

# Shepherd's *Voice*

## Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent is upon us and soon we will celebrate "Resurrection Sunday." The season of Lent is important for it is to be the time when we reflect upon our weakness and sinfulness, and in doing so, we gain a greater appreciation for the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us. He became sin for us so that we could heirs of God and His Kingdom. When we take sin seriously in life and see the darkness it creates, the greater our job when Easter arrives.

The following is a devotion written by Dr. David Maddalena, from **brightsadness.org**. In this devotion he highlights the importance of confession as preparation of made for celebrating Easter.

### The First Week in Lent

As Lent begins, consider the things that come between you and God, and starting with the words below, hold them up to God as a confession. Confession causes us to face our nature, and can be a frightful thing, but it is also a bridge to God. Sincere confession is always followed by God's drawing near in forgiveness. As you read, don't be limited by what is written here. Add your own words as you are moved to.

### March Church Events

- 3.3 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 3.4 Heritage Hall Worship 3 pm
- 3.4 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
- 3.9 Women's Guild 1 pm
- 3.10 Adult Bible Study 9 am  
Christian Growth Meeting & Mission Committee 6:30 pm
- 3.11 Lent Service 7 pm
- 3.16 Worship Committee 6 pm
- 3.17 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 3.18 Lent Service 7 pm
- 3.19 Trivia Night starts at 7 pm
- 3.24 Adult Bible Study 9 am
- 3.25 Lent Service 7 pm
- 3.29 Church Council Meets after service
- 3.31 Adult Bible Study 9 am

## **Confession**

*Holy and merciful Father: We confess to you ... that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us ... We have grieved your Holy Spirit. (BCP)*

Father, I confess to you my great pride, impatience, self-indulgence, prejudice, contempt, cruelty, and dishonesty. I confess my exploitation of others, envy of those more fortunate, lust for worldly goods and comforts, negligence in prayer and worship, and my failure to stand firm and be a witness to your reality.

Father, by way of the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, teach me the joy of resurrection.

## **Psalm 51**

*(For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.)*

*Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds; they haunt me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner; yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being.*

*Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me, now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to sinners, and they will return to you.*

*Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that I may praise you. You would not be pleased with sacrifices, or I would bring them. If I brought you a burnt offering, you would not accept it. The sacrifice you want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, you will not despise. Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with worthy sacrifices and with our whole burnt offerings; and bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar. (NLT)*

As the scripture says, "If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong" (1 John 1.9). Now is the time to search our hearts and to be fully known by God. As we approach Easter we need to be honest with God, hiding nothing. Remember as well that there is no darkness too deep for God: his own son suffered death on a cross under a greater burden than any have known before or after him--he descended deeper into the darkness. There is no depth to which we may sink, where he has not been, or where we will be out of reach of the mercy of God.

## **Prayer**

Father, I often find myself buried under the weight of my own dark thoughts, and so fearful of these thoughts that I cannot even face them. But Lord, you promise that because of what Jesus did, I am not to be punished according to my sin. With this promise and the hope of freedom, God help me to face my own heart: shine your light inside of me. I want to be known by you. Help me, this season of Lent, to let you in. In Jesus name. Amen

God bless you all,  
*Pastor Kriete*

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	2	3	4 3:00p.m. Heritage Hall Worship  Lent Service 7:00pm	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	9 Women's Guild Meet 1:00 pm	10 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  Christian Growth Mission Committee Meet at 6:30 pm	11  Lent Service 7:00pm	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	16 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee	17 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	18  Lent Service 7:00pm	19	20	21  Trivia Night Registration 6:30pm Trivia Starts 7:00pm
22 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church	23	24 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	25  Lent Service 7:00pm	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. S. School 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Church <b>Church Council meets after service</b>	30	31 9:00 a.m. Bible Study				



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Mary Brechler 3.1**  
**Caleb Gesling 3.2**  
**Sara Mechlin 3.11**  
**Margaret Parker 3.12**  
**Colton Rainey 3.14**  
**Jacob Smith 3.16**  
**Gerry Sydow 3.19**  
**Jeff Jaeger 3.25**  
**Jon Gronefeld 3.27**  
**Abby Hoek 3.28**  
**Kylee Walters 3.29**



**Pastor Rob & Nancy Kriete 3.22**



**LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES**  
*www.lhm.org*

## March 2020

### March 1

"Singled-Out but Not Alone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone-but you're not alone.

(Exodus 3-4)

### March 8

"Upon Further Review"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's forgiving love for us in Christ cancels the continuous playback of our regrets.

(Exodus 5)

### March 15

"Gracious Confiscation"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 7-8)

### March 22

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus 8-9)

### March 29

"Reckless, Raging Fury"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti  
(Exodus 10)

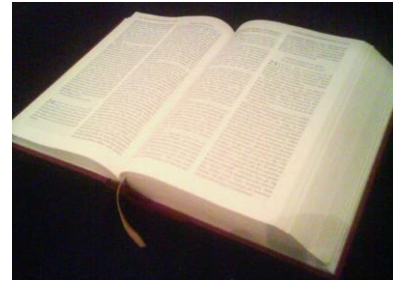
### Broadcasting

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 1:** First Sunday in Lent  
Text: Matthew 4:1-11

**March 8:** Second Sunday in Lent  
Text: John 3:1-17

**March 15:** Third Sunday in Lent  
Text: John 4:5-26

**March 22:** Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Text: John 9:1-41

**March 29:** Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Text: John 11:1-45



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)**

## **March 1**

Reader: Aaron Seider  
Greeters: Verda Adkisson & Kathy Dickey  
Ushers: Eric Walters & Curt Nadler  
Musician: Palmyra Dubbert  
Nursery: Alane Gronefeld  
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey  
Acolyte:  
Tellers: Randy & Catherine Simmons

## **March 8**

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

## **GOOD SHEPHERD CARE COMMITTEE**

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

## **March 15**

Reader: Curt Nadler  
Greeters: Verda Adkisson & Kathy Dickey  
Ushers: Curt Nadler & Aaron Seider  
Musician: Donna Hoek  
Nursery: Lori Gesling  
Altar Guild: Lori Gesling/Kathy Dickey  
Acolyte:  
Tellers: John Briggs & Kathy Dickey

## **Elders**

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

## **March 22**

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

## **Trustees**

Ed Bartels	(573) 864-8364
Kathy Dickey	(573) 489-3421
John Briggs	(573) 424-2257

## **March 29**

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

## February FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE

### February 2

Attendance	47
Current	\$ 5,575.50
Building	\$ 381.04
Total	\$ 5,956.54

### February 9

Attendance	58
Current	\$ 2,522.00
Building	\$ 180.00
Total	\$ 2702.00

### February 16

Attendance	59
Current	\$ 1,569.35
Building	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 1,869.35

### February 23

Attendance	43
Current	\$ 1,288.00
Building	\$ 165.00
Total	\$ 1,453.00

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.

### Other February Deposits

2.2	Missions	\$40.00
2.2	Fellowship Hall Usage	\$160.00
2.23	Sr. Youth	
	Sweet Heart Banguet	\$1705.00

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be divided in this way: One-half to MO District LWML Mite Goal and One-half to Rainbow House.

### A BIG THANK YOU TO

**Aaron Seider for getting our church website going again. We really appreciate all you do for us.**

**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  
314-846-4870**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE**  
**CENTRALIA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE BENEVOLENCE FUND**

Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
120 W. Gano Chance Dr.  
Teams register at 6:30 pm      Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

\$10 per person  
Teams consist of up to 8 members - Individuals will be combined to form a team  
Call 682-3941 for more info or to pre-register

**Individuals, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to sponsor a table!** Challenge your colleagues by reserving a table for \$80  
Stumped? Consider purchasing Mulligans for \$2 each.

**CASH PRIZES** for the winning teams  
\$150 for 1<sup>st</sup> place   \*   \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place   \*   \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**CASH PRIZE** for the best decorated table  
Decorate your table! Come dressed to complement your table theme.

Drawings for fabulous prizes  
Free Refreshments  
Feel free to bring snacks for your own table.

**Saint John's Lutheran Church**  
**1000 Dorcas St., Mexico, Mo.**

**FISH FRY**

Friday, March 27th 4:30-7:30pm

Adults \$13.00 Children (4-12) \$6.00  
3 and under are Free

Menu includes Deep Fried Catfish, Cod  
and Chicken, with Cole Slaw, Baked  
Beans Homemade Chips, Cake & Drink

For more information call 573-581-5655

**Sign up for**  
**April**  
**Centralia School Buddy Packs**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has volunteered to help with the buddy packs for the month of April. The sign up sheet posted 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.



## Children's Church



We have about 4-8 children in Children's Church that meets during the sermon time every other Sunday. Jacki takes the preschool-age children to the nursery to learn about Jesus and Ann takes school-age children to their classroom where recently they have learned about

- Noah and the Flood (and baptism)
- God's Covenant with Abram (and how God used stars to remind Abram of the special family God promised him)
- Abraham's Visitors from Heaven (and how God visits us through Word and Sacrament)

## Bible Babble

**March 29**

Starts at 9:00am

For 0-3 year olds

Come join us as we learn about  
God's love for us.



## Sunday School Mission Project

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See the impact a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community.

**Adopt-a-Box:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is collecting items for shoe boxes February through October. Everyone is welcome to adopt one or more boxes to help with this ministry. Look for the Shoe Box Ministry display in the narthex and pick your box to adopt. Each month we have a different emphasis to help you decide what to put in your box(es). Our goal is 50! Let's work together to help children have gifts this coming Christmas.



## MARCH Small Stuffed Animal

### ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE

**Centralia & Sturgeon Prenger's**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – 8am to 8 pm**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 2 pm**

#### **What they need most:**

canned goods, white or brown rice, dry goods, non-perishables, powdered milk baby formula, baby food, pasta products, canned soup. Cash Accepted

**All donations will go to Esther's Pantry**



## Defending Your Faith in Today's World

Gary Seider will start a new DVD/discussion series in March. The topic is called Foundations--Here is a description: *Today, possibly more than at any time in America's history, a culture detached from God and willingly ignorant of His hand in creation and world events needs Jesus. But the church is not nearly as effective in reaching the lost as it was only a generation ago. There is a foundational reason.*

*Participants will review today's attacks on the Word of God and be equipped with answers to questions such as: Are the creation days in Genesis literal days? Where did the races come from? How can we evangelize effectively in today's culture?*

Gary's *Defending Your Faith* class meets most Sundays after Worship until 12:30 pm. It's pretty flexible—with a text reminder to participants to say if class is ON or OFF depending on other activities going on that day. Please ask Gary or Ann about the class if you want more info; or better yet, just come and try it one Sunday and see if you find it valuable. The class could also be presented during Sunday School time if there is interest.

## Women's Guild

Women's Guild met Monday, Feb. 10 at 1 pm. They had fun filling 8 boxes with homemade cookies and other treats. These treat boxes were sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran college kids.

Judy led a creatively written topic called God's Valentine to Us. We collected our mites to send on to the Zone level of LWML to fund Mission Grant projects. Special thanks to the congregation members who added to our big mite box on the Sunday before our meeting. We planned our menu to take to the new parents meeting of Lutheran Children and Family Services in early April. We briefly discussed our District convention that will be held in Springfield, Missouri in June. Judy and Sherry will attend as our voting delegates. Ann and Catherine will be attending as well.

Save the date! Women's Guild will turn 60 this May, therefore we certainly need to celebrate that anniversary with our Good Shepherd family and other LWMLers in our area. More information will be coming forth soon; but for now, please plan on a carry-in meal after church on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will follow up our meal with a beautiful cake.

Please visit our next Guild meeting on Monday, March 9 at 1 pm. Instead of our usual bible study topic, we will praise our Lord with the annual LWML prayer service. Here is some information about that topic:

The 2020 LWML Prayer Service, ***Living in Love, Bearing Fruit.***

Authored by The Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, President of the LCMS Florida-Georgia District

Christians are saved to serve. We are chosen and called to bear fruit for Jesus. We do this as we live in His love, not only in our home or church, but in the world, where it is often more difficult to love others. We are empowered by the love that Jesus showed us in His sacrificial death on the cross so that we would have life. Now we are blessed to live in His love, bearing much fruit for His sake. May this prayer service help us take time to reflect on His love for us, our love for Him, and how the fruit we bear is a result of living in His love.

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you (John 15:16).*

# Shepherd's Supply

Our new outreach is underway here at GSLC! These past couple of weeks, we have been working on building and painting shelves to transform one of our Sunday school classrooms into a free store. We already have some kitchen dishes, but are ready to accept donations of household supplies, such as bedding, toiletries, towels, dishes, small appliances, and cleaning supplies. We are also looking for newspapers, boxes, and plastic sacks to send items home in. We hope to open the shop to the public within the next month. A special thanks to Ed and Sheryl Bartels, Gerry Sydow, and Danny and Katie Hoek for all their help getting the shop set up. If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Bartels at (573) 881-7879.



## **SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

Bob Moss – husband of Brenda Moss; Martha Blevins; Mary Brechler; Susan Harris; Codee Bartels; 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.

## **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.

## **HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME VISITS**

Women's Guild members visit Heritage Hall Nursing Home at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. We will sing a few songs with them and have a short devotion or Bible reading. Our Pastors have been doing this the first Wednesday of each month for many years. During a vacancy Women's Guild members try to keep this ministry going. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Meet us at Heritage Hall a little before 3 in the room to your left just inside the front door.



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