

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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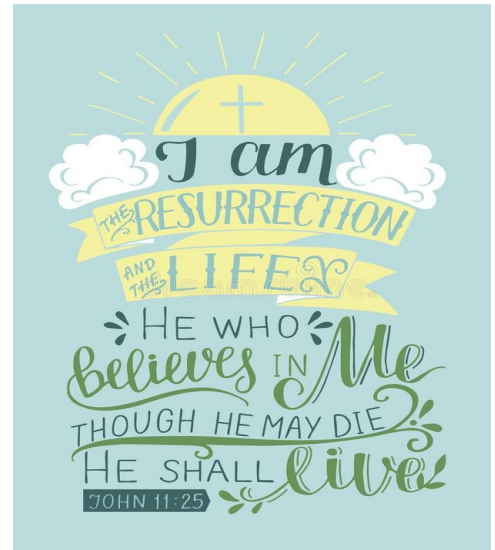
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WAITING FOR THE RESURRECTION

by Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann

The great hope of the Christian is not someday to die and go to heaven. No, the Christian hope is the resurrection of the dead when Christ returns in glory and brings to fulfillment all of God's plans for His creation. The Bible has much to say about this Day of Resurrection (**I Corinthians 15** being a singular example) but not much to say about what happens between that wonderful, final day and the day that a believer dies (**I Thess. 4: 13-18** talks about those who have "fallen asleep," but the focus is on the Last Day). Theologians call the time between death and resurrection the interim state.

Careful theologians are hesitant to say too much about the interim state simply because Scripture says little about it. The key is to distinguish what is actually revealed from what has become pious legend or sentimental conjecture.

What has been revealed

Humans are created as both body and soul (**Gen. 2: 7**). Death tears apart the whole person. It is never a "good" thing, but it is the wages of sin. Yet, for the believer, death comes with a promise: It is not the end, and there will be a resurrection of the body and a re-making of each human person into all that God created that person to be. That will happen on the Day of Resurrection. Until that day, the soul — the immaterial part of each Christian that dies — experiences peace and rest abiding in the presence of God (**Phil. 1: 21-24**). The body, of course, also rests "in the earth"; both soul and body await the Last Day, the day of reunion and glorification.

The interim state is not a period of refining or purging. All sin was fully atoned at Calvary. The interim state is certainly not unpleasant, but neither is it the final state or goal. Those who have died and now await the Resurrection have no responsibility for, or control over, people or events in this world. There is no certainty that they are even aware of events and people in this world.

So, while we may experience the warmth of love when we recall departed saints dear to us, those saints are not "watching over us"; they are enjoying rest from their labors. Perhaps it is like the rest of being with others, enjoying hors d'oeuvres before a banquet; or maybe it is like the rest that comes during the Divine Service; (see page 2)

or maybe it is more like the rest of stretching out on a luxurious bed. The Bible offers hints that could point in all these directions (**Luke 23: 43** and **II Kings 22: 20** offer two contrasting thoughts).

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY — April 3-5

5:30 pm Midweek Classes on Wednesday, April 5
6:30 pm Vespers Service



MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 6

6:30 pm Divine Service/Communion



GOOD FRIDAY — April 7

12:15 pm Tre-Ore Service
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service

HOLY WEEK

EASTER VIGIL — April 8

6 pm Easter Vigil Service/Baptism, Confirmation & Communion

EASTER SUNDAY — April 9

7:30 & 10:30 am Divine Service/Communion
9 am Easter Breakfast

LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR CONCERTS

The Lincoln Lutheran Choir will be presenting the "Finding Extraordinary in the Ordinary" program in two different settings this year. Sharing the gift of salvation through music is an *extraordinary* experience. Consider joining them on Sunday, April 16th at 3 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 806 N Beaver, York, NE or on Sunday, April 23rd at 3 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington, Lincoln, NE. For more information, please visit www.LincolnLutheranChoir.org or find them on Facebook.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who participated in the card shower for Elaine Egner to honor her birthday. She enjoyed the cards and messages and appreciated being remembered.





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 (2)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (4)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, as she anticipates another procedure to try a cochlear implant on April 21 (1)
- **Maurice Lange**, recovering from surgery and anticipating radiation and chemotherapy (6)
- **Rev. John Schmidt**, recovering from surgery (3)
- **Jan Young**, daughter of Arlene Nelson, having medical issues following hip replacement surgery (2)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, recovering from eye surgery (2)
- **David Votaw**, father of the daughter-in-law of David & Lois Kirchhoff, recovering from triple bypass surgery (2).
- **Brianna Merriman**, great-granddaughter of Rich & Lorelee Novak, hospitalized following an accident (2)
- **Al Fox**, father of Nancy Stepp, for healing from health issues (5)
- **Dean Posner**, for healing from health issues (5)
- **Linda Clark**, having carpal tunnel surgery on April 13th (1)
- **Myron Baumfalk**, brother of Reva Von Busch, with health issues (1)
- **Tom**, father of Kiel Buhr, with health issues (1)
- **Holly Herrod**, recovering from shoulder surgery (6)

- **Shani Beeman**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from back surgery and efforts to clear up an infection. Please pray for healing. (5)
- **Don Crouch**, friend of Joe Roberts, who has had medical issues with his eye, had surgery, and may have to have more surgery(1)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (1)
- **Jared Atkins**, son of Rev. Mark & Katherine Williamson, in the aftermath of tornado damage (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Monica Esther to Joe & Ashley Ehrich (baptism to be on April 8th at the Easter Vigil service) (1)**

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.

THANKS

Thank you to all who provided food and/or shelter for the students from Concordia Academy on Palm Sunday. The concert was much appreciated and there were some stories about game nights and tired students. Your generosity was a blessing.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Mark 16: 6 “And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.’” The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us — there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **(April 9— April 15, 2023)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Michael Civic Jeana Wood
Wesley Damme Kiel Buhr
Eloise Georgeson Deb Schlatter
Khloe Wortmann Erica Alexander
Mayah Stolcpart Shanon Roblyer
Calvin Roblyer

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

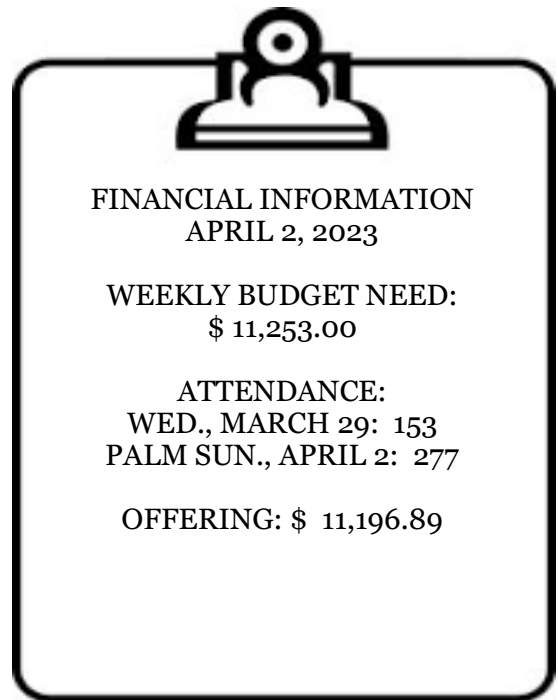
Joe & Ashley Ehrich
Don & Beth Fitzgerald

LIFE MOMENT

Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He’s given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be found in Him.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

The next opportunity to give blood at Good Shepherd will be on Friday, April 21st from 8 am—2 pm. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Good Shepherd Lutheran to schedule an appointment to donate.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us between services on Easter Sunday for a breakfast beginning about 9 am. We will be serving some breakfast casseroles, orange juice, breads and muffins, coffee and assorted other treats. Thanks to everyone who prepared the food, set up, served the food, etc.



SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., April 5) : 6:30 pm: Terry Fitzgerald
(Maundy Thurs., April 6): 6:30 pm: Loraine Harnett
(Good Fri., April 7, Tre Ore.): 12:15 pm: Tim Higgins
(Good Fri., April 7, Tenebrae): 7:30 pm: Loraine Harnett
(Easter Vigil, April 8) 6 pm: Loraine Harnett
(Easter Sunday, April 9) 7:30 am: Tim Higgins
10:30 am: Terry Fitzgerald

ELDER TODAY: (Maundy Thurs., April 6): Mark Reinke
(Good Friday, Tre Ore, April 7): 12:15 pm: Rich Lichtenfeld
(Good Friday, Tenebrae, April 7): 7:30 pm: Ken Knaus
(Easter Vigil, April 8): 6:00 pm: Joel Kaldahl
(Easter Sunday, April 9): 7:30 am: Chad Renter
10:30 am: Matt Phillips

USHERS: (Holy Wed., Apr. 5): 6:30 pm: Pfeister, Novaks
(Maundy Thurs., Apr.6): 6:30 pm: Indgjers, Graphenteen
(Good Friday, Tre Ore, April 7):12:15 pm:Indgjers, Novaks
Tenebrae, April 7): 7:30 pm: Keller, Kaldahl,
Graphenteen, Wilkens
(Easter Vigil, April 8) 6 pm:
(Easter Sunday, April 9): 7:30 am: Higgins, Kaldahl, Sidlo
Brodbeck
10:30 am: Klutz, Eckhoff, Fitzgerald

ACOLYTES: (Wed., April 5): Broderic Beed
(Maundy Thurs., April 6): 6:30 pm: Sam Perrin
(Good Friday: April 7) 7:30 pm: Rhett Bauer
(Easter Vigil, April 8): 6 pm: Gabe Moline
(Easter Sunday, April 9): 7:30 am: RJ Huff
10:30 am: Aaden Von Busch

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Maundy Thurs., April 6): 6:30 pm:
(Easter Vigil, April 8): 6 pm: Claire Moline
(Easter Sunday, April 9): Ruby Lichtenfeld

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Maundy Thurs., April 7): Sue Stolcpart
(Easter Vigil, April 8): Corie Christiansen
(Easter Sunday, April 9): Linda Reigle

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Maundy Thurs., April 7): Sue Stolcpart
(Easter Vigil, April 8): Corie Christiansen
(Easter Sunday, April 9): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Easter Sunday, April 9): Joel & Sarah Kaldahl

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. During the rest of the month of April: **Marvin Thompson, Georgene Duer, and Cindi Olson** will be celebrating birthdays. Cards will be available to sign **until April 19th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

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 now 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.



VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT/CALL DAY

At the Special Voters Meeting on Jan. 24, 2023, the members in attendance voted to extend a designated call to our former vicar, Thomas Goodroad. We will find out if this will happen on Call Day at Ft. Wayne on April 25th. In addition, Good Shepherd has submitted an application to receive a vicar for the August 2023 — July 2024 vicarage year. The vicarage assignment service will be April 24th also at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Please keep these events and the congregations and the vicars and called pastor-elects in your prayers. If you have any questions about these events and what they mean for Good Shepherd, please contact one of the pastors or an elder.



The following have donated Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary this Easter.

Bob & Sondra Rathjen
Lavern & Beverly Obermeier
Dale & Marilyn Meyer
Mike & Michelle Schnell
Deb Grimmette
Manis Edwards
Karen Kammann
Gayleen Potter
Alan & Karen Brodbeck
Sandy Langemeier
Loraine Harnett
Janice Densberger
Holly Herrod

Linda Clark
Arlene Nelson
Curt & Corie Christiansen (3)
John & Linda Reigle
John & Linda Reigle
Scott & Dee Indgjer
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In memory of Travis Cornell
In memory of Joanne Edwards
In memory of Nancy Thalken
In memory of Roger Potter
In memory of our parents
In memory of David Langemeier

In memory of Jane Faulkner & Aunt Terry
Fitzgerald
In memory of Karl Clark
In memory of Lee Nelson

In memory of our son, Tim
In memory of our son, Michael
In memory of Judy McCall
In memory of family & friends in heaven
In honor of Marion McCall & Ronald & Char
Indgjer