

AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP TODAY. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me. (LSB 878:4); Echoing the words of this hymn, we realize this world is often filled with change and challenges, distress, despair, dying, and death. Yet Jesus came into this decaying world that we may have life, and have it to the full. Amid the changes and decay around us, through His Word and Means of Grace we are given new life and the forgiveness of sins. By faith, we give thanks for His abiding with us daily with His mercy, grace, promise, and peace. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. (LSB 878:6)

ALTAR FLOWERS: At this time we will be using the Altar flowers available already at church. Thank you to those who have signed up for this month and next, please consider signing up for a vacant spot later in the year in place of your donation of Altar flowers in March and April.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Prayers for our shut ins, Fox Cities Hmong, and Zion French African churches. For our church members and staff as we navigate through this COVID-19. For those affected by the COVID-19 virus. For Sue and Bruce Kirk and healing prayers for Wally Potaczek, Yvonne Miller, Doris Reimer, Ron Habeck, and David Kobs.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES: Each week we will be lifting up our family members in prayers. Please take your bulletin news home so you can pray for the families during the week. We will be listing every family in the congregation up in prayer during the year.

- ♥ Carl & Martha Prill
- ♥ Janet & Craig Schultz
- ♥ Richard Timm

The names we list are from what we have in our church records; if it is not listed correctly, please notify the church office so we can update our records. For prayer requests, please call or email the church office to be listed in the prayers.—Thank you.

THEME FOR 2020: JESUS OUR SHEPHERD

We will as the flock of the Shepherd, follow where He leads!

- (1) We will be faithful in Worship: (2) We will be faithful in our receiving God's Word at home and through the Church (3) We will be those who live without fear or want. (4) We will be those who lives bear witness to our faith in Jesus that the flock may grow and flourish. We will rejoice in our life together. This will all be possible, as we remember these familiar words from David in *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."* Psalm 23:1 *Jesus our Shepherd! This year and always!*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE VICTORIOUS SHEPHERD: Remember the words of David in Psalm 23, "6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." The words spoken by David speak of the joy and peace that you and I have today and every day! The joy and peace that comes from an empty tomb. There are so many aches and pains that we experience in our life, aren't there? The aches and pain of arthritis, of a sore back, of a body that goes through the lumps of life, lumps that become more evident as you get older. All, we want is relief, freedom from the aches and pains. In 2008-2010 Calgon promised to "take us away." By their scented bubbles, bath gels, and beads you were "guaranteed" a least a moment of relief. Many go beyond the bath oils and take aspirin and other pain relievers that are over the counter or prescribed to ease our pain. Today, with aches and pains, manmade relief can and does work, but what David and you and I are rejoicing over today is the spiritual relief that is the empty tomb. David and the world trapped in sin and death, without any relief at all. Sin which cannot be ignored as we view our life according to God's demand for perfection for absolute holiness. This is our bitter reality exposed during season of Lent. Therefore, now is the time for us to come clean and repent of all our wrong doings. This was not fun at all, as some of you experienced attempting to "give up something" during Lent. The temptations don't go away, and our failure to resist because evident. We need the empty tomb! We get the empty tomb! Not because we are worthy, but just the opposite. Thanks be to God than rather leaving us unto our self in this pit of despair and hopelessness, God rescued us through His Son. The aches and pain of are removed forever in Jesus victory. In Jesus, by faith we receive the outcome His work on the cross, forgiveness, life and salvation. Yes, it bears repeating, forgiveness, life, and salvation. Truly, there is now no more condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, the old has gone and the new has come. David knew His sin, he was desperate, but the Lord is His Shepherd, His Suffering and now Victorious Shepherd. He knows that goodness and mercy are his and now Heaven is his, life with God which knows no end free from the aches and pains of sin. We know this to; we have received the victory of our Shepherd. We began our Lent weekend focus on the promise of God to crush Satan's head and it has been crushed. Now by God's grace through faith in Jesus we share in the hope of David and in Job who was our Lenten focus this year: (Job 19:25-27) ²⁵For I know that my

Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!"
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Pastor Seabaugh

DCE MESSAGE

As we move into Spring, we look at the resurrection and see God's creation going through a similar rebirth. The grass gets greener, the sun shines brighter, and the air starts to get warmer. During the Spring and into the Summer our students become increasingly more active. We want to make sure that we encourage activity by having youth at the park or making sure that if students are away, they can continue to participate in youth Bible Studies. While social media can be extremely harmful and detrimental to our students in some ways; I believe that we can utilize this tool in order to reach our students like we never have before. We now have access and capability to put Scripture into the hands of our students literally with a simple buzz of their phone. Through apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat we can add our content to the feeds that they are already scrolling. Whether it be a Bible verse, or a picture of youth activities, or informational for things to come; we need to now more than ever make sure our students are plugged into what is going on with our youth and their own faith. We will be sharing Bible lessons through the Bible App by YouVersion. Through this app we can set up plans by selecting a plan to work through and then inviting all your friends to join the plan with a link. This can be an excellent tool that we have not only for this time or uncertainty but also to keep our students in the Word daily. I pray that we all have peace and comfort and that Thy will be done!
God Bless, David Stuckwisch, Director of Christian Education

YOUTH / EDUCATION

We are excited to unveil our VBS for 2020. This year we are going to be doing things a little bit differently. Instead of having VBS in 5 days, we are converting it to be our Summer Sunday School curriculum. This year we are keeping worship services at the same time year-round. This allows us to do different things during the summer months and provide educational

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MARCH 29—APRIL, 2020

ALL GROUP GATHERINGS INCLUDING CHURCH SERVICE HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMING 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS —THANK YOU

opportunities for all of our members all year. We are changing the 5 days into 10 weeks during the summer. So Day 1 will be weeks 1 and 2, rotating different stations on different weeks. The program will run beginning on June 7th and will wrap up with sessions on August 9th and a Closing on August 16th. We do not expect everyone to attend every week with vacations and travel, but we want to be able to have something for those that are able to attend.

All Youth Activities including Confirmation and youth groups will be postponed during the time that students are not in school. We will be updating social media accounts and for Bible studies we will go on the Bible app and go through and select a couple studies to follow together.

March found us busy with St. Patrick's Day fun, learning about Dinosaurs, what Easter means, and the season of Spring.

On a side note. If you attended our Preschool at any time and have a memory that you would like to share please contact me; Joanne Sidwell at jmaesidwell@att.net I know for a fact that there are quite a few of you out there.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO WELCOME

OTHERS TO JOIN! For more information contact the church office goodshep@gslchurch.net or Pastor Seabaugh, Ryan Neumeier, Ray & Debbie Koeller, Carolyn Berg, Nancy Smith or Ed Kumbier and Ann Cattau. They all teach/host Bible Studies in home or at church (**at this time utilize online means to communicate and/or by phone**). We will find the one that fits with your schedule. Grow in your knowledge and with the Lord and enjoy fellowship!

COUNCIL

2020 Good Shepherd council election news:

In the church, God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration. I Cor 12:28a

According to the Constitution of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the following church council positions will be up for election this year: council secretary, council treasurer, chair of Bd of Elders, chair of Bd of Trustees, chair of Bd of Stewardship and financial secretary (1 of 3). There is also currently a vacancy for the chair of Finance. If you are willing to answer God's call to serve in one of these positions, or if you would like to nominate someone for any of these positions, please email Ray Koeller at rdkoeller@att.net or call the church office (920)734-9643.

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up. Eph 4:11-12

LMF

LMF will be hosting a spring diner event May 9th with the gathering to start at 5:00PM, Dinner at 5:45PM, and speaker to follow. Tickets will be sold in the weeks prior to this event in the church hallway before and after services. See the following details for the key note speaker and topic.

Debby Suchyta, a volunteer with 5-stones Appleton will give a presentation on Sex Trafficking with a focus on protecting our youth. There will be three short videos telling the story of how a high school student is lured into trafficking. Included in the presentation will be resources that can be used to help parents, and youth to protect themselves. Due to the nature of the topic it is not recommended for children under 12 years of age.

Good Shepherd Scrip Program Scrip Status: (3/15/20) Sales: \$3.015; Gross Earnings: \$129; **Thank you!** Your participation is helpful and appreciated. **Spring Projects / Upcoming Vacations:** Please remember to use scrip for any upcoming projects and vacations as you can help your church while you enjoy these activities. (Just a small way to say thank you to Him.) **Scrip is sold** in the office before and after services on Thursdays and in the community room between services on Sundays. **Specials:** Our current scrip specials include:

<u>Retailer</u>	<u>Is</u>	<u>Was</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Baby Depot	9.75%	8.00%	2/29/2020	4/24/2020
Burlington	9.75%	8.00%	2/29/2020	4/24/2020
Chilis	16.00%	11.00%	3/21/2020	3/27/2020
Delta	7.00%	4.00%	3/21/2020	3/27/2020
DSW	10.00%	8.00%	3/14/2020	3/27/2020
GameStop	6.00%	3.00%	3/14/2020	3/27/2020
Gordmans	10.00%	8.00%	3/14/2020	3/27/2020
JCPenney	6.00%	5.00%	3/14/2020	3/27/2020
Shutterfly	11.75%	9.00%	3/14/2020	3/27/2020
The Home Depot	7.00%	4.00%	3/14/2020	3/27/2020

Buy Scrip Online – Did you know you can purchase scrip on line? Since we will not be selling at church the next few week, now is an opportunity to support your church by enrolling at Great Lakes Scrip Center on their website (<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com>). Please send an email to DarwinHanson@Centurytel.net or call him at (920) 740-2440 to get the code or assistance to enroll. Enrollment is required for Good Shepherd to get credit for your purchases. We look forward to helping you. You can reload existing cards or order new e-cards. You can pay using PrestoPay (\$0.15 charge per order) or a charge card (2.6% fee will be added to your order).

FAQ

FAQ: What does this mean? The great Lutheran question! Please feel free to ask any questions via email to the called staff! We will endeavor to respond in a timely fashion in upcoming bulletin news.

- ◇ Pastor Seabaugh: tseabaugh@gslchurch.net
- ◇ Jacob Erdman: jerdman@gslchurch.net
- ◇ David Stuckwisch: dstuckwisch@gslchurch.net

FINANCE

***** YEAR TO DATE FEB 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE *****

YEAR TO DATE FEB 2020 General Fund Contribution Recap

- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were \$99,876
- ◇ Comparable YTD 2019 general fund contributions were \$96,152
- ◇ YTD 2020 budget expenses were \$121,077
- ◇ YTD 2020 general fund contributions were **\$21,201 LESS** than the approved budget.

Stewardship Thought:

"Don't give God instructions----just report for duty!"

