

Good Shepherd News & Notes

Lent IV: March 10, 2024

3825 Wildbriar Ln., Lincoln, NE 68516
Church Office: (402) 423-7639
E-mail: info@goodshepherdlincoln.org
Website: www.goodshepherdlincoln.org

KNNA radio: 95.7FM or www.thecross957.org
Services broadcast live Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am
and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



CHURCH CONDUCT: TO ASK OR NOT TO ASK, THAT IS THE QUESTION! *By Pastor Thomas Goodroad*

This is the third installment in a series of articles I have entitled "Church Conduct." In the first two, I talked about how to reverently approach the table of the Lord and receive His Holy Supper. In this article, I'd like to cover the topic of asking questions, both in Bible Study and outside of it.

Pastor Moline and I love questions. Something I've always heard, even when I was young and still attending children's Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kearney, Missouri, is, "I'm too afraid to ask. I might sound silly." and other variations of this. It always comes down to being too self-conscious to ask a question. Now, don't get me wrong, being self-aware when asking a question can be a good thing. Not every single question is truly helpful to ask, so a small dose of self-awareness helps to think about your question with the intention of clarifying what you're asking so you can get an answer that is useful to you. But it's possible to overthink your question too. The goal should be to find a healthy balance between *thinking over* your question, but not *over thinking* your question! Here are a couple of tips that can help you to decide whether or not you should ask your question in Bible Study, and hopefully give you some confidence in asking questions. Remember, Pastor Moline and I are here to preach and teach the Word of God to you in its truth and purity, so even if you decide not to ask the question in Bible Study, you should still consider asking us sometime outside of Bible Study (as long as we're not late for the Divine Service, that is!). Answering questions is one of our favorite parts of being your pastors!

Tip #1: Is your question relevant? Off-the-wall questions can be great, informative, and topics that are well worth discussing, but can sometimes be a distraction from the lesson that is being taught. Discussing Augustine's view of the Sacraments is fun and informative, but would be a distraction during a discussion on parables, for example! But if you have been listening intently to the lesson and want to know more about an aspect that Pastor hasn't covered yet, or even just need him to repeat something, ask away!

Tip #2: Why are you asking? Your question should always be because you yourself want to know the answer to your question for your own edification. If you are asking your question because you think it might make you sound smart, you should reconsider. You should also not be asking a question for the benefit of others, thinking it would be good for Pastor to cover something, even though you already know about it. Leave others to ask their own questions, focus instead on what you can be learning from the lesson, not what others should be learning.

(see page 2)

If you are genuinely asking because you want to know the answer and it will be helpful to you in understanding the lesson, ask away!

Tip # 3: Don't be afraid of others in the room. Here at Good Shepherd, we have a whole mix of God's people. Pastors both former and present, professors, doctors, law enforcement, those who are brand new to the faith, as well as those who have grown up in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod their entire lives. Everyone is different, everyone is at different levels of Theological knowledge. Don't be afraid to ask a question, even if it seems basic or too easy, or you think someone else will be impatient with you for asking it. The chances are, yes, someone else knows the answer, but that doesn't mean you already should. Don't be ashamed of where you are in your progress towards learning more of God's Word. Ask your question, even if it's short, even if it seems unimportant, even if it seems basic. As your pastors, called and ordained servants of the Word, we want to teach every single one of you, no matter where you are in your level of knowledge. In fact, It's even more important to us to answer those easy or basic questions, as these are often the foundation of your faith. It's important to have a solid foundation. If it's relevant, if it is for your own edification, even if it's basic or easy, ask away!

Tip #4: Try to make it short, sweet, and to the point. We always welcome questions, thoughts, or comments, as they help us to understand where you are in your understanding of God's Word, which in turn helps us to teach you better. But we only have a limited amount of time to teach a lesson, typically under an hour. IF you have a personal story to share, that's excellent! The pastors and others often love a good story, but consider sharing it outside of class time, especially if it's a bit on the wordier side. Keep questions or comments to just a few sentences, whatever is necessary to get your point across or ask your question. Anything more than that could potentially be disrespectful to the others in the classroom who came to learn from their Pastor, or even Pastor himself, if the story starts to take over the lesson. After you've thought through your question and boiled it down to the important part, ask away!

That's all for now! I hope you will continue to ask questions and meditate on God's Word as we all learn together as God's people on Earth. God's richest blessings in Christ!

MISSION PROJECT FOR MARCH

Women's Care Center provides free confidential counselling, support, education and ultrasounds for women facing unexpected pregnancies. This organization will be our mission project for March of 2024.

"I've never felt love like this before!" You can help moms like Hayley fall in love! She says, "I came here with so much worry, but the ultrasound brought me so much peace." Of baby Kaylynn she says, "I want to do everything I can for her, and Women's Care Center helped me to do that. It was magic when she first laid on my chest. Thank you for helping me to arrive at that moment."

Kaylynn is just one of the babies born, loved and nurtured last year. We can help to make it possible for mothers to value and nurture their babies. There is literature on the table and envelopes for your donations to help these mothers, fathers, and babies.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TUITION GRANTS

Christian education grant funding is available annually upon application to eligible and approved members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to financially support the Christian education of its children through homeschooling, or LCMS education. **A letter covering the guidelines and procedures and applications are located on the bulletin table in the narthex** for those who are interested. Please fill out one application for each child and return to the church office or to Ken Knaus.



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 (1)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (3)
- **Gary Chura**, brother-in-law of Maureen Marshall, in hospice care with pancreatic cancer (3)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (2)
- **Peggy Cather**, doing rehab and recovering at home (2)
- **Judy**, mother of Wendy Stepp, for quick recovery from surgery (6)
- **Brent Travis**, diagnosed with a lung disease. Pray for comfort and guidance (6)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, who is near death (6)
- **Barbara Kumm**, recovering from a fall (5)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery (5)
- **Don Olson**, recovering from a knee replacement (2)
- **Pat Perrin**, mother of David Perrin, for successful recovery following knee surgery (6)
- **Larry Baack**, brother of Pam Jensen, recovering from sepsis (5)
- **Robin Kister**, sister of Pastor Poppe, for healing following surgery (4)
- **Anne Nelson**, daughter-in-law of Arlene Nelson, hospitalized and undergoing tests (2)
- **Trudy**, friend of Angela Von Busch, hospitalized with health issues (2)
- **Marilyn Rice**, hospitalized in Tucson, AZ (2)
- **Mike**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from surgery for a broken wrist (2)

- **Melinda**, friend of Wendy Stepp, for successful medical treatment (6)
- **Robert Nichols**, grandfather of Grace Marshall, in declining health and struggling with fear & uncertainty about his faith (4)
- **Ramon Marcano**, struggling with family issues (4)
- **John Proescholdt**, cousin of Barb Proescholdt, dealing with a new diagnosis of bone marrow cancer (4)
- **Eleanor Ann**, Bob & Sondra Rathjen's great granddaughter, born prematurely, for her normal development and strength. (4)
- **Maurice Lange**, hospitalized (2)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (2)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, thanksgiving for a successful lung transplant and prayers for recovery and blessings on anti-rejection treatments (2)
- **Nick Hyde**, that he would receive the certification he needs before a trip to Minnesota (1)
- **Thanksgiving** for 65 years of blessings for Karen Kammann as she celebrates her birthday (1)
- **The family of Joyce Clark**, friend of the Rathjens, who was taken to her eternal home (1)

TREATS FOR SUNDAYS

Needed: treats for Sunday morning Bible study. If you would like to bring treats, please sign up in the kitchen on the clipboard or call Sharon Wilkens at (402) 499-7064 for details and to reserve your Sunday. Thanks.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are provided by Linda Clark in memory of her late husband, Karl, who was called to his heavenly home 5 years ago on March 12th.

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!

We return to Daylight Savings Time as of midnight on Sat., March 9th. Remember to adjust your clocks that need adjusting.

Good Shepherd News & Notes

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— John 6: 8-9 —“One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” The disciples focus on the numbers — so little for so much! But the Lord’s grace will not be limited by the narrow vision of His disciples. The Lord has a plan to use even the little for His work of greatness. So let us be faithful even in the little and watch the Lord use it for His great works!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 10 thru March 16)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Justin Steinhauser	Alaina Novacek
Brandon Jackson	Alan Brodbeck
Scott McKinney	Aubrey Wiest
Noah Sandman	Pat Perrin
Jerika Perrin	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:
None this week

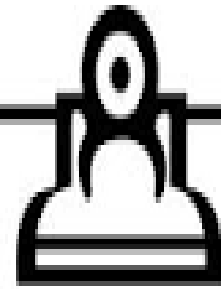
LIFE MOMENT

The Lord God closely associates life and family. He stands commands about parenting and marriage on either side of the prohibition against killing (Ex. 20: 12-14). He holds human life as highest priority and will not accept any other creatures as replacement (John 2: 15-16). Body and sexuality serve to enrich life — our own as well as one another’s — and not to eliminate it.

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.

March 6 — Elders (Soup) Funds to the Vicarage Fund
March 13 — OPEN
March 20 — Indgjers (Baked Pasta) Funds to Narthex improvements



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., FEB 28: 124
MATINS, FEB 29: 37
SUN., MARCH 3: 236

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 11,261.97

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

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

Between Jan 1 and March 3, 2024
We have received
\$ 25,768.04
in principal only gifts.

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

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — March 3,
2024:
\$ 20,328.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., March 10): 8 am: Higgins
10:30 am: Sidlo
(Wed., March 13): 4 pm:
6:30 pm: Perrin

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., March 10): Ken Knaus
(Wed., March 13): Ken Knaus

USHERS: (Sun., March 10) 8 am: Von Busch (A & A), Indgjers
10:30 am: Keller, Perrin, Fitzgerald, Eckhoff
(Wed., March 13): 4 pm: Pfeister, Novaks
6:30 pm: Stehlik, Huff, Von Busch (A & A)

ACOLYTES: (Sun., March 10) 8 am: Declan Reinke
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., March 13): Job Ehrich

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., March 10): YunMi Kort
(Wed., March 13): Claire Moline

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., March 10): Wendy Stepp
(Wed., March 13): 4 pm: Deb Burow
6:30 pm: Reva & Dennis Von Busch

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., March 10): Nancy & Sarah Stepp

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., March 10): Joel & Sarah Kaldahl

PANCAKES FOR PCAN EVENT: A THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the Pancakes for PCAN event hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran each year! The 2024 event was an amazing success for Nebraska families in need raising over \$7,000 with some financial match grants! Proceeds from the Pancakes event will benefit Lincoln area families fighting a childhood cancer diagnosis. We appreciate all the volunteers who helped to make this event a great success! We are honored to partner with you through this event and hope that each family we serve with these funds will feel the love of Christ through your donations of time and money. Thank you for being a blessing to these families in need!

Sincerely,

Karri Ahlschwede, Co-Founder and Board of Directors

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!

KANTORI LENTEN TOUR FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Lenten Evening Prayer will be touring the Kansas, Iowa, Missouri area from March 2nd through March 17th. The **closest event to Lincoln will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 239 Frank St., Council Bluffs, IA at 7 pm on Thursday, March 7th.** Other dates and place are on the clipboard at the information center. For lovers of sacred music this is a great opportunity to hear seminary pastoral students from CTS in Ft. Wayne, IN sing choral music at its finest. Admission is free. For more information go to www.ctsfw.edu and click on "events".

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)
Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Brent & Cherie Travis (at home)
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.** Beginning on **March 10th** there will be cards available for **Arlyss Ketelsen, Darla Posner, and Brent Travis** as they celebrate their birthdays. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

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 **\$15** 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".

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.**