

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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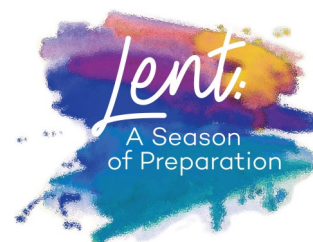
We are excited to resume in-person worship beginning February 7



Please check out the enclosed flier for updates as several of our practices from before have been eliminated or changed. ***Our Sunday services will be held at 9:00 am and 11:00 am with the online service on our YouTube Channel beginning at 9:00 am.*** Please RSVP by calling or emailing the church office. Also know that additional services may be added so check with the church office and the church website for the most up-to-date information.

Lent 2021: From Broken to Restored

I was recently conversing with some other clergy as they shared their thoughts about the season of Lent this year. One highlighted that it feels like the last year has been one long Lenten season. That observation has stuck with me as this season is often characterized by its discomfort. A season of prayer and repentance, Lent invites us to make an honest and open investigation of our lives. To not breeze through but instead confront the struggles, pains and shortcomings. To recognize our own brokenness.



But this journey is not about leaving us in brokenness. It is instead about helping us move from being broken to restored. Our Lenten series this year is entitled: Restored In Christ. We journey through this season being honest with our brokenness and inviting the restoration that Christ alone can bring.



Ash Wednesday: This day of recalling the limits of our own human condition is one of prayer and fasting. We will be holding in-person services at 10:30 am, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm with our online service at 5:30 pm. For those wanting the imposition of ashes but not wanting to attend an in-person service, Pastor Chris will be imposing ashes in a drive-through format by the back glass doors from 4:30-5:15 and 6:30 – 7:15 pm.

Lenten Services: Special services will be held on Wednesdays during the Lenten season. These services are contemplative as we reflect on who we are and who God has called us to be. In-person services will be held at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm with the online service at 5:30 pm on our YouTube Channel.

***MAKE SURE TO RSVP FOR ALL IN-PERSON SERVICES
BY CALLING OR EMAILING THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!***

Thank you to all who participated in our congregational meeting on January 31. It was a very nice time of celebrating what God had done through Good Shepherd last year and helping us move faithfully into the year ahead. We look forward to sharing the results from the voting, particularly the motion to call Pastor Bell as our Associate Pastor, in upcoming emails and our March Newsletter.



PASTORAL ACTS 2020

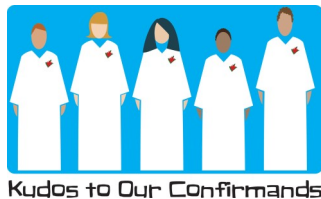
Holy Baptisms

Josie L. Capek
Greta Rose Frank
Rory R. Dolezal
George K. Gibboney
Camille Josephine Berry
Genevieve Renee Carlson
Riley Rose Barnish
Ella Grace Laban
Brooke Ann Rekar
Presley Jo Tracy
Liam Alan Goncher
Grayson Lee Noel
Gwendolen Joelle Massett
Lucas Michael King
Freya Hammerberg



Junior Confirmands

Adam Robert Aneston
Roger Louis Aurelio III
James Andrew Cano
Jacob Thomass Canvin
Kyle Matthew Collins
Ava Naline Courtney
Hunter Hayden Daniel
Karina Claire DiMambro
Grace Eileen Gambotz
Dylan Anthony Good
Brian Michael Manns
Donovan Lawrence Pierce
Clare Lynn Murphy
Carter Dean Rabold
Jaclyn Christine Rizzo
Matthew Neil Schroers
Riley Paige White
Connor Jacob Williams
Emily Elizabeth Zima



Marriages

Lauren E. Nelson & Patrick M. Gartner, Jr.
Molly Elizabeth O'Malley and Tim Rudniski
Emily K. Fierke and Jonathon P. Roth
Corey T. Bergamo and Annette A. Zielinski
Sara R. Schuch and Cameron D. Meyer



Deaths

Richard H. Henry
Richard E. Campbell
Eleanore L. Snow
Arlene M. Marley
Georgene K. Podewell
Lowell L. Ladewig
Forest F. Reeder, Sr.
Pauline Dingrando
Linda Kling
Jeannette Mannix
Bonita F. Reeder
Charles P. Buerger
Beverly J. Choquette
Robert K. Sweeney
Joseph E. Hauptman
Betty G. Walton
Joanne M. Alsip
Thomas Thoss
Shirley Jacobek
Charles B. Snow
Joyce L. Duesing
Robert Dinkmeyer
Linda Braun
Joan Rauch



2021 Church Officers

Serving in 2021 . . . This is a listing of those who are elected to offices as designated by our Congregational Constitution. Space does not permit a listing of the wonderful volunteers and diversity of gifts that make our church a wonderful place, including Sunday School Teachers, Ushers, Chancel Guild, Church landscapers, Choir participants, etc., etc., etc.

*Denotes Chairperson

Church Council:

Chairperson,

Ron Jurkovic

Vice-Chairperson,

Sue Buerger

Secretary,

Joseph Jaksich

Treasurer,

William Markel

Financial Secretary,

Linda Sensmeier

Deacons,

Michael Aspan

Education and Youth,

Edith Schmitt

Missions and Charities,

Judy Lang

Congregational Activities,

Lauren Kirkner

Church and Community,

Shawn Erickson

Trustees,

Matthew Behrman

Stewardship,

Joseph Perry

Deacons:

Michael Aspan *

Mark Baldwin

Jennifer Castor

Nancy Cross

David Fewkes

Jim Fricke

Jeff Good

Lynn Huttner

Kathy Kupka

Ron Luce

Sue Markel

Peter Pappas

Tim Pearson

Paul Petersen

Laura Petritsch

Marsha Rauch

Education & Youth:

Edith Schmitt *

Todd Bergmann

Dawn Bronson

Liz Gutierrez

Sara Hupe

Jenn Krieher

Julie Maty

Steve Maty

Paula Pries

Katie Walsh

Missions:

Judy Lang *

Marilyn Aspan

Susan Boughan

Debbie Fricke

Tracy Heilman

Robert Held

Sue Hennessy

Judy Lang

Mary Mannix

Joan Meyers

Joe Miller

Henry Paulsen

Ruth Sava

Congregational Activities:

Lauren Kirkner *

Diane Adduci

John Carlson

Lynette Carlson

Sharon Courtney

Shawn Erickson

Susan Joritz

Jim Johanson

Karl Krout

Susan Mish

Melinda Moore

Tim Moore

CJ Muller

Elaine Ogorzalek

Cathy Pellegrini

Caryl Zirbes

Trustees:

Matthew Behrman *

Corey Bergamo, Jr.

Jack Cody

William DeLeo

James Ditchman

Keith Gansel

Tim Hoffman

Dave Holke

Carl Kupka, Jr.

Larry Mish

Tim Pearson

Joe Perry

Stewards:

Joseph Perry *

Jamie Ekhardt

Joyce Grochowski

Robert Held

James Johanson

Nancy Metro

CJ Muller

Joe Schmitt

Gwen Sheehan

Doris Stachyra

Rudy Stachyra

Finance:

Paul Behrman *

Jim Fricke

Henry Lang

Bill Markel

Marie Perry

Laura Petritsch

Roger Rosenquist

Personnel Committee:

Sue Buerger *

Todd Bergmann

Diane M. Sweeney



People of Good Shepherd – January 2021 Report

New Parents:

Taylor and Travis Strutzenberg, a daughter, Adalynn Reese
Janelle and Scott Tracy, a daughter, Tessa Lynn



Transferred In from Other Lutheran Churches

Matthew J. Booe and Michael C. Carlson

Known to have been ill or hospitalized:

Sue Albrecht, Angela Bell, Frank Bort, Art Glick, Carol Gliwa, Betty Holke, Matt Husar, Todd Huttner, Martin Leprich, June Meter, Susan Miscovic, Connor Mish, the Murphy family, David Podewell, Sandra Reback, Sandi Sandt, Ruth Sava, Vicki Wilk, Char Wolfe and Richard Wolfe



Known to have Experienced Bereavement:

The Crowl family upon the death of Barb's aunt, Joann Colwell
The Heilman family upon the death of Tracy's friend, Larry Corbin
The Castor and Hupe families upon the death of Jen's and Sara's grandmother, Miriam Anderson



Funerals

† *Matthew Stuart Lignell* — January 12, 2021

† *Robert Earl Schaaf* — January 29, 2021 — An army veteran and lover of his dogs, Bob came to Good Shepherd in 2016 and his suspenders and booming voice were a consistent presence at worship and with the OFF Club. Our prayers go to his son Jerry and his other family and friends.



A Note of Thanks . . .

I've often compared working at Good Shepherd to being a housewife. The difference is that church is a really big house and the kids are always having friends over. My sincerest appreciation for all the beautiful cards and kind thoughts from you, dear friends, who mean so much to me. Looking back on the days gone by, I'm thankful for every minute. As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun!"

Love,

Jan Nelson



RESTORED THROUGH MISSIONS

We continue to take food to the Palos Food Pantry.

February requests include:

Spaghetti O's, canned ravioli, canned meats, canned fruit, crackers and baby food. The need continues and donations of any other items are always appreciated.

Let's not forget our veterans! They are always in need of toiletries in trial or full size and diabetic socks. Snacks for the Manteno snack shop are appreciated too. There are two BLUE bins in the narthex to collect these items. Thank you for your donation!



The Missions Committee encourages you to read the thank you letters we've received from the ministries we were able to support this past year. They have been

included in the weekly Tuesday email with a little information about the organization that was supported. We continue to focus our mission efforts in support of the many worthwhile efforts of Christian care and service with which we have come in contact. The Committee reminds you that great care is used to insure that our gifts are used for the purposes we intend. We encourage everyone to continue to use their white monthly mission's envelope in care of others. Please help us in aiding the relief efforts of our church in support of these needy causes. *Thank You!*

RESTORED THROUGH ADULT ED...

The grayness of winter tends to suck life and energy during the blistery cold of February. To combat the lethargy, draw near to God and find life. Take part in one of the weekly offerings given on the Good Shepherd Facebook page to find the life that only God can give.

Tuesday, 10:30 am Bible Study

The daily lectionary offers us scripture for each day. Once a week we take a lesson from it and dive deeper to discern God's call for us to respond to the Word.

Wednesday Hymn of the Week

If you like music or nostalgia, make sure to catch Michelle Podewell sharing a hymn each week on the Facebook Page.

Thursday, 7 pm Where is God? Time for reflection and prayer

This weekly time is a call to pause and open ourselves up to the presence of God. **After the session on February 11, we will take a break until after Lent.**

Also, the church directory is a great tool for connecting with others in the congregation. Let's keep working on our relationships and being strengthened in the common faith we share.

Another opportunity for Adult Education is Faith Discussion.

This group will begin meeting on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday evenings** at 7:00 pm. We will also begin meeting in-person at church in the family life center. *Come join us!*



OTHER "ADULT" OPPORTUNITIES...



Good Shepherd is hosting a mobile blood drive on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 4:00 pm until 7:30 pm and on Thursday, February 11, from 8:00 am until Noon. Appointment times begin at 4 pm and 8 am respectively and are scheduled every 10 minutes. Please contact the church office at (708) 448-4170 to schedule an appointment if you would like to donate blood. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID, there is an immediate need for blood donors to ensure a safe supply. **Please consider taking some time to give the gift of blood, it's a gift of life!**

Good Shepherd Bowling League

is starting up again on Saturday, February 6 for those who are ready to come back. Bowling begins at 3:50 pm. Thanks for your patience as we work through this bowling season in light of COVID.



An Early Childhood Mom's Zoom gathering

will take place on February 19 at 7 PM. An email will be sent out with the Zoom invite a few days prior to the date. After meeting in November, many of the moms were excited about meeting more frequently. It is an informal (one hour) gathering where we can catch up, share stories, laugh together, learn from one another, and pray for each other. Join us as you are able and we look forward to seeing you.



The 2021 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00 and checks should be made payable to Chancel Guild. The following dates are open, but any date is available if you have a specific Sunday in mind. You can sign-up at church, call the office or email donna@good-shepherd-church.com.



February	28	July	4, 11, 18, 25
March	7, 14, 28	August	8, 29
April	11, 18, 25	September	5
May	16, 23	October	10, 17, 24, 31
June	27	November	7, 14, 28
		December	5

**Thank you
for your
flower
donation!**



RESTORED THROUGH OUR YOUTH . . .

Confirmation Update: Confirmation is still going strong as we enter this season of Lent. Moving forward, please be on the look-out for emails and communications from your teachers as we move forward in the semester. Please also note that there will be no Confirmation on February 14 and 15 due to President's Day.

URGENT:

Youth Mission Trip?

A decision concerning having a summer mission trip will need to be made this month. Currently

we have had only one person indicate their desire to be part of a mission trip this summer. If you are in high school, **please contact Pastor Chris right away** if you are interested in a trip this summer.



**Hey Parents of
Preschoolers through High
School . . . Join us for a
Valentine Challenge!!**

Here is a list of supplies needed:

14 paper hearts, pen, tape or sticky tac

Paper hearts can be made from construction paper or drawn on regular paper, colored and

then cut out.

Here is how the Valentine Challenge works . . .

Begin by choosing a date to start, then for 14 days add either a red, pink, or purple heart to your child's bedroom door with a written message of why you love them. Once complete, the child (ren) will have 14 visible reminders of the different ways they are loved. Do your best not to repeat any over the 14 days.



After the 14th day, take a picture of your child next to their door all decorated with hearts and send it to Lori@good-shepherd-church.com. We will publish the pictures either in a Sunday school YouTube video or on the church's Facebook page.

For alternative family options:

- Include Mom and Dad, too. Kids can put hearts on their bedroom door.
- Go all out! Have everyone in the house put hearts on each other's doors.

Sunday School Zoom Activities —STAYING—
give your children an opportunity to see their Sunday School friends and teachers! Mark your calendars to join us! We have a lot of fun together and would love for you to join us on the following dates:

February 7 Preschool 3's and 4's Craft
February 14 Grades 3-5 Craft and a game
February 21 Grades K-2 Craft and a game

A Zoom invite will be emailed to those families in each of the groups listed above a few days prior to their activity date. The teachers will be hosting these events at 11:30 am.