

Bulletin News for March 28th and March 31st, 2019

“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY. “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV). Welcome to new life, my friends. And welcome to the joy of worship!

PRAYERS: Loved ones in need of God’s healing: LuEva Daniels (Joy Block’s sister) and Arlene Vanden Boogart, Bill Van Eeckhout, Audrey Hanson, David Kobs, Jean Reiter and Brandon Werder.

“WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?”:

Come hear the account of **Simon of Cyrene** this Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m., during our Midweek Lenten Service as he considers the question: **“Shall I Bear His Cross?”** We will have 6 monologues to hear from the characters that were part of the first Passion. Our message next week, April 10th, will be from **The Soldier: Will I Recognize Him?** Lenten supper this week is provided by our Board of Human Care and next week by our Board of Education. Lenten suppers begin at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.



**LUTHERAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP
 EASTER BREAKFAST (APRIL 21ST)**

Come join the men’s fellowship group on April 21st for a pancake, sausage, and egg breakfast. Breakfast will be served by the men starting at 6:45AM following

the early bird service up until 10:15AM just before the late service. The cost is just a goodwill offering. Hope to see you there for good food and good fellowship.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Come study the readings that we use at our Worship. A longer look at the lessons does just this as we dig deeper into the Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel lesson appointed for our worship. The study will be taking place in Room 5 beginning on March 24th.

THRIVENT MEMBERS REMINDER

Thrivent members who have 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars in their account now, the deadline for directing the monies is March 31st, 2019. If the 2018 funds are not directed by that date, they will no longer be available. If you are a Thrivent member and have not signed up for Thrivent Choice Dollars, contact your Thrivent Rep or go to the Thrivent website for further information. Thank you to all who have your Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE ON MAUNDY

THURSDAY (April 18th) at 6:30 p.m. as the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church present the re-enactment of the Lord’s Supper and Passion. Over 50 cast members will follow the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as they gather in the Upper Room for the Passover Feast and Lord’s Supper. You will then witness the events of the denial of Peter and the betrayal of Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane. You will be there as Jesus is accused, beaten, and then crucified on Good Friday. You will understand the passion, as well as the love that the Lord had for the people as He speaks from the cross. Bring your family and join us for this special event.

EASTER FLOWERS: Sign up in the Sign-Up Center to help decorate our Sanctuary with flowers at Easter by ordering lilies, mums, or tulips. The cost is \$14/plant. Please make checks out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. You can either pay in the church office or put your check in the offering plate and on the memo line write Easter flowers. **The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, March 31st.** Flowers may be picked up anytime after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

AV UPDATE: Our new Audio/Visual update has been installed. This will be a helpful way for the Gospel to be shared with our worshippers. However, we are also undergoing the office renovation at the same time, which means our full usage of the Audio/Visual system will be some time after Easter. We need to learn and understand the use of the software for the projection of our liturgy. We will need volunteers to be able to run the AV system for worship which requires training, and we will need the entire office to be fully up and running to create the visual bulletin and announcements. **The Board of Elders is looking for volunteers** who are interested in running the projectors/screens during church services. Whoever is interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the back of church or let an elder know. Thank you for your patience.

YEAR TO DATE FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE

YEAR TO DATE FEBRUARY 2019 GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION RECAP

- ◇ YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$96,152
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2018 general fund contributions were \$86,668
- ◇ YTD 2019 budget expenses were \$118,542
- ◇ YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$22,390 LESS than the approved budget

THANK YOU for your historical financial support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Your ongoing financial support of the General Fund, Scrip program, and Thrivent Choice program allows the programs and missions of the church to be fulfilled.

OFFICE RENOVATION UPDATE

As of March 1, 2019 the office renovation project has started. The project is expected to be completed by late April 2019. As approved at the Special Voter’s Meeting on January 20, 2019 fundraising efforts are to continue until the full cost of the project has been repaid to the contingency account. The expected project cost is \$52,937.

As of March 3, 2019 a total of \$21,994 has been received (41.5% of the total needed). Thank you for your ongoing support of this project. Offering envelopes specific to the renovation repayment can be found in the pews.

PASTOR KOELLER’S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Do not pray for a lighter load, but for a stronger back.
“Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!” (1 Chron.16:11 RSV)

THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING SCHEDULE:

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| March 31 | Colossians 1 | Proverbs 18 | April 4 | 1 Thessalonians 1 | Proverbs 22 |
| April 1 | Colossians 2 | Proverbs 19 | April 5 | 1 Thessalonians 2 | Proverbs 23 |
| April 2 | Colossians 3 | Proverbs 20 | April 5 | 1 Thessalonians 3 | Proverbs 24 |
| April 3 | Colossians 4 | Proverbs 21 | April 6 | 1 Thessalonians 4 | Proverbs 25 |

RECORD YOUR BIBLE CHAPTERS!!!!

Since we began in 2005, we have recorded over **650,000** chapters (50,000 per year). As we begin 2019, we already read **21,817** chapters. Record how many chapters you read and mark them on the slips provided in the Coat Room and place them in the Bible Box. Do this weekly, monthly, or whenever. . . *“Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” (Lev 19:2 ESV)*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MARCH 31, 2019—APRIL 7, 2019

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| SUN | 8:00 AM | TAPS Worship/Communion Service |
| | 9:15 AM | Education Hr. |
| | 10:30 AM | TAPS Worship/Communion Service |
| | 1:00 PM | Hmong Lutheran Church |
| MON | 2:00 PM | Zion French-African Congregation—CR |
| | | Pastor Seabaugh's Day Off |
| TUE | 9:30 AM | Prayer Chain I |
| | 5:00 PM | Men's Basketball |
| | 10:00 AM | Staff Mtg./Devotions |
| WED | 4:00 PM | Human Care Mtg. |
| | 5:00 PM | TOPS- Rm 5 |
| | 6:00 PM | Trustees/Stewardship Mtg. |
| | 7:00 PM | Bell Choir |
| | 9:00 AM | Kiwanis Mtg - CR/Women's Bible Study—RM 3 |
| THU | 5:00 PM | Bible Study/ 6th /8th Grd. Confirmation |
| | 5:30 PM | Lenten Meal- Stewardship |
| | 6:30 PM | Lenten Worship Service |
| | 7:30 PM | Choir |
| FRI | 6:30 PM | TAPS Worship/Communion Service |
| | | LMF Mtg. |
| SAT | | Pastor Koeller, Jacob Erdman and David Stuckwisch's Day Off |
| | 5:00 PM | Men's Basketball |
| SUN | 7:30 AM | Men's Bible B-fast @ Perkins |
| | 9:00 AM | Outreach Walk thru |
| | 2:00 PM | Zion French-African Congregation—CR |
| SUN | | Blood Pressure Check |
| | 8:00 AM | TAPS Worship/Communion Service |
| | 9:15 AM | Education Hr. |
| | 10:30 AM | TAPS Worship/Communion Service |
| SUN | 1:00 PM | Hmong Lutheran Church |
| | 2:00 PM | Zion French-African Congregation—CR |



GOOD SHEPHERD SCRIP PROGRAM:

Scrip Status: (3/24/19/19) Sales: \$3,425; Gross Earnings: \$128; **Thank you for your support!** Your financial help for our church through using scrip is appreciated and adds nothing to your cost **Please remember** you can purchase a scrip gift certificate to give to the **Board of Human Care** that they can purchase scrip gas and grocery cards to give to those in need. **Scrip Use Opportunities** Besides food and gas, remember to get scrip for other items such as sports licenses (fishing?), spring and summer projects, and travel. **Scrip is sold** in the community room before and after services on Thursdays and between services on Sundays. **Specials** Our current scrip source specials include:

| RETAILER | IS | WAS | START | END |
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| Lowes | 6.00% | 4.00% | 3/23/2019 | 4/05/2019 |

(Please let us know if you will take advantage of these specials so we know whether to keep sharing them with you.)

OUR ANNUAL SPRING VOTER'S MEETING is scheduled to be in April. One of the items on the agenda is the election of officers. We would like to have a slate of candidates willing to serve the Lord and lead our congregation to fulfill our mission and vision statements.

The positions that will be open on the ballot will be: **President and Vice-President** and Chair of the following boards: **Family Education, Human Care, Finance and Outreach and a Financial Secretary.**

If you can serve in one of these positions please contact the Church office (920)734-9643 goodshep@gslchurch.net or Ken Wegener at (920)739-3965 or kweg49@yahoo.com.

JOHN DES JARDINS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE for

Outagamie County will be featured speaker at Kiwanis Club of Appleton, Golden K on **Wednesday March 27th**. Golden K meets at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church every **Wednesday at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM**. The Public and especially Good Shepherd members are invited to attend this meeting. John will speak on many interesting issues including a new way of dealing with youthful offenders to keep many of them from being incarcerated in jail for minor offenses. John also has an interesting connection with the 1919 Green Bay Packers initial season. His Grand Father was a member of that very first Packers team and played as a lineman, despite his 5 feet, 8 inches height and 160 pound weight.

Stewardship Thought:

Our lives have a purpose . A purpose that is beyond ourselves. Purposely do an act of kindness today.



CHALICE & CROSS

The chalice with a cross rising from it symbolizes Christ's obedient suffering, even unto death. The cross is called a "passion cross," with pointed ends that represent suffering. We remember that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus begged his Father that the "cup" of suffering be taken from him. But ultimately, he prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39, NIV).

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE ~ LAST WEEK

Church Attendance:
Wed. 6:30—107; Thu. 6:30 – 48 ; Sun. 8:00—162, 10:30– 154= 471
(Communed:315)

WEEKLY BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund: \$14,386
Designated Funds: \$707
Weekly Budgeted Needs: \$13,678
Our budget this past week is over by:\$708
We are under budget by \$12,677 YTD



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION –Serving the Lord with Gladness

- ◇ **THANK YOU**, you wonderful women in mission, for the beautiful garden baskets you created for Cabin Fever. Your efforts brought in \$120 for the church. **Midweek Lenten Supper:** LWML is scheduled to prepare and serve supper on Wednesday, March 27th. We are serving soup and sandwiches, beverages and desserts. Helpers needed to serve and clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet in the coat room. Thank you!
- ◇ **ZONE 18 SPRING RALLY** – Saturday, March 30th, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (Greenville). **IF YOU NEED A RIDE, MEET AT GOOD SHEPHERD AT 8:00 A.M.** Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$6.00 (includes lunch). Mission topic, "India, Land of Many Gods", will be presented by Terry Schmeckpeper, a member of Shepherd of the Hills who recently returned from mission trips to India and Haiti. The Christian Life topic, "True Worship Hinges on Honor," will be presented by Sondra Reierson and Karen Redmann. **Spring Rally Gifts of the Heart** will be collected for **Mother & Unborn Baby Care in Appleton**. Their "wish list" includes clothing sizes 12 months to size 5, toys, baby items and bottles, and gas cards. (Items may be new or in good used condition.) Monetary gifts are also appreciated. Checks may be written to "Mother & Unborn Baby Care".
- ◇ **REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS AT EASTER** – Watch for Easter cards in the entry way – please sign them for our shut-ins. LWML is also preparing gift bags; check the idea list in the coat room.
- ◇ **LWML COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – We will be serving the morning fellowship between services on Sunday, April 7th. Check the sign-up sheet in the coat room. We are not having a bake sale this month...need to fit into our Easter clothes

March Care Corner

"Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"

We are part of God's redistribution team.

Please consider at least one of these opportunities to share your blessings!

- Food for the Salvation Army