



We are so thankful to be in a congregation that is alive, listening to God's call, and moving with the Spirit! Can you feel it? None of this is possible without the support you provide for our ministries both within and outside the walls of Good Shepherd Lutheran. Through your generosity and God's guidance, we have been able to worship God at two services each Sunday, provide Christian education for our youth and adults, extend a welcome through our Caregiver's support group, greet our community through events like Trunk or Treat and the Child's Play Preschool chapel, fund our amazing staff, fellowship with one another on Sunday mornings as well as during special meals, and giving generously through our donations to Drake Closet, MUST Ministries, and our bountiful garden. The list is long of all that happens to further God's kingdom through the hearts and hands of Good Shepherd Lutheran congregation. Thank you!

We have listened to your dreams for this congregation during our Long-Range Planning, and we are excited to extend this challenge to you to fulfill these dreams. We are ready to use our gifts to replace the carpeting in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, to more fully fund staff benefits, and to consider bringing on an intern to work with Pastor Karen to help serve our church and community. Through an intern, we can then use our gifts to help prepare another to lead God's Church into the future. Are you willing to help our dreams become a reality and step into the next part of God's journey through our hands? We fervently pray that you are.

Galatians 6:9 tells us not to grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. With God's help, we can do this! Please join the Stewardship Committee as we pray for Good Shepherd and our future. How is God asking you to use your heart, your hands and your treasures?

As a fun way to engage in this campaign, we will leverage off the theme of Pony Express. We'll kick off stewardship season on October 12 with the distribution of the stewardship packets and a community meal. Join us for bratwurst, hot dogs and drinks, and bring one of your yummy side dishes. We'll round up our intent cards each Sunday from October 19-November 2, so watch for the cowpokes wearing bandanas, and maybe even a cowboy hat and boots! Our deadline for your intent forms is November 9th. Even if there are no changes to your giving for this year, please fill out your form for fiscal year 2026-27. Finally, on Sunday, November 9, we'll consecrate the gifts given during our single worship service at 10 am, followed by a congregation meeting and a Thanksgiving feast of gratitude for the gifts we have been so freely given.

Remember, an easy way to consistently provide your giving is through Simply Giving. There will be forms provided in the package with instructions on how to set this up.

Thank you again for your generosity and may God bless all of us as we prayerfully consider how we can contribute to further God's grace and mercy for all.

Your Stewardship Committee,
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Valerie L. Whiteman, Chairperson, and Sharron Ryan, Council Liaison

