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Lent . . . a season of discovery



Several years ago, I was on a trip to visit the remains at Ephesus. As we walked the ruins of the graveyard, I was looking at the ground when an oddly shaped and colored stone caught my attention. I knelt down and brushed it off before dislodging it from the earth. The stone had odd markings on it so I called the director of the dig and he quickly helped identify that this stone was actually the hand of some statue that would have adored a gravestone. To my knowledge, the rest of the gravestone was never discovered. But I am quite sure it is there somewhere.

I thought of this story as Lent approaches because we often walk through our lives paying little attention to what is around us. We fall into our routines but don't always stop to smell the roses. This season is a time calling us to be mindful. Mindful of how the field of our lives invites exploration so that we may discover more of ourselves. May the season of Lent be one of discovery. Discovering where God is calling you to dig and discovering the strength God gives as we are crafted by God.

Discovery through 40 Days with Jesus: Our mid-week Lenten Service is a time of reflection where we hear from encounters people have had with God. These encounters cause us to pause and reflect on what God is doing in our lives and in our world and help us explore our growing edges. These services take place on *Wednesdays during lent at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM.* The late service includes our eighth grade confirmation youth sharing their *"Witness to the Faith"*.

FORTY
Days
OF LENT



Lenten Suppers will begin on March 4 and continue through April 1. They begin promptly at 6:15 PM and are a great time of fellowship and reflection which are open to anyone. A freewill offering is collected to support our summer mission trip to St. Louis. If you would be willing to donate any soup, salad or a dessert for the Lenten supper, please sign up on the bulletin board or see Pastor Joe.

Lenten Coin Folders, while not being mailed, are available at Good Shepherd. This is a fun way of disciplining ourselves during this season of introspection. All of the funds collected in them will be dedicated to missions. You can find a folder at the church office or in the narthex.



SPECIAL NOTES OF THANKS . . . *Thank YOU to all those that baked* for the Sunday School Bake Sale and *to those that purchased the yummy treats!* The Sunday school children raised an awesome total of \$1,792 to benefit Palos Food Pantry. This is a wonderful expression of love and generosity. The support for our children is deeply felt.

A big thank you to all the people that made our Youth worship service, spaghetti luncheon and dessert auction such a success. There are so many to thank: parents, youth, church staff, music leaders, ringers, singers, the worship leaders, the bakers of the incredible desserts and the people who generously bid on them. We raised \$3,600 for our mission trip to St. Louis. *We wouldn't be able to go and help our neighbors if it weren't for your support.*

People of Good Shepherd – February 2020 Report

New Parents

Joe and Laura Goncher, a son Liam Alan

Tom and Samara Adduci, a son Albi

The Holy Baptisms

Josie Lynn Capek — February 9, 2020

Greta Rose Frank — February 16, 2020

Rory Robert Dolezal — February 16, 2020



Known to have been ill or hospitalized

Sue Alberts, Marilyn Breen, Myrna Bronson, Kyle Collins, Jim Johanson, Herb Karner, Sandra Keller, Darvia Leonard, Char Mathis, Penny Mattes-Rumore, Sue McCoy, Margaret Postweiler, Brooke Rekar, Bob Schaaf and Char Wolfe



Known to have Experienced Bereavement

The Albrecht family upon the death of Ruth Gantz and Mr. Comey

The Clancy family upon the death of Arlene

The Gronwold family upon the death of Arlene

The Kupka family upon the death of Russell Landis

The Ladewig family upon the death of Lowell



Funerals

† *Arlene M. Marley* — February 17, 2020 — A kind and independent woman, Arlene was a beloved member of not only Good Shepherd but also the OFF Club. Her big heart left a huge impression on the lives of others. We lift up her children Bill and Albert along with her whole family.

† *Georgene K. Podewell* — February 22, 2020 — A member of Good Shepherd since 1969, her dedication to family and faith were embodied every step of her journey through life. Our love goes out to her husband, Elden along with her whole family and many friends.



2020 WITNESS TO THE FAITH TOPICS

Wednesday, March 4	The 10 Commandments Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)	Ava Courtney Jaclyn Rizzo Brian Manns
Wednesday, March 11	Worship Baptism Communion	Dylan Good James Cano Roger Aurelio
Wednesday, March 18	Lent I Believe in God the Father I Believe in Jesus Christ I Believe in the Holy Spirit	Emily Zima Carter Rabold Karina DiMambro Donovan Marsh Pierce
Wednesday, March 25	Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:8-10 I Corinthians 13	Connor Williams Adam Aneston Riley White
Wednesday, April 1	John 3:16 Romans 8:31-39 Lord's Prayer Reflection Lord's Prayer Recitation	Grace Gambotz Matthew Schroers Hunter Daniel Clare Murphy
Thursday, April 9	Maundy Thursday	Jacob Canvin
Friday, April 10	Good Friday (12:30)	Kyle Collins

Update on our search for an Associate Pastor



I am very pleased to announce that through the hard work of our Call Committee and Church Council, a big step forward has been taken in our pursuit of an Associate Pastor. At the Church Council meeting on February 18, the Council approved a document called the Ministry Site Profile that was then passed along to the Synod. This document highlighted specifics about the Good Shepherd community as well as details concerning the role of our desired Associate Pastor. I want to commend the Call Committee for their fine work in assembling this 11 page document as it took a lot of energy and focus. The next step in our process will be having potential candidates passed along for review by Pastor Chris and the Call Committee. The timing of this will depend largely on the synod office but know that we will be pursuing things on our end in a very timely manner. We look forward to sharing more information with you all as things progress and appreciate your prayerful support of our ongoing work to faithfully reflect God's love.

Sincerely,

Ron Jurkovic – Chairperson of Church Council



Discovery through Missions . . .



The Missions Committee will be sponsoring the Fifth Annual "Easter Blessings Bag" collection of food items which will benefit the clients of the Palos Food Pantry. The Good Shepherd Family is invited to

participate in this Lenten Mission Opportunity to provide food and Easter treats for families in need. Grocery Bags with a list of suggested items to include for Easter will be distributed on Sundays, March 15 and March 22. The filled bags will be collected no later than April 5 (Palm Sunday) for delivery to the Palos Food Pantry for Easter distribution. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

We also continue to **take food to the Palos Food Pantry**. March 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.



The Missions Committee sincerely thanks the Good Shepherd family for the ongoing support of the food pantry and the families it serves.



VETERANS

Let's not forget our veterans!!

They are especially in need of toiletries in trial or full size and diabetic socks. There are two BLUE bins in the narthex to collect these items.

Reaching out to those less fortunate! The next cooking date for the homeless is Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 AM.

The **Missions Committee** also encourages you to read the numerous thank you letters we have received from those ministries we were able to support this past year. The letters are posted on the bulletin board. 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 yellow 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!



Discovery through Adult Education . . .

Discovery involves pursuit. And Good Shepherd has multiple ways to pursue God's guidance through Bible studies and small groups. Consider making one or more of these part of your Lenten devotions. Each of these are open to anyone and you can come as often as you desire.



Prayer Group

-Tuesday Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and is beginning the series *A Journey Through Lent* by Timothy Keller and David Bisgrove.

-Tuesday Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. We're continuing to work through the book of 1 Samuel. We laugh a lot and discover the fullness of God's Word.

-Tuesday Book Discussion meets Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. Come and join the discussion as we together read *Prodigal God*.



-Thursday Prayer Partners and Thursday Discovering the Bible is taking a break during Lent. They will resume in April. Look to the April newsletter for the exact date when we will begin meeting again.

Discovery through other activities . . .

Men's Bags, Basketball and Soul



MEN'S GROUP

A great group of guys gather every Monday for basketball and bags. The games start at 8:00 PM and are open to all. Come to the life center to join in the fun.

At 9:15 we gather in Bethany Hall for some guided discussion about life. These discussions and the men who join them have been not only growing but also insightful and inspiring. It's a great way to meet new people from the church and also to deepen your faith life during Lent. Any and all are welcome to come for as much of the night as they are able.

"OFF Club" Outing at Aurelios in Frankfort — a St. Joseph's Gala! Travel is on your own or carpool.



Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the "OFF Club" on Wednesday, March 18. Lunch will be corned beef sandwiches and of course, dessert. Our program will be a presentation by Joe Geringer on "THE REAL UNTOUCHABLES" during the roaring 20s.

Discovery through Youth . . .

High School . . .

Attention Mission Trip Participants! We will be having a meeting on Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 PM. Please let Pastor Joe know if you cannot attend.

Topgolf outing – March 15.

We have 10 spots available - the cost is \$35 per person. Registration forms are available. This is open to anyone — youth and adults!



TOPGOLF



GARAGE sale

The announcement many of you have been waiting for!

Our Annual Garage Sale is set for May 1 and 2. It promises to be a great sale. Friday, May 1 from

8:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 AM until Noon. Everything will be half price on Saturday. There will be toys, antiques, housewares, furniture, exercise equipment, books, jewelry, bedding and much, much more. Come out and browse, there's something for everyone!!

Children and Family . . .

Attention all Fourth Grade Sunday school students... if you are interested in having lunch with Pastor Buresh on March 1 (12 noon-1) and haven't turned in your lunch order form yet, please contact Mrs. Lori via email as soon as possible.



Lunch With the Pastor



Feed My Starving Children needs our help!

Join us on Saturday, March 7 from 2-4 PM, as we go to the Schaumburg center and pack food for the hungry around the world. Anyone from 5 years old and up is encouraged to come along. Afterwards, let's break bread together at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria (a short distance away). Dinner fee of \$10 per adult (13 and up) and \$5 per child (12 and under) can be given to Lori Puttkammer. Space is limited so please sign up soon or call the church office to have your name added. You can also email Lori, too.



DISCOVERY CONTINUES for children and family . . .



Attention all Early Childhood Moms!

A freezer meal making event is scheduled for Friday, March 13. Those that participate, sign up for either/both of the meals that are planned for. There is a fee for the meals and that is determined after the shopping is complete. The fee is payable that night. You can email Lori Puttkammer, call the church office or sign-up on the Frolic bulletin board (closest to the Nursery).

Save the Date! Bring a friend!

The Easter Eggstravaganza will be on April 11 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM rain or shine! The kids have a great time gathering eggs from the front lawn and there is coffee for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa and friends along with juice and many tasty pastries.



Planning for the Easter Eggstravaganza has begun!



Donations of the following would be helpful and greatly appreciated; individually wrapped candy and small toys/stickers that will fit in a plastic egg. These items can be brought to Mrs. Lori's office any time as we will begin stuffing the eggs very soon.

Help is needed to stuff the Easter Eggs.

Egg stuffing dates/times are posted on the bulletin board. Further help will be needed on that day . . . such as volunteering to assist in getting the eggs out on the lawn, check-in, assist with refreshments (both serving and baking), set up and clean up. A sign-up sheet with the above areas listed will be on the bulletin board.



Climb aboard the Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School!

Jesus' power pulls us through!

July 6 – 10

9:00 AM to 12 Noon

We need **Many Volunteers** to run a successful week of Vacation Bible School. There are many different areas that need to be filled, such as registration assistants, teachers (2 teachers for each age group and 4 for our 1st grade friends) and assistants of Preschool age 3 through completed 5th Graders, music assistants, snack assistants, registration assistants, recreation assistants, day care leader and assistants, photography, pretzels, craft assistants, Kid Vid Cinema leader and assistant and a few other areas too. We will need many hands for set up and decorating the week before. **The sign-up sheet will be up very soon, so please prayerfully consider joining us this year.** It is a great blessing working alongside fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and having the opportunity to deepen the Christian faith of over 200 children. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Puttkammer.

Our list for **VBS donations** is beginning, here is what we have so far . . . please help us collect the following:

empty cereal boxes-just the cardboard box please and individual empty Gatorade drink bottles with caps.



DISCOVERY CONTINUES...



Do you remember past member, Ed Sprinkle? He played for the Chicago Bears from 1944-1955. He was recently elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Read more about Ed in the article on the bulletin board.

IT'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to turn your clock ahead and get to church right on time.



The 2020 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office. Donors may use this opportunity to celebrate anniversaries, weddings and birthdays or to remember a

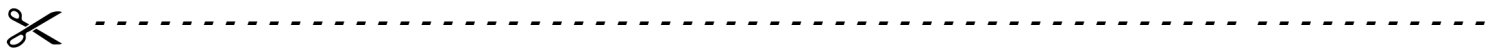
loved one. There are a few openings in March through May, July, October and November. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00 and checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd Chancel Guild.



It's that time of year again when we **update our annual church directory**. Please notify the office of any change in address or telephone number as soon as possible. **Especially let us know if you have disconnected your land line** and replaced that number with your cell. Thank you!!

The printers of the directory, Cathedral Publishers, are also looking for advertisers. Anyone interested in placing your business advertisement or personnel message, in support of our new directory, should call the church office. Your current ad or business card could be used or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

If you haven't greeted in awhile on a Sunday morning, why not sign-up to do so? Please take a turn extending a warm welcome to fellow members and visitors. Just sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office for your preferred time. Thank you!



EASTER LILIES, TULIPS AND HYACINTHS will add to the beauty of our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12. Anyone wishing to make a gift of a flower may do so by using this form and leaving it in the church office or by signing up on the bulletin board **by Monday, March 30**. Donors of the plants may take them home after the 11 AM service on Easter Sunday. Please indicate the plant(s) you desire.



\$11.00 Tulips _____ \$11.00 Hyacinths _____ \$13.00 Lilies _____

Name of person(s) donating:

