

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

Lent II : February 25, 2024

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*Rev. Paul T. McCain*

## **WHEN YOU FAST . . . (continued)**

### ***Overindulgence***

Where faith is strongest, Satan works hardest. While God esteems those who are "humble and contrite in spirit" (Is. 66: 2), Satan vigorously attacks them with temptations to overindulge. Thankfully, God did not leave His people powerless in their sin. In answer to prayer, God sent Isaiah to call passionately for their repentance and help them understand the true character of fasting as an expression of sorrow over sin and an opportunity to have mercy on the hungry (Is. 58: 3-8). Unfortunately, instead of heeding God's call, the people continued in their self-centeredness and thus brought about the Babylonian exile. For God's people, the Babylonian exile and the destruction of the first temple by Nebuchadnezzar (587 BC) was a turning point in history rivaled only by the Roman destruction of Herod's temple (AD 70). As a result of the exile, four new fasts were added to the Jewish calendar, each marking key historical dates leading up to and including the exile (Zec. 8: 18-19). For instance, a fast in the fourth month laments the breach of Jerusalem's outer wall by Nebuchadnezzar (Jer. 52: 6-7). A fast in the fifth month commemorates the burning of God's holy temple and other buildings (II Kings 25: 8-9), while a fast in the seventh month marks the assassination of Gedaliah, whom the king of Babylon had placed as governor over Judah (Zec. 7: 5). Finally, a fast during the tenth month is held in memory of Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem (II Kings 25: 1). These fasts served a holy purpose: they remind the Israelites of the sorrows brought by neglecting God's Word. However, over time fasting became another way the Israelites abused God's Word. In the hope of preventing any further captivity, Jewish scholars pored over the writings of Moses, frantically searching for a reason why God exiled them. They determined to apply the Law more vigorously. What followed was a fundamental shift in their belief system. To this day, many Jewish people still believe that if they keep all the laws perfectly, they will gain salvation. Fasting changed from an expression of repentance to compulsory appeasement of a legalistic code. This deception led many astray to spend eternity apart from the Lord, who desires to save all people (I Tim. 2: 3-4).

### ***The Appearing of Christ***

Before the birth of Jesus, the Pharisees mandated twice-weekly fasting (Lk 18: 9-12). The Essenes, a splinter group that may have lived at Qumran, centered much of their lives on fasting. For the unfaithful, fasting was something done to curry God's favor — a duty, a work, a law. But for the faithful, fasting continued as an expression of repentance and reverence for the Lord, who created them and promised to redeem them. After Jesus' baptism, He went into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights (Mt. 4: 2). This recalled the devotion of Moses (Ex 24: 18), the great prophet Elijah (I Kings 19: 8), and the 40 years of wilderness wandering for Israel. During this fast, Satan repeatedly tempted Jesus, but He used God's precious Word to defend Himself. (*to be continued*)

## MISSION PROJECT FOR FEBRUARY

Luther Classical College is Good Shepherd's mission project for the month of February 2024. With an opening date planned for the fall of 2025, the college will be built on the 11-acre campus of Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School in Casper, WY. It will provide a conservative, classical Lutheran education to Lutheran students. LCC now has 134 prospective student sign-ups. It will offer its students a high quality education, preparing them for a variety of career paths. Some will go on to become pastors, teachers, and lawyers. Others will take advantage of the trade options that will be offered in cooperation with Casper Community College and go on to become electricians, plumbers, etc. All will receive an education that prepares them to confess Christ in this world, using all the gifts God has given them to glorify Him and to serve their neighbors.

If you are moved to invest in the coming generations of Lutheran students, this could be the opportunity you are looking for. Envelopes and more information can be found on the bulletin table in the narthex.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

Register online to be a donor on **Friday, February 23rd**. The blood draw will be at Good Shepherd in the fellowship hall **from 8 am—2 pm**. To schedule your appointment go to **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **Good Shepherd Lutheran**.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

All women are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the LWIM at Good Shepherd. The meetings are held on the **third Monday of the month (February 19th this month) at 9:30 am in room 109**. It is affiliated with the national group which is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. Many opportunities are available for service, Bible study, etc.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please do not use offering envelopes for 2023. If you were not issued a box of envelopes for 2024 and would like one, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639 and we will get a box for you. Thanks!



## WEDDING INVITATION

We would like to invite the members of Good Shepherd to rejoice with us on the day of our wedding, March 2, 2024. The Office of Vespers with the Rite of Holy Matrimony will begin at 2:30 in the afternoon. Please join us in celebrating our marriage in Christ.

Blessings in Christ,  
Jessica Burow & Noah Kerstein



## 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)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (1)
- **Gary Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, in hospice care with pancreatic cancer (1)
- **Elaine Egner**, having chemo and radiation treatments (1)
- **Peggy Cather**, hospitalized with a broken pelvis following a fall (6)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, having medical issues (5)
- **Jeremy Janssen**, friend of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (5)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, for continued recovery (5)
- **Judy**, mother of Wendy Stepp, for quick recovery from surgery (4)
- **Brent Travis**, diagnosed with a lung disease. Pray for comfort and guidance (4)
- **Ken Marshall and family**, father of Grace Marshall, with ongoing health problems (5)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, who is near death (4)
- **Barbara Kumm**, recovering from a fall (3)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery (4)
- **Don Olson**, having knee replacement surgery on Wed., Feb. 21st (2)
- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, for successful recovery following knee surgery (4)
- **Larry Baack**, brother of Pam Jensen, recovering from sepsis (3)
- **Corbin Moss**, friend of Karen Kammann, for healing (2)
- **Robin Kister**, sister-in-law of Pastor Poppe, for healing following surgery (2)

- **Melinda**, friend of Wendy Stepp, for successful medical treatment (4)
- **Robert Nichols**, grandfather of Grace Marshall, in declining health and struggling with fear & uncertainty about his faith (2)
- **Ramon Marcano**, struggling with family issues (2)
- **John Proescholdt**, cousin of Barb Proescholdt, dealing with a new diagnosis of bone marrow cancer (2)
- **Eleanor Ann**, Bob & Sondra Rathjen's great granddaughter, born prematurely, for her normal development and strength. (2)

## NEW KNNA SCHEDULES

New schedules for Good Shepherd's radio station (KNNA-LP 95.7FM) are available on the table where you can pick up your bulletins in the narthex. Some discontinued programming has been deleted and new offerings have been added. On the back of the new schedules is a summary of the changes. The KNNA board is planning to apply for Recognized Service Organization status from the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Questions can be addressed to Curt Christiansen, Joe Ehrich, Pastor Poppe, or Pastor Goodroad.

## TREATS FOR SUNDAYS

Needed: treats for Sunday morning Bible study. Please sign up in the kitchen on the clipboard located on the wooden cart. You can bring the treats during the week prior to the Sunday you choose and put them in the freezer. Any questions? Call Sharon Wilkens at (402) 499-7064.

## OWLS

Older, Wiser Lutheran Seniors will be meeting on the first Friday of the month at 2 pm. March 1st will be the gathering for the coming month. Games and conversation have been the main activities so far. Contact Linda Reigle at (402) 580-4691 for more details.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– Matthew 15: 27 -28 – “She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’”** Faith says “Yes” to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus, and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says — even when His words seem difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!



Psalm 37:5, NRSV

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (Feb. 25 thru March 2)**

People celebrating birthdays are:

Noah Kerstein	Melissa Macklin
Daysis Marcano	Lisabeth Christiansen
Kyle Poore	Britney Damme
Nathan Damme	Kaylee Prenosil
Nolan Keller	Georgia Deubler
Stacy Durr	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Alan & Karen Brodbeck

## **LIFE MOMENT**

Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia view aging and affliction as burdens. But Abraham became a blessing in his elderliness (Gen 17: 1-2). And we encounter the glory of the Lord in carrying one another’s crosses. (Mark 8: 34, 38). So let us resist Satan’s temptations to take death into our own hands (Mark 8: 33).

## **LENTEN MEALS**

Lenten services began on Wednesday, February 14th with Ash Wednesday. The following dates are available for groups interested in serving a meal from 5-6 pm. Free-will donations will go towards a project of the group’s choice. Please contact Sarah Kaldahl at 660.238.7327 to schedule. Lenten services will be at 4pm and 6:30 pm.

Feb. 21 — Homeschool Moms (Nacho Bar) Funds to Parish Education

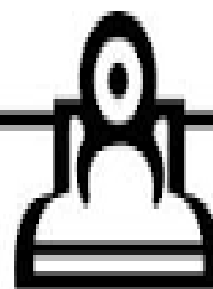
Feb. 28 — Church Council (Sloppy Joes) Funds to interior painting & upkeep

March 6 — Elders (Soup) Funds to the Vicarage Fund

March 13 — OPEN

March 20 — Indgjers (Baked Pasta) Funds to Narthex improvements

Funds on Feb. 14 for the Women’s Care Center: \$693.00



FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:  
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:  
ASH WED., FEB 14 : 208  
MATINS, FEB 15: 38  
SUN., FEB 18: 252

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:  
\$ 8,357.25

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-  
GAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

Our goal is to pay off the mort-  
gage by 2030. We need \$2,300  
per week donated in principal  
only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan 1 and Feb. 18, 2024  
We have received  
\$ 9,923.00  
in principal only gifts.

Principle Only Gifts from  
Oct. 2022– Dec. 31, 2023  
\$ 207,886.19

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — Feb. 18,  
2024:  
\$ 19,088.00

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

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Sun., Feb. 25): 8 am: Indgjers  
10:30 am: Sidlo  
(Wed., Feb. 28): Brodbeck

**ELDER TODAY:** (Sun., Feb. 25): Dale Meyer  
(Wed., Feb. 28): Dale Meyer

**USHERS:** (Sun., Feb. 25) 8 am: Kaldahl, Stehlik, Keller, RJ Huff  
10:30 am: Princes, Eckhoff, Fitzgerald  
(Wed., Feb. 28): 4 pm: Pfeister, Novaks  
6:30 pm: Klutzes, Kaldahl, Civic

**ACOLYTES:** (Sun., Feb. 25) 8 am: Broderic Beed  
10:30 am: Anthony Pflanz  
(Wed., Feb. 28): Cole Walker

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Sun., Feb. 25): Brittani Jackson  
(Wed., Feb. 28): Ingrid Ehrich

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Sun., Feb. 25): Dee Crisler  
(Wed., Feb. 28): 4 pm: Sue Stolcpart  
6:30 pm: Marilyn Meyer

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Sun., Feb. 25): Christine Brugger  
(Wed., Feb. 28): Marilyn Meyer

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., Feb. 25): Loraine Harnett, Nancy Stepp

## **FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL TOUR**

Join Pastor Michael Awe in this wonderful opportunity to have St. Paul's letters come alive as we travel to some of the places where Christ led him to share the Gospel. Here we will see the Bible come alive with the beautiful locations of the early Christian Church. We will enjoy sights including Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Thessaloniki, and many others. Also part of this tour is a 3-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. The dates for this wonderful tour are **October 29 – November 8, 2024**. We will be departing from and arriving back at the Omaha airport. The price for this trip which includes transportation, tours, hotels, and most meals is **\$4,379 per person based on double occupancy**. If you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Pastor Awe at the 1revma@gmail.com or call him at 531-218-5793.

## **BUNCO PARTY**

You are invited to an afternoon of fellowship and fun on Saturday, February 24th at 3 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be playing an easy, fun dice game called Bunco, no experience required. Anyone age 10-99 is welcome to play! The game requires an even number of people, so please sign up in pairs, but don't worry — you won't be stuck with your partner for the entire game. (If you want to play and can't find a partner, let Elizabeth Moline know or check out the sign-up sheet.) Limited babysitting will be provided for a freewill offering. Feel free to bring snacks — water and lemonade will be provided. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Elizabeth Moline at 701-640-7989 with any questions.

## 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.

Ron 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)  
Dorian Merritt (at home)  
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)  
Arylss Ketelsen (at home)  
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)  
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)

Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)  
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)  
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display 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. **There are birthday cards to sign for Verneda Gerdes and Elaine Egner and an anniversary card for Marvin & Joyce Thompson. These cards will be available until March 6th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



## 2024 Summer Camp Opportunities

Camp Luther is so excited to announce that our Summer 2024 registration is officially open! Our Christ-centered Bible camps are for youth entering first grade through high school. This summer campers will explore our theme 'Called to Serve' which will dive into what it means and what it looks like to serve the Lord.

While at camp, campers will spend time growing in their faith, playing outside, building lifelong friendships, and learning new skills. Our trained staff will be with campers every step of the way as they experience God in a different place, one that allows the youth to step away from the realities of our world. Don't delay, register today!

### Activities

Campfire, Chapel, Archery, Boats, Swimming, Hiking, Hatchets, Sports, Arts/Crafts, Night Games, Fort Building, and more!



### 2024 CAMPS:

EXPLORER: ENTERING GRADES 1ST - 4TH (2-NIGHT, 3-DAY CAMPS)

DISCOVERY: ENTERING GRADES 4TH - 6TH (5-NIGHT, 6-DAY CAMPS)

ADVENTURE: ENTERING GRADES 7TH - 9TH (5-NIGHT, 6-DAY CAMPS)

SPECIALTY CAMPS: ENTERING GRADES 6TH - 9TH

VOYAGER: HIGH SCHOOL AGE JULY 10-12



Learn More  
or Register  
Today!

## CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

For a list of the camps available this summer, check the clipboard at the information center. Lutheran Women in Mission is offering scholarships to these camps. For the basic camps the scholarship will pay 50%. For the specialty camps the scholarship will pay 75%. Register for the camp of your choice and bring in your receipt for reimbursement. Please contact Maureen Marshall at 402.902.9125 with any questions or to give her your receipt for reimbursement.

***"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."***

***"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."***

***"Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary destiny."***

**-C. S. Lewis-**

## EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies are used to beautify our 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, please 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.



## EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth, with the help of Dee Indgjer, will be serving an Easter Breakfast Potluck this year! We are asking members to bring in their favorite baked goods, ready-to-serve fruit or other breakfast, snacky food they would like to share with their fellow church members. Muffins, bars, cookies, nutter-butters, cheese sticks, Gogurt, pudding, cantaloupe in manageable pieces, cut up strawberries and cleaned grapes are all welcome additions!

Feel free to bring them to church ahead of time and leave them in the kitchen fridge or on the counter. The youth will take it from there. Thank you for your help and remember "He is Risen".



## CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

The Peace Lutheran Church Youth Group would like to invite you to attend their Third Annual Spring Into Crafts and Décor Vendor Fair on March 16th. The youth host this annual event as a fundraiser for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. This year we have a wide variety of crafts and vendors attending. Baked goods, jewelry, 3-D printed items, permanent jewelry, kitchen items, sewn/knitted/crocheted items, home décor, health/beauty items, clothing and more will be

available. A local coffee store, Patina Joe's will also be attending with coffee for sale. The Spring Into Craft and Décor Vendor Fair is on **March 16 from 10 am- 4 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 9831 N. 145th St., Waverly, NE 68462** and there is no cost to attend.

## LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

You may have noticed the reprints from the Lutheran Witness from time to time in the News and Notes. If you would like to be a subscriber, please sign up at the high table next to the north stairway to the balcony. Your subscription would begin with the June/July issue and will include 10 more monthly issues for \$20.65. You may pay for your subscription using envelopes labeled "Lutheran Witness" found next to the sign-up sheets. If you put cash in the envelope, please include your name so that we can give you credit for a paid subscription. The **deadline to subscribe is Sunday, March 17th.**

## PROCLAIMING THE ONE

Good Shepherd follows the One Year Series of Scripture readings for the Sunday morning Divine Service and Major Festivals. These readings have been a vital part of the church's worship for well over a millennium. One of the many original programs produced by KNNA-LP 95.7 The Cross is Proclaiming the One. With four years of PTO recorded and archived, you will hear each week, a detailed study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. You may also hear a familiar voice or two from the past. Thanks for listening!