

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Fifth Sunday in Lent) March 26, 2023

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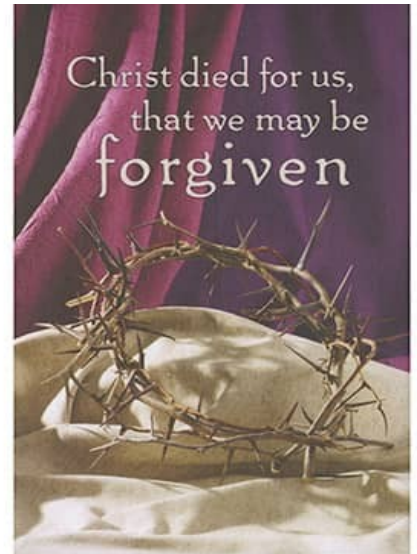
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MAKING WRONGS RIGHT

Jesus' story is in Scripture, and it is rich beyond imagination. He has lived forever with the Father and the Holy Spirit as the only-begotten Son of God. When the fall came, God was so deeply grieved that the Father quickly promised His only Son would someday come to earth and make wrongs right.

To save us from eternal death, Jesus Christ became one of us, God in flesh and blood, born of the Virgin Mary. He came to be what we were always meant to be, the perfect child, and to do what we were always meant to do, live righteously according to the will and wisdom of our God. Jesus lived a perfect life and died a perfect death. Giving His life for the life of the world, His crucifixion atoned for the sins of every person everywhere. When Jesus hung on the cross and breathed out, "It is finished." (John 19:30), He announced that His sacrificial work was done. His death on earth had opened heaven to us once again.

This story of atonement — of one man's life given as a sacrifice and ransom to redeem all others — may sound odd to our postmodern ears, but it need not. Our world is still filled with glimpses of selfless love, such as firefighters climbing the burning stairs of the World Trade Center or a man plunging into a flooded river to save a drowning stranger. Sometimes treasuring others more than ourselves kills us.

This is why Scripture speaks of Jesus as our scapegoat. It is a term we still use today for somebody who takes the blame for the actions of another person. That is Jesus. Our heavenly Father takes our sins away from us and lays them all on His Son. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 13).

Jesus dies for our sins as if they were His own, and we go free to live again. Jesus takes the punishment that we deserve as sinful rebels, and in return He gives us the life and joy that He deserves as the perfect child. Really, it is true: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them" (II Corinthians 5: 19).

From Lutheranism 101 (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2010, pg. 46-47.

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 22 — Scott & Dee Indgjer (pasta, salad & dessert) Funds to the Stained Glass Windows Fund

March 29 — Church Council (Sloppy Joes and Mac & Cheese, and Green Beans) 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. **Palm Sunday will be the last opportunity** to order an Easter lily.



MARCH MISSION PROJECT



Chariots 4 Hope is 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.**

DIAPER DRIVE

Nathan and Cosette Kieser, a couple of our college students are having TWINS! Since they are in for twice the fun, let's shower them with some diapers to help them out! Any time between March 19 and April 15, please drop off any diapers size newborn to size 2 on the table in the narthex or give donations to Elizabeth Moline.





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 (6)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (2)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, for her ongoing medical care (4)
- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, recovering from a knee replacement (5)
- **Maurice Lange**, recovering from surgery and anticipating radiation and chemotherapy (4)
- **Sarah Stepp**, diagnosed with celiac's disease. Please pray that dietary changes and meds. bring healing (6)
- **Mark Densberger**, son of Frank & Janice Densberger, recovering from open-heart surgery (6)
- **Rev. John Schmidt**, having surgery on March 27th (1)
- **Daniel Schellenbach**, father of Tim Schellenbach, recovering from heart surgery on Feb. 15th (6)
- **Alan Young**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from surgery to have a kidney removed (6)
- **Jan Young**, daughter of Arlene Nelson, having hip replacement surgery (6)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, scheduled for eye surgery on March 27th (3)
- **Elaine Van Valkenburg**, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on 3/16 (3)

- **Holly Herrod**, recovering from a shoulder replacement surgery (4)
- **Travis Cornell**, brother of Deb Grimmette, diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure & needing dialysis (5)
- **Shani Beeman**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from back surgery and efforts to clear up an infection. Please pray for healing. (4)
- **Al Fox**, father of Nancy Stepp, for healing from health issues (3)
- **Dean Posner**, for healing from health issues (3)

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

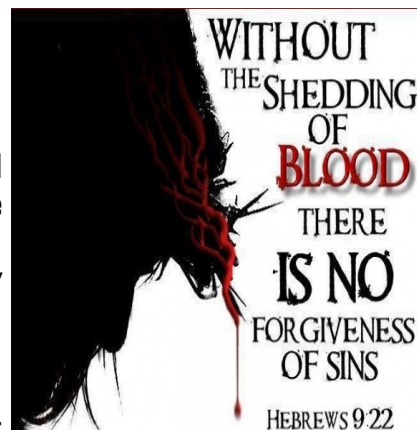
There is a **sign-up sheet for renewing your Lutheran Witness subscription or to begin a new subscription** on the table by the north balcony staircase. The price will be **\$19.20 for a year (11 issues: the June/July issue is combined)**. Please **sign up by Easter Sunday** for both renewals and new 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 do-

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Hebrews 9: 12 “He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.” The only price that could redeem us was the very blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life, for how can we who are redeemed by the self-giving of God not also give of ourselves to His kingdom?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 26— April 1, 2023)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Joyce Aupperle Katie Buhr
Eric Dlouhy Gabe Moline
Arlyss Ketelsen
Trindon Twarling

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Paul & Chellsey Schmidt

LIFE MOMENT

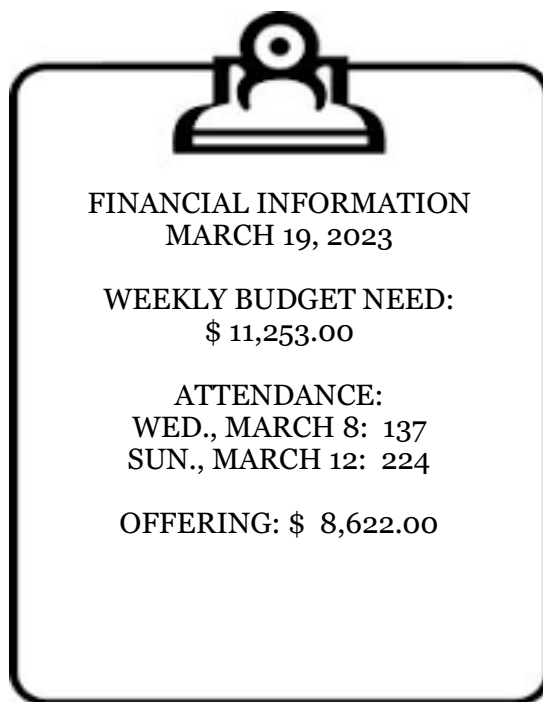
Almighty God wondrously and abundantly brings forth life where we only behold despair and darkness (Ezekiel 37: 3-6). How much more dear does He hold embryonic neighbors, impaired persons, and aging ones than piles of bone? And would we not witness — and deliver! — miracles in voicing it to them and for them, especially amid surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born."

President Ronald Reagan

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

At 10 am KLKN will present a video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel. Then, Pastor Dan Bremer, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, NE, presents the message titled, "Can These Bones Live?" on **Sunday, March 26th on KLKN channel 8 at 10:30 am**. His sermon is based on Ezekiel 37: 1-14. 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 Bremer, and the Main Street Living choir.

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., March 22): Ruth Cheek
(Sun., March 26): 8 am: Alan Brodbeck
10:30 am: Peg Olson

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., March 22) : Rich Lichtenfeld
(Sun., March 26): Chad Renter
(Wed., March 29): Chad Renter

USHERS: (Wed., March 22): 4 pm: Novaks, Fitzgerald, Princ
6:30 pm: Kaldahl, Pennington, Higgins,
Wilkins
(Sun., March 26): 8 am: Graphenteen, Kaldahl, Sidlo, Pen-
nington
10:30 am: Keller, Eckhoff, Novaks

ACOLYTES: (Wed., March 22): Kyler Cover
(Sun., March 26) 8 am: Aaden Von Busch
10:30 am: Sawyer Shubkagel
(Wed., March 29): Nolan Keller

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., March 22): Haidyn Shubkagel
(Sun., March 26): Ingrid Ehrich
(Wed., March 29): Khloe Bauer

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., March 22): Dennis & Reva Von Busch
(Sun., March 26): Corie Christiansen
(Wed., March 29): Marilyn Meyer

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., March 22): Dennis & Reva Von Busch
(Sun., March 26): Gayleen Potter
(Wed., March 29): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (March 26): Andrew & Jeana Wood



GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH

The youth outing for the month of March was miniature golfing. Here is a photo of the group. The question is: "Who got the lowest score?"

In the months to come there will be choices of other activities (like going to an Escape Room, Laser Tag, Trampoline Park and Swimming). All confirmed youth are invited. Contact Lora Wilkens at (402) 890-4054 for more information.

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)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Bob McClellan (Gateway Vista)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (Savannah Pines)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)
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 beginning of the month of April: **Arlyss Ketelsen, Darla Posner, and Helen Snook** will be celebrating birthdays. Cards will be available to sign **until April 2nd (Palm Sunday)**. 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 14 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!

CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, April 1st from 9 am — noon, there will be an indoor clean-up at Good Shepherd to get ready for Easter. Volunteers are asked to check with Steve Wright when you arrive to check on what needs to be done and to get the cleaning supplies needed. Thanks to all our volunteers!