

April 2023 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Service Invitation

Come, Join, Enjoy

Sunday, April 9th, we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord with Easter Service and breakfast. Whether it has been a week, two months or five years since our last visit at Good Shepherd. We encourage you to join us for Easter breakfast and Easter Service on Sunday April 9, 2023. Sunrise Service, 7:00am at Good Shepherd, breakfast at 8:00am, Festival Service at 9:30am.



Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 2

9:30am Palm/Passion Sunday service
Invite the whole family to join to walk through the story of Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem.

Holy Communion will be served.

Thursday, April 6

7:00pm Maundy Thursday service at Good Shepherd. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service.

Friday, April 7

7:00pm Good Friday service at Good Shepherd

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:00am Easter Sunrise service at Good Shepherd
8:00am Easter Sunday Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30am Easter Sunday worship at Good Shepherd. Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services.



Easter Day Breakfast

We invite you and your family to come and enjoy Easter Day Breakfast at Good Shepherd, at 8:00am after

Easter Sunrise Service. Menu includes egg casserole, coffee cake, coffee, orange juice and milk.



Devotion books

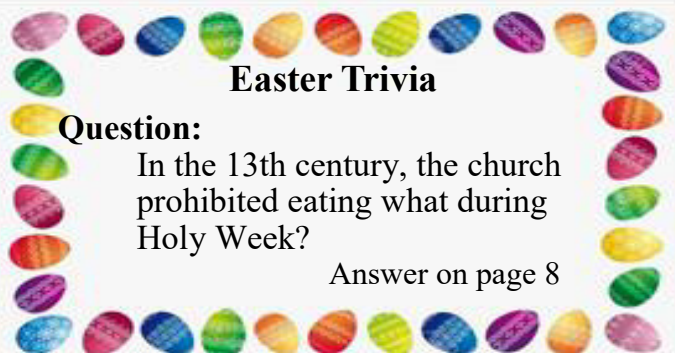
April, May, June copies of "The Word In Season" and "Christ in Our Home" are now available. Copies are located in the magazine racks by Mason Street and Washington Street entrances.

Easter Trivia

Question:

In the 13th century, the church prohibited eating what during Holy Week?

Answer on page 8



Church Council Meeting

Agenda: Added to the Agenda Review the Annual Meeting Agenda, and to Review the Building Usage Policy.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report of the December 15, 2022 was reviewed. Having no additions or corrections the Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. The year-end balance of the Current Accounts is in the hole at \$5,500. The over-all Budget for 2022 is in the hole about \$22,000, which was projected to be a deficit Budget at the beginning of 2022.

Gas Bill \$682.56

Electric Bill \$186.73

Vicar's Report: Vicar Thomas Mosbo noted that up until now, he has been concentrating on Worship Services and visiting the sick and shut-ins. With him now starting his internship at Good Shepherd, there will be other requirements to focus on as well to complete his internship.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music Committee: Worship and Music Committee will be meeting on January 16, 2023.

Learning and Youth Committee: The Learning Committee would like to thank those who helped with the Christmas Pageant: Nakoah Cornwell, Jarod Runkle, Jacob Runkle, Bailey Schoenhard and Tena Rackow.

Facebook: Vicar Thomas Mosbo is now able to get on Good Shepherd's Facebook page to post things.

Offering Envelopes: Sheila Keene sent a message to the Council stating that the company supplying the offering envelopes is having supply difficulties. The order should hopefully be coming in January.

Property Committee: The Property Committee has talked to the janitor about cutting her hours in half. The janitor has agreed to this cut in hours. The Property Committee is recommending to the Church Council to cut the janitor's hours in half. The Council approved this recommendation. The Property Committee has also noticed that one of the trees on the Washington Street side of the Church's property is dying. They are looking into the cost of taking it down.

All Standing Committee Reports were approved.

Old Business

Constitution: They Synod Constitution Committee has reviewed the draft of the New Constitution. They had several questions and suggestions for more changes, to the Synod Committee sent it back to Good Shepherd. The Constitution Committee will meet to go over the suggestions from the Synod.

Contract with Vicar: The contract with Vicar Thomas Mosbo to be retained on an Internship Program through Warburg Theological Seminary was gone over. After discussion, the contract was approved as presented to the Council.

New Business

Annual Meeting Agenda: The Agenda for the January 29, 2023 Annual Meeting was gone over. With no additions or corrections the agenda was approved.

Discord/Zoom: There will be an internet link for the Annual Meeting on Discord. A link will be emailed out to the Congregation for those who wish to attend on the internet.

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Budget: Due to the changes in the insurance for Vicar Thomas and the change in the position to Intern for Vicar and change in the janitor's hours, the 2023 Budget had to be revised to reflect the changes. After reviewing the changes, the new revised Budget was approved for presentation to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Review of the Building Usage Policy: There was a question brought to the Council as to what the policy is for using the Church Building. After reviewing the Building Policy, the Council deemed that it was appropriate and decided to leave it as it now stands.

Having no other business before the Council, The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Highlights of the January 29, 2023 Church Council Meeting

The Council of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met on January 29, 2023 following the Congregational Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to elect the new Council Officers and set the time of the monthly Council Meetings.

Officers elected: President: Jonathon Kurth
Vice President: Virgil Gordon
Secretary: Janis Kurth

Meeting time and day were discussed. It was decided that the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm was a good day and time for everyone

Having no other business before the Council, The meeting was adjourned.

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We are looking for volunteers at the Le-Win Food Pantry

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry every 4th Saturday of even numbered months from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for 2 volunteers for April 29th. Also the upcoming months of June 23rd, August 26th, October 27th and December 23rd. If you are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office.



Treasurer's Report Jay Andrews

Incoming February 2023	\$13,416.10
Expenses February 2023	\$ 9,993.94
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 3,422.16
Income, Year to Date 2023	\$24,043.99
Expenses, Year to Date 2023	\$23,474.37
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 568.62





Northwest Conference

2023 Spring Gathering

Women of the ELCA

Deer Ridge Retreat Center

3085 Forest Road

Freeport, IL 61032

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Time: 9:30am registration

Brunch served at 10:00am

Cost \$20.00

Program Deer Ridge Ministries, 11:00am-12:00pm

Presenter: Pastor David Decker

A freewill offering will be taken

*Return lower portion of flier to registrar by **April 3, 2023***

Open to all women of the ELCA & guest, retreat center is handicapped accessible.

Checks payable to: **NW Conference WELCA** (\$20.00)

Return to: Nancy Rice 815-275-0303
11751 E. Greenvale Road
Stockton, IL 61085

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City & Zip _____

Congregation Unit: _____

We lift up our prayers

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Paul Fahr, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Logan, Betty Mennega, Jim Clay and Sharon Janicke. Pray for the peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family of Paul Fox.

Merciful God, give us your grace in time of need. Amen.

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office to submit your request at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain.

We send prayer through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



Make-A-Smile cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a simple yet profound way to share love of Christ to the residence in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10th of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile!

Good Shepherd Scholarship

Applications for 2023

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

1. Participating member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
2. Graduating senior presently enrolled in college, or a returning college student.
3. Full time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours.
4. Student entering an Associate or Bachelor degree program.
5. Thorough completion and timely return of application.
6. Adult student returning for courses toward certification, associates or bachelor degree.

Since 1997, seventy-four scholarships have been awarded.

Applications for 2023 scholarships will be available April 1, 2023 at the church office. They must be returned to the church office by April 30, 2023.

Recipients may not reapply for additional scholarships.

Amount of scholarship is not to exceed \$1000, and may be less than this amount as demand requires. Also offered is a \$200 award for adults returning for class work.



Youth Corner



If you or your family member are graduating this Spring, let us celebrate with you!

Please share the name of the graduate, what are their goals. We will recognize our graduates in worship in May.
Thanks and congrats!

EASTER WORD SEARCH



- BUNNY
- BASKET
- GRASS
- BONNET
- EGGS
- SPRING
- CANDY
- SUNDAY
- CHICK
- FLOWER
- HUNT
- PEEPS
- JELLYBEAN
- EASTER
- DYE
- LAMB

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Why did the Easter egg hide?



Answer Below

a jelly bean prayer

- red** is for the blood He gave.
 - green** is for the grass He made.
 - yellow** is for the sun so bright.
 - orange** is for the edge of night.
 - black** is for the sins we've made.
 - white** is for the grace He gave.
 - purple** is for His hour of sorrow.
 - pink** is for the new tomorrow.
- Handfuls of jelly beans, colorful and bright, a prayer, a promise of a brand new life.

Answer

Because he was a little chicken!



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- 4/1 Troy Doubler
- 4/2 Wigland Kayser
- 4/3 Joshua Andrews
- 4/5 James Swain
- 4/5 Cadiz Wolfrom
- 4/6 Kurt Baldauf
- 4/7 Darren Aurand
- 4/7 Brody Diffenderfer
- 4/8 Donna Christen
- 4/8 Lucas Fye
- 4/15 Kathy Graff
- 4/16 Ian Gziseman
- 4/21 Braden Diddens
- 4/22 Daniëlle Balbach
- 4/30 Jacob Andrews
- 4/30 Gage Hancock

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!

2023 RETREAT
WELCA
Women at the Well
Where do we get that living water?
John 4:11b
 Bible Study and Worship Leader
REV. MAKAYLA DAHLEEN
 Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Sterling

29 April | LOMC
 2023 | Oregon, IL

9:00 am till 3:00 pm
 Cost is \$25, scholarships are available

All women in the Northern Illinois Synod are welcome to attend the 2023 Spring Retreat *Women at the Well* on April 29th out at LOMC in Oregon, IL.

Go to the WELCA website, Events\WELCA 2023 Spring Retreat for more information.

Answer to trivia question on page 2; **Eggs**

Mediaevalist scholars normally conclude that the custom of Easter eggs has its roots in the prohibition of eggs during Lent after which, on Easter, they have been blessed for the occasion. This custom of the Easter egg, according to many sources, can be traced to early Christians of Mesopotamia, and from there it spread into Eastern Europe and Siberia through the Orthodox Churches, and later into Europe through the Catholic and Protestant Churches.

Source: Parade Magazine and Wikipeda



April Showers



April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21st.

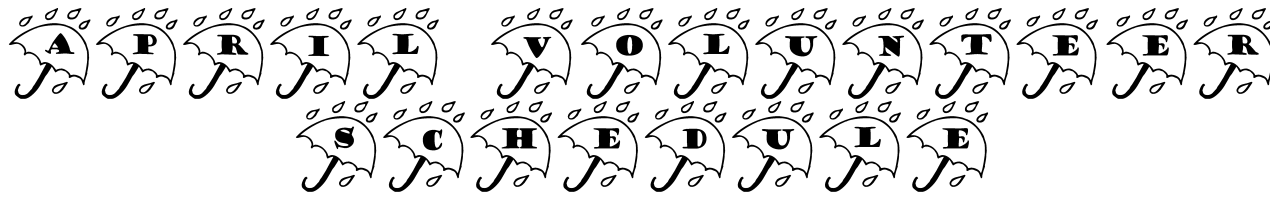




April 2023 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GSLC Scholarships forms are available.						1
2 Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15-11:45am Choir Practice 	3	4	5 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	6 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at Good Shepherd.	7 Good Friday 7:00pm Good Friday at Good Shepherd	8 Holy Saturday
9 Easter (Communion Sunday) 7:00am Sunrise Service 8:00am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Easter Sunday Worship 	10	11	12 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters Newsletter Deadline	13 9:30am-Noon NIS WELCA Spring Gathering 1:00pm Friendship Club Entertainment by Will Miller	14	15
16 2nd Sunday of Easter (Communion Sunday) 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15-11:45am Choir Practice	17	18	19 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	20 6:30pm Council Meeting	21	22
23 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15-11:45am Choir Practice	24	25	26 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	27	28	29 8:20am-11:30am Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry WELCA Spring Retreat 9:00am-3:00pm LOMC, Oregon, IL. 4:30pm Men's Group
30 4th Sunday of Easter 9:30am Worship Service						



Greeter

- April 2 Michelle Andrews and Virgil Gordon
- April 6 Suz Diddens and Wayne Kurth
- April 7 Virgil Gordon and Darci Meier
- April 9 Anna Patterson and Tim Gordon
- April 16 Michelle Andrews and Suz Diddens
- April 23 Darci Meier and Tim Gordon
- April 30 Wayne Kurth and Virgil Gordon

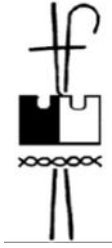
Lectors

- April 2 Karen Nعيمier
- April 6 Tena Rackow
- April 7 Suz Diddens
- April 9 Coralyn Hudik
- April 16 Wayne Kurth
- April 23 Coralyn Hudik
- April 30 Tena Rackow

Please mark your calendars for the dates that you have been assigned, if you cannot serve on the day that you have been assigned please switch with someone and /or call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.

Communion Assistants

- April 2 Suz Diddens
- April 6 Wayne Kurth
- April 9 Beth Martin
- April 16 Suz Diddens



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Highlights from January 12, 2023

ELW LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS

April 9

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer (BON-heh-fer) was a German theologian who, at the age of twenty-five, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, and with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the Confessing Church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. He was linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life and sent to Buchenwald, then to Schönberg prison. After leading a worship service on April 8, 1945, at Schönberg prison, he was taken away to be hanged the next day. His last words as he left were, "This is the end, but for me the beginning of life." *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* includes a hymn (626) by Bonhoeffer, "By Gracious Powers."

April 25

Mark, Evangelist

Though Mark himself was not an apostle, it is likely that he was a member of one of the early Christian communities. It is possible that he is the John Mark of Acts 12 whose mother owned the house where the apostles gathered. The gospel attributed to him is brief and direct. It is considered by many to be the earliest gospel. Tradition has it that Mark went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, became the first bishop there, and was martyred.

Source: Sundays and Seasons.com