

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Fourth Sunday in Lent) March 19, 2023

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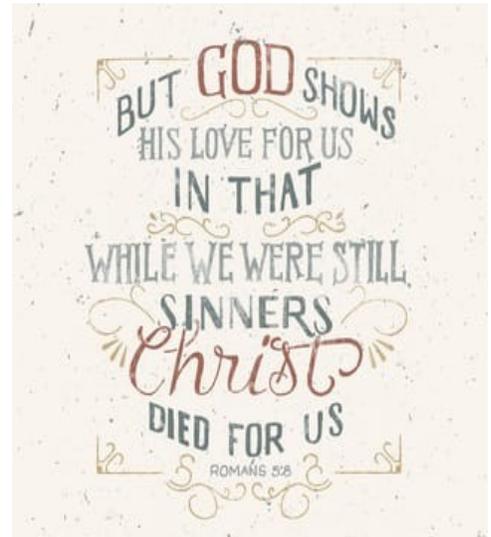
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Who is Responsible?

To recognize our nature as sinful does not mean that God created mankind as disobedient or that our created essence is sinful. God created and declared all He created "very good" (Genesis 1: 31). Original sin does not come from God. God is not sin's creator or author. Nor is original sin God's creation or work, but it is the devil's work.

In other situations, hard work, proper education, or having enough resources might rescue us. However, our attempts to escape God's judgment by redefining sin as educational deficiency or moral laziness or poor work ethic are nothing more than flimsy excuses for our real condition. Original sin is the inexpressible impairment and corruption of the human nature; nothing pure and good remains in our internal and external powers, and we can never produce anything good as judged by God.

JUSTICE AND JUDGEMENT

God's judgment on sin is that Adam and every person after him has lost the status of "very good" before God. With our disposition turned so wholly inward and completely away from God, our hostility toward God deserves only God's disfavor and judgment. And that judgment is a decree of death imposed on each person. This sentence includes physical death and eternal death and condemnation, which is hell and all the torments we associate with that place of destruction. No one in any way can ever free himself from that wrath of God.

The distresses and sorrows of this life — the miseries of body and spirit — daily remind us of our condition and the judgment of death. We are held captive to our own wretchedness and are subject to the present power of Satan, who continues to mislead us into false belief, wicked and shameful vices, despair, and pride. The Law does not make one a sinner. It seeks the sinner, and it unmistakably finds, judges, and kills the sinner it seeks.

And that makes sin a big deal.

Punishment for Sin

Even after we repent and seek forgiveness from others and from God, we will often suffer the effects of our sin. The effects do not take away or pay for our sins. We still deserve punishment. But we need not fear God's eternal punishment for sin. "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5: 8).

What Do We Do with the Mess We're in?

Corrupted by original sin, we place ourselves at the center of our universe from the very moment of our birth. Because of this predilection to godlessness, we have (see page 2)

stacked up crime after crime against God. We do what we do because we are what we are. We are in a world of trouble. If we are ever going to have the least hope of knowing God, let alone have a relationship with God, something will have to be done about who we are and what we have done.

It would be a sad state of existence if God just left us at this point, trapped in our self-made hell, separated from Him, our only future one of eternal torment. But God did not create us and then abandon us to our own failed devices. He did not thunder His Law at us and then turn away. God the Son came to earth as the one sinless human being, the one perfect person who kept God at the center and followed all the rules without breaking them. For the sake of Jesus, God does not count sin and its consequences against those baptized into Christ Jesus. And we would never hear this message as Good News if we did not understand the reality of sin.

Lutheranism 101 (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2010, pg. 33-35

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.**

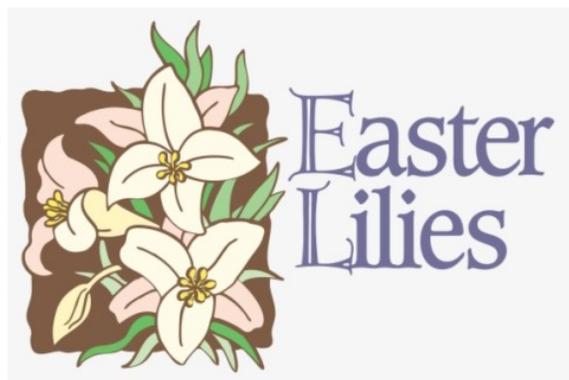
March 15 — Tim & Jenny Higgins (spaghetti, garlic bread & green beans) Funds to Lutherans for Life

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 (5)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (1)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, for her ongoing medical care (3)
- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, recovering from a knee replacement (4)
- **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 (5)
- **Mark Densberger**, son of Frank & Janice Densberger, recovering from open-heart surgery (5)
- **Emma Kranz**, daughter of Pastor Mark & Bethany Kranz and niece of Andrew & Jeana Wood, thanksgiving for successful surgery to remove a brain tumor (4)
- **Daniel Schellenbach**, father of Tim Schellenbach, recovering from heart surgery on Feb. 15th (5)
- **Alan Young**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from surgery to have a kidney removed (5)
- **Jan Young**, daughter of Arlene Nelson, having hip replacement surgery (5)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, scheduled for eye surgery on March 27th (2)
- **Elaine Van Valkenburg**, scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery on 3/16 (1)

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

CATECHISM II STUDENTS

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

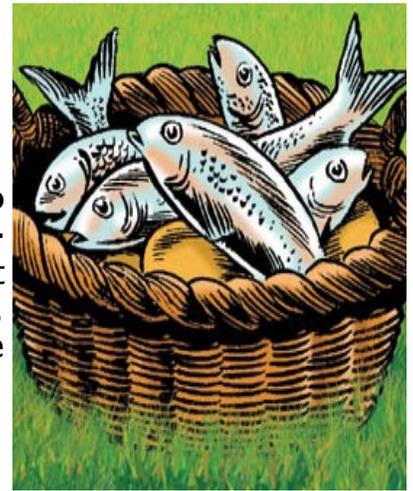
LUTHERAN WITNESS

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.

THRIVENT CHOICE FUNDS

Thrivent members are reminded to direct 2022 Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by 3/31/2023. To accomplish this you may contact Thrivent at 800.847.4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". Thanks to Thrivent members who have already accomplished their donation!

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—John 6: 5 “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people might eat?’” Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 19— March 25, 2023)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Pam Abels	Elaine Egner
Ken Knaus	Joe Velasquez
Ashley Shubkagel	
Lindsey Reinke	Teri Wright
Jackson Meyer	Adam Mankin
Maddy Stolcpart	Doug Marsh
Barb Proescholdt	
Susan McKinney	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

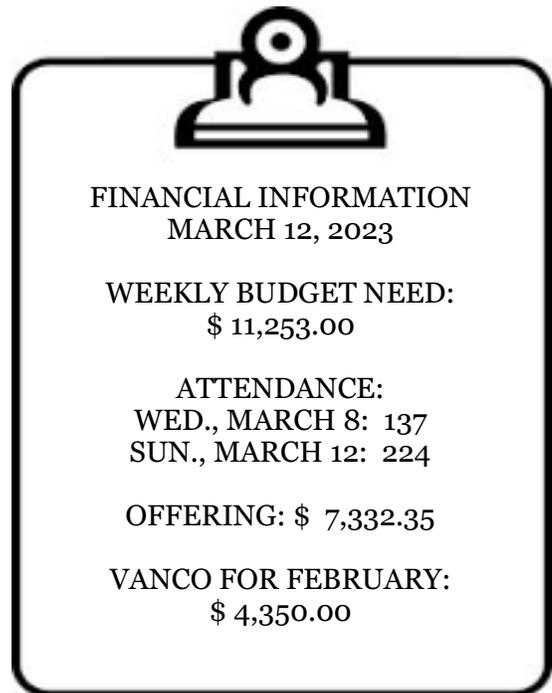
Tim & Jenny Higgins (25 years)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (43 years)

LIFE MOMENT

Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as an excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors’ brokenness just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

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!



MAIN STREET LIVING

Rev. Brent Kuhlman, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Murdock, NE, presents the message titled, “Here’s Mud In Your Eyes!” on **Sunday, March 19th on KLKN channel 8 at 10:30 am**. His sermon is based on John 9. 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 Kuhlman, and the Main Street Living choir.

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS (Wed, March 15): Peg Olson

- to value marriage and family over career and money,
- that the Lutheran Church has the greatest theology and the most excellent music in history, and
- that Christian culture grows through supporting faithful churches and leading pious homes.

ELDER TODAY (Wed, March 15): Mark Reinke

(Sun., March 19): Rich Lichtenfeld

Read your [online letter](#) today, to find out how you can be a part of this historic undertaking.

**USHERS: (Wed., March 15): 4 pm: Brodbeck, Eckhoff, Von Busch (D)
6:30 pm: Kaldahl, Pennington, Higgins,
Wilkens**

**(Sun., March 19): 8 am: Stepp, Von Busch (A & A)
10:30 am: Fitzgerald, Princ, Klutz**

**ACOLYTES: (Wed., March 15): Ethan Von Busch
(Sun., March 19) 8 am: Zach Von Busch
10:30 am: Kyler Cover
(Wed., March 22): Kyler Cover**

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., March 15): Chloe Theewen
(Sun., March 19): Claire Moline
(Wed., March 22): Haidyn Shubkagel**

**COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., March 15): Arlene Nelson
(Sun., March 19): Wendy Stepp
(Wed., March 22): Reva & Dennis Von Busch**

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., March 15): Arlene Nelson
(Sun., March 12): Suzie Znamenacek
(Wed., March 22): Reva & Dennis Von Busch**

COFFEE SERVERS: (March 19): Mark & Lori Reinke

LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE

Imagine a college where students learn:

- To value marriage and family over career and money,
 - That the Lutheran Church has the greatest theology and the most excellent music in history, and
- That Christian culture grows through supporting faithful churches and leading pious homes.



This is Luther Classical College — an affordable, confessional Lutheran college *by Lutherans and for Lutherans*. And we're welcoming our first class of students in the Fall of 2025.

Read your online letter today and find out how you can be a part of this historic undertaking at www.lutherclassical.org/lentgoodshepherd.

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!