



Shepherd's Staff



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2023 Fall Festival Reflection

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On Saturday, October 28, we celebrated the season at our Fall Festival. This Fall Festival was unlike any we had ever held before. Over 150 people attended a crockpotluck with 20+ delicious dishes, 12 decorated tables of treats, 11 games, and dozens of costumed kids!



The weather was yucky, but inside it was dry and warm. The gym was full of fellowship, the hallways were full of trick or treating, and the sanctuary was full of popcorn and movie-watching!

Many thanks to all who shared their soul-warming recipes, festive decorations, time, and skills!

Reminder: Thanksgiving Dinner Food Drive

The display is set up in the Narthex! Join us in Good Shepherd's long-standing tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals to people who are struggling with food insecurity. We are partnering with Wings of Love and Care/Crisis Aid. This year Good Shepherd will collect all the staple items for 150 family boxes. Each box will include:

- 2 cans 14 oz. corn
- 2 cans 14 oz. green beans
- 1 can 14 oz. cranberry sauce
- 2 cans 15 oz. yams or sweet potatoes
- 2 boxes 6 oz. stuffing

2 cans (no glass) 12 oz. gravy or 2 packets of gravy mix
1 turkey baking bag
1 roasting pan

Simply pull off the tabs for the items you are willing to purchase. All items need to be back at church by November 12.

We are accepting donations for \$25 to buy a turkey for each box. You may use the envelopes at the display or donate online below.

Thanksgiving Turkey Donations

Good Shepherd will have a group go down to Wings on Thursday, November 16 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Members from Good Shepherd will help pack the boxes to be handed out on Friday, November 17. We will carpool from church leaving at 8:30am. The address of Wings of Love and Care/Crisis Aid is 3137 S. Jefferson.

You can sign up on the Thanksgiving display board. What a blessing it is to be able to work together to provide meals for families in need.



Welcome Team "Wink" Elliott Haugen

Welcome to November and the celebration of Thanksgiving! I look forward to this wonderful holiday, but it makes me think about the difference between thankfulness and gratitude. These words are often considered synonyms, but most definitions indicate that being thankful is usually linked to gifts, kindnesses, events, or actions recently experienced and for which we say “thanks”. However, gratitude is an attitude, a long-term feeling of appreciating something, even before it happens or specifically impacts us. For example, we may be thankful for Thanksgiving gatherings, food, fun and fellowship, but we are forever grateful for the family, friends, neighbors and religion in our lives. So, enjoy Thanksgiving this month and generously share thanks with each other, but let’s have gratitude throughout the year.

Similarly, as we support our shared welcome ministry, we are thankful for the seventeen new members who recently joined Good Shepherd, and are filled with gratitude for having Jesus, our church, its members and visitors, and others in our lives.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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