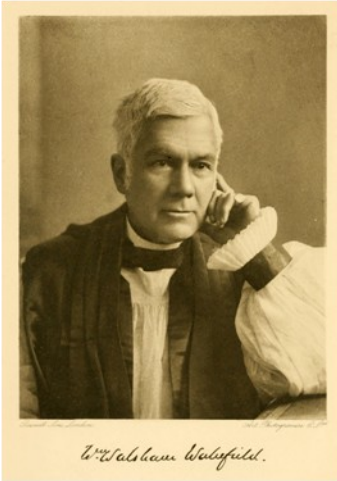




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W. Walsham How.

For All Saints

William Walsham How was born into a wealthy British home just before Christmas in 1823. His father was a lawyer and his grandfather a preacher. William attended Oxford to study law, but after graduation he entered the Anglican ministry. He proved very capable and was offered the Bishopric of Manchester; but turned it down without even telling his family of the offer. He also refused the Bishopric of Durham, England, with its large salary and prestige. He wanted to serve in humbler places.

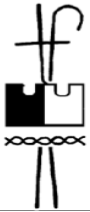
In 1851, he became a country parson in the rural parish of Whittington near the Welsh border. He labored there for twenty-eight years, during which time he wrote most of his sixty hymns. In 1879, he moved to London and began working tirelessly among the poor as an assisting (suffragen) Bishop.

He was called the "Omnibus Bishop" for he refused to ride in the private coach afforded bishops. He preferred public transportation. He was also called "the Poor Man's Bishop" because of his concern for the poverty-stricken of Victorian London.

William was a passionate soul-winner and an evangelical hymnist. He once said a minister "should be a man pure, holy, and spotless in his life; a man of much prayer; in character meek, lowly....devoting his days and nights to lightening the burdens of humanity." And he said about his poems: "A good hymn should be like a good prayer—simple, real, earnest, and reverent."

One of William's greatest hymns is "For All the Saints," originally titled "Saints Day Hymn—Cloud of Witnesses—Hebrews 12:1." it was written for All Saints' Day on November 1 and is often used as a processional in church services on that day due to its majestic tune. It was first published in 1864 in Earl Nelson's *Hymns for Saint's Days and Other Hymns*.

William died while on holiday in Ireland on August 10, 1897 in Leenan, County Mayo. He is buried in Whittington, Shropshire, where he served the parish for twenty-eight years.



November 2024 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thoughts from the Pastor

Greetings in Christ,

November can seem a gloomy month. The bright colors of October leaves will be gone by the end of the month, leaving a dull brown landscape around us, often with dark, cloudy skies above. The days themselves are darker, with less and less light as we head toward winter, but usually without the white snow to brighten our world.

In the church, too, there can be a dismal mood. We begin the month by remembering all the saints who have gone before us, especially those who have gone to our Lord this past year, and we are reminded of the sorrow of knowing that they are no longer with us (until our Lord comes again with them).

Our readings during these last few weeks of the church year can also seem a bit gloomy and foreboding as we contemplate the coming of our Lord Jesus and the final judgment, which the prophet Joel describes:

The day of the Lord is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

But there is good news! The Apostle John reminds us that the coming judgment is not one of dread for Christians who put our faith in Christ:

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

It is the powers of evil that will receive judgment when Christ returns: Sin, death, and the devil will be banished. Christ's love will fill the earth and all of us, the love he has already given us through his death and resurrection. So we are already saved from that judgment, and when he comes with ten thousands of his holy ones – all those saints we have loved and who have gone before us – we will be re-united with them forever, and the gloom of November will be turned to eternal light and life.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Thomas

All Saints Sunday—November 3rd

This year's All Saints Sunday we will remember them with a carnation on the altar and also by lifting their names during prayer of the people. We will worship together with all saints.

Council Meeting Highlights

October 10, 2023

A full Council was seated at the Oct. 10, 2024 meeting. Taking part were Kristy Patterson, Coralyn Hudik, Donna Gullickson, Michelle Andrews, Virgil Gordon, Dale Gullickson and Darci Meier. Also present were Pastor Thomas Mosbo and Treasurer Jay Andrews.

Secretary's Report: . Secretary's report was provided and accepted under full council approval.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jay Andrews reviewed the September 2024 report which also included;

Electric Payment - \$203.45 Gas Payment - \$246.00

Full council approval.

Vicar's Report: Pastor Thomas distributed his Sept. 2024 report and reminded Council of his upcoming vacations Nov. 3 and 17. He has found fill-in clergy during his absence. The report was accepted following a motion.

Committee Reports

Stewardship Committee: Virgil Gordon shared that a second Ice Cream Sundae Sunday is planned for October 13th.

Learning Committee: Those involved in organizing Rally Sunday were commended on the success of the day. Sunday School has now begun.

Property Committee: On behalf of Property Committee Chairman Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon reported that the new carpeting has not yet arrived. Plexiglas protecting the stained glass windows was repaired during the volunteer work day Oct. 5. Dale Gullickson reported that she has noticed tree branches were rubbing high up against the side of the church. Due to the height of those branches, Jay Andrews said a lift might be needed. Obtaining the use of a lift may be difficult due to the unavailability of that equipment.

Plans to update and/or repair the sign outside the church are ongoing. Council discussed the possibility that a digital sign may be considered and voiced concern with the style of that sign over preservation of the historic church. Wayne Kurth, member of the Property Committee, joined the meeting and said that no decisions on the style of the sign have been made and that he will have more information after meeting with a company Oct. 11 and obtaining quotes. Memorial gifts will be used to cover the project.

Men's Ministry: Jay Andrews stated a steak fry is in the planning stages.

Following a motion, Council accepted all committee reports.

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MARTIN LUTHER-REFORMATION DAY QUIZ

Which of the following events did **NOT** occur during Martin Luther's lifetime?

- A) Columbus discovered America. B) Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet.
C) Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel. D) Copernicus taught heliocentric Universe.

Answer on page 6

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Old Business: Coralyn Hudik reported on the recent meeting with the Synod via Zoom to address the revisions on the constitution. She stated that although the Synod had previously provided a list of points for discussion, Synod members centered their conversation on combining both of Good Shepherd’s Endowment funds into one account. Synod also suggested that a specific committee of five people be appointed to oversee the newly-created fund. Pastor Thomas, Hudik and Treasurer Jay Andrews identified reasons why this suggestion is not feasible for Good Shepherd. Currently the Lucille Baker Endowment, established Feb. 3, 2015, and the Special Funds, established March 1, 2005, are separate accounts with individual restrictions and guidelines that were incorporated at their establishment. Hudik stated Synod pointed to Illinois law as they made the combination suggestion. Council agreed that legal counsel should be sought regarding changing either of the endowments.

In other old business, it was decided that Pastor Thomas should re-evaluate the Fifth Sunday Contemporary Service proposal that was discussed at the October 2024 meeting. The services had been suggested for months with five Sundays in 2025 – March, June, August and November.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made to adjourn. Council stood in agreement and recited the Lord’s Prayer. The next meeting will be Nov. 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Darci Meier
Council Secretary

September Treasurer’s Report
Jay Andrews

Incoming September 2024	\$4,656.10
Expenses September 2024	\$6,909.78
Net Income (Loss)	\$(2,253.68)
Income, Year to Date 2024	\$88,891.19
Expenses, Year to Date 2024	\$84,530.81
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 4,360.38

Our Friends Thrift Store
 Volunteers are needed for 4 hour shifts at Our Friends Thrift Store. The store is open Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm. If interested phone the store at 815-369-4527

Attention: Committee Chairpersons,

It won't be long and we will be into 2025. Chairpersons please start to look at your committee work for 2024 and write up your year-end report and turn it in to Betty in the secretary's office. We need to put these into the Annual Report folder. Please submit your reports to the office by December 9th, 2024.

Any suggestions from Committee Members regarding distribution of Endowment Funds for end of year contributions would be appreciated.

Thanks to everyone serving on the numerous committees that we have here at Good Shepherd. Using your time and talents help to keep all of our programs going to do God's work,

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulls, Richard Freitag, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Libby Wuethrich, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Wayne Albrecht, Brenda and Curt Breneman.

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain team. We send prayer through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

MAKE-A-Smile cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This ministry has been created to share love of Christ to the residence in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10th of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office.

Friends in Christ,

As we prepare to begin a new Church year with the season of Advent and preparing to celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ at Christmas; we at Good Shepherd invite each and everyone of you to do a person evaluation of your own spiritual life. If it has been one week, one month, or one year or even longer we at Good Shepherd would like to Welcome you with open arms to join us at Worship next Sunday

*Your Friends at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

- 11-03 Brian Albrecht
- 11-03 Brianna Lynn Fye
- 11-04 Kathy Andrews
- 11-04 Ashtyn Brinker
- 11-04 Hanna Brinker
- 11-06 Lorene Solace
- 11-06 Neal Shumaker
- 11-06 Dale Andrews
- 11-07 Amanda Lessman
- 11-07 Cameron Baker
- 11-10 Martin Luther
- 11-15 Sarah (Huber) Andrews
- 11-18 Deanna Drye
- 11-19 Lukas Price
- 11-22 Sue Diddens
- 11-23 Peggy Roettger
- 11-28 John Huneke
- 11-30 Taylor Patterson
- 11-30 Alex White



RAINY DAY DRIVING TIP

Experts recommend turning of cruise control is it's raining or snowing. Cruise control may cause you to actually lose control in these conditions if you hydroplane while you're in cruise control. Your car will actually go faster. Keeping an extra pair of socks in your car is a good idea, should you need to get out of your vehicle to shovel your way out or if you step in a puddle, you'll have extra socks to change into.

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!



MARTIN LUTHER-REFORMATION DAY QUIZ

Answer; B Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet.

William Shakespeare, wrote Romeo and Juliet about 1594-96. Martin Luther died, February 18, 1546 at age 62. Romeo and Juliet was written 50 years after Martin Luther passed away

Source: flandersfamily.info

Devotion Books

October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful way to keep growing our faith. Take one home today!



Our Purpose Statement

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

The 35th Annual Convention of the Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA was attended by 30 synodical board members and voting members as well as 41 non-voting members including guests from Tanzania and India. The keynote speakers were Christine Moolo, Program Director-World Hunger Initiatives and The Rev. Dr. Ruben Duran, Senior Director for Multi-Ethnic Ministries and Leadership. Their presentation was interesting, informative and enlightening as they spoke on the ELCA’s strategy to Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO). Among others elected were Christine Beyer as Northwest Conference Representative and Sheila Keene as Secretary both for two-year terms. Christine is a member of Trinity Lutheran (Derinda) Elizabeth.

Hannah Circle will meet on Sunday, November 3, 2024 in Fellowship Hall. We will gather after choir practice, have a light lunch and prepare for our Thankofferings.



The NIS WELCA 2023-2024 board members formed a Thrivent Action Team to provide physical offerings for the 35th Convention. They are pictured here along with Women of the ELCA Executive Board Member, Anna Jetson, from Spring Grove, Minnesota, Northeastern Iowa SWO.

Le-Win Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has some bare shelves, your donations would be greatly appreciated. The following is a partial list of items the pantry is currently out of;

Hygiene Products	Toilet Paper
Soap	Paper Towels
Shampoo/Conditioners	Laundry Soap
Diapers	Tuna Fish
Dish Soap	
Soups;	
Cream of mushroom	
Cream of Chicken	
Vegetable Soups	



The Piece Corps Quilters Group

Would like to thank all of our angels who have helped by trimming the fabric at home and who have generously donated material to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

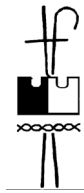
Thank you for your donations.

Please remember your WELCA

Thankofferings

during November.

Women's offerings: a brief history The idea of collecting donations in small offering boxes goes back to the very early 1800s, when women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money.



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2024 Annual Collection

As part of my/our commitment to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church I/we pledge;

\$ _____ Per Year \$ _____ Monthly

\$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Twice a month

\$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Other

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Le-Win Food Pantry

We are thankful for all our volunteers who offered their time and donations to the Le-Win Food Pantry this year. **THANK YOU!** Our last volunteer date for 2024 will be on December 28th.



Thank you so much for the scholarship. It is appreciated, and I will do my very best in college and put it to good use.

Sarah Geiseman

Thank you Janice Kurth

Janice, Sending along a little heartfelt appreciation for all your creative talents used in decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the holidays and seasons. You make the church look festive and welcoming. For all you do and the kind thoughtful ways you do the work you do.-Thank you,



Pumpkin Capital



Did you know, Morton, Illinois is known as the Pumpkin Capital? Libby's pumpkin canning factory is located in Morton, Illinois, it produces 85% of the worlds canned pumpkin. Illinois farmers planted 17,600 acres of pumpkins in 2022 yielding 634 million pounds. Illinois harvests more that twice as many pumpkins than any of the other top pumpkin producing states in the U.S. With this knowledge we can enjoy our pumpkin pies, bars and cake even more that before knowing Illinois is tops in pumpkin production.

Source: FarmWeekNOW.com

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Christmas is approaching, it's time to place your poinsettia order. Poinsettia Orders must be placed by December 11th. Price has not been determined at this time.

*Please complete the form below and mail it, drop it off at the church office or place the payment in the collection plate. **Thank you!***

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

___ **in memory of...** ___ **in honor of...**

Name (s) _____
