



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 Global Village of Saints

On our recent trip to San Diego, we discover a little International Village in Balboa Park. While it doesn't contain houses from every country in the world, there is at least one from every continent and region. Each little house presents their culture, their country, their history, in their own ways. Some do it through food, others through music or art. Some tell their history or address current issues. All of them are hosted by volunteers who have immigrated from that country and who are proud of their culture and heritage.



In several of the houses we visited, the hosts were chatting with visitors in their native language, often comparing where, specifically, their family came from compared to the hosts' family. It was a moment of connection, of coming home, of finding someone with whom to speak your first language, of feeling like you belonged. And I, the monoglot observer, found it beautiful.



As we Christians prepare to observe All Saints' Sunday, this image of a multi-cultural gathering place where differences are celebrated while unity is practiced can become another image for heaven: the saints with whom we will gather around the throne of God will speak many different languages, come from all parts of the globe, and will have diverse ideas of what it means to be home. And yet, at the same time, we will all experience, in that place, in that moment, a sense of

connection, of belonging, of coming home.

The diversity of our own community here in Champaign-Urbana can also be a glimpse of that heavenly gathering. The joy a student finds in discovering that they can eat food from home is as wondrous as getting to taste foods from around the world. Both of those things remind us

that we are part of a global community and share the common longing for both the familiar and the new.

I don't know what heaven will be like. The Bible doesn't give us any concrete answers – only some glimpses and ideas and visions. But I'm guessing that God's eternal kin-dom* will be as diverse and beautiful as the church here on earth - with songs and praises in thousands of different languages; with folks greeting one another as though they are long lost kin, and with all of us experiencing both the wonder of something new mingled with the comfort of coming home.



And just as Holy Communion gives us a foretaste of the feast to come – a mere hint of what lies ahead – our diverse communities and diverse hymnody and diverse Church can give us a glimpse of the great variety of saints who will be gathered around the throne of God. There is room for all – at God's table and in God's kingdom. May we practice that at Good Shepherd and in Champaign-Urbana and in every village – international or otherwise – that we enter.

In God's expansive love,
Pastor Lynette Chapman

*The word "kin-dom" is not just a substitute for kingdom, but an expanded vision of the centrality of community and relationship in God's eternal realm.

Visitation Pastor added to GSLC Staff – Short-term

In the absence of a Youth and Family Minister, Pastor Chapman is taking on more of those responsibilities. To enable her to spend more time on Discipleship and Youth, we've asked Pastor Cinda Brucker to help out temporarily as Visitation Pastor. Pr. Brucker graciously agreed and will be serving Good Shepherd as a contracted Visitation Pastor for a few hours each week through the end of 2024 while we continue the search for a new Youth and Family leader. Pr. Brucker is a member of our congregation and a retired ELCA pastor. She has filled in on Sunday mornings for Pastor Chapman several times and currently helps lead our Adult Forum along with Dean Olsen.

Pastor Chapman will still be available for emergencies, hospital visits, and general pastoral care. Pastor Brucker will take over more of the regular visitation of home-bound members and folks living in nursing facilities. Please welcome Pr. Cinda to the staff and honor her for her work!

WORSHIP NEWS

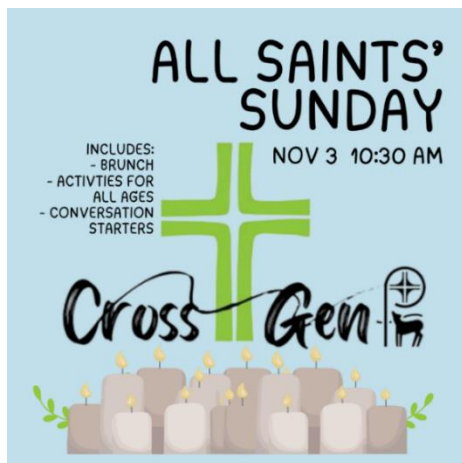
November 3 – All Saints' Sunday, including remembrance of those who've died, special music from our bell choir, and candle-lighting.

November 17 – Gratitude in Action Sunday
Celebrating the ways our service as volunteers reflects our thankfulness and love for what God has done in our lives

November 24 – Giving Thanks Sunday

November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Grace Lutheran Church-7PM. Pastor Paul Chapman preaching

December 1 – Advent Starts!



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY CROSS+GEN GATHERING & BRUNCH

November Cross+Gen will be Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 AM – combined with the All Saints' Brunch. We'll discover what makes a saint a saint, talk about saints in our own lives, and have both hands-on and interactive elements along with a full meal.

Sign-up sheet for food items and volunteers on table in the Narthex.

All are welcome!



ADULT FORUM TOPICS

November 10 - Choices & Changes in Managing Your Diagnosis or Condition.

Good Shepherd's Community Nurse, Sandy Reifsteck, discusses how to cope with new health concerns and maximize local resources for the best outcomes.

November 17 - The Owner of the World, Part 1 of 3. Retired ELCA Pastor Roger Digges leads a Bible study partly based on Deuteronomy 10:14: "Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it."

November 24 - The Owner of the World, Part 2 of 3. Pastor Roger Digges continues a Bible study partly based on Psalms 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."



SUNDAY SCHOOL

**2ND-5TH
SUNDAY
MORNINGS
10:15AM**

Classes for K-3, 4-6, and 7-12 are ongoing and rely on volunteer leaders. If you're able to help, or you'd like to get your children or grandchildren involved, talk to Pastor Lynette or Susan Hinrichs.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

Sit down for a chat, conversation about a Bible passage, mutual support and prayer. Meets Sundays at 10:15 AM in the Small Group Room near the library. Led by Sue Plisch.



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, November 21, 6PM
Small Group Gathering Room

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

Please note the date change.



GSLC PIECE MAKERS

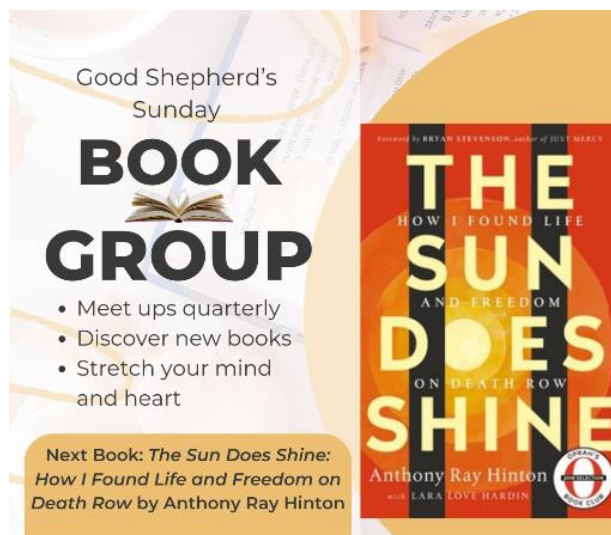
**Tuesdays
12-3PM**

GSLC Quilt Room

Sewing experience is NOT needed in order 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.

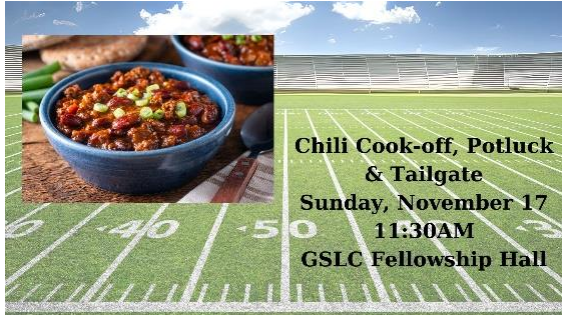
FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



GSLC BOOK GROUP POSTPONED

**Potential new date of
December 1st is being
considered.**

CHILI COOK-OFF, POTLUCK, NFL FOOTBALL



**Sunday, November 17, 11:30AM
GSLC Fellowship Hall**

Cook up a batch of your favorite chili and share it at our chili cook-off event.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Don't feel like competing? No problem, but please come join us anyway. We have another sign-up for other potluck items you can bring to share. Please join us to try some delicious chilis and other foods and watch the Bears-Packers game. Wear your favorite sports team gear!

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**



**CROSSROADS COFFEEHOUSE
Sunday, November 3, 6-8PM
GSLC Fellowship Hall**



Our LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) Giving Tree is back, and this is a special holiday tradition for many of our church family members. **Please check out the Christmas tree in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, November 10, and pick a tag or two to buy Christmas gifts for kids in foster care.** Simply pick your tag(s), and make note of your name, preferred phone number, and tag number(s) on our sign-up sheets.

We are asked to limit spending to around \$60 per child (whether you buy one or multiple gifts). **Unwrapped gifts with tags need to be dropped off to GSLC by Sunday, December 1.** No time to shop, or prefer not to shop? You can give money toward this project by dropping off a check with a note that it is for the LSSI giving tree in the memo line.

Please help us make Christmas special for the 50 children/teens we have committed to this year. These may be the only gifts that these individuals receive. Please note that this deadline is earlier than usual this year, so the tree with tags will be up before Thanksgiving.

Questions? Feel free to contact Jenelle Keene. Thank you so much for your continued generosity, and blessings to all this holiday season.

TIME TO TALK TURKEY ... SANDWICH, THAT IS



One of our most fun events is coming up soon:
Operation Turkey Sandwich.

On Thanksgiving morning, dozens of volunteers will gather in the Fellowship Hall to make sack lunches for people who have to work on the holiday. Think of all the essential workers who make it possible for the rest of us to have a joyful holiday, such as the people manning local fire and police departments, hospitals, convenience stores, and more.

Why do we do this? Because their work is their ministry. They have earned a free lunch. This year's OTS has a twist: all the money to buy the turkey, bread, apples and such has already been donated. What we need is help.

Here are the jobs that we need to fill:

- 1:00pm: Wednesday, November 27: Slicing turkey, washing apples, setting up for Thursday morning.
- 9:00am: Thursday, November 28: Assembling sandwiches.
- 10:00am: Praying, followed by packing lunch sacks.
- 10:30am: Delivering lunches.

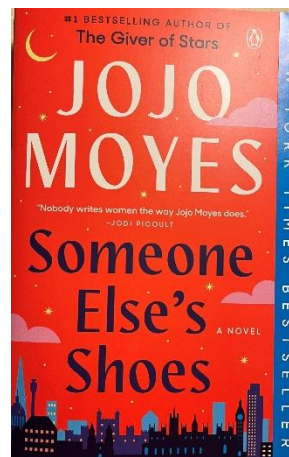
Interested? Contact Dan Corkery.



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday
November 14, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

Someone Else's Shoes
By JoJo Moyes



This story is about a mix-up between two women that sparks rejuvenating revelations about their lives. The trading of shoes results in a female friendship that helps them deal with the multiple curve balls life throws at them. It is a heartwarming humorous story about the power of female friendship. Questions, contact Jan Nuss.

Book for December is *West With Giraffes*
by Lynda Rutledge.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Groups meet in
Choir Room

All women are welcome!

Ruth Bible Study:
Tuesday, November 19, 9:30AM

Rachel Bible Study:
Monday, November 25, 2:30PM



WELCA THANKOFFERING

Envelopes for our annual Thankoffering will be handed out at the end of our church services on Sunday, November 10 and Sunday, November 17. These envelopes replace the “Sprite Boxes” which used to be collected the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This money goes to our national WELCA organization for various projects nationally and internationally.

We will collect the envelopes Sunday, November 24.

Following the “Mite” tradition, we typically give change or an amount you feel you can spare to help those having great need with unfortunate life circumstances.

To read about the “Widow’s Mite” please see *Mark 12:41-44* or *Luke 21:1-4*.



SIGN-UP FOR WELCA 80 AND OVER CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING

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 2 or 3 dozen cookies from members that enjoy baking to contribute to this tradition. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can sign-up using this online link:**

<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/035d3b>

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 Tuesday, December 10 by 12:30pm.

All are welcome to help at 12:30pm on Tuesday, December 10 when we will fill the cookie tins and then deliver them. We will meet in the kitchen/Fellowship Hall.

Questions: Contact Beth Followell.



SAVE THE DATE **WELCA CHRISTMAS** **BRUNCH**

**Saturday
December 14 @ GSLC
10:00AM-Noon**

We hope that you will be able to join us for our WELCA Christmas Brunch in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend, and we encourage you to invite family and friends as well. We will once again have a delicious buffet provided by Piatto Café. In addition to delectable food, you will have time to relax with other sisters in Christ, and enjoy good conversation, music and games for the season. There will also be a brief WELCA meeting to select our benevolent recipients for this year.

Cost: \$22 for adults, \$11 for children over 2. Please plan to pay in advance and add your name to our guest list after worship on November 24, December 1 or December 8. If you are unable to sign up at church, or have any questions, please contact Laurie Johnson or Patty Hart.

Menu for Christmas Brunch: Your 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.

Volunteers: Please consider helping us with the brunch! How can you help?

- 2-3 people to help with set up on Friday afternoon, 12/13
- 2-3 people at the event at 9:45 am to help as a greeter/hostess while we get the food out and ready in the kitchen
- We would welcome 2 men/youth to begin cleaning dishes at 11 am on 12/14
- We would welcome help after the event with clean-up. Many hands make light work. 😊

Please contact Laurie or Patty if you're able to help. Childcare will be provided if needed.



HEART DISEASE: Did you know 3 out of 4 people will experience a cardiovascular incident after age 70?

The most common age for a heart attack is 65 for a man and 72 for women. Some important points to be aware of, for yourself, a friend or family member.

- 1. KNOW YOUR NUMBERS:** Have your BP, cholesterol and glucose levels checked once a year and let your provider know of any heart disease in your family.
- 2. HIT THE TRAIL:** Regular exercise is very important. A few minutes of walking faster and not just strolling is best. And breathing just a little faster is also good for your lungs.
- 3. DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST:** This is the most important meal of the day. Look for items that have protein and don't forget fruits, juice, milk or yogurt.
- 4. RESEARCH WORTH WATCHING:** More than 2,200 steps per day can help you live longer and gives you lower odds of developing heart disease or dying early a recent study suggests.

5. USE A TRACKER: A watch or step tracker may be a gift to yourself or others. According to the Harvard University Health Watch studies, researchers learned that taking between 8,000-10,000 steps per day lowered the risk of early death by 39% and risk of a heart attack, or stroke by 21%. *"Personally, as your Faith Community Nurse at GSLC, before age 80 I tried the 10,000 step goal and after 80 down to 8,000 goal. Did I make it every day, NO, but you can start with a goal of 2,200 steps."*

Sandy Reifsteck RN, Faith Community Nurse (Parish Nurse) GSLC

YOUTH NEWS



TEEN YOUTH GROUP!

Saturday, November 9

6-8 PM

7th-12th Grades

Mini service project connected to the Giving Tree, food, games, devotions, and more. Open to Youth in Grades 7-12 and their friends.



YOUNGER YOUTH GROUP!

Saturday, November 23

4-6 PM

4th-6th Grades

Mini service project connected to Operation Turkey Sandwich, food, games, devotions, and more.



Children's Sermon

Pumpkin Unloading





Quilt Blessing



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Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, November 9
9AM-Noon

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, November 9, 9AM TO NOON

Light outdoor work such as gather leaves, trim bushes, clean flower beds, and hopefully a few indoor projects as well. Many hands make light work!!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

	11/03/2024	11/10/2024	11/17/2024	11/24/2024
Acolyte	Zechariah Fisher	Andrew Todd	Declan O'Connell	Jake Brucker
Communion Assistants	Becky Fisher Samantha Fisher Jim Manley	Becky Cook Lois McConomy Joe Chamley	Agatha Barnes Nancy McCowen Gail Block	Nancy Holm Lucas Barreto Susan Barreto
Reader	Greg Fisher	Steve McConomy	Tim O'Connell	Becky Cook
Chancel Care	Beth Followell	Beth Followell	Mary Szyszka	Mary Szyszka
Food Delivery	Deb Swanson	Ruth Meyer	Rebecca Nef- Heffernan & Laurie Johnson	Jenelle Keene
Flower Delivery	Patty Hart	Lois McConomy	Laurie Johnson	Betsy Kakoma
Nursery	Carol Manley	Lisa Young	Samantha Fisher	Amy Chamley
Coffee/Donuts	Kim McFarland & Jim Manley	Don Block & Laurie Johnson	Don Block & Nancy Olson	Don Block & Becky Fisher
Usher	Susan Hinrichs	Nicole Paul	Patty Hart	Eric Brucker
Livestream	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann	Darrell Hoemann

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



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Keyboardist	Leon Harrell
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday – Thursday
8:00AM – 3:00PM
&
Friday 8:00AM-Noon

Deadline for Scroll is the 15th of every month.

***Bulletin / Announcement / Shout Out Deadline is Wednesday at noon
each week.***

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Paper copies are also available at the church.***