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Prayer Concerns...

*Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in
your prayers.*

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Veterans Day is a well-known American holiday, but there are also a few misconceptions about it — like how it's spelled or whom exactly it celebrates. To clear some of that up, here are the important facts you should know.

1. **Veterans Day does NOT have an apostrophe.** The holiday is not a day that “belongs” to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.
2. **Veterans Day is NOT the Same as Memorial Day.** Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive.
3. **It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.**
4. **Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.** Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 “Remembrance Day.” Great Britain calls it “Remembrance Day,” too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with parades, services and two minutes of silence in London to honor those who lost their lives in war.



The Power of Thanksgiving

by **Dr. Craig von Buseck**

The giving of thanks is a biblical concept going all the way back to Noah and his family in the book of Genesis. As soon as the earth was dry after the flood, Noah and his family were finally able to leave the ark. Noah's first act was to build an altar and give thanks and worship to God.



The act of thanksgiving is a way of recognizing the faithfulness of God in our lives – it is a way to consciously take time to humble ourselves before God and each other. And Scripture says those who humble themselves will one day be lifted up by God.



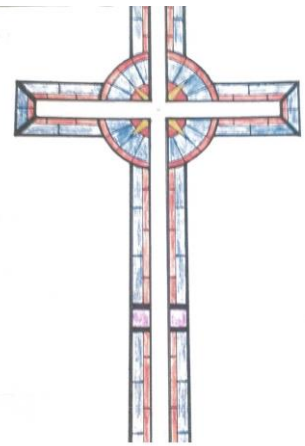
We still face monumental challenges in America and around the world. But as our Forefathers did in the midst of their trials, let us also take time to seek wisdom and guidance from our Heavenly Father and to worship Him for His blessings.

In faith, thank God in advance for all He is going to do in the year to come – because there is tremendous power in Thanksgiving!

November 2021

<p>Food Pantry Items Canned Meat</p> 	1	<p>2 7:30 Dartball @ Salem</p>	3	4	5	<p>6 Day Light Savings Ends</p>
<p>7 8:30-9:45 Church School 10:00 Worship – Indoors and on Facebook</p>	8	<p>9 Meal Prep for Salvation Army @12:30 7:30 Dartball @ Whoa Nellie's</p>	10	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 	12	13
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We will continue to gather inside our church building for worship services. Face masks are suggested. There will be no congregational singing at this time.



September - May

Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Consistory

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Roger Sheahan - Secretary
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JoAnn Gadicke
Kyle Stowers
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The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. All donations are very much appreciated.



Saturday, November 6
Time to turn your clocks back one hour





The Upper Room



The November/December issue of the daily devotional "The Upper Room" is available in the Literature Rack.

YOGA

Yoga is back in session. The sessions run for 4 weeks. Our instructor requires attendees to be vaccinated and masks are optional. The sessions cost is \$24. We will be running shorter sessions, should we need to cancel because of COVID. At this time the 11:00 am program has secured enough attendees to continue. The evening session is not meeting at this time.

We are always looking for new friends to join our program.

Questions, please contact Renae at 565-2785 or rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us.

Church School News

Items for the Food Pantry

The month of **November** donations may be placed in the basket, located in the office area:

Canned Meat



Change for Change Jar – Money used to purchase items for food pantry
Prayer Shawl/Blankets – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office area. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Birthday Bags - Thank you to those that continue to provide birthday bags. If you would like to donate for a bag, bring: a box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – the eggs supplied by food pantry. The bags to place the items in are located in the church office.



B: Be with God **L:** Love God & neighbor **U:** Understand yourself as a child of God **E:** Explore the Bible

Church school is offered to children age 3 to confirmation. The program runs from 8:30 to 9:45 weekly, followed by church services at 10:00.

Church school is back in session. The theme is **'Communities Welcome'**. The children are learning that "We are one church, communities accept, welcome, forgive, and children contribute."

Sunday, October 31st - Fall project, Bible Sunday, Church School staff installation

Sunday, November 14th – Thanksgiving Food Collection

Sunday, November 14th – Heart to Heart Tree will be available

Sunday, December 5th – Christmas Project Sunday, Heart to Heart Tree items need to be returned

Sunday, December 19th – Children's Christmas Program

November 14th the church school will be sponsoring a **Thanksgiving food drive** for the local food pantry. Items that might be used for a Thanksgiving meal: canned cranberry, pumpkin, vegetables, boxed potatoes, stuffing or soup are just a few ideas. Bring the items to church on the **November 14th** and share the bounty of the season.



The Heart-to-Heart Christmas tags should be available on **November 14th**. There will be two tags per item to be purchased. Sign your name on one tag and place it in the basket. The second tag is for you to take with the information you will need for shopping. The items need to be returned by **December 5th**. The Salvation Army does have a few requests.

1. Label each gift with the recipient's name and family number.
2. Please do not wrap so parents can see gifts purchased, and know what they may still want to buy. You may include wrapping supplies.
3. Please do not include food items.



Sunday School update

Sunday School is happening! Thanks to a great team of leaders, Sunday School is occurring in person every week. (A couple of weeks ago we shut down for two weeks because of a Covid exposure, but barring that, we will be meeting.) This year our Sunday School format and content is much more traditional in comparison to what Renae Wunsch and Pastor Nathan put together every other week last year. We are able to have folks participate virtually, but we need to know ahead of time. We will be sending out an email link for folks to join, but we are not going to send it out to everyone every week. If you know you want to participate virtually you will need to let us know ahead of time. Virtually participants will also be responsible for obtaining any lesson materials from the Sunday School staff ahead of time.

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Continuing in 2021, card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month. Don't worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can buy any Sunday. It's best to get that order in on a monthly basis so you can plan for it in your budget.

Any questions, talk to Shari Ver Straate, Renae Wunsch,
Nancy Cherney or Char Gumm.

Thanks for supporting this program.

Newsletter via E-mail?

An easy way to help save Our Shepherd a little money and reduce some clutter in your house is to have your email address added to our newsletter emailing list. This will save the cost of postage and printing. Simply let Pastor Nathan or Shari know if you would like to receive our newsletter view email instead of having it sent in the mail.



Some Faith in The Fall pictures



God's Blessings on your Birthday - November



4 Austin Eisentraut
10 Helen Harms
13 Carla Hemb
15 Jim Vasconi

8 Hoyt Heinemann
11 Heidi Widder
14 Avery Wiegand
20 Corey Munger

Consistory Meeting – October Minutes unavailable

CROP Walk



On October 10th, Our Shepherd participated in the Rural Church Fellowship Crop Walk in Howards Grove. Our Shepherd raised \$535 to support the cause, thanks to all of you.

Dogs were welcome too.

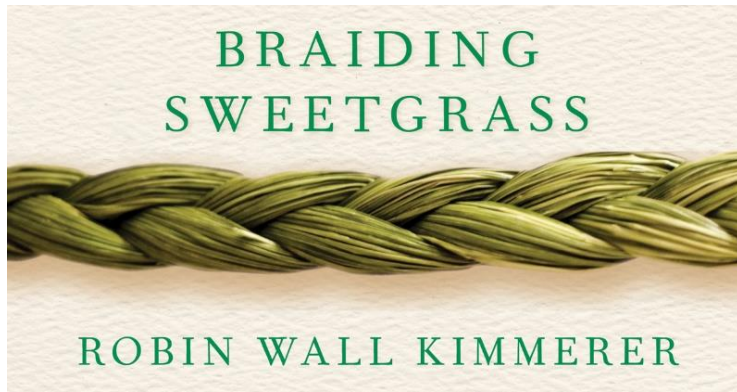


Scholarship News

We are designating November as Scholarship month. For the past few decades we have been able to offer scholarships to our college members who are pursuing their future goals. Our small contribution has aided them in their schooling. We have seen them realize their professions in becoming doctors, enterprising business persons and health care workers as well as other professionals. As we look to our young children in our congregation we hope to keep growing our fund so we can support our future generation as they reach the college years.

We have updated our scholarship application. There are applications in the rack at church and it is also available on the website. We also continue to have cards for memorials in memory of a loved one and birthday cards available to give toward the scholarship fund in a person's name.

We have envelopes with a scholarship label on the rack. You can also designate it on your church envelope if you wish. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.



Braiding Sweetgrass book study will meet Thursday November 18 at 6:30.

Women's Fellowship



We are working on getting the stained glass project finished by late this fall. If you are interested in contributing to this project, we would greatly appreciate that. This project will cost about \$8,000.00 and we are still in need of approximately \$4,000.00. You can send your contributions to church, make your check out to Women's Fellowship. Thanks to all who have already given to this project. Part of the stained glass that will be around the cross is from Faith Church.

We will be hosting our **annual Cookie Walk** again this year. Mark your calendar for **Saturday December 11**, from 8am to 10am. Because of Covid we are going to require masks and limiting the amount of people at one time. Everyone will be wearing gloves as most people like to pick their own cookies. Bring your cookies to church on **Friday Dec. 10th**. Thank you for all of your support.



Facebook



A really simple and easy way to promote our church is through Facebook. When you are watching our service on Facebook it is really easy to first of all Like and comment on the post, but it is even better if you could share the service on your personal Facebook page. What an easy way to share with your Facebook friends what is happening in your church. The most effective way to have a church grow is for people to extend a personal invitation to others. Facebook is a really simple way to invite all of your friends to check out what your church is doing.

Meals for Salvation Army

The Women's Fellowship will be making meals for Salvation Army on **November 16th and 30th**. We are asking for help in providing supplies for these meals. Below is a list of items that we will need. We will be serving 30 people. If you are able to make a dessert for one of the days, we would appreciate that. Thank you.



Nov. 16 - Hot Ham & Cheese sandwiches with Cheesy Hash browns, Jell-o and dessert will be provided by Pam K.



We will need:

3 large boxes of any Jell-o	4 cans cream of chicken soup	1# butter
2 bunches green onions	4 - 16 oz containers of sour cream	
8 cups shredded cheddar cheese		

Please let Char Gumm know what you are able to donate to this meal by **Sunday Nov. 14.**

Call Char at 467-6670.



November 30 - Spaghetti and Meat sauce



We will need:

4# spaghetti	4 loaves Italian or French bread
4 large bags of green beans	A dessert for 30

Please Let Char Gumm know what you are able to donate by **Sunday, Nov. 28.**

Call Char at 467-6670.

Thank you for your support.

If anyone is interested in making a meal on their own or donating to the Salvation Army <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/el-volunteer-calendar> or you can contact CarryeJo Cony at 920-694-1271

Pastor's Musings

This past week I spent a couple of days at my old stomping grounds, the Daycholah Center on the shores of Green Lake. I was out there to assist in an art installation. I don't think I have ever done an art installation before, but I had a little responsibility in this one. A number of years ago I installed a large aluminum sail boat mast in the corner of one of the dining halls. My vision was to have some of the many quilters who retreat at the Daycholah Center to then create some sort of a quilt that would loosely resemble a sail. We could then hang that quilt on the mast as both art and honestly some sound deadening properties. Well, apparently my crazy vision was too intimidating for the quilters. Or maybe it was just my vision and not theirs. For whatever reason I got no takers, but my wonderful wife must have taken pity on me. She was willing to take on the project. It was not a continuous project. It was one of those things that was best done in phases. In the end, after three or four years, we ended up with a 'sail quilt' that was roughly a 16 by 13 rectangle. This past week we spent two full days figuring out how to hang this thing in the dining room.

So why do I share this? I think the point of all of this is to illustrate the need for patience with some ideas and projects. I am sure the quilt probably looks nothing like I first envisioned. (I no longer even remember what I first envisioned.) I honestly did not intend for my wife to actually build the quilt, or for that matter the three or four other people who helped her from time to time. If indeed I would have known it was going to take this long for the project to reach completion, I really think I would have dismissed it very early in the process. I don't even work for the organization any more.

In the end, what started off as probably a pretty crazy idea turned into a pretty neat project. The piece celebrates the sailing history of the Daycholah Center, and the quilting retreats, and hopefully dampens some of the acoustical issues of the room. Sometimes we don't know how the seeds we plant will develop, furthermore who knows how long it will hang there or what the future might lead to. We all have a role to play in projects that are much larger than any one of us alone. We are simply called to fill our role during our time and then we get to move on.

I am grateful for those who humor me with my crazy ideas and who knows what might be next.....

Pastor Nathan

