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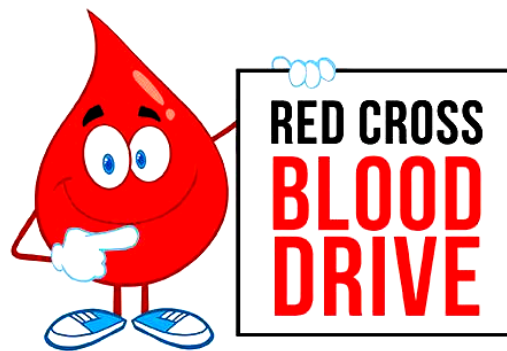


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[www.holy-shepherd.org](http://www.holy-shepherd.org)

To the family of...

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we share God's love with all creation.

### Blood Drive at Holy Shepherd ~ INCLUDES COVID ANTIBODY TESTING



October's blood drive is scheduled for Friday the 8th, from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Masks and social distancing will be observed for everyone's safety.

Those that want to sign up can do so online at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Once you've landed on the webpage, look at the top menu for "Find a Blood Drive," and put in zip code 46373, find Holy Shepherd using the

date of October 8th...and choose your time slot. They may be able to fit you in if you drop by, but because of COVID there will likely be a longer waiting time. Our final blood drive of 2021 is December 17th from 12:30-5:30pm.

# SHEPHERD'S STAFF

HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



October 2021

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## Trunk, Treat, and Food



This year on OCTOBER 24, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church will again hold its Trunk and Treat goodie give-away. Children will dress in their Halloween costumes and go from trunk to trunk to receive all kinds of good things to put in their bags. This will begin after the 10:00 AM service so about 11:00 AM.

The entire congregation is invited to open their trunks for this exciting event. Please park around the perimeter of the parking lot so it will be safe for the children to walk. We would love to see all of you open your hearts and trunks for our children and youth.

After the Trunk and Treat is finished, food will be served by a food vender. Tables will be set up for some fellowship time with others from the congregation. One hotdog will be provided for each person. More will be available at a cost to you.

This is a perfect opportunity to safely bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends for some Halloween fun. Won't you please participate? Let's fill the parking lot with cars full of Halloween fun.

Due to COVID there will be no extra entertainment this year.

## Photos of saints needed

As is our tradition, Holy Shepherd honors deceased loved ones in a projected collage of photos at our All Saints' worship services, which this year is November 3 & 4. Anyone who would like to add to the projected collage should email a photo to church at: [hslc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hslc@sbcglobal.net) or drop the photo off to the church office by October 25 - photos will be returned. Be sure to participate by submitting photos of your personal "saints"!



#### MISSION STATEMENT

To fulfill our mission as Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, we...

**Trust** in God for guidance and support,  
**Thank** God in word and deed,  
**Teach** the good news of Jesus, and  
**Tend** those inside and outside the flock,

Because the Holy Spirit...

**Ties** us closer to God and to one another, and  
**Transforms** us into devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

## A Change of Perspective

At the congregation where I served prior to coming to Holy Shepherd, one of my predecessors was a member. Paul always sat in the third pew from the back of the church, on the pulpit side right on the aisle. One Sunday morning before worship, I asked him why he always sat so far in the back. He said, "Eric, I had to be up front in church every Sunday for thirty-nine years. I need a change of perspective." While I certainly grasped what he was saying intellectually, it wasn't until recently that I actually felt a little bit of what I think he was talking about - and now I understand it wasn't just about facing a different direction in worship.

Zach's ministry here at Holy Shepherd has only just begun, but one way his ministry has blessed me already has been to give me a change of perspective. On weekends Zach preaches, by the time we reach the 10:00 service Sunday morning, I've already taken the notes I think I need to take to give him some meaningful feedback. This means I can move a little farther back in the room, and might even mean I can sit with my family for part of the service. This doesn't just change my perspective in terms of being in a different seat in the room. It also changes my perspective by blessing me with the opportunity to hear someone preaching God's good news to me.

This change in perspective, from being the one doing the proclaiming to one of those receiving the message, is something I didn't realize I needed until I experienced it. Having the opportunity to worship in my congregation and hear that message alongside all of you feeds my faith. Hearing God's good news spoken to me opens my eyes to things I might miss when I'm the one doing the speaking. And this

change of perspective reminds me of both the tremendous responsibility and the wonderful privilege that come with preaching God's good news to you.

Coming to worship those days with a sense of curiosity for where God's word will take me that day and with a hunger for God's good news helps renew my commitment to this part of my ministry. The change of perspective I can experience when I get to hear Zach preach helps me appreciate the ways people count on the message to help carry God's word into their lives.

So no matter where I'm sitting in the room when Zach is preaching, I treasure the change in perspective. I am blessed by being able to receive a word of good news at a time when I'm often responsible for offering that word of good news. And I'm renewed in my commitment to bringing my best each time I preach because I experience the way the message feeds my faith.

I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit can help me use the change of perspective to grow not just as a preacher, but in all the things I do as pastor.

In Christ,  
Pastor Eric



## REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday is on October 31st this year. Don't forget to wear RED to worship!

## New Member Sessions Offered



We're pleased to offer a series of new member sessions this fall, October 11, 18, and 25 with the welcome of new members to take place in worship the weekend of October 30-31.

Contact Pastor Eric for more details.

## Sunday school

Sunday school continues each and every Sunday. We are still in need of teachers for 5-6, 7-8, and substitute teachers for the lower grades. Please contact Carlene at [hslccarlene@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hslccarlene@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested or have any questions.



Bible Workshop will be held October 3 and 10 during the Sunday school hour. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders or fourth graders if you missed the workshop last year will then receive their Bibles on October 17 at the 10:00 AM service. Contact Carlene if you have any questions.

# CHURCH FINANCIALS

Members can find this information in the hardcopy edition of the newsletter available in the narthex, or in the emailed monthly newsletter.



It is Fall already! School has started and Rally Day 2021 is in the past. For gardeners this time of year means harvesting and preparing garden beds for winter. One goal our church has is to start a community garden where fresh food can be grown and donated to local food pantries and where others in our community can come and grow their own flowers and food in garden beds on the church grounds. We hope to have garden beds ready for planting next Spring. But lots of planning needs to occur before actual gardening can occur. And what better time to plan than during the winter when the temperatures are cold, we are yearning to be outside without a coat, and we look forward hopefully to the Spring renewal! We look forward to inviting others to “Come Grow with Us”.

The planning phase will begin soon and involves reaching out to other community garden programs for advice, determining how many beds and what size, whether these should be raised beds so it is more accessible to people of all ages and challenges, what materials will be needed and where to get them, how much should be budgeted to this new ministry, and, when the weather begins to improve in the Spring, outlining and actually digging out and composting the beds. Publicity for this program will be instrumental in ensuring others know of this opportunity so a publicity campaign needs to be planned and implemented prior to Spring as well. Anyone who would like to help with this new ministry and who has not already volunteered, please contact the church office. Volunteers with a diverse skills and knowledge are welcome and needed!



# October Birthdays

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## Golf Team Champions!



Holy Shepherd team #2 finished in first place in the Calumet Men’s Golf League. The team members are Al & Kevin Benda, Mark Minsky, Trevor Janke, Co-Captains Kent Lewis and Dave Greinke and subs Mike Bieszczat and Jim Miller. The first place prize money is being donated to the church youth fund and the Champions Plaque will remain at our church. Last year’s champion team was Holy Shepherd #1 and they need more members as some have moved out of the area. If interested contact Team #1 captain Al Konieczka. The league is a wonderful way to share fellowship with other area churches and have fun doing it. We are already looking forward to next year.

## Major Mission October - December 2021



Every three years we send a group of youth and adult leaders to the ELCA Youth Gathering for a week of programming that includes interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. This experience offers young people the opportunity to grow in faith by challenging and inspiring them to live out their faith in their daily lives.

If you’d like to help our young people attend this gathering, please place contributions in a Major Mission envelope located on the back of pews.

## October = Food Collection for Campagna's Thanksgiving Baskets

During the month of October we’ll be collecting non-perishable, Thanksgiving themed food items for Thanksgiving baskets that will be assembled on Thursday, November 18th at the Campagna Academy in Schererville from 6-8pm. Filled Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed to foster care families and families within the Campagna community. *(This is also one of our Off-Site Service Events.)*



### Deadline for Newsletter Articles

Please have articles for November’s newsletter submitted by October 13 using the church email address: [hslc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hslc@sbcglobal.net).

### Psalm for October: Psalm 8

*Refrain*

Lord your name is glorious,  
It resounds through all the earth.

**Verse 1**

Lord our Lord, your glorious name,  
All your wondrous works Proclaim;  
In the heaven's with radiant signs  
Evermore your glory shines. *(refrain)*

**Verse 2**

Infant voices chant your praise,  
Telling all your glorious ways;  
Weakest means work out your will,  
Mighty foes you cause to still. *(refrain)*

**Verse 3**

Moon and stars in shining height  
Nightly tell their Maker's might;  
When I view the heaven's a far  
Then I know how small we are. *(refrain)*



### Happenings at Holy Shepherd



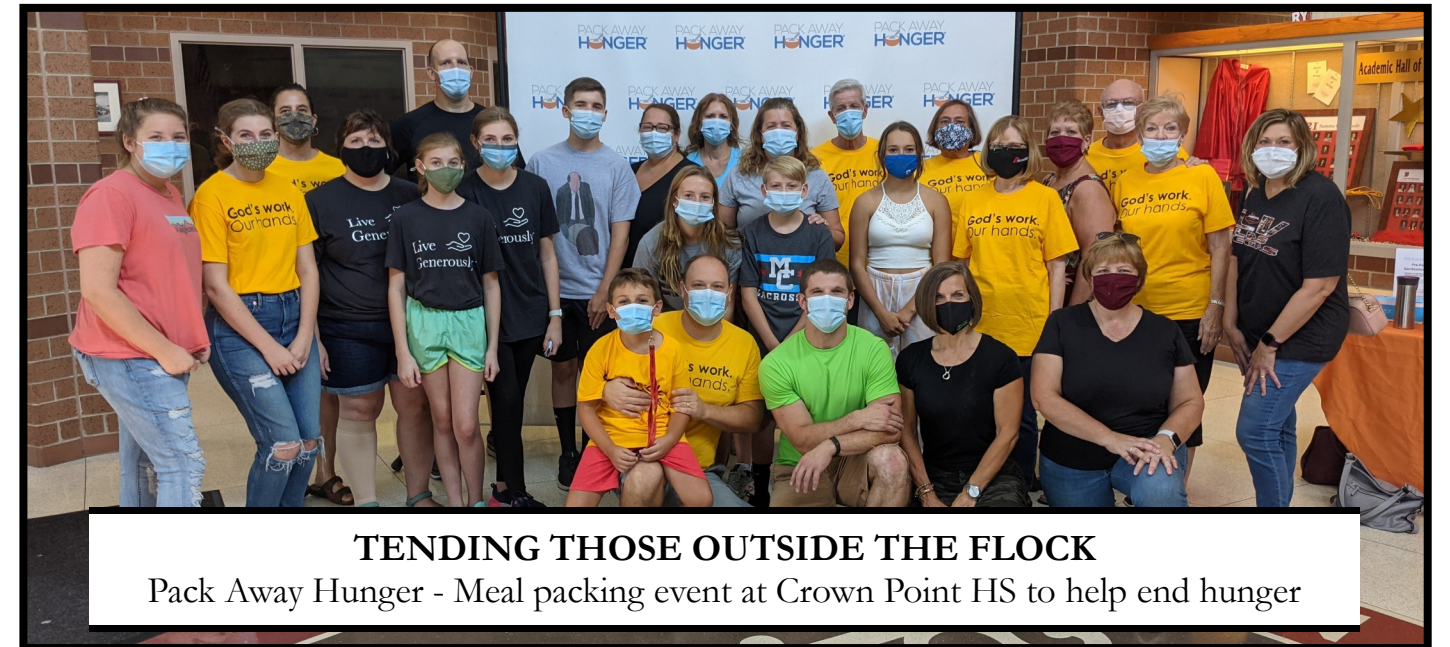
**TENDING THOSE OUTSIDE THE FLOCK**  
Mobile Marketplace & Food distribution at HSLC

### PrimeTimers at Hoosier Valley Railroad & Museum



**18 PrimeTimers in Attendance @ Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum**

We ate a boxed lunch before the train ride & enjoyed coffee and pastry in town before heading home.



**TENDING THOSE OUTSIDE THE FLOCK**  
Pack Away Hunger - Meal packing event at Crown Point HS to help end hunger



**TENDING THOSE INSIDE THE FLOCK**  
Rally Day at Holy Shepherd