

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

## October 2021



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## Stewardship: A Disciple's Path

Mention "stewardship" at church and you're likely to see a lot of eyes rolling and hear some deep groans - just before people bolt for the door with one hand on their wallets and check-books. That's because, in too many congregations, stewardship" has become a cheesy euphemism for "We want your money." Many Christians limit their concept of stewardship to hearing sermons on tithing and calls for church building programs. That barely scratches the surface of God's clearly expressed concept of stewardship for us.

Biblical stewardship is so much more than your wallet. It is a whole-life responsibility that is a part of being a follower, a disciple, of Jesus Christ.

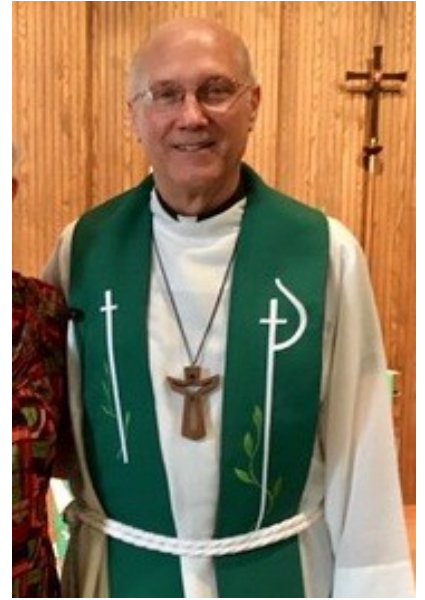
It's a shame too. As our church's traditional offering prayers express, stewardship lies at the very center of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. As I have said before, stewardship is everything we do after we say, "I believe."

Use this prayer often: a personal prayer before getting up in the morning or going to sleep at night. Cut this prayer out and tape it to your refrigerator or put it on your mirror so that every day you are reminded that your whole life belongs to God.

*"Blessed are you, O God, Maker of all things...  
We offer with joy and thanksgiving...  
What You have first given us...  
Ourselves...  
Our time...  
Our possessions...  
Signs of your gracious love...  
Use us and what we have gathered...  
In feeding the world with your love...  
Through the One who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

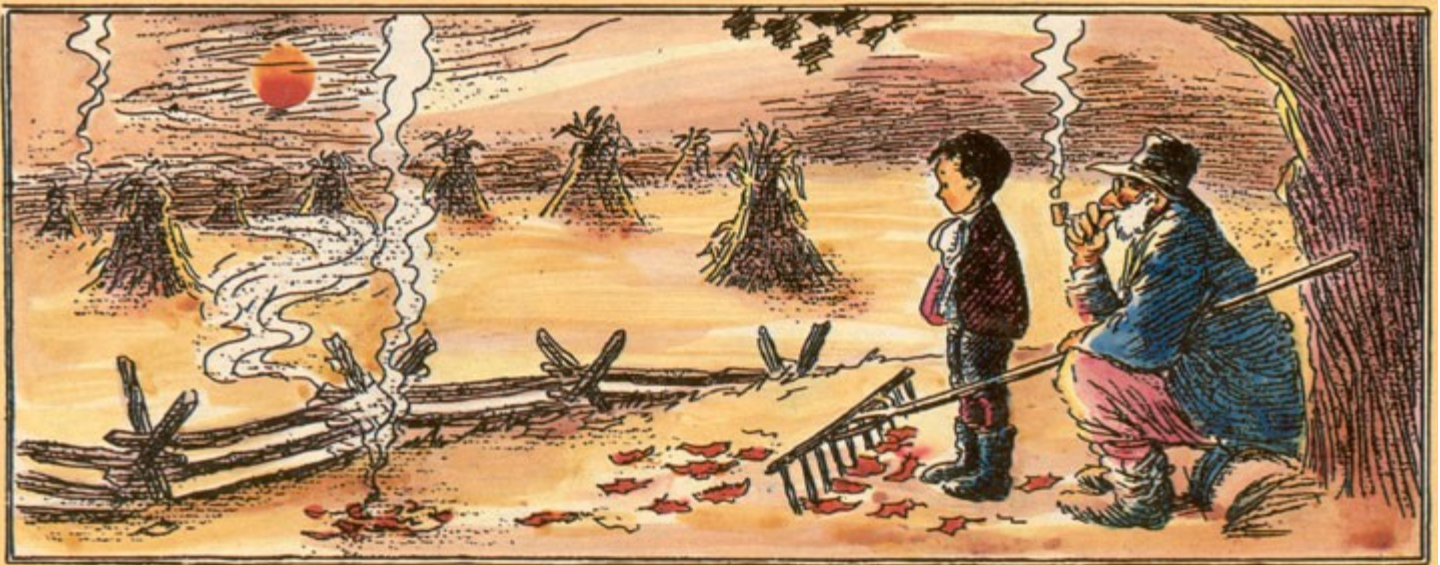
As the Finance Committee sets the budget for this coming year, we are asking you to be bold as you plan your giving to the LORD in the coming year. Now is not the time to be timid about doing ministry. Pray about your personal response and challenge yourself to grow in your giving. Remember, you are giving to the LORD. We have an exciting ministry here at LCGS. Many good things are happening.

*We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust,  
O Lord, from thee. (Hymn ELW #686)*



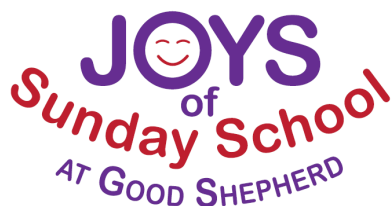
**Pastor Dave**





Yep, sonny this is sure enough Injun summer. Don't know what that is, I reckon, do you? Well, that's when all the homesick Injuns come back to play; You know, a long time ago, long afore yer granddaddy was born even, there used to be heaps of Injuns around here — thousands — millions, I reckon, far as that's concerned. Reg'lar sure 'nough Injuns — none o' yer cigar store Injuns, not much. They wuz all around here — right here where you're standin'. Don't be skeered—hain't none around here now, leastways no live ones. They been gone this many a year. They all went away and died, so they ain't no more left. But every year, 'long about now, they all come back, leastways their sperrits do. They're here now. You can see 'em off across the fields. Look real hard. See that kind o' hazy misty look out yonder? Well, them's Injuns — Injun sperrits marchin' along an' dancin' in the sunlight. That's what makes that kind o' haze that's everywhere — it's jest the sperrits of the Injuns all come back. They're all around us now. See off yonder; see them tepees? They kind o' look like corn shocks from here, but them's Injun tents, sure as you're a foot high. See 'em now? Sure, I knowed you could. Smell that smoky sort o' smell in the air? That's the campfires a-burnin' and their pipes a-goin'. Lots o' people say it's just leaves burnin', but it ain't. It's the campfires, an' th' Injuns are hoppin' 'round 'em t'beat the old Harry. You jest come out here tonight when the moon is hangin' over the hill off yonder an' the harvest fields is all swimmin' in the moonlight, an' you can see the Injuns and the tepees jest as plain as kin be. You can, eh? I knowed you would after a little while. Purty soon all the Injuns'll go marchin' away agin, back to the happy huntin' ground, but next year you'll see 'em troopin' back — th' sky jest hazy with 'em and their campfires smolderin' away jest like they are now.





Jesus said to his disciples: "Let the little children come to me: do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10:14) Children ages 4 to 12 are welcome to Sunday School to learn about God's love for everyone!

**\* MUSIC \* BIBLE STORIES \* GAMES & ACTIVITIES \* ART \***

Sunday School meets from 10:30 to 11:30 AM  
on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (see calendar)  
+ Sunday Worship Service is at 9:30 AM every Sunday +

### 2021 FALL CALENDAR

October 10:	10:30	Sunday School session
October 24:	10:30	Sunday School session
November 14:	10:30	Sunday School session
November 28:	10:30	Sunday School session
December 12:	10:30	Sunday School session
December 26:	10:30	Sunday School session

The Sunday School classroom is in the lower level. Parents are welcomed to stay in the building. Coffee available in library/lounge on main level. Comfortable parents lounge in lower level.



### Adult Education at Good Shepherd

*Join us for Adult Education at Good Shepherd! Topics vary, from Bible study to current events to church history. Guest presenters add to the variety throughout the year as well. Come join us for presentations and discussion aimed at deepening your faith and equipping you to follow your calling in the world, whatever that calling might be. We meet in Good Shepherd's Library/Lounge following the Sunday Worship service. The following sessions are scheduled:*

**Sunday, October 3:** Pastor Dave leads a discussion on the topic, "Satan, Father of Lies"

**Sunday, October 17:** Bev M. will share the video from the LSSI "True Friend" Award Celebration and host a reception.

When you come  
out of the storm you won't  
be the same person that  
walked in. That's what the  
storm is all about.

*—Haruki Murakami*



## FLU SHOT SUNDAY



On Sunday, October 3rd, we will once again offer flu shots after worship. This would be a good opportunity to introduce someone to our church and it will also offer you the opportunity to not have to make an extra trip to the doctor. Flu shots will be administered in the church office. Medicare covers the cost of the injection for those over 65. For those under 65, the cost is discounted from the price at the Walgreens locations. Children 10-18 can receive a flu shot with parental consent.



## More Precious Than Silver



Lord, You are more precious than silver.  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire  
Compares with You.

— Lynn DeShazo

Imagine being offered the world's greatest treasure, more precious than silver, more beautiful than diamonds. Imagine not having to do a thing to obtain this treasure because it had been bought by someone else. How thrilled would you be?

Actually, that has happened! God offers us the greatest treasure of all time: salvation. If you think salvation only means being guaranteed heaven and having your sins forgiven, you've barely scratched the surface of what is yours in Christ. Perhaps the greatest thrill of all is that Jesus gives us Himself.

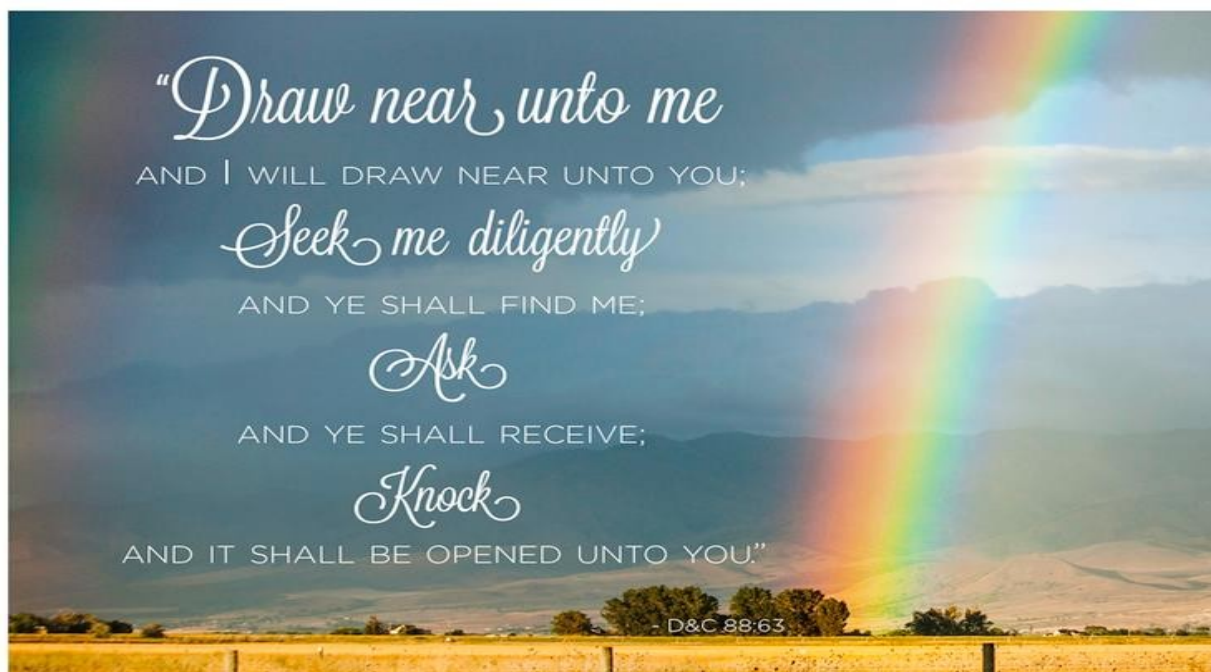
The Life-giver, Dream-maker, Soul-changer, Wrong-righter comes to live in us. Out of Him flows a river of peace, an ocean of joy, a wellspring of hope. He promises to be our shepherd, our brother, our faithful friend, and our strong deliverer. Not only will He never fail us or forsake us, but He promises to call us, heal us, anoint us, bless us, cleanse us, prepare us, and fill us. He gives us His blood for holiness, His spirit for joy, and His mind for wisdom. The One who causes angels to fall prostrate before Him promises to reign over us, dwell in us, and walk beside us.

The more you go through with Jesus, the more valuable He becomes to you. What other treasure can compare with that?

*Then the Almighty will be your God, the choicest silver for you. Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God. (Job 22:25, 26)*

**PRAYER:** Tell Jesus He is your greatest treasure. Nothing you desire can compare with what you have already been given by Him.





### Financial Report for August

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$15,857	\$ 146,915
Expenses	20,796	170,624
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>(\$ 4,939)</b>	<b>(\$ 23,709)</b>

**Thank you for your faithfulness!**



### Hunger Drives Continue!

For over a year, Good Shepherd has tried to help our neighbors in need by holding monthly Parking Lot Hunger Drives. Generous people purchased extra items to donate and brought those items to the church parking lot for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. Each time we were overwhelmed at the amount of food and paper goods that were given!

Mark your calendar for the next Hunger Drive: **Friday, October 15th from 10:00 AM to noon.** All donations are so appreciated by Wheeling Township and especially by those they serve!

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September 13, 2021

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
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Dear Nancy & Congregation:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and residents of Wheeling Township, we would like to express our gratitude for your thoughtful donation of **\$1,595 on August 26, 2021**. Your contribution will make sure that residents in need will be assisted.

The Wheeling Township Food Pantry has returned to a "Client Choice" model, which allows residents to choose their own food in a grocery store like setting. In 2020 the Food Pantry had 4,978 visits, which fed 11,746 people. Of those 2,836 were children. The Food Pantry could not have made such an impact on the fight to eliminate hunger in our community without the generous support of donors like you.

Since the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund is a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization, your donation is tax deductible, as no goods or services were exchanged for its receipt. We are grateful for your compassion and willingness to help. Thank you again for assisting us in fulfilling our mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Penner  
Supervisor

*Thank you  
for your generosity!*

*We appreciate your continued support!*

  
Julie Villarreal, MA  
Director of General Assistance

To learn how to become a volunteer or donate to help your neighbors in need, visit [wheelingtowship.com](http://wheelingtowship.com)





## Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Project) 2021

Yes, it is that time of year again! Operation Christmas Child, aka “The Shoebox Project” is coming to Good Shepherd this month! Children need hope more than ever. They need to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them in this time of fear and uncertainty. With our shoeboxes we can help bring hope, the hope found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Social Ministry Committee will kick off the project on Sunday, October 3rd at church. The final day for donations will be **Sunday, October 31st**. This year we will offer several different ways of getting involved. These are as follows:

**1. Pack your own shoebox.** We will have empty shoeboxes available for you to pick up at the table in the narthex, along with the information packet. Each shoebox will have a “surprise” item to get you started. Also available will be the “All about Me” sheet for you to fill out and enclose in your shoebox. Of course, your own letter or card always adds a personal touch! You may also pick up a shoebox/information packet at the drive-through Food Drive on Friday, October 15th. Once your shoebox is packed, attach the label, place a rubber band around the shoebox and drop it in one of the collection boxes at church or at the Food Drive on Friday, November 19th. This is the “traditional” way we have done the Shoebox Project over the years.

**2. Contribute to the Social Ministry Committee’s “Pack 25 Shoeboxes” event.** The committee has committed to packing 25 shoeboxes and we will need help filling them! We will have sign-up sheets for various items that will be needed for the boxes (similar to what we did for Christmas in July). A special table with these sheets will be set up every Sunday as well as an emailing to congregation members of the needed items. Once all of the items have been collected, members of the Social Ministry Committee will assemble the shoeboxes. This is a great way to participate if you don’t wish to build an individual shoebox.

**3. Build a Shoebox Online.** For \$25, you can build a shoebox online and bless a child without leaving home! From your computer or handheld device, you can select toys and other items for your shoebox. You can also have an OCC representative build it for you by selecting the “Build it for Me” option. You may include a letter and photo if you wish. They will pack and ship it for you! Just visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ) to pack a shoebox online and bring joy to a child! If you choose to build a shoebox online, please let a member of the Social Ministry Committee know so we can include your shoebox in our church tally!

**4. Make a Monetary Contribution.** Considering all of the remote areas the shoeboxes are shipped to, shipping costs can really add up! Consider making a monetary contribution to help with these costs. The average shipping cost is \$9 per box. There will be a box designated for monetary donations. Checks can be made out to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Please designate on the memo line “Shoebox Project.”

**5. Pray.** As we face the challenges this year is presenting, please remember to pray for God’s hand on all aspects of Operation Christmas Child. Pray that the shoebox gifts will be a way to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to those in need throughout the world.

The shoeboxes will be blessed on Sunday, November 21st, before being sent to a collection center. As always, the Social Ministry Committee is happy to help with any questions you may have. You may also contact Cathy B. Thank you and Happy Packing!

*“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Cor. 15:58*



## Humanitarian Prayers and Action

Besides the global Pandemic, there are many concerns in our world. Pray for our Armed Service personnel and refugees from Afghanistan, plus draught, wildfire, earthquake and hurricane victims. We also can pray for and provide financial support to our Lutheran organizations that are responding to their needs. Learn more at their websites:

[lirs.org](http://lirs.org) (Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services); [refugeeone.org](http://refugeeone.org) (Chicago area); [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) (Lutheran World Relief); [elca.org](http://elca.org) (ELCA World Hunger).





**The Renew, Revise, Rekindle Task Force** is encouraged with responses to two elements of our goals!

**Renew involvement** within our congregation is the first step. As our congregational president, Terry O., shared recently "We need to be intentional about reviving our involvement, pursuing interests, and reconnecting to our Lord; and to each other."

**Volunteers:** Members are responding to the Volunteer Sign-up Form and to the Property Committee's month-long clean-up projects. If you missed out on either of these opportunities, call the church office to request more information.

**Rekindle relationships in our congregation** - A future opportunity to rekindle our relationships centers on growing and learning through Small Groups. Many members have shown an interest in a variety of 20 small groups. Unfortunately, the COVID situation needs to improve before these faith-based groups can gather - hopefully later in October. Stay tuned.

**Renew/Rekindle relationships with neighbors.** The Task Force suggests church members get out to meet and listen to your neighbors. Discover ways for our congregation to serve them and meet their needs & concerns. They may be interested in helping with our programs/ministries - such as our monthly Food Drive. On the other hand, perhaps we can help them by creating a program for their needs. We can proclaim the Gospel through our love and action!



Not by coincidence, the cross is made up of two beams of wood – one vertical and one horizontal.

The vertical beam symbolizes your relationship with God while the horizontal beam represents your relationship with others. You need both to form a cross. You need both to be Christian.



Join Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) on Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. for "Traveling Route LSSI," our 40th annual True Friend Celebration - a state-wide VIRTUAL event. Proceeds will support LSSI's Children's Community Services, including our Foster Care Program.

We welcome keynote speaker **Rick Steves**, Traveling Writer and TV Personality, who will explore the idea of travel as a spiritual act that promotes empathy, solidarity, and connection.

This year the **True Friend Award** will be presented to Beverly M. and the late Richard M. The life of Dick is being honored, along with Bev, for their years of volunteerism and financial support of the mission of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Bev will host Adult Ed. Class after worship on Sunday, October 17, and share the video from the Virtual event which will be followed by a reception. Members and friends are invited.

Visit [LSSI.org/Friend](https://LSSI.org/Friend) to learn more about the event and supporting the Foster Care Program.







## Generosity Fund Update

*Social Ministry continues to be blessed by the monthly contribution of a generous member of our church of \$600 to use for worthy causes.*

*The Generosity Fund for August was sent to Refugee One. We have received the following letter thanking us:*

Dear Pastor Dave,

As Refugee One prepares for a huge increase of newly arriving refugees this fall, including Afghans who put their lives at risk by serving alongside the U.S. military, we're thankful for supporters like you helping these brave individuals rebuild their lives.

Refugees arrive to Chicago relieved to have a safe place to call home — and with dreams of a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Your generosity gives them a warm welcome and help every step of the way, through English classes, employment coaching, school support, mental health care, and more. Even as the pandemic continues to create unique challenges for refugees, your donation is helping families find safety and stability in times of uncertainty.

We're so grateful for your donation of \$600.00. Thanks again for your help in making Chicago a welcoming place where refugees can succeed.

Sincerely,

Jenn Bosma Goodwin  
Assistant Director of Development  
Refugee One

# STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



# October 2021

## *Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Communion 10:45 AM Flu Shot Sunday 10:45 AM Adult Ed.	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM TOPS 7:00 PM Abigail Circle	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Finance	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Amicus Certus / Bev Moody 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Communion 10:30 AM SCS	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM TOPS	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Bd of Ministers	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Cursillo
<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Communion 10:45 AM Adult Ed./True Friend Reception	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM TOPS	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>31</b> <div>REFORMATION SUNDAY</div> 9:30 AM Communion						



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