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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Blessings of God's Counting "The very hairs of your head are all numbered," Luke 12:7

"Count your blessings." We hear that especially at Thanksgiving. But the problem is that we're not very good at that.

If I was really going to count my blessings, I would count each of the more than 34 thousand breaths I take each day. I would count every single square of my Life cereal, and every glorious leaf God paints for my enjoyment each fall, and every kiss from my wife and children, and every laugh I share with a friend, and every warm drop of water from the showerhead that feels so good at the end of a tiring day.

I would count not only every penny in my retirement account but also the ones I lost in this recession. I would count not only every part of my body that works well and doesn't hurt but also every part that is failing and sore. I would count not only all that goes well every day but also every problem and frustration. These things teach me that I can't count on anything in this sin-cursed life to give me the lasting joy and peace I long for. They remind me that I am just a sinner who needs not only God's help but also God's salvation. They turn my heart toward God so I can be reminded of the counting that really makes me thankful: God's counting.

God is a much better counter than we are. Jesus tells us, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." Jesus not only knows the exact number of hairs on our heads, but He also knows when hair 103,416 falls out in the shower and when hair 58,027 gets pulled out and stuck in a hairbrush. The tiniest details of our lives matter to Him, because we matter to Him. He hears every single sigh, and He sees every single tear.

But why should God be so intimately concerned about us and thoroughly committed to us? Is it because we have worn our

Bibles out like someone crazy in love with God, someone who wants to know every detail about Him? How have we repaid Him for His love and for numbering every single hair of ours? David said, "My sins . . . are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me," (Psalm 40:12). Take a good look at that apron covering you the next time you get a haircut. All that hair is all your sin against God. No wonder David's heart failed within him.

But here is why our hearts don't fail at our sin but instead swell with thanksgiving: God does not count a single one of our sins against us. And it's not like God just to shrug them off. In order to forget the count of our sins, He had to number His Son with the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12). He charged His only holy Son with every sin counted against us and put Him to death on the cross for them. He did that because He loves us. He did that so we can say with confidence and thanks every single day, "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him," (Psalm 32:2).

It is good to count our blessings, especially at Thanksgiving. But let's remember and give thanks for the greatest blessing of all: the merciful, meticulous counting of God's grace that is ours in Christ!

The Lord be with you,
Pastor David Hintz

Written Sunday sermons are available upon request. Please speak with Diane in the church office for a copy. Also, you may access the sermons online at www.goodshepherdlcms.com

Pastor Kilps will be on his annual hunting trip, November 2nd through November 5th. If you have any concerns during this time, please speak with Pastor Hintz or your elder.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2011-2012

We continue to accept applications for enrollment to the 2011-2012 school year. Our program is open to the public children 3-5 years of age. The sessions run Monday – Thursday, 12:30-3:00 pm, with Wrap-A-Round Care available. For more information, please call Lori Kilps at 793-1716.

LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

The ladies will have their monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th at 1:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

MILK CAPS

With the first full month of school behind us, we continue to ask you to collect milk caps with the following stickers on top. They are: Kids Caps & Cash, Nickels for Schools, & "Milk Moola". For each cap we send in the school receives 5 cents and as we know, that can quickly add up! Also remember to clip the "**Box Tops for Education**" coupons. All these programs add up, and are important fundraisers for our preschool.

Thanks for your continued support!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool



MEALS ON WHEELS

Our church is always in need of **more volunteers** whether it is to be pu on the regular schedule or to be a substitute; so if you would be willing to help, contact Diane in the church office. Please consider giving just an hour of your time.

It is so much appreciated by those we serve!

God Bless.



November 28-December 2



Volunteers should be at the Two Rivers Senior Center by 11:15 am

SCRIP NEWS

Need groceries? Is your fuel tank low on fuel? Stop by the church office and **buy a Scrip Card!** A complete list of local vendors can be found on the church office door and the SCRIP board located in the hallway. It is so easy to become a good steward just by taking advantage of this program offered through Great Lakes Scrip Center. The profits received on each of your purchases are helping offset our budget. Best part of it is, its on goods we all buy everyday, every week, and all year long. The next date to order is **Sunday, November 6th** after the service. Pick up of your order will be the following Sunday. In response to the success we've had in regards to our ongoing Scrip Program, we will be drawing for a \$10 gift card of your choice, from what we have in stock! When you place an order or purchase Scrip through the church office, your name will be automatically entered into a drawing for one of our \$10.00 gift cards.

If you aren't already participating, it's *never too late*. For more information about this program and how it works, please speak with Krista Wilcox or Diane Wachsmuth, your SCRIP Coordinators.

Consider being a good steward by using SCRIP!
It is a win, win program for everyone.

TREP NEWS

Here are the TREP updates for the bulletin and next newsletter:

- They are in need of: macaroni and cheese, cereal, ramen noodles, Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, and toilet paper.
- They have purchased a new freezer, but need to come up with about \$22,000 in order to get \$20,000 in matching funds from the West Foundation. They are asking the community to help support their fundraising efforts. Checks should be made to TREP and marked in the memo section of the check with a note that it is for the "Freezer Fund". They emphasized that it was important that the checks have the note in the memo so that the funds can be directed to the freezer account.

LWML NEWS

Young Women's Retreat

Register early for this event scheduled on February 3rd & 4th of 2012. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, a Professor of Education and Ambassador for the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University of Wisconsin. In addition to our guest speaker we will have discussion groups on spiritual warfare. Don't fall into Satan's tactics; use the Lord to guide you through! Our mission is to inform, encourage, and inspire women to be actively involved in supporting Mission Outreach. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Glenna Gauthier your LWML representative for more information

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Will be offered on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

November 6th

Remember to turn back your clock before retiring for the evening, on Saturday night, November 5th. The church service will remain the same, being offered at 9:15 am.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Preschool is participating in this year's Christmas Parade in Two Rivers on Saturday, November 26, 2011. The parade starts at 5:30, but we will be gathering shortly before. We will let you know the details regarding our meeting spot. We are going to be walking the short route of the parade and handing out fun surprises to parade gatherers. Participants will receive surprises too! Our theme is: "Jesus is the Light of the World." Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and help us spread the good news of Christmas!

Any questions, please contact Sarah Eiden.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Gottinger, Kevin | 11/2 |
| Wilcox, Adam | 11/2 |
| Springstube, Nathan | 11/4 |
| Hansen, Elizabeth | 11/5 |
| Kleckner, Calvin | 11/9 |
| Mikeal, Elmer | 11/12 |
| Stanzel, Ronda | 11/13 |
| Blazer, Judith | 11/14 |
| Gottschalk, Christi | 11/18 |
| Kunesh, Jacob | 11/20 |
| Reiser, Kim | 11/22 |
| Wilcox, Mark | 11/22 |
| Juul, Eastin | 11/29 |

Happy Birthday



USHERS:

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| 6 th - | Team #3 |
| 13 th - | Team #4 |
| 20 th - | Team #1 |
| 23 rd - | Team #2 |
| 27 th - | Team #3 |
| 30 th - | Team #4 |

ALTAR GUILD:

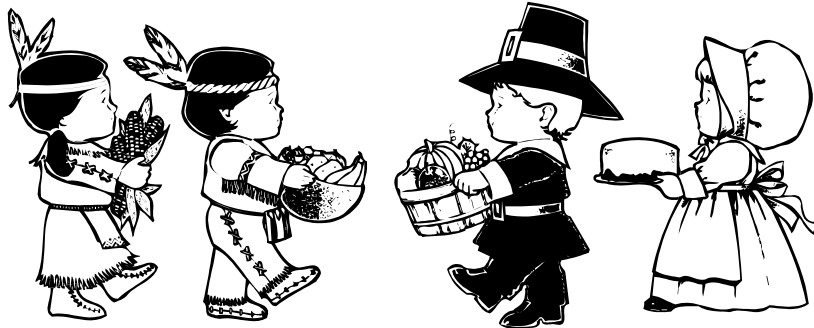
Linda Juul
Chris O'Neill

GREETERS:

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| 6 th - | Hearley |
| 13 th - | Klimesh |
| 20 th - | A. Krizizke |
| 23 rd - | Meisner |
| 27 th - | Mielke |
| 30 th - | O'Neill |

FLOWERS:

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| 6 th - | Wilcox |
| 13 th - | Hearley |
| 20 th - | Wilcox |
| 27 th - | Miske |



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Monday, November 28th

