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LUTHERAN DISTINCTIVES

Lutherans are Christ-centered, with a Biblical Christology. Part 1.

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About three years ago I led a study in our Sunday Morning Bible Class entitled "Lutheran Distinctives." The class was intended to give an overview of some of the main Biblical teachings and practices that are distinctive of the Lutheran Church. It's not that all these teachings and practices are *unique* to the Lutheran Church; most of them are shared by at least some of the other Christian church bodies. Yet these are gracious blessings from the Lord that are important and characteristic in our Lutheran congregations.

For the next several months, then, (perhaps with a few breaks) I would like to present some highlights of that study in our newsletter articles. I pray that this little review will enhance your Christian knowledge, renew you in your commitment to authentically Scriptural Christianity, and cause you to abound in thanksgiving and praise to the gracious Lord of the church!

We begin with the most important characteristic of our church. *Lutherans are Christ-centered, with a Biblical Christology.* In contrast to groups that have a much greater human focus, such as the Roman and Arminian church bodies, with their emphases on human works and human decision; and in contrast to groups that have their primary focus on divine sovereignty, such as the Reformed church bodies, *Lutherans focus on Jesus Christ!*

Lutherans recognize Christ as the heart of Biblical revelation and the center of the Christian faith.

We understand the whole Bible is ultimately about Him. Jesus said, "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." *John 5:39* (Please read Luke 24:27; Acts 3:18 and 10:43 as well.) This is why Luther said, "Take Christ out of the Scriptures, and what else will you find in them?"

We understand from the Scriptures that Christ is the One who reveals God to us. Jesus said, "No one has seen God at any time; the only-begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father – He has made Him known." *John 1:18* Luther aptly observed from the Scriptures: "So completely does everything depend on the Son that no one can really know anything about God unless the Son, who thoroughly knows the Father's heart, reveals it to him." And again, "We are to grasp and find God only through faith in the flesh and blood of Christ."

Lutherans believe and confess that Jesus Christ is our only Savior and Life. He said, "I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father, *except by Me.*" *John 14:6* God also teaches us in the Bible that "there is no salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." *Acts 4:12* Without Jesus, we have no life and salvation, period! This is why we Lutherans are always preaching and teaching Christ.

We say it well in our Large Catechism: "Indeed, the entire Gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article (the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed). Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully." *Creed:33* (If you have a Book of Concord available, it would also be beneficial to read *Smalcald Articles II.1:5*.)

All glory be to Jesus! May the Lord ever keep the Lutheran Church and all her members truly Christ-centered!

- Pastor Bishop

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Christian Education
Sunday School

Perfect Attendance
September 2023

None

NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

Nov 01

Sheri McCann
Gabriel Page

Nov 02

Austin Lonergan

Nov 05

Sandy Ferguson
Zander Hopping
Nathaniel Thomas

Nov 07

Ethan Szadkowski

Nov 08

Daniel Leach

Nov 09

Lisa Pool
Trina Szadkowski

Nov 10

John Adkins II
Timothy Gay
Lori Maass

Nov 11

Josie Wooden

Nov 12

Carter Britton
Kayla Walsh

Nov 13

Robert Williamson III

Nov 14

Alison Morris
Madison Morris

Nov 15

Hank Nance

Nov 17

Bayley Driskell
Ross Gould
Trent Hoover
Mae Houge

Nov 18

Amanda Ferguson
Jacob Ista

Nov 19

Ray Barnes
Shaun Ivey
Trey Ivey
Reva Oliverius

Nov 20

Zane Dobbelaire
Jeffrey Ferree
Christian Tiona

Nov 21

Stefanie Wilson

Nov 22

Cheryl Ivey

Nov 23

Joyce Lonergan
Stephanie Morrison
Roran Snoble

Nov 24

Isabelle Terrell

Nov 25

Marcus Frankel

Nov 26

George Andrae
Ryan Rusk

Nov 27

Matthew Nauth
Claudia Reeder
Doris Smith

Nov 28

Jack Ferguson
Joseph Lappie

Nov 29

Megan Etter
Carol Goodin

Nov 30

Gavin Glass
Leah Sipka

NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 04

Jeffrey & Victoria Plack

Nov 9

Adam & Jessica Kammeyer

Nov 11

Lyle & Doris Smith



Nov 12

Gregory & Susan Swibold

Nov 20

Joseph & Sheryll Hillman
John & Beverly Wieland

Nov 21

Ron & Sue Reising

Nov 23

Delmar & Kathleen Deiss
John & Ann Wilson



will be
**Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m.
November 22, 2023**

We urge all members to observe the national Day of Thanksgiving as what it is intended to be, a day of public thanks to God in church. Thanksgiving service is also an excellent opportunity to bring guests to church!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Music for Missions program last Sunday. The event was very well attended, and we received \$1,384 to help support our CID campus ministry at ISU, the Wittenberg Lutheran Center.

Trustees will be decorating the outside of the church on Saturday, Nov. 25 starting at 8:00 a.m. All volunteers are welcome to come and help.

If it is in the Bible, it is SO!

PARISH NOTES



Church Attendance

Sept 2023 — **445**—12 services
Sept 2022 — **461**—12 services
Sept 2021 — **460**—12 services

Sunday School Attendance

Sept 2020: **1,214**
Sept 2013: **1,133**
Sept 2021: **1,103**

Worship

Diane Gould

Videographers

Rod Bollinger

Elders Communion Assistance

Nov 05

8:00 a.m. Randy Couch
10:30 a.m. Ross Gould

Nov 19

8:00 a.m. Tom Ivey
10:30 a.m. Ross Gould

IN NEED OF USHERS

We are in need of ushers, especially at the 10:30 service.

Ushers hand out bulletins, greet members and visitors, answer questions, collect offerings, direct communicants during communion and give directions to facilities as necessary.

If you are interested please let Vince Tennell know. Thank you.

November Ushers

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Jerry Bohannan
Randy Couch
Noah Kesselmayr
Steve Kesselmayr

Ross Gould
Jacob Gould

Acolytes

Nov 05 8:00
10:30 Elizabeth Sayles

Nov 20 8:00 Elizabeth Sayles
10:30

REMINDER

With the end of the year approaching, we will be looking for volunteers to help fill vacancies on the various committees. If you are asked, please consider helping.

Thank you.

Worship Committee will be decorating the inside of the church on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are more than welcome to come and help decorate.

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the Sunday(s) that you would like to provide flowers for the altar and **call the church office, 347-2136**, and let us know the information you would like in the bulletin.

If you would like a special arrangement for your date, please call Greenhouse Florist @ 347-5921. Cost is \$40 for 2 vases of flowers and \$10 for delivery, unless you order something special. Then we will let you know the cost.

Remember you can pick up your flowers after the 7 pm service (please leave the green liners) or Mon. to Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.



**TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2023**



**HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY
October 9, 2023**

	<u>September</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	\$19,847.00	\$263,769.37
<u>EXPENSES</u>	\$29,749.93	\$284,854.63
 <u>INCOME</u>	 \$ (9,902.93)	 \$(21,085.26)
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
 <u>General Fund Accounts</u>		
General Fund		5,352.78
General Fund Total		5,352.78
 <u>Educational Fund Accounts</u>		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		2,948.56
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/21		51,928.87
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/22		51,900.80
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		61,727.40
Educational Fund Total		168,505.63
 <u>East Bluff Property</u>		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		37,576.71
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/21		53,808.61
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/22		53,837.70
Cat Stock at FMV		100,738.04
East Bluff Property Fund		245,961.06
 <u>Memorial</u>		
Memorial Fund Checking		30,496.92
Memorial Vanguard		92,388.38
Memorial Fund Total		122,885.30
Building Fund Checking		31,702.62
Sunday School Fund Checking		12,687.54
 <u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		 <u>\$587,094.93</u>
 <u>Checking Account Balance</u>		
Checking Account Balance		83,188.42
Total		<u>83,188.42</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Payroll Liabilities		2,555.63
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund		10.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>2,565.63</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCE</u>		
Net Income (Loss)		3,834.04
Capital Accounts		580,695.26
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u>584,529.30</u>
 <u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE:</u>		 <u>\$587,094.93</u>

Mike Nauth called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

The September Parish Report was reviewed. It was noted that there was a misspelling of Eric Oller's name. A motion was made by Tom Ivey, seconded by Bob Oliverius, to approve September Parish Report with this correction. Motion carried.

The September meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ray Barnes, seconded by Julie Wagner, to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Daryl Dagit presented the September Treasurer's Report. Daryl indicated that there were quite a few expenses related to the building. Also, income was down a little for the month. Daryl noted that Rod Bollinger would be talking with the accountant about the differences between what shows as expenses on the report and what is shown on the check register. ACH payments and payroll do not display on the check register. It was suggested that they be shown somehow so that all expenses are clearly reported.

A motion was made by Nancy Drockelman, seconded by Dave Kesselmayer, to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Dave Kesselmayer reported that the Trustees were notified that the door hinges have been painted. The rooftop unit was installed last week. Gary Pool fixed the side door that faces James Field. The Trustees are still in the process of replacing some old light fixtures with more efficient lighting. The Trustees were notified that we will need to find a new cleaning crew to clean the church. The person who currently cleans the church lost her crew during Covid and it is too much for her to continue to do herself. The Trustees will be working a list of names to find a replacement. If anyone has any recommendations for a cleaning contractor, please let the Trustees know.

Board of Elders – Tom Ivey reported that the Elders are trying to assist a family that is in need of a washing machine and a stove/oven. The family has found a couple of appliances but Tom has not been able to get in touch with them yet. Daryl Dagit indicated that the Elders Fund has exceeded what was budgeted for the year. A motion was made by the Elders to authorize a \$200.00 cash expenditure for the purchase of a stove/oven and a washing machine, which is dependent on the items still being available. If approved, the Elders will determine from which fund to withdraw the expenditure. Motion was seconded by Brian Ford. Motion carried.

Board of Finance – Daryl Dagit indicated that the committee did meet and discussed the budget. Every committee received the budget tonight. The budgets should be returned by the end of the month. The budget contains only expenses and not income. Daryl indicated that we did get the CD's for the Educational Fund and the East Bluff Property Fund renewed through the Church Extension Fund. We will be getting about 1% more in interest than the prior CD's so even with the penalty for cashing them in early we are coming out ahead.

Board of Christian Education – Leslie Hauk reported that the board met on October 1st. The popcorn fundraiser at Good Shepherd Lutheran School continues through this week. Mike Nauth stated that the school did have an interview for the position of 1st grade teacher. An offer was extended to the candidate and it was accepted. Mike indicated that the new teacher will be an excellent addition to the school. Leslie noted that the youth group along with a few parents and grandparents did some yard work at a congregation member's house on September 30th. Leslie indicated that they have a full slate for the board for 2024 to propose at the next meeting. Mike also added that the 'Fund a Student' program functions like a scholarship program. The fund is low on money. If you are interested in providing funds for the program, you can contact Joel Kilgus and he can provide information on how to apply money to the fund.

Board of Worship – Julie Wagner reported that the board will meet later this week.

Board of Evangelism – Pastor Bishop thanked those members who worked the booth at the Marigold Festival this year. Pastor also indicated that we will be having Friendship Sunday on November 12th this year.

Board of Stewardship – Brian Ford reported that 3 boxes were given out to families this month. This is a decrease from 4 boxes last month. Gift cards will be given to students this Christmas so if you have a student to add to the list, please let Sandy Ferguson know. Brian is completing his term on the committee this year so there is an opening for a new member. They only meet 5 times a year.

Long Range Planning Committee – No report.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business – A reminder that elections will be coming up in December. Nominations are due next month. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving, please contact a committee chair.

New business – Bob Oliverius indicated that he had heard that Trinity is going to one service. He indicated that like our congregation, Trinity is struggling with attendance. It was asked if there might be any thought given in the future as to whether our 2 churches might see about coming together. It was indicated that this could be a very complicated process. The Elders would need to discuss this topic at a future meeting.

Mike Nauth thanked everyone who helped with the Music for Missions program. The program is available on-line if you were unable to attend.

A motion was made by Bob Oliverius, seconded by Jennifer Kesselmayr, to close the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner
Secretary

BALLOTS FOR 2023 will be issued at our November Voter's Meeting and we will vote on the ballot at the December Voter's Meeting. Here are the names of those who have terms expiring at the end of the year and the Chairman you can call if you would like to serve.

Trustees: Chairman - Dave Kesselmayr
Dave Kesselmayr (1st) Gary Pool (2nd)

Elders: Chairman - Tom Ivey
Steve Depew* Jon Bolt (1st)

Worship: Chairman - Diane Gould
Brian Fuelberth (2nd) Diane Gould (2nd)

Christian Education: Chairman - Leslie Hauk
Quest Dobbelaire (1st) Michelle Statler *

Evangelism: Chairman - Joyce Lonergan
Ron Reising (1st)

Finance: Chairman - Rod Bollinger
Eric Jensen (2nd)

Good Shepherd Board Member:
Faye Kesselmayr (2nd) *finishing another's term

An individual who has only served one term is eligible to serve a second one. If you would like to serve on one of the committees or have a question, again please call the chairman.

We would like to have a slate of officers for the December meeting.

NOVEMBER LIBRARY CORNER

By Eileen Tiona



"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, but forfeit his soul." Mark 8:36

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

St. John's Women in Faith -LWML is collecting items for Pekin Outreach Initiative. Items needed for the winter are: men's socks; men's boxer shorts (sizes M & L); men's gloves (sizes M & L); hand and feet warmers; men's deodorant and razors. They can also use "slightly used" sleeping bags. Please bring your donated items to the church no later than Saturday, November 4. There will be boxes will be in the Narthex, elevator addition and gym. Thank you in advance for all for your help with our project from the members of LWML.

All women of St. John's are invited to attend the **Ladies Guild** yearly potluck dinner and planning meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will be serving fried chicken and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass around. We will also be collecting the Samaritan purse boxes for shipment. Hope to see some new faces at the meeting.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

We have another Friendship Sunday scheduled for Nov. 12. On this day St. John's members are encouraged to bring (bring back) a friend to church. Pastor will have a sermon well suited for guests, and we will have coffee and donuts in the gym between services, with Christian literature available for adults and children. We are also planning a bratwurst dinner to be served following the 10:30 service. So please think of friends to invite, and make arrangements to bring them with you.

BRATWURST DINNER - In connection with our Friendship Sunday, Nov. 12, we will have a homemade (all pork) bratwurst dinner following the 10:30 service. This will be a potluck, with brats and buns, condiments, drinks, and table service provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Friends In Harmony is pleased to announce that our annual Christmas performances will be on December 1st at 7:00 p.m. and December 2nd at 2:00 p.m. They are still in the F.M. Peterson theater in Pekin High School. This is our 18th year of helping to get our local community into the Holiday Spirit. Tickets are only \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call **Dave Drockelman** at 309-353-7598 to reserve your tickets.

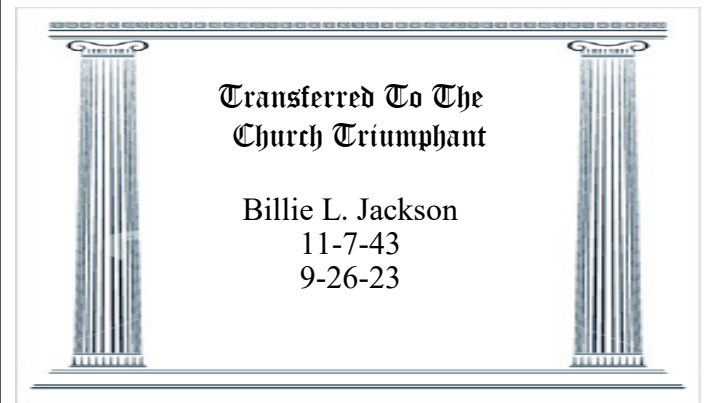


Camp CILCA - needs your help! The Act Like Men Work Day is Saturday, November 4 from 8 am to 12 pm. The campground needs to be readied for the winter and many hands are needed to get things wrapped up. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or director@cilca.org to let us know you are coming so we have enough lunch for everyone. See you there!

Camp CILCA—On December 8 & 9 join us for *Joyful Hearts Christmas*.

Camp CILCA welcomes campers of all ages with developmental disabilities for a 24 hour CHRISTMAS PARTY! Campers are partnered up with a high school or college-age volunteer who will help them have a fun and safe time doing Christmas activities like baking, decorating, singing and more!

The Evangelism Committee at Green Valley presents *Candlelight Reflections*, featuring Miss Ally Dodd (pianist/organist) on Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. John's Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. An evening to reflect on your Christian heritage and the gracious gifts our Savior has provided for all Christian churches. Refreshments will be served in the Welcome Center following the 1 hour performance. Free will donation goes to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School scholarship fund.



LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life
For 5th through 8th Grades

The theme: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." *Ephesians 2:10*

Please choose on of the following **Life Issues** and compose your essay keeping in mind the direction from God in the scripture verse above. We want to hear your beliefs about your topic expressed in a way that would be helpful and convincing for your readers.

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| Abortion | The Unborn |
| Euthanasia | Cloning |
| Stem Cell Research | Sanctity of Human Life |

For more information, see the Life Essay document on the bulletin board in the gym.

Submit all entries no later than December 15, 2023 by mailing to:
Peoria Area Lutherans for Life
c/o Bob Wegner
1179 County Road 700 N
Eureka, IL 61530

Questions? Contact LFL President, Bob Wegner @ 309-481-4886, or cbwegner@outlook.com.

LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life
For High School Students

The theme: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." *Ephesians 2:10*


Please choose on of the following **Life Issues** and compose your essay keeping in mind the direction from God in the scripture verse above. We want to hear your beliefs about your topic expressed in a way that would be helpful and convincing for your readers.

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| Abortion | InVitro Fertilization |
| Euthanasia | Cloning |
| Stem Cell Research | Sanctity of Human Life |

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Received a thank you letter from Concordia Seminar in St. Louis, Mo for our donation.

Lutherans for Life sent a thank you letter for our donation.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Thank you very much, Rev. Bishop & St. John's Lutheran!! We are very grateful for your support! God's peace. Rev. Heise

[LCMSFoundation - Learning to acknowledge God's blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts.](#)

Greg and Mike were meeting for lunch. Greg was dreading this meeting because he was used to Mike always complaining about how hard his life is. On this particular day, Greg was surprised. Mike was telling the story of how he and his wife had recently decided that they should get their estate plan in place. The process began as Mike and his wife met with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Mike was not really a money guy. He was not the guy who could quickly offer up an estimate of the total net worth of his estate. So, when the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor asked the couple to fill out a Lifetime Plan for Giving survey, which included many things, but especially an inventory of financial assets, Mike was shocked to see the actual dollar value of his estate.

Mike said to Greg, "All my life I have been comparing myself to others, always believing that everyone else is more blessed than I. I am not a billionaire, but I was actually quite overwhelmed to see the combined value of our house, our cottage, our paid-up life insurance and our retirement accounts. I usually just look at things one at a time. Combined together, I realize that I have been underestimating what God has been doing in our lives. Now I am asking the question, "I wonder what God wants us to do with all of this?" I have this feeling that it includes more than just inheritance to the kids, as they are all doing quite well."

Greg responded, "Mike this is awesome. With your newfound perspective, I think your estate planning is going to be a lot of fun. Are you thinking about leaving a gift to ministry?"

Mike responded, "I sure am. Every time I see the kids from our Lutheran School in worship, I am so glad they are learning about Jesus. I want to help provide scholarships so more kids can come in the future."

Are you recognizing God's abundance? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS or FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY:

Please let the office (347-2136) know the address of your college age members or if you have someone serving in our Armed Forces. We would like to send our college age students a gift card for Christmas plus send them our monthly newsletter and other information to keep them up to date on events at St. John's.

Thank you.

SHUT-INS for the MONTH: Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shut-ins this month.

Shut-ins for November are: Vernice Funk, Villas of Holly Brook, 2720 S. 14th St., Apt. 44, Pekin; Ray & Wilma Garber, 1111 S. 18th St., Pekin; Wilmadean Habberfield, 1257 Hawthorne, Pekin and Elaine Hapke, resides at McLean County Nursing Home, (use son's address for mail) 1092 Hershey Rd., Normal 61764-2521 .

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

In Our Prayers

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins

- Pastor Niemann
- Flo McClure
- Peggy Farlin
- Marlana Montgomery
- Julie Rilea
- Gabriella Kesselmayer
- Virginia Tackmann
- Suzanne Reising
- Joyce Barnes
- Ray Garber
- John Durdle
- Sara Morgan
- Stefanie Wilson
- Richard Kammeyer

- Sandy Morgan
- Robert Rilea
- Jeff Ferree
- Addie Burling
- Eileen Tiona
- Lois Becker
- Pat Proehl
- Kellen Norman
- Lee Morgan
- Roy Dagit
- Susan Oliverius
- Suzanne Reising
- Scott Ruschmeyer

All those who are in Ukraine & the Gaza Strip.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Nov 1 — Fall Picture Retakes and Sports Pictures

Nov 14-21 — Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 18 — Sports Pictures

Nov 19 — GSLS All School Choir sing at St. John's, Pekin at 8:00 a.m.

Nov 21 — Grandparents Day.

Nov 22-24 — No School Thanksgiving Break

GLSL Dining Out will be Tuesday, Nov 7 @ Chick Fil A in East Peoria.

YOUTH GROUP

It's time to help our senior members again. 5th grade – high school youth meet here at church Sunday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. to help some of our senior members with leaf raking or other chores. Wear clothing suitable for outdoor work, and bring a leaf rake, if you can. Pizza follows.

CAN YOU USE SOME HELP with leaf raking, window washing, or other fall chores? Our youth group will be happy to help you Sunday, November 19. Contact Pastor Bishop at the church office if you'd like assistance.

36th Annual THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pekin Township will be serving a turkey dinner to anyone who would enjoy a meal. It will be curb side pick-up from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on November 22. Menu consist of Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, rolls and pumpkin pie. Call 309-346-3194 by November 17 to reserve your meal for pickup in the Community Room parking lot on November 22. If you know of anyone who may need a meal, please tell them about the Thanksgiving Dinner.



SHARE PROGRAM - As we enter the holiday season the Share Program would like to restock the food pantry. We are in need of soup, canned pasta, applesauce and canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes, pudding cups, shelf stable meat/protein (tuna, etc.), macaroni & cheese, cereal, Gatorade (except lemon lime), protein shakes (boost or similar), paper towels, toilet tissue, dish detergent, liquid Tide. Thank you for all the donations we have received to date.

(Address Service Requested)

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 258

Matt. 12:13-28

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Kingdom of God

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CHOSEN	DAVID
DELIGHT	DRIVE
FELLOW	FULFILL
JUSTICE	HEALED
KINGDOM	JUDGES
NATIONS	HOPE
PLOTTED	ISAIAH
PROCLAIM	ITSELF
PROPHET	JESUS
QUARREL	LEADS
RESTORED	PEOPLE
SERVANT	PRINCE
STRETCH	RUINED
THOUGHTS	SOUND
WARNING	SPIRIT
VICTORY	VOICE

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

