

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

April 2021

Easter - The Season of Resurrection

The season of Lent is a quiet one. For forty days, plus Sundays, we lay down the singing of the Alleluia, the Gloria, and many of the other celebratory traditions of the Church. Many Christians around the world engage in fasts, often becoming gradually more rigorous as the season progresses.

The culmination of Jesus' ministry for us is remembered on Good Friday, when we realize, yet again, that Jesus really did give his life for us. His words from the cross, "It is finished," tell us that the suffering for our sin is complete. Jesus has atoned for our sin, paid its price, and taken away the cause for offense before God which we brought upon ourselves.

What of our new season, then, the one which begins this year on April 4? It is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, his rising from the dead, his demonstrating that death and the grave cannot hold him and, finally, will not hold us. While Lent gave us a time to express our sorrow at our sinful condition, Easter gives us a time to express our joy at the life Jesus gives, eternal life.

We must confess, we knew all along how the story ended. Unlike the apostles Jesus had called, who fled at his arrest, we are not forgetful. Not one of the followers of Jesus expected to see him alive ever again. The women on the morning of the Resurrection were bringing spices to complete his burial rites. They expected to find him dead. In the longer ending of Mark's Gospel, Jesus criticizes his disciples because they didn't believe the witnesses of the resurrection he had sent them earlier in the day.

April Church Events

- 4.1 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 4.2 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
- 4.4 10:00 am Easter Service (No Breakfast)
- 4.6 *No 10:00 am Bible Study*
- 4.11 Church Council meets after service
- 4.12 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 4.13 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 4.15 Board of Elders meet at 6:00 pm
- 4.20 *No 10:00 am Adult Bible Study*
- 4.25 Voters meeting after service
12:30-1:00pm Lunch
1:00-2:30pm Town Hall Meeting
- 4.27 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.

We know the end of the story. Christ rises from the dead. Death no longer has dominion over him.

This means that death has no dominion over us who believe in Jesus.

The season of Easter is a season of celebration. We call out, "Christ is risen" and respond, "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

During the season of Easter we typically have readings from Acts rather than our Old Testament reading. We walk through some of the earliest days of the Christian Church. We recognize that Jesus appeared to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection, before being taken up into heaven. We remember that on the fiftieth day, the Holy Spirit descended on the believers, as described in Acts chapter two. And we prepare for the life that follows in that next season of the Church year, the season of Pentecost.

This brings us back to joyful anticipation. The Christian life, the Easter life, is a life spent looking forward to how Jesus will raise us in the last day, and how he will raise all who believe on him. We call out to him in joy. We invite others to come, listen, and believe. We repeat the refrain. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

We hope you will join with us in the joyous shout to the Lord, wherever you are. And if you can join with us in person, you will increase our joy.

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.



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.

MAY CENTRALIA SCHOOL BUDDY PACKS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has volunteered to help with the buddy packs for the month of May. Pick up time at the Columbia Food Bank is from 3:00-5:00pm on Wednesday afternoon or 7:30-9:00am 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.

There are some changes this year due to COVID-19. The food is now packed in cardboard boxes containing 8 packs per box. There are no split boxes at the schools, so there is a lot less counting for you at each building! At Chance, you will need to be buzzed in by the office staff; they will have a wagon to use to place the packs in the cafeteria. At CIS you will also have to be buzzed in using the wagon to place the boxes on the table across from the entrance. CBMS is a Food Pantry with individual food items the children can choose from. There will not be a delivery to them each week. I have asked them to let us know when they place an order so I can alert you there will actually be 4 drop-offs that week. If there is a delivery the food will need to be taken to the office. In addition to the boxed food delivery the elementary and CIS will also have a jar of peanut butter for each student participating in the program the first week of the month as well. All of these schools require masks to be worn during delivery of the Buddy Packs. No visitors are allowed in the Head Start building at this time. Someone may come to the door to take them, but they can also be left beside the door. The Head Start is located near the city fairgrounds.

When you get to the Food Bank turn on Pennsylvania Street which runs behind the warehouse. Park at the regular door and push the button to be buzzed in. The office workers will page for the food to be brought out. A man named James typically brings the food and will have you sign three slips of paper (one for each school) which have the totals for that week on them. They will then bring the food out to your vehicle. From there take the food to each of the 3 or 4 schools for them to distribute to the students.

As the school calendar stands now there will only be three weeks in May that will have Buddy Pack delivery.

Look for the **sign-up sheet on the offering table**. 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.

2021 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church VBS

Save the Date!

We want to share the message of the gospel with many families this year. Our goal is 35 kids—in addition to sharing God's Word with their families too.

We will need your help—but the Good News is that you can help in a way that suits your God-given talent. Be thinking about working in one of the following roles for these VBS dates

Teacher/Storyteller

Craft Leader

Game Leader

Bible Challenges Leader

Team Leader

Meal preparer/server

Early Childhood Teacher or Helper

August 9-12, 2021

Monday-Thursday 5:30-8:00 pm

A light meal will be served to attendees and workers at 5:30 pm.

We have lots of time to plan, train and publicize—but we need your help too...

SAVE THE DATE!



April

				1 Holy Thursday Service at 7pm	2 Good Friday Service at 7pm	3
4 No 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Easter Worship w/Holy Communion No After service Bible Study	5	6 <i>No Adult Bible Study</i> at 10:00am	7	8	9	10
11 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church Church Council Meets after service.	12 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	13 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	14	15 Elders Meet 6pm	16	17
18 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	19	20 <i>No Adult Bible Study</i> at 10:00am	21	22	23	24
25 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church Voters Meeting, 11:30 Lunch, 12:30-1:00 Town Hall meeting 1:00-2:30	26	27 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	28	29	30	



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jacki Stelzer 4.2
Russell Stelzer 4.3
Lori Gesling 4.5
Judy Maseman 4.11
Kara Stowers 4.13
Breelle Stowers 4.16
Susan Hulen 4.22
Shelby Banks 4.30
Kathy Krause 4.30



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Olivia Hoek–April 13
Gerry & Martha Sydow–April 14
Gary & Ann Seider–April 30



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

APRIL

April 4

"Fear...Like Onions, You Know?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why end a good news story on a note of fear?
St. Mark's Gospel wants us to see human fear
as evidence that God is at work.

(Mark 16)

April 11

"What It Means to Be a Family"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling

Loving, caring, and sharing--it's what we do as
God's family, His Church.

(Acts 4:32-35)

April 18

"One Greater Than Mrs. McCalliter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Jonah 1)

April 25

"Replace or Repair?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Broken doesn't mean "disposable." Dr. Michael
Zeigler tells how God redeems and repurposes
broken people.

(Jonah 2)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

April Calendar

April 4: The Resurrection of Our Lord
Text: Mark 16:1-8

April 11: Second Sunday of Easter
Text: John 20:19-31

April 18: Third Sunday of Easter
Text: Luke 24:36-49

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Text: John 10:11-18

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

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

February 28

Attendance	43
Current	\$ 2,094.50
Building	\$ 536.40

Total \$ 2,630.90

March 7

Attendance	45
Current	\$ 2,084.00
Building	\$ 180.00

Total \$ 2,264.00

March 14

Attendance	49
Current	\$ 5,285.00
Building	\$ 180.00

Total \$ 5,465.00

March 21

Attendance	47
Current	\$ 1,045.00
Building	\$ 280.00

Total \$ 1,325.00

Available next month

March 28	47
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.

Other February Deposits

2/28/21	Ed Bartels Memorial	\$25.00
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Special Services

			Attendance
2/24/21	Lent Service	\$ 155.00	14
3/3/21	Lent Service	\$ 260.00	11
3/10/21	Lent Service	\$ 105.00	13
3/17/21	Lent Service	\$50.00	13
3/24/21	Lent Service		12

Other March Deposits

3/14/21	Noll Trust (Farmers Nat'l final)	\$ 73.98
3/14/21	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$156.75
3/21/21	Sr. Youth Russell Stover Sales	\$ 96.50

April 25th

Voters Meeting after service
Lunch served 12:30-1:00pm
Town Hall Meeting 1:00-2:30pm

Town Hall meeting on Sunday,
April 25th. Pastor Geis will
share with us a presentation
entitled "Seven Models of
Ministry." The Town Hall
Meeting will start around 1:00
PM after the Voter's Meeting
and Lunch.

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; 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.**

BBQ Pork Loin Dinner Benefit for Larry & Patty McBride

Who have lost their home to a fire

Friday, April 9th, 2021

Serving 4-7pm

First Christian Church

229 S Rollins

Turn in to parking lot from Allen St

Drive thru the parking lot and turn left at the church/alley

**This is a free will offering with
All proceeds going to Larry & Patty McBride**

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 10

6-11am

First Christian Church

**Take-out or limited inside
seating**



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