

The Shepherd's Staff
Monthly Newsletter of
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Swan's Trail
"A Community Celebrating God's Grace"
"Grace – Compassion – Service"
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Welcome to November!

It's going to be an exciting month as we head into the holiday season. Our fellowship teams have fun events planned and we'll have many opportunities to get connected and spend time together!

This month we move on from our discussion on spontaneity and dive into the deep end with the topic of **conflict**! While the focus *will be* on conflict, what we'll seek to do is develop skills to resolve problems constructively. In addition, we'll work to reframe the way(s) we think about conflict to name the norm of conflict. There's a tendency to think, feel, or believe that conflict is bad, or it is an aberration or a sign or symptom that things aren't going right or well... Conflict is natural and it is normal. And conflict is not bad. It's what we do with it and how we respond to it that determines its impact.

What I want to introduce is the idea that conflict is 1) a naturally occurring phenomenon that shouldn't be feared or avoided and 2) help us to see the power and potential for conflict to lead to growth and transformation!

Hang on to your hats because we're going to have some fun. We have a lot of good things in the mix, with opportunities for growth and development. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter where we'll introduce our theme for next year!!

Peace and joy,
Pastor JP

THANK YOU TO:

- Those who continue to care for our church home – inside and out
- Those who contributed to making Oktoberfest so wonderful – especially Kathy and Kristin for the music!
- Those who participated in the Confirmation of Greta and those acting as Assisting Ministers for Worship
- All who provide Fellowship Events
- All who fulfill Sunday needs – Supervisor to Open, greet and Close, Readers, Acolytes, Assisting Ministers and Fellowship!

WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS to Greta Masche upon her Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on October 26

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs:**

Tom Dillard's family and friends upon his passing

The Deierling and Siewert families on the loss of Dell and Joni's father, Dale

Jane and Jack Melynk and family on the loss of Jane's father, Jack Gleeson

Suzanne Walters and family on the loss of her mother, Helen

The Fox family on the loss of Mead's father

The Moen family on the loss of Al Moen

For health concerns:

Joy Vaughn's friend, Jeff, for healing

Chris Homme's sister, Julie, as she faces breast cancer

Jon Tollefson, undergoing cancer treatment, cousin of Cheryl McCutchan and Chad Masche

John Veale as he recovers from heart surgery

Lucas Taylor, Joy Vaughn's cousin's grandson, as he battles a form of lymphoma,

Cathy Karlsen

Lisa Robinson's Sister-in-law, Debbie, as she continues to recover from an auto accident

Richard McCutchan's sister

For all others who are in need of healing and wholeness,

For peace all around the world,

For Pastor J.P., our Congregational Leaders and for all people according to their needs.

**Into your hands, Oh, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FROM THE COUNCIL

The Council will be meeting at 10:45am on Sunday, November 16. All are welcome!

The nominating committee is seeking nominees to serve in 2026. Please consider where you might be able to use your talents to serve your congregation.

ON LINE WORSHIP

Please remember and share with your friends and family that our weekly worship service continues to be recorded and posted on our Website and Facebook. This is a way to stay connected if you are unable for various reasons to attend. Just go to www.swanstrail.org

The NW Synod website has much information that may be of interest, especially the resources page, which can be found at: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/resources>

ANDERSON BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE – Dell Deierling, Chair

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 2 where we will make decisions for our final disbursements for the year.

This year's Committee members are Tim Danner, Karen Goodnight, Ron Walther, Richard McCutchan, and Dell Deierling. Please feel free to reach out to us with any needs that you identify in the community.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP & MUSIC – Karla Kloes

We are still in the season of Pentecost.

We are having our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday November 26th at 7:00 p.m. followed by pie social.

Advent is next and begins Sunday November 30th. We will be having 3 Wednesday evening Advent services this year. This is a new adventure for us to try. There will be more information on that later.

It has been wonderful to hear the choir again. Thank you all! I wanted to give a special thank you to Mary Nelson for taking care of communion, candles and paraments while I have been traveling. I appreciate you. ~ Karla Kloes

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE – Chris Homme

Fall has officially arrived, which means HOLIDAYS are around the corner. In addition to donating to the Snohomish Food Bank and the Everett Gospel Mission, we are asking for donations for the **HOLIDAY BASKETS** for Thanksgiving. Please prayerfully consider bringing non-perishable holiday food items to the church between now and Sunday, November 23.

A list of food items needed will be on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Another option of giving is writing a check made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and make sure it is clearly marked 'holiday baskets'.

Community service volunteers will help shop for Thanksgiving groceries.

Christmas gift sponsorship for children of families in need will follow right on the heels of Thanksgiving Baskets. A list will be sent out once those needs are made known. An easel board will be placed in the Narthex for people to sign up. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP – Lisa Robinson & Cheryl McCutchan

Wow! October had many opportunities for fellowship, including movies and pumpkin carving, fellowship on tap at Craven Farms, lunch bunch get together, laser tag and pizza, plus the annual Oktoberfest with music and potluck dinner.

Thank you to the Errey's and the Masche's for helping with the after service treats last month. For November, the first three Sundays are covered, but the last two Sundays are still available. Sign up in the notebook by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Hope you can join us for these November events:

Thursday, the 13th from 12-2:00pm, the lunch bunch will get together with a "Friendsgiving" theme. Bring a friend, or meet a new one, and enjoy hot turkey sandwiches. Sign up for other accompaniments is in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, the 16th from 3-5:00pm, Fellowship on Tap will be at Five Rights Brewing Company in Marysville

Sunday, the 23rd from 3-5:00pm is the annual Advent Faire. Come enjoy crafts (courtesy of Joann Barstad), make a swag with Renee Deierling and Pat Pehling, help the Project Linus with a quilt square, and sample fresh lefsa (courtesy of Rich McCutchan).

Wednesday, the 26th, following the 7pm Thanksgiving Eve service, join in the pie social. If you are able, bring a pie to share.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION –Dean Kloes

CHRISTIAN LEARNING - Sunday School for the youth is held each Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Anderson Chapel. The Sunday School for youth will be performing a Christmas skit during church service on December 7th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The women's bible study group will meet in the Anderson Chapel on November 21st at 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - The Sunday evening 6:00 pm bible study at the Barstad's home is working through a study titled *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller

MINISTRY OF GIFTS – Donna Garland

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have been faithful in your offerings and support of Good Shepherd. Your generosity of time, talents, and offerings are very much appreciated! Thanks to your generosity we are ahead of our giving and lease budget as we enter the final months of 2025.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Contributing during our weekly service
- Mailing checks to: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5511 64th Street S.E., Snohomish, WA 98290
- Utilizing your bank's bill pay option (Check with your bank or your on-line banking website)
- Using Tithe.ly donate link on our website, <https://www.swanstrail.org>

Please prayerfully consider all your gifts to our church community (both financially and time/talents).

MINISTRY OF GOD'S HOUSE – Doug Garland

The mower deck on our riding lawn mower has rusted out and is in need of being replaced. We are currently looking for a newer used riding lawn mower to replace the existing one. If you know of anyone looking to sell or donate a used riding lawn mower to the church let Dean or me know.

An item has been suggested by a couple of members that it would be nice to replace the thermostats in the sanctuary and narthex. There are three of them that we'd like to upgrade to newer, easily programmed and intuitive to use. If you have a suggestion or a little expertise in this area, please contact me with ideas and suggestions.



Poinsettias for our Sanctuary
(Put in Offering Plate or mail to church)

I will donate _____ Poinsettia(s)

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ Enclosed is \$12 for each Poinsettia

Or

_____ I will deliver to church on or before November 30

Name _____



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Turn your clocks back one hour!
2 Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study 6pm	3 <i>4-H Meeting 6-9pm</i>	4	5	6 <i>Project Linus 10-10</i>	7 <i>Project Linus 10-10</i>	8 <i>Project Linus 10-10</i>
9 Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study 6pm	10	11	12	13 Lunch Bunch 12-2 <i>Pilchuck Camera Club 7pm</i>	14	15 <i>Busy Bee Quilters</i>
16 Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Council Meeting 10:45am Fellowship On Tap 3-5pm <i>4-H 5pm</i> Bible Study 6pm	17	18	19 <i>Project Linus 10-3</i>	20 <i>4-H Meeting 6-9pm</i>	21 Women's Bible Study 10am	22
23 Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Advent Faire 3-5pm	24 <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 9am-4pm</i>	25 <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 9am-1pm</i>	26 Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social 7pm	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 Decorate the Sanctuary 5pm
30 - Advent begins! Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study 6pm						