

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

April 2022

Where's Your Confidence?

A friend who is particularly clear that he is not a Christian recently asked me a really good question. In the last day, standing before God, how does a Christian deal with the concept of judgment? Specifically, he wanted to know what God does with our faults, our sinful acts, words, and deeds.

That's an excellent question, and the answer sets a Christian view apart from the rest of world religions. While part of the answer is present in the book of Revelation, we find more clarity reading Revelation through the lens of other passages. It hinges on the question of how we are rescued from sin.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says we are saved by grace, through faith, as a gift of God, and that the purpose of our salvation is related to doing good works, appointed by God.

Romans 8:28-39 says there is no need for fear or doubt, that nothing in this life can separate God's people from his mercy and grace.

1 John 2:1-2 says that when we sin we have an advocate, essentially a defense attorney, who can take away the results of our sins.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 makes it clear that God's will is to reconcile the world, all us people, to himself, and that he did it by allowing Jesus to become sin for us. Though we confess that Jesus in himself is sinless, we also recognize him as the one who took on all our sin and shame, paying the penalty for it.

April Church Events

- 4.5 10:00 am Bible Study
2:00 pm Heritage Hall Service
7:00 pm Elder meeting
- 4.6 7:00 pm Lent Service
- 4.10 Church Council meets after service
- 4.11 1:00 pm Women's Guild meet
- 4.12 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 4.14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 4.15 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
- 4.17 **Easter Morning**
8:00 am Carry in Breakfast
9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study
10:00 am Easter Service w/Communion
- 4.19 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 4.24 Voters meeting after service w/potluck
carry in lunch before the meeting
- 4.26 10:00 am Adult Bible Study

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)

How does the Christian stand in the final judgment? The Christian stands in his baptismal grace. In baptism we have been brought into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. When God looks at us, who bear the name of Christian, he sees the perfect righteousness of Jesus. Our sin, though it may be grievous, has been taken away. It has been replaced by the perfect holiness of God.

In Revelation, we won't find Christians standing before God to plead their case. Their names have been written in the book of life. Jesus has already acted as the advocate for them. Those who don't trust in Jesus will have to plead their case before God. And this, we are assured, will not go well. Nobody can stand in God's judgment except by the righteousness of Christ.

Where is your confidence, then? Is it in Jesus or is it in yourself? If it is in Jesus, you have all the confidence in the world, for this life and for eternity. Jesus is able to take away your sin and deliver you safely to your eternal home. This is the confidence we want. It is the steadfast hope we need.

Pastor Spotts

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.

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 3:00-4:30pm 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.

This year Good Shepherd will need to pickup and deliver the following dates.

May 4

May 11

May 18

Sign up sheet and details will be posted on the bulletin board.



Mission Walk/Call Day Watch

Please join our brothers and sisters from Campus Lutheran church at the Mission Walk/Call Day Watch Event on **Tuesday, April 26th beginning at 4:30 p.m.** (This is a drop-in event and you can stay as long or short as you need),

The events will start in the late afternoon/early evening with a Mission/Prayer Walk either around the parking lot/church building or inside our fellowship hall. There will be a basket set up to collect donations (as well as sign up sheets for pledges) for LWML Mites for Missions. Those donations will celebrate 80 years of the Lutheran Womens Missionary League and be turned in at the Missouri LWML convention this June. Chairs will be set up for those who may need to rest between laps.

There will be kid's activities set up as well including Nine-Square-In-The-Air.

We plan to have a potluck salad and sandwich (dessert too!) supper that evening. Table service and beverages provided. **Please bring either a salad, sandwich making or dessert.**

Campus Lutheran and GSLC join together to watch the livestream of the Call Day announcement at 7 pm.

April 20, 2022

2022 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE

Missouri State Capitol South Lawn

204 W Capitol Ave.

Jefferson City, MO

Activities from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

For a full list of speakers and events schedule see the flyer posted on the bulletin board or go to their website: www.midwestmarchforlife.com or call 573-340-8444.

Sr Youth Raffle



Judy Maseman is crocheting this beautiful afghan that she is donating to Sr. Youth to raffle as a fundraiser.

All proceeds will go towards their 2022 trip to Houston, Tx

LCMS Youth Gathering July 9-13, 2022.

More details to come in the near future.

April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After service Bible Study	4	5 Adult Bible Study Study at 10:00am 2:00pm Heritage Hall 7:00pm Elder Meeting	6 7:00pm Lent Service	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church After service Bible Study Church Council Meets after service.	11 Womens Guild meet at 1:00 pm	12 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	13	14 7:00pm Maunday Thursday Service	15 7:00pm Good Friday Service	16
17 Easter 8:am Carry in Breakfast 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion No After service Bible Study	18	19 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	20	21	22	23
24 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church Voters Meeting, w/carry in Potluck lunch	25	26 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Mission & Prayer Walk Begins any time after 4:30pm. Call Day announcement at 7pm	27	28	29	30



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

Gerry & Martha Sydow April 14
Gary & Ann Seider April 30



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MINISTRIES**
www.lhm.org

APRIL

April 3

"This Is the Feast"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meal Christ serves to His people, the Church.

(Luke 22:27)

April 10

"Drawn Through the Cross"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about people drawing the cross and how the cross is drawing people.

(Luke 23:34)

April 17

"Can I Get a Witness?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Luke 24:48)

April 24

"Misplaced Doubt"

Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes

(John 20:24-29)

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 3: Fifth Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 20:9-20
- April 10: Palm Sunday
Text: Luke 22:1-23:56
- April 17: The Resurrection of Our Lord
Text: Luke 24:1-12
- April 24: Second Sunday of Easter
Text: John 20:19-31

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

Russell Stelzer (573) 682-7230
Randy Simmons (573) 808-1497
Curt Nadler (573) 682-4541

Board of Trustees

John Briggs (573) 424-2257
Aaron Seider (573) 296-0429
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

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

February 27

Attendance	52
Current	\$ 1,416.00
Building	\$ 427.32

Total **\$ 1,843.32**

March 6

Attendance	41
Current	\$ 1,845.00
Building	\$ 180.00

Total **\$ 2,025.00**

March 13

Attendance	57
Current	\$ 1,216.00
Building	\$ 180.00

Total **\$ 1,396.00**

March 20

Attendance	55
Current	\$ 7,068.00
Building	\$ 180.00

Total **\$ 7,248.80**

March 27

Attendance	55
Current	\$ 1,042.00
Building	\$ 487.32

Total **\$ 1,529.32**

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.

March Special Services

			Attendance
3/2/22	Ash Wednesday	\$ 306.00	28
3/9/22	Lent Service	\$ 165.00	11
3/16/22	Lent Service	\$ 301.00	21
3/23/22	Lent Service	\$ 205.00	9

Other March Deposits

3/6/22	CPH-Books for Bible Study	\$ 30.00
3/6/22	CPH-Books for Children	\$ 40.00
3/13/22	Sr. Youth	\$423.00
3/13/22	Armand Fischer Memorial	\$ 25.00
3/13/22	Volley Ball Hall Use	\$200.00
3/20/22	Sr. Youth	\$309.00
3/27/22	Sr Youth	\$224.00

Easter Morning, 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

2022 Lent Offerings

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Ash Wednesday, Midweek services, Maundy

One-third to Senior Youth Group

One-third to Eleos Ministries International Outreach

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

One-third to Lutheran Heritage Foundation

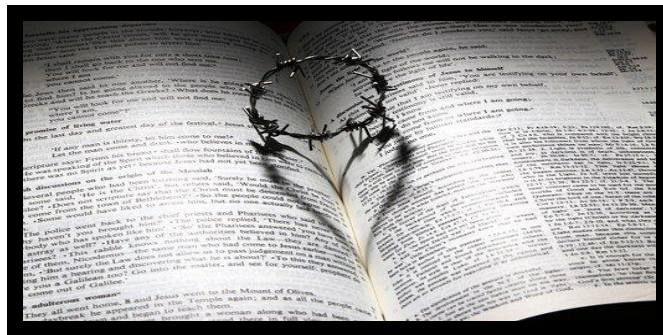


SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Ernestine Ramsey; Jane St. John; Mark Ramsey; Verda Adkisson; Linda Benoit – battling cancer; Bryan Cornett; Michelle Kalbach - sister of Jon Hoek; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Erica Cornett; 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.



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