



# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

November 2015

## REMEMBERING TO GIVE THANKS



During a stormy night in 1860, two vessels, one a freighter and the other a passenger ship, collided on Lake Michigan. The passenger ship, the Lady Elgin, carried several hundred passengers. When the ship sank, the people jumped into the water, clinging to whatever came their way.

As the survivors struggled toward the Illinois shore, people from the land waded out into the water to extend a helping hand. One such person aiding in the rescue effort was a university student by the name of Edward Spencer, who was

an excellent swimmer. During the early morning hours and throughout the day Spencer succeeded in rescuing 17 persons from a watery grave. But so great was the strain on him that he lost his health and spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

In later years, this hero was asked what he remembered most about that tragic day. He replied, "I recall the fact that not one of the 17 rescued person thanked me for saving their lives."

Jesus Christ sacrificed His life to rescue us from sin and death. Have we thanked Him? Is our *thanksgiving* by words accompanied by *thanksgiving*? And do we live our thanks by giving ourselves in service to others? The apostle Paul tells the Philippians, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the God of peace, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (4:6-7)

May our lives be an expression of the psalmist: "O Lord my God, I will give You thanks forever." (30:12)

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

*Pastor Dan*

# STEWARDSHIP: A MATTER OF FAITH

Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians wrote, “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper” (6:2). He realizes that your income may fluctuate. You may work overtime one week and be laid off for several days the next. Your income may be seasonal or affected by other circumstances. But if you give proportionately, you can always give something to God. The amount may vary, but the percentage will remain the same. Giving, after all, is a matter of faith. We believe that God’s work is important, and we give so that it may continue. But giving is also important

for our sakes, for it is a natural and grateful response to God first giving to us.

If Christian giving is treated predominately as a “duty” prescribed by “God’s Law,” then the missing part is the motivating power of God’s love.

Yes, God is love. And God has blessed us mightily. This month, on November 15 we will once again have the opportunity to make our pledges to God on Pledge Sunday. See other resources in this newsletter as you consider making your pledge for 2016.

## DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ELDER IS?

Zones are arranged alphabetically. Following is a list of Elders and their Zones.

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Mike Dunn (253-838-5820)	Alber – Burgardt
2	Joel Wippich (253-754-1054)	Burnside – Huntsman
3		Huset – Morton
4	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Munoz – Skar
5	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Smith - Zmuda

*Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



As we get closer to the end of the year, our financial struggles continue to grow. Our overall budget deficit continues, now increasing to over \$30,000. Your continued prayers are still needed as we try to work through this crisis.

The financial team is currently working on next year’s budget. Due to the current deficit, there will be a number of cuts for the 2016 Budget. While it will be hard to accept, these cuts have become necessary so our financial problems don’t grow to an unmanageable level.



Your prayers are needed for all working on the budget process, and all leaders of the church. Thank you.

## Men's Breakfast / Bible Study

### Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 8 am

Join us for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and in-depth Bible Study. We are going through the series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." We will be discussing the chapter "Battlefield Trophy" (1 Samuel 17).



## Preschool News

[www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com)

### *Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs*



Thank you to everyone for your heartfelt prayers and generous donations to the preschool by the Thrivent Choice Dollars program or by the monthly donation envelopes provided for congregational members. All these donations help and are much appreciated.

The month of November we will be selling 2016 wall calendars for **\$10** each. The beautiful photographs used in the calendar are by members / friends / family of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The proceeds from the calendars will go towards securing portable sinks and adding counter space specifically for snack preparation as required for our national accreditation.

We continue to strive to accomplish or exceed recommendation within our means as set by the visiting NLSA team.

We thank you for your kind words, referrals, and interest in our preschool. Please keep sharing our information with those around you. As we move forward with our preschool year we ask for your continued prayer support for our students and their families, our staff, and board members.

Serving our Savior,  
*Bonnie Huset*  
Director / Teacher



## Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

- **Tuesdays:**  
**Bible Study** (9:15 am) **Quilting** (10 am)
- **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, Sept. 1
- **Seafarers Aux.** – Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Have you looked at the Fall Lutheran Woman's Quarterly? You will find the Bible Study "Sisters of the Heart" very interesting with lots of "food for thought." Look especially at page 17.

Seafarers' Christmas boxes will be packed on December 5<sup>th</sup>...all 150 of them! Would you help us with monetary donations for this? Please mark donations, "Seafarers' Christmas Boxes." Join in the FUN of packing and wrapping December 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget **HOLIDAY FAIRE** on November 21<sup>st</sup>!

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks today and every day for all your blessings. Make every day "Thanksgiving Day."

Serving the Lord  
with gladness  
*Jane Oberg*



### The Lunch Bunch

Our Senior Group – The Lunch Bunch  
will meet for a **Pot Blessing** on  
**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am.**

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Watch upcoming bulletins for more information. Please join us!





# **HOLIDAY FAIRE**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
140 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma**

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9 am – 3 pm**

**Come join us for a wonderful  
selection of craft items...**

**Just in time for Christmas  
shopping!**

- **Wide variety of craft items**
- **Children's Shopping Corner**
- **Gently Used Section**
- **Lunch, Coffee, and Pie served  
all day at a reasonable price.**

