

Good Shepherd Gazette

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER MISSIONS

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

This holiday season, The Good Shepherd is partnering with Lutheran Social Services to help families & individuals in need. Throughout the month of November we will be collecting food items such as cranberry sauce, canned green beans, mac & cheese, cornbread mix, instant mash potatoes, canned ham/spam, turkey stuffing, etc.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

BIBLE STUDY

GROWING IN FAITH

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Begin the week emerged in doctrine with a study of the Book of Concord.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 8:30am.

Take a midweek break to delve into the history of God's people in a study of Genesis. Links can be found on tgslcms.org

Wednesday Evenings on Zoom at 7pm - until Nov. 20th

MIDWEEK SERVICES

THANKSGIVING & ADVENT

The Holidays are quickly approaching! How can we keep the focus on Christ in the midst of the holiday craze?

Join us for Wednesday Evening services at 7pm, beginning with our annual Thanksgiving Service on November 27th.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Isaiah 9:2a

Midweek Advent Services will be held Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7pm. Advent suppers will be served at 6pm.

A Letter from the Undershepherd

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:1-4 ESV)

FINALLY, THE BALL IS ROLLING! WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER. WE PLAN ON ADDING MORE QUALITY CONTENT AS THE ISSUES GO ON, BUT WE WANTED TO GET THE FIRST ONE ESTABLISHED. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR INPUT ABOUT CONTENT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE, AND PERHAPS EVEN A NAME FOR IT.

AS I AM WRITING THIS, WE ARE APPROACHING THE CELEBRATION OF REFORMATION SUNDAY. IT IS A FITTING TIME FOR US TO BEGIN THIS NEWSLETTER AS WE REMEMBER THE REDISCOVERY OF THE GOSPEL, AND THE WAY THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH ON ACCOUNT OF CHRIST SPREAD ACROSS EUROPE. IT WAS A NEW DAY WITH AN OLD MESSAGE, AND THE LORD GREW HIS CHURCH BY HER CONFESSION OF THE TRUTH.

I BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO BEGIN TO THINK OF OUR BELOVED CONGREGATION AS A MISSION IN THE MIDST OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS UNUSUAL TO THINK OF A NEARLY 90-YEAR-OLD CONGREGATION AS A "MISSION CHURCH," BUT I BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE MOMENT TO ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY IN JUST THIS WAY. MANY CONGREGATIONS AND SYNODICAL-TYPES SEE THE CHURCH SHRINKING AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THEY ARE OVERWHELMED WITH FEAR. THEY OFTEN WANT TO ABANDON THEIR IDENTITY AND TRY TO BE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THEY ARE NOT. THE RATIONALE FOR THIS IS TRYING TO APPEAL TO THE MASSES BY BEING MORE "MODERN," OR "COOL." OFTEN, THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LAW AND HIS GOSPEL GET WATERED DOWN OR EVEN LOST IN THIS COMPROMISE OF IDENTITY. THIS THINKING IS IN ERROR.

IT IS TIME TO STAND FIRM IN WHO WE ARE. THERE IS NOTHING THE MATTER WITH OUR MESSAGE, AS IT IS THE HISTORIC CHRISTIAN TRUTH CLAIM. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH OUR STYLE OF WORSHIP, AS IT IS CHRIST-CENTERED, REVERENT, AND DELIVERS GOD'S LAW AND HIS LIFE-SAVING GOSPEL. WE INTEND TO IMPLEMENT NEW OUTREACH AS A MEANS TO CONNECT WITH THE WORLD AROUND US, VIA EVANGELISM, SOCIAL MEDIA, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND THE LIKE, BUT WE WILL NOT CHANGE WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE CONFESS, AND HOW WE LIVE BEFORE GOD.

AS WE REFLECT ON REFORMATION SUNDAY, LET US REMEMBER THAT THE WORLD AROUND US IS DYING. THEY ARE LITERALLY DYING TO LIVE. LET US STAND TOGETHER IN THE TRUTH OF CHRIST AND BE THE LAMPSTAND OF CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THIS COMMUNITY WE ARE CALLED TO BE.

UNDER HIS MERCY,
PASTOR KILLIAN

OCTOBE RECAP!

It has been an exciting last month here at the Good Shepherd! We celebrated the union of Trinity and Brandon Carmack, LWML Sunday, and the freedom of the Gospel with our annual Reformation Celebration!



Pastoral College Student, Johnathan Raelison, bringing us the Word of God

Reformation Celebration 2024



New Reformation Banners donated by the Good Shepherd Altar Guild and Byron Lovingly



The Good Shepherd Frisbee Club



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Set your clocks back!
3 Divine Service @10am Daylight Savings Ends	4	5	6 ZOOM BIBLE STUDY @7PM	7	8	9
10 Divine Service @10am	11	12	13 Zoom Bible Study @7pm	14	15	16
17 Last day of Holiday Food Drive	18	19	20 Zoom Bible Study @7pm	21	22	23
24 Divine Service @10am	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm	28 Thanksgiving Day!	29	30