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That which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us - we will not hide from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of The LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done.  
Psalm 78:3-4

When you are in Church, look around. You'll probably see babies fussing or munching their cereal. You'll see teenagers slumped in their pews, trying to stay awake. You'll see parents teaching their children to follow along in the hymnal and pay attention to the sermon. You'll see the white hair of folks who have been in church for decades. You'll hear the elderly sing and pray liturgies that are the same as they grew up with, and the youth pray and sing hymns that aren't quite as catchy as what's playing on the radio (or their iPods). Young and old, all are here for one reason: to be given the forgiveness of sins that only Christ has for them.

Sadly, some congregations think that every age group in the Church should have its own, separate service. They think that children should have their own area and not be with their parents and grandparents because they won't understand what's being taught. How sad! How untrue! Christ came for us all - of any age - and there is no one who is too young or too old to hear that He is our Savior.

The Psalmist says that one generation tells the next of the praises of the LORD. The Church was here long before us, and - until our LORD's Last Day - it will be here long after we have passed away. And so each generation shares with the ones before it and the ones that come after it the Good

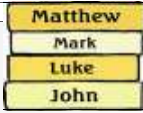
News that Christ has died for our sins and is risen from the dead for our justification.

Year after year and generation after generation, the LORD has filled His church by bringing people into it through water and the Word at the font, and then sustaining them in the Faith from His pulpit and altar by His Word, Body and Blood.

The wonderful works He has done, He has done for all people. For the old people. For the young people. For the little ones and the aged ones. For all people - for you! In His house, in each Divine Service to young and old, the LORD *serves out* His saving and sanctifying gifts. As Jesus reminds His disciples, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Truly I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of heaven **like a little child** shall in no wise enter therein." [LK 18:16ff]

Yours in His Service,  
Pastor Glenn R. A. Niemann

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home. Amen  
[TLH 123:1]



**Christian Education**  
**Sunday School**

**Perfect Attendance**  
**September 2010**

**Pre-School**

Bradley Hoover

**Kindergarten**

Brayden Hoover

**Fifth Grade**

Rachel Bresnahan

**Seventh Grade**

Lauren Bresnahan  
Garret Kesselmayr

**Eighth Grade**

Naomi Niemann  
Victoria Tilton

**High School**

Elizabeth Niemann

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Nov 01**

Sheryl Moss  
Dorothy Sidell



**Nov 02**

Austin Lonergan  
Pastor Mark Miller

**Nov 03**

Russell Dagit

**Nov 04**

Lauren Bresnahan

William Maxey

**Nov 05**

Sandra Ferguson  
Nathaniel Thomas  
Larry Turner  
Brian Williamson

**Nov 07**

Richard Becker

**Nov 08**

Courtney Miller  
Klyce Tavernier

**Nov 09**

Bruce Gettman  
Lisa Pool

**Nov 10**

John Adkins II  
Timothy Gay  
Loretta Maass

**Nov 11**

Josie Wooden

**Nov 12**

Carl Cox  
Wanda Rademaker

**Nov 13**

Betty Bennett  
Ray Pitchford  
Eula Tavernier  
Robert Williamson III

**Nov 14**

Thomas Liescheidt  
Mae Houge

**Nov 17**

Bayley Driskell  
Ross Gould  
Trent Hoover

**Nov 18**

Kathy Emery  
Justin Tassart  
Amanda Tennell

**Nov 19**

Ray Barnes  
Shaun Ivey  
Trey Ivey

**Nov 20**

Zane Dobbelaire  
Jason Dodge  
Jeffrey Ferree  
Christian Tiona

**Nov 21**

Stefanie Sisler

**Nov 22**

Cheryl Ivey

**Nov 23**

Joyce Lonergan  
Stephanie Morrison

**Nov 24**

Isabelle Terrell  
Brandi Waremburg

**Nov 25**

Marcus Frankel

**Nov 26**

George Andrae  
William King

**Nov 27**

Claudia Reeder  
Doris Smith

**Nov 28**

Joseph Lappie

**Nov 29**

Megan Whitlatch

**Nov 30**

Abigail Dagit  
Gavin Glass  
Leah Sipka



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



### Nov 04

Michael & Tracy Dansby  
Jeffrey & Victoria Plack

### Nov 05

Gerald & Bonnie Guengerich

### Nov 6

Aron & Earleen Tucker

### Nov 9

Adam & Jessica Kammeyer

### Nov 11

Lyle & Doris Smith

### Nov 12

Gregory & Susan Swibold

### Nov 18

Fred & Sharill Andrae  
John & Beverly Wieland

### Nov 19

Craig & Andrea Yergler

### Nov 20

Joseph & Sheryll Hillman

### Nov 22

Leo & Betty Bennett

### Nov 23

Delmar & Kathleen Deiss  
Brad & Colleen Gardiner  
John & Ann Wilson

### Nov 26

Steven & Mary Depew



## PARISH NOTES



### Church Attendance

Sept 2010 — **903**—12 services  
Sept 2009 — **1,074**—12 services  
Sept 2008 — **1,108**—13 services

### Sunday School Attendance

Sept 2010 to date:     **3,023**  
Sept 2009:             **3,342**  
Sept 2008:             **3,580**

### Worship Chairman

Gregg Swibold

### Videographers

Gregg Swibold  
Ray Barnes

### Elders Communion Assistance

Nov 07 8:00 a.m. Steve Kesselmayr  
10:30 a.m. Mickey Pitchford

Nov 14 8:00 a.m. Ron Garber  
10:30 a.m. Howie Proehl

### *Thanksgiving Day:*

Nov 25 7:00 p.m. Joe Schiavone

### Visitation Elders

Nov 07 Steve Kesselmayr  
Nov 14 Ross Gould  
Nov 21 Joe Schiavone  
Nov 28 Ron Garber

### Acolytes

Nov 07 8:00 Tyler Stewart  
Naomi Niemann  
10:30 Maesyn Theleritis

Nov 14 8:00 Lauren Bresnahan  
Bayley Driskell  
10:30 Gavin Glass

Nov 21 8:00 Joseph Woodruff  
Noah Dingerson  
10:30 Jacob Kelley

Nov 28 8:00 Dylan Kesselmayr  
Garret Kesselmayr  
10:30 George Andrae

### November Ushers

8:00 a.m.                                     10:30 a.m.

Gerold Bohannan	Evan Bryan
Zach Ferguson	John Fuelberth
Darrell Hansen	Ross Gould
Nicholas Kesselmayr	Jacob Gould
Steven Kesselmayr	Ray Hall
Terry Norman	Wayne Liescheidt
Vincent Tennell	Cody Watson

### Greeters

8:00 a.m.

Nov 07 Gus Knieriem  
Nov 21 Dave & Sue Woodruff

## TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2010



	<u>September</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	39,222.68	331,817.65
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	31,652.62	298,051.86
<b><u>INCOME-</u></b>	7,570.06	33,765.79
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Note Payable-		
HVAC/Roof Loan		62,250.68
Payroll Liabilities		1,035.47
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		45.00
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>		<u>63,331.15</u>
<b><u>Current Checking &amp; Link Money Market</u></b>		
General Fund		-10,365.11
Good Shepherd School		-10,628.78
Educational Grant Fund		4,286.16
Building Fund		8,107.64
Sunday School Fund		5,417.41
ACT Fund		1,700.00

September 2010 Treasurer's Report (Cont'd)

Full Nesters Fund	540.36
Memorial Fund	18,396.82
Library Fund	<u>215.62</u>
<b>Total Checking &amp; Link Money Market</b>	17,670.12
<b>CDs &amp; Common Stock</b>	
Ed. Grant Fund CD #1	91,886.23
Ed. Grant Fund CD #2	74,382.83
E. Bluff Property Fund CD	99,901.64
Cat Stock at FMV	<u>21,794.36</u>
<b>Total CDs &amp; Common Stock</b>	287,965.06
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	305,635.18
Checking Account Balance	-2,252.25
Link Account—Cash Portion Only	<u>19,922.37</u>
	17,670.12
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>	
Funds to Pay Note Payable	-133,285.40
Net Income (Loss)	33,765.79
Capital Accounts	<u>341,823.64</u>
<b><u>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</u></b>	242,304.03
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp;</b>	
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>	<u>305,635.18</u>

**NOVEMBER LIBRARY CORNER**  
*By Eileen Tiona*



“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’” Luke 11:1

We have three new books in the library that were donated by Bill & Dee Rees in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They are listed below.

◆ The Last Sin Eater by Francine Rivers. All that matters for Cadi Forbes is finding the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her days and nights...the sin that has stolen her mother's love from her and made her wish she could flee life and its terrible justice.

◆ The Redemption Of Sarah Cain by Beverly Lewis. Sarah Cain had ridiculed her sister's choice of a plain lifestyle which caused a rift between them. Now, twelve years later, Sarah is stunned by news of her sister's death and baffled by Ivy's choice of a guardian.

◆ The Postcard by Beverly Lewis. A man and a woman, worlds apart, discover a long-forgotten secret

We also have four new books purchased by the library.

◆ Maggie Rose by Sharlene MacLaren. Maggie Rose, 20-year-old middle daughter of Jacob Kane, feels compelled to leave her beloved hometown and pursue what she feels in her heart are God's plans for her life.

◆ The Red Gloves Collection by Karen Kingsbury. This exclusive edition brings together Gideon's Gift, Sarah's Song, Maggie's Miracle and Hannah's Hope. These popular novels share inspirational holiday tales.

◆ The Secret by Beverly Lewis. The loving hand of God is at work in even the most unsettling circumstances.

◆ The Missing by Beverly Lewis. A painful absence, a desperate heart...is it too late to find Lettie Byler?

Please come in and look over the large selection of books available in the library.

## ORGANIZATIONS



### FELLOWSHIP CLUB *By Veva Martin*

St. John's Fellowship Club will hold its monthly meeting at the church on

**Saturday, November 13, at 6:30 P.M.**

The program "Senior Wellness" will be presented by Jill Peterson, RN. Come join us.



### WOMEN'S GUILD *By Linda Turney*

Our next meeting will be on

**Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 P. M.**

in the church basement. We will discuss upcoming events. We hope to have a lot of members and new members, too. All women of the congregation are invited. Refreshments will be served by Velma Widby and Donna Corso.



## ORGANIZATIONS (Cont'd)

Bethlehem Society meeting will be held on

**BETHLEHEM SOCIETY** *By Addie Weyhrich*

**Tuesday, November 30th at 1:30 P. M.**

The hostess will be Nola Jean Berger. The program will be the Good Shepherd Lutheran School kids.

Also, our Fun(d) Day noon **potluck** will be held on

**Tuesday, November 16th**

Our hostess will be Nola Jean Berger.

### **HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY** October 11, 2010

President Tom Ivey called the meeting to order. Pastor Niemann opened with the devotions. Upon motion by Dave Drockelman, seconded by Ron Reising, the May, June and September Parish Reports were approved. Upon motion by Ron Garber, seconded by Martin Matthews, the minutes for the May 10, June 14 and September 13 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report for May, June, July and August were approved upon motion by Cheryl Ivey, seconded by Mel Becker. Nancy Drockelman stated they had received a donation of 140 shares of Caterpillar stock.

**Board of Trustees** – Dave Kesselmayr stated they had gone over the budget at their October meeting; discussed the salaries of the secretary and janitor; compiled a list of projects to be finished; and set a date and time to come down to the church and change light bulbs. Trustees met last Thursday evening to change the bulbs. Dave Kesselmayr made a motion to reimburse Veva Martin for the renovation of the Choir Room from the Memorial Fund; seconded by Frank Weindel; motion approved.

**Board of Elders** – Mickey Pitchford stated the board had discussed the budget for the coming year. He also made a motion that the Al Fornoff bequest of \$43,350.00 be applied to the Note Payable – HVAC/Roof Loan; seconded by Ross Gould. Motion approved.

**Board of Finance** – Nancy Drockelman stated they met September 25th and Dean Cooper had received information from the Trustees re: salaries of the secretary and janitor. They are waiting for the Elders and Board of Worship.

**Board of Christian Education** – Daryl Dagit stated they had discussed Rally Day and the picnic. They thanked Linda Cooper for six years of service and will need to find a nominee to replace her position. Brian Fuelberth's term for GSLS board is up and a replacement will be needed. A director for the Christmas program is needed; a discussion was held regarding the day and time for practices. There is still a need for a Sunday School Superintendent. A replacement for Cathy Heisel is needed. They developed the budget and approved submitting it to the Finance Committee.

**Board of Worship** – Marty Matthews said the board had a couple of members contact them stating they could not hear the services; Pastor Miller's microphone is to be repaired. A discussion regarding the old choir robes was held with a suggestion that they be given to GSLS but decided it would cost too much for alterations; another idea was to give them to a start-up church of a mission church.

**Board of Evangelism** – Pastor Kesselmayr stated that Pastor Miller said there would not be a hog roast this year due to the fact that only 3 new members were received into the congregation. There is no update on the pictorial directory. They acted on the budget.

**Board of Stewardship** – John Gillespie stated they had met on September 13. Offering envelopes will be ordered around March for 2012. They reviewed the Stewardship budget and made some adjustments. They are preparing the Annual Brochure for November to go to the Voters for approval. Their next meeting will be November 8.

**Long Range Planning** – The next meeting will be held after the Voters meeting on November 8.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** – President Ivey stated that one member from each of the following committees should be on the Nominating Committee to find volunteers for open positions: Elders, Trustees, Finance, Christian Education, Worship, Evangelism, and Stewardship (Evangelism and Stewardship only need to provide one person between them as they have fewer members). The Board of Elders will provide the Chairperson and determine when the committee will meet. He also stated they will need to find a nominee for President. Individual boards should come up with names of congregation members to serve as officers, particularly names of members who might be willing to work on their board. Mickey Pitchford stated if a Board/Committee has additional names of members, beyond what they need for their positions, they should bring them to the Nominating Committee meeting in order to be considered or other open positions.

Ken Beck presented the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bob Morrison; the motion was approved.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

**Chamber Award:** At its annual awards luncheon, the Pekin Chamber of Commerce recognized Good Shepherd for its contribution to community improvement with the move to our new location.

**Jog-a-thon:** The 30<sup>th</sup> annual jog-a-thon was again a success with 75 joggers, good food and fellowship, and around \$10,000 raised for the school's operating budget.

**Grandparents' Day:** Grandparents' Day has been moved this year to be held during National Lutheran School Week, the first full week in March.

**Sporting Clays Shoot:** Thanks to those who sponsored and participated in the sporting clay shoot. Over \$2,200 was given to PTL to provide materials and equipment for the school.

**Volleyball:** Our 7/8 Volleyball team was selected as one of the top 24 teams in the state to participate in the Lutheran State Volleyball Tournament in Springfield November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, girls!

**Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show:** The annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the school beginning at 5:00 with the talent show starting at 7:00. Join us for good food, fellowship, and an evening of entertainment all for just a free-will donation.

**Fall Musical:** The students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades present their Salute to Broadway on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 and 6:30.

**GSLs Cards:** Good Shepherd is selling GSLs Cards good for discounts at various businesses in the Pekin community. Cost is only \$10. See GSLs students or check them out at the SCRIP table.

**Save for GSLs:** We are still saving Box Tops for Education, Campbell products codes, ink cartridges, and aluminum cans.

**SCRIP:** As the holiday season approaches, don't forget to purchase SCRIP for your shopping needs.



## Pastoral Matters and Concerns

If anyone is in need of visits from your pastor, please let us know. Leave a message with the secretary and a pastor will return your call.

If someone needs to be placed on the Shut-In List because of chronic debilitation or severe or terminal illness, contact the office. A visit to shut-ins should take place every 4-6 weeks. If that is not occurring, please let us know that you are in need of a visit.

**Pekin Hospital** does not keep a census of St. John's members. They have chosen to follow the Privacy Act, resulting in their not sharing any patient information with anyone. If you are going to be hospitalized there, you must **let us know** before or during your stay if you wish to receive a visit from a pastor.

**The Peoria Hospitals**, if informed at the time of admission that you are affiliated with St. John's, will usually place your name on our list which the secretary will access every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Help your pastors to serve you better! Keep them informed as to your needs.

*"Ask and you shall receive!"*



### GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & TALENT SHOW

Friday, November 12th

In Good Shepherd's  
cafeteria/multi-purpose room  
at 3201 Court St., Pekin

Serving: 5:00—7:00 P. M.

Talent Show: 7:00 P. M.

Free Will Donation Taken  
At The Door

# Good Shepherd Lutheran School

## Preschool Christmas Program:

Monday, December 13th  
10:00 A. M.  
&  
Tuesday, December 14th  
6:30 P. M.



## The K-8th Christmas Experience:

Thursday, December 16th  
10:00 A. M.  
&  
Thursday, December 16th  
6:30 P. M.

## Bible Wordsearch

## The Sealed Scroll 2

Rev. 5:8-14

D T I M E S T G L O R Y H L R  
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AMEN	POWER
ANGELS	PRAISE
BLOOD	PRIESTS
EARTH	REIGN
ELDERS	SANG
FELL	SCROLL
GLORY	SEALS
GOD	SERVE
HEARD	SLAIN
HEAVEN	THRONE
HONOR	TIMES
KINGDOM	TRIBE
LAMB	VOICE
LIVING	WEALTH
NATION	WISDOM
PEOPLE	WORTHY
	THOUSAND
	PURCHASED
	CREATURES
	LANGUAGE
	STRENGTH
	WORSHIPED
	SINGING

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

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Psalm 64

