

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Third Sunday in Lent) March 12, 2023

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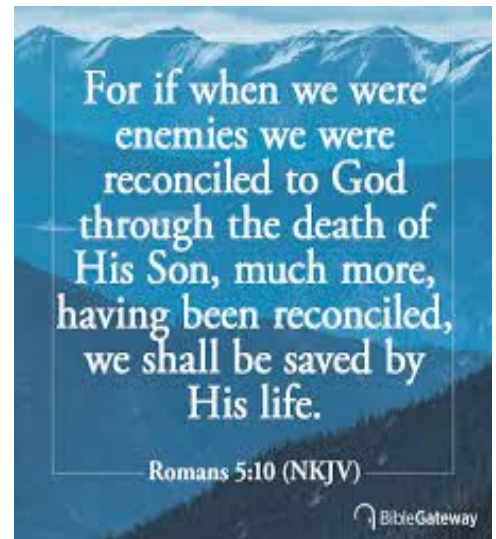
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A DAMAGED RELATIONSHIP

There is a huge gap between our Creator and us, and it exceeds our ability to describe its extent. Guided by a compass that cannot point true north, we are unable to navigate toward God; our life and purpose are not aimed toward God. Sin is more than the individual bad things we do — let's call those words and deeds "fruit." Sin is the corrupt attitude and will of all humanity — let's name that "the root." The root of the problem is our fundamental desire that there not be a God so we can be the captains of our own souls, the self-determiners of what is good and right. That desire ultimately leads us to distrust God and His Word.

By questioning the rights God has over us, Satan challenged the goodness of God as the giver of life and enticed Eve to rely on herself for the good. By rearranging God's words, Adam and Eve aspired to assume God's place, asserting themselves as the final determiners of what is good. This root sin, called original sin, is our desire and search for personal meaning and identity apart from what the Creator has bestowed. As punishment for this sin, Adam and Eve were limited at every point by death. They could not return themselves to a life of trust in God, and they would also experience this separation from God in their own bodies — they would return to the dust from which man is made. Man is by nature weak, ungodly, sinful, and an enemy of God (see Romans 5: 6-10).

It Makes a Difference

Sin may be divided into original sin (the inherited corruption and its tendency to sin) and actual sin. Actual sin (every thought, emotion, word, or act conflicting with God's Law) may be involuntary or may be done ignorantly, and includes sins of commission and sins of omission. Sin gets only one reaction from God: His righteous wrath and punishment.

This original desire to be our own god and distrust the true God has affected every person's nature and all of our powers; even reason is corrupted.

Sin is so deeply rooted in us that with all of our reason we cannot discern its depth; we can neither clearly see ourselves in relation to God nor rightly describe our circumstances before God. Only God, in the Bible, truly shows and describes the depth of original sin and its consequences. Remember, God does not need *(see page 2)*

anyone's permission to establish what is right and what is wrong. He is God. Everything belongs to Him.

The Ten Commandments identify, forbid, and condemn this root sin and its bad fruit: disbelief and false belief of God, defiance of parents, neglect of neighbors, slander, and selfish cravings. We have lost all of our created goodness; we neither will nor can depend on God for anything. Our corruption is so deep and pervasive that the Bible declares us separated from God — dead. We cannot begin, maintain, or conclude a relationship with God. It doesn't matter if you don't think God's Commandments are important, and it doesn't matter if a majority of society feels something different. God is God, and the very fact that we even question this is the evidence of our corruption and of the brokenness of our relationship with God.

Lutheranism 101 (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2010, pg. 32-33.

LENTEN MEALS

Lenten services began on Wednesday, February 22nd — Ash Wednesday. The schedule of Lenten meals 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.



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. This lack of transportation means that in many cases the people affected are unable to hold jobs, transport children to school, and do many of the things many of us take for granted. Chariots 4 Hope accepts vehicle donations (running or not), cash donations (to help with maintaining the vehicle), community partnerships and volunteering to support individuals in need of reliable transportation to enhance their options. More **information and envelopes for your donations can be found on the table with the bulletins and News & Notes.**



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 (4)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (6)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, for her ongoing medical care (2)
- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, recovering from a knee replacement (3)
- **Shari**, sister of Tish Loomis, recovering from shoulder surgery on Jan. 25th (6)
- **Maurice Lange**, recovering from surgery and anticipating radiation and chemotherapy (2)
- **Sarah Stepp**, diagnosed with celiac's disease. Please pray that dietary changes and meds. bring healing (4)
- **Mark Densberger**, son of Frank & Janice Densberger, recovering from open-heart surgery (4)
- **Emma Kranz**, daughter of Pastor Mark & Bethany Kranz and niece of Andrew & Jeana Wood, thanksgiving for successful surgery to remove a brain tumor (3)
- **Daniel Schellenbach**, father of Tim Schellenbach, recovering from heart surgery on Feb. 15th (4)
- **Alan Young**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from surgery to have a kidney removed (4)
- **Jan Young**, daughter of Arlene Nelson, having hip replacement surgery (4)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, scheduled for eye surgery on March 27th (1)

- **JoAnn Graham**, mother of Cathy Meints, recovering from surgery (4)
- **Holly Herrod**, recovering from a shoulder replacement surgery (2)
- **Travis Cornell**, brother of Deb Grimmette, diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure & needing dialysis (3)
- **Shani Beeman**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from back surgery and efforts to clear up an infection. Please pray for healing. (2)
- **Al Fox**, father of Nancy Stepp, for healing from health issues (1)
- **Dean Posner**, for healing from health issues (1)

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.

CATECHISM II STUDENTS

There will be a parent/student meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd following the church service in the fellowship hall regarding confirmation.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

There is a **sign-up sheet for renewing your Lutheran Witness subscription or to begin a new subscription** on the table by the north balcony staircase. The price will be **\$19.20 for a year (11 issues: the June/July issue is combined)**. Please **sign up by Easter Sunday** for both renewals and new subscriptions. You may place your check or cash in one of the envelopes next to the sign-up sheet and place it in the offering plate. Please **put your name on the envelope** so that we can mark your subscription "paid." Thanks.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Luke 11: 21-22 “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our stronger man. He guards and keeps us and ours. We have none to fear.

*Do not be anxious
ABOUT ANYTHING,
but in every situation,
BY PRAYER AND PETITION,
with thanksgiving
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO God.
And the peace of God,
WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL
understanding,
WILL GUARD YOUR hearts
AND minds IN Christ Jesus.*
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 12— March 18, 2023)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Alan Brodbeck Aubrey Wiest
Rev. Mark Williamson
Scott McKinney Janet Amack
Maura Alexander Jerika Perrin
Verneda Gerdes Jerry Sidlo
Adilyn Damme


Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
none

LIFE MOMENT

Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and forgiveness for her sordid past. (John 4: 13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our mistakes and failures. And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating the same grace to any who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds their lives as precious as those already lost.

COLLEGE STUDENT MEAL

On **Sunday, March 26th**, after the second service, there will be a meal for all our college students. There is a **sign-up sheet in the narthex** if you would be willing to bring food or help serve. Please contact **Elizabeth Moline (701-640-7989)** with any questions. College students, please plan to attend and bring a friend!



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
MARCH 5, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,253.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., MARCH 1: 151
SUN., MARCH 5: 226

OFFERING: \$ 9,075.00

VANCO FOR FEBRUARY:
\$ 4,350.00

MAIN STREET LIVING

Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Tecumseh, NE, presents the message titled, "More Than Meets the Eye" on **Sunday, March 12th on KLNK channel 8 at 10:30 am.** His sermon is based on John 4: 5-26.. 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 Kohlmeyer, and the Main Street Living choir.

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., March 1): N/A
(Sun., March 5): 8 am: N/A
10:30 am: N/A

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., March 8) : Joel Kaldahl
(Sun., March 12): Mark Reinke
(Wed., March 15): Mark Reinke

USHERS: (Wed., March 8): 4 pm: Pfeister, Eckhoff, Novak
6:30 pm: Perrin, Keller, Von Busch (A&A)
(Sun., March 12): 8 am: Schnell, Higgins, Wilkens, Huff
10:30 am: Perrin, Kieser, Von Busch (D & R)

ACOLYTES: (Wed., March 8): Job Ehrich
(Sun., March 12) 8 am: Sawyer Shubkagel
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., March 15): Ethan Von Busch

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., March 8): Brileigh Twarling
(Sun., March 12): Chloe Lichtenfeld
(Wed., March 15): Chloe Theewen

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., March 8): Karen Huff
(Sun., March 12): Celia Taylor
(Wed., March 15): Arlene Nelson

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., March 8): Karen Huff
(Sun., March 12): Sheila Turek
(Wed., March 15): Arlene Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS: (March 12): N/A

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 classes? Other questions? Contact Pastor Moline or call the church office at 402-423-7639.



CAMP LUTHER

There are a few brochures with details about camps for the summer of 2023 or you can find information at www.campluther.org.

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)	Anita Armitstead (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)	Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)	Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)	
Georgene Duer (at home)	Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)	
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)	Janet Kniep (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (Savannah Pines)	Tish Loomis (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)	
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)	Bob McClellan (Gateway Vista)
Doug Marsh (Country House)	Cindi Olson (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)	

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 end of the month of March **Elaine Egner will be celebrating her 90th birthday.** A card for Elaine will be available to sign **until March 22nd.** If you would rather participate in a card shower for Elaine, her address is 1435 Ridgeway Rd., Lincoln 68506. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

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. So far we have volunteers for 8 of the 22 students. 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 (701.640.7989)** with any questions.

EASTER EGG CAPTURE THE FLAG

The Buhr and Walker families would like to invite Good Shepherd families to an Easter Egg Capture the Flag event hosted by Trail Life Troop NE-0001! Bring the whole family to Camp Sonshine's Shiloh location (2260 W. Wittstruck Rd., Roca, NE 68430) on **March 25th 3:30-6 pm** to play capture the flag with giant Easter eggs! Admission is **\$5/child or \$10/family** due the day of the event. **Register by March 22nd at <http://bit.ly/3RGotKh>** or talk with the Buhrs or Walkers!