

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

March 2021

We've been walking through the Church year lately. Last month we particularly remembered the change from Epiphany to Lent. But Lent is a fairly long season. What do we do this month? After all, Easter doesn't come around until the beginning of April this year.

Last month I mentioned that Lent is an excellent time to take on some practice that you might not do as regularly as you would like. I suggested more regular attendance at church, more regular practices of Bible reading, or a decision to pray at times and for things you haven't thought of before. I wonder how it's going? And that makes me wish I had thought a little more in advance, to ask questions which could feed all of our imaginations.

Better late than never, though. Let's ask for some feedback. How do you go about Bible reading? Do you have a calendar or schedule? Do you do some devotional reading, such as a Portals of Prayer or a Daily Bread? Do you just move a bookmark through the Bible? Do you do some journaling or read some other books, such as commentaries, to help you gain insight?

Please let us know. We'd like to share ideas with the congregation. Drop a note to the office and let us know how you go about your Bible study. Tell us how you track with prayer needs or how you practice prayer in particular.

March Church Events

- ~~3.2 10:00 am Adult Bible Study canceled~~
- 3.3 7:00 pm Lent Service
- 3.8 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 3.9 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.10 7:00 pm Lent Service
- 3.16 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.17 7:00 pm Lent Service
- 3.23 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.24 7:00 pm Lent Service
- 3.30 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "Walking Through Galatians" (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.

Above all, please don't give up. Bask in the Word of God. In prayer, hang out with God, telling him your concerns, seeking to understand his interests.

And, in closing, here's my Bible reading plan. It's a tough one. You need four bookmarks. I like pieces of sticky notes so I can make sure they are pointed at the particular chapter where I am. To start, put one at Genesis 1, one at Psalm 1, one at Matthew 1, and one at Acts 1. I'll read two chapters from the Old Testament, one Psalm, one chapter from Acts and what follows it, and one chapter from a Gospel. It takes about 15-20 minutes. The entire Old Testament takes about a year. I end up going through Psalms about twice a year, the Gospels more like four times a year, and the rest of the New Testament about twice a year.

Over time, we can come to know God's Word better and better. The more we know, the more we are able to rest in the knowledge that we have heard God's voice and know how He would have us live in this world.

Remember to let us know how you go about your Scripture reading and prayer!

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)

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Monday's of the month. At this time, they will no longer be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

It's Chocolate Bunny Time! The High School Youth will be selling Russell Stover chocolate bunnies and other items starting in March. This is a fundraiser to support our youth activities and participation in the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in July 2022. Thanks for your support!



Margaret Parker donated this painting to the church. It was added to the church Library. Stop by and check it out... along with a book!



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 No Adult Bible Study today.	3 Lent Service at 7pm	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 Lent Service at 7pm	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	15	16 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	17 Lent Service at 7pm	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 Palm Sunday 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church	29	30 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	31			



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



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

March

March 7

"A Place to Belong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. (Mark 11: 1-26)

March 14

"Widow's Mite"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. (Mark 12: 13-34)

March 21

"But He Is Strong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark 14:10-72)

March 28

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Mark)

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 7: Third Sunday in Lent
Text: John 2:13-22 (23-25)
- March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent
Text: John 3:14-21
- March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent
Text: Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45
- March 28: Palm Sunday
Text: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-47
or John 12:20-43

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

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Board of Trustees

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

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

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

January 31

Attendance 42
 Current \$ 1,035.00
 Building \$ 431.40

Total \$ 1,466.40

February 7

Attendance 37
 Current \$ 1,430.00
 Building \$ 90.00

Total \$ 1,520.00

February 14

Attendance 32
 Current \$ 1,270.00
 Building \$ 10.00

Total \$ 1,280.00

February 21

Attendance 45
 Current \$ 1,330.00
 Building \$ 440.00

Total \$ 1,770.00

February 28 Available next month

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

1/31/21 Ed Bartels Memorial \$830.00

Special Services

		Attendance
2/17/21	Ash Wednesday \$ 375.00	14
2/17/21	Add't Lent offerings (2/21/21) \$80.00	

Other February Deposits

2/7/21	Lutheran Witness	\$25.00
2/7/21	Ed Bartels Memorial	\$25.00
2/17/21	Ed Bartels Memorial	\$25.00
2/21/21	Noll Trust	\$782.50

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.

After Service Bible Study

Defend the Faith Class--You're invited to stay for an hour after Worship on most Sundays. Recently we've covered:

How to share the Gospel with Atheists, Humanists, Muslims and Mormans.

Upcoming in March...learn more about
 Hinduism
 Buddhism

Class taught by Gary Seider. We average about 10 or 12 in attendance.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Andy Pendergrast – complications from having the COVID-19; **Darleen Wiederhold** – sister of Roy Richterkessing undergoing treatment for cancer; **Chloe Decker; Erica Cornet; Helen Julian** – sister of Patti Haubein; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Terry Decker** – husband of Kim; **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.**

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.**



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