

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Newsletter & Announcements | April 2, 2017



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 9th - Palm Sunday – 8 & 11 a.m.

April 13th - Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.

April 14th - Good Friday - Noon & 7 p.m.

April 16th - Easter Sunday – 7, 9 & 11 a.m.

April's Mission Group Spotlight - Youth

There is much going on this month in the Youth Ministry Teams!



Today kicks off the Youth Mission Trip's Gas Pump Fundraising Drive. Your support during this month-long drive will help cover the cost of the 9 youth and 2 adults traveling to Toronto, Canada for a week-long mission trip in July. We are hoping to raise enough money to cover expenses including: \$295 registration fee per

person, approximately \$1,000 van rental, and fuel costs. Please look for the display on the counter in the Narthex where orange paper gas pumps with varying donation levels are attached. If you would like to support our trip, simply pull one off, put your gas pump and donation into the marked envelope and place it in the offering. You can also make donations through *eGiving*. Thank you for supporting our youth as they continue in their mission to serve others in God's world. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Charitonuk at cowboysrule87@gmail.com.

Youth Director Search. A search committee was formed early this year to finalize a job description, advertise, and interview for this new part-time position. We are happy to report that we've had our first round of interviews and are in the process of preparing for the second ones! We had been told that Youth Ministry workers (especially part-time ones) are in short supply, and we found that to be the case. In the limited responses that we received, however, one brings more than we even hoped for...an ordained Pastor who has been feeling the call to return on a part-time basis. We'll keep you posted as we continue to discern if God is calling us together in ministry!

Youth Sunday. Our 6th - 12th graders have been working since January to plan the Youth Sunday services that will be held at 8:00 and 11:00 on Sunday, **April 23rd**. This year, we are exploring the theme "**Let go, Let God**". You will be in awe of the many ways the youth have chosen to bring that message to you during worship. The day's readings, prayers, music, liturgical dance, sermon drama, and children's message have all be carefully prepared to enhance worship. Our younger youth will be helping out too by serving as greeters and ushers for the day.

Friday Night Drop In. On **April 21st**, youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to "drop in" at the parsonage from 7 - 10 p.m. Friends are welcome too. We are still finalizing the events and are open to suggestions! Contact Mrs. Karina, Mrs. Laura or Mrs. Gina.

The Youth Mission Group is hosting the coffee social today. Leaders will be there in case you have any questions. Stop by!

Lunch and a Chat with the Bishop

The Social Justice Ministry Team invites you **Sunday, April 30th from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.** to Lunch and a Chat with our Delaware-Maryland Synod Bishop The Rev. Bill Gohl. **The Bishop will also be preaching at both service that day!**

Come enjoy lunch in the Celebration Hall and hear and talk about what our wider church is doing as we explore Mercy, Social Justice, and Faith with Bishop Gohl.

Please sign up to attend and to bring a dish from your family's heritage. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Sign up to attend and to let us know what you will be bringing through [Sign-up Genius](#) or on the counter this Sunday in the Narthex. Questions can be directed to Janet DeVinney or Gail Fricke.

Daytimers' News

If you missed the March Daytimers' meeting, you missed hearing about Harford County Libraries': "binge bags", 3-D printers, hot spots, and booked for lunch. It was a very entertaining and informative program.

Later in the month, a group of us saw the movie, "The Shack," and then went to dinner at Applebees.

The program for our April meeting will be a speaker from the Harford County Historical Society. What new stories will we hear about our county? Come and find out. The meeting

is Tuesday, **April 11, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Celebration Hall. And there's a pot luck lunch too. Plus, we'll hear about plans for a Daytimers' Easter egg hunt. What more could you want?

Daytimers is Good Shepherd's senior ministry, a group of retirees and soon to be retired folks who gather for fellowship, learning, and service. If you fall into that category, come and join the love; you won't be sorry you did!
Tom Meyer



Upcoming Events

April is a busy month for Mom2Mom! We will have our last monthly meeting on **Friday, April 7th** at 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

Childcare will be provided for children 1-6 years old. Please bring a sippy cup and \$5 dues (per family).

Then, our Easter Family night will also be on **April 7th at 6:00 p.m.**

On **Friday, April 18th** at 6:00 p.m. we will meet at Bertucci's for a Mommy Night Out!

MOM2MOM
Easter
PARTY &
EGG HUNT

Join us Friday, April 7th from 6 -8 p.m.
in the Celebration Hall

Cost is \$3 per person, (maximum of \$12 per family.)
Please bring a pot luck for appetizer and desserts.

RSVP is required to ensure enough food & crafts
Please email: mom2momlcs@gmail.com

Join us also that morning from 9:30-11am, April 7th for a "Coffee Social" and last morning meeting of the year.
Childcare is provided for children ages 1-6yrs.

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For more information on Mom2Mom please visit our
NEW website at www.lcgselca.org

Mom2Mom is a mommy Christian support network. We offer a time to get together with other women who face similar situations and challenges you do. We encourage each other, have fun, and learn together!

If you are interested or have any questions about our group, please contact Cindy Burkhardt or Jennifer Nesaw. You can email us at mom2momlcgs@gmail.com, find us on Facebook, or visit us at <http://mom2momlcgs.blogspot.com>

Jennifer Nesaw

Sunday Adult Education Opportunities

There are currently two groups for adult education on Sundays. It's not too late to join either of them!

A study, "**Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life**" led by Pastor Greg meets in the Sanctuary. The study is based on the book of the same name by Daniel Erlander.

The lectionary series will focus on the day's text, **Luke 18:31-19:10 - Zacchaeus** led by Tom Meyer in the Celebration Hall.

Update on Deacon Candidacy from Sherman Canapp

I wanted to provide an update on my Deacon Candidacy but first I wanted to give some background on the Diakonos Christou. As Deacons, we are defined as the bridge between the church and the community. Deacons are "set apart" in Word and Service and serve our churches and pastors in a

wide variety of ministries using our Spiritual Gifts to meet the needs of those we serve.

The OSSD (Order of St. Stephen, Deacon) was established to serve the Lutheran Church in Christian assistance. The goal of the OSSD is to involve individuals of deep Christian faith in developing what ministry means today. The order implements a program which will prepare the candidate to become the bridge that links our church to our community.

As a candidate, there is a discernment and formation, before your application is submitted. After which, you submit a 300-word essay on your Faith Journey. Next, a background check is completed, academic credentials are submitted for review, and an interview with the Candidacy Committee is planned. Candidates take a psychological examination and once that is completed, a recommendation by Pastor Greg and Council is needed to proceed with the three years of academic course work and training.

Each candidate must successfully complete all the prescribed courses before being set apart as a Deacon. The concepts of the class are related to the ongoing work of preaching, teaching, worship, social ministry and acts of mercy carried out individually and corporately by the Church and her servants. The classes I have completed thus far are; Christian Ethics, Church History I and II, Liturgy of the Lutheran Church I, and II, Lutheran Writings including Martin Luther's work and the Book of Concord. I have another year and a half of study and will hopefully be set apart at the end of 2018.

Thank you for your support, for your faith, and for helping me with the expenses of books and training. I pray I will be a support for Pastor Greg, Deacon Sallie and the church, however I am called upon. LCGS has been a Blessing for Ann and myself, whom we have found our home in Christ. The hospitality, friendship, spiritual uplifting, and Biblical Word from the pulpit and in study, are what has set this Church apart from others. God Bless You, and Thank you.

Servanthood Projects

Lenten Appeal - "Project Promise"

Please open your hands and hearts this Lenten season to help people from countries around the world rise up to break the cycle of poverty. From **March 1st to April 9th** we will be collecting simple sewing kits to support Lutheran World Relief's "Project Promise". The kits, comprised of 2 spools of thread and two, 2-4 yard uncut pieces of cotton fabric, will be used in vocational programs that teach men and women to sew as a means of earning a living. Please look for fabric size requirements, kit assembly instructions, and the "PROJECT PROMISE" drop off tub in the coat room. Questions can be addressed to Karen Nordman at 410-569-0227.

Eyeglass Donations

50 pairs of eyeglasses (and one set of hearing aids) were recently turned in to the Lions Club International. The glasses get sorted, cleaned, measured, and distributed to those in need in developing countries around the world. It's such a small thing to drop off your unwanted or no longer needed glasses but, it is a HUGE thing for those receiving them - children, women, and men who otherwise would be

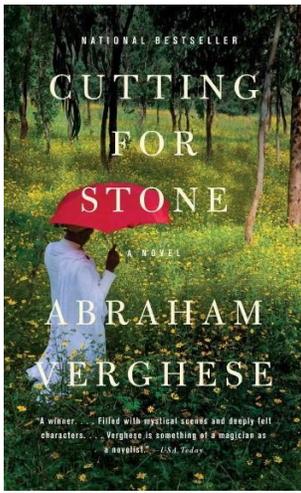
unable to have glasses and improved vision! Glasses will continue to be collected in the box in the coat room, so keep them coming. John Verbillis and Will Schneider will periodically deliver them to the Lions Club.



The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will serve a hot lunch at the Sharing Table on **Saturday, April 8**. Help is needed to provide

ground beef barbecue, potato chips and hamburger rolls; to wait tables; to serve the meal; to set-up and clean-up; and to work in the kitchen. Credit for service hours is available. It's a great way to serve our Lord! Please contact Lisa Steel at abljsteel@msn.com or 410-877-7755 if you can help.

The Sharing Table is a group of churches and organizations working together to serve a free meal every Saturday to anyone in need at Prince of Peace Church 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood. The Sharing Table serves approximately 75 to 100 guests from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and distributes grocery bags of food for clients to take home.



Brown Bag Book Club: April 23, 2017

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

The Brown Bag Book Club will next meet on Sunday, **April 23rd** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will meet in the LCGS Conference Room. Please bring your lunch or snack and join us as we discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. All are welcome at the

LCGS Brown Bag Book Club!

"Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles--and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined. "-- Provided by publisher.

Book info: Fiction, 541 pages, published 2009, 7+ copies in Harford County Public Library.

Any questions about Brown Bag Book Club? Please contact Linda Ruese at lruese@comcast.net 410-569-0605 or Andrea Hooper at ajhooper@comcast.net 410-294-1231.

Our upcoming 2017 schedule...

May 21	<i>Left to Tell</i> by Immaculee Ilibagiza
June 25	<i>On Living</i> by Kerry Egan
July 16	<i>My Grandmother Asked Me</i> by Fredrik Backman
August 20	<i>The Nest</i> by Cynthia Sweeney
Sept. 17	<i>The Checklist Manifesto</i> by Atul Gawande
October 15	<i>Luther & Katharina</i> by Jody Hedlund
Nov. 19	<i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah
Dec. 10	<i>A Baxter Family Christmas</i> by Karen Kingsbury



Preschool Review

In the month of March, the three year-olds explored community helpers and learned about the important people who keep us safe and healthy. They had fun role playing these jobs in their dramatic play centers. The

highlight of their study was taking a trip to the Bel Air Fire Department and exploring the fire equipment. The children also had "Teddy Bear Day" in which they brought a teddy bear to school and participated in some fun activities together. The four year-olds explored spring weather, St. Patrick's Day, and rainbows with some fun art projects and science experiments, such as rainbow milk and a cloud in a jar. They are continuing to learn their alphabet and numbers and sight words. The Transitional Kindergarten learned about what happens in the nighttime. They talked about how God cares for us and keeps us safe. They also studied the sea and all the creatures in it. After reading several Eric Carle books, they made their own artwork in the style of Eric Carle's work. The children are looking forward to the warmer days of spring

and the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

Rhonda Messick



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The Path of a Peacemaker **Where is Jesus in My Journey?**

When our lives are complicated by conflict, confusion, and chaos, sometimes it can be hard to see where God is in all of it. Even though we believe that He loves us and will never leave or forsake us, sometimes we don't sense His presence in our lives.

If you're struggling to see Jesus in your journey, think back to the occasion when two of Christ's followers were walking the road to Emmaus. It was just three days after the death of Jesus, and Cleopas and his companion were discussing all that had taken place... then, ***"Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him, (Luke 24:15-16, NIV).***

Given all these men had been through, imagine how distressed and distraught their hearts must have been! Yet, in the midst of some of the most challenging moments they'd ever faced, Jesus was walking right beside them, and they didn't even know it.

Final thoughts...

As you reflect on this profound and compelling story, ask yourself: *How many times have I failed to see Jesus walking the journey with me? How many times has He lovingly ministered to me while I was unaware?*

Just as with Jesus' followers, in the midst of the chaos and confusion, sometimes we fail to see that the Savior is walking the journey with us. When facing relational tension or conflict, we can be sure that the One who has rescued us won't abandon us. The One who loves us, will never leave us. In our darkest hours, deepest struggles, and most difficult conflicts - we may not always see Him, but He is right beside us. Trust that He is there, dear friend. Look to Him. Then, continue to *walk* the path.

Need help? If you desire help in reconciling a conflict, disagreement or broken relationship, consider calling a LCGS Peacemaking Reconciliation Team member. Owen Ashbrook 410-879-7386; Debbie Smeton 410-937-2258 or Gail Fricke 410-569-9213. All communications are confidential.



To my dear friends at LCGS,

I am so thankful for all of you. So many of you were at my ordination supporting me, praying with and for me. The night was electric with energy. The flowers, two beautiful choir anthems, hosting the reception afterward and a generous gift from congregation council - my heart overflows.

I am pretty well settled into the parsonage and officially began as pastor this past Sunday. Now the task of getting organized, meeting many, many new people and discerning with Holy Trinity and Shepherd of the Hills where God is calling us, has just begun.

You will remain in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to richly bless LCGS! With a grateful heart, Vicki



Youth Mission Trip Fund

In memory of John Ehrman, Jr.

From: Ethel Scheeler

In memory of Ann Solter

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Youth Dedicated Fund

In memory of Thomas Gordon Brown, Sr.

From: Gordon and Diane Brown

In honor of Pastor Greg Fetzer

From: Gordon and Diane Brown

Worship & Music Fund

In memory of John Ehrman, Jr.

From: Doris & Carol Mellor

In memory of Ann Solter

From: Doris & Carol Mellor and Susan Aiken Vezzetti

Music Fund

In memory of John Ehrman

From: Betty Ann Smith

Altar Guild

In memory of Ann Solter

From: Merrill & Betty Messick, Jr., Joyce Busick, Jim & Helen Porter, and Ken & Lynn Evans

Undesignated

In memory of Ann Solter

From: Anne Solter, Tom & Carol Meyer, Gary & Karen Nordman and Lorraine Golding

In memory of James Miller

From: Robert & Jeanne Schmidt

Daytimers Fund

In memory of Ann Solter

From: Betty Ann Smith and Gene & Claudia Oaksmith

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Ann Solter

From: Betty Ann Smith and Dot Kraft

Family Fund

In memory of Ann Solter

From: Dot Kraft



Bishop Gohl's
Easter Message
2017

"Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So

they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy... - Matthew 28:7-8

They were on their way to the grave after a death filled with sorrow in the midst of a busy holiday. Death comes at inopportune times when we cannot give grief its due. Now they were at the grave to finish the job of burial and to cry out their grief. They came to the grave wishing they did not have to be there, hoping it was not real, but expecting to find death. Their memories could not console them now. No laughter or hope was left. Death had taken everything from them.

When we don't want to believe, the turned up sod and temporary marker forces us. Life is gone. Death is done. The grave has won. We have been there. We have the scars. We still carry the pain of the loss.

We come to Easter and its empty tomb because we too have a past filled with disappointments, sorrows and dead ends. We come seeking a future - the future Jesus promised. We come facing our own mortality and yet we come seeking more than comfort. We want life stronger than death.

He has been raised! Now we are challenged to let go of the pain and memories, of disappointments and despair, of sin and guilt. What may seem an unbelievable tale or words that promise something too good to be true are real. He has been raised! You will see him! Easter beckons to us. Hope slaps our disappointment in the face. Don't be afraid. Don't live as the dead among the living. Don't be distant from the present hope that God has given you. You are not on your own nor

are you your own. You belong not to death but to life in Christ; sin, death, and the devil have no power here.

This Easter, our first as bishop and synod, pastor and people; my great prayer and fervent hope is that we will continue to live into this story, this resurrection story - and live as if it matters.

What would we look like; how would the church be different if we took this joyful Easter hope as seriously as we do the many disappointments, dead ends, broken promises and death that confront us each day?

At Easter, we too will make our pilgrimage to the empty tomb. Let's not go home the same way we arrived. Let God's love astonish and amaze us one again - and let our fear be swallowed up into a great joy. We can risk everything for our love of God and neighbor; everything, for even death gives way to new life.

This is my message for you. Don't be so busy with your preparation (Lutherans love Lent) and celebration (we also love a party) that you miss the promise of Easter: We are resurrection people! Let us go with little fear and great joy, together, to share the good news.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Jodel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a plus sign at the beginning.

Need Prayers?

To list someone on the Prayer List call the church office at 410-838-8081 or Coordinator Doris Mellor at 410-671-4209, or complete a prayer card (*in the pew pockets.*) Provide the person's first and last names and a contact number, or include your contact number. The Coordinator will verify a member's desire to be on the list and specific purpose to be listed. In order to make the extensive list of family and friends current and manageable, we will keep the name listed for three weeks unless it is resubmitted. Any congregation member can receive the Prayer List via e-mail or hard copy, simply contact the church office or Prayer List Coordinator.

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