

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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LIFT UP THEIR VOICES

by Rev. Stephen Rosebrock

One of my fondest childhood memories was sitting with my grandmother singing hymns at the piano.. We sang from her white leather edition of *The Lutheran Hymnal*, which she had received as a wedding gift. As a child, I *really* wanted a hymnal of my own just like my grandmother, so one Saturday morning I decided to make that hymnal my own with a green marker. I printed my name — STEPHEN — in big green letters across the cover. While my nana was understandably upset, what I remember most is that she used that *TLH* for the rest of her life, often sitting next to me in the pew and choir loft. My grandmother cultivated a love of singing in church and a love for singing the Church's song. This was a song that transcended generations and gave me words to confess the faith, as well as beautiful poetry to proclaim praise to God.

Here are a few ways to cultivate an appreciation for hymnody in Sunday School, in church or at home:

1. **Use the hymnal whenever you can.** My grandmother and my parents shared the hymnal with me when I was young. Their fingers followed the text as we sang. In my children's choir, the older choristers are trained to help the younger ones throughout the service. Children thrive on routine and they absorb more than we might expect. In fact, they can make their way through the hymnal fairly independently by about eight years old. Along with the Bible and the catechism, you want the hymnal to be essential to children for life.
2. **Teach children to use *Lutheran Service Book*, along with their Bible, for their prayers.** Prayers can be as simple as the *Daily Prayer* section of *LSB* (294-98). When time permits, use one of the morning or evening services (p. 219ff., 229ff., 235ff. or 243ff.). An easy approach is to read the liturgy aloud and sing the hymn. God speaks to you and to your children through these words. When you teach a child that liturgy and hymns are actually part of their prayers life, their prayers will grow beyond a "to-do list" for God to do for them. They come to understand that in prayer and worship, God first speaks to them through His Word and then they speak back with praise.
3. **Repeat the hymns from Sunday throughout the week.** This will help children to more easily learn hymns by heart, especially if you select certain stanzas to memorize together. The benefit is that repeating Sunday's hymns throughout the week makes a connection between your daily prayer life and the Sunday Divine Service. When you sing together at home, both hymns and parts of the liturgy, children experience worship as an "everyday" aspect of life, rather than something done only once a week in the church building.
4. **When teaching a hymn, ask children to echo you phrase by phrase.** This is a valuable aural skill, much like learning the alphabet by reciting a smaller
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group of letters at a time. It's often easiest for younger children to echo a female voice, because young children sing in the treble range themselves. (Over time they'll be able to echo melodies sung by a man's voice, but it's more difficult initially because the man is singing in a lower range.) For younger children, start with hymns that have a relatively small range, ideally within an octave.

Sometimes I hear adults say, "This is too hard for the children: they are not going to get it." My experience has been that there is nothing in the hymnal that is too hard for them. Children are always willing to tackle the music. And if they don't fully understand all of the text yet, that's okay. They will continue to grow in faith and understanding, just as we do. As their life experiences expand, they'll understand the hymns they've learned in new and deeper ways as well.

As a pastor, it all comes full circle for me when I visit shut-ins who have grown up with their hymnal. Some were bedridden or had trouble hearing or seeing. With some, it was difficult to even carry on a conversation. But whenever I would sing the liturgy or some favorite hymns, they were with me. We were in the same place together: **church** was right at their bedside. The hymns and liturgy they had learned by heart as children were now the key to pastoral care. It is beautiful to see God's grace working in this way.

The only "secret" is to start now, and then keep on singing. Children are sponges, but only for a short time period. Use the time you have today to give your children these treasures that will benefit them for a lifetime.

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!



"LUTHERANISM IN A POST-CHRISTIAN AMERICA"

Registration is now open for Luther Classical College's annual Christian Culture Conference. The dates for the conference are Tuesday and Wednesday, **June 4th and 5th**. It will be located at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1240 S. Missouri Ave., Casper, WY 82609. Presentations are as follows:

"Wokism and Post-Christian America"

"The Lutheran Family: Past and Future"

"Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America"

"The Role of Luther Classical College in Post-Christian America"

"Campus Free Speech is not Enough"

"Tyranny's Assault on the Family: Church and State in Post-Christian America"

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer

Dr. Allan Carlson

Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer

Dr. Ryan MacPherson

Dr. Scott Yenor

Rev. David Ramirez

For more information or to register, please go to <https://www.lutherclassical.org>.

CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from congregations in the Nebraska South District who are studying to be full-time church workers (pastors, teachers, musicians, directors of Christian education, and deaconesses) are encouraged to apply for the LWML Scholarship. Scholarships up to \$1,000 will be given for the 2024-2025 school year. The scholarship forms are online at <http://www.lwmlnesouth.org/scholarships>. All applications must be postmarked or sent via email on or before May 1, 2024.



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)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (3)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (2)
- **Pastor Scott Porath**, having medical issues (6)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (1)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (6)
- **Bud Lichtenfeld**, uncle of Rich Lichtenfeld, in ICU (6)
- **Terry Fitzgerald**, recovering from surgery (5)
- **Dawn Zieg**, former member of Good Shepherd and friend of the Stehliks, battling cancer (6)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (4)
- **Grady Schutz**, great-nephew of Linda Clark, having medical issues (3)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (6)
- **Linda**, healing for health issues (3)
- **Karen**, daughter of Barb Kumm, dealing with health issues (3)
- **Barb**, a friend of Shelley Kurtzer, Barb Proescholdt, and Loraine Harnett, in treatment for cancer (2)
- **Brianna Merriman**, great-granddaughter of Rich & Lorelee Novak, dealing with health and adjustment issues. (2)
- **Georgia Deubler**, recovering from shoulder surgery (1)
- **Jim & Peggy Cather**, dealing with health issues (2)
- **Rita**, mother of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from surgery (2)
- **Janine Melton**, sister of Bob Rathjen, having medical tests (5)

- **Nick Hyde**, that he would receive the certification he needs before a trip to Minnesota (6)
- **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 (6)
- **Shirley Kalina**, dealing with health issues (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the baptism of Lilliann Marie Etherton**, during the 8 am service on Apr. 21st (1)
- **The family of Elaine Egner**, whose son-in-law, Joe Brosh, was taken to his eternal home. Funeral will be at Faith Lutheran on Mon. Apr. 22nd. (2)
- **The family of John Proescholdt**, cousin of Barb Proescholdt, who was taken to his eternal home recently (2)
- **The family of Sharon Burke**, who was taken to her eternal home last week. Funeral will be on Friday, Apr. 19 at 11 am (1)
- **The family of Don Wiese**, who was taken to his eternal home recently (2)

KNNA-LP 95.7FM PROGRAMMING

There have been some recent changes regarding the programming on KNNA-LP 95.7FM The Cross. There have been a few programs that have ended production and a few new programs that have been added. These changes have now been formalized and a new schedule is available on the bulletin table in the narthex. If you cannot receive KNNA on your radio, the programming is also available for listening on the internet at www.thecross957.org.

Did you know that Sunday morning Divine Services are broadcast live at 8 am & 10:30 am on KNNA? And did you know that the Divine Service is re-broadcast at 7 pm on Sundays? You can also listen to the 6:30 pm Wednesday evening service live. Join us when you are unable to be here in person! Thanks for listening!

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT– I John 3: 2
"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then, we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (April 14 thru April 20)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Cassandra Britton	Leon Burow
Alex & Liz Luebbe	Kyson Schnell
Kane Fredrick	Job Ehrich
Jenny Higgins	Celia Gerdes
Erin Klutz	Kristen Wegner

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Brian & Lisa Etherton
Dale & Marilyn Meyer
Greg & Julie Potter
Bryan & Sandy Prenosil
Brandon & Renee Jackson
Rich & Lorelee Novak

LIFE MOMENT

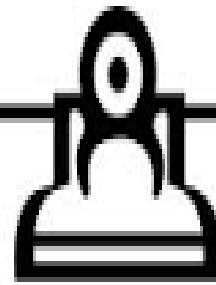
God's Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God.

OUTDOOR CLEANUP; MULCH APPLICATION

On Saturday, May 4th beginning at 9 am Good Shepherd members will be sprucing up the outdoor property. Volunteers, please bring your wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, pruners, gloves and green thumbs. Mulch will be provided. All assistance with this project will be greatly appreciated.

"The law says, 'do this' and it is never done. Grace says, 'believe in this' and everything is already done."

~ Martin Luther ~



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
APRIL 14, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED, APRIL 10: 82
THURS: MATINS: 40
SUN., APRIL 14: 236

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 10,014.25

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 & April 14, 2024
We have received
\$ 30,323.04
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 – April 14,
2024:
\$ 24,037.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., April 21): 8 am: Indgjers
10:30 am: Fitzgerald
(Wed., April 24): Indgjers

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., April 21): Wayne Gudgel
(Wed., April 24): Wayne Gudgel

USHERS: (Sun., April 21) 8 am: Stehlik, Brodbeck, Schnell, Wilkens
10:30 am: Princes, Keller, Perrin
(Wed., April 24): Pfeister, Kaldahl, Klutzes

ACOLYTES: (Sun., April 21): 8 am: Nolan Keller
10:30 am: Anthony Pflanz
Wed., April 24): Rhett Bauer

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., April 21): Lucy Pflanz
(Wed., April 24): none

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., April 21): Wendy Stepp
(Wed., April 24): Arlene Nelson (no communion)

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., April 21): Christine Brugger
(Wed., April 24): Arlene Nelson (no communion)

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., April 21): Sharon Wilkens, Connie Swenson

"BUILDING FAITH IN THE HOME"

The next class in this series of parenting sessions will be a continuation of "Sexuality and Chastity." Pastor Moline will lead this session on April 28th following the 10:30 am service. A taco/nacho bar and drinks will be provided for lunch. **Please bring a side or dessert to share.** The children will be able to participate in board games in the classrooms again while the parents meet with Pastor in the fellowship hall for the class after lunch. Contact Jerika Perrin with any questions at (402) 525-2379.

ACELC CONFERENCE

You are invited register for the ACELC Conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO on June 18-19, 2024. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Check the ACELC (Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Churches) website for updates on speakers and topics and for registration details.

POSITION OPENING

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is looking for a full time Congregational Administrative Assistant. Wide range of tasks including weekly bulletins and newsletters, scheduling visits for the pastors, answering phones and a variety of other tasks as assigned. Will work closely with the pastors in the administration of the congregation. Candidates need to be friendly, outgoing, and able to show discretion. Familiarity with Microsoft Office, database software and Google products required. Pay is \$15.40 per hour. Please submit a resume' or ask questions to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3825 Wildbriar Ln., Lincoln, NE 68516 or email to info@goodshepherdlincoln.org.

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 Burke (Bailey Pointe)
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)

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 **April 21st** there will be a card available for **Brent & Cherie Travis** as they celebrate their **22nd anniversary**. This card will be available to sign until **Sunday, May 5th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

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.

ISSUES, ETC. "MAKING THE CASE" CONFERENCE

There is a great speaking lineup for the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference on Friday, July 12 and Sat., July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include Riley Gaines (All-American Swimmer), Mark Hemingway (RealClear Investigations), Mollie Hemingway (The Federalist), Aaron Renn (The American Conservative), Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller (Has American Christianity Failed?), Pastor Chris Rosebrough (Fighting for the Faith), and Pastor Will Weedon (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever). Early Bird Registration is \$140 and includes 3 meals. Attendance is limited to 500. Register at issuesetc.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

The blood draw scheduled for Friday, April 19th has been cancelled due to the funeral service for Sharon Burke at 11 am on this day.

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT/CALL DAY EVENT

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN will be having the Vicarage Assignment service on Tuesday, April 23rd and the Call Day service on Wed., April 24th. Good Shepherd has applied for a vicar for the Aug. 2024 — July 2025 academic year. Former Vicar Noah Kerstein will be receiving his first call as will Pastor Goodroad's brother, Joseph. You can check out the services on the internet at ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel. Following the services, assignments and calls will be listed on the website at <https://www.ctsfw.edu>.

CONCORDIA'S WIND SYMPHONY

Concordia's Wind Symphony will perform their home concert on Saturday, April 20th at 7 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church and School in Lincoln, Nebraska after returning from their six-day long spring tour, during which they will travel to and perform at several churches and schools in Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois.

The concert will feature selections from the group's tour program and feature composers like David Maslanka, Alfred Reed, and Frank Ticheli, representing a wide variety of styles and genres from across the musical spectrum. The ensemble will also perform Benjamin Culli's "Bless the Lord, O My Soul", a piece commissioned for the Wind Symphony and debuted at their first tour concert.

The Wind Symphony has a rich performance and touring history that extends more than 100 years into the past. It is currently directed by Professor Robert Cody, a Concordia alum and recent addition to the music faculty. Cody graduated from Concordia in 2014 with a degree in K-12 music education and served as the Director of Music at Living Word Lutheran High School in Frankenmuth, Michigan, before returning to his alma mater.

Our own Sarah Stepp is a member of the group and will be playing the flute.

MATH TOOL AVAILABLE

A former teacher living in the neighborhood has donated a math tool kit by Cortensen Co. to Good Shepherd. It is helpful in teaching additions, subtraction, multiplication and fractions. Since it is too advanced for the Little Learners Preschool which occupies our basement currently, perhaps a homeschool family would find it useful. You can check it out in the church office if this is something that would be helpful to your family. Questions? Contact the church office at (402) 423-7639.



"The value of life does not depend upon what we are able to do but upon what God has done – created, redeemed, and called us (Isaiah 43: 1). "
~ Lutherans for Life ~