

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

April 2025



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From the Pastor's Desk *Holy Week Worship*

Sunday of Palms and Passion Worship, 9:00am April 13th

With waving palm branches we sing our sweet hosannas in praise to the King. We seek God's Grace as Christ enters the gates of the city bringing justice and peace. The parade leads to a hill and the mystery and emotion of His Passion. On the cross, our Savior, the lamb, suffers betrayal, denial, and cruelty. The infinite Spirit of God is sealed in the water, the bread and the wine.



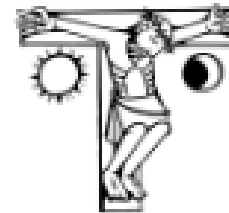
Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00pm April 17th

From the Latin "mandatum" we learn a new commandment as we witness the example of humble service by Jesus and we hear of the new covenant in His blood, given for all. This night we recall Christ's last meal with His disciples, and we are transformed into a new Body of Christ



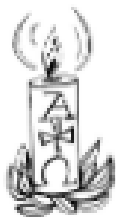
Good Friday Worship, 7:00pm April 18th

We gather in solemn devotion at the foot of the Cross as we experience the promise of new life in the death of the Son that was sent into this world for us.



Saturday, Vigil at Home April 19th

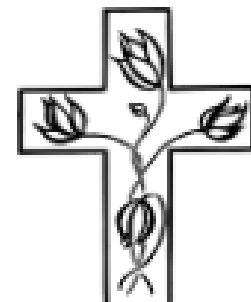
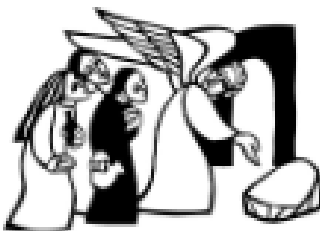
Throughout the day, while at home, running errands, doing chores around the house, conduct your own personal vigil as you connect with the crucified Christ. At times throughout the day, light a candle and recall God's deliverance through the ages, (pray), remember the renewal of your baptism (pray) as you imagine the stone no longer in front of the tomb (pray). Experience the love of God: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ.



Easter Sunday Worship, 9:00am April 20th

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our brokenness and the assurance of eternal life as the Alleluias return, and we proclaim:

He Is Risen!



Texts for the month of April

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

April 18, 2025

Good Friday

- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Psalm 22
- Hebrews 10:16-25
- John 18:1-19:42

April 13, 2025

Liturgy of the Palms

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 23:1-49

April 19, 2025

Vigil at Home

- Romans 6:3-11
- Psalm 114
- Luke 24:1-12

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord

- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday

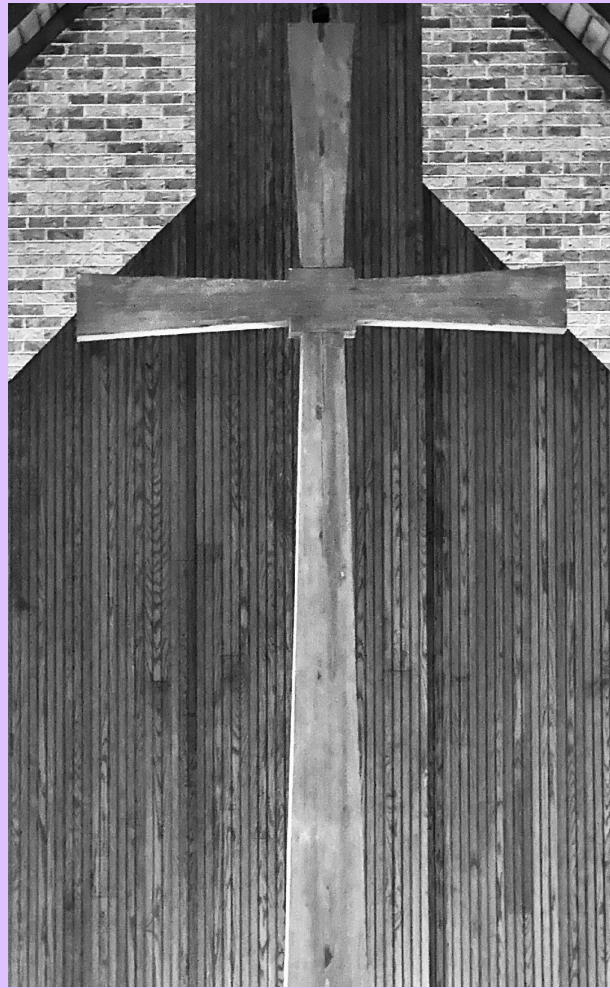
- Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31





**During the season of Lent,
we have been following Jesus' journey to the Cross.**

The Cross of Christ is perhaps the most definable symbol of our Christian faith. Many Christians have images of the Cross in artwork in their homes. If you have a Cross in print, framed picture, sculpture, metallurgy, ceramic (or whatever), that means something special and serves as a reminder of your faith, take a picture (or pictures) of them and send them to Teresa (goodshepnk@aol.com) by Wednesday April 16, we will post pictures in the library during the Easter season.

**May your Lenten journey and Holy Week worship
boldly proclaim Christ Crucified and Risen!**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LENTEN WORSHIP

Holden Evening Prayer
7:00pm Wednesdays: April 2, 9

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday and the Passion of Our Lord
April 13, 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 17, 7:00 p.m.

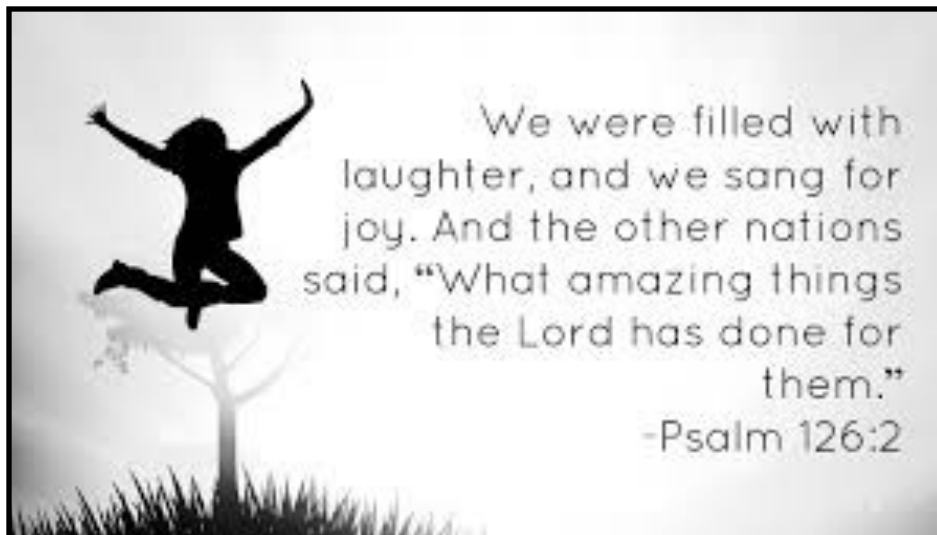
Good Friday
April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil
(prayer at home)

Resurrection of Our Lord
April 20, 9:30 a.m.

Board Briefs

- The board and the Vision Planning Task Force met with Rev. Kathy Nolte from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod on March 18th to discuss the future of our congregation. The task force committee will soon be sharing the information they have collected.
- Changes to the constitution will be reviewed and presented to the congregation shortly.
- Additionally, a music teacher will be using our space for several lessons in April and May.



Digital Evangelism

Are you on Facebook? Have you checked out the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd FB page recently? In addition to regular reminders of upcoming events, usually each week, Pastor Petersen will post a teaser on the Gospel for the coming week, usually with some artwork (not his).

Check it out and share with your friends!

Spread the Good News about Jesus and our church!

Take a picture with your phone to go to our Facebook Page →



Financial Report for February

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$14,545	\$30,573
Expenses	\$18,974	\$39,369
FUND BALANCE	\$4,429	\$8,795

Thank You For Your Faithful Giving

Angel services wanted



The altar is one of the most important parts of a church service. The altar guild is a faithful group that devotes their time to set up, maintain and clean the altar.

The LCGS Altar Guild is looking for additional members (angels to volunteer). If you or someone you know is interested, please speak to a Denise or an Altar Guild Member.

Altar Guild volunteers set up for Communion prior to services and clean up following services 2 times every 3-4 months.





Can you believe it's been a year since the Capital Campaign started? They say time flies when you are having fun and that applies when you are busy at work too. This past year, new windows in All Saints Hall have been installed, tuckpointing work has been completed, concrete to the lower level has been replaced and a new generator has been installed. As busy as it has been, there are a few things left to complete. These projects will be worked on as the need arises. Can we count on you for

your continued support to help care for our building? Your help is needed to achieve the capital campaign goal of \$100,000. Please prayerfully consider a gift (all amounts are welcome, whether it is \$5 or \$5,000) to the Caring of the Church Capital Campaign towards the remaining projects and to meet 100% of the goal.

As of March 31, 2025, 81.8% of the campaign goal has been received in donations and pledges. Donations of \$78,659.00 have been received and \$3,167.00 in pledged amounts have been given towards the campaign. To date improvements totaling \$71,053.47 have been made.

Here is an update on the amounts received, pledged and spent on the campaign maintenance and repairs.

Thank you to all who have contributed, pledged and *continue to donate* to the capital campaign. Your gifts are greatly appreciated as we care for the church building. Thank you!

Thank you for your support

The Capital Campaign Team

As of 03-31-2025	
Amount Received	\$78,659.00
Future Pledges	\$3,167.00
Total Gifts	\$81,826.00
Amount Spent:	
Windows	(\$31,540.00)
TuckPointing	(\$3,300.00)
Concrete Replacement	(\$7,300.00)
NEW Generator Unit	(\$4,358.47)
Pad for Generator	(\$2,300.00)
Install NEW Generator - Pending	(\$22,255.00)
Total Spent	(\$71,053.47)
Balance:	
Cash on Hand	\$7,605.53
Future Pledges	\$3,167.00
Cash on Hand / Future Pledges	\$10,772.53
Remaining Project Costs	(\$28,946.53)
Gifts needed	\$18,174.00

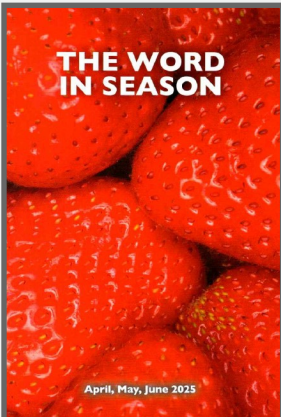
Christian Education at Good Shepherd

Adult Education class meets on the first Sunday of each month following the worship service.

April 6—will meet following Worship in the Library. Everyone is invited for an interesting discussion lead by Pastor David on Themes of Lent.

Small Groups:

- Rebekah's Women's Circle—meets in homes on the first Saturday of each month
- Abigail's Women's Circle—meets at LCGS on the first Tuesday of each month
- Exploring the Bible—meets at LCGS on the third Sunday of each month following worship
- Men's Study Group—meets at LCGS on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month



For daily devotions, pick up a copy of the devotional booklet available in the narthex.

For online devotions check out d365.org for daily devotions that encourage you to:

pause, listen, think, pray and go.

You can have the devotions sent directly to your email and view them daily. Be sure to open up the audio portion of the link for beautiful meditative music to accompany your devotional time.





40 DAYS OF GIVING DURING LENT

Our congregational support of
ELCA World Hunger
continues until Easter Sunday, April 20
Thank you for your generous donations to date!

*The work of ELCA World Hunger ministries is felt
in countries around the world including the USA*

Drop coins and dollars in the Collection Jug located in the
Narthex or your envelope donation in the Sunday offering plate.

ELCA World Hunger envelopes can be found in a pew rack
or on the Narthex table.

Please make checks payable to
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
with "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



Earth Day - celebrated annually on April 22nd, began in 1970 as a nationwide demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues.

How You Can Help the Environment

Become a papertarian — Papertarians choose and use paper products and packaging because they know it is a smart choice for the environment.

Recycle—Paper, paper packaging and cardboard boxes are widely accepted for recycling across the country.



Earth Day Word Search



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OXYGEN
 OZONE
 PLANET
 PLANTS
 PLASTIC
 POLLUTION
 PROTECT

RECYCLE
 REDUCE
 REUSE
 TREE
 VOLUNTEER
 WATER

Join us on
 Tuesday ~ April 22
 Earth Day
 At 2:30pm

For some earth day friendly projects around the church, followed by an Ice Cream Treat.

Details to follow...



The Good Shepherd Green Team has updated the information board located in the library lounge.

Take a few minutes and look it over.



In observance of Good Friday
The Parking Lot Hunger Drive for April only will be held on the 4th Friday (April 25th)

While shopping this week

Please consider picking up some items for the
Parking Lot Hunger Drive

The next
Parking Lot Hunger Drive

is on Friday April 25th

From 10 AM until Noon

Drive-thru the parking lot and someone
will collect the items from your vehicle.

The Wheeling Township Food Pantry always needs:



Dental Hygiene
Products



Facial Tissue



Toilet Paper



Shampoo
Conditioner

**Or you can pick up a few items from this month's list of
most needed items:**

- Baking Products:** flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking soda, baking powder

- Condiments:** syrup, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise
applesauce, fruit cocktail

- Fruit:** peaches, mandarin oranges

- Meat:** spam, canned chicken, beef stew
peas, mixed, carrots, spinach, mushrooms

- Vegetables:** (No Green Beans Please!)

Thank you for helping our neighbors!

All future Food Drives will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month.

April 2025

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Abigail Circle 7:00 PM Finance	2 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer	3 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA 7:30 PM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary	4 7:30 PM Korean Carmel - LL	5 Zitzewitz Funeral 5:30 AM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Rebekah Circle
6 9:30 AM Communion 10:00 AM La Iglesia - ASH 10:30 AM Adult Education 1:00 PM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary	7 9:30 AM EEC - Easy Exercise Class 6:00 PM TOPS - Music Room	8 7:00 PM Board of Ministers	9 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer	10 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA 7:30 PM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary	11 7:30 PM Korean Carmel - LL	12 5:30 AM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary 8:00 AM Men's Study Group
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Communion 10:00 AM La Iglesia - ASH 10:30 AM Get Your Game On 1:00 PM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary	14 9:30 AM EEC - Easy Exercise Class 6:00 PM TOPS - Music Room	15	16 7:30 PM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary	17 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	18 10:00 AM Hunger Drive in Parking Lot 7:00 PM Good Friday 7:30 PM Korean Carmel - LL	19 5:30 AM Korean Carmel - Sanctuary 7:00 PM Cursillo
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