjd5mQXt7hyBu7iDnNxWv2DADfdA/edit#gid=0>

Contact Ginger Hundgen or Dean Olson with any questions.



I want to help - But should I?

Recently, we've seen an uptick in folks stopping in on Sunday mornings, usually between church and Sunday School, asking for help of one sort or another. It's hard to know how to help and what to do when the needs seem pressing, time feels short, and we just came from worship where we were encouraged to help others! But, with both Deacon Jason and Pastor Lynette busy on Sunday mornings

with Sunday School and Worship and such, it's not often that you can simply go and ask one of them.

Here's what you should know if someone approaches YOU before or after worship on a Sunday morning, looking for financial help.

- We do not – and have not – and never will – give out cash. (And you shouldn't either.)
- We do not offer rental assistance. That's not part of our ministry.
- Gift cards are sometimes available, but never on a Sunday morning.
- Folks can come back on Monday or Tuesday during office hours to talk to Pastor or Jason for help.
- We CAN get them food – either from the little pantry outside, or, if one of our food delivery volunteers is available (like Bob Clark), from the pantry off the kitchen.
- They are absolutely welcome to coffee, donuts, prayer, worship, use of the bathroom, a change of diaper for their child, etc.

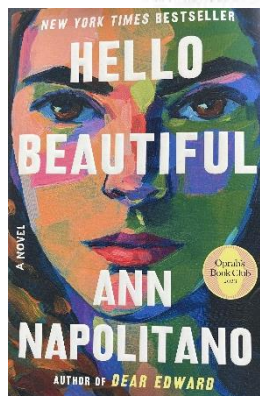
In short, we want to be welcoming and helpful, but consistent. It's rare that there's a situation that can't wait until Monday. Or even after Sunday School. So, be loving. Help and direct folks as outlined above. And know that if it's a true need, they will return at a time when we can hear their story, connect them to a fuller array of services, and be a better help to them in the long run.



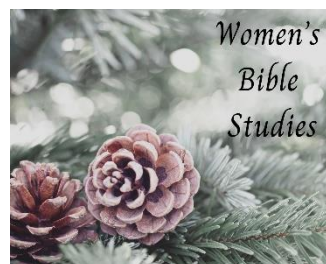
WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday
December 14, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

Hello Beautiful
By Ann Napolitano



This novel is set primarily in Chicago. It is a contemporary drama, a family saga covering the years 1960-2008. The four sisters echo the little women in the book by Louisa May Alcott contending with life and loss, love, death, forgiveness, and finding different ways to cope with hardships. Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Monday, December 11, 1:30PM

All three of our women's bible study groups will meet at the same time this month for our annual 80+ cookie packing event. All women are invited to attend as we pack cookie tins filled with home-baked cookies for our 80s+ cookie delivery and are then welcome to stay for our bible study.

All bible studies use the WELCA magazine *Gather* for our study guide.



WELCA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

**Saturday
December 9
10AM-Noon**

Fellowship Hall

The women of Good Shepherd invite you to enjoy our WELCA Christmas Brunch with a delicious buffet provided by Piato Café. All women and their family & friends are encouraged to attend.

Good Shepherd worship and choral accompanist, Fenella Theodore, will play as we gather and as a few carols are sung. Nancy Olson will share her rendition of "The Gift of the Magi". We'll have a brief WELCA meeting to determine how to share its October bake sale funds with area outreach needs.

Cost: Adults \$20, children over 2 years \$10. Laurie Johnson will be at a table in the entry outside worship Sunday, December 3, to take more reservations. Please see her to add your name to the list. If you're unable to be at worship to make a reservation, please get word to Laurie on or before Monday December 4.

Childcare has been arranged so also be sure to let Laurie know Sunday December 3 or Monday December 4 if you will need this service.

Menu: Choice of Homemade Vegetarian or Meat Quiche, Smoked Paprika Breakfast Potatoes, Strips of Bacon, Mixed Greens with Pears, Apples, Walnuts, Dried Cranberries, Blue Cheese, and Maple Dressing, Fresh Fruit Salad, Assorted Muffins, Juice and Coffee.



WELCA 80 AND OVER CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS DELIVERY

WELCA has a tradition of providing a tin filled with homemade cookies to our senior (80 and over) members during December. We would like to request three or four dozen cookies from members who enjoy baking to contribute to this tradition.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can sign-up using this online link:

<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/719bfa>

Please note: Cookies must be BAKED and please no cream cheese or other ingredient that can spoil if left out for several hours.

Please leave your cookies in the Nurses' Office on Sunday morning of December 10 or before 1:30pm on Monday, December 11.

All are welcome to help at 1:30pm on Monday, December 11 when we will fill the cookie tins and then deliver them. We will meet in the kitchen/Fellowship Hall.

Contact Beth Followell for more information.

WELCA THANKOFFERING

Thank you to all of the women at Good Shepherd who donated to the Thankoffering in November which goes to support the national WELCA office. If you did not get a chance to drop off your donation envelope yet, you can put it in the offering basket by Dec.10, drop it off in the church office, or you may donate online on the church website by choosing the WELCA button and noting Thankoffering in the comment box.

The national office greatly appreciates our support for their programs and projects in the US and around the world. They offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs. They offer grants to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages. To find out more about their ministry and advocacy work, please see:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/ministry-action>



GSLC KITCHEN SHOWER FOR NEEDED ITEMS

In January, we're having a Kitchen "Shower" for the kitchen at Good Shepherd. We noticed this past year as we reorganized the cabinets and drawers in the kitchen that there were a number of items we needed for cooking for our events. If you

would like to help, please consider donating an item listed below - you can purchase it new or donate a used item in very good condition. Monetary funds to cover the purchase of that item are also welcome. **We will have a box in the Narthex from January 7 to January 30 to collect items.** Please contact Nancy Holm to let her know which item you would like to donate so we don't get duplicates or if you have questions. Thank you very much!

Wish List:

- One 6 or 7 qt. crock pot with lid (\$35-40)
- One 1.5 qt. crock pot with lid (\$12-15)
- Electric hand mixer (\$20-25)
- Three thermal stainless 40 - 48 oz coffee carafes (\$15 - 20 each)
- Two large (14 inch) aluminum/stainless steel fry pans (NOT non-stick) with covers - such as Cuisinart or Farberware (\$40-50 each)
- Trivets for hot dishes (4 to 6 needed)
- Dish towels (about 8 to 10 needed)
- Drawer dividers (expandable 13" to 22") - such as Rapturous brand on Amazon - Two 3-packs - 2.5 in. tall, expands 13" to 22" long. (\$15)

REQUEST FOR TWO HIGHCHAIRS

If you have a baby highchair (manufactured after 2019 when safety standards were upgraded) that is in good condition and that you no longer need, please consider donating it for use at our fellowship events. Please contact Nancy Holm if you have one to donate or if you have any questions.

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:



Our theme for last month's youth retreat at Lake Williamson was "Children of Light." We explored the fifth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians where he writes:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

The kids spent the weekend learning how to stay alert for the presence of Christ all around them. Youth took time to encourage one another just as Paul encouraged the Thessalonians with his letter. Paul shares that instead of weapons we are given armor and that as Christians we are playing defense against the evil one. Our armor of faith, hope, and love is given to us as a free gift from God to help us withstand dark times. Chapter 5 of Paul's letter also has lots of little verses that are easy to memorize because they are so short. Students were challenged to memorize one verse to share with others and to have ready when life gets tough.

While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light. - John 12:36

Just as God gathered young people from all over our synod for a weekend of prayer, worship, and encouragement in the faith, so too the Holy Spirit gathers and reminds us that we are not called to sleepwalk through life. We are tempted to just sit back and wait for Christ's return and forget that in our baptism we are given a mission. Each person next to you is a universe of mystery and molecules, and you have a chance to get to know them a little bit better today. Each walk you take outside stepping over leaves or snow deserves your full attention because

they were uniquely crafted by our creator and give glory to God. Their sheer abundance and diversity should fill us with awe at every moment. Every morsel of food you eat is a gift to be savored and respected. We can do this by being fully awake and truly tasting our food slowly instead of merely consuming it rapidly while staring at our phones.

John Philip Newell writes a lot about Celtic Christianity which has always kept close to respecting God's activity in all of creation. He writes:

Spiritual awareness, then, is about being aware of God in the midst of the change and movement and flow of life, in the rising of the morning sun, in the work and relationships of daily life, in the great struggles of society and nation, in alertness to the interior life of the soul, in times of rest and sleep and even dreaming. God is at the heart of all life, in both the visible and invisible.

I think we get trapped in the mindset that Jesus can only be found between the pages of the Bible, and it is no wonder then that we don't see Christ out in the world. An Irish poet and philosopher from the 9th century named John Scotus Eriugena taught that Christ moves among us in two shoes, as it were, one shoe being that of creation, and the other one being the Scriptures. According to John Scotus we need to be just as alert and attentive to Christ moving among us in creation as we are to the voice of Christ in the Scriptures.

This whole season of Advent is a reminder to stay awake and stay alert for Jesus to appear, not just through people or the written word, but through all of creation. Remember that our nativity stories involve fields, flocks, stars, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. May our childlike wonder at God's world be a light to those we meet on the journey. And may the God of peace make you whole and holy, may you be kept safe in body, heart and mind, and thus ready to be fully present in this life. God has called you and will not fail you. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Deacon Jason Fisher

YOUTH EVENTS



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 8, 5-8PM

Parents get a night to themselves while kids enjoy dinner and games. We accept FREE WILL donations for future youth trips and programs. RSVP with Jason the Wednesday before if interested.



COMMUNITY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Friday, December 15, 5-9PM

Youth and adults of all ages are invited to try new board games and card games with neighbors of Good Shepherd. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Your friends and neighbors are welcome to bring their own favorite games and teach them to us. **New this year, Jason will be giving away a game each month!**



TOUR WILLOW TREE MISSIONS

Sunday, December 17, 7PM

High School Youth are invited to come see the fruits of their labor at Willow Tree Missions. Now that the drywall is up, lighting installed, and flooring put in, they are open for business. Come see how all your hard work is helping change lives. Then feel free to join Jason afterwards to tour the Holiday Glow at Allerton Park.



ALL FAMILY GLOW EVENT

Allerton Park Monticello

Sunday, December 17, 5:30 – 6:30PM

Families can meet Jason at the Greenhouse Café at Allerton and walk the grounds together as we discuss how Jesus is the light of the world.



CANTEEN RUN

Tuesday, December 26, 6–8PM

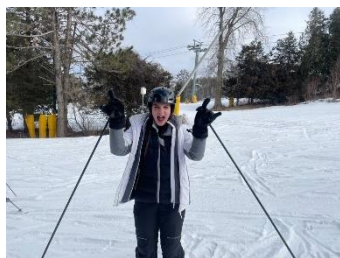
Meet Jason at Country Fair Storage (619 Country Fair Drive in Champaign) by 6pm to join us as we distribute clothes, food, and hope to those in need.



BROOMBALL

**Sunday, January 6
4:00-5:30PM**

Middle & High School youth can join us for our annual broomball event against our Methodist friends. Show up at the U of I Ice Area at 4pm to sign in and decide if you would like to play broomball or ice skate during our hour of ice time. Contact Jason with any questions.



SKI TRIP

**Saturday, January 13
Sundown Mountain
Resort Dubuque Iowa**

Our Discipleship committee is working on a possible ski trip next year and looking into various lodging options for Friday or Saturday night. Estimated cost for rental equipment and lift tickets is \$100 per person. If your family is interested, or has suggestions for lodging, contact Jason.



NEW ORLEANS GATHERING

July 15 – 21, 2024

Registration cost of \$150

Due Sunday, January 14

More info at:

<https://www.elca.church/gathering>.



SNOW TEAMS WANTED

Does the snow of Lebanon ever vanish from its rocky slopes? Jeremiah 18:14. The Property Committee does not know the answer to this question, be it literal or rhetorical. But the Property Committee does know that the snow is removed from the parking lot and sidewalks at Good Shepherd by the volunteers that sign up to be on the snow removal teams!

To be added to the snow removal teams, please contact the office at staff@gslic-cu.org or Joe Chamley, Property Committee Co-Chair, or Bob Clark.

DECEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

	12/03/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	Christmas Eve 4PM	Christmas Eve 8PM	12/31/2023
Acolyte	Pasha Jacobs	Donovan Dewing	Levi Todd	Jake Brucker	Donovan Dewing	Reid Bruggman
Communion Assistants	Jim Manley Carol Manley Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Joe Chamley Dean Olson Dan Corkery	Dylan Keene Jenelle Keene Cinda Brucker	Samantha Fisher Joe Chamley Nancy McCowen	Cinda Brucker Dean Olson Susan Hinrichs	Susan Hinrichs Dean Olson Nancy Olson
Reader	Bob Coverdill	Sue Plisch	Gail Block	Gail Block	Bob Coverdill	Amy Chamley
Chancel Care	Doris Snyder	Beth Followell	Beth Followell	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley	Amy Chamley
Food Delivery	Deb Swanson	Jenelle Keene	Agatha Barnes	Susan Hinrichs		Shelly Cekander
Flower Delivery	Deb Swanson	Dean Olson	Jenelle Keene	N/A	N/A	Laurie Johnson
Nursery	Lisa Young	Maria Dewing	Jeremiah Todd	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Sadie Bruggman
Coffee/Donuts	Jim Manley/Nancy Holm	Laurie Johnson/Don Block	Becky Fisher/Don Block	N/A	N/A	N/A
Usher	Nancy McCowen	Becky Fisher	Nicole Paul	Eric Brucker/ Don Block	Nancy Olson/Sue Plisch	Eric Brucker

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at staff@gslc-cu.org to be added to our volunteer list.



THE EMPTY CHAIR
(Adapted from the
Lutheran Faith
Community Nurse

(Parish Nurse) Newsletter.

The holidays are a time for recognizing our profound fullness, of purposefully dwelling on the abundant overflow we find ourselves in and being grateful for it. Surrounded by noise and activity and life, your eyes and your heart can't help but drift to that quiet space that now remains unoccupied: the cruel vacancy of the empty chair. You're not alone, friend!

The holidays have a way of magnifying loss; in the middle of all the celebration and thanksgiving, reminding us of our incompleteness, our lack, our mourning. The empty chair is different for everyone. The chair is a memorial; the stark reminder of what was and no longer is, of that which never will.

This may be the first time the chair has been empty for you, or you may have grown quite accustomed to the subtraction. Either way it hurts like hell and wanted you to know that we see you and understand. This would usually be the time when a writer might offer some silver lining goodness, to tie everything up in "pretty little bow"; some closing reminders about how the empty chair is still a blessing because it reminds us that we had something worth grieving over to begin with. It's the place where he or she would offer some concluding encouragement regarding the lessons the empty chair teaches us,

about living in the moment and being thankful for what we have.

May your blessings be many for the holidays with family and friends. Sandy Reifsteck RN GSLC



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:
CHURCH HISTORY**

**FREE Online Class through
the Central/Southern Illinois
Synod**

Every other Saturday starting January 13

This course is open to everyone; it also fulfills course requirements for preparation for synod-authorized ministry.

What events have shaped the church as we know it today and the world in which we live? This course, Church History Survey, will take us on a journey through time to discover both triumphs and mistakes and provide the opportunity to learn their impact on the church itself.

This course, presented by Rev. Luanne Cantrell, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Morris, Illinois, will focus on an overview and examination of crucial historical events and include analysis and discussion that will strive to answer the questions: "What new insights have I gained about this event; how has it impacted the world I live in and my church; and what can I do with this information that will shape my ministry among God's people?"

Six-session course held on Zoom 9:00AM to noon every other Saturday; no cost to attend. Link for information and registration: <https://www.csis-elca.org/event/aff-church-history-24/>

MISSION SUNDAY UPDATE

**We asked - you answered!**

On November 12, our congregation renewed its commitment to supporting the mission of God in this place. So far, we've heard from 43 families or individuals - and the gifts already given and also pledged for next year in response to our stewardship appeal total \$326,804. To date, that's \$59,239 more than was pledged last year!

Thank you for your generosity, your investment in this ministry we share, and your enthusiasm for the work we do together in Jesus' name.

If you haven't yet had the chance to return your pledge card, please do so. These cards represent your intention of giving and help us plan for next year. They are not a contract, and they are only seen by our bookkeeper and treasurer. You can pick up a card in the narthex/lobby and return it in the mail or in the offering plate.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Joann and Walter Kilgus

Joann and Walter Kilgus have been occasional visitors for many years as their daughter is Amy Chamley. And, of course, it is easy to see that Joann and June Waller are twins. Joann and Walter recently moved here from Morrison, Illinois to be near family. Joann is a retired teacher and Walter is an attorney. They are excited to be part of our faith community and are looking forward to being involved wherever they can.

Erica Person, Mark Cohen, Evan Cohen

Erica Person, her husband Mark Cohen and their son Evan recently moved here from Michigan. On Erica's first visit to GSLC, John Hart recruited her to sing in our choir and Mark soon joined her. Erica is an ophthalmologist. In addition to choir, she enjoys knitting and gardening. Mark is a surgeon and Dean of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine at University of Illinois. Mark plays trumpet and he's passionate about his work in medicine. Evan is a student at the



University of Illinois, where he's majoring in engineering. He loves Tae Kweon Do, and board games. They joined Good Shepherd because they were searching for a welcoming church. They are looking forward to making new friends and enjoying a vibrant worship community.



Ruth and Al Mytty

Ruth and Al Mytty, originally Lutheran, join us from a Roman Catholic perspective. They have 4 married children and 10 grandchildren living in San Francisco, Phoenix, Indianapolis, and Wilmette, IL They are retired and recently moved back to C-U after careers took them to West Virginia, the Bahamas, Indiana, and Florida. They enjoy traveling and visiting family and friends in the U.S. and abroad.

Ruth has served on parish staff and as a speaker, retreat director, and mentor for various religious women's groups. She is a scripture reflection writer and editor for daily reflections that are distributed mostly in the US but also abroad. She is passionate about supporting "Lend a Hand Bahamas" which educates, tutors, feeds and clothes disadvantaged Bahamian children and is a board member of the Bahamas Chapter NSDAR.

Al is an advocate for social justice and peace issues. He is very active in World Beyond War, a global organization working to abolish war and establish a sustainable peace and is a member of Veterans for Peace. He is also the coordinator of Illinois for a World Beyond War. He gives presentations on these issues. Al enjoys helping with outreach activities as time allows.

Al and Ruth are looking forward to whatever unfolds and getting to know others in our faith community.



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