



Shepherd's Staff

October 2019

Join us at the Fall Festival!

SAT | OCT 12 | 10-5:00 PM



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Council President

Falling Forward...

With summer behind us and crisp air and leaves surrounding us, we enjoy the change of seasons. Fall is especially delightful in St. Louis, since we have endured heat and humidity and it almost feels like we've earned fall.

Council has been developing a renewed focus for our work here at Good Shepherd for 2020 which will continue to leverage our many strengths while also working diligently on more clear focus for the next several years. The concept we have been considering for a long term plan is one that moves us from "membership" to "discipleship". As members, we join the church, attend worship and give of our time and talents. We often share that "you don't have to commit, you can participate as you wish." That is true, but that message can miss an important opportunity.

As disciples, we see our role as linked directly to our relationship to God. We live out our discipleship as members of Good Shepherd. We are joyfully committed to our faith; and live that out by making an impact where we can. One of the many great attributes of our church culture is that we are "permission giving." Even with so much going on, you can jump into or add onto programs and activities. As a disciple you desire a deeper walk with God. How can our plans for Good Shepherd facilitate that walk?

Over the next few months, we will dialogue about our future, together. Please consider your ideas for our church, your capacity to assist and how we can fall forward together in discipleship.



Pumpkin Patch is Back and We Need Your Help!

October is finally here, and with autumn comes.... pumpkins! Join us on October 4th at 4:00 pm to help unload the pumpkins in our new location. Unloading takes about 3 hours, so join us for the entire time, or drop in when you can. There are many ways to help – if you can't lift a big pumpkin, you can help with the many smaller pumpkins. The Patch really has a place for everyone.

Our Fall Festival, on Saturday, October 12th also requires lots of hands, and different talents. Face painters, spooky scientists, and talented crafters will be contributing abilities to provide a day of games and fun for kids and families. We will also host our popular Bake Sale, so Cooks and Bakers – we need you! Please share your favorite treats to make the Bake Sale a success! This year the Pumpkin Patch will support three projects:

- **West County Interfaith Alliance**
- **2020 Mission Trip to Guatemala**
- **With God's Little Ones Mission of Rudy and Dorothy Schaser**
- **Important Dates**
- **Friday, October 4 at 4:00 pm - delivery** There are jobs for all ages, so bring the family! Join us for the entire time or just an hour – whatever time you have available will help make the job quicker. Students and scouts – come earn service hours!
- **Pumpkin Patch cashier/sales trainings dates – Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm & Saturday, October 5 at 6:30 pm.** Learn open/close procedures, money handling, and pumpkin care tips.
- **Fall Festival & Bake Sale, October 12: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm** – Games, crafts, face painting, science experiments, bake sale...a day full of fun! Sign up in the Narthex to volunteer or bake a treat for the sale.

Pumpkin Patch Sign-ups

We're using [SignUp.com](https://www.signup.com) this year. Both the Good Shepherd Church Page – <http://goodshepherdlutheran.com> and the Community Page – gslcpumpkinpatch.com have links that will take you directly to Good Shepherd's sign up page; or you can

1. Click this link to go to Signup.com - <http://signup.com/go/dFqtUhc>
(Enter your email address (you will not need to register an account or keep a password))
2. Review options listed and choose the spot(s) you like
3. Sign up!
4. Thank you for your time and talents! Our volunteers are what make Pumpkin Patch so fun!

For questions, or for more information, contact Karen Kallansrud at kkallansrud@sbcglobal.net, or (636) 527-0402 or Dawn Schwab at drhschwab@gmail.com or (314) 223-2040.

A "Wink from the Welcome Ministry Team by Elliott Haugen



Welcome to Fall! This is a great time of year as we experience cooler temperatures, leaves turning color, increased local and school activities, and full speed ahead for Good Shepherd's educational, service and outreach programs.

As a youth from a farming background, I enjoyed fall because the harvest was evidence of God's bountiful blessings and months of hard work. That sounds like Good Shepherd as we prepared for the wonder and fun of our fall activities. This is a great time to resume your involvement or try something new. It is also a good time to invite your neighbors, friends, colleagues or classmates to Good Shepherd's worship, educational, music, service and fellowship activities. For example, try visiting or helping out at the pumpkin patch (October 5-31) and supporting Feed My Starving Children (October 16-20).

As mentioned, Fall can be a time of reengaging and thus individuals and families may be seeking to continue their faith journeys. So let's invite, welcome and involve these children of God in the life of Good Shepherd. Please share with them that our next two-part orientation session is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 and 24; those interested in joining will be received on Sunday, December 8.

"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

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