

**You are invited to this week's activities
at Good Shepherd**

March 31, Sunday
8:45 AM Worship & Communion
10:00AM Sunday School - Easter
Garden Project
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00AM Worship & Communion

April 1st, Monday
10:00 AM Quilting
10:00AM AARP Board Meeting
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

April 2nd, Tuesday
10:00 AM Ruth Circle @ Center
for Changing Lives

April 3rd, Wednesday
6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)
5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper
6:15PM Worship & Communion
7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir
7:00 PM Spiritsong rehearsal

April 4th, Thursday
9:30 AM Bible Study
5:45PM Girl Scouts
7:00PM AA

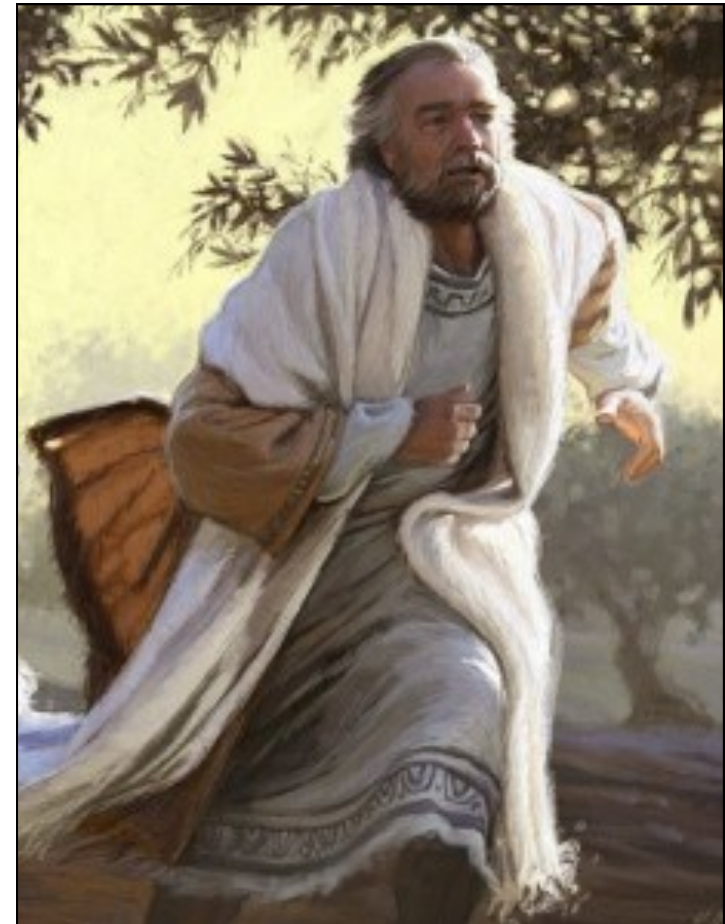
April 5th, Friday
7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible
8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)
8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

April 6th, Saturday
8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)

April 7th, Sunday
SPIRIT SONG
8:45 AM Worship & Communion
9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship & Communion

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:45 & 11:00am Worship



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Stef Regenold, Greg Susens, Custodians

Welcome to Worship!

We are happy you have chosen to worship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd! Please use this bulletin as a guide for today's liturgy, found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship* in each pew.

PARENTS & KIDS: We have a few special things to help children enjoy worship:

- Just outside of the sanctuary, we have a Kids' Corner with a bookshelf filled with Bibles and other activities. You are welcome to bring a Bible into worship with you today!
- In the back of the sanctuary are Joy Bags filled with fun activities for younger kids.
- Come sit in the front of the sanctuary so your child can see everything that's happening!
- In the pews are "Holy Art" cards for kids of all ages to draw on.
- Please come up front for the Children's Sermon! *(Parents, you are welcome to come up with your child to help them feel more comfortable.)*

We love to have children in worship, but we also understand that sometimes kids (and parents!) need a break. Stop by our church's nursery (near the bathrooms) and say hi to Sydney! She will be more than happy to help!

LEARN MORE

You will find a calendar of worship services and church events on the back page of this bulletin. Please pick up a current newsletter from the Welcome Center near the entrance for additional church news. Call the church office at 525-1922 or visit us at www.lcgsduluth.org if you would like more information about Good Shepherd.

Daily Lectionary 3/31/19 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday	Luke 15:1-7
Monday	Luke 15:8-10
Tuesday	Luke 15:11-24
Wednesday	Luke 15:25-32
Thursday	Luke 23:32-43
Friday	Luke 23:44-49
Saturday	Luke 23:50-56

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Save the Date: **Vacation Bible School** June 17-21 9:00 am – Noon

ROAR: Life is Wild; God is Good!

Preschool (age 3) – Current 4th Graders
Older students, parents, and congregation members are welcome to volunteer with us for the week! We have LOTS of FUN!



*All Preschoolers must be potty trained

The Deadline to Register for VBS this year is Wednesday, May 15.
Register and pay online! lcgsduluth.org/vacation-bible-school/
Your 2019 VBS Decorating Challenge is to create a free standing Safari Animal!! Bring your Creations with you to church on VBS Preview Sunday, April 28th! Have fun!

“God of Mercy, Hold Us In Love...” Did you notice the Lenten Prayer Hearts hanging in the Sanctuary today? During our Wednesday Evening Worship services, the Confirmation students have invited those gathered to write down their prayers. *God of mercy, hold _____ in love.* Individuals have filled in that blank with names of people, places, joys, sorrows, and concerns. We hope these hearts will remind all of us that God truly holds each one of us in love. God holds all we pray for in love, whether those prayers are written, spoken, or silent. *“Keep us, hold us, gracious God. Amen.”*

The Ruth circle is going to Center for Changing Lives on April 2nd at 10 am

Thank you to the following individuals who assisted in today's worship service:

Greeter Will Packer (8:45) Volunteer needed (11:00)
Welcome Center (8:45) Volunteer needed (11:00)
Liturgist Nan Asperheim
Reader Cathy Kreft (8:45) volunteer needed (11:00)
Ushers..... Rosemary Guttormsson, Julie Seidelmann, Amy Loken, Pat Johnson, Karen Keenan, Kathy Kreager (8:45)
 .. Dona Schafer, Mark Newman, Ardy Bloomquist, Judi Hermans (11:00)
Altar Guild Ellen Ramsay, Don Edstrom
Offering Counters..... Linda Susens, Mike Ronchetti, Elizabeth Lundgren, Sandy Scott
Accompanist Linda Turpening
Projectionist..... Cyndi Venberg (8:45) Brian Fischer (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats..... Barb Skogg, Kristine Speros, Jodi Stacken, Sheila Stevens

Lenten Giving! Are you looking for ways to give during your Lenten time? Lenten marbles are rolling!

Hunger Team began our yearly Campaign for donations. We focus this year on donations for the **Second Harvest Food Bank**. we promote monetary donations this year with a goal to support March Food Share collections. Stop by our table each week until Palm Sunday and keep the marbles rolling!

Each Wednesday evening the Lent Supper and special offering will be collected for the organization/speaker of the evening.

3/13 "Honduras" Jayva and Clara's trip! 3/20 "Hunger" CHUM

3/27 "Justice" Loaves and Fishes

4/3 "Homelessness" LSS Street Outreach 4/10 "Healing" Amberwing

Create, Laugh, and Learn April 18th

"Days for Girls" is an international organization which empowers women and girls worldwide through sustainable menstrual care products and health education. The **WELCA women of Minnesota have teamed together to support their mission. French River Lutheran Church WELCA members will teach us how to make these kits to support them.** If you cannot come to this event, please support us with donations dropped off at the church office of the following: -30 inch suitcases with functional wheels and zippers

Lightweight washcloths

Dark 100% cotton printed geometric, botanical, batik fabric (no animals, bugs, reptiles, people faces, eyes, camo, national symbols, girly glam)

Dark colored 100% cotton flannel (same guidelines for prints) no bed sheets

2 yards of 5/8 inch ribbon for drawstrings

Freezer gallon size ziploc bags

Money donation to Marge Kangas or drop off in office.

Theology Uncapped is excited to announce our next event, April 30th at 6:30pm, featuring Father Richard Kunst, pastor of St. James and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church's in Duluth and Pastor Peter Kowitz, pastor of United Lutheran Church in Proctor. The topic for the event is: "Women in Ministry", held at Grace Lutheran Church, 5454 Miller Trunk Hwy, in Hermantown. The cost is \$20 which includes a catered meal from Famous Dave's, beer, wine, pop and coffee. Seating is limited, register at www.theologyuncapped.org. Please contact Deacon John Foucault @ 218-393-0631

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Psalms: Psalm 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Worship Notes and Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS - Today's flowers are given by Kim & Mark Kroll in honor of Thomas and Ian's Baptismal Anniversary. Thank you! The 2019 flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Sign up to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or to memorialize loved ones, or celebrate a special event. The cost is \$35.

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Betty Kane; JoAnne Carlson; Patti & Jeff Hallback; Mandi & Dallas LeCuyer, Cali, Blake and Averl

Welcome to Max Hahn, an organ scholarship winner and student of Velda Bell, who will assist in the 8:45 service on the organ. He is a senior at Marshall School.

JOIN US FOR LENT AND EASTER!



LENTEN SUPPER SERVING TEAMS — JOIN IN! We are looking for people to help us with our Soup Suppers. There will be sign up sheets in the Gathering Space if you would like to be part of a serving team.

As a member of a team, you would most likely be asked to bring a crock of soup and a loaf of bread.

Some members of the team will need to come by 5:00 PM to help set up, and some members will need to stay for clean-up after worship.

“The goal is to have the clean up done in such a way so ALL can attend worship at 6:15pm.”

Remaining Dates for soup supper are: April 3 & 10. 5:30-6:15pm
NO supper during Holy Week.

Lent and Easter Schedule

Lent Evening Worship & Holy Communion at 7:00PM Wednesdays in Lent
March 7, 14, 21 Worship & Communion at 6:15 pm Soup Supper is beforehand at 5:30pm

Holy Week begins April 14th, **Palm Sunday** Worship 8:45 & 11:00am
Maundy Thursday worship, 7pm, April 18th;

Good Friday worship, 7pm, April 19th

Easter Sunday is April 21, 6:08am (sunrise service), 8:45 am & 11:00 am