

Good Shepherd News

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The Journey Continues

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

At times, individuals encounter unforeseen challenges throughout their journey. Whether pursuing personal growth or working collectively, there is value in recognizing the shared commitment that unites us. During Lent, it is important to acknowledge Christ's presence as a source of guidance and support, both in moments of difficulty and success, fostering our ongoing relationship.

Our Sunday worship will concentrate on the valleys we encounter during Lent. Below is a short summary of what you can anticipate each Sunday. Week 3: Gideon was hiding from the marauding Midianites in **The "Valley" of the Winepress**, a poor place to be threshing wheat. From there, God called this unlikely hero to valiant victory.

Week 4: **"Every Valley Shall Be Lifted Up,"** says the prophet Isaiah about the coming of the Lord to rescue his people from captivity. Valleys still need to be raised up (and mountains and hills made low) for the Lord's arrival.

Week 5: "Choose this day whom you will serve," Joshua said to the Children of Israel before he died. Lent continues to call us to what the prophet Joel calls **The Valley of Decision**.

This year, our gatherings are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring a meal. The Mid-week gathering will start at 5:00 pm and feature a study of Jill Duffield's *Lent in Plain Sight*. In Christ, Pastor Jennifer

Church Events

Sundays @ 9:30 am Worship Service

Wednesdays @ 5:00 Lent Bible Study and dinner

- **March 7 – Mini-Market**
- **March 17 Finance Committee @ 10:00 am**
- **March 19 Book Club @ 4:00 pm**
- **March 21 WELCA @ 9:30 am**
- **March 24 Church Council @ 6:00 pm**
- **March 29 – Palm Sunday worship @ 70th anniversary celebration**

Let's talk about ... SHARING as it pertains to Stewardship.

Sharing is both serving and giving. It's part of our "stewardship." We believe that it is the privilege of Christians to dedicate what they have and what they are to God. We commonly speak of time, talents and possessions, and how you use these is a choice you make that indicates the depth of your faith. You can share your time by serving in the activities of your church, as a leader or teacher, and by faithful attendance, recreational and social activities.

You can share your talents and abilities by answering the call for workers in any task, from painting the woodwork to calling on people.

Once there was a man who went to his Pastor and said, "Give me the job that nobody else wants to do." What a marvelous investment of his time and ability.

You can acknowledge the priority of God's work by giving it first place in the apportionment of your income.

So then, part of being a good church member is sharing yourself and what you have with God and your fellow human beings ... your time, your talent, and your possessions.

Faith Sharing in Your Daily Life

- Visit neighbors, friends, and colleagues when they are sick or hospitalized. Share a devotional booklet and offer a prayer.
- Deliver a meal or plate of cookies to a family or person struggling with loss, tragedy or illness.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers...

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

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



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

4TH Irene Blowers

17th Maria Hughes

20th Marv Castellaw

26th Barbara Weber

President's Message

GRACE, WISDOM, STRENGTH
OR LUCK??

How many times have we faced a dilemma for which we did not have an answer? Then somehow, we discover a previously unknown opportunity or simply find ourselves in the right place at the right time, and we find our answer. Is this the gift of "God's Grace" or Luck?

When we are faced with an important decision, we do our research, gather information from reliable sources, and then rely on our gut feeling, hoping we have made the right decision. Is this God giving us "Wisdom" or Luck?

At this time, our world faces many challenges, and we have to make choices. Who to believe and who to follow. Let's just remember ** It is for those who build up and do not tear down; those who foster unity, not division. It is about respecting others, even if they are different than us. Imagine if we all lived this way; what a world we could create, building bridges, not walls, one genuine kindness at a time. The choices and decisions we make will take courage. I believe they will be aided by God's GRACE, WISDOM, STRENGTH and as always, a little bit of LUCK can't hurt.

This month we have a lot going on. Lent, Palm Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, and preparation for Easter Sunday. Such a mixture of fun, sadness and overwhelming Joy and Celebration.

We must remember to take the time to be thankful for all God's gifts and each day we wake up and live another day whether it be a good one or not so good. My wish for all of you is to have an abundance of God's Grace, Wisdom, and Strength. I leave you with this famous Irish prayer.

***"May the sunshine warm upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields and until
we meet again may God hold you in the
palm of his hand"***

God Bless All

Jessie- Council President

** The Word in Season / Psalm 15

Treasurer's Update for March 2026 January 2026 Review

Envelope Giving for January 2026 was \$6,113 and about \$500 short of the 2026 Budget. Thank You for your faithful giving. For January 2026 the Net Income was \$5,388. There was \$7,250 transferred from the Endowment Fund in January.

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

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

Due to the rain in February, the coil replacement for the A/C will be replaced on February 23rd instead of February 16th.

Sharon talked to Robert about the light on the organ, and he said he would look into replacing the bulb if he could locate the spot; otherwise, we might have to call an organ repairman.

Killian, Marv, and Sharon picked up the pinecones and pulled the weeds on the preschool playground. Marv trimmed the bushes over the preschool storage sheds, and he and Chris, the Handyman, looked at the wallboard over Foster Hall's east door. Chris will put us on his schedule for the end of February to fix the warped wallboard and door trim.

Marv hung a dowl in the cupboard that holds the folding tables so the tablecloths can be hung in Foster Hall, and he is currently waiting for the stove knobs to be delivered. He is also waiting for Edgar, the Plumber, to put us on his schedule to replace the level on the west toilet in the Women's bathroom outside of the pastor's Office. Marv will talk with Linda to see if she can e-mail Pastor Tim

to put a sign on the south and north doors of the Church that reads, "To shut the doors, please pull the handles, not the bar levers." Marv also will put up new door handles on the inside of the Office doors and he added a door handle to the east door in Foster Hall.

Killian and Marv cleaned out the storage room across from the trash bin in the west parking lot and moved some of the Sunday School books into that area so they can get to the Nativity statues easier for next year.

Sharon and Killian replaced the message on the Church sign. The Easter Lily plants are starting to come up and so are the mushrooms on the lawn. Marv and Fausto continue to replace broken sprinklers and thank you, Joanne, for cleaning the campus Sunday mornings and Irene for coffee and cookies.

Sharon Castellaw
Property Chair



Top of the Day to You All From Women of Good Shepherd

We are busy as ever. We want to thank the women who came to our February meeting to help out with the treat bags and health kits. When I delivered the health kits to the Buena Park Outreach for the Homeless – were so excited to get them because they were totally out of these popular items. Rosemary Neilsen, Outreach Representative, said to tell the Women of Good Shepherd, thank you so much for these items. We delivered 40 Health Kits, 12 cups of soup, and new socks. We will be delivering our treat bags in March. We had to say, Cerebral Palsy Home on Knott Ave. They have been friends to us for years, and also worship with goodbye to one of our residents us. They had to close their facility due to funding. We pray that those whom they cared for find new homes and that their staff will find new work. We will miss them.

Women's Ministry

Woman do we have some exciting activities for you?

- **Women of Good Shepherd** Meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 9:30
- Barbara will have sign-up sheets for help with the Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 5.
- **Beloved Community Women's Retreat** on Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 – 2:00. Theme: Speak for your Servant is Listening. Fee: \$30 includes lunch (We will have scholarships for those who would like to attend but cannot afford the \$30). Registration forms are available from Cathy or Luana
- Mt. Calvary Spring Tea on Saturday, May 23; more information to come.

Good Shepherd Book Club

Come join us on Thursday March, 19, at 4:00 at Phyllis house to discuss "Secret Secret" by David Brown. We will take 15 minutes to discuss what other books you are currently reading.



Holy Week Worship Opportunities



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Good Shepherd
Bishop David Nagler Preaching as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026, at King of Glory in Fountain Valley
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3, 2026, at Good Shepherd
Service at 7:00 pm



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**RSVP is due by March 22, 2026
at the church office.
Cost: \$20.00 per person.**