

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Amanda Warden
4 Aaron Ruppel
4 Ronald Warden
5 Frances Boudreaux
6 Bradford Lanthier
9 Gary Deleon
9 Charles Hayes
12 William Hall
14 Mike Swink
18 Dorraine Babcock
19 Melissa Babcock
26 Lisa Deleon
26 Pam Turner
27 Jacob "JJ" Rougeau
28 Ronnie Moerbe
29 Dawsin Williams
29 Karol Woodcroft



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OUR MISSION

A caring Christian family following Christ,
the GOOD SHEPHERD, where we:

SHARE God's Love! **GROW** our faith!
and **SERVE** others!

TAKE HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7—OCTOBER 14, 2018



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 7, 2018

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

(Gn. 2:24)

The Chancel Flowers for the month of October are donated by Amanda and Ronald Warden in honor of **CANCER survivors and fighters.**

September 30, 2018

First Worship Service

Attendance: 32 Offering: \$672.92

Second Worship Service

Attendance: 20 Offering: \$820.00

Online Offering: \$0.00

TODAY

Traditional Worship — 9:00 am
Fellowship —10:00 am
Sunday School —10:15 am
Children/Youth Sunday School—10:15 am
Contemporary Worship—11:00 am
Beaumont Worship—3:00 pm
Confirmation—5:00 pm

MONDAY OCTOBER 8

Choir Practice—6:00 pm
Bells Practice—7:15 pm

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9

Bible Study -10:00 am

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10

Compassionate Friends—10:00 am

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11

Bible Study—10:00 am
SEEK & FIND Resale—1:00 pm—3:00 pm

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12

Nutrition Center—10:30 am
SEEK & FIND Resale—12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Fantastic Fridays— 5:00 pm

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

SEEK & FIND Resale—7:30 am-12:30 pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

Traditional Worship—9:00 am
Fellowship —10:00 am
Sunday School—10:15 am
Children/Youth Sunday School—10:15 am
Contemporary Worship—11:00 am

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21

Church Council—12:15 pm

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25

Dining Out—Romano's, Bridge City



DURHAM ELLIS NUT PRODUCTS

We have kicked off our Music Fundraiser. We invite you to share the brochure in the Narthex to get the information out or place an order yourself. Last year was a record year in sales and our prayer is that this year brings a greater blessing to all. If you want to check some out to sell, please see Pastor Paul.



YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to another Bible Study opportunity! Every fourth Monday of the month, we gather at a Beaumont home to study together. The next time will be Monday, October 29, at 10:00 am at the home of Dorothy Schwazlose (5755 Viking Drive, Beaumont, TX 77706). We will be studying The Lord's Prayer, prayer, and praying. Lunch will be served after the study. Come and join us!

MEET OUR NEW CHOIR MEMBER

Hannah Meyer is our new soprano student from Lamar University. Say "Hi," chat, and get to know more about her.

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graciously and sacrificially because we know that our resources are not ours to keep but are God's to share.

OUT We look out to see how God is calling us to love our neighbor with all that God has entrusted to our care. We are a church that believes Jesus is God's "Yes" to us. Our lives can be a "Yes" to others. Stewardship is one way that we can be that "Yes" to others. When asked: "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus responds, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). We are called to love, not just with our words but with our whole lives. Stewardship is the way that we use all of our resources — time, talents, possessions and money — to love God and our neighbor. The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 exemplifies this type of stewardship. The Samaritan gave generously of his time, his possessions, and his money. He took a detour from his own travels just to help a hurting man, who was more of an enemy than a friend. Stewardship transforms God's commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" from a religious expression into a way of life.

MEET OUR NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation or Affirmation of Baptism is a time of discipleship growth for our young people. Normally, the program at Good Shepherd invites young people in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade to begin their exploration of the questions of faith in a two-year program. In addition, older students in High School who have missed the opportunity earlier are a part of this discipleship training.

At this time, we have three disciples who have begun the classes: Jake Buysse, Kaydence Corkran, and Peyton Sappington. They are all in 8th grade. Jake loves being helpful, participating in Boy Scouts, playing video games, and playing in the band. Kaydence loves being outside, softball pitching, volleyball, and food. Peyton loves riding horses, drawing, playing clarinet, shopping, and swimming. One interesting connection is that Jake and Peyton were both baptized on the same day in two different churches in two different states. WOW! A God connection!

Please pray for them as they embark on a life-long mission of learning and growing in faith.



PRAYERS ARE UPLIFTED FOR:

**Marge Becker,
Marilyn Bennett,
Nancy Carlson,
Judy Colebrook,
Charlie Hall,
Iris Hughes,
Nora Klier,
Ray Long,
Terrie Looney,
Nancy Meek,
Susan Neil,
Douglas Rathgaber,
Buddy Stelter,
Beverley Swink,
Kathy Viator,
Grace Walhood,
Carsand Williams.**

NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are in need of a Nursery Attendant. If you know of anyone who would be interested in working in our Nursery on Sundays and a few hours on Mondays and Fridays, please let us know. The job is posted on Facebook. This is a great job for a student or a mature person who is looking for part time work and loves working with children.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Our monthly service project for October is Baby Items. We are collecting all things baby and will deliver to the Rainbow Room at the end of the month. Please prayerfully consider donating for this worthy cause.

Thank you!

THE BASICS: WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about love? For many congregations of the ELCA, stewardship means “the church asking for money” or it means nothing at all. If it draws to mind anything, it is the three-week annual financial response that happens every fall to ensure there is enough money to fund the budget for the next year. While the annual financial response may be wrapped up in religious language, at the end of the day it is about the need of the congregation to receive rather than the need of the giver to give. Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives — we are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in an annual three-week financial response. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe.” It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is about love.

“Stewardship is a matter of the heart. My stewardship practices are a response to the boundless love God first showed me. It means that I am grateful for all that God has generously entrusted to me. As a faithful steward and child of God, I understand that (the) decisions I make, in all aspects of my life, reveal my priorities. It is a privilege to share time, talents and finances, to care for God’s earth and to serve my neighbors. Being a good steward has brought me great joy and has helped me grow spiritually. I am blessed to be a blessing.”

KATHY FISCUS Faith and Finances Ministry Team Chair, Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

For many people the word “stewardship” may not seem salvageable. The association with money and particularly the church’s acquisition of it is just too entrenched. Many congregations have used the words “gratitude” or “generosity.” While these are great words, they do not address the primary concern of stewardship, which is ownership. What we have is not ours, it is God’s. “Stewardship” may not be the best word, but at this point it is the best one we have.

DOWN, IN, AND OUT: LOVING GOD AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR The practice of stewardship invites us to look in three different directions: DOWN, IN and OUT. We begin by looking at how God has come down to us. We then look in to discover all that God has entrusted to

our care. We end by looking out to understand the needs of our neighbors. While these three actions may not always happen in this order, the practice of stewardship always invites all three. When we practice stewardship in this way we are making the sign of the cross. God makes the first vertical line DOWN; we follow by moving IN to the center and then OUT to our neighbors on either side both near and far. We form a cross with our lives and through our faith, we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

DOWN Stewardship begins at creation, where God first comes down to us. In the first chapter of Genesis, God forms humankind in God’s own image and commands them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth” (Genesis 1:28). A steward is someone who cares for someone else’s property. From the beginning, humanity is not an owner, but a steward of what God has created. We are first receivers, not givers! God’s love comes down to us in Jesus Christ. To quote John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” God loved us so much that God sent Jesus to die for us to bring us salvation and new life. God also comes down to us in the sacrament of baptism. In baptism, we are claimed as children of God. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. We are bearers of God’s love, grace and gospel. Stewardship begins with God coming down to us in love and sharing some of what is God’s with us. We are a church that belongs to Christ, and there is a place for all here.

IN God has skillfully created us and blessed us with more than we could ever imagine. We are fearfully and wonderfully made! God knows us deeply and has created each of us uniquely. God has entrusted us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources — time, talents, treasure and so much more. While our gifts may seem meager, put in the hands of God, these gifts can become so much more. In Mark 6:30-44, Jesus takes a little boy’s lunch and blesses it to feed thousands. Even in the midst of scarcity, God provides in abundance. God gives in abundance that we might share in abundance.

The apostle Paul writes, “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8). When we realize that all we have belongs to God and not to us, we can’t help but give it away in thanksgiving for God’s generosity to us. We give joyfully,