



March/April 2019

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From Ann Weems book "Kneeling in Jerusalem"

*Lent is a time to take the time  
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let events  
get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify  
our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over  
the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to Jesus' Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....*



*Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God.*

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste, new understanding, new experience of who God is. Therefore, I give a heartfelt invitation to you to attend our grace-filled Lenten worship series "God is" so you may relish in the beauty of our Creator, be enveloped in the arms of our Mother, have your tears wiped by our LORD and experience the sweet gift of unconditional love from our Savior.

Our God is All in All, Rock, Alpha and Omega, fully present among us – revealed again and again – and yet mystery – One who can never be fully described, but Hey! Let's never stop trying!

What is more, let us act on what we learn. Consider, if you will, the many images and/or characteristics of God. (i.e. Shepherd, Mother, Merciful Lord, Creator, Father, King, Love, Forgiver, etc.). This Lent, choose one that stands out to you. Ask yourself, "During the season of Lent, how might God be calling me to live these same godly characteristics for others? What specific action might I need to take to exemplify this image of God to the world?"

Then act and make a commitment to God. You can participate decorating our barren tree in our Lenten Prayer Corner in the sanctuary when you write on the provided purple ribbons the commitment you make. I am certain, you will see something blossoming within you and your relationships at Easter.

Peace in your worship! Blessings in your deepened understanding of who God is!  
Pastor Leesa

# News for the Journey

## Church Building & Office Hours

The church building is open during the following times:  
Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (office hours) and  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings from 4:00pm to  
9:00pm. If you or a community guest needs to reserve room space or  
needs access to the building at other times, please contact the church  
office during office hours to make arrangements.

## Staff Emails

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## New Members Received Sunday, April 15

If you are someone who wants to become a member at Good Shepherd or you know someone who does, please direct them to our membership form online or speak to Pastor Leesa. On Monday, April 22 at 6:30pm, we will have a Meet & Greet for new members to be welcomed and get orientated to Good Shepherd.

## Deaths

*Deanna Tschida*  
Age 80  
2.11.19

*Jeannette Crandall*  
Age 82  
3.8.19



### MISSION

*Whether one's feet are big or small,  
fresh or worn, running or crawling,  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is  
**Together on the Journey,  
Sharing God's Love***

### VISION

*Good Shepherd is committed to  
providing a Christ-centered,  
relationship-building,  
intergenerational community.*

### VALUES

*Creating grace-filled,  
actionable worship  
Nurturing life-long learning  
Contributing God's blessings to others*

## Baptism

Leda Joy Murashie  
Child of  
Lindsey & Thomas Murashie

# Grace-Filled, Actionable Worship

## Prayer, Care & Support Corner

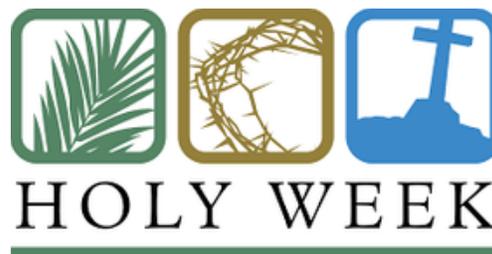
### New Grief Support Group Begins

Have you experienced or are experiencing loss and are needing a team of supporters? A Grief Support Group is starting at Good Shepherd. We will meet for the first time on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. At our first gathering we will discuss impressions from the book entitled "And Life Comes Back" by Tricia Loft Williford. We encourage you to read the book prior to coming, however, with that said, when your grieving reading is hard. In that case, just come to listen. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Leesa



## Palms and Pancakes

On Palm Sunday, April 14, following the Choir Cantata in worship, the Mission Trip Youth & Adults are hosting Good Shepherd's annual Pancake Breakfast. It is going to be delicious!!! All profits support this summer's Mission Trip Experience to the south side of Chicago. We are grateful for your hunger and support!!



### Palm Sunday, April 14

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 a.m.

#### Choir Cantata

Footprints in the Sand

A Journey to the Cross and Beyond

This is a Jubilee Sunday and there will be no Sunday School so that families can worship together and then eat pancakes!

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

12:00 p.m.

#### Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

This service will use the spoken word and old, familiar hymns to remember Jesus' last supper and the meaning of the symbols on the altar as they are stripped away.

6:30 p.m.

#### A Living Last Supper

At this service, interspersed with song and readings, the dramatic story telling of Jesus' last supper with his disciples around an ancient table reminds us of the gift given 'for you' around our altar table.

### Good Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

#### The Hammer and the Nail at the Foot of the Cross

With a nail in your hand, you will imagine walking the dusty roads of Jerusalem with Jesus – first shouting the acclamation of Palm Sunday, "Hosanna" and then the cry at the foot of the cross, "Crucify him!" This worship service uses all of your senses to experience the last hours, moments and words of Christ's life.

### Easter Sunday, April 21

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 a.m.

#### He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" God has Jesus appear to us, "chosen as witnesses," in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

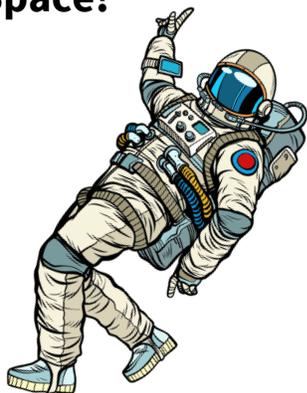
# Lifelong Learning

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## Vacation Bible School Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13 Amazing Space!

This year in VBS we will learn about:

God's Amazing Grace,  
God's Amazing Son  
& the Amazing Spaces  
that God has provided us!



"For God did not send God's Son into the world to judge the world, but to save the world through Jesus" ~John 3:17

VBS am is 9am-12pm for Ages 3.5 to Grade 5

VBS pm is 12-4pm for Grades K-5

Costs: \$40 per child half a day, \$75 per child full day. Family rates and scholarships available on request.

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## Choosing a Transitional Care Unit Information Session

On Sunday, April 7th at 1:00pm in our Hall, Good Shepherd will be hosting speaker Leslie Williams from Eden care on How to pick a Transitional care Unit." This presentation will address:

- What to look for on a tour of care facilities.
- What does Medicare cover?
- What to do if your choice is not available.
- Making a pre-planned decision vs a crisis decision.
- YOU want this to be YOUR CHOICE!

Come and join us as knowledge in this area is invaluable.

## VBS Needs

We will be having 3 counselors from WAPO help with VBS this summer. If you are interested in serving them an evening meal on Monday, June 10, Tuesday, June 11 or Wednesday, June 12 let Karen Davis know. We would also like donations of three \$10 gift cards to Subway for Thursday, June 13. We are also collecting bubble wrap & 2-liter soda bottles.

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## First Communion Instruction Class

For All Ages

Tuesday, April 9 @ 5:30am-7:00pm  
This class regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to people of all ages, which is current with the ELCA's communication regarding First Communion. A meal will be provided followed by an overview for those receiving the Sacrament for the first time and others wanting a refresher on its message. Participants are asked to attend both Celebrations of 1st Communion: Maundy Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30pm & Easter Sunday, April 21 @ 8:00, 9:15 or 10:30am.

# Community Building

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## YogaDevotion 16th Anniversary Celebration

We were so focused on our classes in 2018 that we forgot to celebrate 15 years at Good Shepherd! Not wanting to wait for 20 years, we will be joyfully celebrating 16 years during our Monday, April 8 class at 6:30pm. **All are welcome** to join us for this special class session. We will be meeting in our usual class space, the Hall, and will share refreshments and conversation following the practice.

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## Women's Spring Salad Luncheon

Join us on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00am for a variety of salads, croissants, veggies, deviled eggs and desserts. Entertainment will be provided by Amy & Adams, a husband and wife duo of musicians. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



## Summer Camp Registration!



Your children and youth are invited to take part in attending Wapo or Ox Lake Lutheran Bible Camp this Summer! These camps are located outside of Amery, WI on the beautiful Lake Wappogasset. Registration and more information can be found online on our website [www.goodshepherdigh.com](http://www.goodshepherdigh.com).

We will provide a bus on Sunday, June 16 to take the kids to WAPO and OX LAKE camps. Children and youth need to be picked up by parents, grandparents or adult friends on Friday, June 21 after 11:00 family worship.

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## Cornhole Tourney

**Sunday, May 19 @ 11:30**

Mission Trip Youth are hosting our first annual Corn-hole Tourney to help raise funds and awareness for their upcoming trip to Chicago. Grab a partner and sign-up! Cost per team is \$20. There will also be activities for children. We will be serving \$5 Walking Taco lunch which includes a drink and cookie.

(If you have a corn hole board to share for the afternoons event, please see Wayne Gorr)

## Carwash at Good Shepherd

**Sunday, May 19 all morning and early afternoon**

Free-will donation

All proceeds support our Mission Trip Participants serving folks on the Southside of Chicago

# Contributing our Blessings

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## Please Consider Giving Online

The month of February was not the easiest for anyone in the state of Minnesota, which even the heartiest Minnesotan would attest. One of the difficulties for us at church was that we did not have two Wednesday night worship services due to many inches of snowfall and drastically below zero temps, which even shut down the post office. Not only was Wednesday worship affected but so was Sunday morning on several occasions after bad Saturday night storms.

We bring up the weather report because a lesson learned was that offering did not come in as steadily as it usually does. This prompts us to ask if you would consider giving online through our secure service.

When you donate online it keeps a steady flow of income so we can keep operations moving as usual, in spite of weather and attendance.

We are also prompted to ask for people to consider making any donations they may have missed due to weather in order to help with February's shortfall. If you need help setting up online giving, don't hesitate to call the church office or go to our website. Click 'Giving' in the top right corner and follow the directions.

Thank you for your consideration.

It is good to be Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love through  
Contributing our Blessings!

Beth Borge-Lindberg, President  
Greta Bliiek, Treasurer

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## Other Ways to Give to Neighbors

If the Penny Wars aren't up your alley, there are other ways to give to Neighbors during the month of March when all of their donations are matched! To give a monetary donation you can write a check and put it in the offering plate (be sure to indicate Neighbors' in the memo line) or give online through our website. We are also collecting donations of food for their food shelf. Two car loads have already been taken delivered. Let's see how many more we can fill before the end of March.



We hope you've been saving your pennies and coins for March Food Share Month. Bring the whole piggy bank, clean under those couch cushions! Because **Good Shepherd's first ever Penny Wars** is in full swing! Who's jar will capture the most spare change to benefit Neighbors Inc. In Penny Wars every penny and coin you collect (up to silver dollars) are worth positive points for your team (each penny equals 2 points, all other coins are points equal to their monetary value), the catch is, every bill put in your team's jar is worth negative points. So other teams can sabotage all your hard work simply by adding a fifty to your jar! Weather your team wins or loses, everyone served by Neighbors Inc. will be the real winners, as it all goes to benefit a good cause.



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## Mission Trip Moments from Flathead, Montana

After a long train ride we finally reached the large mountains covered in pine trees. This was just the first of many small moments in which God could easily be seen. My expectations for the week in Flathead were much different but definitely succeeded. I felt as if God woke me up every morning as I looked out the cabin window to see the clear lake surrounded by mountains. Another experience where I felt God at work is at the Boys and Girls Club. The first day we walked the kids down to play and swim at the lake. At this time the kids were playing and having fun like any normal kids should. I was disappointed as I didn't feel like our service was truly making a difference. Then the second day at the Boys and Girls Club showed me that the kids needed us much more than I thought. I talked with multiple kids and realized almost every kid at the club had an unstable circumstance in their life. I went over to play basketball with two young boys named Dominick and Mick. Quickly in to our conversation I could tell they both needed someone to listen to them. Dominick bounced his basketball as he casually explained how he has moved across the country many times before the age of 9. He said he lived in the basement of a shack in Colorado where he stayed up all not to run a store to provide as much as he could for his family. This put him in extremely dangerous situations to where he was hit in the eyes with a "bumpy bat"; that still leaves an effect on him today. Dominick described this dangerous event as if it was common, but he said he still gets scared the man with the bat will find him. God showed me at this moment that I was meant to meet Dominick and show him there are people who care about him. Mick was the other boy playing basketball who was much quieter than Dominick but realized it was a safe place to talk about his feelings. Out of the blue Mick mentions that he has never seen his mom and how she didn't want him. I was with Pastor Leesa at the time and we listened and showed love towards Mick because he really needed it. Pastor Leesa then complimented Mick's big glasses, colorful shirt and long socks. I have never seen a kid go from a sad place to such a big smile with one sentence. After making connections with all the kids I honestly was sad to leave them which was a complete shift from the day before. We told the kids that maybe in the future we would see them again which made it easier to say goodbye for both of us. I never thought I would actually see any of them again but I was wrong. The next day our group went to a pizza restaurant and there we saw Dominick. I knew there was a reason God had us meet and seeing him filled me with joy as both of us exchanged smiles and a few high fives. I learned God has a purpose for all of us and even through sometimes we may not see it right away or not feel like we are making a big difference, even the little conversations we have can go a long way. I will take this message back to Minnesota and make new connections because I was affected by one day with two 9 year olds, so I know just connecting with others shows God's love.

~ Mia Gregard

## Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday

12:00 & 6:00pm

Good Friday

12:00 & 6:00pm

Easter Sunday

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am



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