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From the Pastor

The Easter season is about a debt we could not pay. In today's world with bankruptcy being an option for most debts, we might not fully realize a debt that could not be repaid. In time past, if a person owed a debt, it had to be paid. There were things called debtors prisons where people were sent until the family paid off the debt. It was possible that some people were never released if the debt was too great and death through sickness or disease would kill off most of those in jail.

The debt that we owed to God could not be paid with money. When Adam and Eve sinned, they brought sin into the world. Our sin is a type of debt. The debt had to be paid but it was too great for us to pay. Debtors' prison would seem like a tropical island compared to the hell our sins earned. When Christ uttered those words on the cross "it is finished", He was announcing to the world that everything needed for our salvation had been accomplished. He was not announcing that His death was close, He was announcing that the complete debt to sin had been paid by Him.

Hopefully, as we move on from Easter we do not lose focus of what Christ has done for us. We preach Christ crucified because without that, we would be lost and unable to pay the debt of sin. Because of Christ, we are free to live as He intends and live knowing that our reward will be great in heaven.

Pastor Daene

Treasurer's Report for March

CONFIRMATION

Year to Date, March 31, 2017

Budget Actual Income Expenses Expenses \$47,235 \$44,413 \$39,716

While we are keeping our spending under budget, our income was a little behind this first quarter. Keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as we continue to strive to do His will and further His Kingdom!

Anne Hartman, Treasurer

Confirmation Questioning May 7, 2017

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
May 21, 2017

CONFIRMANDS

Ben Daene

Kylie Stahl

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- Confirmation Questioning
- LWGS—Ladies Night Out, May 9, 6:30 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting, May 10
- Mother's Day, May 14
- Confirmation, May 21
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Church Council

Board of Education Deacon's Notes

Good Shepherd Church Council did not meet in April due to the Holy Week services schedule. Our next Council meeting is May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any ideas or concerns that you think should be presented to the Council, please speak to a Council member-at-large (Jeff Hawkins & Kathy Hawkins) or write it out and turn it into the office.





Since Christmas our Sunday School classes have been studying the New Testament. They have learned about the birth of our Savior through His crucifixion ad Resurrection.

Our VBS program, "Rome—Paul and the Underground Church", will be Sunday June 11 thru Thursday June 15. We will begin each evening with a light dinner at 5:30 and our program will be from 6—8 pm. The children will step back in time with the Apostle Paul and experience what life was like in first-century Rome.

This summer we will study a special program about Christian values in Sunday School

A few months ago in church we sang a song with the title "Pass It On". This time of year always reminds me of the second verse.

"What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding

The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming

That's how it is with God' love, once you've experienced it

You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on."

When we look outside this time of year what do we see? Blooming flowers, grass is turning green, birds are singing, it is like a new beginning in our world. It is a time of hope, a time of renewal. A time when we see God's creation starting anew. You have experienced God's love...every day in some way. No matter what you face you never face it alone. We have that assurance that we never will be alone, even to the end of time. Unlike so many people in the world we know it, we see it, we experience it. Yes indeed God's love is fresh every day like spring. We need to pass it on.

Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~~ LWGS

Hello Ladies.

The ladies have been busy with all the preparations for the LWML Columbus Zone Spring Rally held here at Good Shepherd. The program was a slide presentation of Jon and Sharon Clark's trip of Israel a few years ago. It was very nice and organized. About 40 women attended from the churches in our zone. The ladies of GSLC helped prepare the Mediterranean Lunch that was served.

The Silent Auction of baskets filled with different goodie items raised money for

the Zone. A BIG THANK YOU to Amy and Gerda for working so hard on it.

Ladies Night Out will be May 9 at the Metro Diner on US 31 just north of the Greenwood Walmart at 6:30 pm. Make sure you sign up in the hallway. Also mark if you want to carpool. Gerda will wait until 6 in the church parking lot.

Our next meeting is May 8 at 11:00 a.m. with going out to lunch afterwards. If you haven't attended a meeting and are available on May 8, come and join us. We would love to have you.

Sign up on the bulletin board for Ladies Night Out

At Metro Diner Indianapolis

Just north of Greenwood Walmart
on US 31

6:30 pm

Carpooling leaving the church at 6:00 p.m.

Care & Concern



Sympathy: Extended to Brian & Michelle Walker and family on the death of Brian's father, Bill Walker. Also, to Kent & Rose Krimmel on the death of Kent's Aunt Virginia at 99.

Keep in your Prayers: Jay Krimmel, rehab; Darlene Krueger, healing; Richard McIlvaine, stage 4 cancer; Jim Alexander, cancer; Anne Hartman, healing and have a successful surgery May 1; Sherri Bickell, cancer; Jeanie Silvers, hip fracture; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer; 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; Friend of the Powers family, strength and healing; Darin Ratliff, seizures; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Bryne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

If you have placed any of these people on the prayer chain, please check to see if their status has changed and please let the office know.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Debra Pahl 5/6 Duane Stahl, Justin Elliott

5/7 Kristina Bauman

5/8 Jackson Hedges

5/9 Heather Pahl

5/11 Bryn Fechtman

5/13 Hannah Hughes

5/15 Chris Black, John Carlisle, Devon Gibson

5/16 Penny Wells, Gemma Hedrick

5/20 Debra Holmes

5/22 Leanne Elliott

5/24 Caden Curry

5/26 Keith Fechtman, Camren Stahl

5/28 Tracy Rakow

5/31 Preston Bonham, Aubrey Bonham



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/2 Vic & Helen Rinehart 5/22 Troy & Tammy Williams 5/28 Chris & Deanna Poe 5/31 Paul & Betty Cox

[Please contact the church office (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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2017

Mike Peters, President
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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 she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb also.

PRAYER REQUEST: We now have a Prayer Request button on the church website. You may choose if your prayer request goes to the pastor only, or to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. *Simply go to* www.gslcfranklin.org and hit the **Prayer Request** button.