



The Shepherd's Voice

February, 2019

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

Pastor's Page

Ordinarily in February I would be writing something concerning Lent or Lenten habits. This year Lent does not begin until March 6. So, what to write this month?

I was thinking I would write something about St. Valentine since St. Valentine's Day is February 14. However, therein lies another problem. We really do not know much about the historic St. Valentine. The name "Valentine" was itself a common name in the third century. So common in fact, that a Roman emperor had that same name. In the early martyrologies of the Church, three different St. Valentines are mentioned, all sharing Feb. 14 for a feast day. Unfortunately, the historical record is sparse.



The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He, along with St. Marius and his family, comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II Gothicus. Eventually, St. Valentine was also arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on Feb. 14, AD 270. He was buried on the Flaminian Way. Later, Pope Julius I (333-356) built a basilica at the site which preserved St. Valentine's tomb.

The second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome). Under the orders of Prefect Placidus, he too was arrested, scourged, and decapitated, again suffering persecution during the time of Emperor Claudius II Gothicus.

The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions. However, nothing further is known about this saint. In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

Stories (really legends) from the middle ages had St. Valentine performing Christian marriage rituals or passing notes between Christian lovers jailed by Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "*from your Valentine*" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. However, this person, whomever that may have been, was not the patron of love as we know it.

There is one legend/explanation that says Valentine was martyred the day before the pagan festival to the goddess Februata Juno at which boys drew girls' names for acts of sexual promiscuity. Were legends about the martyr's death modified to replace the heathen custom? No one knows for sure.

The popular custom of showing love and affection on St. Valentine's Day is almost a coincidence with the

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feast day of the saint. During the Middle Ages, a common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair on February 14, "half-way through the second month of the year." Chaucer wrote in his Parliament of Foules (in Old English): "*For this was on Seynt Valentyne's day, When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.*" For this reason, the day was dedicated to "lovers" and prompted the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection.

It seems that the erstwhile saint behind the holiday of love remains as elusive as love itself. Still, as St. Augustine, the great fifth-century theologian and philosopher argued in his treatise on Faith in Invisible Things, someone does not have to be standing before our eyes for us to love them. Jesus, himself, gave the greatest commandment that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. And much like love itself, St. Valentine and his reputation as the patron saint of love are not matters of verifiable history, but of faith.

Is it important that we know all the facts about Valentine? In my opinion what is important is to remember that while it seems that the exchange of "valentines" is more the result of secular custom rather than the memory of St. Valentine, and that the celebration has been secularized with cupids, flowers, and chocolate, there is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of our Lord, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his/her own life, for God and neighbor. Clearly, St. Valentine, no matter which Valentine, showed such a love bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and in the offering of his own life in martyrdom.

So, since I have nothing left to write, I guess I will start on next month's issue of The Shepherd's Voice.

Pastor Dennis



The following are highlights from the January Council meeting:

- February 24 is the date set to receive new members.
- Shrove Tuesday. Deacon Rick Mainster and the Boy Scouts will provide a pancake meal. They will use a donation jar.
- Ushers are to be returned to Worship and Music. Greeters will remain under Evangelism.

- Kathy Swartz has been appointed as treasurer for another year.
- Thelma Ewell has resigned as financial secretary effective January 1, 2019. Ed Granger will be installed as new financial secretary.
- Priscilla Circle has funds available to sponsor a child to camp. W/ELCA also has funds available. (See Anne Storan)
- Marilyn Booth of NAMI is no longer on the board and advises that the organization will no longer be meeting at the church.
- Approved Cub Scout Pack 975 request for use of facility for Pinewood Derby, February 23, beginning at 9 a.m.
- Sue Fowler spoke about refurbishing the Jesus Statue and has a bid in the amount of \$1000. The children have asked that their Noisy Collection money be used to repair

the statue. A second bid will be obtained by Randy Wagner. The 'finish' on the statue will be determined by Building and Property and Pastor when the bid is approved.

- Property Committee will investigate a location for mailboxes, and possible addition of a "second office" to alleviate the traffic in the main office.
- SOS request for sponsorship in their upcoming golf tournament was approved.
- K.C. Carrier requests permission to have a breakfast in March on a Saturday morning (maybe do it 3 times a year). He will need 3 people to help. He was advised to contact Betty Sanger to make arrangements, then give dates to Council and they will approve it.
- LIFE TOUCH for a photo directory is coming up.



Worship and Music



The Worship & Music committee met on Tuesday, January 8th. Jane Isenstead led in prayer. Pastor Koch was absent as he was on a mission trip. Thank you to Pastor Lynn for substituting for Pastor Koch while he was out of town. Several items were discussed:

1. Worship & Music would like to welcome Renate Williams as our new Director of Music. She will be a great asset to our music program at Good Shepherd.
2. It was decided to change our monthly meeting from 10:30 to 10:00am.
3. Roger is still working on a resolution to the problem of the hum in the loop system/sound system. He will contact the electric company to see if the problem stems from the transformers outside or if more electrical panels need to be grounded.
4. Council approved the purchase of a set of

hand chimes. However, the seller has not confirmed the sale. The committee will wait for further notice.

5. Since Pastor Koch was out of town, there was no report on the changes requested for the worship bulletin. This item may need to be brought up again at the next council meeting. Worship & Music voted for the change to the bulletin.
6. Sue Fowler mentioned that the volume from the speaker in the nursery is not loud enough for her to hear when the Gospel is read so she can be ready for the children's sermon. Ushers have had to come and get her at the correct time. Maybe the volume for the sound can be adjusted on the control panel in the media center.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Roger Johnson, Chairman

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 24, 2019 – New members will be received.



Giving credit where due?

Running late for a meeting, a man circled the block, looking for a place to park. Desperately, he raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, "Lord, if you'll find me a parking spot, I promise I'll start going to church again."

Just then, a car pulled out of a space right in front of the man. "Never mind," he said to God. "I found one!"



"We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshiping God."

—A.W. Tozer

W/ELCA NEWS

On Monday, February 4, we invite everyone to join the W/ELCA Board at approximately 10:30 a.m. as we pack the soap you have donated, as well as the Lutheran World Relief Kits, and the beautiful quilts you saw on the pews in December. The kits, quilts, and soap will be taken to Tampa and from there to a warehouse in Maryland to be held until needed by people affected by disasters throughout the world.

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the women of the Pinelands Conference will have their Spring Gathering here. Watch your bulletin and next month's newsletter for more details about this wonderful day of fellowship, food, Bible study, and worship. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex at the end of February.

On Saturday, February 23, at 9:00, we invite all women of Good Shepherd to join with women from other Pinelands Conference W/ELCA groups to plan the Spring Gathering. This is a fun time to brainstorm with a lively and creative group of women.

Our next board meeting will be at 9:30 on February 4, 2019.

Anne Storan, W/ELCA President

W/ELCA Circles

All women are invited to come to the Circles. This is a time of refreshments, fellowship, fun, and growth in faith through Bible study.

Mary-Martha Circle

2nd Monday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.

Ruth-Naomi Circle

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 1:00 p.m.

Priscilla Circle

3rd Thursday of the Month at 1:00 p.m.



Enlighten us with your truth, heavenly Father, and be our guide forever.

W/ELCA Circles

Mary-Martha Circle

Monday: February 11, 2019 at 9:30am

Bible Study Leader: TBD

Hostesses: TBD

All ladies are welcome to attend!

Ruth-Naomi Circle

Wednesday: February 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Bible Study Leader: Shirley Uherchik

Hostess: Cindy Gaertner

Priscilla Circle

Thursday: February 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Bible Study Leader: TBD

Hostess: TBD

All women are welcome to join us in Bible study and fellowship.



Director of Music

Meet Renate Williams

I grew up in a small town, Montoursville, PA and in a small country church, St James Lutheran (They celebrated 175 years in 2018; I played for the 150th anniversary). I enjoyed many years of dance lessons and piano lessons.



After high school, I became the organist for my church and opened my own dance studio and taught dance for 17 years. I ended up playing at two churches every Sunday, my Lutheran church and Good Shepherd Episcopalian. During those years, I also went to Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA and graduated magna cum laude, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in music. I added piano lessons to the curriculum at the studio. I also worked with the music teachers in our school district as accompanist and choreographer for the school choirs.

As members of my family all gradually moved to

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Director of Music continued...

Florida, including my daughter, it was time for me to make a decision, especially when I found out I was going to be a grandmother. I closed the studio, moved here and found a position at Beverly Hills Community Church as organist and music director, which lasted for 17 years. During this same time, I found a part time job for a few years as office manager for the Beverly Hills Civic Association. I also became the accompanist for the Chorus of Beverly Hills and eventually their director, working with them for about 12 years. I taught piano lessons at Crystal River Music and then at BHCC. These last four years, I have also been teaching piano at St Paul's Lutheran School. I also accompany Lecanto High School band students for their solo ensemble auditions.

My family consists of my father, my fiancé (and his family, of course), my daughter and son-in-law and 3 grands, 3 horses, a donkey, 2 goats, a dog and cat.

That's my life chapters in a nut shell and I am thrilled to be starting a new chapter here at Good Shepherd Lutheran with my new church family! Blessings to all!



Evangelism Committee

Pastor Dennis was able to attend our January meeting to discuss our plans for the year. He presented to Council our new booklet that will soon be replacing the bulletin and will make it much easier to follow the liturgy and service. He approved our New Member Sponsorship Program (see separate article). He agrees with our plans to work in ways to make members of our church aware that they are part of a "church family" with all the privileges and perks of a regular family. (And some of the responsibilities for each other that we feel toward members of our own families.) We will soon be going back to wearing name tags so that those of us with not-so-great memories will know who we are greeting and talking to. More on that soon. We are trying a new Round Robin group (see separate

article). Basically we are trying out any idea we can think of to help our members become friends, or at least acquaintances. We want to be known as the friendliest church in the area so people will flock to join us. If you have any ideas, please come to our next meeting at 11:00 on February 12th.

Pat Wolff, Chair



Fellowship

Are you cleaning out the clutter in your house to get ready for the Tag Sale? Remember, not only is it a fun event, it is fulfilling to know that Good Shepherd makes money for a deserving charity. Block off the dates of March 1, for drop off of items and set up and March 2, for the sale.

Remember the first Sunday of the month, there will be a birthday cake at each coffee hour to recognize those having birthdays that month. Make sure you come on your special day.

Coffee hour folks enjoy all the baked goodies. Thank you to all who make coffee hour special!!

Betty Sanger, Fellowship Chair



Social Ministry

S.O.S. Food Pantry

S.O.S. (Serving Our Savior) Food Pantry was established at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in 2011. S.O.S. is an outreach ministry which provides food, clothing, and services to people in need. Each Wednesday many volunteers meet at Good Shepherd to prepare food and set up tables for distributing the food to over a hundred families every Thursday. Volunteers are welcome to help on either Wednesday (7:30 am to 10:00 am) or Thursday (8:00 am to 11:00 am). If you are interested in helping out, please contact

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Social Ministry continued...

Amy Gilbert at (352) 564-0397.

Vera Swade



Father Christmas Ball

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting the 2018 Father Christmas Ball in December. Thank you to Mary Krol and Lois Lenhart for helping sell tickets. It was a lovely ball with good food, dancing, silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. Our Father Christmas this year was Odie Malave who is one of our SOS brothers and volunteer who is a member of Knights of Columbus, a volunteer with the Emergency Management Center and gives of his time helping John Bourdeaux with the pantry. Congratulations Odie!

Our net proceeds from the Ball were \$13,200 for Serving Our Savior Pantry (S.O.S). These funds will pay for the food that we provide for the people in need in Citrus County.

I also would like to thank everyone who participated in the Angel Tree which is part of our Social Ministry mission. Your generosity was amazing! I requested 46 names of needy children from the Citrus County Family Resource Center and all the names were given out. The gifts were taken back to the Resource Center to be delivered to the children on Christmas. Thank you to Mary Stiles for her help in getting me the names I requested. Thank you, also, to Barb Johnson, Maggie Bregger, Harvey Johnson, and Jack Bregger for their help with the Angel Tree for set-up, manning the table, and carrying packages to my car.

Please see the Certificate of Thanks from the Citrus County Resource Center that sits on the shelf to the right of the front door in the Narthex. God Bless the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Amy Gilbert



Do you like the feel of money?

Call Louise
at 746-2405

and she can tell you how you can get your hands
on money every Sunday for a month!



Winter Music Series 2018-2019

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FLORIDA 34442



Larry Stephenson Band, Bluegrass

February 15, Friday 7pm

Johny Carlsson & the Florida Dixie Kings' "A Swingin' Mardi Gras"

March 3, Sunday 3pm

Castlebay, Music from Maine and the Celtic lands

March 24, Sunday 2pm

Tickets for each concert are \$10 at the door.

Sponsors:



(352)-527-0015 (352)-341-3515
Hernando, Florida Lecanto, Florida

For Information contact:

Angela Busler, 860-906-8723 (cell), AMBusler@gmail.com

*A joy that is shared is a joy made double.
—John Ray*

ROUND ROBIN GET-TOGETHERS

Are you looking for someone to eat lunch or supper with? Or maybe a way to meet new people in our “church family”? You can now be part of a new program we are calling **Round Robin**.

There will be sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex with eight sign-up slots and a couple of places to check off types of things you'd like to do. Maybe lunch or dinner at people's homes (everybody brings something). Go to different restaurants. Get together to play cards or games. Watch a movie or documentary, then talk about it. Start a book club. What you do is up to you, but in the process you would get to better know six or seven other members.

You would arrange to meet between services at a coffee hour and talk about what you would like to do once a month for four months. We realize we may be reaching with this idea, but if we get even eight or sixteen people that buy into it, we will consider it a small success. And if word gets out on how much fun it can be, it might grow into a major program.

BTW, when we moved to Florida thirteen years ago, I was feeling soooo lonely. We made our first friends down here through the Round Robin dinner groups from the Newcomer's Club. It works great there, so let's give it a try. Any questions or ideas on how to make this program work better, call Pat Wolff at 560-7386.



Love asks nothing in return but seeks those who need it. And who needs our love more than those who are consumed with hatred and are utterly devoid of love?
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LETTERS OF THANKS



Linda and I are humbled and grateful for the monetary Christmas gift given to us. To be among you for such a short period and to receive this kind of generosity is truly appreciated. I look forward to our future and doing ministry together for the sake of the Gospel.

In Christ,
Pastor Dennis & Linda Koch



To My Good Shepherd family,

Thank you for the outpouring of love and kindness extended to me during the holiday season. The many gifts of candies, homemade cookies, cakes, flowers, cards, money, were all very much appreciated. I truly do not have words to adequately express how much you all mean to me. You make coming to work so enjoyable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

In Christ's love,
Shirley McField



Thank you, dear church family, for all the expressions of sympathy extended to me following Arlyn's death in December.

In Christian love,
Darlene Hedin



New Year greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ at Good Shepherd! Many thanks for your holiday gift. It has now been seven years since I was asked to be the visitation pastor. We have been through the dark days of my back surgery and struggle to walk again. We have journeyed through the transition process to a new pastor. Through it all the consistent thing has been your love and affirmation. I am truly blessed to be part of the staff here at Good Shepherd.

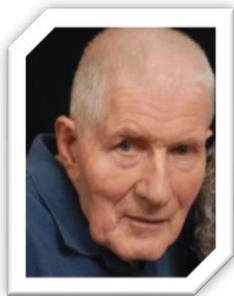
Pastor Barrett

Welcome To Good Shepherd

That's what we want new members to feel when they make the decision to join our church. So the Evangelism Committee wants to compile a (long) list of current members to act as sponsors for people who will be joining our Church Family. Please consider signing up. It will only take only a few extra minutes of your time, and it is a simple, but important, way of serving God and this congregation. Basically it means going to the front of the church when the newcomer officially joins the church. We suggest arranging to meet and sit with the prospective member in the weeks before and perhaps even the week or so after. Taking them to coffee hour and introducing them around to others would be great. Maybe even giving them a call at some point and asking if they are interested in getting more involved, then helping them contact the people from those groups or committees. If you are interested in getting on our (hopefully long) list, call Pat Wolff at 560-7386.



Arlyn Glenn Hedin



October 10, 1935 – December 20, 2018



“Rest in peace good and faithful servant.”

Memorial and Special Gifts

The following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of January:

- To the Enduring Gifts Fund by Jerry Mimi Waara in memory of **John Fosse**.



A Note from the Property Team

A Gentle Push

There has been a slight modification in the sacristy that we want to share with you. When entering or exiting the sacristy from the sanctuary, you will only need to give the door a “gentle push” to adhere it to the wall magnet. This will keep the door open for as long as needed.

If you see a problem that needs our attention, please complete a Property Request Form (located in the activities rack in the Narthex) and leave it in the church office. We will notify you once the work has been done, or the job status, if we are unable to make the repair.

Property Team

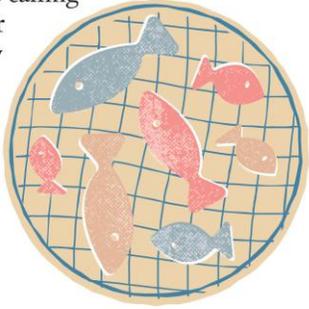


Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Valentine’s Day, *February 14, 2019*
- President’s Day, *February 18, 2019*

Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?



A. James
B. John
C. Simon
D. Andrew

Answer: (See Luke 5:1-11.)



Hilltoppers

The Hilltoppers enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of good food, good friends and good fellowship at Reds Restaurant in Hernando last month.

Our next outing will be Friday, February 21 when we will gather for lunch at Cedar River Seafood Restaurant in Inverness.

If you would like to join us, we will carpool from the church at 12:30pm. Don't forget to call Louise Olson at 344-4479 with your reservation.



The Quilting Group

On January 2nd eight quilters and one sewer met and we finished nine quilts. We thank Linda F. who brought in tops she sewed and sheets.

On January 16th we had thirteen quilters and two sewers and we finished eleven quilts. We welcomed two new ladies, Norma Engle and Pat Carrier joining us. We also welcome back Colleen S. and Peg H.

We thank Margot B. for sheets and pillowcases, Linda F. for sheets, Wendy W. for a blanket she made and Nancy J. for taking quilts home to sew edges.

We will be meeting on February 6th and 20th. Come and join us and bring your lunch; dessert and coffee are provided.

If you have questions call Gerry 637-2412.



Craft 'N Share

Come join us on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. or as your time allows. Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided.

In November, we assembled Christmas gifts for our shut-ins. We filled red plaid pouches with a brown-bag gingerbread man and a reindeer with candy cane antlers plus a card for each.

In January we will continue cutting, sewing and stuffing teddy bears for CMH. We received beautiful baby hats and blankets made by Diane Kittleson which were delivered to CMH. Thanks to Cindy Gaertner for delivering these and the teddy bears. Thank you to all our home crafters.

We will assemble pillowcase kits from the many donated pillowcases. We will continue to sew these together. We mailed off a dozen finished dresses to Nancy's Notions for the Little Dresses for Africa project or where needed.

We have patterns for home sewers of the pillowcase dress. Also, as a home project we will also continue making baby blankets, either sewn or knit/crochet items and baby hats. We have patterns for anyone who would like to work on these. We also have patterns for knitting or crocheting shawls or lap robes. Several ladies like working at home on these projects.

Please note: if you need a shawl or lap robe to deliver to someone who is ill, in rehab or hospital or grieving, pick one up. The bins for SHAWLS and

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LAP ROBES are in the left side of the right hand closet in the rear of fellowship hall, making it easier for you to access them. Please sign the clip board with the name of who you deliver too.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, January 23, from 10 to 2 for a chat while we work.
 Questions?? Call Maggie at 860-2215.



Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine's Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit.

Write it on the blanks below.

LEAVE									
CHAPEAU									
TRANQUILITY									
BECOME MATURE									
RESPOND									
SPHERE									
OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN									
DISCOVER									
CONFIDENCE									
ALWAYS									

Answer: depart hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness



"Many things I have tried to grasp and have lost. That which I have placed in God's hands, I still have." -Martin Luther

Stuck on repeat?

In *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray is doomed to repeat the same day over and over. For Christians, the "sin cycle" is similar: mess up, repent, resolve to do better — and fail yet again, often in the exact same ways.

That movie is really about grace, contends Mark Lockard. "We fail in small ways ... and in tragic ways," he writes on MinistryMatters.com. "Sometimes I think it would be nice to be able to hit repeat and try again the next day, to aim for perfection, to be the saintly Phil Connors we see at movie's end. But that takes away the spontaneity of the new day, the challenge of being more Christ-like despite a brand new set of circumstances."

On earth, the "chill" of sin keeps biting, but we can "face the stark winter day wrapped warmly in the knowing that it's okay to get it wrong," Lockard writes. "That's part of figuring out who we are as a beloved child of God. That's what grace is all about."



AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Love and laughter go hand in hand!

Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14—or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: “I find you very attractive.”

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: “I dot my i’s on you!”

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny



I surrender

Everybody eventually surrenders to something or someone. If not to God, you will surrender to the opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear or to your own pride, lusts or ego. You were designed to worship God—and if you fail to worship him, you will create other things (idols) to give your life to.

You are free to choose what you surrender to, but you are not free from the consequences of that choice. E. Stanley Jones said, “If you don’t surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos.”

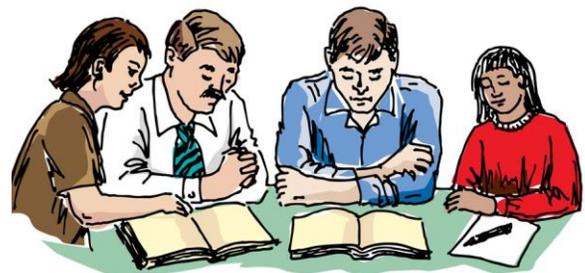
—Rick Warren, *The Purpose-Driven Life*

Adult Education

“God Behaving Badly”

A New Class Led by Pastor Barrett

Dash the heads of your enemies’ babies against the rocks (Psalms). When you enter the land, destroy their cities and slaughter every living thing—man, woman, and child (Joshua). Try to steady the load and keep the Ark of the Covenant from falling off the cart and God will strike you dead (2 Samuel). Mock God’s prophet and he may send a pack of she bears to maul you (2 Kings)! A woman who is raped must marry the man who raped her and remain with him until death (Deuteronomy). Your desire shall be for your husband and he will rule over you (Genesis). Parents must take disrespectful children to the city gates where they will be stoned to death (Leviticus). Celebrate your victory by killing your daughter (Judges). Is the God of the Old Testament sexist, racist, and violent? Two things deter Christians from spending much time on the Old Testament. First of all, it has lots of names that we can’t pronounce. Then how do we deal with all the blood shedding in the Old Testament, much of it seemingly endorsed or even commanded by God? How did the angry God of the Old Testament morph into the nice guy in the New Testament? Is the Old Testament so disturbing that Christians should avoid it? These are the topics we will discuss in the new class—“God Behaving Badly.”



ADULT

Bible Study

The class began in January and continues on Mondays at 10am through February 25. No book purchase is needed. Just bring your Bible.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></p>					<p>1</p> <p>7:30A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:45A – Christian Ed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30A – W/ELCA Board</p> <p>10:00A – Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>5 8:00A – Breakfast</p> <p>10:00A – Worship & Music</p> <p>11:30A – AA</p> <p>6:00P - Bells</p> <p>7:00P – Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00A-SOS</p> <p>10:00A – Quilters</p> <p>7:00P –Choir</p>	<p>7 8:30A – SOS</p>  <p>12:00P - Pizza</p> <p>1:00P – Grief Recovery</p>	<p>8 7:30A – Workday on Grounds</p> <p>10:00A – Noon Set-up Genealogical Society</p> <p>5:00P – Graham Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30A-3:00P Genealogical Society</p> <p>5:00P Graham Wedding</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:45A – Christian Ed W/ELCA Coffee, Tea & Cocoa Sale</p>	<p>11 9:30A Mary Martha</p> <p>10:00A – Adult Ed Class</p> <p>1:30P- Fellowship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00A-Breakfast</p> <p>11:00A – Evangelism</p> <p>6:00P – Bells</p> <p>11:30A – AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00A-SOS</p> <p>1:00P – Ruth Naomi</p> <p>7:00P –Choir</p>	<p>14 8:30A- SOS</p>  <p>1:00P – Grief Recovery</p>	<p>15 7:30A – Workday on Grounds</p> <p>1:00P – Hilltoppers</p> <p>7:00P – Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band Concert</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:45A – Christian Ed</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00A – Adult Ed Class</p> <p>1:30P – Social Ministry</p> <p>7:00P - Cards</p>	<p>19 8:00A- Breakfast</p> <p>11:30A – AA</p> <p>6:00P – Bells</p> <p>7:00P - Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00A-SOS</p> <p>10:00A – Quilters</p> <p>7:00P –Choir</p>	<p>21 8:30A- SOS</p>  <p>11:30A –Christian Education</p> <p>1:00P – Grief Recovery</p> <p>1:00P - Priscilla</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30A – Workday on Grounds</p>  <p>7:00P – Scouts Set-up Pinewood Derby</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00A-4:00P Scouts Pinewood Derby</p>
<p>24</p> <p>2:30P – Life Care Center</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00A – Adult Ed Class</p> <p>7:00P – Fairview Estates</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00A-Breakfast</p> <p>11:30A – AA</p> <p>6:00P – Bells</p> <p>7:00P - Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00A-SOS</p> <p>10:00A –Craft 'N Share</p> <p>7:00P –Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00A-SOS</p>  <p>1:00P – Grief Recovery</p>		

Sunday worship is at 8:30am & 11:00am unless otherwise noted.

Each service is followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Dan & Linda Cashman	02/10/68
John & Melissa Gifford	02/11/06
Randy & Carole Wagner	02/14/78
Frank & Elfrieda Romanelli	02/16/63
Jerry & Sue Dawson	02/19/77
Chris & Stacy Bahner	02/28/04
Mel & Donna Pease	02/28/76



2- Jack Motts

3 - Ken Swade
Kevin Towne

5- Barbara Lackner

7 - June Dreger-Parsons
Dick Hildebrandt

13 - Pat Yoho

20 - Dan Cashman
Shirley McField
Donna Powell

23 - John Bianchi
Deacon Rick Mainster

28 - Norma Engle

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES

FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24

ALTAR & COMMUNION

Joann Frost
Pat Ouwerkerk
Cathy Heaps Stetson

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Jo Ann Clutz

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sue Fowler
Melissa Gifford
Liz Busler – Aide
Samuel Heinz – Aide
Rebecca Donahue - Aide

MONEY COUNTERS

Tom Clutz, Lead
Jo Ann Clutz
Aagot Green

GREETERS

	8:30AM	&	11:00AM
February 3 –	Linda Koch		TBD
February 10 -	Debbie McLaughlin		Norma Engle
February 17 -	TBD	&	TBD
February 24 -	TBD		Gerry Kauth

ASSISTING MINISTER

8:30AM	11:00AM
	February 3
Bob Bonomo	Kathy Hildebrandt
	February 10
Ann Neville	Sharon Maxwell
	February 17
Walt Seefeld	Vera Swade
	February 24
Margot Berger	Lisbeth Goetter

CRUCIFER

8:30AM	11:00AM
Bob Bonomo	Sharon Maxwell
February 3 – 8:30A - Alex Schenk	

USHERS

8:30AM	11:00AM
Jim Earl, Lead Cherie Earl Cindy Towne Art Kraft	Harv Johnson, Lead Dan Cashman Linda Cashman

NURSERY

8:30AM	11:00AM
Susan Fowler	



(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)

Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Motts, Jack & Louann
Boerger, Dave	Hester, Marty	Neville, Bob
Breault, Margo	Hoell, Lucille	Nelson, John
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth	Johnson, Brad	Orndorff, Wayne
Brockschmidt, Fred	Lackner, Barbara	Page-Wood, Jeremy & Esther
Dreger-Parsons, June	Maidhof, Helen	Pawelko, Diane
Durr, John	Maxwell, Sharon	Richardson, Janet
Fosse, Barbara	McGauran, Marion	Wagner, Mary
Gingrich, Ed & Lillian	Moll, Bob	Williams, Sauny & Nate
Gramolini, Katherine	Morelli, Heike	
Hahn, Eric		

Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:

Gramolini, Katherine	Hickey, Madelyn	Makuch, Elsie
Halstead, Deborah	Maksymicz, Mike & Shirley	Mandell, Sheila
Hehn, Margaret	Maidhof, Walter & Helen	Moll, Bob & Wilma

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Luchay, Alan	Seefeld, Jessica
Cwicklinski, C.J.	Martin, Aaron	Springer, Jr., Dennis
Day, Kenneth	McCann, Jim	Stroble, Jeremy
Fosse, Jr., Paul	Moore, Andy	Swain, Jr., Terry
Gaertner, Jerrod	Moore, John	Thomas, Peter Chris
Harrington, Bryan	Muchow, Jason	Thompson, David
Heikkinen, Jacob	Osborn-Herdman, Christopher	Timpe, Chris
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Walton, Leslie
Holman, Evan	Posa, Codymichael	
Jackson, Brad	Radloff, Steven	

Relatives and Friends:

Ailor, Earle	Graves, Janice & Declan	Pulice, Sal
Balastieri, Casey	Green, William	Rajotte, Keith
Bell, Ian	Hanzel, Samantha	Rambaldini, Jim
Blyth, Ruby	Hickman, Daryl	Roberts, Rachel
Bonomo, Alyssa	Hohl, Wayne	Robinson, Deanna
Boucher, Phyllis	Hunt, Jim	Romanelli, Anthony, Ronnie
Brockschmidt, Donna	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Saari, Sandy
Brugger, Tristan	Kelly, Nancy	Schapers, Brant
Campano, Thomas	Kraft, Carter	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Cato, Cecelia	Lavaja, Jim	Scheltens, Lynn
Cipollone, Elaine	Lepley, Joann	Small, Brenda & Steven
Clarke, Father Peter	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Stanley, Dennis
Clarke, Charlotte	Lobenthal, Jean	Stuart, Neil & family
Cornell, Owen	Longworth, Kathy	Taylor, Barbara
Crawford, Cleola	Magram, Corbin	Thurmon, Mary & Chris
Crocker, Adler & Erin	Magri, Antoinette, Steve, & Thomas	Traywick, Edward
Dille, Jim	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary	Tuegel, Chuck
Dortin, Rachel	Maidhof, Jeremiah	Turner, Bob
DuPlane, George	Mainster, Roger	Urban, B.J.
Erickson, Clay	McHugh, Mark	Van Bennekom, Neyda
Fratto, Joseph	McPhee, John	Van Wyk family
Fowler family	Mock, Beth & Nelson	Walker family
Gaertner, Kent	Molina, Michael	Wilder, Gayle
Garling, John	O'Berry, Darlene	Williams, Dorothy
Gibboney, Nancy	Oehl, Lita	Wittmann family
Gibson, Jeanné	Orr, Gail	Woods, Donna Jean
Gifford, Diane	Pastor Joanie	Woolf, Nick
Glymph, Diane	Pelnar, Barb	Woolley, Carol & family
Goetter, Tom, Whitney	Pokaluk, Gene	Wright, Matthew
Goforth, Jeffrey	Price, Jerry	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Goodloe, Ernestine	Priselac, Lorrie	
Gradeless, Marge		

Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list. February, 2019



A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.

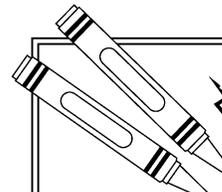


What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



PUZZLE

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV

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27:9, NIV

Answers: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV



"Don't worry. I'm a church pastor. First little problem, and they'll find me."



God's work. Our hands.

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