

REPORT

November 2024

Psalm 136:1-3 ESV

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;”



Classroom News

Pre-School

Preschool has been coming along very well. We have adjusted to our new friends and schedule. We are learning about the fall time and the changing color of leaves. We are also all the way up to the letters F, G, and H in our alphabet. We have been loving chapel and are having a great time!

Ms. Samantha Johnson

PreK

The PreK school year is off to a great start. They are learning so much already and they are always eager to come to class. They love to sing to Jesus in the morning to start their day. They also love doing artwork and had lots of fun doing a special art project with Mrs. Ogle that will be displayed in our school! Thank you to our parents for sending snacks for our class. We appreciate you and all you do!

Mrs. Alesha Baumann

Kindergarten

We had another amazing month of fun and learning. Our class has continued and enjoyed Pastor visiting and reading our Bible story of the week every Monday. We also continue to learn and recite on their own a weekly Bible verse.

This month we have started earning money for good deeds, turning in work and good behavior. As they earn their money throughout the week, they have learned how to exchange their money for bigger coins. They know that five pennies equal a nickel, and two nickels equal a dime. We will learn the value of a quarter in the upcoming month. At the end of each month, they get to spend their money in our class Fun Shop.

In social studies, we continue to travel with our friend Milo, the Sandpiper, and Anya, the cricket. This month we visited Madagascar and learned about the Madagascan sunset moth. We did a craft and made Sunset Moths. We also made Godrogodro, which is a Madagascan Dessert. It is a coconut vanilla pudding cake. It was really yummy. We then traveled to Thailand and learned about floating stores and restaurants. Also, while we were there, we learned about Asian elephants and the difference between African elephants and Asian elephants. We even made some elephants. Our next stop is Guatemala. We will update you next month on our kindergarten adventures.

Mrs. Dana Johnson





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1st Grade

The FIRST GRADERS have been learning about Martin Luther and how he helped the church. We have been talking about the REFORMATION and what that means for us today, so many years later! Every child of GOD needs to really take time to think about God's gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ! Martin Luther reminded or even informed people for the first time, more than 500 years ago, that we cannot earn our way to heaven! It's exciting to hear the FIRST GRADERS talking about this! In addition, they are also learning how to forgive each other and to shrug off things that really don't matter!

We are all preparing for the Veteran's Day program coming up next Friday. We hope to see you there!
Mrs. Grace Rohwer

2nd & 3rd Grade

It's been a busy month. The consensus is that Trunk or Treat was a blast. Thanks goes to Trail Life for providing the s'mores. Several of the 2nd and 3rd graders said this was the first time they had eaten a s'more.

Our memory this month has been the Apostle's Creed. We have made it through the first article and are half way through the 2nd. This week we are studying Martin Luther for Reformation, and we made replicas of Luther's Rose.

Mrs. Ogle and Ms. McNair helped us to make pumpkins and has us working on Starry Starry Night inspired art. Come check out our creativity displayed in the hallway.
Mrs. Gail Marlatt

4th & 5th Grade

Our class has been very busy! We are studying Moses in Religion class. We did take the week of October 28th to study Martin Luther and the Reformation.

The students have been enjoying special art classes, from Ms. Ogle and Ms. McNair. Chihuly art and Van Gogh art has been our focus. Thank you to Ms. Ogle and Ms. McNair for taking time out to do art with our classes.

We had our "Trunk or Treat" on Friday, October 25th. It was a huge success. Thank you to all the families and church members who came out to share the fun with our students.

The students have a program to honor our Veterans on November 8th. Let's all remember to honor those men and women who serve in our armed forces.

We want to welcome our new 5th grade student, Raelynn. She is a great addition to our class!

Thanksgiving break is November 25th-29th! Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Blessings!

Mrs. Marla Junghanns



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6th, 7th & 8th Grade

We had a great Fall Break! Everyone received report cards. This week we studied Martin Luther and the Reformation . Have a wonderful Veterans Day and Happy (early) Thanksgiving!
Ms. Belinda Harke

Individual Instruction

Things are staying busy in the Individual Instruction Room. The children in the various classes are making good progress. I'm excited to be starting a couple of new reading groups! During the month of November, let us remember that we have so many blessing to be thankful for.
God's blessings!
Mrs. Lynn Cunningham

GSLC Music Classes

Music Education and Appreciation

We encourage a full-spirited positive desire to participate.

We study music to help us understand ourselves and our place in the World.

We engage in a disciplined and systematic study of music, including knowledge of the instruments of the orchestra, listening, singing songs, and movement as a group.

Young and impressionable students, who, if shaped and inclined in the right way, will improve the World in virtue of intelligence, decency, and good judgment brought to bear on the affairs of a World otherwise crude and vulgar - To desire the Good.

Mr. Brian Tidwell, Music Teacher - GSLC Organist/Choirmaster

"Life has loveliness to sell,
All beautiful and splendid things,
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,
Soaring fire that sways and sings,
And children's faces looking up,
Holding wonder like a cup."
-- Sara Teasdale



Introduction to the Arts Classes

In September, the students were introduced to “glass blowing” by artist Dale Chihuly; to artist Vincent Van Gogh in October; and will be introduced to Oklahoma’s own “metal work” artist, and Cheyenne and Arapaho, Charles Pratt. Ms. McNair and I are enjoying and having a lot of fun with the introduction to art and artists with your children. Be looking for invitations for an Art Walk of their beautiful art in November.

In prayer and care,
Mrs. Sue Ogle



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Early Childhood Center (ECC) News

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Applications Due

Ms. Niece, ECC Director, has informed us that CACFP Applications are due. So, if your child is enrolled in childcare and/or before and after school care and eats breakfast, lunch and snacks at the ECC, please stop in at the office for more information about next steps in signing the appropriate paperwork. Many thanks for your prompt time and attention to this request.

THANK YOU!!

Community Fund Raising Events to Benefit and Support Good Shepherd Lutheran School

The fundraising events at Arby's and Black Bear Diner were a success thanks to your participation. We were able to raise \$216.29 at Arby's, and \$207.52 at the Black Bear Diner. Our next fundraiser will be on **Tuesday, November 12th at Swadley's Bar-B-Q**. We look forward to see you there!!

Tues, November 12, 2024 Swadley's B · B · Q



6905 SE 29th St., Midwest City, OK 73110

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Night. Dine in, Pick up Orders from **5-8pm ONLY**. Very Simple: just order, pay and get served. A percentage of all proceeds for the night will benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

Please remember...

Helping your children manage their emotions requires you to learn to manage yours first.

The Gottman Institute

#EmotionallyIntelligentParent



Remember, we are raising a child, a *whole* child.

We're raising a mind, a body, a heart and a soul - not just a brain on a seat

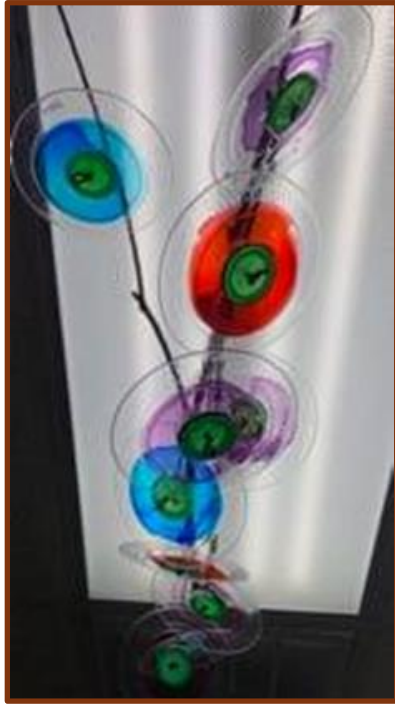
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Hands of Artists at Work!





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Upcoming November Dates of “No School”

- Friday, Nov. 8th School dismissed after Veterans Day Program & Luncheon
- Monday, Nov. 11th No School, Veterans Day
- November 25th-29th No School, Thanksgiving Holiday



ATTN: Veterans

In honor of your service to our country, you are cordially invited to attend the annual Good Shepherd Lutheran School’s Patriotic Program and Luncheon. The children will be performing patriotic songs, followed by a smoked brisket sandwich luncheon.

Friday, November 8, 2024

11:00am – 12:00pm

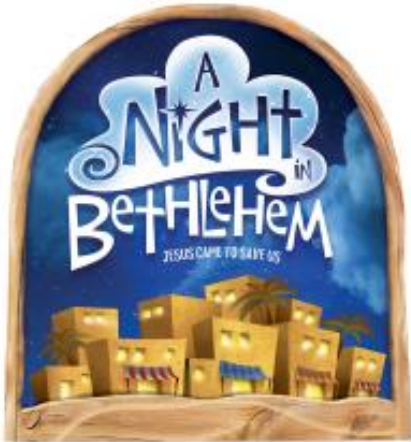
School Gym

To make your reservation, please contact the school office at (405) 732-0070 by Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Please join us! God bless you!



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A Night in Bethlehem

At A Night in Bethlehem, kids and their families will explore the city at the time of Jesus' birth. Through hands-on experiences they'll find out about the most important baby ever—and learn that Jesus came to save us!

A Night in Bethlehem will be presented at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
on Friday, December 6, from 5 pm to 7 pm

We invite you to be a part of this amazing evening as the children and their families stroll through the streets of Bethlehem visiting Bethlehem Bakery, the Metal Shop, the Carpentry Shop, the Scribe's Tent, the Pottery Shed, the Painter's Hut—and most importantly, the stable where they will find Mary and Joseph, and the Baby Jesus!

Please see Ms Dana for
registration forms.







Taking Your Children to Church: A Powerful Confession of the Faith

The Lutheran Witness, October 8, 2024

By Anna Mussmann

On Transfiguration Sunday, Lutherans across America sing the hymn “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” (LSB 414). Being in church is good. No matter how tired, distracted or apathetic we feel, when we come to church, we put ourselves where God has promised to work. We hear the Law and the Gospel. We receive Christ’s body and blood, given for us. St. Paul tells us not to “[neglect] meeting together, as is the habit of some” (Heb. 10:25). One of the blessings of meeting together is the time we spend with fellow Christians of all ages.

God’s enemies know that faithful congregations are highly effective at teaching the faith to the next generation. In Soviet Russia, this posed a problem for Nikita Khrushchev’s government. The Soviets had already sent thousands of pastors, priests and other Christians to labor and die in the Gulags. Yet they wished to maintain the propagandistic fiction that the USSR was the freest nation on earth. Their solution was to allow closely monitored congregations to exist, but to forbid all children from attending. It was an attempt to neutralize the church.

What an irony that for the last few decades American Christians have been repressing themselves. Around the year 2000, American church membership began abruptly to decline; now those who go regularly to church on Sunday are a statistical minority. The attrition is worst among the young. In America, it has not taken a Nikita Khrushchev to keep children out of church. American congregations are filled with older adults whose children and grandchildren no longer attend. Being part of the minority is hard. It leads to a tempting question: If our children are the only ones in church, is it really worth the effort of taking them there?

The answer is yes. It is hard work to feed, clean and dress small children and to wrangle them in a pew. It is hard work to teach them reverence and respect. It is sometimes embarrassing. Yet that is all the more



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reason why attending church with our families is a powerful confession of faith. Because it is hard, our willingness to do it anyway is a tiny echo of the confession made by Christian martyrs who willingly suffer death for Christ. It is a chance to witness to our neighbors, our children and even ourselves that Jesus comes to us here on earth — and that we need Him.

Do not fall for the lie that children “won’t get anything” out of Sunday morning because they “cannot understand” the liturgy and sermon. Our children had no need to understand the theology of Baptism in order for God to redeem them from sin. Our Lord works through His Word — surely we want to surround our children with that Word as often as possible. Besides, children are smarter than most adults give them credit for. When they hear Scripture, hymns and creeds on a regular basis, they have an opportunity to think through these words and ponder them in their hearts.

Church attendance shapes and teaches our children in another way, too. Habit and behavior are incredibly formative. When we consistently buckle our children into helmets and car seats, we teach them to value safety. When we consistently serve them healthy food, we teach them to enjoy good eating. When we consistently bring them to church, we teach them that they need Jesus and that Jesus is *for them*. He told us to let the little children come, and He meant it.

The challenge, of course, is that children in church are disruptive. I hope your congregation warmly welcomes them anyway. In my church, one of the members, an older gentleman who wears his Navy uniform on Veterans Day, always chuckles warmly when he sees small boys being particularly naughty. “Reminds me of me at that age,” he’ll say. Fortunately, children are good at learning. Teaching them is a valuable investment. As mama to five children, I’d like to share some of the teaching methods and expectations that have worked well for my family in church.

Rather than simply trying to keep them quiet, we involve even our toddlers in the service, and, as they grow, require an age-appropriate level of participation. Kids who are fully involved in the service are a lot less likely to be inappropriately noisy.

1. We communicate the idea that church is special and requires special behavior.

Making church an occasion helps kids realize its importance. Sunday is the day we serve a special breakfast — something that (a) they like, (b) is quick to eat, and (c) is packed with enough protein to keep their blood sugars balanced throughout the morning. Often this involves either baked oatmeal or eggs and bacon. We also make sure to dress the kids up. Clothing sets a tone, and even little boys like knowing they look good. Besides, most congregations will forgive any misdeed if it is committed by a toddler in a bow tie.

Before going into church, we remind our kids that we are going to use our “church behavior.” We talk about what that will look like. We remind them that we will face the front in order to see pastor and avoid distracting others. We will have calm bodies. We will keep our hands to ourselves. We will participate.

2. We use our bodies to participate.

One of the first church behaviors we require of our toddlers is to fold their hands during prayers. This may sound arbitrary, but it gives children an anchor to mark the pace of the service. They already understand



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the concept because we do it daily at home, and bringing it to church helps them pay attention to what the pastor is saying, even if only to listen for the word “amen.” Ultimately, it is another reminder that they are part of the congregation and that the service around us is for them, too.

Similarly, we teach them to sit when the congregation sits and stand when the congregation stands. While their legs are short, we let them stand on the pew during the Words of Institution so that they can see. As our kids grow, we teach them hymns and creeds at home so that they can enjoy singing with the congregation.

3. We provide Cheerios, not Oreos.

Sitting through church goes against most of the natural instincts of a small child. One way we ease the burden is by bringing a small bag of special items they can use during the sermon. Quiet toys, lift-the-flap books or crayons and paper work well. This is also a good time to ply the baby with a bag of Cheerios.

However, because we want our kids to learn to listen to the sermon as they mature instead of expecting entertainment, we make sure that the toys and snacks are babyish and easily outgrown. The six-year-old is less likely to be jealous when you say he does not need the stale Cheerios out of the diaper bag than if you were feeding the baby Oreos.

4. It is OK to require reasonable behavior from your children.

Some parents are afraid that requiring good behavior in church will create resentment and lead kids to hate church. However, it is part of the job of any good parent to teach kids how to behave in the world. As parents we require them to brush their teeth, wear their seatbelt, say thank you, and leave the playground when we call. It is part of our job to effectively exercise authority. We can require reasonable self-control in church and enforce our expectations with consequences when necessary. The goal is not perfection. Some children will find church far more challenging than others, and that is OK. What matters is that going to church is good.

None of us know the future. Someday our children will face grief, suffering, temptation and perhaps even persecution. We cannot control how they will respond. What we can do, however, is bear witness today that the answers they need are found in Christ. We do that each week when we take them to church to receive His gifts and to join in the communion of saints. It is good to be in church.

About The Author

Anna Mussmann spends her days homeschooling her children and her evenings trying to write, preferably while drinking tea and eating dark chocolate.



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“Come and see!”

There are some awesome things happening east of the cross!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center

“May we pray for you?”

Do you have any prayer requests that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church may add to our Prayer Request List? We would be honored to be able to lift up prayers on your behalf. There is a box in the Family Life Center lobby with request forms available. Just fill out the form and drop in the box. The forms will be picked up and delivered to the church secretary to be included on the weekly church bulletin list. If there is anything else we may be able to do, please do not hesitate to let us know. God bless!



Are you looking for a **church home**?
Are you seeking a place to go to worship?

Are you wanting to be in fellowship with other Christians?

You are cordially invited to come join us in worship and fellowship.

Come and see.
We’d love to have you.

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Church Services:

Sunday Worship: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:15AM

Wednesday Midweek:

Confirmation, 5:00pm
Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study 6:00pm – 7:00pm
& Children’s Class

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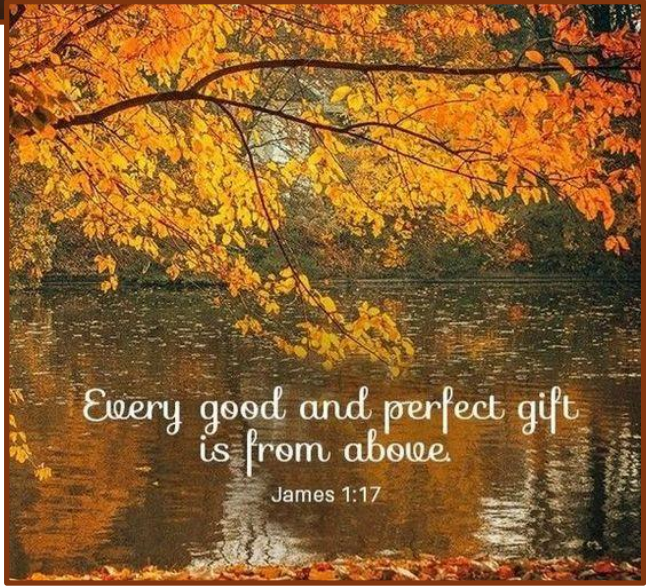
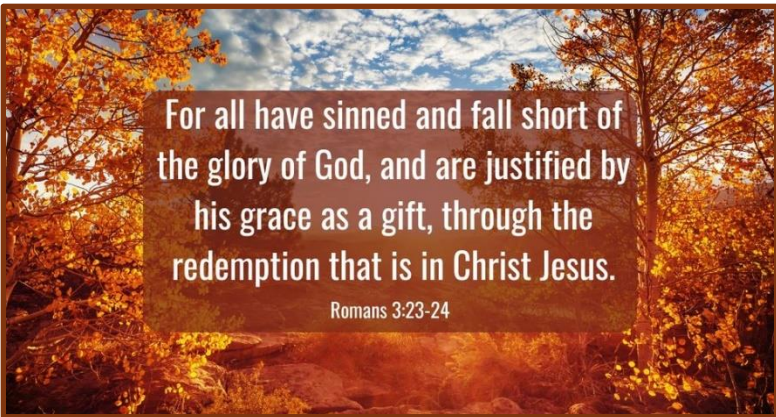
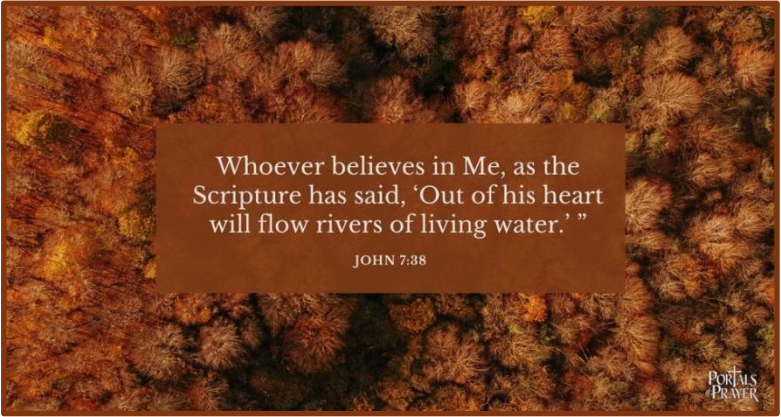
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“Food for Thought” Poster Gallery



GSLs Activities November 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Worship Service @ 8:00am/ Bible Study @ 9:15am/Worship Service @ 10:30am					1	2
4	5	6 Chapel	7		8 Veteran's Day Luncheon/School dismissed @ Noon	9
10 Worship Service @ 8:00am/ Bible Study @ 9:15am/Worship Service @ 10:30am	11 Veteran's Day / School & ECC Closed	12	13 Chapel	14	15	16
17 Worship Service @ 8:00am/ Bible Study @ 9:15am/Worship Service @ 10:30am	18	19	20 Chapel	21	22	23
24 Worship Service @ 8:00am/ Bible Study @ 9:15am/Worship Service @ 10:30am	25	26	27	28	29	30
	School Closed/Thanksgiving Break			HAPPY THANKSGIVING ECC Closed/Thanksgiving		

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GSLs Menu November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Barbeque Smokies, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cocktail, green beans, Milk	2
3	4 Spaghetti com, garlic bread, pineapples, milk	5 Taquitos, beans, fruit, milk	6 Chicken broccoli rice casserole, applesauce, milk	7 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & gravy, com, garlic bread, milk/	8 Hamburger, French fries, peaches, milk Veterans Day Lunch	9
10	11 School & ECC Closed/Veterans Day	12 Pizza, Salad, mixed fruit, Milk	13 Grilled Cheese, Chicken or Tomato Soup, pickles, milk	14 BBQ Chicken, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	15 Turkey Cheese Wraps, Chips, Fruit, Milk	16
17	18 Beanie Weenies, fruit, bread & butter, milk	19 Taco Salad, oranges, milk	20 Hamburgers w/ fixings, French Fries, peaches, milk	21 Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, fruit, rolls, milk	22 Turkey or Ham, Mac & Cheese, Mashed potatoes, Dressing, green beans, bread, milk	23
24	25 Fettucine Alfredo, green beans, fruit, bread & butter School Closed/Thanksgiving Break	26 Beef & Cheese nachos, beans, pineapples, milk	27 Com Dogs, chips, fruit, milk	28 ECC Closed Thanksgiving Break	29	30

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