



REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

November is our month of thanksgiving! Our guiding verse is Psalm 107:1—"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Classes will practice gratitude daily, write thankyou notes, and add moments to our "Caught Being Thankful" wall.

Please join us for our November School Assembly on Friday, November 7, at 2:45 p.m. in the School Gym. Parents are invited! We'll continue our Thanksgiving theme by welcoming a local police officer and his K-9 partner. They'll share about service to our community and provide a short demonstration for students.

We'll also express our thanks in a special way at our Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 10. Our students will sing in honor of our veterans, with a luncheon to follow for veterans and their guests. This is one of the ways our Good Shepherd family gives Thanksgiving—by remembering, thanking, and serving those who have served us.

How families can join in:

- Ask your child to share "3 Good Things" from the day.
- Help write a note of thanks to a teacher, classmate, neighbor, or veteran.
- Consider donating to the food drive and praying for the families who will receive the baskets.

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Reminder: Thanksgiving Break is November 24th through 28th.

May God fill your homes with joy and rest!

Van M Guillotte Administrator

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Upcoming Dates to Remember



Friday, November 7th— All School Pep Rally 2:45pm – 3:15pm School Gym



Monday, November 10th — Veteran's Day Program & Luncheon 11:30am – 12:30pm, School Gym SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 12:30PM

Tuesday, November 11th — Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL



Sunday, November 16th — The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary Celebration (see page 9 for more information)



November 24th – 28th —Thanksgiving Holiday — NO SCHOOL

Planning Ahead in December

Friday, December 5th— All School Pep Rally, 2:45pm – 3:15pm, School Gym
Sunday, December 14th — Christmas Sing for the Church Congregation, 10:15am-11:30am
Thursday, December 18th — School Christmas Program, 10:00am – 11:00am or 6:30pm – 7:30pm,
School Gym

December 22nd – January 2nd — Christmas Holiday, NO SCHOOL



Monday, January 5th— Professional Development Day, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>

Tuesday, January 6th — SCHOOL RESUMES, START OF THE 3RD QUARTER







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Classroom News

Pre-School

Each morning starts with a discussion about weather, singing the alphabets and counting. We are becoming fluent in singing the ABC's! The children are encouraged to participate in a range of play-based learning opportunities with their peers, with developing their understanding of the world around them. Play helps them to communicate, share and work together when engaging in imaginary play, building and constructing and when using the playground equipment. The children are practicing letter recognition, focusing on the letters in their first name. They are developing fine motor skills through drawing, coloring and using scissors. They are also working on their communication skills and their sharing skills, as well.

Ms. MarQuisha Love

Pre-K

It's been a wonderful season in Pre-K! Our classes have been busy growing in kindness, knowledge, and faith each day. We've been learning about what it means to be part of a caring community- showing kindness to our friends, helping one another, and using gentle hands and words. We've been practicing our letters and sounds, building the foundation for reading and writing. Our routines are becoming stronger each week as we learn how to follow directions, take turns, and work together during centers and circle time. Fall has brought lots of excitement to our classroom with colorful leaves, pumpkins and fun seasonal activities. Most importantly, we continue to learn about God's love and how we can show His kindness in all that we do. November we will focus on being thankful. We are proud of how much our Pre-K friends are growing inside and out!

Mrs. Alesha Baumann and Ms. Sam Johnson

Kindergarten

This quarter has been a wonderful time of growth and learning for our kindergarten class! The children have shown tremendous curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm in everything we've explored together. They are becoming confident learners who love to ask questions, try new things and help one another in the classroom. It's been a joy to watch them develop both academically and spiritually.

In math, the students have made great progress understanding numbers, shapes, patterns and simple addition and subtraction. They enjoy counting games, sorting activities and hands-on lessons that help them see math all around them. Many children are now able to recognize and write their numbers with growing confidence. They can solve simple problems independently or in small groups.

in phonics, we focused on building early literacy skills through sight words and storytelling. The children are becoming strong listeners and expressive speakers. Many are starting to read short words and (cont.)

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sentences on their own. They take pride in their writing and drawing, using words and pictures to share their ideas and experiences. Their love for book continues to grow. Storytime has become one of the most joyful parts of our day. On Fridays, the school librarian, Mrs. Junghanns, visits our classroom and shares stories with us. We are blessed to have her.

We have also introduced Spanish, and the children have done a fantastic job learning new words and phrases. They especially enjoyed practicing greetings, colors, games and movement. Their enthusiasm for learning a new language has been inspiring. It's amazing how quickly they remember and use what they've learned.



This quarter we learned about the Biblical character, Moses. The children were fascinated by his story and the many ways God used him to lead and help others. Through our lessons, they learned about courage, faith and trusting God even when things seem difficult. The class enjoyed engaging in discussions, crafts and songs that helped bring Moses' story to life. It was beautiful to see how the children connected the lessons to their own lives and showed kindness and bravery in our classroom community.

The Burning Bush craft

Overall, this has been an outstanding quarter. The children have shown not only academic growth, but also kindness, cooperation and a deepening understanding of faith and values. Their curiosity and love of learning make every day special. I'm so proud of each student and look forward to all the wonderful things we'll discover together next quarter.

Mrs. Dana Johnson



K is for Kindergarten Kindness wall

1st Grade

The FIRST GRADERS have been able to experience a small "slice" of autumn the past several days as we discuss the beauty of the seasons and compare various leaves. I was privileged to be able to go on a "field" trip over Fall Break to St. Paul, Minnesota, where I visited some of my family. While there, my daughter and I noticed beautiful maple, oak, birch, and aspen trees!

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Then, I said, "I must take some leaves back to my students, so that they can appreciate the amazing colors of fall in the northern states. The students were excited when they were told they could choose a leaf to



take home! God's creation is unbelievably gorgeous; we just need to take time to notice it!

Now, in regard to geography, the FIRST GRADERS are becoming masters of the states! Oklahoma History is very important to learn about, but....we won't stop there; the kids are eager to learn about places beyond their horizon. The kids are already able to read the full names of many of the states. I am very proud of my students! The entire class got a 100% or higher on the last Spelling test! The FIRST GRADERS are looking forward to TRUNK OR TREAT on Thursday, October 30th. Also, a REFORMATION PARTY, highlighting God's free gift of salvation, is planned for the FIRST

GRADERS on Friday, October 31st. Finally, the entire school is preparing for the upcoming VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM in November. We have a lot going on at our school for there is never a dull moment when serving Christ is our aim, and when learning is greatly encouraged!

Mrs. Grace Rohwer

2nd Grade

We have been working incredibly hard in 2nd grade this year, and October has been a thrilling journey so far! Let's take a look at what 2nd-grade Rams are learning in each subject:

Science: We are exploring the wonders of the solar system and the beauty of land formations, even experimenting with the fascinating effects of water erosion!

Social Studies: After wrapping up our study of communities, we've embarked on an exciting exploration of money. The students excel in small groups, diving into hands-on learning with mock budgets while having meaningful discussions about wants versus needs.

Math: We are mastering the art of adding and subtracting three-digit numbers and diligently honing our skills in telling time!

Language Arts: Our focus on prefixes and suffixes is opening up new avenues for expression and understanding.

Religion: Having completed our inspiring unit on Moses and Joshua, we are now immersing ourselves in the story of Ruth. Witnessing the kids' love for Religion and their discussions about Jesus is truly uplifting!

Mrs. Sadie Downes

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3rd & 4th Grade

As we welcome November, a month full of gratitude and reflection, I want to take a moment to appreciate the progress my class has made this year. We have come together to achieve and support one another. We're focusing on kindness, community, family and giving back, making the most of this season of thanks. Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead!

Ms. Kerriona Carson

"Doughnuts For Grownups" Collage



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"Doughnuts for Grownups" Collage (cont.)













Grade 5th & 6th

Happy November! Can you believe how quickly this school year is flying by? We have settled into our routine and understand what is expected of us. Recently, we had such a fun time enjoying donuts with our grown-ups! The students have truly enjoyed going to music class with Mr. Tidwell, where they are learning about different instruments and songs in various languages. They have also been focusing on kindness, even leaving little notes on their classmates' desks throughout the school. This November is set to be a fantastic month, filled with more learning, plenty of fun, and a sense of togetherness!

Ms. Belinda Harke

7th & 8th Grade

A Great Start to the Year!

Our class has jumped into the school year with energy and curiosity. Students have been building strong habits for learning — practicing teamwork, sharpening math skills, and thinking like historians. In math, we've focused most recently on ratios, proportions, and similar figures, using real-world problems and hands-on examples to make concepts stick. Science lessons have introduced atomic structure and (cont.)

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molecules, and we've explored Newton's laws with simple demonstrations that connect force and motion to everyday life. In social studies, we studied the original colonies and the causes and key events of the Revolutionary War; students completed a weekend research project creating timelines and visuals highlighting important battles and figures.

Looking ahead, we will begin units on the Constitution and the Early Republic in history, graphing and linear relationships in math, and famous astronomers and their discoveries in science. Students will present short projects that connect founding ideas to today and will apply graphing skills to analyze data from experiments and investigations.

In keeping with the theme of kindness, our class practices kindness through regular open discussions tied to our biblical lessons and devotions, followed by personal journal entries. We emphasize that our morality comes from God and encourage students to trust in His Word and His plan for us, even when we don't understand.

Mr. Mitchell Bryant

Individual Instruction

Things are going well in the Individual Instruction classroom! I've been working with students on Spelling, Phonics, Math and Reading. We have fun while we learn! In November we focus on being thankful. We receive so many blessings from our loving Heavenly Father. May we be truly thankful to Him every day. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Mrs. Lynn Cunningham

Library

Greetings from the "Traveling Librarian!"

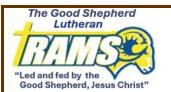
I am having a wonderful time visiting the preschool through 2nd grade classes and sharing stories with them. We have read about a llama who isn't quite ready for the first day of school, talked about the season of Fall and read about community "Super Heroes." We read about "The Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves"...Why or why did she swallow those leaves? Well, to make a scarecrow when she sneezes of course! It is a joy to see the students' excitement and curiosity as we discover new stories together. In 3rd and 4th grades, I am sharing the timeless story of "Charlotte's Web." What a great story to learn about friendship and being kind to everyone, no matter their differences. The 5th grade through 8th grades go to the library when able and check out books to read in class or at home. I see them reading on their own and it is awesome!

Thank you to all the teachers for your warm welcome and support. I look forward to many more Storytimes and shared adventures with each class. Keep reading, and I can't wait to see everyone again soon! Happy Reading,

The Traveling Librarian (Mrs. Marla Junghanns)

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AN INVITATION ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
It is our joy and delight to extend an invitation to you for our
upcoming 75th Anniversary of the beginning of The Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church, Midwest City, Oklahoma. The members are
honored and thrilled to invite you to this momentous event, Please

note below: Confirmation Reunion Info noted in red font. Just for you, we are holding a Jr. Confirmation Reunion on Saturday, the day before the Anniversary Celebration. Come join with all your fellow Confirmands. Please share this Invitation with others.

What: 75th Anniversary Celebration of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Midwest City, Oklahoma

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025, 11 a.m. Jr. Confirmation Class Reunion When: Next Day - Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Service, Rev. Dr. Joe

Meyer, former Pastor - Proclaimer ** Followed by Thanksgiving Dinner

Where: Saturday, the Confirmation Reunion will be held in the Fellowship Hall,

south end of the Church building.

Where: The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 700 North Air Depot Boulevard,

Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

Who: Jr. Confirmands, your Spouse, and immediate family are invited to attend.

Our theme verse for this Celebration is John 10:27 - "My Sheep Hear My Voice

and I Know Them and They Follow Me."

We are gathering and celebrating in Thanksgiving for all of God's bountiful Blessings over these past 75 years of His Grace. We are grateful for all those who have gone before us to establish this congregation in the beginnings of Midwest City and Tinker Air Force Base. Thanks be to God that He has been our guide in shepherding us to this date. We are and have been "Led and Fed by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ."

Come and join us with gratefulness and praise. We will be honored by your presence with us. Help us by sharing this invitation with others. A block of rooms has been reserved with special rates if you need housing. Use the link/number below to make your reservation. Just Pay when you check out.

The Candlewood Suites phone to call is:405-604-5300 Ask for the Good Shepherd 75th Anniversary Block

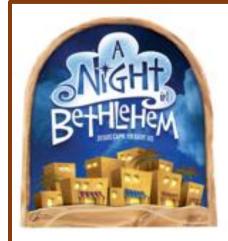
The Delta Marriott Hotel link is: Book your group rate for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary

Help us plan for your attendance. Please send your name and cell number with the number in your party (ages of your children if applicable) to attend as soon as possible to: Jackie (Casey) Dusavitch, j_dusavitch@hotmail.com or text 405-482-0905 definitely by November 5, 2025. Thank you!

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A Night in Bethlehem

At A Night in Bethlehem, the children 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 5, from 5 pm to 7 pm

We invite you to be a part of this amazing evening as the children 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.



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Raising a Thankful Child

By Julie A. Riess

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we may find ourselves reflecting more often on how to raise a thankful child. At first glance, parents might think about how to teach the social scripts of thank you. Should a 2-year-old be forced to say thank you to Grandma for a gift? Should a 4-year-old sign a thank you note for a birthday present? Should a 6-year-old show appreciation for a large helping of spinach and cranberry sauce on his or her Thanksgiving plate?

Parents often have the best intentions of raising a thankful child as part of their parental job descriptions. We tend to use the social graces of please and thank you as one index of raising a "good kid." Indeed, manners such as these are important tools for getting along and working together with others in our society.

Even young children can be taught to say please and thank you. Giving them prompts ("What do you say?"), withholding the requested item ("You can't have the cookie unless I hear the magic words"), and modeling ("Could you please pass the juice?") are ways to encourage learning these manners. But is learning to say thank you the same as being thankful?

Think about something in the past year for which you are thankful. Is it a person, place, or thing? an event? a state of being? Did you say thank you? How did you express your gratitude? Did it feel sincere or more like satisfying a social grace?

The development of morality is marked in part by the emergence of the moral emotions such as shame, pride, guilt, embarrassment, and empathy. As these emotions develop, they allow children to feel a response in relationship to their own actions toward others. The emotional feedback contributes to that sense of sincerity.

Our gut reactions may highlight a comparison of manners vs. morals. While both reflect an aspect of how we treat others, children can use manners just by learning a script. The problem in learning scripts for manners for a child too young or separated from meaning is that children satisfy the social grace without experiencing the emotional response or acting upon their own intent. For example, 4-year-old Beth runs to greet her grandmother. "Thanks, Grandma!" she says, grabbing the present out of her grandmother's hand. She opens the box to find six pairs of white socks. Crestfallen, she says, "Thank you, Grandma, for my socks." Beth's first thanks is genuine appreciation for receiving a present, but her second thank you is the script that she is supposed to say.

Teaching manners is a fine art of modeling but not always the making of meaning. Raising thankful children is a fine art of helping them make their own meaning. Maybe it is a rumpled, crayon-scribbled card. Maybe

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it is a fresh bouquet of dandelions (and a few other weeds) from the back yard or local park. Maybe it is just a warm hug after a cold ice cream treat.

Children express some sense of thankfulness and desire to be appreciated all the time. It is our role as parents to model appreciation and reflect those genuine feelings back to the child. With a warm smile and a sincere voice, we can say, "Thank you for my beautiful card. I can tell you worked hard on it. You used so many different colors! It makes me feel really good and happy inside. I'm going to put it up right here on the refrigerator so our whole family can enjoy it."

Thankfulness also emerges from children raised with the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Like adults, children need to be exposed to genuine appreciation and to feel appreciated.

Many years ago on our family vacation, my 8-year-old daughter saved some of her carnival money and schemed a way to buy me a small candle and matching stand. The gift brought tears to my eyes, and we both knew our appreciation was genuine. And yes, I said thank you.

Julie A. Riess
Chief Early Education Officer
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https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/raising-thankful-child



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A Thanksgiving Devotion

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Read Luke 17:11-19 + Psalm 139:16-18

"Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" Luke 17:17

Keeping Count

Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we do well to recall the Small Catechism's explanation of the Fourth Petition. There, Luther lists twenty-two items that describe our daily bread. And to make sure nothing is forgotten, he concludes this enumeration by saying, "and the like." But who's counting? Not us, that's for sure. Even though we recite this prayer often, we need to remember to receive all these gifts from God with thanksgiving.

Only one of the ten lepers was grateful for the cleansing he received. I like to think that when Jesus asked him, "Where are the nine?" and then said, "Rise and go your way" (Luke 17:17, 19), the Samaritan took that as a commission to find his former comrades in the leper colony and urge them to give thanks also. May God use us to remind others of their many gifts from Him, even as we continue to focus on that fact ourselves. For when we number the blessings in our life, we can always count on the fact that they come from the hand of a gracious, loving God.

Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice; And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand To the unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand (LSB* 857:1). Amen.

(adapted from Portals of Prayer, Vol. 88, No. 469; Personal and Family Devotions, October 1 to December 31, 2025; Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis)

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^{*-} Lutheran Social Book





"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.

Church:

700 N. Air Depot Blvd.
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110
Phone (405) 732-2585
Website: www.MyLutheran.church

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

School:

Phone (405) 732-0070
Fax (405) 732-3977
Website: www.MyLutheran.school
E-mail: schoolsecretary@gslok.org
School Hours:
Mon-Fri: 8:15 AM - 3:45 PM

Early Childhood Center:

Phone (405) 732-7667
Fax (405) 732-3977
Website: www.MyLutheran.school
E-mail: eccdirector@gslok.org
Early Childhood Center Hours:
Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM



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