

Alter Guild:	J. Grenda
Reader:	M. Parsons
Counters:	B. Hine, C. Schmick
Nursery:	K. Guest
Children's Church:	J. Blackwell
Ushers:	10:30 M. & M. Parsons
Greeters:	B. Justis & J. Winter
Acolytes:	A. Blanton
Sound:	Justin

Thanks Jen Winter for hosting today's coffee hour.

Next week's coffee hour will be hosted by Donna Eissler

- Last week's offering total was \$2,534.04
- Visit our website at www.thenewhope.com
- Visit Open Arms website at www.openarmschesterfield.com

At this Christmas season, there is unprecedented need in our own community. Here are ways you can help this giving season:

In the Narthex, choose a paper ornament from our small tree, purchase the item on the back, and bring it, wrapped, to the church, with the ornament taped to it and leave beneath the tree. The ornaments will support St. Joseph's Villa, and families and foster children through Lutheran Family Services.

Every week, be faithful about bringing canned goods to service for our food pantry. The BOSC is also collecting linens and children's clothes, as well as teen boy clothes and shoes for St. Joseph's Villa. We ask that these items be new or nearly new.

Purchase gift cards for Wal-Mart, WaWa, Ukrops, Kroger's etc. for ongoing needs that come up in our congregation and the community.

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Ezekiel 34:11-15, NLT

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord.

THE READINGS

John 10:1-18, NLT

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.” Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn’t understand what he meant, so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd. “The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

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