

ROD and STAFF

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want . . . your rod and your staff — they comfort me.”

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Community Thanksgiving Service

This year the Annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Tabernacle.

The service will feature traditional and contemporary Thanksgiving hymns, a variety of special music, and an offering received for *Community Helping Ministry*. An “AGAPE Feast” will follow. Please see Linda Ritter for more information.

Dorsett Village Church will also be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner on Tues., Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome but reservations are requested. Call 314-576-7729 by Nov. 17 if you’d like to attend.

Many local churches are serving meals for the needy and homeless. Call CHM at 314-770-2216 for more information



Men’s Group Chili Cook-Off

Join the Shepherd of the Hills Men’s Group on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for a Chili Cook-Off. Admission is only \$3.00. There will also be gift basket raffles and a chance to win a \$100 gas card. Proceeds go towards a new entry door to help further our mission of being easily accessible to all. *Invite your friends and neighbors!*

CHM Opps

Unfortunately, CHM was forced to cancel their annual fall festival again this year due to low attendance. Because of this, they will need extra monetary help with their Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need.



Cash donations or \$5 & \$10 gift cards to Schnucks and Shop-n-Save are appreciated. A list will be posted in future Sunday bulletins and on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall with suggested food donations.

There will also be a food drive at the Maryland Heights and Bridgeton Schnucks on Nov. 10 & 11.

Please see Linda Ritter or John Meyer for more information.

WELCA Fall Craft & Bake Sale

On Sunday, Nov. 4 WELCA will be hosting their annual Fall Craft & Bake Sale. Craft items and baked goods of all kinds are welcomed. Please have your craft items and baked goods pre-priced and packaged to sell.



Please see Linda Ritter or Carol Krull for more information.

Annual Budget Meeting



Mark your calendars for our Annual Budget Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 25, immediately following worship and fellowship. We will be looking at the annual spending plan of the congregation as we fund ongoing ministries of the congregation in 2013. Special activities will be planned for the children during the meeting.

Thanks to all who filled out and turned in your estimates of giving for 2013. If you haven’t yet, please do so right away to financial secretary Carol Krull.

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Shall We Dance?

I am so happy to be with you at Shepherd of the Hills as we engage in God’s ministry together for the sake of the world! And we wouldn’t be here today if not for the congregation’s call committee.



I would like to publicly thank all the members of the call committee for their faithfulness to such a challenging task.

I also want to thank the whole congregation for the warm welcome you have offered to me and my family these past few weeks. And finally, for last Sunday’s installation service which was simply wonderful! Thank you to everyone who made that day so special.

Ever since my interviews with the call committee this summer I have imagined our ministry together at Shepherd of the Hills to be like a dance. Not like a dance performance, where a few people dance and the rest watch. Rather, what I’ve been picturing with us is more like a square dance (you’re famous for this, right?) or a line dance or dancing at a wedding reception. These are dances where a whole group participates and experiences the movement and the joy together.

I have a sense that you as a congregation are inclined to see something happen and say, “Cool, I can do that!” or “That looks like fun, can I try?” And that makes my pastor’s heart so very happy. Because I have not been called to this place to do ministry *for* you, but rather to do ministry *with* you. And it is exciting to think that you will be willing to join in, rather than just sit back and watch.

The ministry that happens at Shepherd of the Hills we do together – no matter our age or abilities. It doesn’t matter if you’re an ordained pastor or if you’ve never been to church before last Sunday – we are *all* called to ministry! We all have gifts for ministry. We are all invited to join the dance. And I believe God has some great moves in mind for us and for our community.

May God bless us in our new dance together!

-Pastor Kristen

Church Directories

The new pictorial church directories have arrived! If you ordered one when you came in to have your picture taken, please check your mail slot. If you ordered one and do not have a mail slot or have any other questions, please see Sydney Meyer or Linda Pearson.

Note: We apologize in advance that Pastor Kristen’s name was misspelled in the directory. Things were happening very fast during that time period and it was regretfully overlooked.

Confirmation

The Wednesday night Confirmation meetings for November will be on Nov. 7 & 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Pastor Kristen plans to talk with parents individually about the Confirmation program in the near future. If you have any questions or concerns, please have them ready for discussion with Pastor Kristen.

Regular attendance for both of the classes is highly recommended. It is very important in the confirmation journey. Showing up when you are the scheduled acolyte is also greatly appreciated as there are only five students in this class. Thank you!

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are at the heart and core of living as God’s people in this world. They are not just habits or rituals, but a daily source of meaning, identity, purpose, and new beginnings.

Cancer Companions

The Cancer Companions support group will meet here at SOTH on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This is open to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer in any way. Please see Lisa Hogbin or Sydney Meyer for more information. Or go to the website: www.cancer-companions.org.



Healing Circle

The “Healing Circle” is offered each Sunday. Healing ministers Joan

Carnaghi, Dave Elder, George Marvin and Tom Ritter respond to individual requests for physical, emotional and spiritual healing, raised to God through prayer and the laying-on of hands. Sign up on the podium.

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Margaret Keys 1
 Dot Krippelcz 1
 Angie Keys 7
 Fred Meyer 5
 Alexis Hogbin 6
 Sydia Darker 9
 Judy Martin 13
 Cynthia Darker 16
 Sam Johnson 20
 Camille Keys 20
 Joe Nalepa 20
 Kylie Surratt 21
 Anna Deatherage 23
 Nathan Gweama 28



Anniversaries

Dale & Candy Travis 5
 Gary & Kathy Sieker 17
 Bill & Laura Schaffer ... 26



Your Photos are Needed

Do you have any recent or past photos of church activities? Your photos are needed for use on the church website. Digital photos are preferred but we will be happy to scan photo prints as well. Please copy photo files to a CD or a USB. Please enclose prints and USB drives in an envelope with your name on it and they will be returned to you. Any notes that you can provide to give context to the photos would also be greatly appreciated. Photos can also be sent electronically to contribute@sothstl.org. Please see Mike Toohey if you have any questions.

NewsBytes...



- ✦ We welcome **Pastor Kristen Koch**, who was installed as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills on Sunday, Oct. 28 by Rev. Dr. Janice Kibler, Bishop’s Associate for the Central States Synod. *(Please note that Pastor Kristen’s home number is 314-921-5497. An incorrect number was printed on the calendar in this issue.)*
- ✦ Special thanks to **Suah Tokpa** and her family and friends for the special Liberian music during the service on Oct. 28. What a wonderful way to wake everyone up and give praises to our God!
- ✦ And thanks to all who helped out in any way with the reception after the installation service, from bringing food to cleaning up afterwards.
- ✦ We offer prayers of healing and relief for **Joan Keith**. *May God grant her healing and peace.*
- ✦ Congratulations to **Sydney Meyer** on the birth of her grandsons, Patrick Meyer born on Sept. 30 and Micah Nutt born on Oct. 20. *God’s Blessings on the new additions to your family!*



OCTOBER

Church Council Highlights

- Approved gift cards as a thank you for the members of the Call Committee to be presented at worship on Sunday, Oct. 14.
- Finalized Pastor Kristen’s installation details. Installation service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28 during worship. A representative from the Bishop’s office will perform the installation.
- Approved replacing the kitchen door after attempting to have only the broken pane replaced and finding out that was not an option. Jim Berry will handle the details on finding a replacement and having it installed.
- Approved new laptop for church secretary’s office. Laptop was ordered and has been delivered to the office. Mike Toohey is setting it up and it should be installed in the office very soon.
- The Church Council meeting for November has been switched to Monday, Nov. 12.

“Fall Back” One Hour

Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, Nov. 3.



For those who forget to do this, coffee will be ready at the church by 8:00 a.m. so you can chat and enjoy the hour before worship begins at 9:00. For those who remember, enjoy your extra hour of sleep and come refreshed to join us for Sunday worship.

Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church (ELCA)

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Ushers: Bianca & Joe Nalepa Counters: Bob Bird & Mike Toohey Altar Guild: Sharon Elder & Donna Rogers CAs: Jim Berry, Aubrey Hunter & Suah Tokpa <i>Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve!</i>				1	2 Chili Cook-off 5-7 pm	3	
4 WELCA Craft & Bake Sale	—9:00 am G: Bob & Rhonda Bird AM: Abbi Telander A: Deidra Adams LR: Lori Collins R: Elder & Smith N: B. Elder & Stephanie S. T: Carl Jordan	5	6	7 Cancer Comp. 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	8	9	10 Men's Group 9 am
11	—9:00 am G: Ann & Dixi Smith AM: Martha Johnson A: Carlie Hunter LR: Candy Travis R: Tokpa & Griffin N: Abbi Telander & Gabi A. T: Linda Pearson	12 Care & Evang. 6:00 pm Church Council 7:00 pm	13	14 Cancer Companions 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	15	16	17
18	—9:00 am G: Candy & Dale Travis AM: Jim Berry A: Kristen Schnur LR: Jim Urnes R: N. Gbelawoe N: Julie Hutson & Meagan N T: Susan Hoven	19	20 December Newsletter Deadline	21 Cancer Comp. 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	22	23	24
25 Annual Budget Meeting	—9:00 am G: Carol & Tom Krull AM: Pat Amick A: Jenna Hutson LR: Zsabetta Artis R: Anderson & Ambacher N: Sydney Meyer & Aubrey T: George Marvin	26	27	28 Cancer Companions 6:30-8:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	29	30	

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Worship 9:00 am • Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Kristen Koch • 314-571-9205 • prkristen@sothstl.org

Lauri Anderson, Church Secretary • **New Office Hours:** 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday

Church Office e-mail: soth@sothstl.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, November is one of the transition months. And once again, a driving trip allows the time to focus on the message.



The farm fields of Illinois and Iowa are mostly harvested. The visible growth, heat and activity of summer are over. As fall arrives, the growth heads underground, a quiet time for the earth to absorb the nutrients from the stubble.

November is also a quiet time (relatively) for us at Shepherd of the Hills. Not yet ramping up for the joy of Christmas. So it's a time to absorb the last year, to have some quiet contemplation, and reflection on 2012.

When I look back at 2012 at Shepherd of the Hills I see a transition, and a transformation. As we have seen our long time pastor called to Colorado. We have had wonderful guidance from Pastor Jeff as our interim pastor.

And as I reflect on the last year I have seen the members of the congregation fill-in during the transition. And have seen a transformation in the growth in leadership and service among the members of the congregation. A great example is the establishment of the Cancer Companions Ministry. Members saw a need, had great passion and asked council for a place to meet, and viola a ministry grows.

It's good to reflect on the past year, to see how we've grown as individuals and as a congregation. Please take some quiet time (while you can!) to look back at the last year, and also look forward to 2013.

Yours in Christ,
Bill Johnson

Care and Evangelism Committee

We will be highlighting committees and groups in the upcoming months, letting you know what they do and what their needs are. This information will also be put into a booklet to be included in new member packets.

Care & Evangelism Committee—Co-chairs: Lisa Hogbin & Linda Pearson
The Care & Evangelism Committee has a two-fold purpose. The care component of the committee seeks to extend the love of God in tangible ways to friends and members of the congregation. The Evangelism component is responsible for the intentional evangelical outreach ministries of the congregation.

Some of the committee's activities include overseeing and coordination of: Sunday morning greeters for worship, Cookie Callers for visitor follow-up, Greeting Card Ministry, Cancer Companions support ministry, congregational sponsors for new members, and exploring additional activities such as updating our church brochure and photo directory.



Dear friends at Shepherd of the Hills,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food, and offers to help during my recovery from surgery. Your kindness has been a great support. I have missed seeing you on Sundays. I hope to be back in church in November.

Sincerely,

Joan Keith

Dear Friends,

It's not about the lumber. It's not about the bricks or drywall, hammers or nails...It's not even about houses. While your gift to Habitat for Humanity St. Louis will help to pay for the materials that make our build possible, and for that we are so very thankful...That isn't what it's all about.

Our work is about the people—the many lives we touch and the overwhelming spirit of teamwork. From the supporters and volunteers, to the homebuyers working hard alongside them, to the communities that grow and flourish as families come together to become neighbors.

Thank you for your gift and for being a part of our team.

Respectfully,

Kimberly McKinney, CEO

Dear SOTH,

Thank you for your contribution to Lutheran Family and Children's Services. Your gift will enable us to fulfill our mission to help families, children and individuals experience greater hope and wholeness of life.

Sincerely,

Rev. Alan M. Erdman

President



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Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.



Our Ministers: All the People of God at Shepherd of the Hills / Our Faithful Church Council Members:

Bill Johnson, *president & tech team*
Linda Pearson, *vp & care/evangelism*
Jim Berry, *facilities*

Jim Urnes, Sr., *worship*
Rhonda Bird, *social concerns*
Megan Nalepa, *youth rep & sec.*

Suah Tokpa, *stewardship*
John Daab, *finance*
Genny Jordan, *education*

OUR VISION . . .

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All people into God's grace † Disciples of Jesus Christ † In Witness and Service

Don't Miss These Opportunities!



- **Bridgeton's Fall Arts & Crafts Fair** is Sat., Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bridgeton Community Center on Fee Fee Road. For more info call 314-739-5599.
- **Hope Lutheran** in St. Ann is having a Spaghetti supper on Friday, Nov. 9 from 5-7 p.m. They will also have a Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are located on St. Cosmas Lane.
- **Overland's Fall Arts & Crafts Fair** is Sat., Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Overland Community Center on Lackland Road. Call 314-428-0490 for more information.
- **CHM** is holding a Wicked Ticket Raffle for a chance to win 2 tickets to the January 5 performance of "Wicked", a musical that will be performed at the Fox Theatre. Chances are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Winner will be drawn on Friday, Dec. 7. See Linda Ritter for more info or call CHM at 314-770-2216.