

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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"I BELIEVE" *by Daniel Inyang, Masao Shimodate, and Reg Quirk*

The English word "creed" has its roots in the Latin word *credo*, which means "I believe." In the language of the Church, a creed is a statement of belief.

The Book of Concord includes the three great creeds of the Church — the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian. The inclusion of these ancient statements of belief establishes that Lutherans embrace the orthodox faith of the Church.

The oldest creed is the Apostles', which developed from a number of brief statements in the New Testament. The statements were used in public preaching, Baptism, catechetical instruction, and worship long before being assembled into a creedal document.

The Nicene Creed is more accurately called the Niceno—Constantinopolitan Creed. This term was first used in the 17th century with a view to fixing the key dates in the development of the creed.

The Roman emperor Constantine convened the Council of Nicea, which formulated the creed, in AD 325. The text we now have is a revision made at the Council of Constantinople in 381.

The Athanasian Creed is the longest of the ancient creeds. Many of us know it from the custom of using this creed at the Festival of the Holy Trinity.

The origins of the Athanasian Creed are obscure. It was probably written in southern Gaul (France) during the late fifth or early sixth centuries. We do not know the name of the author.

Together, the three "ecumenical" creeds constitute the statements of faith widely confessed by Christians of many denominations.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The apostles did not write the creed that bears their name. It developed long after their deaths, passing through several stages and gradually growing into its present form. It is called the "Apostles' Creed" because it sets forth the central beliefs of the apostles.

According to Dr. Robert Kolb, the text of the Apostles' Creed took its present shape in the eighth century. It represented a final revision of the old Roman (*see page 2*)

Creed, which was first used in the West in the early third century.

The text of the Apostles' Creed can hardly be attributed to a single author. Equally, no council or group of individuals has been identified with its authorship.

The creed was first a baptismal confession. Later it became a declaration of faith in Christ — "Jesus is the Son of God." It also became an apology, a defense of faith in Christ. Later stages saw it refute heretical notions and serve as a tool for Christological teaching.

The First Article of the creed describes God the Father as almighty, the Maker, Provider, and Sustainer of all things.

The Second Article describes Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit. He suffered, died, was buried, rose from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven.

The Third Article describes the Holy Spirit, the state of the Church as holy, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of all believers, and the gift of everlasting life through Christ's righteous suffering.

The Apostles' Creed is of great significance because it confers to us the idea of one God manifested in three different Persons — the Trinity. To Lutherans, the creed is a true apostolic confession, teaching, and belief. It gives us the knowledge of creation, redemption, sanctification, and the gift of eternal life. *(to be continued)*

The Lutheran Witness, May 2005 (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) pg.20–21.

MISSION PROJECT FOR MARCH

Women's Care Center provides free confidential counselling, support, education and ultrasounds for women facing unexpected pregnancies. This organization is 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 separate 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.

LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

You are invited to join us at the LWML Spring Workshop on Saturday, April 20th at Good Shepherd from 8:30 am—11:30 am. Pastor Moline will lead the prayer service beginning at 9:00 am. We will work on a mission craft project (Bring Scissors). The registration fee is \$5. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!



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)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (5)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (4)
- **Peggy Cather**, doing rehab and recovering at home (4)
- **Don Olson**, recovering from a knee replacement (4)
- **Pastor Scott Porath**, having medical issues (2)
- **Trudy**, friend of Angela Von Busch, hospitalized with health issues (4)
- **Mike**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from surgery for a broken wrist (4)
- **Karen**, sister of Janice Densberger, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (3)
- **Lori Mader**, daughter of the Densbergers, diagnosed with breast cancer (3)
- **Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (2)
- **Ben Sandman**, recovering from a mystery illness at home (3)
- **Robert Nichols**, grandfather of Grace Marshall, in declining health and struggling with fear & uncertainty about his faith (5)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (2)
- **Bud Lichtenfeld**, uncle of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from a fall (2)
- **Terry Fitzgerald**, recovering from surgery (1)
- **Dawn Zieg**, former member of Good Shepherd and friend of the Stehliks, battling cancer (2)
- **Ramon Marcano**, struggling with family issues (5)

- **John Proescholdt**, cousin of Barb Proescholdt, dealing with a new diagnosis of bone marrow cancer (5)
- **Eleanor Ann**, Bob & Sondra Rathjen's great granddaughter, born prematurely, for her normal development and strength. (5)
- **Maurice Lange**, hospitalized (3)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (3)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, thanksgiving for a successful lung transplant and prayers for recovery and blessings on anti-rejection treatments (3)
- **Nick Hyde**, that he would receive the certification he needs before a trip to Minnesota (2)
- **Sarah Stepp**, starting on a new medication for EOE. Pray that it will work to bring healing and that insurance issues are eliminated. Pray also that her celiac disease continues to be responsive to just a gluten-free diet (2)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of Crew Clint Poppe**. Mom & baby are doing well (2)

KNNA-LP 95.7FM NOTES

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 service 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!

"Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose."

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

C. S. Lewis

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Zechariah 9: 9
“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage a battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 24 thru March 31)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Susan McKinney	Elaine Egner
Monica Ehrich	Pam Abels
Jack Novacek	Katie Buhr
Gabe Moline	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Paul & Chellsey Schmidt
Lyle & Anne Nelson

LIFE MOMENT

Every tongue must and shall confess Jesus and not ourselves as Lord over death and life. (Phil. 2: 11). When offered gall to accelerate His own dying, the Savior declined, even in His terminal condition (Matt. 27: 34). We also may commend ourselves and our neighbors into the Heavenly Father’s loving hands as days draw to their ends.

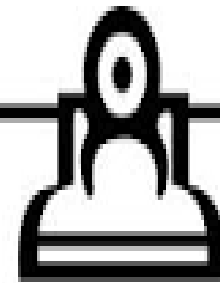
LENTEN MEALS

Our last Lenten meal will be on Wednesday, March 20th.

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

COLLEGE STUDENT MEAL

On Sunday, April 14th, after the second service, there will be a meal for all our college students as they prepare for the end of the academic year. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would be willing to bring food or help serve. We are trying something a little different — build your own burrito and yogurt bars, so if you have questions about the items or amounts, please contact Elizabeth Moline (701-640-7989). College students, plan to attend and bring a friend!



FINANCIAL INFORMATION MARCH 17, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., MARCH 13: 107
MATINS, MARCH 14: 35
SUN., MARCH 17: 238

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 7,530.25

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-
GAGE: \$ 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 & March 17, 2024
We have received
\$ 26,508.04
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — March 17,
2024:
\$ 21,632.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., March 24): 8 am: Stehlik
10:30 am: Olson
(Maundy Thurs.): 6:30 pm: Olson
(Good Friday) :6:30 pm: Higgins

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., March 24): Matt Phillips
(Mon., Tues, & Thurs): Wayne Gudgel
(Wed.): Joel Kaldahl
(Good Friday): Ken Knaus, Chad Renter
(Easter Vigil): Ken Knaus

USHERS: (Sun., March 24) 8 am: Sidlo, Stehlik, Indgjers
10:30 am: Perrin, Eckhoff, Novaks
(Wed., March 27): 4 pm:
6:30 pm:

ACOLYTES: (Sun., March 24) 8 am: R. J. Huff
10:30 am: Broderic Beed
(Mon., March 25): Job Ehrich
(Tues., March 26): R. J. Huff
(Wed., March 27): Zach Von Busch

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., March 24): Lucy Pflanz
(Wed., March 27): No Communion

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., March 24): Paula Erickson
(Thurs., March 28): Sue Stolcpart

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., March 24): Deb Grimmette
(Thurs., March 28): Sue Stolcpart

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., March 24): Don & Peg Olson

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

ACELC CONFERENCE

You are invited to come to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO on June 18-19, 2024 for the ACELC annual conference. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. This year's conference is shortened from 3 days to 2 days to make your attendance more convenient and affordable. Check the ACELC website for updates on speakers and topics and for registration details.

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 Woodlands)
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. Beginning on **March 10th** there will be cards available for **Arlyss Ketelsen, Darla Posner, and Brent Travis** as they celebrate their birthdays. These cards will be available to sign until **Wednesday, March 27th**. 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".

NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT: REV. DR. MICHAEL & IRENE PAUL

Good Shepherd's donations to the mission work of the Pauls was received in the amount of \$877.00. Thanks to all who donated to support their mission efforts.

APRIL MISSION PROJECT: LUTHERANS IN AFRICA

There are millions of Lutherans in Africa. There are more Lutherans in Ethiopia than there are in the entire United States...but most of these Lutherans are Lutheran in name only. Rev. James May founded Lutherans in Africa in 2010 and started teaching Lutheran doctrine to the Lutherans in Africa. Now Rev. May and others are teaching Lutherans about Luther's Small Catechism. LIA has also partnered with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation which translates teaching materials.