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Family Gatherings

It's the first of November, and families are beginning to make plans for the holidays—Who will host Thanksgiving dinner? When will we celebrate Christmas? Over time, family dynamics change. Distance becomes a challenge. Planning gatherings is more difficult. We adapt to accommodate as many schedules as possible, and now we even Facetime or Zoom individuals in for the family gatherings.

As we say a prayer of thanks that so many of us can plan holiday gatherings after maybe skipping a year out of caution, we pray for those whose situations have changed since their last holiday gathering. Maybe they are now alone, have health issues, or a struggle of another kind. If you know someone who may not have a family to gather with this year, step out in faith and pray for them. Give them a call. Visit them. Invite them to worship. We are loved by God and we have the privilege of sharing that love with others.

*All Good Shepherd family and friends are invited to participate in the **final step** of our **Missional Pathway** journey on **November 14**. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service to discover God's unique vision for Good Shepherd and our place in the community, determining our strategic initiatives and values. Whether you have walked with us on this journey or not, we hope you will join us in this final step, a congregational summit to **ADVANCE** our ministry into the future. Sign-up in the narthex or [electronically](#).*

We invite you to *gather with your Good Shepherd family*, in-person or online, for **Christmas Eve worship at 2 pm or 6pm, Friday, December 24**. Let us gather together to celebrate our Savior's birth among us in time, as promised long ago, and in our hearts each day.

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A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. — John 13:34

Ministry News

Sunday School Notes

We are planning a **Youth Sunday on November 14th**, which involves all ages Preschool-High School, and we are currently preparing for this service during our Sunday school openings at 9am. We are practicing *Jesus Loves Me* and *This Little Gospel Light of Mine*, as well as *Your Power Will Pull Us Through*, a favorite song from our Rocky Railway VBS of 2021.

The **Children's Christmas Service** is **Sunday, December 12th**. We will practice for this service during Sunday School on Nov. 21, 28, and Dec. 5. A dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10am.

We look forward to these special services. Questions or to let us know your child will be participating, please contact [Laura Thurston](#).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. – Colossians 3:16

Ladies' Ministry

LWML

The annual **Four Seasons Luncheon** is **Saturday, November 6th, 12-3pm**. Each table will be decorated with a theme for one of the four seasons. We'll have lunch, a basket raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. The cost to attend is \$10. The menu will be tomato basil pasta, rolls, and a variety of desserts. See Jeannie Barone to purchase tickets in advance. Invite your family and friends, EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

If you picked up a mite box on LWML Sunday, filled boxes may be placed in the large mite collection box located in the narthex. These mite contributions help to fund district and national mission grants.

Ladies' Bible Study for Advent

Attention ladies! Join us for a 5-session Advent Bible study—*Our Hope Has Come*—beginning later this month. As we explore the hope Jesus brings, we'll learn to trust God's care for us as His beloved children in times of abundance and lament. More information, including the dates and times of the study, will be available soon.

All Saints' Sunday—November 7

All Saints' Day will be observed on Sunday, November 7th. We will remember those members who passed in the last year, and additional names submitted to the office by October 31st will also be listed in the bulletin. Memorial gifts given in memory of a loved one are designated for seasonal decorations for the church.

The handbells will ring for this service. Rehearsal will be in the balcony on Nov. 7 during Discovery Hour. Prior experience is not necessary, although it helps if you can read music.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. — 1 John 3:1a

Reaching Out—Food Drive for SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement)

Good Shepherd is holding a **food drive for SHIM, November 14—28.** There will be a table set up at the front of the church on which to place the donated items. As we approach the holidays and give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings we have received, let us come together in community to share our blessings with others.

Items most needed include: dried beans and lentils, pasta sauce in jars, cereal and oatmeal, soup (especially low sodium), canned proteins (tuna, chicken, salmon, beans), beverages (juice, tea, coffee), personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), diapers sizes 3-6.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! — Psalm 107:1

Preschool Notes

Thank you to all Good Shepherd members and friends who are Preschool Pals! The Preschool children have colored personalized cards for their Good Shepherd Preschool Pals. These cards are now available for distribution. Good Shepherd members and friends can check with the church office to receive your card.

Be sure to check goodshepherdpittsburgh.org for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

**** 11/7—Daylight Savings Time Ends—Move Clocks Back 1 Hour ****

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	2 <i>6p Scrapbookers</i>	3 <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	4 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	5 <i>7p Plastic Model Society</i>	6 <i>12p Four Seasons Luncheon</i>
All Saints' Day 7 <i>9a SS/Bible Class/Bells Pract.</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ Communion</i> Change Clocks	8 <i>7p Boy Scouts</i> <i>7p Council</i>	9 <i>7p Elders Mtg</i>	10 <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	11 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	12	13 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
14 <i>9a SS/Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship</i> <i>12p MP—Advance</i>	15 <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	16 <i>6p Scrapbookers</i>	17 <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	18 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	19 <i>1:30p Com-munion Service</i> Articles Due – December Newsletter	20 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
21 <i>9a SS/Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ Communion</i>	22 <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	23	24 <i>7:30p Narc Anon</i>	Thanksgiving Day 25 No Preschool—Thanksgiving Break Church Office Closed		27 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
28 <i>9a SS/Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship</i>	29 No Pre-school <i>7p Boy Scouts</i>	30 <i>5:30p Millers' Moments</i>	Worship Sermon Schedule: 11/7—Pastor Barry Keurulainen 11/14—Youth Sunday 11/21—Pastor Barry Keurulainen 11/28—Pastor Reholma McCants			

Sunday morning worship continues in-person and it is also being live streamed.

[Click here](#) Sundays to join us in worship via our YouTube Channel.
Complete the [Online Worship Fellowship Record](#) to let us know you have joined.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias to beautify the altar at Christmas may be **ordered through Sunday, November 14th**. Colors include red, white, or marble. The cost is \$12 each. Checks are made payable to: *Altar Guild, Good Shepherd*. Order forms are available in the narthex or [click here to complete your order electronically](#). Return forms and payment to the office or to an Altar Guild member by November 14.

November Birthdays

11/1—Becca Rodriguez	11/15—Donna Dunmire
11/3—Christina Meyer	11/19—Hollie Ulanowicz
11/9—Logan Frantz	11/22—Eric Hoellein
11/10—Glenn Coleman	11/22—Everly Kochanski
11/10—Ashley Winters	11/25—Mary Jane Forrest
11/12—Larry Winker	11/26—John Simpson
11/14—Anna Meyer	11/28—Ray Betler
11/14—Jordyn Moore-Gray	11/29—Alice Meyer



November Anniversaries

11/1—Art and Debbie Malenky (46)	11/24—Bob and Kari Sawchak (20)
11/13—Rick and Cindy Geis (28)	11/25—Mike and Kim Ressler (32)
11/18—Larry and Rita Winker (43)	11/30—Ed and Susan Davies (42)
11/24—Michael and Georgia Nader (26)	



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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

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