

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS March 2025

March Church Events

- 3.04 Mission Planning – 7 pm
- 3.05 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 3.05 Lenten Dinner – 6 pm
- 3.05 Ash Wednesday Service – 7 pm
- 3.05 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 3.06 Shared Ministry–6:30 pm at Campus or ZOOM
- 3.10 LWML Prayer Service – 1 pm
- 3.12 Adult Bible Study – 10 am
- 3.12 Lenten Dinner – 6 pm
- 3.12 Lenten Service – 7 pm
- 3.12 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 3.13 Heritage Hall - 2 pm
- 3.15 NERF and Nachos – 4:30 PM
- 3.19 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 3.19 Worship Committee – 4:30 pm
- 3.19 Lenten Dinner – 6 pm
- 3.19 Lenten Service 7 pm
- 3.19 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm
- 3.26 Adult Bible Study 10 am
- 3.26 Lenten Dinner – 6 pm
- 3.26 Lenten Service 7 pm
- 3.26 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. led by Pastor Lanning
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Church is offered on Non-Communion Sundays, during the Sermon for children aged 4 through 4th grade.

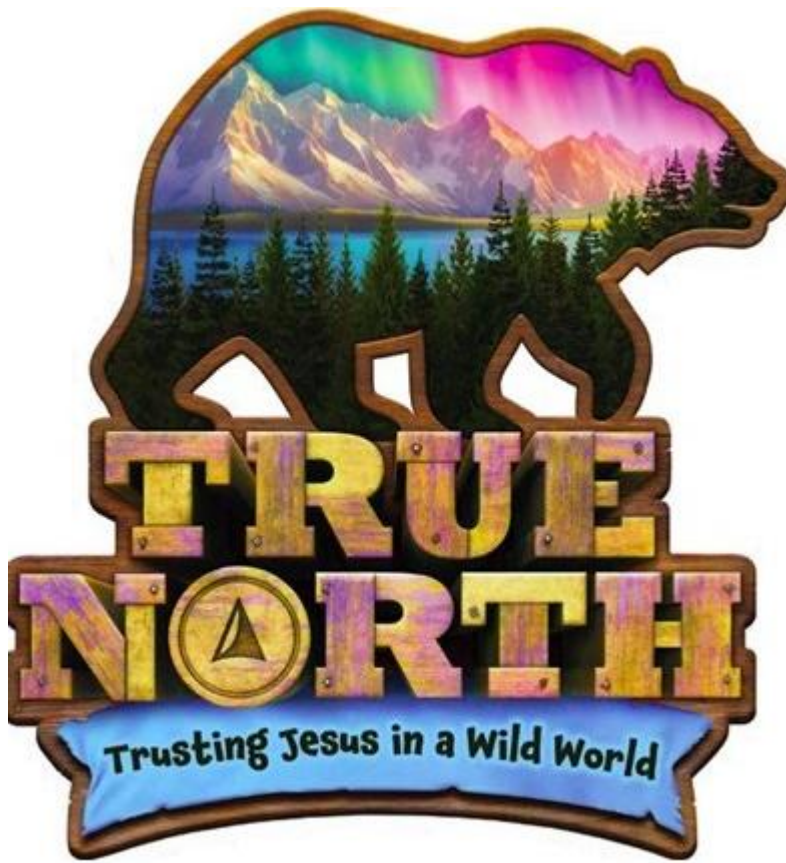
Shepherd Supply

**Offering free household supplies to those in need.
Open Monday – Thursday or call
573-682-3941 to schedule**

PET PROJECT

Pick up will be arranged by calling when we have items ready. At this time, they will no longer be accepting 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.



Thankfully, soon enough, it will be summer and Good Shepherd will host a special VBS time for our children and the children in our community. VBS is a special time for us to come together to share and learn about JESUS in a kid-friendly way. Directing VBS is most rewarding when planned well enough to have plenty of volunteers in place.

YOU—the members of GSLC-- are the volunteers. No matter your age—you are well designed by our LORD to help with VBS in some way. We have plenty of time for Ann to meet with you to explain the volunteer needs so you will know how to help us on these dates:

Sunday mornings Aug. 10 & 17 (Ann just needs a couple volunteers to assist her for these morning classes during Sunday School)
Monday-Wednesday Aug. 11-13. Volunteers arrive around **5 pm** and leave around **8:30 pm.**

Need

CREW LEADERS – can be a teen or adult who will be responsible for the same five (5) children each evening. Lead them to each station. Follow the tips in the *Crew Leader Guide* to help the children listen and learn the bible message at each station.

STATION LEADERS – can be adult of any age who will use the *provided leader guide/materials* to present at your station up to four times each evening; repeating the same material every 20 minutes to each Crew who rotates through your station.

Station leader areas are:

- *Bible Adventures* (present the day's bible story)
- *Games*
- *Imagination Station* (science experiment each day)
- *Sticky Scripture* (follow the directions in the guide to help kids learn the day's scripture verse)

PRESCHOOL STAFF – Work with children age 3-5 but not yet in Kindergarten-- will have their own special space and exploration stations after they begin the first 30 minutes with everyone else at the Opening called Sing and Play.

Other ways to use your God-given talents to help VBS----

1. Gather supplies
2. Pray
3. Provide food for a light meal each evening
4. Greet families at the Registration table
5. Decorate our VBS space

We have about **12 of our own GSLC kids**. Let's set a goal of gaining **12 more kids** to attend our VBS. If we have 20 elementary age kids come—then we can form four CREWS to rotate through our learning stations listed above.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this opportunity to share Jesus with our own children and share the gospel message with families in our surrounding communities. Give courage to our GSLC members that they may volunteer to help our VBS program be a success. Help Director Ann to plan well so that the Volunteers feel comfortable with their roles. Amen

Thank YOU!



Many hands helped make this dinner a success. The Senior Youth appreciates the support for this fundraiser to allow participants to attend the National Youth Gathering which will be in New Orleans, July 19-23, 2025. WE are grateful for those who assisted with gathering supplies, providing food, assisted with food preparation and serving, decorating, child care, and attending the dinner.



GSLC SWEETHEART DINNER 2025

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion	3	4 Mission Committee 7 pm	5 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Dinner 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm ZOOM Prayer Group 8:00 pm	6 Shared Ministry 6:30 pm at Campus or	7	8
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March Birthdays

Aaron Cochran	3.01
Sara Mechlin	3.11
Rachel Rojas	3.12
Colton Rainey	3.14
Gerald Sydow	3.19
Anna Cochran	3.20
Jeffrey Jaeger	3.25
Jonathan Gronefeld	3.27
Emma Fischer	3.28
Abigail Hoek	3.28
Kylee Walters	3.29

March Anniversaries

Mark & Rina Nygren	3.01
Rachel & Matthew Rojas	3.10





March 2

"It's Best to Be with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. (Luke 9:28-36)

March 9

"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24)

March 16

"Light of the World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12)

March 23

"Even Me, Even You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

March 30

"The Difference Between Anger and Contempt"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35)

March 2: The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Text: Luke 9:28-36

March 5: Ash Wednesday
Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9: First Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 4:1-13

March 16: Second Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 13:31-35

March 23: Third Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 13:1-9

March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent
Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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**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**



Good Shepherd will be joining **Campus Lutheran** for the **Serving Challenge** during Lent. The book will be utilized during the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings beginning March 9th. A few copies are available for \$24.28 (see Catherine) or you can order from the Red Letter living website <https://redletterchallenge.com/store-products> for \$24.99.



FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

February 2
Attendance 37
 Current \$ 2,745.00
 Building \$180.00
Total \$2,925.00

February 9
Attendance 53
 Current \$ 1,270.00
 Building \$ 60.00
Total \$ 1,330.00

February 16
Attendance 46
 Current \$ 1,582.00
 Building \$ 160.00
Total \$ 1,742.00

February 23
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

02/02	Lutheran Witness	\$ 66.30
02/09	Senior Youth	\$ 50.00
02/09	Hall Rental	\$ 360.00
02/16	Sunday School – Indonesia Project	\$ 1.00
02/16	Lutheran Witness	\$ 41.00
02/16	Shared Ministry	\$ 1,250.00
02/16	MO District Grant	\$ 500.00
02/16	Sweetheart Dinner	\$ 2,135.00

Offering envelopes - please use your envelopes for your church giving as much as possible. It makes things much easier for our financial secretary when counting and recording member information. If you need envelopes just let Jacki know and she can get you a box. Thank you



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Please join members of Good Shepherd Women’s Guild to the Prayer Service on Monday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m. The service this year focuses on the Beatitudes. You do not need to be a member of Women’s Guild to participate. Men are also welcome to come and pray with us.

The **Columbia Zone LWML** will host a **Spring Rally on Sunday, March 30 at Campus Lutheran in Columbia, MO. at 2 pm.** The guest speaker at the rally is a representative from Lutheran Family and Children's Services (LFCS). If you wish to bring something to the Ingathering to support LFCS then these items are recommended:

Diapers size Newborn	Baby Wash/shampoo
Thermometers (new only)	Breast Pads
Pacifiers	Adult Body Wash

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE???

Calling all Prayer Warriors! Campus Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran have formed a Prayer Group which meets on Wednesdays at 8:00pm via Zoom. We pray for our shared ministry, our members, all of Christ's people and His mission in the world. With guidance from Pastor Kent and Pastor James, members of our Shared Ministry Workgroup lead each session, utilizing the order of COMPLINE (prayer at the close of the day), with an opportunity for participants to share their own prayer requests. In addition, the Prayer Group has developed a “Prayer Calendar”. The idea is to have all members of both congregations take a moment to pray for the specific intentions listed on the Prayer Calendar each Wednesday at 8:00 pm. We need your help!! We would love for everyone to join the Zoom meeting, but if you cannot join, you can still pray with us using the prayer calendar as a guide. Quarterly Prayer Itineraries can be downloaded from the PDF files on the prayer group web page, or you may click the meeting link on the Prayer Calendar to view the Prayer Itinerary for each week. Paper copies will also be available. Prayer Group Web Page: campuslutheran.org/pray

MARCH – Lenten Season Pray that God, who is mighty to save, would grant us pardon from past sins, courage to resist present temptations, and protection against all evils. Pray that we might share the transforming power of the love of Jesus with others who face their own troubles and temptations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Monday, March 3, at 6pm, **Quarterlife** will have a game night at Campus in the Hope Room instead of study.

If anyone in their 20s and 30s is looking for a small group for the Serving Challenge, come join us on Mondays at 6pm starting March 10 in the Hope Room.

3rd Annual Nerf and Nachos – will be Saturday, March 15th starting at 4:30 pm. Bring your Nerf guns and join your friends for some fun, food and fellowship. Invite a friend.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Susan Prewitt – recovering from surgery for thyroid cancer; **Tammy Purvis** – recovering from surgery; **Jon Hoek** – recovering from surgical repair of Rotator Cuff ; **Mike Hyde** – recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Bill Mahieu** – at Heritage Hall; **Ken Manola** –shoulder injury; **Bob Moss** – (Brenda's husband) – recovering from heart attack and surgery to place stent; **Christina DeJesus (Jane St. John's daughter)** – health issues; **Savannah and Taylor**-parents of Reagan Louise; **Reagan Louise**–in NICU recovering from surgery for repair of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – cancer treatments; **Jenni Murray**-Margaret Parker's daughter-recovering from surgery; **Ron Borgman**; **Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Craig**–suffering with spinal stenosis–friend of Randy Simmons; **Verda Adkisson**; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey**; **Judy Mahieu**; **Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen**; **Mark Ramsey**; **Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey**; **Jane St. John**; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - Pastor Tim Schulte and wife **Erin**

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; **Evie Ross**–infant needs heart transplant; **Dylan Dick**-health issues; **David**–health issues; **Fran Schnarre**–health issues; **Gail Dobbs**-cancer treatments.

ARMED FORCES: Christopher Thompson, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer;

Brittany Macklin–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden**–grandson of Betty Warden; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army



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