



Mews of the Flock



From the Pastor

One of the great moments in the account of Easter is the empty tomb and the stone that was rolled away. Did Jesus need the stone moved in order to leave the tomb? After all, He appeared in the Upper Room and disappeared after the disciples on the road to Emmaus had dinner with Him? The reason the stone was rolled away was not to let Jesus out, but to let the disciples in so they could see!

If the stone had remained in place, no one could be certain it was really Jesus they saw. It is interesting in the various words used for "saw". The Greek word when Mary and Peter "saw" the empty tomb, they could see it was empty. When John "saw", the word means he understood or comprehended what he saw. Mary and Peter saw an empty tomb, John understood what it meant. It meant that Jesus was truly alive and had risen from the dead.

We have something even more powerful to understand the Easter event. Our faith is not based on our perception of the empty tomb. It is based on the inerrant Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. tells us "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly

equipped for every good work." We have the Word of God which contains no errors and was given to us by God.

We do not need to wonder about the empty tomb like the disciples and the women at the tomb. We do not have to doubt like Thomas who had a need to verify what he was told. The Scriptures are 100% completely God's Word which means what they claim, really happened. We can be like John who sees the resurrected Christ and understands what it means. It means that His sacrifice on the cross was accepted by God the Father in our place and that our sins are forgiven. We never have to doubt that because it is what our faith is based upon.

That's my prayer for you at this Easter season, that you will have an unshakeable faith, based on the sure word of prophecy and a life saving relationship with Jesus Christ, the risen Redeemer!

Pastor Daene



Easter
April 16, 2017

Easter VBS
April 8, 2017
1:00—4:00 p.m.

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Special points of interest:

- *Mid-Week Lent Service, April 5 @ 7:30 p.m.*
- *LWGS Meeting, April 10 @ 11:00 a.m.*
- *Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 p.m. with Seder Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.*
- *Good Friday Service @ 7:30 p.m.*
- *Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:00 a.m.*
- *Easter Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.*
- *Easter Festival Service @ 10:00 a.m.*
- *LWML Spring Rally, April 22, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.*

Church Council Highlights ~~

GSLC Church Council met on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Johannah Pollert, Sharon Peters, Anne Hartman, Kevin Weber, Joyce Bauman, Pastor Daene, Amy Houck, Paul Cox, Kent Krimmel, and Mike Peters.

Mike Peters, President, called the meeting to order and Anne gave a devotion and prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted with two corrections.

Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary, gave her report showing the offerings received in February as \$13,049.17.

Anne Hartman, Treasurer, reported the expenses for February as \$12,935.03.

Pastor Daene stated he had 4 worship services; 2 church meetings; 3 confirmation classes; 1 adult confirmation class; 8 Bible studies; 1 Youth event; 1 JC LCMS Youth meeting; 4 member visits; 1 shut-

in visits; 4 non-member visits; 4 premarital counseling sessions; and 6 other counseling sessions. The Youth will have a Bible Study in March.

Paul Cox, Trustee chairman reported that he did the First Quarter water sample in February and changed furnace filters in the sanctuary, adult classroom and the north ladies restroom. He also filled the hole in the parking lot under the canopy.

Kevin Weber, Stewardship chairman reported that giving is up compared to the last two years.

Sharon Peters, Mission Committee co-chair reported that a group of six went to Orphan Grain Train on February 23. They will be going on the 4th Thursday every month and car pool from the church at 9:00 a.m. Sharon and Elaine Powers will be going to the InterChurch Food Pantry to see what they require for volunteers there. The Franklin Band will be at GSLC on Thursday, March

16. Welcome packets are being put together and should be out next month. The emergency food bags are getting together to have on hand. Kent is working on Korn Country for the 4th of July and also a night at the Indianapolis Speedrome Race Track. Seago's and Peter's are going to visit some of the free Community meal nights to see how they run their programs.

Amy Houck, Fellowship, Special Events co-chair reported they had no expenses for February Pitch-In. The Valentine Dinner expenses are still being tabulated. They are going to put out a survey on the Valentine Dinner.

The Children's Sunday School classes continue to study the New Testament. VBS committees have been formed and the theme is "Rome, Paul and the Underground Church. VBS will be June 11 thru June 15 in the evenings.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd—LWGS

Hello Ladies,

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. to attend the Columbus Zone Spring Rally here at Good Shepherd. Show the rest of the Zone that we support our LWGS Society. A light breakfast from 9-9:30 and slide presentation from our members, Jon & Sharon Clark on their "Trip through the Holy Land—Israel". There will be a Silent Auction and a Mediterranean Lunch served at noon. Please join us.



A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for Easter Breakfast. Please put your name under the category that you plan on bringing. There are several different categories to choose from. We appreciate your participation and your willingness to help out with the food. Please plan on joining us for breakfast on Easter morning.



LWML Columbus Zone Spring Rally

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 22, 2017

9:00—12:30

Silent Auction

Mediterranean Lunch



Care & Concern



Remember in your Prayers:

Darlene Krueger, hip fracture; Richard McIlvaine, stage 4 cancer; Jim Alexander, cancer; Betty Thomson, healing and comfort; Anne Hartman, successful surgery, healing & rehab; Sherri Bickell, cancer; Bill Walker, surgery; Jeanie Silvers, hip fracture; Bonnie Cook, surgery, now healing; Dianne Peterson, lung can-

cer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Jim Jones father, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle, healing and comfort; Becky Webb, brain tumor; Bill Cummings, hip fracture; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Lisa Carter, breast cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength and healing; Madison Brooke Vanlue, comfort for the family; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength and comfort; Josh Trueblood, cancerous brain tumor; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer, strength

and comfort; Friend of the Powers family, strength and healing; Shannon Stovall, strength and comfort; Darin Ratliff, seizures; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; and Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please check on their status and let the office know of any changes. We try to keep the prayer list updated as much as possible. Thank you.

Missions

The Missions Committee met on March 12 after the worship service. The trip to the Orphan Grain Train will continue to be on the 4th Thursday of the month car pooling from the church at 9:00 a.m.

The InterChurch Food Pantry needs volunteers from 11:30-3:00 on Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact Sharon Peters if interested 317-403-1788.

Welcome packets for visitors and emergency food bags are almost completed.

It has been confirmed that we will have an evening in August at the Indianapolis-Speedrome. More info to come later.

The Franklin Community Band and Young musicians played on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. It was an evening with great music, fellowship and desserts.

Our next meeting will be April 23 after church. Please join us.

Easter VBS



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April 8, 2017
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Bd of Christian Ed

The Children have been studying the New Testament. Attendance has been average. Elaine Bloomquist is teaching the Pre-school class, Johannah Pollert is teaching the Intermediate class, and Carla Cole is teaching the Middle/High School class. Linda Haddock and Michelle Coner are leading Children's Church on non-communion Sundays. The children continue to go to Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the second Sunday of the month after our worship service. Linda Haddock leads this group.

Summer Vacation Bible School will be June 11 through June 15 in the evenings. We have had our first planning meeting to form committees. The theme this year will be "Rome, Paul and the Underground Church". If you did not attend that meeting and are interested in helping see Heidi Baca. More information will come out later.

Heidi Baca

Deacons Notes

How well do you listen?

Obedience and follow through are two important things our Heavenly Father expects from His children. It was how Jesus explained to His disciples what it meant to love him. John 14:15 *"If you love me, keep my commands."* It is simple and direct but why do we struggle with it so often? Leaning on our own understanding causes us to reason things through. We want to be obedient but we want to do it OUR way! We take Jesus' commands and try to twist them to fit what WE want. Our lifestyles, our likes and dislikes and what we want the truth to be. Commands that we feel comfortable doing in our

own time is how we try to interpret. But that is not what Jesus commanded.

Showing God's love through your obedience needs to be fulfilled on God's terms not ours. It doesn't matter if it doesn't make any sense to us. It doesn't matter if we fully understand the why. It doesn't matter if you think the person you are to bless deserves it or not. It doesn't matter if you think you can do it. All that matters is that you obey His commands.

Live your daily life as God's Word instructs by keeping His commands and being a Christian example. Read His word to learn His will, listen to His voice

and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Then as the Holy Spirit leads you obey and follow through with the task set before you. It requires that you put your faith into action as you trust God to give you the grace and ability to complete any task He has for you. Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* You can't pray for God to use you then make it conditional obedience. Listen to God speak, comprehend what He is telling you, and go forth and serve Him with obedience.

A very Blessed Easter from your deacons. He is risen. He is risen INDEED!

Thank You

We would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and thoughts before and after Jim's surgery. Friends are so dear to us.

God has truly blessed us.

Jim & Shirley Newkirk



Women's Bible Study Holy Week Services

Women's Bible Study will start up again on Wednesday, April 19th. If you are interested in attending, we meet from 6:30—7:30 p.m. Any questions see Elaine Powers who teaches the class. This Bible Study will be the Book of Acts. All ladies are welcome to join, see Elaine for a book.

Palm Sunday—April 9—10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday—April 13—7:30 p.m.
—Seder Dinner at 6:30 pm (sign up necessary)

Good Friday—7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise—7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Easter Festival Service—10:00 a.m.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2017



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/3	Ian Bonham
4/4	Alyssa Hedrick
4/5	Aaron Fort
4/8	Donna Jones, Rick White
4/12	Denzil Marten
4/14	Brian Harker
4/19	Kay Miller
4/22	Michelle Coner, Ray Lawyer, Randy Powers, Kaitlynn Walker
4/23	Eleanor Coner, J.D. Coner, Chris Johnson
4/27	Jaime Matthews



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/4	Bill & Pat Cummings
4/ 24	Eric & Pam Bentley

[Please contact the church office (317-736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]

Try using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will truly be blessed.

Mike Peters, President
Kent Krimmel, Vice President
Johannah Pollert, Secretary
Anne Hartman, Treasurer
Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary
Paul Cox, Board of Trustees
Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
, Board of Stewardship
Heidi Baca, Board of Education
Sharon Peters & Susan Segó, Board of Missions
Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
Jeff Hawkins, Member at Large
Kathy Hawkins, Member at Large

DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
Mike Hartman 317-738-2290
Mike Peters 317-605-8822
Kent Krimmel 317-346-6199
Jim Jones 317-878-4712
Brad Coy 317-346-0930

PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person
Is powerful and effective.”
(James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”
(Colossians 4:2)

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Barb Miller at 317-412-5912 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, also call Barb.

You can also put a prayer request through our website, gslcfranklin.org; just click on the Prayer Request and type in your request. It is automatically sent to the church. There is power in prayer.