

# Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

March 2022

## Jesus Changes Everything

(This appeared on my blog February 28, 2019. I think it still applies today.)

On Sunday of the Transfiguration we often think about how Jesus has changed our world, how He uses us as agents of change, how we are personally changed into His image, and other similar ideas. These are well and good, make no mistake. However, I question whether they are the main point of the event, recorded for us in Luke 9:28-36. To dig into that, I'd like to ask what Jesus was talking with Moses and Elijah about. Actually, as I let you peek behind the curtain of my writing just a little bit, let's revise that careless statement. I'd like to ask what Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus about. That's where the focus is.

Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus about "his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (v. 31b, ESV). This is a very literal translation of the Greek. However, the word "accomplish" might have more of a sense of "fulfill." In fact, that's the word which is used, but it doesn't make very good English. Jesus is about to go to Jerusalem and from there he will complete his journey and fulfill his purpose. In a certain sense, his earthly work will have been accomplished. This doesn't mean, of course, that there's nothing else to be done. After all, he continues to use his people and to work in them, changing them into his image. Yet the essence of what he came to do - living a perfectly sinless life, dying in the place of sinners, and rising again from the dead - all that is accomplished. There's nothing more to be done. That's what Jesus was talking about when, on the cross, he said "it is finished."

## March Church Events

- 3.1 10:00 am Adult Bible Study  
2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
- 3.2 **7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service**
- 3.8 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.9 **7:00 pm Lent Service**
- 3.14 1:00 pm Womens Guild Meet
- 3.15 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.16 **7:00 pm Lent Service**
- 3.22 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.23 **7:00 pm Lent Service**
- 3.29 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3.30 **7:00 pm Lent Service**

## Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. "That You May Believe" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study: "Patience & Perfection – Finding Peace in God's Plan for You" (led by Gary Seider)

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

I encourage you, in this season when we remember Jesus, transfigured, shining bright, to give thanks to him for knowing his mission and completing it. Truly, he accomplished his departure. We have no need to worry about anything being forgotten, because he has fulfilled every last step needed for us and for our salvation, to purchase our forgiveness, and the forgiveness of the whole world.

*May the Lord give us grace to walk in the light of his finished work, for us, for our neighbor, for the entire world.*

*Pastor Spotts*

## Helping Others

### Shepherd Supply

Offering free household supplies to those in need.  
Saturday 9-12 & Wednesday by appointment only  
contact Sheryl Bartels, (afternoons at 573-881-7879)

### PET Project

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



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). Let's work together to help children have gifts this coming Christmas.

**Trinity Lutheran and Campus Lutheran** in Columbia are jointly hosting a witnessing workshop called Everyone His Witness on March 12. Below is a registration link and additional information. Please share with your congregation. We'd love to have you join us.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Kent Pierce

**Everyone His Witness Registration (Registration Link)**

Saturday March 12th  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Campus Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO

Lunch will be provided.

**\$14 registration fee for materials.**

As part of your registration, please visit our [secure online payment page](#) to make your payment. You can also mail a check to Campus Lutheran Church, 304 S. College Ave, Columbia MO 65201.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT "Everyone His Witness"](#)

**STUDY GRANT AVAILABLE**

**Attention High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in Church work.**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, has study grants available for the 2022-2023 school year. Men and women enrolled in a University or Seminary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that are preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applicants must be a member of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of an English and SELC District congregation active in the LWML located in Missouri for 12 months prior to filing an application.

**The Study Grant program** is unique as recipients are chosen according to financial need and commitment to Christian service.

Applications and instructions are available from your LWML Zone President, society presidents, the financial aid office of your university or seminary or may be downloaded from the Missouri District web site at [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org) (under forms) or from the CWSG chairman at [lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com).

Completed applications must be received by **APRIL 15, 2022**.

No application will be considered if not complete. For more information contact, LWML Missouri District, Church Workers Study Grant Chairman, Donna Hecht, 10451 Highway C, Frohna MO 63748, 573-225-7556, 573-824-5280, or [lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com).

**– Hey GSLC families!**

We want to “keep up” with your children’s events. Please write in ballgames, music events, fairs, etc. on the big calendar on the narthex bulletin board.

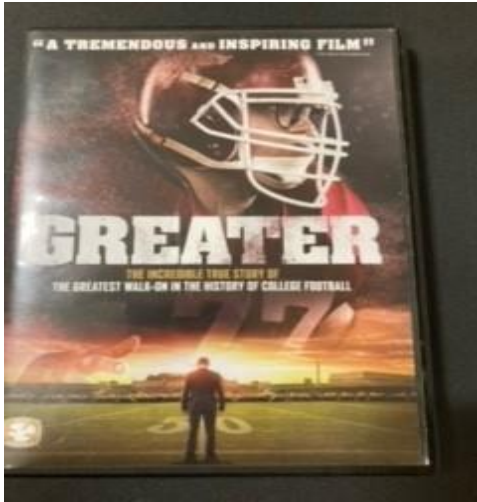
Knowing what you are involved with allows us to *attend, pray and converse* with your family about your life’s happenings.

*Example: Jan. 15 Tom’s basketball at CBMS  
Jan. 22 Mary’s dance recital in Mexico at 2 pm  
If it’s easier for Ann to write in your events—just let her know the school sport the youth is in (or similar activity) and she can look at school calendar to update our Youth Event Calendar*

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Missouri District 27th Biennial Convention June 3-5, 2022**

Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet 191 Westport Plaza Drive St. Louis, MO Host Zones: St. Louis North, St. Louis South, St. Louis West and Rolla For information go to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org) and click on the 2022 Convention link. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty Mission Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, Apple of His Eye Mission Society For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such at ime as this?" Esther 4:14 ESV

# Sr. Youth Happenings



Good Shepherd Youth hosted a movie night on February 20th. We were blessed to fellowship with youth from Campus Lutheran for an evening of fun and viewing “Greater.”

Youth group will again this year be selling Chocolate Bunnies. More details to come.



## Sunday School Fun



Abby & Colton Rainey are tracing their arms and hands to make a sycamore tree—then added Zacheaus and Jesus. Luke 19:1-10



After Service Bible Study  
“Patience & Perfection – Finding Peace in God’s Plan for You”  
Led by Gary Seider begins on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

# MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am  <b>Heritage Hall</b> Service at 2:00pm	2  Ash Wednesday Service at 7:pm	3	4	5
6 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	7	8 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	9  Lent Service 7:pm	10	11	12
13 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church After service Bible Study	14 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	15 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	16  Lent Service 7:pm	17	18	19
20 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	21	22 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	23  Lent Service 7:pm	24	25	26
27 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall Worship Service with Children's Church	28	29 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	30  Lent Service 7:pm			



## March Birthdays

<b>Mary Brechler</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Caleb Gesling</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Sara Mechlin</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>Colton Rainey</b>	<b>3.14</b>
<b>Jacob Smith</b>	<b>3.16</b>
<b>Gerry Sydow</b>	<b>3.19</b>
<b>Jeff Jaeger</b>	<b>3.25</b>
<b>Jon Gronefeld</b>	<b>3.27</b>
<b>Abby Mechlin</b>	<b>3.28</b>
<b>Kylee Walters</b>	<b>3.29</b>

## March Calendar

March 6:	First Sunday in Lent Text: Luke 4:1-13
March 13:	Second Sunday in Lent Text: Luke 13:31-35
March 20:	Third Sunday in Lent Text: Luke 13:1-9
March 27:	Fourth Sunday in Lent Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Dana Goings – Co-worker of Kathy Dickey battling cancer, now on hospice; Mark Ramsey – son of Ed Ramsey; Verda Adkisson; Linda Benoit – battling cancer; Bryan Cornett; Michelle Kalbach - sister of Jon Hoek; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Erica Cornett; Jane St. John; Joanne Bettenhausen; Mary Brechler; Pastor Kriete; Don Crump – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; Martha Blevins; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; Michelle Smith –daughter of Jane St John; Arla Benskin – daughter of Mary Brechler; Community: Father Mike Coleman.

## ARMED FORCES

Brandon and Jesse Lowery, U.S. Navy – brothers of Rachel Robertson; Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps – husband of Abby Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; Chris Chism, U.S. Navy – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; Mason Crabtree – grandson of Margaret Parker; 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.



### MARCH

#### March 6

##### "One Thing Needful"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Bible is not a Magic 8-ball; it's a portal into a new world.

(Luke 10: 38-42)

#### March 13

##### "No Room for Demons"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?"

(Luke 11:14-28)

#### March 20

##### "Everything I Have Is Yours"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good.

(Luke 15:1-32)

#### March 27

##### "TBD"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

(Acts 2:22-36)

#### Broadcasting

##### Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

##### Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

## Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

#### Board of Elders

Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230

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Henry Rainey (573) 823-9777

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

# FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

## January 23

Attendance	43
Current	\$ 1,520.00
Building	\$ 567.32

**Total           \$ 2,087.32**

## January 30

Attendance	48
Current	\$ 1,551.00
Building	\$ 140.00

**Total           \$ 1,691.00**

## February 6

Attendance	37
Current	\$ 1,591.00
Building	\$ 220.00

**Total           \$ 1,811.00**

## February 13

Attendance	49
Current	\$ 1,311.00
Building	\$ 140.00

**Total           \$ 1,451.00**

## February 20

Attendance	57
Current	\$ 1,233.50
Building	\$ 270.00

**Total           \$ 1,503.50**

## February 27

Attendance	
Current	\$
Building	\$

**Total           \$ 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 February Deposits

2/6/22 Volley Ball Facility Use	\$ 260.00
2/13/22 Sr. Youth Trip	\$1,100.00
2/13/22 Lutheran Witness	\$ 40.00

## 2022 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-third to Senior Youth Group**

(To help out with expenses for their July trip to Houston Tx)

#### **One-third to Eleos Ministries International Outreach**

(This charity is the one Pastor Spotts daughter is affiliated with)

#### **One-third to Lutheran Heritage Foundation**

**Easter Day**  
**April 17, 2022**

**8:00am Carry in breakfast**, those attending are asked to bring breakfast casseroles and breakfast dishes to share. Table service and drinks will be provided by the church.

**9:00am Sunday School and Bible Study**

**10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion**



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