

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Second Sunday in Lent) March 5, 2023

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## **ISN'T THAT CATHOLIC?**

*by Rev. Ryan Fehrmann*

**Q: "Making the sign of the cross, Communion every Sunday, etc. — isn't that 'Catholic'?"**

A: Yes, it is. What an insightful question! Even if the questioner does not realize it, in asking this question she confesses that there is a connection between what we practice and what we believe; the two mutually influence each other. This is a question as much about doctrine as practice.

The word *catholic* itself is a Latin translation of a Greek term meaning "universal." It is used in the Church for that which is believed and practiced in all times and in all places. It simply means the faith taught from the Holy Scriptures.

To add another layer of language: When we translate the Latin word into English in the Nicene Creed, we end up with "I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church." Catholic and Christian are held in dynamic counterpoint.

The 16th-century Lutheran Reformers were concerned about this question too. In 1530, they produced a document called the Augsburg Confession that addressed which doctrines are catholic, that is, scriptural, and which are merely Roman. It demonstrated that Lutherans were not making up new teachings but standing squarely within the Catholic faith. It also addressed practices that stemmed from both solid Catholic teaching (every Sunday Communion) and faulty Roman teaching (like purgatory and prayers to saints).

What about other similarities in practice that appear in Roman Catholic and Lutheran worship? (That is what most who ask the question intend.)

Some practices are so obviously catholic that all churches do them in some shape or form: reading from Scripture, prayers, preaching, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Some practices reflect our common heritage, up to the Reformation, with the Roman Catholic Church. These are kept because they do not contradict Scripture but often highlight it or play a role in teaching about it. For example, making the sign of the cross is a physical reminder of our great salvation earned on the cross of Christ. Physical actions in worship are beneficial because we are not only spirits but we are created with bodies that Christ Himself, in our flesh, redeemed.

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The sign of the cross also connects us to the place where the benefits of His cross were made ours: in Baptism. (See Romans 6) At your Baptism, the pastor made the sign of the cross over your forehead and heart, signifying to all gathered the truth that in those baptismal waters, the death and resurrection of Christ became yours; you were and still are redeemed by Christ the crucified.

In the end, when asking if something is "catholic," you are asking if that something is in line with the Christian faith drawn from the Holy Scriptures. A faith that finds its core in the doctrine of justification found in Eph. 2: 8: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

All teaching and practice should support justification by faith alone, or at least not detract from it. This gives us a tool to evaluate practices and the doctrine that stands behind them. (Remember, it's a doctrinal question.) Asking, "Is this Catholic?" should lead to other questions, like, "Is this Baptist, etc.?" This includes critically examining modern practices as well as honoring our fathers and mothers in the faith over the centuries without falling into specific errors of their generation. A very insightful question indeed!

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## **LENTEN MEALS**

Lenten services begin on Wednesday, February 22nd — Ash Wednesday. The schedule and choices of projects are listed below. Services on Wednesdays during Lent will be at **4 pm and 6:30 pm with meals from 5—6:15 pm.**

March 8 — Elders (Soups) Funds to Pastor Poppe Designated Gift Fund

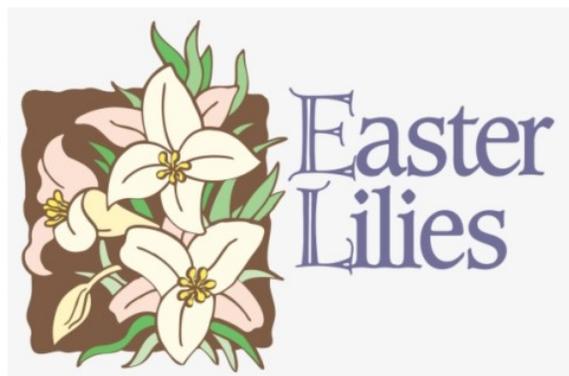
March 15 — Tim & Jenny Higgins (TBA)

March 22 — Scott & Dee Indgjer (TBA)

March 29 — Church Council (Sloppy Joes and Mac & Cheese) Funds to Principal Payment on the Mortgage

## **EASTER LILIES**

Easter lilies are used to beautify the sanctuary in celebration of our Savior's resurrection. The lilies are available this year at the cost of **\$10 each. A sign-up table is located in the narthex.** If paying by check make the check **payable to Good Shepherd** and designate that it is for flowers. If you would like to designate your lily in honor of or in memory of someone, please write this on the envelope.



## **THANK YOU**

Thank you members of Good Shepherd for your generous giving for our project, Christ's Care for Children in Kenya of \$816. If the untimely weather kept you away that evening and you would still like to contribute, there are pamphlets and envelopes explaining the project in the narthex. Envelopes can be given to Lyn Heng or Maureen Marshall.

LWIM (Lutheran Women in Mission)



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

*If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the*

*prayer list, you may call during the 6th week to renew it.*

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (3)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (5)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, for her ongoing medical care (1)
- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, recovering from a knee replacement (2)
- **Shari**, sister of Tish Loomis, recovering from shoulder surgery on Jan. 25th (5)
- **Maurice Lange**, recovering from surgery and anticipating radiation and chemotherapy (3)
- **Sarah Stepp**, diagnosed with celiac's disease. Please pray that dietary changes and meds. bring healing (3)
- **Mark Densberger**, son of Frank & Janice Densberger, recovering from open-heart surgery (3)
- **Emma Kranz**, daughter of Pastor Mark & Bethany Kranz and niece of Andrew & Jeana Wood, thanksgiving for successful surgery to remove a brain tumor (2)
- **Daniel Schellenbach**, father of Tim Schellenbach, recovering from heart surgery on Feb. 15th (3)
- **Alan Young**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from surgery to have a kidney removed (3)
- **Jan Young**, daughter of Arlene Nelson, having hip replacement surgery (3)

- **JoAnn Graham**, mother of Cathy Meints, recovering from surgery (3)
- **Holly Herrod**, having a shoulder replacement surgery on 3/2/23 (2)
- **Travis Cornell**, brother of Deb Grimmette, diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure & needing dialysis (2)
- **Shani Beeman**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from back surgery and efforts to clear up an infection. Please pray for healing. (1)

## SEEKING MOWING VOLUNTEERS

Fed up with cold weather? Missing that healthy glow? Imagine yourself riding around on the church's riding lawn mower, working on your bronze tan, and soaking in the Vitamin D, all for FREE!

Good Shepherd is seeking Mowing Volunteers for the summer of 2023. If interested, please contact Aron Wiest at [aronw2418@yahoo.com](mailto:aronw2418@yahoo.com) or 402-432-0074.

## OFFICE HOURS

Good Shepherd's office hours will be noon—6 pm: Monday—Friday. If you call and there is no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## AMAZONSMILE

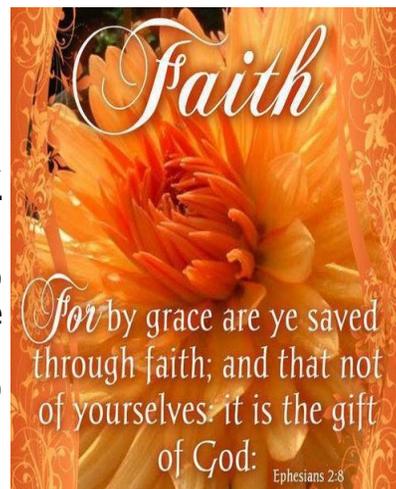
AmazonSmile was launched in 2013 to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program is not making the impact that was predicted. Therefore, AmazonSmile was ended on Feb. 20, 2023.

## WIND SYMPHONY

The Wind Symphony from CU, Chicago will be stopping at Christ Lutheran in Lincoln on Thurs., March 9th for a 7 pm concert. Everyone is welcome.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Matthew 15: 27** “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 5— March 11, 2023)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Paula Erickson    Derek Poppe  
Karen Kammann    Braxton Beed  
Justin Steinhauser  
Brandon Jackson  
Alaina Novacek    Dakota    Berndt

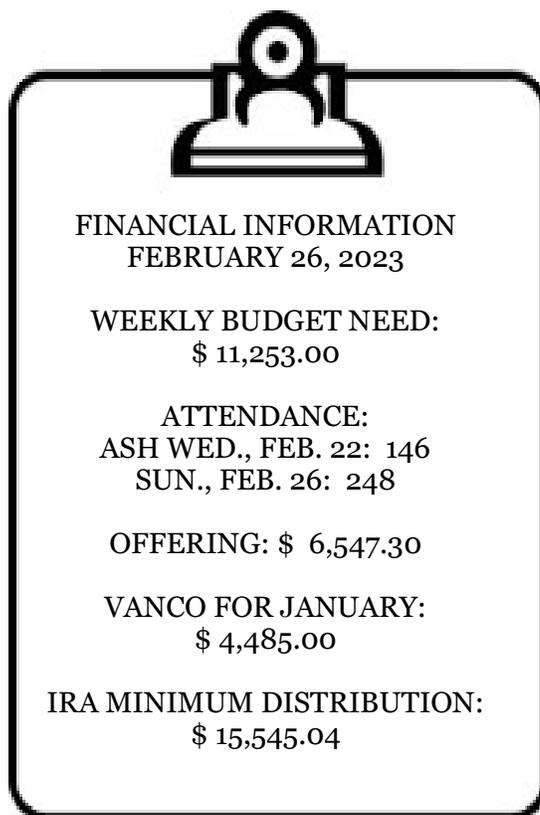
Couples celebrating anniversaries are:  
none

## **LIFE MOMENT**

*"But death isn't a part of the life for which we were created — for we were created. You didn't morph from pond scum into an intelligent hairless monkey; you were handcrafted by the Lord of the Universe."*

## **MARCH MISSION PROJECT**

Chariots 4 Hope will be Good Shepherd's mission project for March 2023. This organization is focused on removing the transportation barrier within low-income communities. They accept vehicle donations, cash donations, community partnerships and volunteering to support individuals in need of reliable transportation to enhance their options.



## **MAIN STREET LIVING**

Rev. Daniel Wing, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, presents the message titled, "Give Us Our Daily Crumbs" on Sunday, March 5th on KLKN channel 8 at 10:30 am. His sermon is based on Matthew 15: 25-28. For those who are unable to join us at Good Shepherd this Sunday, spend a part of your Lenten season with Main Street Living, Pastor Wing, and the Main Street Living choir.

## **SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:**

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Wed., March 1):

(Sun., March 5): 8 am:  
10:30 am:

**ELDER TODAY:** (Wed., March 1) : Matt Phillips

(Sun., March 5): Joel Kaldahl  
(Wed., March 8): Joel Kaldahl

**USHERS:**

(Wed., March 1): 4 pm: Fitzgerald, Princ, Indgjer  
6:30 pm: Huff, Kaldahl, Klutzes  
(Sun., March 5): 8 am: Brodbeck, Rathjen, Indgiers  
10:30 am: Keller, Eckhoff, Novaks

**ACOLYTES:**

(Wed., March 1): Clark Ehrich  
(Sun., March 5) 8 am: R J Huff  
10:30 am: Clark Ehrich  
(Wed., March 8): Job Ehrich

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Wed., March 1): Adelaide Ehrich

(Sun., March 5): Adilyn Damme  
(Wed., March 8): Brileigh Twarling

**COMMUNION SET-UP:**

(Wed., March 1): Sue Stolcpart  
(Sun., March 5): Wendy Stepp  
(Wed., March 8): Karen Huff

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Wed., March 1): Sue Stolcpart

(Sun., March 5): Susie Znamenacek  
(Wed., March 8): Karen Huff

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (March 5):

## **A SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE**

Would you like to find out more about what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess? Or would you just like to review the basics of the Lutheran faith? Pastor Moline has begun a series of classes that will help you to do just these things on Sunday, Feb. 19th. Completing this course will also prepare you to talk about communicant membership at Good Shepherd if this is your desire. This class will meet on Sundays at 9:20 am. Were you not able to attend the first class? Other questions? Contact Pastor Moline or call the church office at 402-423-7639.



## GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them. Below is the beginning of an answer to this request. Further developments are in our thoughts.

Ron & Janet Amack (at home)  
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)  
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)  
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)  
Georgene Duer (at home)  
Elaine Egnor (at home)  
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)  
Arlyss Ketelsen (Savannah Pines)  
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)  
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)  
Doug Marsh (Country House)  
Dorian Merritt (at home)  
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)  
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)  
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)  
Alice Urbach (at home)  
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

Anita Armitstead (at home)  
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)  
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)  
Verneda Gerdes (at home)  
Janet Kniep (at home)  
Tish Loomis (at home)  
Bob McClellan (Gateway Vista)  
Cindi Olson (Country House)

On the table near the Stephen Ministry banner is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. For the month of March **Janet Amack (73rd) and Verneda Gerdes (90th) will be celebrating birthdays and Marvin & Joyce Thompson will be celebrating their 43rd anniversary.** These cards will be available to sign **until March 8th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



## HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE

All LCMS confirmed youth are invited to attend the **Higher Things Conference entitled "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" in Carbondale, IL from July 18th–21st.** For more information, please check out the Higher Things website [www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org) and **contact Lora Wilkens** (Good Shepherd's Board of Youth chairperson) at (402) 890-0454 or [lora.wilkens.002@gmail.com](mailto:lora.wilkens.002@gmail.com).

## PALM SUNDAY CONCERT/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Concordia Academy High School choir, St. Paul, MN will be presenting a concert at Good Shepherd the evening of Sunday, April 2. We are looking for **volunteers (11homes) to host 2 each of the students** overnight and to feed them breakfast on Monday morning and bring them back to Good Shepherd to catch their bus. Please call the church office at (402) 423-7639 with any questions or to volunteer. Also, there will be a meal served for the students and director at 5:30 pm prior to the concert. If you would be willing to bring food or help serve, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Elizabeth Moline with any questions.