

November 6, 2016

Worship 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, Nov. 6th - Communion

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Silent Auction (Sanctuary)
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Monday, Nov. 7th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare

Tuesday, Nov. 8th - Election Day

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Team
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Team

Wednesday, Nov. 9th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 2:00 p.m. City Mission Work Day (26th & O St.)
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team
NO Men's Book Study
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. DIVE Bible Study (Room 109)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Nov. 10th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 7:30 p.m. Child Development Team

Friday, Nov. 11th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 1:00 p.m. Friendship Group (Parlor)

Sunday, Nov. 13th - Cookie Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. RIPPLE (K-5th Grade)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. WAVE (6th-12th Grade)

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:
*"Welcomes you into a place of worship
and friendship, where all generations
grow together spiritually and strive to be
more Christ-like."*



Welcome to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Celebration of Worship

Today we look at some of Jesus' more famous sayings in Matthew chapter 7. "Judge not, that you be not judged" may be the most quoted verse of the Bible by non-Christians. Usually it is quoted in a disparaging way, calling Christians out for not following Jesus and being "judgmental;" to be judgmental is a huge offence in this day. Was Jesus really saying don't discern or make judgements between good and evil? This section also contains Jesus' famous instructions to us to keep on asking, seeking and knocking on our Heavenly Father's door. Does prayer really work? Sometimes it may not feel like it. William Temple famously said, "When I pray, coincidences happen. When I stop praying, coincidences stop happening." Have you ever noticed that?

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from **Matthew 7:7-8**).....Liturgist Gary Willey

Leader: Keep on asking,

People: and it will be given to you.

Leader: Keep on seeking,

People: and you will find;

Leader: Keep on knocking,

People: and it will be opened to you.

All: "For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

*HYMNS *Good Shepherd Sings!* pg. 20 "**He Is Exalted**"
pgs. 74-75 "**When the Saints Come Marching In**"

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

(Remembrance of the saints who have gone before us this past year)

Psalm 124:8 "Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

Reading from John Donne's Meditation XVII of Devotions upon Emergent Occasions.

Naming of the Saints

Ruth Rena (June 6, 1921 - January 1, 2016)

Bob Mohlman (August 24, 1925 - July 7, 2016)

Chuck Godwin (September 29, 1931 - May 9, 2016)

Prayer

*Hymn #526 "**For All the Saints**" (verses 1-4, not optional verses)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Julie Havener

Following the Children's Message the 3-5 year old children may join Isaac Mousel at the back of the sanctuary to go for the Activity Time. Note that we have a nursery on the lower level for children 2 and under should any parents wish to take advantage of it.

OFFERING MUSIC.....Pianist April Barnes

*Hymn of Praise #592 "**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**"

ANTHEM "We Are Called" GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Gary Willey

Scripture: **Matthew 7:1-12** (Pew Bible pg. 679)

SERMON "The Master of Coincidences"

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER & GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum corda (Latin for "upwards the hearts" or "hearts lifted")

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (Latin for "holy")

Youth: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. We praise You for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed Your Son and witnessed to His resurrection. From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, You have gathered them into Your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of Your presence. How glorious is Your heavenly realm where the multitude of Your saints rejoice with Christ!

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn #507

"I Come with Joy" (verses 1-3)

Pastor: Holy are You, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people.

People: You healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By Your suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, as Your people, may be the presence of Christ in the world. As we receive the bread and the cup empower us by your Spirit to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. - Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*HYMN #382

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

*BENEDICTION

*Congregational Response *Good Shepherd Sings!* pgs. 80-81 **"Go Now in Peace"**

Note: *Those able to stand are invited to do so.



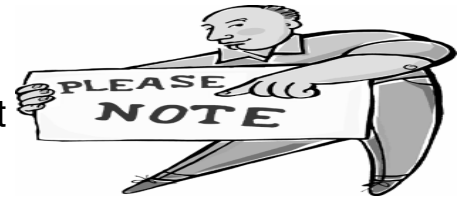
Friendship Group

- FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS -

The Friendship Group will meet Friday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Hostesses will be Verneil Shamburg and Ziz Tarr. The program will be a talk by Dale Nurnberg, who is a veteran, and was on the Honor Flight to Washington DC recently. We encourage others to join us to hear him speak. Members will be called and visitors are always welcome. And, of course, dessert will be served.

AUCTION ITEM MYSTERY

If you donated homemade cards and package tags for the auction could you please let Connie Hilligoss know. We want to give credit to the person who donated them. Thank you



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be hosting the Combined Lincoln Area Presbyterian Churches

Thanksgiving Eve Service this year on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. We will need people to volunteer to help out in any area that you are interested in. Examples would be: usher, greeter, children's message presenter, acolyte, bringing cookies or bars for after the service, set up and help serve, and clean-up.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the

sanctuary. Will appreciate all the help we can get. Thank you. ...The Worship Team

The GSPC Sunday School is supporting a family in need for the 2016/17 Sunday School year. The family we are supporting consists of a single mother, 7th, 5th, 3rd, & 1st grader plus a kindergartner. We are providing a food basket for Thanksgiving, giving them a Christmas they will remember, and providing a meal and basket for Easter.



We began taking donations for the Thanksgiving food basket

last Sunday. The donation box is near the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer making a monetary donation, it can be given to Krystle Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent.

The offering we collect each Sunday during Sunday School goes toward the family as well and any donations large or small is appreciated.

Thank you so much for supporting this outreach project! ...CE Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THE SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 27TH.



THE WORSHIP TEAM IS LOOKING FOR ADVENT READERS/CANDLE LIGHTERS AGAIN THIS YEAR

Have you ever wanted to be an Advent Reader or Candle lighter? Here is your opportunity to sign up for one of the following available Sundays in Advent: November 27th, December 4th, and December 18th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church sanctuary. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this very special event.

“Hanging of the Greens”

The Worship Team will also need volunteers to help move Christmas decorations from storage to the Northeast foyer after the worship service on Sunday, November 20th. Due to the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23rd, we will NOT decorate on Sunday, November 20th. Instead, decorating will be on Saturday, November 26th, at 9:00 AM, before the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th. **We would especially appreciate volunteers to help out Saturday AM.** Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. Once again, thanks for all who can help.



Save Sunday, December 11th, for Good Shepherd's Christmas Caroling event for our home bound members. We will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. to split into teams to go caroling, and return to the church afterwards for a soup supper. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share. Soup, sandwiches, and beverages will be provided. ...Congregational Outreach Team & The Seekers Group

Today's Worship Assistants

- Acolyte.....Serina White
- Ushers.....Youth
- Greeters.....Shirley Bradsby & Virginia Dietz
- Offering Counters.....Myles & Rose Dymacek

If you are a guest with us today, please feel free to stop by The Information Station at the back of the sanctuary to pick up your gift of a Good Shepherd mug. Thank you for joining us today for worship and we hope to see you back again soon!

Praises & Prayer Requests

. . . . For those with cancer

- * Continued prayers for **Dave Hughes** who was admitted to Bryan/East Hospital, Room 542. He is being treated with antibiotics and hydration.
- * Please pray for **Barbara Hoelsing, sister of Ivette Bender**, who has been diagnosed with cancer in her liver. She is now in Hospice care.

Continued prayers for **Luan Pitsch's daughter-in-law, Amanda**, who has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid carcinoma. Thyroid removal surgery was performed and further blood test follow-up will determine any further treatment.

Barbara Karel, granddaughter of Vera Karel, is recovering nicely after surgery on Sept. 23rd. She went back to work, but will be scheduled to start radiation treatments later this month. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for her and our family. Please continue with prayers as she goes into this next phase of recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Ronda Dix, a friend of Chris Hartley**. She was admitted to the hospital for tests where they found a mass in the side of her brain. Surgery was performed to remove the mass but it was found to be a very aggressive form of cancer. Unfortunately she has been moved to Hospice care and will live out her last days as positively and gracefully as possible. Continue prayers for her and her family

Continued prayers for **Laurie Hedgecock, friend of Sally & Stan Docter**, who is dealing with Stage IV Rectal Cancer with multiple metastases to her liver. Her last two CT scans showed that she is in remission. This is a good thing, however, she's still on chemo via infusion every 3 weeks and oral chemo 7 days on /7 days off. The oral chemo makes her very sick. Please continue your prayers heavenward for **Laurie and her family**.

Continued prayers for healing and strength as my aunt, **Phyllis Meister**, battles cancer.

...Ashley Gregory

Please continue to pray for **Cheryl Havener, sister-in-law of Julie Havener**, as she undergoes chemo therapy treatments for breast cancer. Cheryl began chemo treatments in early August and will continue them through the end of the year.

Please continue to pray for **Grace Fry, 9 year old daughter of Jeff & Mandy Fry and granddaughter of Greg & Sharon Schnasse, friends of Alice Miller**, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She was sent to Children's Hospital in Omaha and placed on medication that is making her very weak. Pray that she improves and will feel better soon.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa Rogers & Family, friends of Julie Havener**, as she battles a rare and serious cancer. Melissa has chosen not to treat growth of the cancer in her vertebrae and rib bones, but continues to treat existing tumors with a milder form of chemo. Her courage and optimism inspire everyone.

...For those with other health concerns

- * Prayers for **Ken Dermann** who was admitted to Bryan/East hospital to receive an updated heart defibrillator.
- * Prayers for **Ed Schnabel** who underwent knee replacement surgery at the Lincoln Surgical Center, Wednesday, October 26th, for a quick recovery.
- * Prayers for **Capt. Mark Gaudet**, deployed to Korea, and **his wife, Lindsay, and two young sons** while he is away. Lindsey is the niece of **Lyle & Ivette Bender**.

Continued prayers are requested for **the Andy & Chanel Smriga Family, friends of Anna Hanselmann**, for health and continued strength for their premature daughter, Quinn. Sympathy as well to the family as **Quinn's twin sister, Harper**, passed away.

Please continue to pray for **Norma Bailey** who suffered a broken hip and foot from a fall. She has been moved to the Tabitha Rehabilitation Center, 4720 Randolph St, Room 116, north entrance.

Please continue to pray for **Annette Kliewer, Julie Havener's mother and Lindsey Kliewer's grandmother**, who has been struggling with severe back pain. Please pray for relief from the pain and for physical therapy to be successful.

Continued prayers for **Jason Heusel, son of Gary and Karen**, who is continuing ongoing kidney dialysis treatments while beginning the process to undergo a kidney transplant.

Please continue to pray for Healing for **Brin Jinright**, 14 year old girl, **(Tammy Mousel's, Supervisor's Daughter) and her family**. She has an atypical case of IgAN (Kidney disorder) and the typical medical treatment is not working. She was at UNMC on Tues. 8/30 for a treatment and, unfortunately, she had an allergic reaction to it. The doctor also discovered the medicine was attacking her lungs. In the meantime Brin continues to get infusions.

...For those who mourn

Prayers for **the family of Jackie Bender Witzki, friend of Chris Hartley**, who passed away suddenly Saturday, October 15th. Especially pray for **Jackie's daughter Michelle & her family** as well.

* Indicates new prayer or updated information since last publication.



Elders (Session Board)

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| Jean Baker (2016) | Congregational Outreach |
| Jane Basoco (2016) | Worship |
| Sally Docter (2016) | Building & Grounds |
| David Hanselmann (2016) | Personnel |
| Chris Hartley (2016) | Faith in Action |
| Josiah Anderson (2017) | Building & Grounds |
| John Bailey (2017) | Christian Education |
| Gary Heusel (2017) | Worship |
| Mark Langrud (2017) | Stewardship & Budget |
| Codie Meehan (2017) | Little Lambs Child Dev. Center |
| Rhonda Obermeier (2017) | Christian Education |
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| Peg Moeller (2017) | Clerk of Session |
| Franklin Reis (2018) | Stewardship & Budget |
| Bob Pitsch (2018) | Personnel |
| Tammy Rikli (2018) | Faith in Action |
| Connie Hilligoss (2018) | Little Lambs Child Dev. Center |
| Maggie Horak (2018) | P.W. Representative |

Deacons - Deacon on Call (Nov. 6th-19th) - Tim Calkins

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| Paul Bartlett (2016) | Nominating |
| Thelma Mahlman (2016) | Funerals |
| Mary Stout (2016) | Meals |
| Alyce Rae Willey (2016) | Cards/Funerals |
| Dawn Bonness (2017) | Moderator |
| Beth Languis (2017) | Vice Moderator |
| Dorothy Megrue (2017) | Funerals |
| Marcia Moreland (2017) | Cards/Funerals |
| Bill Baker (2018) | Funerals |
| Tim Calkins (2018) | Secretary |
| Karen Heusel (2018) | New Arrivals |
| Kay Schwindt (2018) | Treasurer |

Foundation Board

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| Doug Obermeier (2016) | Moderator |
| Stan Docter (2016) | Vice Moderator |
| Becky Hartley (2017) | Secretary |
| Georgia Raecke (2017) | Member at Large |
| Betty Bartlett (2018) | Treasurer |
| Kim Moeller (2018) | Member at Large |

Staff

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| Carole Beach | Adm. Church Secretary |
| Alice Miller | Choir Director/Pianist |
| Terry Hostetler | Church Treasurer |
| Tad Hunt | Director of Student Ministries |
| Mandi Haumont | Little Lambs Director/Teacher |
| Sarah Schneider & Miatta George | Little Lambs Teachers |
| Norma Christiansen, Jessa & Tyler Newby | Little Lambs Asst. Teachers |
| Maggie Zimmerman | Little Lambs Asst. Teacher |
| Frannie Calkins | Nursery Supervisor |
| The Reverend Jeff Warrick | Pastor |
| April Barnes | Pianist (Sept.-May) |
| Luan Pitsch | Webmaster |