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## A message from Pastor Quinn

### Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

The Lutheran hymn we consider this month is really the convergence of things old and new. If you look at this hymn in the hymnal (CW 219), you will see that the text was written by Paul Gerhardt in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the tune by Kurt Eggert in the 20<sup>th</sup>. In our newsletters we have studied these two men already (Gerhardt in April and Eggert in September). *Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See* is the last stanza of Paul Gerhardt's Lenten hymn, *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*. This ten stanza hymn originally appeared in a hymnbook by Johann Cruger published in 1648. Four of the stanzas are preserved in our hymnal today (CW 100). The last stanza of the hymn as it appeared in the Lutheran Hymnal (TLH 142) was deemed worthy to stand alone as its own hymn. The first word of the stanza was changed from "And" to "Lord," and Kurt Eggert wrote a new tune, WEDDING GLORY, and its harmonization in 1990 especially for the "new" hymn. He hoped that it would be a useful closing hymn during certain seasons of the church year. Carl Schalk, another Lutheran composer, provided the arrangement of the hymn tune for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Seminary Chorus. It is the choir's signature song.

*Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See* was a wonderful and fitting final stanza to Gerhardt's original hymn. It is, perhaps, even more beautiful in its own setting. It speaks of the great wedding in heaven where Christ's bride, the Church of all believers, will stand with her Bridegroom wearing the most beautiful wedding clothes – the blood and righteousness of Christ himself. The only apparel worthy for the eternal wedding feast! This end time hymn reminds us that whenever our end comes, whether in death or on the Last Day, we have no reason to be afraid of God's judgment. Clothed in Jesus' blood and righteousness we will stand in eternal glory, joy, and pleasure with

the heavenly Bridegroom of our souls.

*Lord, when your glory I shall see  
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As your own bride I shall be brought  
To stand in joy beside you.*

### Coming up in November:

- November 1 Ladies Guild, 6:45 PM  
Board of Trustees PM**
- November 6 Daylight Savings  
Time Ends**
- November 8 Church Council**
- November 12 Game and Movie Night 6:30 PM**
- November 20 Nicole Mason, Demonstration**
- November 22 Board of Elders**
- November 24 Thanksgiving**
- November 30 Soup Supper 5:30  
Holy Communion - Advent 1  
6:30 PM**

### Time Change, November 6th

Daylight Savings time changes on Sunday morning at 2 AM, November 6th. It's fall back time.

## News from the October's Voters' Assembly

### President Mike Krueger's Report

The Voters' meeting held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM included a discussion of staffing for the principal and upper grade teacher call for next school year. We reviewed the form to request a call list of teacher/principal candidates from the field. The form was also reviewed at the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The input was compiled by the Board of Education and sent into District President Seifert so he could put together a call list for the Voters' to consider. Teachers from the field cannot be called until after November 1<sup>st</sup> so the Voters' meeting was recessed until Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> when we will extend a call to a principal and teacher for next school year.

The Facility Expansion Committee of Ron Daniel, George Klement, Gale Krueger, Jeff Pitt and Dan Wamhoff reported on their assessment and phased approach as a recommended course of action. The first phase includes expanding our ministry through outreach, repairing and expanding the parking lot, gathering offerings to retire debt and pay for the parking lot and developing a detailed plan for the second phase.

The second phase is building a Family Ministry Center that would include a larger fellowship hall and gymnasium for Bible studies, Sunday School, VBS, gym classes, basketball and volleyball. The Center could also be used as a temporary worship facility during expansion of the sanctuary in the third phase. The second phase would also include gathering offerings and commitments for a portion of the costs before beginning construction and developing a detailed plan for the third phase.

The third phase would be expanding the existing sanctuary to increase the seating capacity from 170 to 230-418 using the same financial approach as the second phase. The fourth phase would be expanding the number of classrooms by building a second story over the existing classrooms. The voters were very pleased with the work done and approach taken by the Expansion Committee. The Committee plans to bring to the January Voters' meeting a review of the year end finances, a detailed cost estimate for parking lot repair and expansion, sketches of phases 2, 3 and 4 and will be looking for approval to proceed with the parking lot. The voters asked the Committee to also make

their presentation to the congregation.

The financial report for the first nine months of the year was also reviewed. We have reduced the general fund deficit from \$78,578 a year ago to \$54,671. If we can continue this trend the general fund deficit that has accumulated over the last several years could be eliminated in a couple years! At the same time we have also completed and paid for the heating and air conditioning system work! The voters' asked for a presentation to be made to the congregation on the financial condition of the church. The presentation will be combined with the presentation on the Ministry and Facility Expansion and held between the services in place of Bible Class.

The voters ratified a nominating committee of Joe Shaffer, Irvin DeLong and John Pifher with Daren Roehl serving as an alternate. The committee will be asking men to consent to be placed on the ballot for congregational officers. Elections are held for the church officers and open board positions in December. Church officers are elected for one year terms and board members are elected for three year terms. The names of the men who consent to be placed in nomination for these positions will be posted on the bulletin board. If you are contacted by the nominating committee please remember that they see in you the spiritual gifts needed by our congregation. Think about how the Lord could bless you and strengthen you in Christ through your service and give the nomination your prayerful consideration.

In addition to the work of the nominating committee, the boards and Council will be working on the budget for next year to be voted on at the December Voters' meeting. Please give them your input and prayers as they do this work for our ministry at Good Shepherd for the next year.

In keeping with the congregation's custom to use special offerings to support the Lord's work outside of Good Shepherd, the voters also approved the following special service offering designations:

**Thanksgiving Day: WELS Christian Aid and Relief**

**Advent Midweek Services: ½ Cadillac mission, ½ MLS**

**Christmas Eve + Christmas Day: Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund**

**New Year's Eve: WELS World Missions**

## Thanksgiving Baskets

The next two Sundays (November 6 and November 13) we will be collecting free will offerings and food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. These baskets will be delivered to some members of our congregation who could use a little extra help at this special time of the year. Sharing seems particularly appropriate at this time of year.

## Old Christmas Cards Needed

Mrs. Joyce Tafel who teaches Kindergarten, First and Second Grades would like used Christmas cards for an art project for the children to do. You may drop them off in the church office or give them directly to Mrs. Tafel.

## School News

November 4th a trip to MLS is planned for students K through 5th grades so see the play *The Princess and the Pea*. Written by Hans Christian Andersen the story tells of a prince who wants to marry a princess, but is having difficulty finding a suitable wife. Something is always wrong with those he meets, and he cannot be certain they are *real* princesses.

One stormy night a young woman drenched with rain seeks shelter in the prince's castle. She claims to be a princess, so the prince's mother decides to test their unexpected guest by placing a pea in the bed she is offered for the night, covered by 20 mattresses and 20 featherbeds. In the morning the guest tells her hosts that she endured a sleepless night, kept awake by something hard in the bed; which she is certain has bruised her. The prince rejoices. Only a real princess would have the sensitivity to feel a pea through such a quantity of bedding. The two are married and live happily ever after.

October 5, 6, and 7th saw the LES students enjoying three days off from school while the teachers attended the Michigan District Teachers' Conference. Now it was the teachers turn to attend classes.

On Friday, October 14th Mr. Fetcenko's room traveled to MLS and attended some classes, the pep rally, took a guided tour of MLS, attended a Question & Answer session, ate in the cafeteria and then attended the Homecoming football game. It was a day and evening filled with a lot of new experiences.

In the event of weather related school closings you may find out if Good Shepherd is closed by listening

to the following stations:

### Radio Stations:

WSGW 790 AM

WCEN The Moose 94.5 FM

WILZ 107 FM

WGER Magic 106.3 FM

WXQL Cool 100.5 FM

### Television Station:

WJRT—TV 12

WNEM-TV 5

### Website:

[www.abc12.com](http://www.abc12.com) (Click on the link "School Closings")

## Lou Kasischke at MLS September 18

A number of people from Good Shepherd attended the special program to hear Lou Kasischke speak about his experience in the Mt. Everest tragedy on May 10, 1996 when eight climbers died. Weariness, too many climbers attempting to reach the top and an unexpected storm that raged down the slopes of Mt. Everest set the stage for the worst catastrophe in Mt. Everest's history.

Mr. Kasischke entitled his story *The Last Voice* and the fact that he heeded that inner voice saved his life. A skilled mountain climber, Lou was within 400 feet of the top of Mt. Everest when he made the decision to turn back and head back to camp.

The entire story of the tragedy has been committed to posterity by Jon Krakauer who wrote *Into Thin Air* which detailed what happened. Many of the survivors had a hard time coping with the memory. After the publication of *Into Thin Air*, Lou wrote to Jon:

"It took a few months in my case for the positive aspects to begin to develop. But they have. Everest was the worst experience in my life. But that was then. Now is now. I'm focusing on the positive. I learned some important things about life, others, and myself. I feel I now have a clearer perspective on life. I see things today I never saw before."

Later Lou visited Beck Weathers in Dallas who was on the same trip. Beck had his right arm amputated halfway below the elbow. All four fingers and the thumb on his left hand were removed. His nose was amputated and reconstructed with tissue from his ear and forehead.

The story *Into Thin Air* is well worth reading.

## News from MLS

Saturday, November 5 is Volunteer Appreciation Day .at MLS beginning at 5:30 PM in the MLS Cafeteria. All MLS volunteers are invited to attend this annual event recognizing the tremendous contribution that the MLS Family receives from a very dedicated group of people. Following dinner in the cafeteria, the Court Street Players will be performing The Princess and the Pea. Please RSVP by October 31st at 989-793-1041 or email las@mlsem.org. Hope to see you there for this special occasion!

MLS is giving a \$100 discount for incoming freshman (class of 2016) and new transfers. The offer applies until January 1, 2012. A \$50 discount will apply until March 15, 2012. Please note that this offer applies only to NEW STUDENTS, not to current students at MLS. You may apply at [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org).

Each year the MLS Foundation sponsors a Light Up a Students' Life Program. This program gives people the opportunity to purchase a light bulb on a special tree in honor of or in memory of someone special in their life. The Foundation will send a Christmas card to the recipient of the honor on your behalf. The tree will be on display beginning in November. Need more information? Please call the Foundation office at 989-793-7511.

The MLS Court Street Players will present a public performance of the Children's Theater play The Princess and the Pea on Saturday, November 5 at 7:00 PM. The doors will open at 6:30 PM for open seating. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

### **Fellowship Opportunities Coming Up!!!**

Thanks to the hard work of our Fellowship Committee we have some great projects coming up in November and December.'

### **November 12th, 6:30 PM Friday**

It's another fun-filled game and movie night. Starting at 6:30. This time children in third grade and up will be participating with the adults in the fellowship hall. Children younger than third grade will see a movie and have games suited for the younger group of children. Please bring snacks to share just like last time.

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### **November 20th, Sunday, 2:00 PM**

This will be a special demonstration by Nicole Mason on how to make her famous pumpkin roll cake. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board because it will depend on how the demonstration will be presented according too the number of people who want to participate. Two o'clock in the fellowship hall.

### **December 10 Christmas for Kids**

Christmas for Kids this year will be coordinated by Joe and Kayla Shaffer. More information concerning the time and a sign-up sheet will be available later in November.

### **December 11 Christmas Treat Exchange**

This Sunday get-together is for the ladies of the congregation to exchange Christmas treats. Bring 4 dozen Christmas cookies and take 4 dozen different cookies home, for example. Right now it looks like it may be held at the same time the children will be rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Festival Service. We want to make it easy for everyone who wants to participate.

### **December 17 Caroling**

Gale Krueger will be setting this up in his usual efficient manner and a time will be set as well as the places we will be caroling at. Children are welcome to come with their parents and enjoy Christmas caroling. After the caroling is done, the carolers are invited to drive out to Mike and Pam Kruegers' home for hot chocolate and snacks. Pam and Mike will provide the hot chocolate and you may bring your favorite snack to share with everyone. If you prefer something else besides hot chocolate to drink please bring the beverage of your choice. As this is being printed on October 28th, the time and places for caroling have not been decided upon yet but we'll get the information to you soon.

## Scripture Readings for November

### November 6 Last Judgment

Job 14:1-5  
Psalm 16  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 24:15-28

### November 13 Saints Triumphant

Daniel 7:9-14  
Psalm 84  
2 Peter 3:3-14  
Matthew 25:31-46

### November 20 Christ the King

Isaiah 35:3-10  
Psalm 45  
1 Thessalonians  
Matthew 25:1-13

### November 24 Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8:1-20  
Psalm 100  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Matthew 6:25-34

## Our Shut-ins

Please see your paper copy of the Newsletter or call the church office for information on our shut-ins.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays in November

November 1	Jacob Lewis
November 4	Tyler Glessner
November 5	Dave Rummel
November 6	Bailey Glessner
November 8	Roz Lehman
November 8	Andy Arbury
November 10	Kevin Hennig
November 22	Mitch McGill
November 26	Jim Johnson
November 28	Alex Hocquard

### Wedding Anniversaries in November

November 25 John and Susan Pifher

## Ladies Shopping Trip

Saturday, November 12th is the date for a one day shopping trip for the ladies of the congregation. Joanne Atkinson has planned a shopping trip to Mason, Michigan where they are having a house to house sale as well as a craft sale at the fairgrounds. If rummage sales and garage sales are your thing this is the trip to take. There will be ample time for good food while enjoying good company. You do not have to be a member of the Ladies Guild to go on this shopping trip.

## The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers Felicia Dorothea Hemans

The breaking waves dashed high  
On a stern and rock-bound coast,  
And the woods, against a stormy sky,  
Their giant branches tossed.  
And the heavy night hung dark  
The hills and waters o'er,  
When a band of exiles moored their bark  
On a wild New England shore.  
What sought they thus afar?  
Bright jewels of the mine?  
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?  
They sought a faith's pure shrine.  
Aye, call it holy ground;  
The soil where first they trod,  
They left unstained what there they found...  
Freedom to worship God!