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March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 am      Second Sunday of Lent  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
We are delighted to have you here***

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number. Thank you.**

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.  
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –  
ELW SETTING 10**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Tena Rackow**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand)*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.**

**We fail in love, neglect justice,  
and ignore your truth.**

**Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.**

**Create in us clean hearts**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

Restore in Us, O God

ELW#328



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that

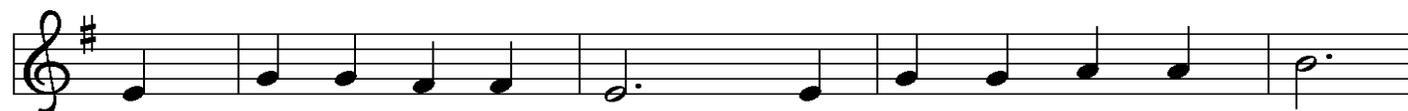


new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#121**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able*)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to John 3:1-17 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one

can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” P: The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sunday School Teachers

## SERMON

Pastor Frank Lay

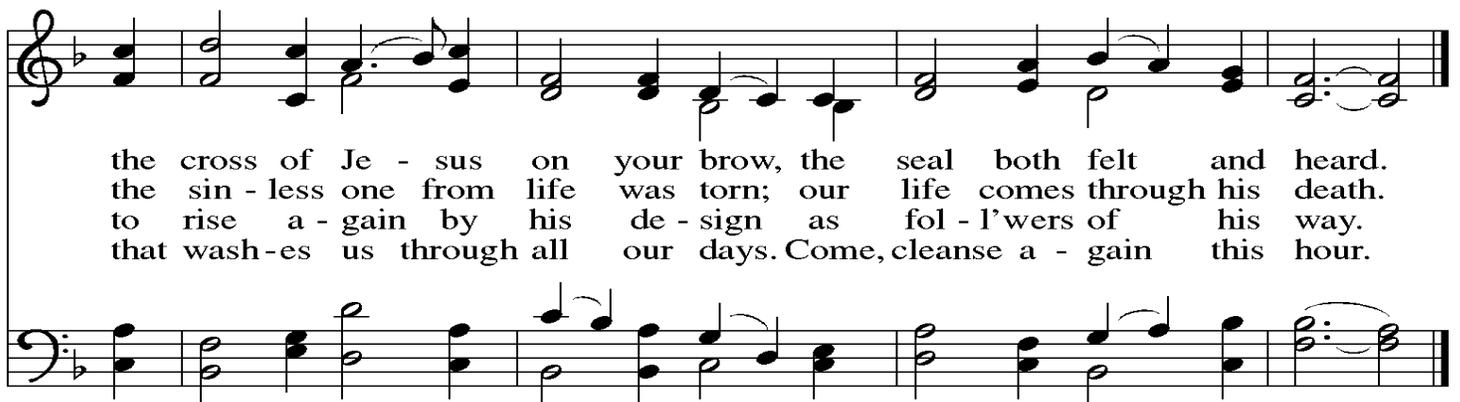
## HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now

ELW#448



1 This is the Spir - it’s en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow’r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l’wers of his way.  
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

**APOSTLES CREED' *Please Stand***

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*

WA: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of the creatures and life within it.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, our help is in you. Keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need. *We pray especially for **Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Dave Offermann, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron. Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Connie, Tom.** Strengthen and encourage **Carol Wybourn and Ray Stamm.** We lift up the family and friends of Jane Parks comfort them in their grief with the hope of the resurrections. We pray for the victims of the 6 tornadoes that touched down across northern Illinois on February 28 give them a strong awareness of your presence and love. We also offer love comfort and Hope of the Resurrections for the family and friends of the victims that lost their life in these tornados. Hear us, O God.*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially our sister Rita Lobdell. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; Hear us O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, lead this assembly in its Lenten journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

*“Loving Spirit”*

**Choir Anthem**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord’s service and dedicate our lives to God’s work in the world.*

*Please stand*

**OFFERING SONG**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

**ELW#186**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**Offering Prayer** (*after acolyte presents offering at altar*)

A: Let us pray, **C: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

....With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

....O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
 As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*



**COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God**

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION SONG**

Eat This Bread

**ELW#472****TABLE BLESSING:**

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A:** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW#451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
 3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
 glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

**DISMISSAL (from the back)**

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****Tena Rackow**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miho Yasukawa	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Dennis Luke
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ethan Fye	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Wayne Kurth
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Beth Martin	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter	<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Shirley Fox, Dennis Luke
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Anna Patterson, Kristy Patterson		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Dennis Luke, Jerry and Beth Martin		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Mike Geiseman, Andrew Martin		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****March 12<sup>th</sup> thru March 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service –Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	<b>First Communion Class</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Parkinson’s Support Group	1:30 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45 am
	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Lenten Lunch at St. John’s church Hosted by Beloved Church	12:00 pm
	Lent Dinner – Worship and Witness Team	5:30 pm
	Lent Service	6:30 pm
Thursday	Pastor Miho at First Call Theological Education	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Good Shepherd Devotions at Friendship Center	10:00 am
Saturday	Safe Guarding God’s Children NIS Workshop	9:00 am-12:00 pm
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Attendance March 5 was 67

Total Offering 3/5/2017 \$3,328.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,499.26

*Thank You* Pastor Frank Lay for sharing the Gospel and Lord’s Supper today**Mid-week Lenten Evening Services**

This year’s theme is Luther’s Small Catechism, and our youth will lead the service. Wednesday evening will begin with a light supper prepared by Worship and Witness Team at 5:30pm followed by worship at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join.

**Reformation Bookstore at Good Shepherd:**

During March, Good Shepherd is hosting the Reformation Bookstore. All the books are 50% off and shipping is free. We will display sample copies of some of the books in the Fellowship Hall, and you can fill out order forms there. Payments will be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will collect orders until March 31.

Books will come in April. Please check it out!

**The Thankful Quilt**

During lent the youth and the congregation will be participating in creating a THANKFUL QUILT. There will be cloth squares and fabric paints at the church entrances for thoughts of thankfulness to be placed upon the squares. (Thankful for parents)(Thankful to be able to worship) to give as examples. The squares can be taken home to do and then brought back and placed in the offering plate or in the bulletin baskets.

The squares will be placed on a poster to start with as a hanging from the banister above the East entrance steps. Later these squares will be sewn to form a quilt that will be displayed from that banister. \*\* Everyone is encouraged to participate. All have something to be thankful for.

**It is time to order Easter Lilies**

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by April 2.

Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

**Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group-6 Week Sessions**

Heal grief and education group offers sessions that are open to anyone 18 years and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and a supportive setting. Sessions continue Wednesday morning (3/15, 3/22). We will meet from 9:00am to 10:30am at St. Camillus Center 2106 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information, please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230. Also registration can be done online at [www.monroeclicin.org](http://www.monroeclicin.org). There is no charge for Heal grief Group and it is open to the public.

**Safeguarding God's Children**

NIS workshop for Safeguarding God's Children will be held March 18, 2017 at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am to noon. All those who work with children and youth are encouraged to come.

**Parkinson Support Group Meeting**

Monday, March 13, 2017, 1:30 pm at Good Shepherd.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!!**

Invite all those you know who are interested in an afternoon of sharing Parkinson Disease information, fellowship and refreshments.

*If you have a favorite snack or treat you would like to bring, it would be greatly appreciated.*

Our speaker will be:

**SARAH LUECKE, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER**

Topic will be:

**“ADVANCE DIRECTIVES, POWER OF ATTORNEY, ETC”**