

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

February 2021

We're continuing our walk through the seasons of the Church year. You may well remember that we began the year with the season of Advent, a "penitential" season. The other season set aside for repentance is Lent, which will begin February 17.

The start of Lent is always on a Wednesday, and it is the Wednesday which is forty days, not counting Sundays, prior to Easter. Since Easter moves around a bit, so does Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is so-called because of the custom of applying ashes to oneself as a sign of repentance. On Ash Wednesday, Christians have traditionally assembled for prayer and have been marked on their foreheads with the sign of the cross, using ashes made from the previous year's palm leaves from Palm Sunday. This signifies that we become repentant when we see that Jesus has entered into the holy place on our behalf. He shows his victory and that lets us see our sin and our need for sorrow.

Ash Wednesday has also led to numerous festivals in which people feast to remove the meat from their households, because the period of Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and humbling yourself before the Lord. Because forty days is too long for a complete fast, many people give up meat during the season. Some people will give up something else which is important to them.

February Church Events

- 2.2 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 2.8 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 2.9 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm Elders meeting
- 2.16 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 2.17 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 2.23 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 2.24 7:00 pm Lent Service

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "The Bible and the Divine Service" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Defend Your Faith" (led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon.

The season of Lent, then, gives us time to reflect on the fact that Jesus humbled himself. Philippians 2:5-8 describes this process. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (NKJV). He endured suffering, the very same kind of suffering that we who were born in the sin-cursed world with a sinful nature endure.

The Lenten season consists of forty days, plus Sundays. Sunday has historically been seen as a little version of Easter, therefore it is not normally counted as a fast day. Scripture readings during the Lenten season describe Jesus' process of humbling himself, eventually culminating in his entry to Jerusalem, his subsequent arrest and illegal trial, and his execution as a criminal, put on display to warn the world not to be lawless. The season ends with the stripping of decorations from the church on Maundy Thursday, followed by a dark and sorrowful church service for Good Friday, continued by a quiet day on Saturday, symbolic of Jesus' rest in the tomb. The season comes to a close at dawn on Easter Sunday, when the resurrection is celebrated.

I always encourage people, during the season of Lent, not only to give something up but to take something on. Maybe you fast from certain foods. Possibly it is a good time to increase your charitable giving to provide food for the hungry. Maybe you give up some sort of appointments or activities. It is a good time to spend more time reading the Bible and praying for others. Maybe you observe Lent by attending special services at your church. It may be time to form a habit of more regular attendance at church services or biblical studies.

God gives us times and seasons with different purposes, but all of them can serve to change us, bit by bit, into the image of Christ who loved us and gave himself for us. The season of Lent, though it is a time of sorrow, can be used to bring great joy and hope. It points toward the work of Christ, dying in our place, to forgive our sin.

Pastor Spotts

Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.

Open Wednesday 2-4 & Saturday 9-12

Or by appointment, contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)



On behalf of Lutheran Family and Children Services of Mid-Missouri, thank you for your generosity in contributing much needed baby items to our "Season of Sharing Christmas Tree".

Your kindness helped restock the LFCS closet with supplies for our clients' emergency needs.

Good Shepherd generously contributed over 550 diapers, 1300 baby wipes, 100 pull-ups, sleepers and onesies, pain reliever, gas relief, diaper cream, baby wash, hats and gloves, baby bottles, blankets, teething rings, pacifiers, and therapy sessions.

Besides facilitating adoptions, LFCS assists individuals and families with counseling for pregnancy, postpartum depression, grief, divorce, abuse, parenting support, and more.

With gratitude for your thoughtfulness and generous outpouring of love.



Women's Guild

Women's Guild met on January 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Ann Seider was installed as Vice President, and Brenda Moss was installed as treasurer each for a two year term. Other officers are Judy Maseman - President, and Sherry Morse - Secretary; they are serving their second year of a two year term. Kim Rainey was welcomed as a new member.

Lizzie Richmond, daughter of Pastor Dave and Martha Spotts, was a special guest. She showed pictures, and talked to us about the Eleos Mission Ministry she and her husband are involved with in Uganda. Lizzie gave us information about the Mentor program Eleos has where a Mentor can adopt a specific child. The cost is \$20.00 per quarter which enables the child to attend a Christian school. Several of our Guild members signed up to adopt a child. We have each received a picture and some information about our child. Several times a year we can send a letter and a small packet of gifts to the child, and the children can then send return letters to their mentor. At Good Shepherd's Congregation meeting on January 24, it was approved to send a portion of our Lenten and Holy Week offerings to Eleos Ministry.

The next Women's Guild meeting is February 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join us. We will pack treat boxes for college students. Please give Judy Maseman your college students mailing address before February 8. Text to 573 682 4237 or e-mail to jm46sec@gmail.com.



Sunday, March 21 at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Prayer Service led by Women's Guild members Ann Seider and Catherine Simmons. ALL are welcome to attend—bring a friend or neighbor!

The 2021 LWML Prayer Service, ***He Prayed with Them!***
Authored by The Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Emeritus LWML Pastoral Counselor 2015-2019.

When was the last time you prayed with someone? Not **for** someone, but **with** someone? We are encouraged in Scripture to be people of prayer and prayer marks us as children of the heavenly Father. He has promised to hear us and to answer our prayers. The 2021 Prayer Service will encourage and expand your life of prayer to include praying **with** others.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).

GSLC Senior Youth Group



High School Youth Movie Night - "The Village"

Friday, February 12, 2021 @ 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

(Appropriately distanced space for everyone! Prepackaged snacks/drinks available.)

What do you do when your peaceful town is surrounded by aggressive opponents? What if they are scary monsters? High school and college youth are invited to screen the 2004 film "The Village" with discussion following about a Christian response to the challenges faced by those residents, and by us. For more information, contact Alane Gronefeld.



It's the return of Russell Stover chocolate bunnies! Look for sales to begin during Lent.



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	3	4	5	6
7 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	8 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	9 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	10	11	12	13
14 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church After service Bible Study <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	17 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm	18	19	20
21 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	22	23 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	24 Lent Service at 7pm	25	26	27
28 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church						



February Birthdays

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



February Anniversary
 Kyle & Lisa Smith 2.1



February

February 7

"Stories Around the Table"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler shares a story about people who had more in common than they thought.
(Mark 6-8)

February 14

"Shines and Saves"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper

Jesus surpasses all expectations as we see Him revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration.
(Mark 9:2-13)

February 21

"Do You See Anything?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The world wields power with blunt force, but God hides His power in suffering, weakness, and humility.
(Mark)

February 28

"Where a Kid Can Be a Kid"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one.
(Mark 10)

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 7: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Text: Mark 1:29-39

February 14: The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Text: Mark 9:2-9

February 17: Ash Wednesday
Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 21: First Sunday in Lent
Text: Mark 1:9-15

February 28: Second Sunday in Lent
Text: Mark 8:27-38

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Jon Hoek (573) 682-7236

Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230

Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497

Board of Trustees

Kathy Dickey (573) 489-3421

John Briggs (573) 424-2257

Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429

Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling
Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272



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

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

December 27
Attendance **46**
 Current \$ 2,925.75
 Building \$ 225.00

Total **\$ 3,150.75**

January 3
Attendance **46**
 Current \$ 1,710.00
 Building \$ 306.04

Total **\$ 2,016.04**

January 10
Attendance **51**
 Current \$ 1,610.00
 Building \$ 270.00

Total **\$ 1,880.00**

January 17
Attendance **39**
 Current \$ 995.00
 Building \$ 305.00

Total **\$ 1,300.00**

January 24
Attendance **47**
 Current \$ 1,168.00
 Building \$ 180.00

Total **\$ 1,348.00**

January 31 **available next month**
Attendance
 Current \$
 Building \$

Total **\$**

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 Services		Attendance
12/24/20	Christmas Eve	\$215.00 53
	Additional Advent offering	\$10.00
December Deposits		
12/27/20	Ministerial Alliance	\$100.00
12/27/20	Boone Electric Capital Credit	\$156.11
January Deposits		
1/3/21	Lutheran Witness	\$25.00
1/3/21	SS Indonesis Project	\$32.56
1/10/21	Lutheran Witness	\$50.00
1/24/21	Ed Bartels Memorial	\$25.00

Advent Services

Total amount collected \$935.00

Checks were issued on 1/19/2021 for \$467.50 each to:
Lutheran Heritage Fund (Indonesia Bible Books Project)
Central MO Food Bank

Sunday School children also collected in their mini M&M containers \$32.56. This donation was also sent to Indonesis Bible Book Project.

2021 Lent Offerings

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be divided in this way: One-half to Lutheran Family and Children's Services and One-half to Eleos International Ministries, Inc.

Installation of elected 2021 officers were held on January 31, 2021

Newly elected officers to the Church Council are:

Elder – **Randy Simmons**; Recording Secretary – **Kim Rainey**; Financial Secretary – **Sherry Morse**, and Trustee – **Aaron Seider**.

Those who have completed their terms of office are: Elder; – **Gerry Sydow**; Recording Secretary – **Alane Gronefeld**; and Financial Secretary – **Tracy Jaeger**.

Thank you all for your service in Christ Jesus on the Church Council.

2021 Church Council Members:

President: Gary Seider

Elders: Jon Hoek; Russell Stelzer; and Randy Simmons

Trustees: Kathy Dickey; John Briggs; and Aaron Seider

Recording Secretary: Kim Rainey

Financial Secretary: Sherry Morse

BEREAVED

We remember in our prayers the family of Ed Bartels who departed this life on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Funeral services were held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall on January 23, 2021. Please continue to pray for Sheryl and their family.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Darleen Wiederhold – sister of Roy Richterkessing undergoing treatment for cancer; **Chloe Decker**; **Erica Cornet** and her parents Susan & Bryan Cornet; **Helen Julian** – sister of Patti Haubein; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Terry Decker** – husband of Kim; **Chauncey Crosby** – grandson of Sheryl Bartels; **Rick Dubbert**; **Mary Brechler**; **Martha Sydow**; **Pastor Kriete**; **Kevin Morse**; **Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Klaus**; **Martha Blevins**; **Susan Harris**; **Jane St. John**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** – daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** son of Ed Ramsey. **Community: Father Mike Coleman; Cheryl Hartgrove; Pastor Hartgrove.**

ARMED FORCES

Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps – fiancé to Abby Hoek, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **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.**



Pastor David Spotts (vacancy pastor)

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