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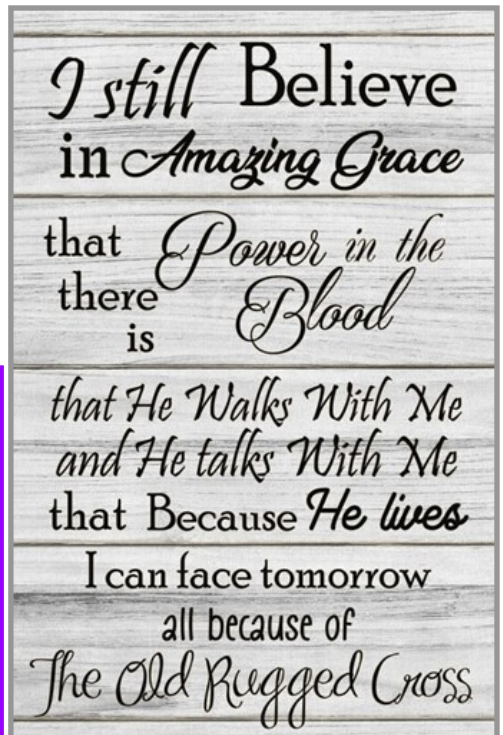
THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

MARCH 2023



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March 2023**Reflections by Pastor Dave**

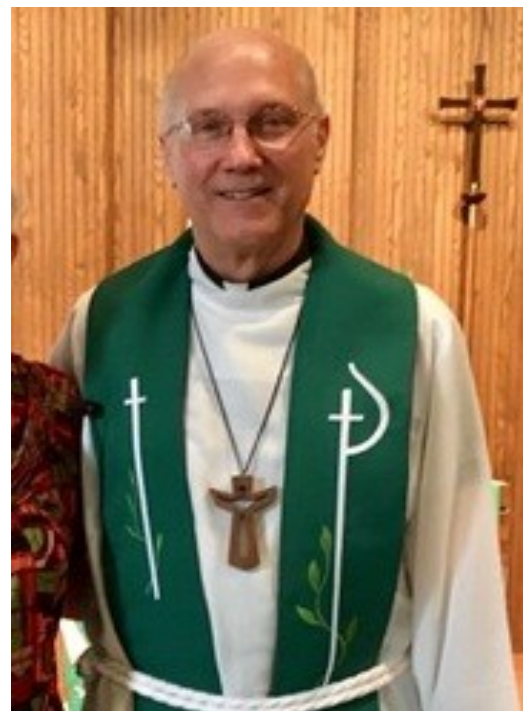
We are Easter people! We are people who cling to the promise of God: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)

Easter is coming! But now we find ourselves in the wilderness of Lent. The road to Easter travels through this wilderness. But let's not grumble and complain. The wilderness can teach us valuable lessons about life, especially life with God. Most of all, the wilderness can teach us to turn to God who "will make a way in the wilderness" and lead us to the Promised Land. In the wildernesses of life - in times of doubt, illness, sorrow, loss - the temptation is strong to question the loving presence of God.

So also, is the temptation strong to place one's loyalty with a false but immediately gratifying god: power, wealth, fame, etc. When we try to make it through the wilderness on our own, we run into dead end after dead end.

For three years, the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic. We have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise sharply. We have also seen disasters wreaking havoc and conflict uprooting lives. The world can seem like an overwhelming wilderness. In Lent, we wander with our ancestors, longing for new life in a land of promise and opportunity. We are reminded of our dependence on God and the many ways that sin separates us from God, from one another, and from the future God has promised us.

God's promise: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

*Pastor Dave*

Financial Report for January

	<u>Month</u>
Income	\$21,965
Expenses	\$21,374
FUND BALANCE	(\$591)

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Get your Game On...

Join us for the Faith-based small group—Board and Card Games

When—2nd Sunday of the month

Time—After service—until 12:30/1:00PM

Where—Library Lounge

Who—Open to all—bring a friend to church, stay for some fun and games.

Requirements: Bring a brown bag lunch and your game face.

There will be several games on hand to enjoy. We hope to have tables of 4-6 players. So everyone can play different games, we'll have time limits of 30-45 minutes per game with a 5 minute break between each session.

Teams will be selected on game day.

THANK YOU!!!

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January 30, 2023

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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Dear Barb & Congregation:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and residents of Wheeling Township, we would like to express our gratitude for your thoughtful donation **of food & household items on January 20, 2023**. Your contribution will make sure that residents in need will be assisted.

The Wheeling Township Food Pantry is a "Client Choice" model, which allows residents to choose their own food in a grocery store like setting. In 2022 the Food Pantry had 4,491 visits, which fed 9,160 people. Of those 1,947 were children. The Food Pantry could not have made such an impact on the fight to eliminate hunger in our community without the generous support of donors like you.

Since the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund is a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization, your donation is tax deductible, as no goods or services were exchanged for its receipt. We are grateful for your compassion and willingness to help. Thank you again for assisting us in fulfilling our mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Penner
Supervisor

Julie Villarreal, MA
Director of General Assistance



Parking Lot Hunger Drives

Mark your calendar for the next Hunger Drive:

Friday, March 17th from 10:00 AM to noon.

**The Wheeling Township Food Pantry
needs your help now, more than ever!**

Emergency SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) allotments return to pre-pandemic levels as of March 1, although grocery prices have climbed 11.3%.

Here's what that means:

On average,

Individuals will receive \$82 less each month

Households with multiple people will receive \$223 less each month

Households with children will receive \$300 less each month

All donations are so appreciated by Wheeling Township and especially by those they serve! Feel free to bring your donations each Sunday. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to contribute also.

Spread the word: Tell your friends and neighbors!

Please remember that we cannot accept fresh fruit or fresh vegetables.

THANK YOU For your faithful and generous support of our monthly Parking Lot Hunger Drives!

Welcome to ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving!



During Lent we remember our dependence on God and one another and reflect on the many ways we have fallen short of what God calls us to be. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. Yet the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world.

During this Lenten season we have the opportunity to help those in need throughout the world by donating to ELCA World Hunger. Drop coins and dollars in the Coin Jar in the Narthex or write a check using a Hunger envelope in the pew racks and drop into an offering plate or mail to the church office.

Make checks out to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd with ELCA World Hunger on the memo line.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.





At 2:00am on
**March 12,
2023**



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Education

The Adult Ed class is scheduled to meet the first and third Sundays of the month. Everyone is welcome to come to the Library/Lounge following the worship for a variety of interesting subjects are presented & discussed.

Sunday, March 5:

Guest speaker Ryan Cumming will share online the latest information about the mission and outreach of **ELCA World Hunger**. Our congregation has supported this ministry for years through "40 Days of Giving." Come, see, and hear about the good work that we help bring to the world.

Sunday, March 19:

Dick W. will continue his research series: **Offshoots of Christianity**. This session will highlight Christian Science. Thanks to Dick for his in-depth research and for leading these interesting discussions.

Sunday, April 2

Pastor Dave will give an overview and lead discussion on the **Gospel of Matthew**, lectionary text for 2023.



WHAT'S NEW IN SOCIAL MINISTRY

We are blessed again this year to be able to help ministries each month by what we call the Generosity Fund. A family in our church is funding this \$700.00/month gift again in 2023. What a blessing for the Social Ministry to give to ministries outside our own that do good works in the community!

In January, \$700 went to The Night Ministry—a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of the community who are un-housed or experiencing poverty.

In February, \$700 went to Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) who stand with and advocate for migrants and refugees, transforming communities through ministries of service and justice.

Also on February 5th, we appreciated having Beth Nelson Chase, Director of Major & Planned Giving from LIRS with us for Adult Education hour.

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 Denise M. 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.

Singles Meet for Lunch



Join the small group for its inaugural lunch on March 15th at 11:30am.

Single/widowed men and women are welcome to join the small group.

The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30am.

Locations will be determined based on interest.

Call the church office if you are interested in joining this small group.

Small Groups

This is the Gospel Exploration small group meeting on Sunday following worship as they explore the gospel of Luke.



This and many other small groups welcome new participants. Joining a small group is an excellent way to get better acquainted with others. Contact Teresa at the church office for more information.

March 2023

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Rebekah Circle	2 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	3 7:00 PM La Iglesia - Bible Study	4
5 9:30 AM Communion 10:00 AM La Iglesia - ASH 10:30 AM Adult Christian Education	6 9:30 AM EEC - Easy Exercise Class 6:30 PM TOPS	7 7:00 PM Abigail Circle 7:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM La Iglesia - Choir Practice	8 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship	9 7:00 PM Thurs Nite AA	10 7:00 PM La Iglesia - Bible Study	11 8:00 AM Men's Study Group
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9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

“Knowing Christ and Making Him Known”

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