

## March 2023 Newsletter

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### *Thoughts from the Vicar*

Greetings in Christ,

In the midst of Lent there is a sequence of four days that mark the lives of three very dedicated saints, who each offer us inspiration:

March 17th - Saint Patrick - Patrick was a British Christian who was captured by Irish pirates around the year D 400 at the age of 16 and made a slave. He managed to escape six years later, became a priest, but then felt called by God to return to Ireland, in spite of the danger of having been a runaway slave, to preach the Gospel there. He became the “Enlightener of Ireland” and converted the Irish to Christianity. We have a wonderful hymn in the ELW (# 450) - “I Bind Unto Myself Today” - attributed to Saint Patrick, in which we may wrap ourselves in the presence of God through our faith in the divinity and life of Jesus and through our unity with God’s creation and creatures.

March 19th - Saint Joseph - The husband of Mary and the guardian of our Lord, Joseph answered God’s call to take Mary as his wife, trusting that her child was the true Son of God. He then took on the task of raising and caring for Jesus as he grew up, but he seems to have died without seeing Jesus’ mission come to fruition. He is a strong example for us of faith and perseverance. [But because his feast day falls on a Sunday this year, we commemorate him on Monday instead.]

March 20th - Saint Cuthbert - Not mentioned in the ELW or celebrated by Lutherans for the most part, Cuthbert, bishop of Hexham and Lindisfarne, was perhaps the most beloved of all the Celtic Saints. Our dear Durham Cathedral, where Coral and I were members for about eight years, was built as his shrine, and he is buried there behind the great altar. His affinity with animals helped to influence that other great saint, Francis of Assisi, and his unswerving devotion to God and gentle care for his people have kept his name alive in the North of England for 16 centuries. Ask me some time to tell you about the Miracle of Saint Cuthbert that saved Durham Cathedral from destruction during World War II. I personally witnessed the effects of that miracle, although in a much safer situation.

As we journey together through the days of Lent, following Jesus to the Cross, it is a comfort to know that men like Patrick, Joseph, and Cuthbert are still a part of our “pilgrim band”, walking alongside us as we seek to walk in the footsteps of our Lord.

Blessings in Christ,  
Vicar Thomas

**January Council Meeting**

Due to weather the February Good Shepherd Council Meeting was cancelled. Highlights are not available at this time, they will become available once approved.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Janis Kurth

**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.**

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

**Return to: Nancy Rice      815-275-0303**  
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**Congregation Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

### *Holy Week Services*

*Here are some worship opportunities for you during Holy Week.*

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*9:30am Whole Family Palm/Passion Sunday service*

*A Short procession with palms.*

*Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00pm Maundy Thursday service will strip altar while reading Psalm 22.*

*Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Time to be determined.*

*Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Time to be determined*



### *It is time to order Easter Lilies*

*Lilies will be \$16.00 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 26<sup>th</sup>**.*

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



### *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 March 29, 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.*





# 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  
2023

LOMC  
Oregon, IL

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

*We would also like to remind all women that our Northern Illinois Synod WELCA will be presenting a breakout session at the upcoming Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) on March 4th at Sauk Valley Community College at Dixon. Our session will be Workshop B and titled "NIS WELCA and You" Kim Choin, Joan Soltwisch, and others on the board will be discussing what is happening in WELCA, both in our synod and congregations units, as well as Katie's fund grant from churchwide. Come and see what your Synodical Women's Organization has been doing in the Discipleship, Justice, and Stewardship. You are encouraged to invite others to take part in the discussion of these focus areas and how they might apply in your home congregation*

*May God bless you as you continue to be Bold Women in our world, with the love of our Lord.*

*Ruth Anne Hartman  
Vice President NIS WELCA*



*We lift up our prayers*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, 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, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Logan, and Betty Mennega.*

*Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Betty Raders and Carol Borchardt.*

*Thank you God for listening to our prayers.*

**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.*



**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**



**The People LSSI Serves**

**42,000**

Children, adults, seniors, and families served; one in every 297 people in Illinois.



**By Age**

**31%** Of children served were under the age 9  
**18%** Of people served by all programs were 24-34

**By Income**

**70%** Below \$5,000  
**94%** Below \$25,000

**Affordable Housing**

For adults 62+ and people over age 18 with disabilities, LSSI provides affordable housing at 19 housing sites throughout Illinois. A Social Service Coordinator is available at every site to assist residents.



*LSSI provided affordable housing to 1,466 residents, the majority of whom had annual incomes below \$25,000.*

**Interact Family Services**

Designed to stabilize, strengthen, enhance and preserve family life by enabling children to remain safely at home, Intact Family Services works with families who have come to the attention of Illinois DCFS.

*1,278 families were enrolled in this program.*



## SUMMER CAMP

Lutherdale has over 75 years of experience in running summer camps. We follow over 300 standards established by the American-Camp Association in order to provide a safe space for your children. Our program model is set up around small groups so that every camper has a cabin leader that will invest in, care for, and nurture your child.



# SUMMER CAMP 2023

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."  
- Revelation 22:13



WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM WITH AGE/GRADE COMPLETED
1	June 18-23	Confirmation Week (Grades 6-9)
		High School Week (Grades 9-11)
		LE.A.P. Week 1 (Grades 10-11)
2	JUNE 25-30	STEAM Camp (Grades 3-8)
		LE.A.P. Week 2 Option (Grades 10-11)
3	JULY 2-7	Team USA (Adults with Disabilities)   \$550
		On-site Day Camp (Grades K-5)   \$200
4	JULY 9-14	Adventure Week (Grades 3-8)
		Night Owls (Grades 6-8)
		LE.A.P. Week 2 Option (Grades 10-11)
5A	JULY 16-21	Camp Oasis (specialty camp for youth with Chron's & colitis)
5B	JULY 22-23	Camp 24 Weekend   \$75 in Watson Center   \$100 in HOPE Center
6	JULY 24-28	Camp Odayin (specialty camp for youth with Heart Disease)
7	JULY 30-AUG 4	Water Week (Grades 3-8)
		LE.A.P. Week 2 Option (Grades 10-11)
8	AUG 6-9 *SPECIAL DATES	Young Pioneers (Grade 1-2)   \$360
		Mini Mashup (Grades 3-8)   \$360
		Family Camp   Adults - \$260, Age 4-17 - \$190, Age 0-3 - Free

**This is the summer to give your kids the adventure of camp!**

General camp activities available at Lutherdale include canoeing, Bible study, archery, low challenge course activities, arts & crafts, field games, court games, gaga ball, kayaking, paddleboarding, Worship, campfires, swimming, feeding animals at the farm, Pontoon rides, waterslide, parachute games, and much more!

Campers also have the opportunity to add-on the experience of climbing our 40-foot climbing tower & cruising down our 400-foot zipline for an additional \$15.

*\*This add-on is limited to campers who can fit safely into one of our harnesses.*

Campers are housed by gender and grade level completed.

They explore activities around Lutherdale's 52-acre campus as villages.

All campers come together for all camp games, Worship, and delicious, well-balanced meals in our Dining Hall.

Registration is online. Create an account or log into your existing account. Locate the 'Sign In' button in the upper right hand corner of the page. Registration for Family Camp requires our office to set up a family account FIRST if any of your children have come to camp previously or if you are a donor. Please call (262) 742-2352

# Happy Birthday

- 3/1 Cheryl Torkelson
- 3/3 Connor Kurth
- 3/3 Cindy Tessendorf
- 3/3 Duane Christen
- 3/4 Jessica Alexander
- 3/6 Ryan Hastings
- 3/8 Raeger Sullivan
- 3/9 Michelle Andrews
- 3/11 Lois Paulsen
- 3/13 Bob Schlachter
- 3/13 Ella Wolfrom
- 3/14 Don Wienand
- 3/15 Logan Fahr
- 3/15 Larynn Schumaker
- 3/16 Nakoah Cornwell
- 3/19 Barbara Price
- 3/20 Pr. Sarah Schaffner
- 3/23 Paige Hancock
- 3/23 Pr. Pat Esker
- 3/24 Chuck Kraft
- 3/27 Kristy Patterson
- 3/28 Matthew Huber
- 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!*

## **A yodel won't cause an avalanche.**

While several things can trigger an avalanche, noise isn't one of them. Weight, such as a sudden flood of snow, sudden high wind speeds, or even the agitable footsteps of a skier can prompt a sudden cascade, but loud noises, such as yodeling, won't have much effect and are merely fictional plot devices in movies.



## *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 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!*

*Questions? Contact the church office.*



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





*Good Shepherd helps with Le-Win Food Pantry on*

*the 4th Saturday of even numbered months from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for 2 volunteers for the upcoming months (April 29<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>) 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 January 2023	\$10,627.89
Expenses January 2023	<u>\$13,481.43</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(2,853.54)
Income, Year to Date 2023	\$10627.89
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# March 2023 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>What is month of March known for?</b> “March” is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. However, we think of it as the beginning of spring, as March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon and the return of Daylight Saving Time!			1  8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	2	3	4
5  <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am-11:45am Choir Practice	6  Cub Scouts Meeting at 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall	7  Cub Scouts Meeting at 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall	8  8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	9	10	11   Turn your clocks ahead! Daylight Savings Time
12  <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am-11:45am Choir Practice	13  <i>Good Shepherd's 166th Anniversary</i>	14  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	15  8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	16  6:30pm Good Shepherd Council Meeting	17  	18
19  <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am-11:45am Choir Practice	20  St. Joseph 's Day	21	22  8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	23	24	25  Men's Group 4:30pm
26  <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am-11:45am Choir Practice	27	28	29  8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	30	31	



# March Volunteer Schedule



## Greeter

March 5 Sue Diddens and Wayne Kurth  
March 12 Tim Gordon and Virgil Gordon  
March 19 Sue Diddens and Tim Gordon  
March 26 Darcí Meier and Virgil Gordon



## Lectors

March 5 Karen Niemeier  
March 12 Wayne Kurth  
March 19 Coralyn Hudik  
March 26 Tena Rackow

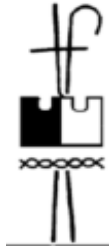


## Communion Assistants

March 5 Wayne Kurth  
March 19 Sue Diddens



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.



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*Joseph, Guardian of Jesus*

*Monday, March 20, 2023*

*Father figures abound in the appointed texts for the commemoration of Joseph, the guardian of Jesus. Almighty God promises to be a father to David's offspring. The letter to the Romans celebrates Abraham as "the father of all of us." The angel invites Joseph, son of David, to be like a father to Mary's child Jesus. As we remember Joseph's doing as the angel of the Lord commanded him. We pray for a similar measure of faith and devotion.*

*Source: [sundaysandseasons.com/planner](http://sundaysandseasons.com/planner)*