

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

Second Sunday of Easter: April 7, 2024

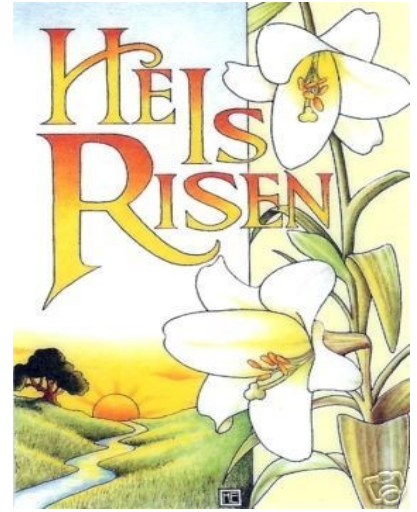
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and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



## "HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON"

by Rev. Rolf Preus

**First**, don't listen to false doctrine. Don't go to a heterodox church. Don't listen to a heterodox preacher. Mark and avoid false teaching and false teachers. The most important measure of a sermon is not whether it is nicely delivered, makes you feel pious, entertains you, or even instructs you. It must be God's pure Word. God's Word is food for the soul.

God's Word is food and drink. Faith is eating and drinking. Faith is eating and drinking the flesh and blood of the Son of Man, as Jesus teaches us in John chapter 6. The sermon is not a smorgasbord of theological opinions from which we may take this and leave that. A sermon is a meal. Take it in as you would eat a tender steak. Pay attention to every word. The purpose of the sermon is to justify you through faith. Eat! It's good for you!

**Second**, pay close attention to the text on which the preacher is preaching. You are not there to hear Pastor Jones. You are there to listen to Jesus. The incarnate Word is revealed in the written Word in your heart. Expect the preacher to preach the text. If he does not preach the text and teaches something else, something that appears to you not to jibe with what you have learned from the Catechism, talk to him about it. Don't be intimidated by a minister of Christ. He's your minister, too.

**Third**, take the sermon personally. You are there, as a baptized child of God, to hear what God has to say to you. The sermon proclaims the blood and righteousness of Jesus to you personally, and it is as personal as eating and drinking the body and blood of Jesus in the Sacrament. Sermon and sacraments go together. A sermon is not a lecture. It's personal.

**Fourth**, say Amen to the law and gospel that you hear. Listen to the sermon for instruction on how you are to live. The law that you hear may condemn you, instruct you, and rein you in all at the same time. Let it do its work on you and do not apply it to Bill or George. You are not here to judge them, instruct them, or to rein them in. The law you hear is meant for you. When you listen to a sermon, expect God to tell you what to do and expect to find yourself exposed as guilty before God and accountable to him.

**Finally**, say Amen to the gospel that you hear. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5: 6). How? Through faith! That's what saying Amen means. It means you believe it. You trust the words your Savior speaks to you through His servant because you trust in Jesus. He who came to serve by giving His life as a ransom for you (*see page 2*)

continues to serve you through the words the pastor preaches to you. Listening to a sermon is not just a momentary thing that ends when the pastor says Amen. You say Amen too. Your Amen is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Word you have heard. The duty of the preacher is to set Jesus Christ before you as your sin-bearer and Savior. The duty of the listener is to hold to the Christian sermon as precious words of life that give life and empower Christian living. Cherish in your heart the preached Word that bestows on you Christ and His righteousness. This Word is the instrument of the Holy Spirit to work faith in you, to justify you, and to enable you to live a Christian life.

*~taken from the Lutheran Classical College publication Christian Culture*

## **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”	Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer
“The Lutheran Family: Past and Future”	Dr. Allan Carlson
“Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America”	Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer
“The Role of Luther Classical College in Post-Christian America”	Dr. Ryan MacPherson
“Campus Free Speech is not Enough”	Dr. Scott Yenor
“Tyranny’s Assault on the Family: Church and State in Post-Christian America”	Rev. David Ramirez

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

## **KNNA NOTES: AT HOME IN YOUR HYMNAL**

One of the many original programs produced by KNNA-LP 95.7 The Cross is At Home in Your Hymnal. This program is designed to do just what it says, help you to be more at home with your hymnal, either during the worship service at church or personal and family devotions at home. Topics include the theology of worship, funerals and funeral planning, a study of the Divine Service, and many, many hymn studies. You can also listen to KNNA at [www.thecross957.org](http://www.thecross957.org). Thanks for listening!

## **GUYS BOARD GAME GROUP**

This Sunday (April 7th) at 2 pm guys of all ages from the congregation are invited to the church Fellowship Hall to play board games and enjoy one another’s fellowship. Before the board games commence there will be a short (15ish minute) study where the Lutheran Confessions will be discussed and a short passage from the Augsburg Confession will be read.

## **COLLECTING POP CAN TABS**

A big thank you to all who turn in pop can tabs. They are taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. This is an organization that provides a place to stay for parents whose children are seriously ill and in the hospital for long periods of time. The collection jar is on the round table in the narthex. For more information, please contact Linda Reigle.



## 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 (4)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (1)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (6)
- **Peggy Cather**, doing rehab and recovering at home (6)
- **Don Olson**, recovering from a knee replacement (6)
- **Pastor Scott Porath**, having medical issues (4)
- **Trudy**, friend of Angela Von Busch, hospitalized with health issues (6)
- **Mike**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from surgery for a broken wrist (6)
- **Karen**, sister of Janice Densberger, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (5)
- **Lori Mader**, daughter of the Densbergers, diagnosed with breast cancer (5)
- **Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (4)
- **Ben Sandman**, recovering from a mystery illness at home (5)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (4)
- **Bud Lichtenfeld**, uncle of Rich Lichtenfeld, in ICU (4)
- **Terry Fitzgerald**, recovering from surgery (3)
- **Dawn Zieg**, former member of Good Shepherd and friend of the Stehliks, battling cancer (4)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (2)
- **Grady Schutz**, great-nephew of Linda Clark, having medical issues (1)
- **Sharon Burke**, being treated for Parkinson's disease (2)

- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (5)
- **Linda**, healing for health issues (1)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, thanksgiving for a successful lung transplant and prayers for recovery and blessings on anti-rejection treatments (5)
- **Rita**, mother of Rich Lichtenfeld, having surgery (2)
- **Janine Melton**, sister of Bob Rathjen, having medical tests (3)
- **Karen Kumm**, daughter of Barbara Kumm, hospitalized (3)
- **Nick Hyde**, that he would receive the certification he needs before a trip to Minnesota (4)
- **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 (4)
- **Thanksgiving for the McClinton family**, friends of the Klutz family, whose baby "Buddy", born at 24 weeks is home, happy & healthy (1)
- **The family of William Scheideler**, neighbor of Pastor & Barb Poppe, who was taken to his eternal home suddenly (2)

## FLOWERS

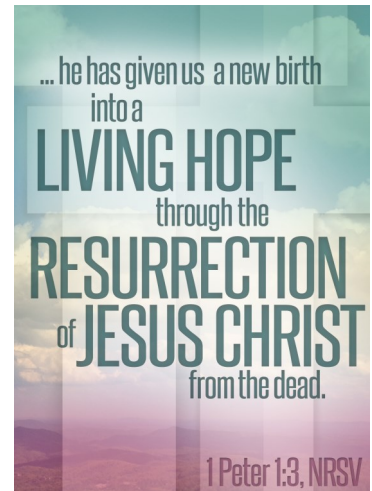
We celebrate with Curt & Corie Christiansen today as they observe their 15th wedding anniversary by providing flowers. We pray God will bless you both with many more anniversaries to come.

## THANK YOU

Elaine Egner would like to thank members of Good Shepherd for the many birthday greetings she received in March. May God grant many more years of His best blessings.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— John 20: 19**  
“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for neighbors.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (April 7 thru April 13)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Angela McNabb	Elizabeth Phillips
Maureen Marshall	Michael Civic
Eloise Georgeson	Jeana Wood
Wesley Damme	Deb Schlatter
Khloe Wortmann	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Curt & Corie Christiansen  
Joe & Ashley Ehrich

## LIFE MOMENT

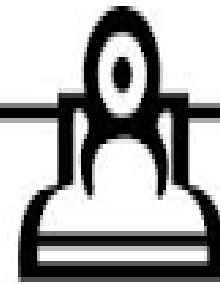
By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!

## 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!

## LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

Good Shepherd is a LFP collection location for some personal care items. You may bring family or travel sizes of toothpaste, shampoo, and soap. We are also accepting toothbrushes (no battery or electric ones). Please place your donations in the box located on the table by the south balcony stairs. Thanks for your help.



### FINANCIAL INFORMATION MARCH 31, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:  
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:  
MON—WED., MAR. 25-27: 155  
MAUNDY THURS: 116  
GOOD FRIDAY: 271  
EASTER VIGIL: 134  
EASTER SUN., MARCH 31: 294

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:  
\$ 21,703.25

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 31, 2024  
We have received  
\$ 30,148.04  
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — March 31,  
2024:  
\$ 23,932.00

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

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Sun., April 7): 8 am: Brodbeck  
10:30 am: Georgeson  
(Wed., April 10): Cheek

**ELDER TODAY:** (Sun., April 7): Rich Lichtenfeld  
(Wed., April 10): Rich Lichtenfeld

**USHERS:** (Sun., April 7) 8 am: Kaldahl, RJ Huff, Indgjers  
10:30 am: Keller, Perrin, Klutzes  
(Wed., April 10): Kaldahl, Indgjers

**ACOLYTES:** (Sun., April 7): 8 am: Cole Walker  
10:30 am: Sawyer Shubkagel  
Wed., April 10): Kyler Cover

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Sun., April 3): YunA Kort  
(Wed., April 10): YunMi Kort

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Sun., April 7): Marilyn Meyer  
(Wed., April 10): Marilyn Meyer

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Sun., April 7): Suzie Znamenacek  
(Wed., April 10): Marilyn Meyer

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., April 7): 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.

***"When the whole world is running towards a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind."***

***"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties."***

***~ C. S. Lewis ~***

## **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 27th** there will be cards available for **Marvin Thompson, Georgene Duer, and Cindi Olson** as they celebrate their birthdays. These cards will be available to sign until **Sunday, April 14th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

## **THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who provided lilies, brought breakfast foods, sang in the choir, played instruments, ushered, acted as elder, set up for communion, and helped in so many other ways to add meaning to the observation of Holy Week and to beautify our Easter celebration. You are appreciated!

## **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](http://issuesetc.org).

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW**

The next opportunity to donate blood at Good Shepherd will be on Friday, April 19th from 8 am — 2 pm. Check the poster at the information center for contact information, how to sign up to donate, etc.