



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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APRIL BEGINS WITH HOLY WEEK . . .

The gambit of emotions that begins with our Savior entering to great acclaim gives way to the call to serve, followed by the torment of the cross and ending with the joy of everlasting hope. Come be part of it all, that the glory of God may be felt with different power and meaning.



PALM SUNDAY ON APRIL 2: Services at 9 am and 11 am.
We welcome Jesus into our lives.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ON APRIL 6: Service at 7:30 pm.
Jesus serves us then calls us to serve one another.



GOOD FRIDAY ON APRIL 7: Noonday service at 12:30 pm
and the Tenebrae service at 7:30 pm. The power of the cross is felt and known deeply.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA ON APRIL 8: Activities begin at 10 am.
Come for the fellowship and the fun. See page 5 for more details.



EASTER SUNDAY ON APRIL 9:

We rejoice over the resurrection, celebrating Holy Communion at all services: ***Sunrise Service at 6:30 am Easter Breakfast at 7:30 am***
Easter Services at 9 am and 11 am

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: We have a great group of 15 young people who are affirming the faith of their baptism at the Confirmation Service on Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 pm. They will then celebrate their First Communion at the 9:00 am service on Sunday, April 30.

Our 2023 confirmands are: Kalina Ruth Bell, Grace Caroline Castor, Bella Ann Composono, Jack Robert Dalton, Amberlie Skye Hoelzl, Madison Rylee Krueger, Luke William Kruszynski, Thalia Faith Jigisha Marsh, Gamble Merrick, Ellyse Ann Moreau, Nathan William Schroers, Kallen Keith Spalliero, Mason Eric Spencer, Henry Christian Wilkerson and Luke Collin Wolcott.

We give thanks for the faith of these young people and all who have supported them in their faith.



SAVE THE DATE: Church Rummage Sale on May 5 & 6.
See page 3 for more details.



PEOPLE OF GOOD SHEPHERD – MARCH 2023 REPORT

NEW PARENTS

Robert and Jean Telander, a son, Robert Edward Telander, Jr.



KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Georgia Brennan, Laura Cody, Carol Gliwa, Marilyn Garr, Rosemary Ihle, Bill Johnsen, Karl Krout, Frank Muller, Helen Nelson, Ron Nelson, Betty Paska, Carole Peterson, Margaret Postweiler, Nancy Roesing, Deanna Wachholz and Craig Westberg



KNOWN TO HAVE EXPERIENCED BEREAVEMENT

Susan Mish upon the death of her co-worker, Thomas Aikman

The Montecki family upon the death of Gudalupe Balderrama

The Choquette family upon the death of Ron's nephew, George Mampreian, Jr.

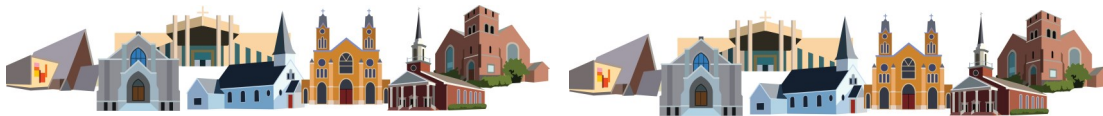
Nancy Harrington upon the death of her friends, Andrew Adams and Brett Sollis

The Meier family upon the death of Deane's and Mark's aunt, Margaret Spice



FUNERALS/MEMORIAL

† **Jim F. Northrup** — February 25, 2023 — A man of many different endeavors, Jim lived to serve his community and his family. With the promises of God fulfilled for him, we lift up our prayers and love to his beloved Joan, his family and his many friends.

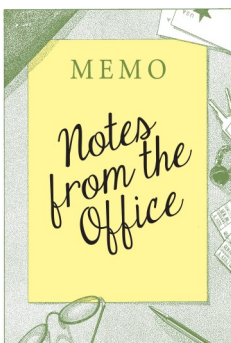


THANK YOU LENTEN MIDWEEK HEROES!

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We wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all those who made our Lenten Midweeks such a success. From our multiple Moses, to the groups who provided dinner each week, from our musicians, to all those who helped with worship and events, and of course everyone that attended: THANK YOU! We have an

incredible cast of volunteers that make this place the wonderful congregation is it and we really see you shine during the busy season of Lent. Thanks again for all our heroic helpers here at Good Shepherd!



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 10.

After the busyness of Holy Week, the office staff will be spending this day with their families.

Easter flower orders are due by Monday, March 27. Please either sign up on the bulletin board or drop off an order form from the March newsletter in the office. Thanks!

If you did not receive your **new church directory** in the mail, they will be available in both narthexes on Sunday, March 26. They'll be in the "table" off the wall.

MISSION HEADLINES

Easter Blessing Bags



The Missions Committee is sponsoring the **“Easter Blessing Bag” collection** of food items to 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 are still available in the narthex and the church office. *The filled bags* should be returned by **April 2.** Volunteers will deliver them to the Palos Food Pantry for Easter distribution.

We also continue to take food to the Palos Food Pantry. **April’s special request for the food pantry box** is baby food, tuna, Tuna Helper, canned meat, canned fruit, cake mixes and frosting. Once again, **any donation is thankfully received.**



The next **cooking date for “Cooking with Care”** is Tuesday, April 11 9:30 am. Come and join us!



Remembering our veterans! This mission supports the Manteno vets home. They are specifically in need of **regular or trial-sized toiletries and men and women’s diabetic socks.** They can also use *any of the following:* Pepsi, Coke and 7-Up cans; gallon size Hawaiian Punch (regular flavor); individual bags of Lay’s potato chips, Cheetos and Doritos; candy including Hershey, Kit Kat, Milky Way and Snickers (small Halloween size); and individual bags of cookies including Oreos, Chips-A-Hoy, butter and peanut butter. Also, *if you have reusable tote grocery bags you no longer need, please place them in the blue bins.* They will be used to help transport these items to Manteno.

Missions Committee Meeting on Tues., April 11 at 2:00 pm. Our quarterly meeting to distribute funds to our mission partners, prepare for receiving our capital improvement grant applications and discern how we can continue to reach out for the glory of God.



THE GARAGE SALE IS BACK!!! GARAGE SALE HELP NEEDED!!

FRIDAY, MAY 5: 8 AM – 3 PM AND SATURDAY, MAY 6: 8 AM – NOON.



Our Garage Sale is getting closer! So let us help you declutter the house or clear out a storage unit.

We also need LOTS of hands to help us sort, organize and mark our items for the sale. We will setup tables after worship on April 30. Then Monday through Thursday is organizing and pricing. We will need trucks, drivers & muscle to help pick up goods to bring to the sale. And of course, we need people on Friday and Saturday for the sale and to tear down after it ends. ***Habitat for Humanity in Joliet will be taking almost***

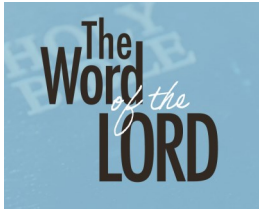
all our leftovers! However, we will need help getting them loaded and we will need unsold clothing dropped off at local thrift stores as well.

As a reminder, we can no longer accept the following: Books, televisions, computer monitors, car seats, cribs, mattresses, sofa-beds, entertainment centers, and any electronic item that doesn’t work. If you are donating linens, please mark the size with tape to help out our volunteers. Finally, any furniture should be in excellent condition and, outside of antiques and all solid wood pieces, made after 2000. We appreciate all our donations but don’t want to accept what we cannot sell.

Look for the signup sheet on the Youth bulletin board or talk to Pastor Bell directly to see how you can help!

ADULT EDUCATION HEADLINES

After a brief break, our many groups will start back up soon. These times together are meant to foster relationships with others, deepen our faith and help us draw nearer to God. Let the joy of Easter continue by getting involved. Lent is a great time to turn towards God through small groups and studying the scriptures. Consider making one or more of these groups part of your Lenten discipline.



“Just A Quick Word” Mondays at 4:00 pm on Facebook and the YouTube Channel. Pastor Bell will explore themes of continued growth and renewal.

Faith Discussion: Monday at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. I would like to thank the Faith Discussion team for preparing a very nice dinner for the Wednesday night Lent Dinner. You did a great job and made it a very fun and enjoyable evening.

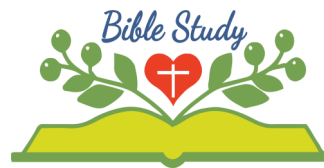
In April, we will be viewing the 5 video series *Everybody, Always* by Bob Goff. He shares stories from his life that have helped him understand what it truly means to love everybody the way Jesus loved them...without fear, insecurity, or restriction. Following Christ means more than just putting a toe in the water when it comes to loving others. It means grabbing your knees and doing a cannonball! And, as Jesus revealed, it means loving even the difficult ones.



Body & Soul: Monday at 8:00 pm in the Life Center. What a fun time of running up and down the court, making some new friends and getting some exercise.

More people are always welcome. On April 3, we will be having a party at Corey Niezgoda's to watch the NCAA Mens Basketball Championship. All are welcome. Call the church office to get all the details.

Faith, Prayer and Joy Group: Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Galilean Room. What can we learn from others? This is the main question we ask as we review a lesson, discuss it and then gather in communal prayer.



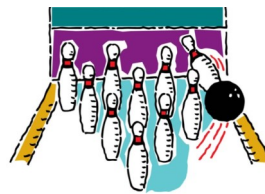
Bible Study: Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Galilean Room. God's Word is life-giving. Come explore this word with joy, friendship and laughter as we dive into 2 Thessalonians.

Discovering the Bible: Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. We continue our exploration of the Old Testament, learning how we can grow from the faithfulness (and faithlessness) of others.

Pay attention to the church calendar for the exact dates these groups will be meeting.



OTHER ACTIVITY HEADLINES



BOWLING LEAGUE: April 1st is the date for our next bowling session. This is a week earlier than usual because of Easter weekend.

Remember too, that if you owe any money from previous sessions, those fees need to be paid. May 13 will be our last bowling day for the 2022-23 season.

April Gamers Anonymous:

Our next fun day will be Wednesday, April 5 at 1:00 and we usually play until about 3:00 pm. If you like to play fun, fast and easy card and dice games and are looking for others who enjoy the same, we would love to have you join us. We welcome everyone ... the more the merrier.



OTHER ACTIVITY HEADLINES



BLOOD DRIVE

BLOOD DRIVE: A blood drive will be held from 8:30 to 12:20 p.m. Sunday, May 7, in the Life Center. Register for an appointment on Sundays in April in the narthex, check the bulletin board across from the church office or call the office at 708-448-4170 or Versiti at 800-7TO-GIVE. If you want to sign up online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3z2z3tdf>. Walk-ins also are welcome. All potential donors will be entered for a chance to win \$1,000 in gift cards to a water park resort offered by Versiti. **Please consider donating this gift of life.**

"OFF" CLUB: This month's meeting is on Wednesday, April 19 beginning at 11:00 am. Our lunch will be your choice of chicken or beef chop suey. Lunch is \$8.00. Our annual dues are \$20.00. If you have not yet paid your dues please do so now. After lunch we will be entertained by the Frank Music Duo. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE MADE A CHANGE FOR LUNCH.** If you do not sign up at each meeting that you will be attending the lunch for the following month, you will need to RSVP by calling Bonnie Sweeney by the second Wednesday of the month. **This is a week before each meeting.** Unfortunately, this is due to the rise in prices for the lunches. **If you do not notify her and still come to a meeting, there will not be a lunch for you.**



YOUTH HEADLINES

QUAD CITIES MISSION TRIP MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 16 — 6:30 PM



The Mission Trip Group will meet on April 16th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room to prepare for the mission work we will be doing in the Quad Cities in June. We will have a bible study, play some games, learn more about where we will be serving and hopefully have a good time!

CONFIRMATION WRAP UP!

APRIL 23 & 24



We have had a wonderful year of confirmation with our 6th, 7th & 8th grade students. It has been so wonderful watching these young adults grow in their faith and understanding. We end the year with the 8th grade confirmation service on April 23 (see page 1 for details) and then the final exam and year end party for 6th & 7th graders on Monday April 24 at 7 p.m. Thank you to our confirmands and their families for coming to class and being willing to learn about these important topics. Pastor Chris, Pastor Andrew & Mrs. Lori are so grateful for each of our students and the adults that have help guide and shape them.

CHILDREN & FAMILY HEADLINES

The Eggstravaganza is on April 8 from 10-11 AM rain or shine! The kids have a great time gathering eggs from the front lawn. Pops coupons will be found inside some of the eggs this year, too! Letting us know ahead you are participating is helpful but not required. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or at the Sunday school Welcome Table. On the day of the event, all children will need to be checked in at the Welcome Table. Make plans to join us and feel free to bring family, friends, and or neighbors with you! Grandparents bring your grandkids!



Refreshments will be available and donations of muffins, coffee cakes, donut holes or cookies will be of great help. If you are able to help provide these yummy treats, they can be brought in to church on April 7 by 12 Noon or by 9 AM Saturday morning, April 8. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Sunday school PARENTS please take note!



We have a few changes to notify you about for this month...

On **April 2**, we will meet downstairs for our opening instead of in the Sanctuary. There will not be a children's message due to it being Palm Sunday.

And on **April 9**, there is NO Sunday school ... we all celebrate **Easter Sunday** as one family in the Sanctuary! Hoping to see you at either the 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM service!!

CHILDREN & FAMILY HEADLINES



Sunday school Kids in Action!
Our Sunday school Children wish to thank all those that generously donated the items to create the Birthday Boxes for the Palos Food Pantry clientele. We were able to make 47 Birthday Boxes. Thank you!!

Feed My Starving Children needs our help!! Make plans to join us on Saturday, April 29 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. Space is limited so please sign up via the bulletin board, email to Mrs. Lori, or call the church office to have your name(s) added.



10, 9, 8, 7...Get Ready to Launch your kids into an exciting VBS adventure this summer!

STELLAR, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Vacation Bible School

July 10 -14 9:00 Am – 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...Crew Leaders, Crew Assistants, Rec Assistants, Snack Assistants, Gizmos and Videos Site

assistant, and more. Registration Volunteers are needed to help on Sundays in May and June. We will need many hands for set up and decorating the week before. Sign-up sheets are up! Please 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 many children. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Puttkammer.

Planning for VBS 2023 has begun!! We have a list of some items that would help with décor, crafting, snacks, and for general use during the VBS week. If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated.



Items needed: Pkgs of baby wipes, paper towels, empty gallon WATER jugs with caps, rolls of clear packing tape, Sharpie Markers (all colors), zipper close baggies: sandwich size, quart size, Medium to Extra large Cardboard boxes, and Gift Cards to: Walmart, Amazon, Target, Hobby Lobby, and Menards.

Vacation Bible School Pre-Registration will begin in May and go thru June 25th.

Pre-Registration is required.

VBS registration fee is \$10 per student. Children age 3 (by July 10) and toilet trained through completed 5th Grade are able to register for this fun summer event. The registration table will be located in the old Narthex by the church office. Registrations will be taken between services and after late service, as well as during the week during office hours. If your plans are to join us for VBS this year, please don't delay, register today!



Save the Date!

Take Good Shepherd out to the **Thunderbolts Baseball Game!!**

Saturday, June 17. Ticket reservations will be taken next month and finalized by May 30. You will be able to pick up your reserved tickets on June 11. It



is an 80s theme night, with music from 4:15-5:30 PM. We will also see their wonderful Fireworks display postgame.

Early Childhood Ministry...

is for those families that are about to have a new baby join their family or have children from infant through Preschool age. This ministry seeks to provide opportunities for these families to gather together for support and encouragement and have some fun, too. We also provide a free subscription to Frolic, an early childhood newsletter that is emailed to you once a month as your little one grows through their first 36 months. The Frolic Newsletter provides helpful information that is based on your child's age as well as suggested ways in which you can begin growing their spiritual faith, too. If you'd like to be added to Frolic, please let Mrs. Lori know. Watch the bulletin board near the nursery door for other upcoming activities to be posted.

