

March 2021 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shepherd's Voice

[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is a smallest of all of the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in the shade. (Mark 4:31-32)

Dear God's beloved,

Did you hear the disappointing news? Phil, the groundhog in Pennsylvania saw his shadow; therefore, we are having 6 more weeks of winter. Indeed, as I write this article, we experienced 2 weeks of subzero temperatures. It was freezing cold!! I heard about cars not starting (or stopped) due to the cold temperature. Surely, we are having 6 more weeks of winter this year.

Maybe because it is so cold, I have had visitors outside my office—sparrows. One cold day I looked outside through the office window, and there I saw sparrows playing inside the bushes. They were sitting on branches just outside my office window. Since then, I have kept my eyes on the outside bushes watching for sparrows playing, eating snow, and resting inside the bushes. It was fun watching the sparrows. (Now I have some idea why people have bird feeders. It's enjoyable just to watch the birds.) As I was watching them play, it reminded me of the parable of the mustard seed in which a tiny seed grew to provide shelter for the birds. These bushes grew and provided shelter for sparrows during the cold winter.

On March 14th we celebrate the anniversary of Good Shepherd. This will be the 164th anniversary! (Wayne said if we counted 2 other predecessor bodies, it would be 7 years before!) As I look around we have grown like a mustard seed in the parable. We provide a place of joy and laughter (check us out on Wednesday mornings!), a place of comfort and relief, and a place of love and nurture that love passes on from generation to generation. I have fun hanging out with the GS family. You guys are fun dudes with lots of love and compassion. I thank God for that. And you know God is good. God has been walking with Good Shepherd all these years. Thank you friends, you are God's loving presence in Lena and the surrounding communities. Let's celebrate our countless blessings of God! Happy 164th Birthday Good Shepherd! And many more!

Pr. Miho

Treasurer's Report Jay Andrews

Incoming January 2021	\$9,509.46
Expenses January 2021	\$9,951.16
Net Income (Loss)	\$(441.70)
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Highlights from February Council Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approved was made by Bari Raymer and a second was made by Tim Gordon. Motion carried. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Treasure's Report: Jay Andrews gave the report. There is a small amount left in the revolving account.

Heating: \$577.23 Electric: \$165.97

There was discussion about how to reach out to members that there is a need for appeal of funds.

Pastor's Report: Members had a printed copy of her report. Key points that Pastor Miho stressed: How Ash Wednesday would be this year. No service but the use of dirt and a pot which would be used each Wednesday by adding some dirt into the pot until Good Friday when a seed would be planted. Phone Lenten Devotion with Pastor Miho will be Thursdays at 8:15am to 8:30am reading from A Story To Tell: Devotion for Lent 2021. Copies are in the rack on the Washington Street side. Conference call information can be retrieved at the church office such as the conference code.

During Lent there will be a collection of personal care items to be made into 40 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief by Easter.

Congregational Resourcing Event this year will be March 13th via Zoom not at Malta, IL.

Committee Reports: Worship, Learning, Service, Website and Property were presented.

Old Business: Constitution update: Pastor is asking for volunteers to assist in the process. Virgil and Tim Gordon added to assist in the revision.

Insurance for the church was presented by Wayne and after hearing the cost Cora Hudik made a motion to leave the insurance as it is.

Good Shepherd Collaboration, Pastor Miho would be researching for the March meeting.

New Business: Rescheduling the Annual Congregational Meeting: After discussion of dates, it was proposed by Virgil Gordon in a motion to have the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 21st of March at 10:30am. Discussion as to how to notify the eligible voting members of Good Shepherd Lena to be as for the original date of 31 January 2021. To use every possible means to notify members of the meeting which included: Postcards, official letter from Good Shepherd, Facebook, web page, newsletter, and calls.

Next Meeting: March 11th 2021

Submitted by Coralyn Hudik
Secretary of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church


Save the Date
Rescheduled Annual Congregational Meeting will be **March 21 (Sunday) 10:30am**
You may attend the meeting in-person (sanctuary or Fellowship Hall) or by Zoom.
Information will be sent out soon!

We lift up our prayers

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, the Heimann Family, Janet, Lori, J.T., Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Anderson, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Sue, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Jacob and his family, the Anthony Nelson family, and Karla. We pray for those serving in our country, especially Kyle. We pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Pastor Jane McChesney, Pastor Art Stees and Marcia Lobdell.

God of grace, your mercy endures forever. Fill our hearts with your overflowing grace, and renew us each day. We trust you and we love you. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 individually and pass it 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.

Set your clocks ahead, Sunday March 14, 2021 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

Sunday, March 14, 2021, 2:00am clocks are turned forward .

Do you know why time changes at 2:00am?

Michael Downing is the author of *Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Saving Time*, he tells TIME. The reason Daylight Saving Time starts at 2 a.m., rather than midnight, is all thanks to the railroads: Amtrak, specifically. When the country first experimented with Daylight Saving Time in 1918 during World War I, there were actually no trains **that** left New York City at 2 a.m. on a Sunday. "Sunday morning at 2 a.m. was when they would interrupt the least amount of train travel around the country," Downing says.

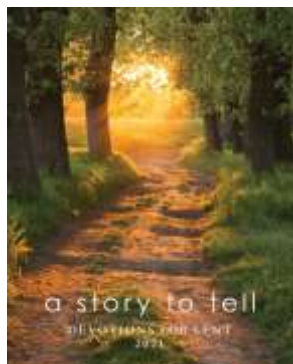
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Lenten Devotion Book

A Story to Tell: Devotions for Lent 2021

Large Print and regular size print are available at church.

Pick up your copy today!



*If you would like to read it together with Pr. Miho once a week, join the phone group on Thursdays from 8:15am-8:30am. Ask the church office for the phone number and passcode.

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

April 24th from 8:20am-11:30am

We need 2 adults and 2 youth volunteers.

If you can help April or any upcoming dates (June 26th, August 28th, October 23rd, December 25th), please let the church office know.

Your help will be appreciated.



**NIS Congregational Resourcing
Event (CRE) will be**

**Saturday, March 13, 2021,
via Zoom 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

3 workshop sessions and
worship including lunch
break! **Cost: \$10**

Register online at
<https://nisynod.org/programs/cre>



March 23, 2021 is National Ag Day, a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture.

Fun Ag Fact;

Soybeans reign as the "World's most important bean" thanks to thousands of uses - including food, plastics, printing inks adhesives for labels and even foam in car seats!

Worship Volunteers needed!

We are looking for those who can help with Sunday worship.

- Temperature check person
- Elevator operator
- Sound system
- Ushers
- Lector (who will read scripture and prayer)

If you can help, please let the church office know. We appreciate your help!



*Make-A-Smile cards for
Lena Living Center*

*Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a new ministry to share the love of Christ to the residents 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!*

Questions? Contact the church office or Pr. Miho.





March is Women's History Month!

Devotion—Celebrating Women by Volora Starr Butler

Women's History Month is a great time to take inventory of women's contributions, to celebrate what is good about women—past and present—and what is good about ourselves. Something wonderful happens when we study and contemplate the lives of women who have made extraordinary contributions to society.

Listen to the familiar litany of strong women from our past: Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Carrie Chapman Catt, all three were larger-than-life women who campaigned relentlessly for women's right to freedom, equality and full womanhood.

Let the names of others ring our as well. I think of Clara Barton, Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross, and of Florence Nightingale, nurse during the Crimean War and public health reformer. Congressional Representative Patsy Mink shepherded the passage of Title IX in 1972 to promote educational equity and was an advocate for the poor. Mary McLeod Bethune advocated for the education of African Americans and Annie Sullivan, teacher of Helen Keller, was a gifted special educator. Investigative journalist Nellie Bly and novelist Pearl Buck come to mind as inspiring subjects for school essays and bulletin inserts on women of achievement.

Sally Ride and Mae Jemison were pioneering women astronauts. Constance Baker Motley, judge and civil rights attorney and Martha Wright Griffiths, activist for equal rights for women and minorities, left a wonderful legacy for all of us. Researcher and biochemist Florence Seibert made passable the first reliable tuberculin test, still used today, and Faye Glenn Abdellah was a nurse researcher who developed the first tested coronary care unit. Entrepreneur Madame C.J. Walker, who developed cosmetic products for African American women and philanthropist Lydia Moss Bradley, founder of the institution that later became Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, provide still more examples of trailblazing spirits.

As time goes by and our litany grows longer, we need to keep reminding ourselves of the magnitude and impact of these women's actions and their connection to our lives today.

We also need to connect with biblical women they too. They too, made great contributions in shaping womanhood and society, and their lives give vivid examples of discipleship in action.

The circle of our litany is almost complete as we remember praying women like Hannah and Anna; worshiping women like Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany; women like Mary and Pricilla, who studied God's word; women like Martha and the Samaritan women at the well, who made they way for others to come and see Jesus; and Lois and Eunice, great teachers and mentors who passed on the faith. We still need trendsetters for service like Dorcas and Lydia, and faithful givers like Joanna and the other women mentioned in Luke 8, who provided for Jesus' followers "out of their resources."

But the litany is not complete until we have made our own contribution. That contribution is to call our the names of women from our personal lives who have given us a better view of ourselves and have been examples to us —our grandmothers, mothers, aunts and sisters, our Sunday school teachers, friends and mentors.

Celebrating the lives of women connects us to a circle that is complete, yet never ending!

Source: WELCA Interchange magazine, March 2003



We are in need of some help here at the Friendship Center when we are able to reopen. We are looking for help in the following positions: Bus Aides; Cooks; Cook Aides; RN's; CNA's; and Volunteers in general. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our team or have questions, please reach out to us at (815) 369-2690 and ask for Randy or Denise.



March Birthdays



- 3/1 Cheryl T orkelson
- 3/3 Connor Kurth
- 3/3 Cindy T essendorf
- 3/3 Duane Christen
- 3/3 Jessica A nderson
- 3/4 Jessica A lexander
- 3/6 Ryan Hastings
- 3/8 Raeger S ullivan
- 3/9 Michelle A ndrews
- 3/11 Lois Paulsen
- 3/13 Bob S chlachter
- 3/13 E lla Wolfrom
- 3/14 Logan Fahr
- 3/14 Don Wienand
- 3/15 Larynn S humaker
- 3/16 Nakoah C ornwell
- 3/19 Barbara Price
- 3/20 Pr. S arah S chaffner
- 3/23 Paige Hancock
- 3/23 Pr. Pat E sker
- 3/24 Chuck Kraft
- 3/28 Matthew Huber
- 3/27 Kristy Patterson
- 3/31 Caroline Jam



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

Birthday Prayer

Thank you God for your servants who are having a birthday in March. Grant them with your wisdom and health and trust in you. Shower them with your abundant grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Good Shepherd Scholarship Applications for 2021

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-two scholarships have been awarded.

Applications for 2021 scholarships will be available April 1, 2021 at the church office. They must be returned to the church office by April 30, 2021.

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.



Bible Quiz

I was a Pharisee and met with Jesus at night when he made the statement "You must be born again..." Who am I?

- A) Nicodemus B) Caiaphas C) Gamaliel D) Nathan

Answer on page 12



Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

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Website: <https://www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org/>

Greetings,

The Job Corp is hard at work and we are going out into the community and help make homes a little safer, a little warmer. We have expanded the Job Corp and are excited at what we can do. Already we have installed doors for one family and make a ramp/deck safer for an Tribal elder. She was so happy she danced on the ramp. The Job Corps is working hard to handle our ministries such as **sandwiches, blankets, hygiene kits** and maintaining the property. They are also preparing the Presbyterian church for worship and for Kid's Time.

Yes we are offering Worship services at the Presbyterian church. With our Presbyterian partners Rev. Asa Wilson and Pastor Dan Johnson are offering a service of Prayer and Word twice a month at the church. And we recently began worshipping at the Presbyterian at Makasan. We love being able to bring the word of God to the people with our actions and our words.

We are looking at how we can be most helpful to the Lakota people and with this in mind we are reaching out to our partners, new and old, to see what the people feel they need. In the meantime our partners relationships have expanded and we are excited to offer HOT showers with Lakota Hope's Shower trailer. We are working with other partners to provide hot food on a regular basis.

We are working with our **Kid's Time** Families bringing activities and snacks weekly, and have provided over 250 meals twice a month to the families. Additionally, thanks to people like you, we were able to bring them Christmas presents in the form of gift cards. We love being able to still serve the kids and their families but we are looking forward to having them in our expanded and renewed Kid's Time space.

The Energy Assistance matching Fund is helping to keep people warm this winter, we will match up to \$200.00 to pay for electric bills or to purchase propane. This service is truly welcomed by the Lakota people.

We realize that the COVID restrictions will continue to keep us from hosting groups this summer. We are exploring options to stay in touch. We are also looking at virtual book studies. If you can think of anything we can do to help, please let us know. I am open to a ZOOM discussion.

Again, thank you so much for your support of the people of Pine Ridge.

Rev. Dan Johnson
Lutheran/Lakota Shared Ministries
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

Good Shepherd History Trivia

During the remodeling of the church in 1889 it was brought to the Church Councils attention that the base violin used in the Sunday service orchestra was also being used in a local dance hall to provide music. The council ordered the owner to either sell his share in the instrument to the church or to purchase the congregation's share, since this state of affairs could not be tolerated.

How much did the congregation pay the owner for his share of the instrument?



The New Director at Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

I, Pastor Dan, am excited to be the Director of the Lutheran Lakota ministry and the Pine Ridge Reconciliation center. When I was first visited Pine Ridge Retreat Center as part of a seminary J-Term I thought I would come do time my and go home. And perhaps I would see a buffalo.

During a visit with my school kids I mentioned that I found the place to be calling me. There is something special about this place. The Holy Spirit is stirring in Pine Ridge. Little did I know that I would eventually be called here full-time.

My, wife and I are excited about the opportunity to be here in Pine Ridge.

The people of Pine Ridge have made me feel welcome, once they realized I am NOT a federal agent.

The staff and structure that Pastor Kay left for me is incredible. I am excited to carry on the ministry that she built. I cannot speak highly enough about Nicholas and Lindsay. They have made the transition so smooth.

We do not know what the future holds but we go forward knowing that the Holy Spirit is leading the way.

About Pastor Dan

I am a 3rd career pastor. Before moving into ministry I was in engineering and sales.

For many years I was a volunteer youth leader at a church in St Louis before I moved into youth ministry full time. I felt the call to ordained Ministry and entered Wartburg Seminary.

My first call was at The Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Florissant, MO. I am married, Jackie, and we have 3 adult children living in St. Louis. I am originally from Chicago.



Source: Pine Ridge Reservation Newsletter

Hope Amid Pandemic



Taken from Gather Magazine, readers share what gives them hope in uncertain times.

The Cedar Rapids Community was hit by a derecho last August during the pandemic. A derecho is basically a land hurricane with straight line winds up to 112 mph. I live in an eight-unit condo with other retired women. None of us had the skill set needed to remove all the trees that we lost, including two very large ash trees. Our insurance company said that it was an act of God, **so it would not be covered. We'd just put on a new roof, and we were in the process of replacing siding due to a June hailstorm.**

An ELCA congregation in town was facilitating clean-up work around Cedar Rapids. After I contacted them, immediately volunteers came out to our homes and moved most of the debris to the curb. But we still had the two large ash trees to deal with. Then I learned that my congregations, St. Andrew, was hosting volunteers from Rubicon, a nonprofit organization that helps communities after natural disasters. **“Rubicon” refers to a river in Italy. The saying “crossing the Rubicon” means to irrevocably commit to a course of action. Six** volunteers from the larger Rubicon group working in the city visited our condos good-natured, organized and competent, they spent the better part of two days helping us, in 90-plus degree heat. They cut and moved branches, limbs and parts of tree trunks for the city to pick up. These dedicated, committed people, most of who were retired military, law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), **reminded me of the truth of the ELCA motto: God’s work. Our hands.**

Nan Schroeder, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids,

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$12.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the magazine rack by the entrance. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.

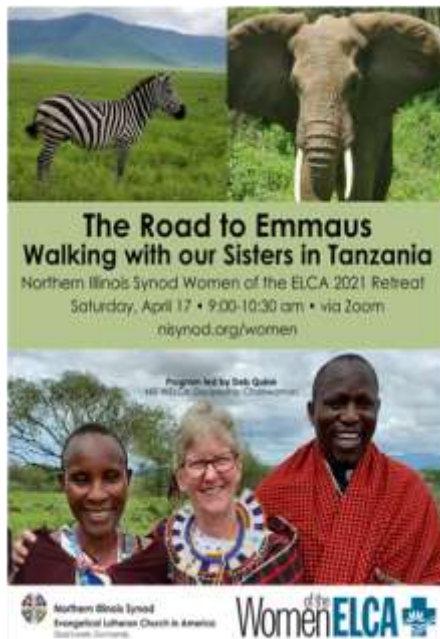
*Orders must be in by **March 14th**.*

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



NIS WELCA 2021 Retreat

Welcome and Closing by Connie Seavey, NIS WELCA President
Programs led by Deb Quinn, NIS WELCA Discipleship Chairwomen
Book Review of “Among the Maasai” written by Juliet Cutler



Our Program this year will be a slide show and discussion of our sisters in Tanzania. Deb Quinn, our WELCA NIS discipleship chairwomen, will be leading us. Deb joined other synod members and our Bishop Clements one year ago on a trip to Tanzania! She has taken many photos and recorded music to share with us. This is such a wonderful opportunity to really get to know where our Tanzanian sisters live and what their daily lives look like.

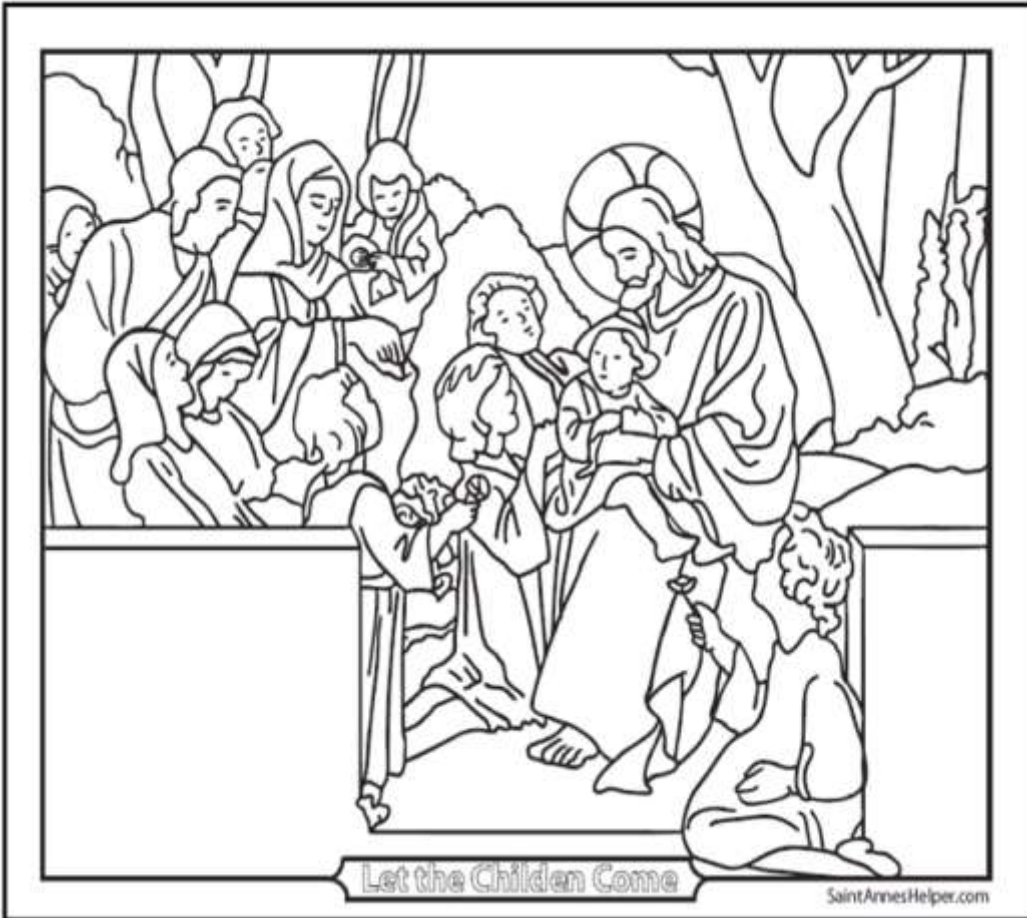
Deb will also introduce us to a book written by Juliet Cutler entitled “Among the Maasai”.

Download and print the attached form to register for the Retreat. Please note the **deadline for registration is April 3, 2021**. Include a check for \$5, made payable to “NISWO” for your registration fee.

Download link for registration form:
[2021 NIS Retreat Registration form.pdf](#)

Send this form and your check to Joan Soltwisch 16191 Hare Road, Minooka, IL 60447. The retreat will be held on a Zoom format. It is required that you send your email address and/or phone number to participate in the electronic retreat. The registration deadline is April 3, 2021 Due to the low registration fee this year, we are not offering a scholarship. If you feel you will not be able to attend due to financial reasons, please contact Connie Seavey at cjseavey50@gmail.com or phone/text 630-947-4422.

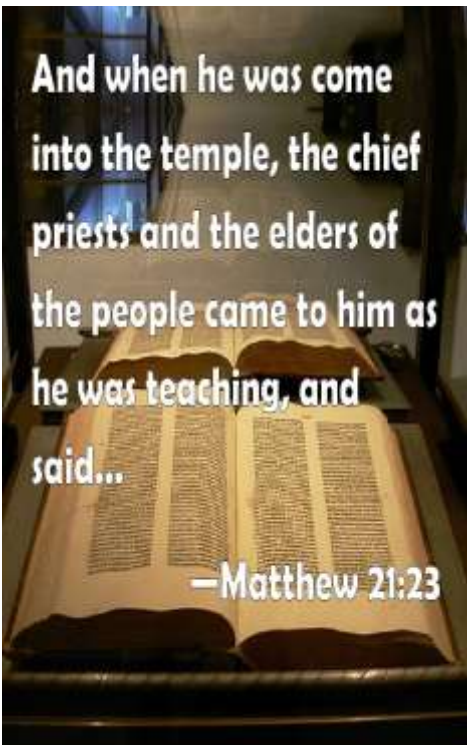
Registration forms are also available at the church.



Let the Children Come

SaintAnnesHelper.com

Are you looking for a fun way to learn about the Bible? You may try the **SPARK Family Magazine**. It has colorful illustrations, games, activity ideas, prayers, and questions you and all family can enjoy! This month's topic is "**God's Way is Love.**" We have extra copies in the church. Pick up a copy and learn about God's love.



And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said...

—Matthew 21:23



Secret Message

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
25	26	8	13	22	6	19	24	23	21	5	15	7	16	4	2	12	1	11	17	14	3	10	9	20	18

Use the above key to find out which number matches each letter.

When Jesus went to the temple, what question was he asked by the priests and the elders? Hint: Read Matthew 21:23

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Do-It-at-Home Lenten Devotion

Do you like to use your hands? Why don't you try hands on Lenten devotions for 2021!

All you need is: paper, pencil, Bible, Lenten devotion booklet (available at Lena UMC and GS or GS website), pot, soil, and seed. If you would like to do it together, watch the Lenten devotion videos which are available every Wednesday at GS website and YouTube channel.

Each week has a theme, scripture reading, a hands on spiritual exercise, and prayer. These are the themes we will explore in March: Mar 3 Upsetting, Mar 10 Despair, Mar 17 Longing, Mar 24 Fear. You may try all the themes or whichever ones interest you.

We have extra pots, soil, seed, and booklets at Lena UMC and GS.

We will conclude with special devotions during Holy Week.

Thank you for journeying with us this 40 days of Lent. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact church office or Pr. Keri or Pr. Miho.



Worship News

Palm/Passion Sunday March 28th 9:30am

We will watch a video which *GS Kids and adults will telling you the story of Jesus' last week on earth.*

Good Friday April 2nd TBA keep your eyes on updates on the church's Facebook page.

Easter Sunday April 4th: 7:00am Sunrise Service, 9:30am Easter Sunday service

Answer to Bible Quiz

A) Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

John 3:1-8 - "Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'"

Source: I Love Psalms 2015-2018



We need your help to build Personal Care Kits

40 days and 40 care kits

Lutheran World Relief is in a dire need of personal care kits this year.

Good Shepherd will collect following items during Lent:

80 bath-size bars of soap (in original wrapping)

40 adult-size tooth brush (in it's original packing)

40 sturdy combs

40 metal nail clippers



Thanks to the generosity of the Piece Corps Quilters who provided 40 bath towels to do this project.

Tips for the collection:

- Buy in bulk or ask local stores. Some may be willing to give a discount if they know that we'll be using the supplies to help people in need. It never hurts to ask!
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Please do NOT donate items with any religious symbols or messages or church's names. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

A Collection tub will be in the church. Thank you for sharing God's love to our neighbors.

Whether you make one or a few Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits as a solo kit-maker, or hundreds as part of a kit assembly with your congregation, every kit you make will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need.

The Piece Corps Quilters



Are you looking for yarn, or are you getting ready for those knitting or crochet projects? If you are, the Piece Corps Quilters has extra yarn available for you.

We are in need of sheets, blankets or other sewing materials. If you have any of these items you can drop them off at the church office or Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your donations.

Answer to Good Shepherd Trivia Question

The owners share of the instrument was immediately sold to the congregations for \$10.00

And now, here's the rest of the story;

Between August 1888 and November 1891 the question of fixing up the church was broached. The Ladies' Aid Society was on the cutting edge by pledging \$500 toward a fund to rebuild the present church or to erect a new building. On several occasions the Ladies' Aid took the initiative for making definite improvements in the church.

The Presbyterian Church graciously extended an invitation to Amity on April 13, 1891 to use their church building during the rebuilding of the edifice. Amity thankfully accepted the invitation. The congregation was to use the building each Sunday until 10:30 a.m. and on Sunday afternoons, as well as three evenings a week.

The building was rededicated November 22, 1891. The Rev. J.H. Menges of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania preached the service. The total cost of all the improvements was \$6,000.00.

During the time of the remodeling, another concern came before the church council. In 1889 it was brought to the attention of the Church Council that the bass violin used in the Sunday service orchestra was also being used in a local dance hall to provide music. The Council ordered the owner to either sell his share in the instrument to the church or to purchase the congregation's share, since this state of affairs could not be tolerated.

The owner's share of the instrument was immediately sold to the congregation for \$10.00.

Source: The History of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, March 1857 to 2007



Luther and Lutheranism

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, "captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans."

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. "I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God." Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a "merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates."

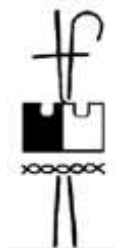
What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God's mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, "Faith is God's work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times."

This discovery set Luther's life on a new course -both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God's unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.



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*Martin Luther's Small Catechism
The Lord's Prayer*

The Fourth Petition Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

What then does "daily bread" mean?

Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.