

Notes from the Pastor

During the past midweek services, and as we continue in the weeks of Lent, we have focused upon the message of Christ, unto the churches in Asia, recorded by the apostle John in the book of Revelation. He had a great deal to say about various problem areas for the different churches (as well as for what we still deal with today).

I am reminded—as we have been looking closely to God's words of encouragement, as well as His words of warning—of a book that a couple shared with me a while ago. This couple had visited those seven churches, and while they were in Pergamum, Turkey, they picked up a book about all those seven churches in Asia Minor. It was SO fascinating to see pictures about their past, and what has happened unto them, after they had received those letters from St. John.

The thing that I find the most interesting (and important), is that there is really only ONE **MARCH BIBPLE VERGE** But God demonstrates His own love for us in this; While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

WHEN WE WORSHIP

SATURDAY EVENING—6:00 pm (2nd Saturday Potluck on March 9 following worship) SUNDAY MORNING—8:00 am | 10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION—March 2/3, 16/17 and Maundy Thursday, March 28

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WHEN THINGS ARE SCHEDULED DURING LENT

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE—March 6, 13 and 20 at 5:45 pm WEDNESDAY LENTEN FELLOWSHIP MEAL—5:00—5:30 pm (To volunteer visit The Welcome and Opportunity Center) CONFIRMATION—Please see Lenten schedule on page 2 CHIMES/CHOIR—Please see Lenten schedule on page 3 PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND—March 23 / 24 MAUNDY THURS.—March 28, 7:00 pm | GOOD FRIDAY—March 29, 7:00 pm EASTER SUNDAY—March 31 at 6:30 am | 9:00 am EASTER BREAKFAST—March 31 at 7:30 am

WHEN TO STUDY

EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES—Sunday following the 8:00 am service LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY—March 4 at 6:30 pm. We'll discuss chapter 11 from "The Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel. Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238. For a recap of last's month study, see page 7. TEN COMMANDMENTS BIBLE STUDY— Tuesday at 6:00 through March 5. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday at 9:30 am CONFIRMATION—Wednesday 6:00 pm (6:30 pm during Lent) MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday at 9:30 am THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on HEBREWS—10:30 am

ONGOING MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

TRUSTEES—TBD FELLOWSHIP— Monday, March 4 at 11:30 am at Perkin's ELDERS — Monday, March 11 at 6:00 pm EDUCATION— Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm COUNCIL — Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm

Schedules subject to change. Check the church bulletin, Facebook, Website or Weekly Update for updates.

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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE? HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Look no further! Your help is needed here—right now

MINISTRY CHAIRS

Lead a ministry that meets the specific needs of our members

The following ministries need your help:

- Human Care Ministry
- Youth Ministry

A full description of leadership duties is located at The Welcome and Opportunity Center. To volunteer, contact Kevin Keeffe at 608-797-5529 Dan Howe at 608-780-1525 or

Opportunities Available!

New

howe32@hotmail.com

PROJECTOR

Advance the projector slides during the church service

To volunteer contact an Elder

COUNT OFFERING

Record the offering or assist, organize and count funds.

To volunteer contact Betsy Jessie at betsylou13@hotmail.com

LENTEN and 2ND SATURDAY MEAL HELPERS

feed the masses

Sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Provide treats, coffee and fellowship

Sign up sheet at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

USHERS

Help people get to where they are going

To volunteer contact an Elder

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

SHARE TIPS, CONCERNS AND SUPPORT WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER

Monday, March 18 at 6:00 pm

Cancer Support Contact: Shawn Mahoney 608-797-1927

CONFIRMATION and YOUTH MINISRY

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH STUDENTS THROUGH STUDY, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

During Lent (through March 20) Confirmation class will be held at 6:30 pm. Students will be expected to attend the Lenten Services at 5:45 pm.

Please let Pastor Baumgarn, or the church office, know when you're available to acolyte. If you're unable to volunteer when scheduled, please let them know.

Fun photos from "The Night Off from Confirmation Class" posted on page 7!

Confirmation Contact: Pastor Baumgarn 507-227-5646

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS

The Sunday School Students will sing during the 10:30 am worship service on March 24, April 18 and June 2. They will recite The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer on May 19 during the 10:30 am service. Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Looking Ahead...Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, March 23 from 9–10 am Easter Egg Hunt Needs:

Donations of wrapped candy (no nuts, please). A candy donation box will be located at The Welcome/Opportunity Center

Monetary donations to purchase candy, snacks and prizes. (Monetary donations may be deposited in the lock box located by the office door. Please indicate that the money is to be used for the Easter Egg Hunt.)

Volunteers to fill Easter Eggs with candy on Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 am in the church chapel.

Volunteers to hide Easter Eggs. Time to be determined **Volunteers** to clean up following the event of Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 am.

VBS | Sunday, June 23 and 30 during Education Hour | June 25-27 | 5-7:30 pm

Education Contact: Hanni Cowley 608-863-6767 | hannicowley@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

"IN HIS IMAGE": Delighting in God's Plan for Gender and Sexuality

REMINDER: Saturday, March 2 from 2:00 - 5:30 pm. Join us as we explore and discuss God's design for gender and sexuality. This event includes a viewing of the documentary "In His Image" which details God's plan for living out identities in a way that honors and glorifies God. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to compassionately reach out and love those who identify as LGBT+ without compromising your Christian values. Dinner served after the movie/ discussion. This event is FREE and appropriate for all ages.

Advent by Candlelight Review—Monday, April 15 at 6:30 pm in the chapel. We will review and prepare for the 2024 Advent by Candlelight. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend.

Fellowship Contact: Jana Underkofler jounder5js@gmail.com

HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

SERVES THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY

Prayer Chain

to submit requests (or to join the prayer chain) please contact Sharon at sryan6731@gmail.com, 608-526-6731, or the church office.

Food Pantry request for March— Cereal and cleaning products. Donations may be left on the shelves located across from The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

MUSIC MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

CHIMES—6:00 PM | CHOIR—Wednesday at 6:30 pm During Lent (through March 20) Chimes will practice at 6:30 pm with choir at 7:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY: Caring for My Neighbor—From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, "you shall not murder," goes much deeper — down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21-22)

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every

CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS REVIEW PROCESS

Every 5 years Shepherd of the Hills embarks on a process to review and update its Constitution and Bylaws. The committee began its work in January 2023 – and submitted its recommendations which were approved by Church Council in December.

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Constitution covers matters of doctrine, statements of faith, confessions, membership, termination of member ship, the Voters' Assembly including its powers and responsibilities, Called Church Workers and Property Rights.

LWML/Music Ministry Contact: Kay Conzemius at bkconz@aol.com

MISCELLANEOUS

INFORMATION THAT DOESN'T FIT ANYWHERE ELSE

EASTER LILY ORDERS

Beautify the church altar for Easter by purchasing Lily for \$17. Order deadline is Sunday, March 10.

COULEE REGION GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Kira is working on updating the church directory. If you would like to send an updated photo of you or your family, please email the office or bring in a copy to be scanned. Kira will be collecting photographs now through Easter.

"do not" in the commandments also includes a "do this:" "We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but *help and support him in* every physical need" (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added). We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church's work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church's alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

Not much changed though every section was reviewed in detail.

The Bylaws cover Voters' Assembly meetings and quorums, calling procedures, congregation officers and governance - essentially how our church is managed and the responsibilities of leadership.

Major changes from the previous version:

The committee is recommending a change in the fiscal year from calendar-based year to a July 1/June

30 fiscal year. Under the new Bylaws, we will hold a budget

meeting in May of each year to approve a budget that begins July 1. A second meeting will be held in November to elect officers for the upcoming calendar year.

The other significant change is to transition from a Church Council of 16 members to a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary. Treasurer, an Elder, 4 elected at-large members and the Pastor (nonvoting). A total of 9 members.

To assist members in reviewing proposed changes, copies of the old and new Constitution/Bylaws will be available in the narthex. Electronic copies may also be requested from the church office. After a reasonable review period, the review committee will host an informational meeting to review the changes in more detail, followed by a special

voters' assembly to approve or return to committee.

After approval, we are required to send the revised document to the South Wisconsin District where it will be reviewed by a special committee, which may have questions or areas in need of change. Once that process is complete, the final document will be approved by the SW District board of directors. Although a majority of the detail work has been completed over the past year, the approval process may take several more months. The committee will keep the congregation informed as we go forward.

Many thanks to the individuals who have given generously of their time in studying, discussing, praying, and proofing the revised document – Mindy Braun, Patty Ludington, Jerry Paul, Ron Smith, John Berg, and periodic advice from Pastor Baumgarn.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MISSIONARY PARTNER, DEACONSESS KIM BUELTMANN



Deaconess Kim Bueltmann serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Germany. She assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz in providing outreach to refugees, who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. Kim is actively involved in worship planning and leading music for worship in the Farsi language, and she works closely with Persian musicians in these congregations to develop more hymns and liturgy in Farsi. In addition, she offers diaconal support and teaches the Bible and catechism to refugees and socioeconomically disadvantaged Germans.

Kim grew up in Central Illinois, and she is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay, Wis. She received a bachelor's degree in theology and her deaconess certification from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. As part of her studies, Kim served as a deaconess intern in Gifhorn, Germany (2000–2002). After graduating from college, she worked as the director of family ministry at St. John Lutheran Church, Champaign, Ill. (2002–2010), and as

the director of campus ministry at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis. (2010–2017). In her free time, she enjoys playing various musical instruments, singing, and kayaking and hiking with her Italian greyhounds.

Prayers

Pray for Kim as she serves in Germany. Ask God to give her boldness in speaking the Gospel to all those with whom she comes into contact. Pray that God would open unbelieving hearts to His Word, that those seeking refuge would find their true refuge in Christ. Give thanks for Kim as she serves God's children in this part of the world.

Financial Support

Gifts to help support Deaconess Kim Bueltmann's work in Germany can be made at any time. Designate your gift for Deaconess Kim Bueltmann on your offering envelope.

Offerings collected during our Fall Mission Emphasis will all be designated for her support.

SHEPHERD of the HILLS CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2024—Submitted by Mindy Braun, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: By Kevin Keeffe at 7:07 pm.

PRESENT: Pastor Baumgarn, Kevin Keeffe, Dan Howe, Mindy Braun, Terry Ours, Kay Conzemius, Kyle Janzen, John Gardner, Karen Gardner, Linda Trautmann, John Berg, Jana Underkofler, Martha Keeffe

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mark Wrolstad

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Baumgarn read 1John 4:4-21. Note the command in vs 21: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial Stewardship Report, year to date through January 31, 2024 Total Ministry Support Received: \$111,226 **Total Ministry Expense:** \$ 39,524 Total Ministry Support Received/Budget 284% Total Ministry Expense/Budget 97% Total Congregational Long-term Debt \$461,485 A list of Dedicated Funds with balances was provided. A few Dedicated Funds explanations are as follows: Building fund is a reserve set aside to cover congregational notes payable; Memorial fund holds memorials that were undesignated when given, so the use of these funds must go before the voters; funds available to the Youth are found under the Youth fund and the Tock Memorial fund.

Authorized signature form for the church accounts: Motion ented church in areas of worship, preschool and evangeto update so as to reflect the newly elected officers - Kevin Keeffe (President) & Dan Howe (Vice President). Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: John Berg will announce to members that copies of the old and the new Constitution & Bylaws are available for review. A decision was made to hold an informational Voters' meeting on Sunday, April 14, to answer questions. A Voters' meeting will be held at a future date (TBD) for the purpose of a vote.

DIGITAL SIGN UPDATE: There is a problem with the first design and the amount of identification space the city will allow. La Crosse Sign Group created an alternate design relocating "Shepherd of the Hills" to the upper portion of the sign. Preference for this change was expressed. LCMS is not stated in words, but is implied by the specific cross design. John continues to work on the project with the city.

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: No update. Information is continuing to be collected. The goal is to be able to trace the process of how things move through the church.

GENESIS PROJECT: Phase 1 (completed) indicated that there was enough interest to proceed. A name is needed to identify the project, suggestions are being accepted, and

every congregation will vote on it. Results of the survey will be available to churches and online. Each church will decide whether to support the project.

Concerns discussed: Impact study on area congregations and our Preschool; whether there would be duplication of services; the need to be objective about the location and know applicable ordinances; grade levels; cost; visibility; transportation. More information and discussion are needed, which would happen during Phase 2.

LENTEN MEALS: Elders are hosting on February 21, Choir will host March 6, Altar Guild with Fellowship will host March 20. It was decided February 28 would be a potluck. March 13 remains open for hosting.

MINISTRY REPORTS

TRUSTEES: A design is being created for stained glass windows in the Sanctuary by Cathedral Crafts Company in Winona. Pastor will contact them regarding ideas that will coordinate with the existing stained glass windows.

PRESCHOOL: March 10 is Lutheran Schools Day.

COMMUNICATIONS: 5000 postcards will be sent out to the community with our Easter service information, as well as the Easter Egg hunt (March 23 @ 9-10 am).

NEW BUSINESS

CHURCH PLANNING: Discussed becoming a planning orilism. Decision was made to hold a congregational meeting on Saturday, April 13, open to all members interested in sharing ideas.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES: Discussed expanding the Facility Request form to include a checklist structure for whoever is organizing an event, whether or not a fee is required. The checklist will identify areas where volunteers need to be recruited. Contact names will be provided as a resource for the planners. Kevin will draft a form for Council to review.

GOOD FOR THE GROUP: A member inquired whether SOTH had a van, which could be used to provide transportation to church for members who need assistance. The member is willing to help find and contribute toward the cost of a used van. Council felt the idea was worth exploring.

A first time attendee at the Preschool Spaghetti Dinner stated how impressed she was by the event. She returned that weekend to attend our Southern Gospel service. Next meeting March 19 @ 6:30 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor.

ADJOURNED: 9:06 pm.

FEBRUARY MAIN STREET LIVING SCHEDULE

"Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life". View on FOX 25/48 LaCrosse / EauClaire. Visit mainstreetliving.com for current and past episodes

March 3

10:00 am - "Betrayed" - A man struggles to do what's right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

10:30 am - Rev. David Baumgarn, pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska, presents a message titled "God is in His temple" based on John 2:13-22.

March 10

10:00 am - "Aftermath" - A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.

10:30 am - Rev. Brendan Harris, pastor at St. Paul's and St. John Lutheran Churches in Fall Creek, presents a message titled "Lord to Whom Shall We Go" based on John 6:1-15.

March 17

10:00 am - "Holy Land Tour pt. 1" - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by South Dakota pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

10:30 am - Rev. Jonathan Wessel, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Augusta, presents a message titled "Are You Paying Attention?" based on Mark 10;32-45.

March 24

10:00 am - "Holy Land Tour pt. 2" - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by South Dakota pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

10:30 am - Rev. James Norton, pastor at Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran Church in Fall Creek, presents a message titled "Does the Cross Make Sense?" based on 1 Cor. 1:18.

Easter March 31

10:00 am - "Three Days" - The disciples' reactions—and interaction—in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.

10:30 am - Rev. Steven Turner, president of Iowa District West, presents an Easter message titled "Jesus lives! What does this mean?" based on Mark 16:1-8.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1Peter 4:10

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church that Jesus commends for being in the word. And of all seven churches, that is the ONLY one that still remains to this day. That is a very real warning for us! We <u>must</u> continue to be in, and go to, the word of God. That is how we are spiritually fed, and nourished. If we reject God's word, we are rejecting God.

During Lent, we especially look to the suffering of Jesus Christ, as He took our sins upon Himself, and made them His own. He would bear them (and the punishment that our sins deserved) upon His own back, as He went toward Jerusalem, and ultimately, unto the cross. He was crucified in our place, because He was the promised sacrifice. He was the <u>Lamb</u> of God, who had been promised. His blood was spilled so that ours would not have to be.

Yet when I look around at some of the messages that are getting us ready for the celebration of Easter (when we especially remember His resurrection); I am instead seeing some ...bunny? What's with this? They seem to be missing the real point.

The true message and celebration of Easter deals with the resurrection. We use eggs to remind us of the resurrection (for they look dead on the outside – like the tomb, but out of them springs life – like the resurrected Jesus). We use flowers to remind us of the resurrection (from that seed that looked dead, springs new life). It's all about Jesus, and what He did for us!

This Easter, instead of some floppy "furry wabbit" stealing the show, let's look to Jesus and repeat the confession of St. John, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" We have come to worship Him!

Pastor Baumgarn

"TAKING the NIGHT OFF from CONFIRMATION CLASS"

Wednesday, February 7 We were loud. It was fun. And, as one student said, "I've run more tonight than I do at basketball practice".

Stay tuned for future youth activities!







LOVE and FELLOWSHIP were delivered!

A big thank you to those who volunteered their time and talents to bake cookies, make a card, assemble the "cookie care packages" and then deliver and visit with members of our church family especially those who have been widowed. What a delicious way to make someone's day!

Sponsored by the Human Care Board

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SUMMARY—Logic, the Big Bang Theory, Kalam Argument & Creation

Does Cosmology (theory of the origin of the universe) deny God as our creator? Is it plausible that the Big Bang would account for the fine tuning of our galaxy, the perfect placement and rotation of earth, having the right type of sun, and a life sustaining habitat all falling into place precisely as needed? Or, does Cosmology provide support for creation? This was the topic for the Ladies Monday Night Bible study as we discussed chapters on the miracle of creation from "The Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel.

Logic says that for God to create our physical reality, He must be: 1) transcendent (existing apart from creation); 2) immaterial; 3) timeless; 4) powerful; 5) intelligent; 6) personal; 7) creative; and 8) caring. The Bible tells us that God is indeed <u>all</u> of these things: Gen1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"; Gen 1:31 "God saw all that had He made, and it was very good…"; Ps 90:1 -2 "Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

beginning. Edwin Hubble discovered in 1929 that the universe is expanding, therefore there was a beginning. The Kalam Argument states: "whatever begins to exist has a cause; the universe began to exist, therefore the universe has a cause." Both support what we read in Gen 1:1.

What about our physical reality? Gen 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." These are details that point to the fine tuning of our galaxy and earth, and provide for our life sustaining needs. Also notice that the longevity of our physical reality depends not upon science, but upon God; enduring only until Christ comes again. God created the physical reality that scientists study, so look around and know "for since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." Rom 1:20.

Join us March 4 at 6:30 pm to discuss Chapter 11, The Miracle of the Resurrection.

The Big Bang theory acknowledges that the universe has a



HAVE A QUESTION? FIND YOUR ANSWER HERE!

Q & A

WHY? WHAT? HOW?

Do you have a question about your faith or how our church works? Do you want to know how your faith applies to your daily life? To submit a question, visit the church website at sothonalaska.org and click the Q &A tab. An answer to your question will be posted on the website—just because you asked. **All submissions are anonymous.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES! (Anniversaries in bold)

- 1 Steven and Carol Stork
- 2 Leon Wolfe
- 3 Ryan and Mandy Robbert
- 4 Isaac Ackerman
- Molly Breidel
 Archer Londergan
 Miley Pfaff
- 9 Bruce Kerr
- 10 Tim Henke Tamra Hull
- 11 Jessica Long
- 12 Steven Stork

- 13 Ruth Hartmann Kyle Janzen
- 14 Isla Mason
- 17 Sue Mravik
- 18 Cameron Robbert
- 19 Abriana Rainey
- 20 Iris Dus
- 21 Mark Breidel Macy Cowley Jody Planinscheck
- 22 Elska Sheffer Donna Staton

- 23 Rogene Hinz Tom and Jean Londergan
- 24 Vera Schumacher
- 25 Brittany Dissmore
- 26 Allan Ackerman Linda Kneifl
- 29 Jeanette Baumgarn Tracy Doud Gary Kuhlmann
- Dave Schultz 30 Grace Underkofler
- 21 Audrov Pataman

31 Audrey Bateman

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OFFICE HOURS/COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Kira's office hours Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—2:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Martha's office hours Monday—Wednesday 9:00 am—2:30 pm

Thursday 9:00 am—12:30 pm

Submit ALL bulletin, Weekly Update and Narthex TV entries to Martha by noon on Tuesday of that week. Items received after the deadline will not be included. April Newsletter submissions must be received by noon on Tuesday, March 19.

CONNECT CARD for members, visitors and friends -Provide your current contact information to receive up-to-date information on church activities and announcements! Connect cards are located in the back of the church pews.



Monthly Update

In February, our preschoolers spent two weeks learning about love & friendship and another two weeks learning about jungle animals. They have had so much fun in our post office dramatic play, completing many art projects and even enjoying a day of play outside in the sun! During Jesus time, we have loved teaching our preschoolers all about God's love for them! Our preschoolers learned the story of Jesus calling his disciples as well as several of His miracles! We learned about Jesus healing a paralyzed man, calming the storm and feeding the 5000. This month we also hosted our Mom's Night on February 22. We love getting to share what we do in our preschool program. We hope you enjoy seeing a bit of our preschool day, the songs that we sing and the things that we do in our video at the Celebration Services this month sharing about the preschool.

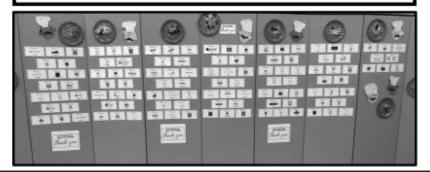
Thrivent Choice Dollars

We just want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank those who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shepherd's Flock Preschool in 2023.

Ron & Ramona Callendar Jim & Trisha Finch Todd & Linda Trautmann Jeff Koblitz Lisa Mahoney David Bierce

Spaghetti Dinner - Thank you!

Thank you so much to all who were able to attend or support Shepherd's Flock at our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Silent Auction this year! Again, our expectations were blown away, as we had our largest night ever. It was so special to see the gym full of preschool families, current and past, church members and community members supporting our preschool program. It's this support that allows us to continue to serve the children and families in the area, bless others through our preschool program and share the love of Jesus with children who may not otherwise hear His Word!





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