

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

March 2019

Why Lent?

Why do we celebrate the season of Lent each year? It seems so repetitive, with the same text read each year, and always with a call to observe these six weeks with fasting and prayer. I checked, and celebrating Lent is not mentioned in the Bible. So God didn't establish it for use by His church. So, why Lent?

We celebrate Lent because it is part of the Church Calendar we use to guide our worship. The Church Calendar is a yearly cycle of seasons which is used by most Christian Churches. It is not mentioned or fixed in Scripture, but was developed by the church over the centuries to guide its worship life. *"In our daily lives we keep track of our activities and special events with a calendar. The church throughout the centuries has also "kept track" of days and seasons and commemorating special occasions with a calendar. The Christian church has continued to follow the example set in the Old Testament of structuring the year around the marvelous acts of salvation that God completed for us in his Son, Christ. We call this structure the Church Year."* (From LCMS.org website)

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. Throughout these six weeks we remember events of Jesus' life, such as His fasting in the desert for forty days, and being tempted by the devil. We remember how Adam and Eve gave in to the Devil's temptation, but see Jesus resist the Devil's temptation, demonstrating His victory over temptation.

At the end of the six weeks we come to Holy Week, the last days of Jesus' life on earth, from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember Jesus' suffering and death on that dark Friday, but because of it our life is so much brighter. The day is so much brighter when you have been through the darkness. To see the light of Jesus Christ's resurrection on Easter, you have to acknowledge the suffering of Jesus that preceded it.

March Church Events

- 3.5 Adult Bible Study 9am
- 3.6 Heritage Hall Worship 3pm
- 3.6 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm
- 3.12 Adult Bible Study 9am
Christian Growth Meeting 6pm
Elders Meeting to follow
- 3.13 Lent Service 7pm
- 3.14 Women's Guild 6:30pm
- 3.18 Worship Committee 6pm
- 3.19 Adult Bible Study 9am
- 3.20 Lent Service 7pm
- 3.26 Adult Bible Study 9am
- 3.27 Lent Service 7pm

We observe Lent, and our Church Year, to better understand the depth of God's love for us in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior.

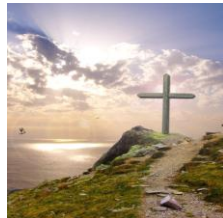
This Wednesday, March 6, we begin another season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday** service at 7:00pm. It will be a familiar journey, much like former Lenten journeys we have taken, but it is a most important road to travel. Each day of our life we are assaulted by the devil's temptation to sin, and it drains our strength in resisting, and at times we become complacent to the danger. To win, we need to rely on Jesus' resurrection victory. The season of Lent, with scheduled worship services, is a time to regain our focus and cherish the work of our salvation that Jesus Christ won for us.

This Lenten season we will explore portions of the Book of Exodus with the theme, "Let My People Go!" It is a Lenten series prepared by the Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing, Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Ex 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times! Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

The following is a list of the themes and text we will explore during this year's Lenten season. Make plans to join us for each of our special services.

Lent
**An important
road to travel.**



Ash Wednesday, March 6	"Big Things with Small Stuff"	(Ex 2:1-10)
Lent Two, March 13	"How God Changes Us"	(Ex 3:1-14)
Lent Three, March 20	"Stop Trying and Start Trusting"	(Ex 14:1-29)
Lent Four, March 27	"Strike the Rock!"	(Ex 17:1-7)
Lent Five, April 3	"Mine!"	(Ex 20:1-17)
Lent Six, April 10	"Digging Ourselves into a Hole"	(Ex 32:1-14)
Palm Sunday, April 14	"A New Beginning!"	(Ex 34:1-8)
Maundy Thursday, April 18	"Access!"	(Ex 24:1-11)
Good Friday, April 19	"Agnus Dei"	(Ex 12:1-13)
Easter Sunday, April 21	"Against All Odds!"	(Ex 15:1-18)

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Pastor Kriete

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	4	5 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	6 3:00p.m. Heritage Hall Worship Ash Wednesday 7:00pm	7	8	9
10 8:45 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	11	12 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Christian Growth Meeting 6:00pm Elder's Meeting 7:00pm	13 Lent Service 7:00pm	14 Women' Guild Meeting 6:30pm	15	16
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Brechler	3.1
Caleb Gesling	3.2
Sara Mechlin	3.11
Margaret Parker	3.12
Gerry Sydow	3.19
Jeff Jaeger	3.25
Jon Gronefeld	3.27
Abby Hoek	3.28
Kylee Walters	3.29





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

March 2019

March 3

"Is God Everybody's Father?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus, but we have the same Father"

(John 8)

March 10

"Through Another's Eyes"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Art helps us to better see the world. John's Gospel, which is both history and art, puts the world in proper focus

(John 9:1-41)

March 17

"Ba-a-ah"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Strikingly, Jesus refers to his people both as "sheep" and as "gods" (Psalm 82). How does that work?

(John 10)

March 24

"Death Doesn't End the Story"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you hear a person's story, it's hard not to like them. See what happens when you listen to the story of Jesus

(John 11)

March 31

"Not by Bread Alone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

There is a spiritual hunger beyond food that is expressed in food. Jesus provides for both.

(John 6:1-29)

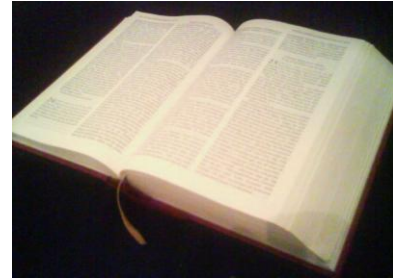
Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm



March Calendar

- March 3:** The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Text: Luke 9:28-36
- March 6:** Ash Wednesday
Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- March 10:** First Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 4:1-13
- March 17:** Second Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 13:31-35
- March 24:** Third Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 13:1-9
- March 31:** Fourth Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

churchupdates

Be sure to check "Church Updates" for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd.

Sign up and register at
www.churchupdates.org

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)

March 3

Reader: Randy Simmons
Greeters: Randy & Catherine Simmons
Ushers: Curt Nadler & Russell Stelzer
Musician: Palmyra Dubbert
Nursery: Alane Gronefeld
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey
Acolyte:
Tellers: Randy & Catherine Simmons

March 10

Reader: Gary Seider
Greeters: Randy & Catherine Simmons
Ushers: Gary Seider & Aaron Seider
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey
Acolyte:
Tellers: Gary & Ann Seider

March 17

Reader: Curt Nadler
Greeters: Randy & Catherine Simmons
Ushers: Curt Nadler & Randy Simmons
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Lori Gesling
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey
Acolyte:
Tellers: John Briggs & Kathy Dickey

March 24

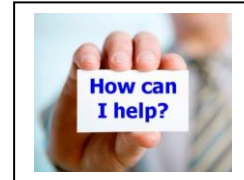
Reader: Russell Stelzer
Greeters: Randy & Catherine Simmons
Ushers: Eric Walters & Russell Stelzer
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jeff & Tracy Jaeger

March 31

Reader: Catherine Simmons
Greeters: Randy & Catherine Simmons
Ushers: Gary Seider & Aaron Seider
Musician: Donna Hoek
Nursery: Vickie Chism
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey
Acolyte:
Tellers: Jacki Stelzer & Vickie Chism

GOOD SHEPHERD CARE COMMITTEE

John Briggs 573-424-2257
Sheryl Bartels 573-881-7879



Board of Elders

Eric Walters (573) 682-4781
Gerry Sydow (573) 682-4157
Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236

April Centralia School Buddy Packs

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has volunteered to help with the buddy packs for **the month of April**. Pick up time at the Columbia Food Bank is from 3:30-5pm on Wednesday afternoon or 7:30-9am on Thursday morning. The food needs to be delivered to the schools by 10:00am on Thursday so we don't miss any preschoolers that leave at 11:00am and do not attend on Fridays. Look for the sign up sheet on the church bulletin board. This is a wonderful way to help out our community and assure that those children in need have nutritious food for the weekend. Please consider taking a turn.

**FEBRUARY
FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE**

February 3

Attendance	48
Current	\$ 1,012.00
Building	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 1,377.00

February 10 No Service due to the weather

February 17

Attendance	51
Current	\$ 3,187.50
Building	\$ 490.00
Total	\$ 3,677.50

February 24

Attendance	59
Current	\$ 2,012.00
Building	\$ 160.00
OCC	\$ 21.00
Total	\$ 2,193.00

Current
10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building
100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday are designated to be divided in this way: one-half to Central Missouri Food Bank and one-half to our Capital Improvements Fund.

**Centralia Ministerial Alliance
Trivia Night
Held on February 9, 2019**

All proceeds from the Trivia Night have been donated to the Centralia Ministerial Alliance to help out individuals with financial need in the area. This year we were able to send them a check for **\$899.00**. Special thanks to the committee members:

Donna Hoek
Aaron Seider
Kathy Dickey

And all others not included by name that made this a huge success.

Senior Youth Financial for February

Sweet Heart Banquet

Expenses \$451.25
Income \$1780.41
Profit \$1,329.16

60th Anniversary Cookbook Sales \$75.00

2019 Fellowship Hall Cleaning



February 24th S.W.O.T. Meeting



On Feb. 24, 28 people participated in a S.W.O.T. analysis for our congregation. Gary Seider facilitated the lively discussion of our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Ann Seider procured pizza and beverages for the crowd and others brought some things to complete the meal. At the Mar.12, Christian Growth meeting we will use the information gathered to update our Ministry Goals and Guidelines to help narrow the focus on ministry staffing options. Thanks to all who participated.



GSLC Sr. Youth would like to thank everyone for joining them for the Sweetheart Banquet and making it such a success! Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and we raised a little over \$1300 to help our Sr. Youth attend the National Youth Convention in Minnesota this Summer.

We would like to give special thanks to the following people for their help with the Banquet:

Russell Fischer of **Truman's Bar & Grill** for donating the food.

John Briggs of **Front State Events** for his DJ service.

Sheryl Bartels and **Katie Hoek** for their help with the decorations.

Ella Holiman, Sofie Pavlak, Hannah Pendergrast, Lacy Pavlak, Rafe Mechlin,

Christina Gronefeld, and Abby Hoek for waitressing.

Julie Thomas, Olivia Cunningham, Alane Gronefeld, and

Ann Seider for their help in the kitchen.

Danny Hoek, Matthew Hoek, and Jon Hoek for grilling.

Martin Mahieu for quickly fixing the drain for the dishwasher.

Ed Bartels, John Briggs, and Darrell Gronefeld for

shoveling snow off the sidewalks (several times!)

Russell Steltzer for clearing the snow off the parking lot.



Did you know that Russell Fischer, the son of Armand & Barbara Fischer has been donating food for the Sweetheart Banquet for the last 8 years? Russell is the owner of Truman's Bar & Grill in Columbia. Each year Russell donates a good portion of the food they serve. He has been very generous in supporting our Sr. Youth group for quite some time. So, if you're looking for a place in Columbia to eat out here's your chance to give a little back to him.

Truman's Bar & Grill
3304 W Broadway Business Park Ct.
Columbia, Missouri
Open Monday-Friday 6:00am-1:30am
Sunday 9:00am-midnight

Women's Guild



On February 11, 2019 Women's Guild members made cookies to mail to seven college kids. Then on Feb. 14 they had their monthly meeting. There were five ladies in attendance. They prepared a card to thank Ed Bartels for his work on laying the tile in the library. The yearbooks with our yearly schedule and other information were distributed. Special thanks to Judy Maseman for creating and printing those booklets. The Guild had recently participated with a team at Trivia Night. Margaret Parker reported that she has two quilts ready to tie for Lutheran World Relief. The Guild members will provide a meal to the young parents group at LFCS in April. Women's Guild is an LWML society that meets every month on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm. Our next meeting is March 14th. All Good Shepherd ladies are invited to join us for bible study and fellowship.

Take a look at our new tile floor in the old kitchen area, now the library. Thank you Ed Bartels, it looks wonderful!



Special Invitation

Pastor Rob and Nancy Kriete will celebrate 50 years of marriage on March 22nd. On Sunday March 24th, we are going to honor them with a potluck dinner at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, dinner will be held at 12:30. We would love for you to join us. They are aware of this but please direct all questions to us. Please RSVP to Leslie at 573-823-9598 or leskrie@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Greg and Leslie Kriete
Matt and Niki Kriete

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Gifts

FEBRUARY



MARCH



Thank you for adopting one or more boxes so gifts can go to children in other countries that have never received Christmas presents. This is a wonderful way to share God's love. Although we don't know who the recipient will be, I ask you to pray for them throughout the year asking God to show them love and to keep them safe.

We have a store this year which will allow you to purchase one item that you would normally have to buy in a package. The cost will be divided so you will pay for an item at a much lower cost. Look for the word "STORE" next to the items that will be available in the store. Monthly gift emphases are posted on the bulletin board.

It costs \$9 for shipping. If that is too much for you, please do not let that stop you from adopting a box. We will take up a collection at the end of the year.

Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Enjoy preparing your box(es). We will be able to find out what country our donations have blessed. That is always so exciting. Last year's donations went to Gabon and Mongolia.

If you have any questions, please let Jacki Stelzer know. 573-682-7231; jstelzer61@gmail.com.

BEREAVED

We remember in our prayers the family of **Gale Stowers** who departed this life on Friday, February 15, 2019. He is the father of Greg Stowers and Father-in-law of Kara Stowers.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Hank Maseman – on hospice care at home; **Bob Moss**; **Martha Blevins** – friend of the Gronefeld family; **Susan Harris**; **Whitley Adkisson** – Great Granddaughter of Verda Adkisson, daughter of Johnny & Cortney Adkisson; **Jane St. John**; **Bill Mahieu**; **Sandy Harlan**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.
Community: Brian Flatt – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

ARMED FORCES

Mason Crabtree – grandson of Margaret Parker has joined the Army and will be leaving Monday for Fort Benning GA.; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**; **Justin Thurston**.

PLUS ONE INITIATIVE

We are still collecting milk jugs, tin cans, and pill bottles for the PET project. Please place your items on the small table in the corner of the narthex.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We have cards for sale on the card rack in the narthex. Nearly all the cards have a scripture reference inside. Cost is \$1.00 per card and you can just place check to *Women's Guild* or cash in the money box located on the card rack. Please let Ann Seider or another Guild member know if you have any questions.



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