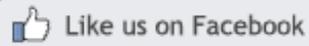




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November, 2016

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Pastor Rich Wolf
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"Spoon vs. Ladle Thinking"

Our culture consistently drives us to a life focused on serving ourselves. Jesus calls us to serve others. You could call this "spoon thinking" vs. "ladle thinking". Spoons are for serving oneself, while ladles are used to serve others. In my mind, this is what differentiates Good Shepherd from many other churches. Perhaps our greatest strength is the way that we focus on serving others in our community and around the world. We are clearly a "ladle church".



As I write this, we are in the midst of Feed My Starving Children, perhaps the most visible of our outreach activities, this year providing around 680,000 meals to hungry children. But we do so much more! The people of Good Shepherd have generous hearts that translate into busy hands reaching out to others with the love of Christ all year round.

Rob Peglar in his article this month talks about the many ways that GSLC serves others making a real difference in people's lives. As I've said many times before, this is what sets Good Shepherd apart from many of the other churches I have known. "Ladle thinking" displays deep faith and dependence on Christ and this is something I see all around at this church.

November, of course, brings with it the celebration of Thanksgiving. I, for one, would like to offer my personal thanks to God for the people of Good Shepherd who so consistently think of the needs of others before their own. God is powerfully at work in this place, and I am blessed to be a part of it.

November is also stewardship time in the church. I would encourage each of you to be generous in your support of the work we do together. We do amazing ministry here at Good Shepherd. Lives are changed for the better. Christ is proclaimed and God's work is done among us. None of this would be possible without you!

Pastor Rich



Jim Anderson
Council President

Change is in the air as we move deeper into this autumn season, not only on a national level but at GSLC as well. The Council and Call Committee were very pleased to have Pastor Josh Brecht and his wife Gail visit us earlier this month. I thank all of you for your warm hospitality and interest in meeting and interacting with them. On October 16th, the Congregation voted unanimously to offer Pastor Brecht a call as our Associate Pastor. We are grateful to our Call Committee and for our Lord's gentle guidance during this process.



As a continuing result of the input and feedback you all provided through the Church Assessment Tool survey, we are moving the WHIRL teams from planning into action. WHIRL (Worship, Healing, Involvement, Relationships, and Leadership) is a custom-tailored process designed specifically to help GSLC focus on ways we can grow and improve, while maintaining and strengthening our valuable traditions and heritage.

I urge you all to continue to support this process. Widespread participation and feedback are the most important part of growing and changing successfully together. If you have interest in any (or all) of the areas that comprise WHIRL, please reach out to Glenn Kraft at gkraft@kraftpartnersllc.com, or Bob Debolt at bdebolt92@gmail.com. We especially encourage newer members to participate, but of course, all are welcome and appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to help Good Shepherd grow to meet and exceed your needs and expectations.

By this time next year, I'm sure we will all be pleased to see substantial, positive changes as GSLC moves forward together - from WHIRL, the call process, and our desire to be a force for good in our community and our world.

Feed My Starving Children Thank You!



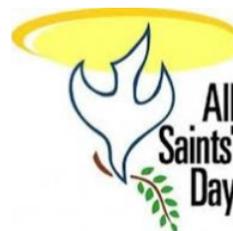
Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this year's pack event a success. 728,784 meals were prepared which equates to 3,374 boxes. There were 2,683 volunteers who participated. Most importantly, 1,997 kids will be fed one hot meal per day for a year!



Music Ministry
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All Saints' Sunday - Nov. 6th

Come celebrate with us when our
JOINT CHOIR sings during the 8 & 9:30 services on All
Saints' Day!



All singers (6th grade and up) who are interested in participating in this group should attend a rehearsal on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00pm. You don't need to be currently involved in a choir to participate in the joint choir. Please join us!

Bell Concert & Sausage Supper
Nov. 6 - 4:00 pm Sanctuary & Gym - Please sign up to attend and help out on the poster in the Narthex!

BELLS and BRATS



Continue our All Saint's Day Celebration by attending our Bells & Brats Event. We welcome the Gateway Ringers as they present a concert for us in the Sanctuary. The concert is free & open to the public.

This Gateway Ringers program is entitled "Soundtrack - Music from the Silver Screen" and features both familiar and unusual selections. Gateway Ringers put their spin on Disney favorites from "Mary Poppins," "The Little Mermaid," "Pocahontas," and "The Lion King." Elmer Bernstein's "The Magnificent Seven" is given a rhythmic and rousing treatment. Themes from "The Lord of the Rings" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" are also featured, as well as music from "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Amadeus," "Henry IV," and "The Sting."

A free will offering will be collected. Afterwards ...head down to the Lower Level Gym and enjoy a wonderful meal of bratwursts and all the yummy sides. We need volunteers for food prep, serving & cleanup. Please contact Jamie jdegeer@gslcelca.org or Jon Fatzinger jonfatzinger@att.net.



Children and Family Ministry
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Faith Milestone Celebrations -
We celebrate milestones along our faith journey. Here are a few coming up this year...

Sunday, Nov. 6, our first graders will celebrate the Small Catechism faith milestone.

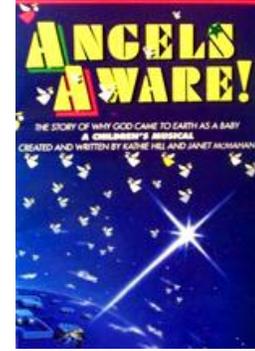
Sundays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, our 3rd graders will be celebrating the "Books of

the Bible" faith milestone. Personalized Bibles will be presented on November 20 at 11:00 AM service.

Sunday School Christmas Presentation of Angels Aware!

Sat. Dec. 17 at 5:30pm & Sun. Dec. 18 at 11am

Our Sunday School Children (ages 2 - 8th grade) are working hard to prepare for this very special retelling of the Christmas story through the eyes of the angels. Special rehearsals will be:



Sat. Dec. 3 9-11 am, speaking and solo singing parts, 11:15 - 12:30 -
full Angel Choir (Kindergarten - 8th grade)

Sat. Dec 10 9am - Noon - Angel Choir (Kindergarten - 8th grade)

Sat. Dec.17 9am - Noon - Full Group (Little Lambs - 8th grade)
Dress Rehearsal. Little Lambs - PreK arrive at 10:30

We are looking for parents to help with publicity, set design, costumes and stage take-down after the December 18th performance. Please contact Clara Anderson with any questions OR to volunteer to help @ clara.ander09@gmail.com.



Fellowship of Lutheran Youth - FLY
Pastor Amy Stewart
Director of Youth Ministry
astewart@gslcelca.org

Nov. 6 12pm C+ rehearsal and lunch, 6:30-8pm FLY night

Nov.12 9am-noon Odd Jobs Fundraiser

Nov.13 11am FLY and C+ help lead worship (please contact Pastor Amy if you can read, greet, usher, or serve Communion), 6:30-8pm - FLY Night

Nov. 20 4:15-6:30pm C+ Praise Band rehearsal
6:30-8pm FLY night/college care packaging

Nov. 27 NO FLY - Happy Thanksgiving (weekend)

Nov. 30 6:30-7:30pm C.H.A.D. speaker for parents (dealing with adolescent depression)

Youth Quake: It's not too late to sign up for Youth Quake in January! Late registration runs until Dec 10th for this awesome weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun. Registration forms are available outside of Pastor Amy's office, or you can contact her directly.

FLY Christmas cookie sales: This is one of our big fundraisers for FLY activities and mission trips. All FLY youth are asked to bring 13 dozen home-made cookies (10, each, if you have a FLY sibling), to the gym by 10am on Dec

10th. Then, from 10am-noon, we will package them to sell after all services that weekend. Start now...you can freeze them until December! Note: in order to protect our friends with allergies, cookies without nuts must be made with tools and surfaces that have not touched nuts, and must be packaged separately.

Lutherans Caring for God's Creation-A Message from Pr. Amy Stewart

"Lutherans Caring for God's Creation" (LCGC) is a new addition to the newsletter, which will give easy, practical tips and ideas for individuals or families to do to be good stewards of creation.

From *Parents Magazine* online, try the following to reduce paper usage:

1. Use every piece of paper twice. A letter with typos becomes a piece of drawing paper for the kids, comics become wrapping paper, and old magazines can be cut up and made into collages.
2. Ditch the paper trail. Is your house littered with notes about doctors' appointments and PTA meetings? Skip the memo pads and write everything on a dry-erase board – that way, the whole family stays informed.

Has your family been good caretakers of the earth in other creative ways? Share them with Pastor Amy for future LCGC columns!



Kathy Rebholz
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Good Shepherd is a great place to be!



During the month of October, our preschoolers enjoyed two field trips! The first "field trip" was to Good Shepherd's pumpkin patch. Our children made preschool memories while enjoying the patch. In addition, the teachers sure got creative with pumpkins! Can a pumpkin float? What's inside a pumpkin? What foods can you make with pumpkins? Our preschoolers know the answers. In addition, our Building Blocks parents

attended our Family Fall Festival during the school day on October 27th and 28th for a parade, pumpkin activities and pumpkin songs.

Our second "field trip" sure was a special one. Preschoolers toured the Feed My Starving Children factory. Mr. Rick, from Feed My Starving Children, taught our preschoolers about the ingredients that go into the bag of food.



Building Blocks Preschoolers worked hard placing expiration stickers on the bags used for the packing event. I

overheard children telling their parents they helped feed very hungry people in the world. The children were so proud! Building Blocks thanks Good Shepherd for these valuable teaching moments!



Rob Peglar
Co-Chair of Stewardship Ministry Team

Greetings to all! On behalf of the Stewardship Ministry team, I want to convey some thoughts to you before we hit our Commitment Sunday - which has been set for November 20th. As you read this, that's roughly one month away, and the intervening weeks will pass by very quickly. So this article will be somewhat lengthy, and chock-full of information. Please read it over, ponder, pray, and consider the message. There is so much to say, so much to think about, and so many ways to say it. For now, let me divide the message into two parts, on the subject of stewardship in general and stewardship at GSLC in particular - the practical aspect of it, and the more important (in my opinion) part of it - the spiritual aspect.

First, the practical aspects of stewardship at GSLC. I think we all know and understand the basics - we are stewards, we are to act in response to God's many gifts to us, and more importantly act as a recipient of grace - but more on that in the spiritual aspect. In the practical sense, we are the hands and feet of God. This is highlighted when we give our time and labor in the "God's Work, Our Hands" effort. We are truly stewards of God's house - our GSLC home. I believe strongly that while it is indeed God's house, intended for God's people, it is our home in the sense that we alone are the stewards of it - no one else. If you live in a house, and own it (or perhaps the bank owns it and you pay the mortgage) then you know that it is your responsibility to keep your house in order. No one else will do it for you - it's your house, period. Knowing many of you at GSLC, I bet you take pride in your house and take very good care of it. After all, when the neighbors come over, or you have guests, you naturally want it to look good and provide a comfortable, pleasing environment, one that will also impress upon your guests that you are a good housekeeper, a good steward of your abode.

So it is with GSLC. We all are the stewards; we all are the housekeepers of the house of God. This takes time, effort, and resources, in particular money and

labor, to ensure the best 'face' possible to the outside world, and to ourselves. After all, we live in the house of God. We are blessed to have this relationship with God, to have a house in which to worship, to work, to pray, to educate each other, and to be children of God in God's house. Did you know we have a roughly 50,000 square foot house? It's a wonderful blessing. If you take care of your own house, how much more the house of God?

At GSLC, we have a truly amazing (we are blessed, of that there is no doubt!) panoply of activity - God's work - going on. In a practical sense, the list of activity seems endless - but I asked our staff for a list of everything that we do. This was no simple task, and I thank Cindy Kraft for her hours of work compiling the data. In fact, if you go back and read a year's worth of GSLC newsletters - these are archived on our website - you will be astounded at what we do, what we work on, what we accomplish. It is stunning.

For example, we have 15 different groups at GSLC, just on the aspect of discipleship and Bible Study alone! I had no idea we had so many - but we do. I bet very few of you had any idea of that, either - which is the point. There are 4 groups just for sporting activity at GSLC! It is a blessing to have a gymnasium, no doubt. There are 4 groups for social interests, 3 service groups, and 13 music groups. I personally participate in several music groups. We at GSLC are truly blessed with a very active membership and a very active parish life. By the way, those groups I listed don't include our operational Ministry Teams - Worship, Stewardship, Fellowship, Service, Children & Family, Funeral Planning, Welcome, and Stephen Ministry. These ministry teams are the operational teams who provide a ton of effort and are overseen by Council - not to mention the standing Committees of Council, namely Endowment, Facilities Management and Planning, Finance, Master Planning, and Nominating. Then of course there is the Council itself, which you the members elect to oversee and govern all this wonderful effort. It is truly incredible and we are truly blessed.

I know, by this point in the letter, you're probably thinking, OK Rob, that's all great, that's wonderful, but what does it take? What kind of resources do we need to not just provide for all this great ministry going forward, but actually fulfill our Mission - to Follow Christ, Grow in Faith, and Share God's Love? I will be very honest with you - while what we do today is amazing, we cannot rest on our laurels. Make no mistake, those laurels are nice - we are arguably the leading parish in our Synod of 170-something churches in terms of our absolute contribution to benevolence. Yet, if you remember, we had to reduce our contribution significantly in 2016, relative to 2015, due to a budget deficit, and that did not sit well with many of us. For 2017, our initial goal is \$1,175,000 - and that goal, I believe, is absolutely achievable.

Since I am writing this letter on October 13th, and you will not read it until after our Congregational Meeting on the 16th, I will assume we have approved the Call for our Associate Pastor and the terms of call as well. Given that, let me put a fact in front of you that I feel is very important in our collective consideration of our planning for 2017. At GSLC, we have (as of August 2016) 472 contribution 'units', defined as whatever family group is appropriate - an individual for a single member, a couple, or a family. One would think that every unit of the 472 contributes something monetarily to GSLC - but that is not the case. There are 105 units that contribute nothing at all, and another 53 units that contribute less than \$100 annually. This is roughly one-third of the units. This means that only two-thirds of the units provides for nearly the entire operational resources of

GSLC, to make all this wonderful ministry happen.

I find this, personally, to be puzzling. During my term as President, from June 2014 to June 2016, I spoke with many of you on a regular basis. On this topic, some of you indicated that you felt contributing monetarily to GSLC was much like 'paying a bill' or 'paying a tax'. Others felt it was not 'right', as in 'this is donating to ourselves - we should donate to others, not ourselves.' While it may seem convenient to think of contributing to GSLC in that way, it is quite wrong. We're not donating to ourselves, we are giving back to God for God's work, done through us. We are enabling the work of God to happen. Here's why I feel this way - which brings me to the spiritual part of my letter.

Back in June, I traveled to London for 8 days, on business. It turns out I was there over a weekend, so on that Sunday, I looked for a worship service to attend. Naturally, the Church of England (Anglican) is the dominant body there, and the Lutheran choices were between slim and none. So I attended a service at All Souls, whose website is here <http://www.allsouls.org/> It was terrific! Reminded me a lot of GSLC, in many ways. Anyway...

At this church, the senior pastor had a striking message for his members. It happened to be the equivalent of our Commitment Sunday - and I thought this was no coincidence. The senior pastor said, of his church and why the members should contribute, "this (the church) is the platform from which the Gospel springs forth." It has been five months since I've been in London, and I remember it like yesterday. Yes, this is exactly why we all should contribute - for GSLC is the platform from which the Gospel springs forth. This is a gift from God, and we all should respond in gratitude and thanks. God is always faithful to us; we are humbled & thankful for this incredible gift.

This summer, we at GSLC delivered our very successful 'Holy Cow' survey - and 300-some-odd members responded. The data is very revealing and useful - as a Council member, I find it invaluable. What the data is saying is simple - there are a number of areas in which more effort is needed, either to further amplify already strong efforts, or begin new efforts and new ministry, in particular amongst our own members, providing more experiences in worship, healing, involvement, relationship-building and leadership. This is the WHIRL of activity.

Since you the members have spoken - loudly and clearly - it is now time to provide the resources necessary to carry it out. The changes and further strengthening you have called out are not free - either in terms of financial or time commitment, but especially in terms of financial support. I personally estimate that we need roughly a ten to fifteen percent increase in our overall contributions, and in particular from those who have not participated in such efforts in the past. We are also, again assuming a successful Call process and approval, at full staff - which we have not been for nearly three years! Since we are now at full staff, and have great data from the membership at large, it's time to act. I believe we must act boldly, according to the needs of our church, the platform from which the Gospel springs forth.

Pastor Rich has reminded us many times that we are strong, we are blessed, and we are in fact a 'unicorn' church. This is a fact - if you doubt this, just look around at other churches in the area and within the Synod. GSLC is an amazing place, with amazing people who are dedicated to our Mission. Yet, in order to

fulfill that Mission, to grow, we must all understand the importance of returning a portion of our resources to God. It is God who provides, it is God who sustains, it is God from where all our resources originate. We are the hands and feet, but we are not the Creator or the reason why we as a parish are successful and strong. We are strong because God is strong and faithful, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead to save us sinners, because the Holy Spirit was given to us to be our guide.

As Pastor Rich said recently, it is not about us - it is about God. It's not even our potato chips (to borrow a great line from a recent sermon). We may think of our resources as possessions, but 'possessions' is a verb (yes, another sermon line). I personally think this upcoming year - 2017 - is 'go' time. We know what you, the members have asked to do, together, based on the survey data, and it's time to fund that effort appropriately. We are at full staff, and it's time to recognize that and provide appropriately for our wonderful staff. It's time to restore our Synod benevolence, it's time to prayerfully consider our contribution levels, especially if we have considered same to be unworthy of any effort last year. I believe we need everyone to participate, not just two-thirds of us.

Our response to God cannot be halfway, cannot be status quo. I firmly believe God has very big plans for our church - very big indeed. I am not speaking of numbers necessarily - although some numeric growth is surely in the cards for us. I am speaking of plans that God has, which may not be fully known to us now, but with faith and discernment, will become evident. The data corroborates this - we want to grow, we want to build on our strength, we want to continue to minister to others and minister to each other, stronger than ever. This cannot happen without our returning a portion of the gifts we receive to God - all of us together, in unison. A choir does not function correctly if some of its members choose not to sing! But if all sing - if all praise God - if all contribute - the sound it makes is incredible.

In Christ,
Rob Peglar
Co-Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team

Service Team - Janie Wolfangel

The Service Team helps to organize many events. We have reached the busy time of year -

- **Habitat for Humanity** work date is Saturday, **Nov. 5th, 7:45am - 3:30pm.** Location: 1062 Duberry, St. Louis, MO 63138. Volunteers must be 16 yrs. old. Sign up with Jean Krammer jean.krammer@gmail.com or 636-236-9897. See Narthex display for more information.
- **Operation Christmas Child** will have a table set up in the Narthex the first weekend in November with shoe boxes to fill. Suggestions for filling the shoe boxes will also be on the table.
- **Thanksgiving Basket** information is on display in the Narthex.
- **Christmas Giving Tree** will be set up in the Narthex Thanksgiving weekend. We will again support families from Circle of Concern and teenagers from First Step Back Home.



- **Meal-a-Month Food Bin** will support St. Trinity Lutheran Church in South County for November. Items needed are:
 - Chili in plastic or can containers
 - Chicken and Dumplings/Beef Stew
 - Peanut Butter in plastic containers
 - Jelly in plastic containers
 - Breakfast Cereal

Monthly Benevolence Fund: Each month the Service Team has a theme which helps guide the selection of recipients for that month's Benevolence Fund disbursements. The theme for October was Elderly. The Service Team researched several agencies that provide help to families in need and chose to support VOYCE, Meals on Wheels, ELCA-Special Needs Retirement and ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. The team also approved the allocation of funds to the Lutheran Family and Children Services so they can provide gas and/or food cards to those in need for Thanksgiving.

Meals on Wheels: At the core of the Meals on Wheels service is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our seniors. For those who have trouble getting around, they take the service to them. For those who can still venture out into their community, they are served in senior centers or community facilities.

The Service Team typically meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205. Please join us!!

First Step Back Home Christmas Party - You are Invited!

Dec. 17th: 11am - 2pm - First Step Back Home, the agency in St. Charles County that assists the homeless, will host their 8th Annual Christmas Party.

Location: United Methodist Church, 725 Wall Street, Wentzville, MO 63385

The objective of the party: Bless the poor in our community with a Christmas celebration, gifts, food and activities. How can you help? We will be offering laundry baskets full of cleaning supplies for the families, or diapers which are greatly needed. See the Narthex display for the laundry basket ideas. Volunteer at the event. We need greeters, ushers or helpers at the end for clean up. We're expecting approximately 500 people total: 150 children, 200 clients, 120 client families and 150 community attendees & volunteers. Call Julie Patthoff at 314-591-2528 for more details.



Operation Christmas Child Important Weekend dates:

Nov. 5/6: Boxes can be picked up in the Narthex.

Nov. 19/20: Filled boxes must be returned to church 11/19-20! Check out the display in the Narthex for shopping ideas now. Please call Julie Patthoff 314-591-2528 w/questions.



Wings, Love & Youth Care Center-Help Needed

Nov. 18 - 9 am or 12:30 pm This is a great opportunity to help organize or hand out food @ Wings, Love & Youth Care Center. This will be their Thanksgiving Day hand-outs with turkey, etc. They could use some extra hands for either time slot.

They're located on Jefferson Ave directly across from Benton Park. The address is: 3137 South Jefferson. It is a brick house and parking is on the street. They need helpers for each shift; contact Julie Patthoff if you're interested.

Every Friday their Food Pantry is open to customers in this neighborhood. Prior to receiving the food, the participants must attend a church service that is offered at the house. It is well attended and organized by Angie Liggins, a staff member. It is well worth your time just to meet her; a true shepherd for this neighborhood.

Call or email Julie jtomato50@gmail.com or 314-591-2528.

A "Wink" from the Welcome Ministry Team by: Elliott Haugen



For the regular readers of "Wink," you probably cannot wait for this month's message because you may know what is next after welcoming and inviting. For other readers, a quick recap of recent Wink themes:

1. GSLC is a welcoming church. This wonderful sense of friendliness, love, support and caring has been a long-standing foundation and tradition that is important for each member and our visitors.
2. GSLC is striving to be better at inviting others to join us at our worship services, educational programs and service activities. Data about churches, in general, indicates that three out of four people attend a church for the first time because they were invited. Yet less than half of church members say they have invited someone in the last year. Similarly, GSLC has a growth opportunity in this area.

This month's emphasis is about "i" words - no, not the capital "I," but words and actions like involvement, inclusion and integration. GSLC is both a congregation and a community. It is where we hear, learn about and experience God's Word; and it is where we seek ways to share the meaning, love and impact of these teachings with others. As stated in 1 Peter 4:10 "Like good stewards of the

manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." So please continue to include others in your ministries, groups and activities. Working together is a great way for long-time or new members, regular attendees, or visitors to share their gifts of God's love through fellowship, spiritual growth and caring.

Note: The next two-part new member orientation/information gathering is scheduled for November 13th (noon with lunch) and 20th (9:30 am). Watch for reminders and locations in the bulletin. Those wishing to join Good Shepherd will be welcomed December 4 at the 9:30 service.

Note: A "wink" is a brief form of communications that implies a hello or friendly greeting. Watch for future Winks with thoughts and information about GSLC's church-wide welcoming ministry.

Chronologically Gifted - CG's



Peggy Shippen



Nellie Bly



Marie Curie

Speaker: Bev Schuetz

Nov. 17: 10:30 am - at Good Shepherd

Bev Schuetz will speak to us about *"Three Women: The Treacherous, The Bold, and the Brilliant."*

Annual Christmas Luncheon at Holiday Inn, Six Flags Eureka Dec 8: 11:30 am

Cost per person is \$22. Please sign-up at the CG bulletin board & put your checks in the envelope in the church office. Indicate meal choice, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Beef with Bordelaise Sauce.

Pay by Nov. 23. Call Jo Ann Sharpe or Jane Wagner with questions.



Sunday Morning Adult Education

Topical Class - 9:30 am - Room 205

November 6	John Howard as Speaker - Topic TBA
November 13	"Half Truths" - A search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. Gary Kallansrud as speaker
November 20	Wings of Hope - Learn about Wings of Hope, a global humanitarian charity headquartered in Chesterfield Valley, helping the world's poor since 1962 and offering free medical air transport service in the U.S. through its MAT program. Bernie Schmidt, Dir. HR as speaker
November 27	No Class - Thanksgiving Weekend

Bible Study - 9:30am Room 214 - Note Room Change!

Studying the Psalms. What are the lessons in life we gain from them? Join us as we discuss what God has to say and how we can put it into practice. All are welcome! Questions? please contact Steve Spoerle at fsspoerle@gmail.com

Bible Studies During the Week

Monday Night Bible Study Mondays at 7:30 pm in Room 108. (Meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of the month).

Men's Bible Breakfast - Thursday Mornings 6:15-7:15 at St. Louis Bread Co. Winchester. Join us for coffee, enlightening discussions, and great fellowship. We are presently discussing the book - "*The Deeper Journey -Reflections on Life and the Good News*" by Rev. Dr. Tom Schoenherr. A thought provoking collection of Pastor Tom's blogs that invite us to integrate contemporary issues with a Christian perspective and spiritual depth. For more info contact Shawn Geurkink at sgeurkink314@gmail.com.

CG's Bible Study Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10:00 am in Room 205.

Praying Moms Bible Study Meets each Thursday at 9:30 am in Room 107.

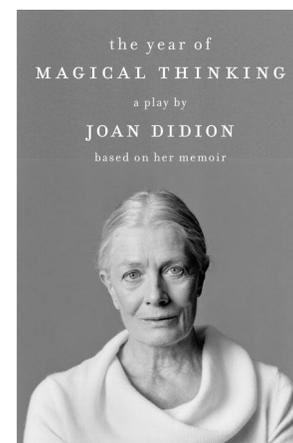
Naomi Circle Call Barb Rouse at 636.256.1933 or Joanna Brooks at 314.640.4946. The Naomi Circle meets the second Thursday of the month either at church or in homes to discuss the lesson from the Women of the ELCA Gather magazine. All are welcome!

Thursday Women's Lunch Bunch Thursdays at noon in Room 205. Bring your lunch and join us for a Beth Moore Study titled "Children of the Day," a nine-week study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. There will be daily lessons & videos. Email Joanna Brooks at joannabrooks2000@gmail.com or call 314.640.4946 to let her know that you will be joining us! All are welcome!

GSLC Book Club

Do you love to read? So do we! Please join us in the Fireside Room at church on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. At our November meeting, we will be choosing our next 6 months of books. Can't attend? Email emilyhaydenhorning@yahoo.com with suggestions or to join the email list. Upcoming meetings & books:

Nov.15- *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
Dec.20- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah



Our Neighbors, Our City

Nov. 7- Monday - Next session.The dialogue about racism continues. Speakers and topics TBA. Babysitting & light snacks provided. 6:30 - 8pm in Room 150.



Celebrations

Baptism

Luci Marie Grace Walker-Simelton
Daughter of Ruth Walker & Kenneth Simelton
Baptized October 2, 2016

Birth Announcements

Alton Bradley Hines
Son of Kendra & Andy Hines
Grandson of Brad & Carrie Wicks
Birth Date: October 10, 2016

Rebecca Lynn Keithly
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