

# Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

February 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday's (Jan. 26) Quarterly Voter's Meeting was longer than most but it was time well spent. The lunch provided was superb, but even greater was the fellowship we shared. Throughout the meeting you could sense the unity we share as brothers and sisters in Christ. **"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."** (Eph.4:5-6). Joy and happiness underlined our discussions and when the meeting was closed, despite its length, we didn't rush to leave but continued to visit as we cleaned up.

One important decision that was approved was the acceptance of the Vision Statement which will guide our ministry plans for the future at GSLC. It is as follows.

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will revitalize with growth through mission outreach working with Mission Action Advisory Committee (MAAG) in northern Boone County. The mission outreach will begin in Centralia, and expand outward to include Hallsville, Sturgeon, Harrisburg, and the surrounding areas. The focus will be on reaching the unchurched, with emphasis on Millennials and Gen Zers. This vision includes equipping parents to teach Biblical Faith, and to develop a missionary mindset and culture among our congregants. The goal is to use this missionary mindset to impact 1% of the northern Boone County area every week. This vision centers on gathering people around God's Word and in His service.*

## February Church Events

- 2.4 No Adult Bible Study this week
- 2.5 Heritage Hall Worship 3 p.m.
- 2.9 MAAG Meeting at 2:30p.m.
- 2.10 Women's Guild, 1 p.m.
- 2.11 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
Elder's meet at 6 p.m.
- 2.15 Gslc Sr. Youth SweetHeart Banquet  
Meal 5pm-7pm, Dance to follow
- 2.17 Worship Committee, 6 p.m.
- 2.18 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 2.25 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 2.26 Ash Wednesday service, 7 p.m.

We are in a good place, with the right spirit, to achieve this goal. We are moving from being just a maintenance minded church to a mission minded Church. A maintenance minded church is one that looks inward and focuses only on keeping the doors open. This is a church in decline.

A mission minded church, with church defined as fellow believers in Christ gathered around God's Word and service, is focused on God's work and will, the saving of lost souls. ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*** And this message of God's love is for all people in the world, for God desires all to be saved. The following are some characteristics of a mission minded church.

A mission minded church is one that is...

*...Committed to Christ.*

*...A community of believers seeking to grow in God's Word.*

*...Eager for everyone to know God through faith in Jesus Christ.*

*...Focused on making disciples.*

*...Focused on missions.*

*...Doing hands on missions.*

*...Developing mission opportunities for service in the community.*

*...Drawn to the unchurched.*

*...Praying for God to help them to help others.*

This is not a new way of thinking for the church, it is a reflection of Christ's way of thinking. Jesus Christ's purpose was singular, to do everything necessary, to give all that was needed, to make the ultimate sacrifice, to save everyone from sin and death, to restore mankind for an eternal relationship with God. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

When I heard about the tragic death of the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna, plus seven others, on Sunday morning, one of my first thought was whether they were Christians. Thankfully God provide me with an answer for it was reported that Bryant and his daughter had attended mass and received communion that morning prior to their flight. What comfort to know that all who believe in Jesus Christ will pass through temporal death to an eternal life with Jesus in heaven.

We have received a tremendous gift in our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The Good News is what Jesus Christ has done with our sin, with our deeds of darkness. He exposed them, but not to shame or condemn us, but to save us. At the cross all our sins rested on His body for God the Father to see, and the Father's wrath and judgment for sin was poured out on Jesus. He died the sinners' death in our place. "For while we were sill weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.... (For) God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6,8.

We are Christ's disciples committed to His mission and service. We are Christ's disciples and work for something that will last forever – the salvation of souls.

God bless you all,  
*Pastor Kriete*

**Lent**

**2020**

**Easter**

***"Fix Your Eyes on Jesus"***

"O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Our prayer for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, based on the Gospel according to St. Mark, will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

On **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26**, our focus will be “**Misjudging Eyes.**” The disciples with “Misjudging Eyes” fail to recognize that soon Jesus will not be with them, and they cannot see the anonymous woman’s anointing of Jesus as preparation for His burial. But Jesus sees her actions as a beautiful deed that will be proclaimed throughout the world wherever the Gospel is heard.

On **Lenten Midweek Worship 2, March 4**, we will see through Judas’s “**Betraying Eyes.**” We will consider why Judas did this awful deed. But we also remember that behind-the-scenes-reality is that Jesus was “handed over” by God the Father Himself, so that Jesus could die for the sin of the world.

“**Sleepy Eyes**” is the theme for **Lenten Midweek Worship 3, March 11**. In Gethsemane, Jesus’ inner circle of Peter, James, and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father’s will is that He drink the cup of God’s wrath when He comes to the “hour” of His suffering.

On **Lenten Midweek Worship 4, March 18**, we stare into the “**Denying Eyes**” of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, the disciples flee. Later Peter, when accused of being a disciple of Jesus, will deny Jesus. But this leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

“**Murderous Eyes**” is the theme of **Lenten Midweek Worship 5, March 25**. The chief priests and scribes saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by murdering Him through the Roman judicial system. Yet during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the Father’s sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

On **Lenten Midweek Worship 6, April 1**, we will look through the “**Worldly Eyes**” of Pilate, the Jewish leaders, and the Roman soldiers. The world’s eyes look for power and glory; God’s way is suffering and the cross.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 9**, there is “**More Than Meets the Eye**” to the Lord’s Supper. We will look into the Old Testament background of the Last Supper and rejoice in the mystery that Jesus, in and with, bread and wine, gives us His body and blood in order to deliver to us the benefits of His Passion.

On **Good Friday, April 10**, we look through “**God’s Eyes**” to see what is happening during the Passion: the once-for-all atonement for the sin of the whole world and the justification of all sinners on Easter.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 12**, we will gaze upon the Resurrection through “**Angel Eyes.**” When the angel sees the women, he proclaims the Gospel to them, shows them where Jesus’ body had formerly lain, and tells them that they can see Jesus themselves in Galilee. Likewise, the “angels” or messengers of the Church in the apostolic ministry tell God’s people where they can find Jesus and His salvation in the Means of Grace.

In addition, “**Eyes on Jesus**” devotional booklets will be available for the Lenten season, beginning Ash Wednesday.

It is also encouraged that you read through the Gospel of John during Lent. Bible reading plans are available and it is suggested each day as you read the selected passage you journal (write down) some of your thoughts about the passage.

# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	3	4 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	5 3:00 p.m. Heritage Hall Worship	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/ Children's Church <b>MAAG</b> meeting at 2:30 in Ashland	10 Women' Guild Meeting 1:00 p.m.	11 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Elders Meeting 6pm	12	13	14	15  <b>Sr Youth SweetHeart Banquet Meal 5pm-7pm Dance to follow</b>
16 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	17 Worship Committee 6:00 p.m.	18 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service w/ Children's Church	24	25 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	26 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm	27	28	29

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2.6 Matt Hoek
- 2.6 Sherry Morse
- 2.13 Travis Banks
- 2.18 Brycelyn Stowers
- 2.25 Randy Simmons
- 2.26 Jim Gesling

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Lisa & Kyle Smith            2.1
- Sheryl & Ed Bartels        2.7

### SWEETHEART BANQUET DINNER & DANCE

**February 15, 2020 in the church  
fellowship hall**

GSLC Sr. Youth would like to invite you to a Dinner and Dance on Saturday, **February 15**. The cost is \$20.00 per person, includes Ribeye dinner served from 5 - 7 p.m., with dance to follow. John Briggs of Front Stage Events will be the DJ. For reservations, please let a Sr. Youth member know or call Donna Hoek at (573) 682-7235



LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES

[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

## FEBRUARY 2020

February 2

### "Gold Without Glitter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Without the fire of the refiner's forge, there can be no glittering gold. And so it is with us. You are more precious to God than gold. But, like gold, you and I need refining.

(Genesis 42)

February 9

### "Break Through the No-Go Zone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a breakthrough.

(Genesis 43-45)

February 16

### "Happy Families Are All Alike"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

(Genesis 50:15-26)

February 23

### "Know-How"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

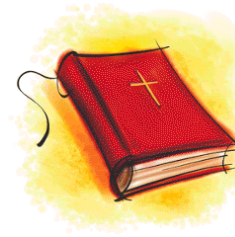
### Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm



## February Calendar

- February 2:** The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord  
Text: Luke 2:22-32
- February 9:** Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Text: Matthew 5:13-20
- February 16:** Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Text: Matthew 5:21-37
- February 23:** The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Text: Matthew 17:1-9
- February 26:** Ash Wednesday  
Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



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](http://www.churchupdates.org)

# Serving The Lord

**Officiant: Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)**

## **February 2**

Reader: Catherine Simmons  
Greeters:  
Ushers: Randy Simmons & Aaron Seider  
Musician: Palmyra Dubbert  
Nursery: Alane Gronefeld  
Altar Guild: Vickie Chism/Lori Gesling  
Acolyte:  
Tellers: Randy & Catherine Simmons

## **February 9**

Reader: Russell Stelzer  
Greeters:  
Ushers: Russell Stelzer & Eric Walters  
Musician: Donna Hoek  
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer  
Altar Guild: Vickie Chism/Lori Gesling  
Acolyte:  
Tellers: Gary & Ann Seider

## **February 16**

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

## **February 23**

Reader: Alane Gronefeld  
Greeters:  
Ushers: Gary Seider & Aaron Seider  
Musician: Donna Hoek  
Nursery: Jacki Stelzer  
Altar Guild: Vickie Chism/Lori Gesling  
Acolyte:  
Tellers: Jeff & Tracy Jaeger

### **GOOD SHEPHERD CARE COMMITTEE**

John Briggs	573-424-2257
Sheryl Bartels	573-881-7879
Judy Maseman	573-682-4237

### **Elders**

Gerry Sydow	(573) 682-4157
Jon Hoek	(573) 682-7236
Russell Stelzer	(573) 682-7230

### **2020 Church Council Officers**

President:	Gary Seider
Elders:	Gerry Sydow Jon Hoek Russell Stelzer
Trustees	Ed Bartel Kathy Dickey John Briggs
Recording Secretary:	Alane Gronefeld
Financial Secretary:	Tracy Jaeger

## January FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE

### January 5

Attendance	52
Current	\$ 1,959.00
Building	\$ 140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,099.00</b>

### January 12

Attendance	40
Current	\$ 1,031.00
Building	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,111.00</b>

### January 19

Attendance	60
Current	\$ 1,639.25
Building	\$ 375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,014.25</b>

### January 26

Attendance	50
Current	\$ 1,840.00
Building	\$ 165.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,005.00</b>

#### 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.

### Other January Deposits

1.5	Lutheran Witness	\$40.00
1.5	Geraldine Noll Trust	\$89,765.76
1.12	Lutheran Witness	\$25.00
1.12	Geraldine Noll Trust	\$8,217.63
1.19	Lutheran Witness	\$20.00
1.26	Hank Maseman Memorial	\$282.68

### LWML, MO District

### Church Workers Study Grant Application

**Now Available**

**Deadline: April 15th, 2020 for complete  
application**

**Find on-line at**

**[www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org)**

**(Found under Forms/Scholarship & Grants)**

**or contact**

**Edie Turner, CWSG Chairman**

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## **SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

Marth Blevins; Mary Brechler; Susan Harris; Codee Bartels; Brogan Virden; Bob Moss; Jane St. John; 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–treatment for Liver Cancer; Misty Williamson-treatment for Breast Cancer; Cheryl Hartgrove–wife of Pastor David Hartgrove.

## **ARMED FORCES**

Chris Chism, U.S. Navy – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Armand & Barbara Fischer; Mason Crabtree – grandson of Margaret Parker; 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.

## **BEREAVED**

We remember in our prayers the family of infant Brody Virden, who departed this life on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Twins Brody & Brogan were born premature on September 2. They were both on track to be released from the hospital in February. Brody was a nephew to Tyler Virden, fiancé to Codee Bartels, daughter of Curt & Starr Nadler. Brogan continues to improve daily.

## **BEREAVED**

We remember in our prayers the family of Steve Knudson who departed this life on January 28, 2020. He was the cousin of Jon Hoek.



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