



# Good Shepherd News

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## Discovering the Empty Tomb

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: he has risen, just as he said.*

*Matthew 28:5-6a*

Have you ever searched for something you have lost? Jewelry? Family heirlooms? Baseball cards? Important documents? Childhood toys? Did you find it? Sometimes we find what we are looking for right away; other times, it takes time. Having patience seems to be the key to finding things we have misplaced or forgotten where we last put them. It seems we find what we are looking for when we least expect it. Sometimes we even find things we didn't know we were looking for in our search for something.

In Matthew's account of the resurrection, we read about Mary Magdalene and the other Mary discovering the empty tomb. These women are expecting to see the body of Jesus, but once they arrive, the body is gone. These women became the first to experience the resurrection. In the first century, women were not allowed to testify in court, nor were they considered reliable witnesses. Yet in this account of the resurrection story, we find that women encountered the risen Christ first. These women boldly and congruously proclaimed the resurrection to all.

To be **bold** as we proclaim Christ as our Lord and Savior! Many people need to hear the love of Christ in their lives. What are we doing to tell others about Jesus? Are we inviting others to worship or Bible Study? Are we open to new ways of sharing the gospel? Are we sharing our resources with others?

## Church Events

**Sundays Worship Service**  
**@ 9:30 am**

**Wednesdays - Bible Study**  
**@ 5:00 pm**

- **April 3 Good Friday**  
**Worship @ 7:00 pm**
- **April 5 – Easter Brunch**  
**@ 11:00 am**
- **April 15 – Finance**  
**Committee @ 10:00 am**
- **April 18 – Mini Market**
- **April 22 – Church**  
**Council @ 6:00 pm**
- **April 23 – Book Club**  
**@4:00 pm**
- **April 25 – WELCA**  
**@ 9:30 am**

Are we willing to take risks for the sake of the gospel? Are we **bold** followers of Jesus? What brings you joy in knowing that Jesus died on the cross, so that you might have life and have it abundantly? Each of us can answer these questions for ourselves, but we also need to look forward as we continue to be a faith community. What's next for Good Shepherd? There is always something new to be discovered. Are you willing to take the risk of discovering something new and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit? As theologian and pastor Brian Stoffergen puts it: "We need to proclaim a radical resurrection faith in the present that affects not only our understanding and trust in God, but also our relationship with other people."

*In Christ,  
Pastor Jennifer*

## Faith Sharing in Your Daily Life

- Share uplifting music with some.
- Mow the lawn, shovel the driveway. buy groceries or clean the house without waiting to be asked. Then share why you were motivated to care in such a way.
- Recognize the variety of issues that bring pain to people's lives (financial crisis or loss, death, illness, divorce, abuse, etc.) Be a listening ear. Share how God has carried you in moments of personal struggle.
- Send cards, more than once, with encouraging words of scripture.

## Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers...

Kori, Anthony, Tony, Jennifer, Floanne, Diana, Lynn, Kim, Wanda, Carroll, Kathy, Margaret, Ann, Baby Jasmine, Chet, Blanca, Diva, Donna, Eddy, Gary, Geuermo, Leslie, Leo, Mary C., Olivia, Sonia, Jim, Kaye, Brandi, Ethan, Jose, Pam, Mary, Jena, Marcia, Roy

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Please pray for the ELCA Presiding Bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry, our Synodical Bishop, Rev. David Nagler, and our Synod VP, Jeff Cours

## Good Shepherd Leaders

*Pastor Jennifer Zahnow*

**Church Council**

*Pres. Jessie DeVito.*

*Sect. Sharon Castellaw.*

*Treas. Richard Lutz*

*Outreach: Cathy Choma Christian*

*Education: Carroll Kolodzik*

*Worship: Terry Moyer*

*Property: Sharon Castellaw*

*Parish Life: Barbara Weber*



## APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

8<sup>th</sup> Derek Hughes  
12<sup>th</sup> Sharon Castellaw  
21<sup>st</sup> Logan Cashio  
23<sup>rd</sup> Brendan Ricalde  
24<sup>th</sup> Terry Moyer  
27<sup>th</sup> Joan Lutz

# President's Message

Celebrate Easter

As we welcome April and hopefully Spring, not Summer, let us turn our thoughts to a wonderful Easter Celebration. We are all well aware of the journey of Holy Week, what Jesus endured, and the sacrifices he made for us. Let us give him our thanks by being the people he died to save.

We are all experiencing the unrest in our government and in the world. We watch people struggle to survive both financially and physically. We are so fortunate to have the luxury of a roof over our head, food to eat, and the choice to live and love where and who we choose. Even if some have more than others or disagree with the different political views, the majority of us are willing to help those who do not have these luxuries. We cannot lose sight of the true gifts given to all of us: Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These gifts have no monetary value but sometimes cost a lot to give or have in the face of adversity. This is when "faith" is very necessary. \*To take the first step in faith. You do not have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. The author of Hebrews wrote, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

When we celebrate this Easter Holiday, let us keep all of this in mind and pray for peace, honesty, love, and the continued luxury of choice given to us as Americans by many who fought hard to see that we have it.

Dear Lord, help us to stay strong in the face of adversity and feel the healing energy of God as it restores our mind, body, and soul. Amen

Happy Easter and many Blessings

Jessie Devito  
Council President

\*The Word in Season

# Treasurer's Report for April 2026 February 2026 Review

Envelope Giving for February 2026 was \$6,761 and \$94 over the 2026 Budget. **Thank You for your faithful giving.** For February 2026, the Net Income was \$(3,185), but the Year-to-Date was \$2,155. There was \$7,250 transferred from the Endowment Fund in February

A representative from our insurance carrier, Church and Casualty, reviewed our insurance policy with the Finance Committee. Not much has changed, and the premium increase was modest.

While the financial reports show the last full month of activity, they help the Finance Committee guide the church's finances. Between monthly reports, Kim, the bookkeeper, provides a weekly update of the checking account balance to ensure we are covering our checks.

Richard Lutz  
Treasurer

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## Food Donations For Centralia School District Neighborhood Resource Center

Food is being collected for the Neighborhood Resource Center to provide meals for students and families in need during school holidays, when school meals are unavailable. Donated food will help these families get through the holidays. The following items are needed:

Spaghetti; Spaghetti sauce; Oatmeal  
Instant Quaker boxes; Cereal boxes,  
Granola bars; Mac & Cheese Instant  
boxes; Pancake Mix; Rice; and Beans.

If you cannot shop for these items but would like to donate money instead, please indicate the amount on your envelope offering with a statement FOR FOOD Donations, and we will be glad to shop for you. If you have questions, please see Barbara, Carol, or Cathy.

## Property Update

Killian and Marv trimmed the branches of one of the pine trees on the preschool playground that hung over the fence, hung the Easter Banner, and filled the holes on the lawn to level them for the Mini Market Craft Fair.

Herb, Yaeger Services (A/C), put the new air conditioning coil on our unit on February 24, and replaced the filters in the heater and air conditioning units. Herb was able to get us a discount on the coil, so we saved \$950. Sharon will call in April to have them replace the air conditioner filter for Linda and the Pastor's Office.

Edgar, the plumber, replaced one of the toilets in the Women's bathroom in Foster Hall with a handicap-size toilet, and Marv will get a sign to put on the door identifying the stall as handicap-accessible. Sharon, from our cleaning team, is addressing the calcium buildup on the faucets in the Women's bathroom in Foster Hall, and she is fixing the problem.

Sharon looked into replacing our Fire Protection Panels located behind the Preschool classrooms and will bring the cost to the Council for a vote. She is still waiting for another company to submit a bid.

Chris, the Handyman, will replace the wallboard over the door in Foster Hall in mid-March.

Jessie and Sharon replaced the Church messaging sign. Sharon continues to pick up the trash, prune the roses, and pull weeds around the campus. Have you noticed that the daffodils and Easter Lilies are blooming? Thank you, Joanne, for cleaning the campus on Sunday mornings, and Irene for providing cookies and coffee after service.

Sharon Castellaw  
Property Chair

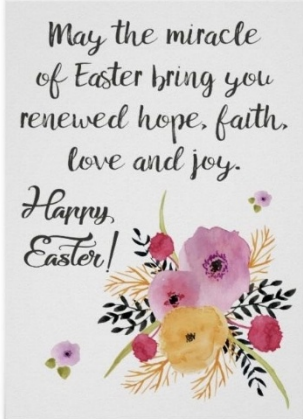
## Stewardship Corner

Some birds build nests right beside the water, sometimes only inches away. If there is a flood, and the lake rises too high, the eggs will be chilled and won't hatch. This problem can be especially devastating in the case of endangered birds, such as loons, leading to dangerously low numbers of chicks being raised each year. So scientists designed and built special rafts, covered them with cattails and other weeds, and then anchored them loosely in sheltered areas. Often, birds will use them for nesting sites. If the lake floods, these rafts will float, keeping the nests and their eggs safe from the water.

In a way, raft-building is something all stewards do. Of course, they are usually not actual rafts. However, they do help others to stay out of harm's way. Starting, running, and donating to a food pantry all help keep away the dangers of malnutrition. This is especially important for children, the sick, and the elderly. Providing school supplies and tutoring helps keep the dangers of ignorance away. In many cases, adults need help with learning just as much as children do.

Building and repairing homes helps keep the dangers of homelessness ... crime, cold, lack of sanitation, to name just a few ... away from people who because of illness, disability, or unemployment, are vulnerable to being on the street. Most importantly of all, maintaining a house of worship helps people keep the dangers of sin away from themselves. Comforting prayers, inspirational sermons, and joyous hymns can and do change lives. The water birds never thank the scientists for the rafts. Stewards may not hear thanks as often as they should, either. But the world is a better, more beautiful place for the birds in it, and likewise for the people who benefit from Christian stewardship.

## Women of Good Shepherd

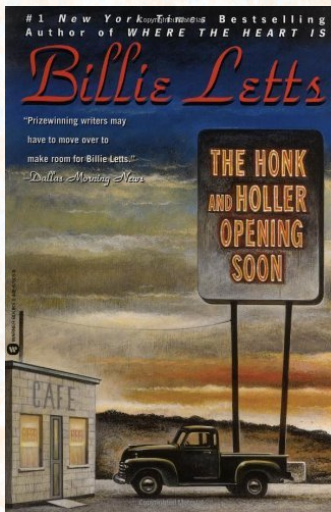


Thank you to our dedicated women. In March, we delivered 31 Health Kits and 70 treat bags.

Please pray for the women attending the Women's Retreat at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, April 18. This should be an inspirational Saturday as we learn to listen to God's holy word taken from 1 Samuel 3:10 "Speak, for your servant is listening!"

Because of the retreat, Women of Good Shepherd will not meet on April 18 but will meet the following Saturday, April 25. Come join us and hear about the retreat and fellowship.

## Good Shepherd Book Club



April's Book Club Selection is the "The Honk and Holler Opening Soon" by Billie Letts. Our Story begins with Caney Paxton who wanted his cafe to have the biggest and brightest sign in Eastern Oklahoma-the "opening soon" part was supposed to be just a removable, painted notice. But a fateful misunderstanding gave Vietnam vet Caney the flashiest joke in the entire state. Twelve years later, the once-busy highway is dead and the sign is as worn as Caney, who hasn't ventured outside the diner since it opened. Then one blustery December day, a thirtyish Crow woman blows in with a three-legged dog in her arms and a long-buried secret on her mind. Hiring on as a carhop, Vena Takes Horse is soon shaking up business, the locals, and Caney's heart...as she teaches them all about generosity of spirit, love, and the possibility of promise-just like the sign says. Come join us to discuss this delightful book and all its characters on Thursday, April 23 at Phyllis home.



Thank you to everyone who helped with our 70th Anniversary Celebration.

It was a huge success!



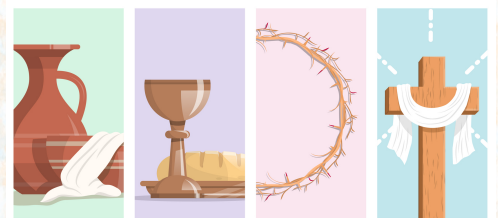
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## HOLY WEEK

Schedule

<p><b><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></b>  <b>MARCH 29</b>  <i>9:30 a.m. Good Shepherd</i></p> <p><b><u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u></b>  <b>APRIL 2</b>  <i>7 p.m. St. Paul</i>  <i>Includes potluck</i></p>	<p><b><u>GOOD FRIDAY</u></b>  <b>APRIL 3</b>  <i>Noon First Lutheran</i>  <i>7 p.m. Good Shepherd</i></p> <p><b><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></b>  <b>APRIL 5</b>  <i>9:30 a.m. Good Shepherd</i>  <i>Easter Breakfast following worship</i></p>
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**Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026, at**  
**7:00 pm**  
 at King of Glory in Fountain Valley  
 1-280 Slater Ave. Fountain Valley  
 714 968-5865

or  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 111 W. Las Palmas Dr., Fullerton

**Good Friday, April 3, 2026**  
 Noon First Lutheran  
 215 N. Lemon Street, Fullerton

7:00 pm Good Shepherd

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
**at 9:30 am**

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