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Good Shepherd Evangelical

Lutheran Church

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What's Happening at Good Shepherd

October 16 and 17, 2021

Today's focus: *What seems to help in life fails in death; what seems to fail in life helps in death.* Last week we learned the hard truth that while money can help make life easier in some ways, it cannot bring true happiness and fulfillment. This week we see that as much as money lets us down in life, its ultimate failure to deliver on its promises happens in death. Those who live with hearts filled with love for money and void of love for God will receive the only eternity that money can buy: one void of God and filled with pain. Though we might be fooled into thinking money helps in life, it will certainly fail us in death. Conversely, that which seems to offer little help in life will never fail us in death. The best example of this is the gospel. Those who hear and heed the Scriptures often appear to receive little benefit in life. Living by God's Word doesn't make life easier. In fact, faithfully following Christ often means a more challenging life, one filled with crosses and self-denial. Great wealth gains you the admiration and respect of the world. Being true to Scripture is more likely to gain you scorn and ridicule. Yet those who find the help they need in God rather than in money will never be disappointed. In death they will receive a reward that dwarfs even the best things money can buy.

Good Shepherd Members

✚ Shepherding Committee would like to make sure **ALL** members who would like to receive our weekly "What's Happening at Good Shepherd" email, inclusive of the weekly service folder, are. If you are not receiving these weekly emails on Fridays, please contact Jen Reynolds in our office at office@gsdg.org.

✚ **Mask guidelines during worship.**

Due to the current CDC recommendation and state mandate, we ask that all people wear masks while indoors.

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S.H.A.P.E.D. Class

Saturday Nov 20th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, meet in fellowship hall
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-shaped1>

You are God's special creation, carefully created, and uniquely designed. Join us in a one day study to learn how God has perfectly created each one of us just as he wanted us to be. Learning how you are SHAPED can help you understand your role in the body of Christ, and leverage your strengths in all aspects of your life.

Donuts, coffee, bottled water and Panera lunch will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks/beverage. Ages 14 + welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required.



NAMI DuPage - October 16, 2021

Please join us 1pm Saturday, October 16, 2021 here at Good Shepherd for a presentation by NAMI DuPage of programs & resources they have available for everyone, along with personal stories from individuals living with mental illness. **NAMI DuPage – [National Alliance of Mental Illness] has a private/public partnership with DuPage County Health Dept.,** is presenting programs & resources available thru them, along with personal stories of living with mental illness.

You can sign up thru this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45A92CABFA7-nami>



BLAST is our Sunday morning children's ministry at Good Shepherd. All children, ages 3 years-8th grade, are welcome to join us in the school library on most Sundays from 9:15a-10:20a.

BLAST families, thank you for all your support getting our kids back to in person learning. We are so excited to have them in class. Please remember that all students need to be wearing a mask while they are in BLAST. We are still trying to make time for a brief mask break outside if

weather permits. Also, if your children are sick we appreciate that you keep them home. We will miss them, but will look forward to them joining us when they are well.

Our upcoming lessons for BLAST are:

10/10: God helps us be bold

10/17: God helps us forgive

10/24: The Holy Spirit gives us direction

10/31: Jesus changes our lives

Believe it or not, we are looking at plans for our Family Christmas Service. Below you will find a link to a Google form. Please help us plan our program by filling out the brief 4 question survey. Thank you for helping us prepare for a joyous holiday season. <https://forms.gle/6eTURB17qPDL9Kti9>

If you have any questions about our program you can reach out to us at BLAST@gsdg.org

Stamps for the Wounded

Many Wounded veterans find great enjoyment in stamp collecting. Thanks to the Lions' Club and many devoted volunteers, this postage stamp program gives these hospital or wheelchair-bound veterans something to do, and something to look forward to. Trading duplicates also connects them with other collectors.

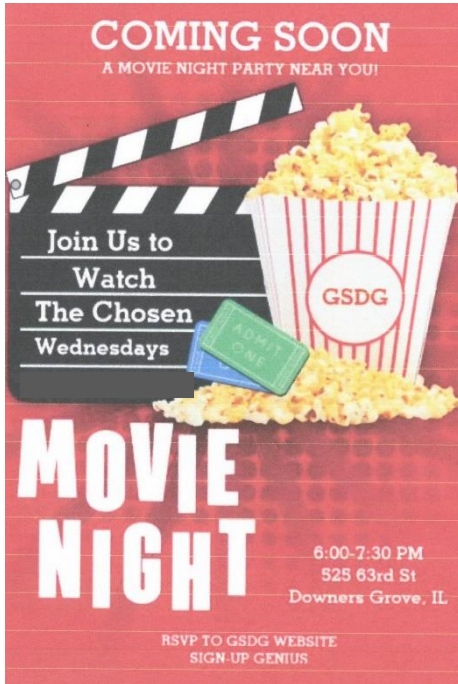
Recycle the stamps for your own mail to "brighten someone's day!" Leave about ½ inch border or envelope around the perforations of the stamp. Do not remove the stamp from the envelope it is glued to. The veterans prefer to do that themselves, its part of their fun.



LWMS UPDATE

Attached is the Central Africa Medical Mission (C.A.M.M.) Monthly Letter. There is information about our African missions in Malawi & Zambia.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed pill bottles for this mission!!



The Chosen Movie Nights
Please Join us for
MOVIE NIGHTS
Featuring
The CHOSEN, a Series about Christ
Wednesday Nights
6:00 – 7:30 pm
A New Episode weekly

Sign up with the below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-thechosen1>

Ministry Counsel Positions up for election this November

These Positions are available to any confirmed male voting member age 18 or older.

- President
- Mission Resources
- Worship
- Spiritual Growth
- Group Life
- (2 of 5) School Committee Members

Meditations

New Meditations have arrived and are available for pickup in the Narthex



Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy

News and Notes

Oct 13, 2021

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord Always!!

Please note Calendar dates/updates

Oct 16, 2021 Cross Country Meet - Bolingbrook

Oct 17th 10:30am 1st - 4th Grade sing in Church

Oct 17th Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat 12:00 - 3:00 Pre-K - 4th Grade

Oct 26th Picture Retake day **Early Dismissal** on Oct 27, 2021 - 11:30am dismissal (Aftercare available)

No School on October 28-29. The teachers will be attending a conference in Wisconsin.

Nov 1-4 Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 4 Forensics Preview Grades 5-8

Nov 6 Forensics at Illinois Lutheran High School in Crete

Our theme this year is "Rejoice in the Lord always" from Philippians 4:4.

We can rejoice in the many ways God has blessed us.

We can rejoice that God made each of us unique in our talents, abilities, interests, and appearance.

The GSLA students and staff will strive to use their words and actions to show their love for God.

We know there will be times when we fail to use our words and actions in a God-pleasing way.

We also know that we have a loving God who sent his Son to be our Savior from sin.

We are forgiven! Rejoice!

Thank you note

Thank you for recognizing my 30 years of service at Good Shepherd. It truly has been a privilege and a blessing to teach Jesus' little lambs the message of salvation, as well as, all the other school subjects. It is a wonderful blessing to work with great teachers and awesome families. Thank you for your continued support of Christian education at Good Shepherd.

May God bless you all!

Barb Koch

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Halloween Costumes

The students may wear Halloween costumes on 10/27. Please follow dress code guidelines.

Early Dismissal

Early dismissal on **10/27 at 11:30am**. If you are using after care that day, please pack a lunch for your child.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **Nov 1-4** after school. They will be held in person or on Zoom, your choice.

Links below by Grade:

Preschool <https://signup.com/go/YrSoskE>

Kindergarten <https://signup.com/go/TCCLHsk>

1st/2nd Grade <https://signup.com/go/SfuvCvU>

3rd/4th Grade <https://signup.com/go/tWqzWXm>

5th/6th Grade <https://signup.com/go/CtStAxH>

7th/8th Grade <https://signup.com/go/mnvZOVb>

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch options from Buona Beef are available for all students every Friday when school is in session. Weekly menu selections are limited to entrees only, so please pack a drink or any sides from home that your child may want to eat with their hot lunch. Orders must be placed no later than the Monday prior to each hot lunch date. You are welcome to order multiple weeks at a time. Directions for setting up an account and placing orders are [linked here](#). If you ordered hot lunch in the past, your previous account is still active. If you are creating a new account use code **GSL**. Contact Cathy Jaeger with any questions: dewey020@gmail.com

School Fundraiser - last full week

Raise some dough for GSLA by participating in a Home Run Inn pizza fundraiser. Choose from a variety of fresh take-n-bake pizzas, salads and desserts using GLSA's [online fundraising website](#). Order anytime now through October 20th, and select from one of three pickup dates at the Darien location. Home Run Inn will donate 30% of proceeds to GSLA. If you'd like your pizza cooked prior to pickup please indicate this in the order Message box and include the exact time you're picking it up to ensure it's hot and ready to go. Feel free to share the [website link](#) or fundraiser [flyer](#) with friends and family!

Order Deadline: 10/20

Pickup: 10/25, 10/26 or 10/27

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cross Country Team

The Cross Country team did well at their meet in Marengo. Brynn Bartkus, a 4th grader, took 2nd place in her age group and 3rd overall for the girls. Many of the runners PR'd. Congratulations Rams!

Sports Schedule

GSLA will be hosting a CC meet on October 16th at the Annerino Center grounds in Bolingbrook. Races are at 9:30am and 10:00am. Come cheer the Rams on!

School Picture Retake Day Oct 26th

October 26th is School picture retake day. If your child is in need of retakes or if your child was not here for our initial picture day, please plan to have them here on the 26th for retake day. Even if you are not ordering pictures this will give them the opportunity to be in their class picture and the yearbook. If you would like to order pictures the link and code are as follows: www.INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER code to place orders is **60567NB**.

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8th Grade Families - in Downers Grove District 99

D99: Private School Registration and Testing Info

Dear Prospective District 99 Families, As residents of Community High School District 99 whose students currently attend private junior high or middle schools, you are receiving this important email regarding enrollment at North or South High School.

Please follow these steps if you are planning for your student to attend a District 99 school.

1. Based upon your address, please complete either the [DGN Enrollment Form](#) or the [DGS Enrollment Form](#) before October 18, 2021. If you are unsure which campus your student will attend, please enter your address in the search bar above the map on [this webpage](#).
2. After completing step one, please fill out [this form](#) to reserve a space for your student at one of our placement testing sessions.

If you have any questions about placement testing, please contact me at gziccardi@csd99.org or (630) 795-7111.

Sincerely, Gina Ziccardi (630) 795-7111

(If you are not in this District please contact the school you plan to send your student to next year - it's time to start thinking about High School.)

Forensics:

Grades 5-8 continue to work with coaches. On **November 4th at 6pm**, there will be a Forensics Preview Night at GSLA. On **November 6th**, students will travel to **ILHS in Crete, IL** for the forensics competition. Mark your calendars. This is a great opportunity for students to work on their public speaking skills. Encourage your child to practice at home!

ID's for 5th - 8th Graders

Students in the grades 5th - 8th are receiving ID's at no cost from Inter-State Studios, ID's are not replaceable but can be very useful for discounts in many places such as Movies, Trains, Museums, etc. look for places that advertise student discounts. Please also advise your student on the responsibility that goes along with something like this, it does have their name, school and grade on it. (Side note there was a mistake made with the 7th/8th grade Teacher name but for ID's that we are not being charged for we are not going to ask for reprint.)



October: Usher Schedule

26 E Guldberg 8:00 am J Abegg 10:30 am	27	28	29	30	1	2 A Rush 5:30 pm
3 E Boron 8:00 am D Graefnitz 10:30 am	4	5	6	7	8	9 S Danekas 5:30 pm
10 D Schindler 8:00 am B Merchantz 10:30 am	11	12	13	14	15	16 J Abegg 5:30 pm
17 G Henriksen 8:00 am T Oard 10:30 am	18	19	20	21	22	23 B Reichert 5:30 pm
24 E Schindler 8:00 am J Roland 10:30 am	25	26	27	28	29	30 P Kippes 5:30 pm
31 S Danekas 8:00 am J Oard 10:30 am	1	2	3	4	5	6 J Roland 5:30 pm



October: Communion Setup - Cleanup

26	27	28	29	30	1	2 E Zank
3 I Wegner	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 A Boron
17 S Mecklenburg	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 K Paradis



October: Watering Crew

26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Karen	5	6	7 Debi	8	9
10 Sherrie & Jay	11	12	13 Laurie B	14	15	16 Debi
17	18	19 Debbie O	20	21	22 Sherrie & Jay	23
24	25 Laurie B	26	27	28 Debi	29	30

CALENDAR

GSLA Fundraiser – Home Run Inn – Take ‘n Bake through Oct 20th

<https://hrifundraising.raisely.com/gsla-1021>

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	BLAST / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service 1 st – 4 th Grade sing in Church
	12:00 – 3:00 pm	Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat
	12:00 pm	OWLS meeting – Fellowship Hall
MONDAY 10/18		
TUESDAY 10/19	8:10 am	GSLA Chapel
WEDNESDAY 10/20	12:00 pm	Band Lessons (Church)
	3:00 pm	Curriculum Meeting Band Rehearsal (Church)
	6:00 pm	Chosen Movie Nights
THURSDAY 10/21		
FRIDAY 10/22		GSLA End of 1 st Quarter
SATURDAY 10/23	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 10/24	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Organist/Organist: Jan Henriksen
Cantors (Saturday): Debi Vose and Kristina John
AV Team: Bob Reichert, Joe Garetto, Kristen Reynolds & Greg Busse

Contact Information

Pastor Jon Bergemann

Office: 630.852.1519

Email: pastor.bergemann@gsdg.org

Church Secretary Jennifer Reynolds

Church office: 630.852.1519

School office: 630.852.5081

Cell phone: 630.399.3648

Office Email: office@gsdg.org

Worship Attendance in God's House

Saturday (5:30) – 60

Sunday (8:00) – 34

Sunday (10:30) – 28

Weekend Total – 122

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 13	09/26/2021	\$16,670.40	\$120,795.35	\$132,500.00	91.2 %

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

I Timothy 6: 6 – 8 – Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that.



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Last Day to Order

October 20, 2021

Pick Up Date

October 25, 26 & 27, 2021

Pick Up Location

Home Run Inn - Darien
7521 Lemont Rd. Darien, IL 60561

To learn more about your fundraiser and to place pre-orders visit:
bit.ly/GSLA-1021



Or scan the QR code

What is a Take N' Bake Pizza?

They are pizzas made fresh at our restaurants daily, ready to be cooked in your home oven! Home Run Inn brings delicious, all-natural ingredients to your table. Cook the pizza now or refrigerate and save for later!

Pizza must be cooked or frozen within 24-48 hours of pickup.

30% PROFIT EXAMPLE

Average Order = \$25
Guest Participation = 100 orders
Organization Profits = \$750



*All pizzas must be pre-ordered through the link to receive a 30% donation to your organization

Steps to Place Your Order



Visit your link.
Browse the Menu



Pre-order your fresh
Take N' Bake Pizza



Select your Pick Up Date



30% of your pre-tax
purchase will go back to
your organization



Pick up your fresh Take N' Bake pizzas from the restaurant or off-site location on your designated day. Enjoy!



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A MOVIE NIGHT PARTY NEAR YOU!



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6:00-7:30 PM
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Downers Grove, IL

RSVP TO GSDG WEBSITE
SIGN-UP GENIUS

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-thechosen1>