



# The Shepherd's Voice

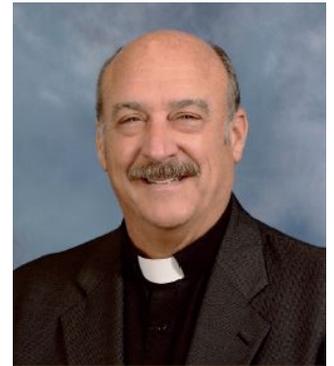
April 2022



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## PASTOR'S PAGE

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**E**aster – it is time to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! But is that all? Celebrate I mean. Does it change anything? After all, Jesus rose from the dead to redeem a creation crying in pain. On Easter, we put on our Easter best. We have Easter dinner. But, when the lilies have been removed from the sanctuary, what is any different? Easter isn't just an event that we celebrate. Easter brings in new life. It **CHANGES** everything! And, yes, I used that word, **CHANGE!**

I do not think anyone will argue with me when I say we live in a changing world. With that changing world come challenges to the Church. How do we **BE** the church in the world today in the face of all the “stuff” going on around us? I don't have all the answers. But I do know that there is one answer that I am certain will not work. That is the idea that we just go back to the past, ideal time, and everything will be okay. That is understandable but, it will not work. If you think about it, those of us who are over the age of 40 were born into a culture that could be called “Christian”. Now, statistics show that those who are “churchless” or have no church affiliation are at the 50% mark and will soon (if not already) be the majority. And, as an example, 48%-50% of Millennials (those born between 1984-2002) have been called “post-Christian” in their thinking and in their beliefs.

Compare that with what happened in the world of the first disciples. When the Crucifixion took place, the disciples thought their world had ended - everything they thought they knew was gone. In their thinking, all prospects for a future were over. But God did not, and will not, let Good Friday be the last word. Jesus walked out of the grave. The Father had something different in mind and the disciples were introduced into a new way of being. The Resurrection of Jesus (Easter) called them and it calls us to go out, to go forward, and to follow the Holy Spirit. The Church is about being in mission. I can share with you some societal trends that seem to be emerging and how we in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as the Church might be able to be in mission in our world given these trends.

Down through the centuries, there have been huge societal changes that affected the Church and how the Church does mission. We are in another one of those times. That does not mean there won't be the potential for gain. The future is not clear and we will make mistakes along the way but, our mission is to share the love of God to a broken world. I see a big potential for sharing God's grace for a broken world.

We need to be cautious that we don't hang onto an old model that doesn't work anymore. I use bookstores and record stores as an example. When is the last time you saw a bookstore or a record store? That is because they are or were hanging onto an old model. Books are now read and purchased online. Records have been replaced by MP3's and digital downloads – why the need for a record store? In the case of books, the mission is reading not buying books. Those who keep the mission (reading) in mind are successful. Churches can be the same. We need to stay focused on our mission to preach, teach, Baptize, and lead people into a relationship with the God we know in and through Jesus.

Another fear is that church is dead and dying and that buildings will no longer be necessary. There are some who think blogging and watching a church worship service online is all that we (the Church) need. They wish to give up on gathering as the church. Many, because of the pandemic, have given up gatherings of any kind. And, yes, some will leave the church and depend entirely on the media. There will always be a niche for online church which will reach those who simply do not have means/access to gather on Sunday morning. But the church has always gathered and will continue to do so because humans (in general) and the Church are primarily communal. Gathered we support and encourage one another and when it comes to mission, we can do far more together than we can do alone. Gatherings in the church might look different in the future but, the church will still gather together.

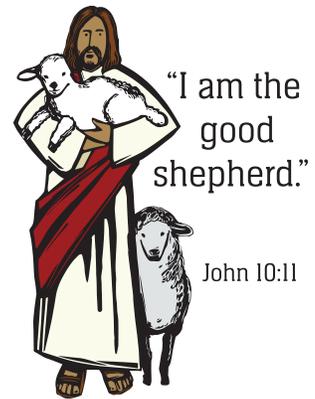
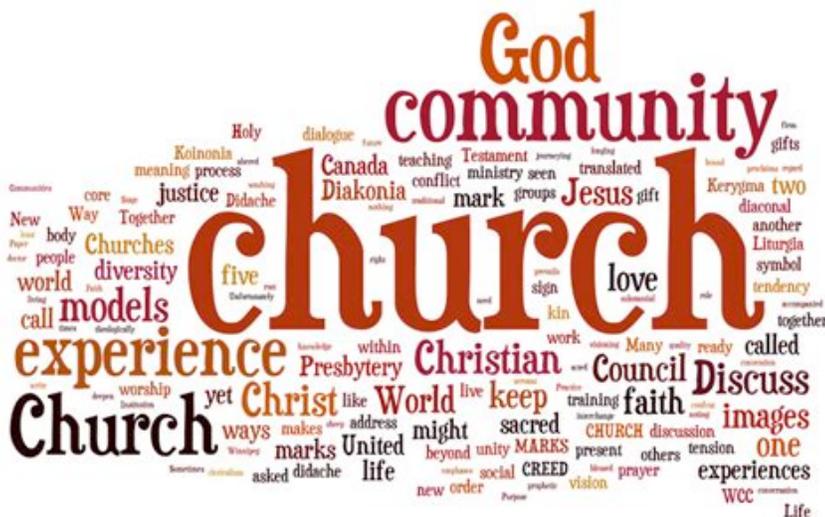
I wonder if (and I am not alone in this) consumerism in the church will die and an outward focused discipleship will emerge. There will be less people asking, "What Can I Get From God?" or "What's In It For Me?" Many have left the church or will not enter the church because it did not meet their needs. This is contrary to the message of the Gospel. The Gospel tells us to die to ourselves and to lose ourselves for the sake of the Gospel. We will still need to make decisions about music, worship times, and a few other things. The difference needs to be whether the focus is on our own viewpoints or the mission of the Church. Maybe, Sunday morning should be less about us and more about making ourselves more outsider focused – words that become deeds. Doing right will be more important than being right. How about treating people with kindness and compassion in everyday life and attending to their spiritual well-being. That is what drove the church of the first couple of centuries – so, it cannot be all that wrong.

Attendance will also no longer be as important as engagement. One of the things in the ELCA that drives me (as a Pastor) crazy, is the ELCA’s fascination with worship and attendance statistics. In the past, churches brought people into the church to engage in activities. It appears that the opposite is now needed. Engagement will drive attendance. It was engagement in the outside world that drove the early church. Maybe we can learn a lesson or two from them.

In all this remember, God is still God. God will have a people and the people of God will engage the world. Easter demonstrates for us the care that God has for the world. How are we going to share that message? I do not believe the church is dying. I believe the church is adapting. Our gatherings may be smaller in some places and our gatherings might be larger in some places. The mission of the church is bigger than any one congregation. We have mega-churches and we have small churches. Size will not be relevant. Most of us have a personal preference for either a large or a small church. One is not better than the other. There are bad mega-churches and there are also bad small churches and there are very good and effective mega-churches and very good and effective small churches. Some churches will get larger in size and some churches will get smaller. That does not mean they are useless and insignificant. It is not the numbers that matter, it is the mission. We, like the disciples, have a mission. It is our mission as Easter people to show the world that Jesus is risen and what that means for the world. So, if something seems strange and new – it probably is. But we are the ones called on to find a way through all the “stuff” to share the message.

The peace of God be with you along the way.

Pastor Dennis



## Deacon's Corner



Blessing to the good people of Good Shepherd

Lent is our journey to Easter Sunday and is a time for all of us to boost our devotion, to concentrate on spiritual growth and living, and more. This is traditionally accomplished by special focuses during the Lenten season which is prayer, reading scripture in our Bibles, and being extra generous to those who need our help.

If Lent is a journey, then every journey needs some time to prepare, and we need, while in prayer, to think how we can make our journey selfless and different than any other years prior.

Below are prayerful and mindful thoughts we can ask ourselves and what we can do:

- Meditate on God's faithful and sacrificial love for us to cultivate deep and abiding gratitude.
- Remember in humility that we are created of dust and to dust you shall return.
- Take time to honestly, critically, and gently evaluate how we have loved God and neighbor—or not—and how the Spirit might be calling us to do better.
- Repent of patterns and habits that harm ourselves and/or others.
- Continue the traditional Lenten practice of increased giving to people experiencing poverty.
- Take steps toward reconnecting with those from whom you've been estranged (if healthy for all).

Above bullet points are taken from an article in Living Lutheran 2/28/2020

Challenge yourself to go out of your way to be kind and compassionate to someone every day.

How can we increase our praying this season? How can our prayer life improve? Do we pray as we ought? Do we pray intentionally? Deliberately? Do we pray believing God will answer our prayer?

Private devotions are very special because we speak to Our Lord and He listens. Another way are group devotions that can be implemented by meeting weekly either in someone's home, zoom, or in the Sanctuary. It's perfectly acceptable to pray in the sanctuary during the week.

Are we offering to God a portion of what He has given us? Are we giving to God only from time, or talent or treasure? Can we broaden our sacrifice of thanksgiving to include more? Do we show compassion on the powerless? Are we as helpful to others as we can be? As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Let all of us be apart to the discipline of Lent, self-examination, and repentance.

In John 14 :27

*“Peace, I leave with you; my peace, I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

Blessings,

Deacon Robert



## Church Council News



**Executive Council Meeting**  
April 7th @ 9:30 AM  
**Council Meeting**  
April 14th @ 3:00 PM  
*Via Zoom*



DEADLINE for envelopes to purchase flowers due  
**April 10th.**  
Envelopes are in the Narthex  
Hydrangeas (40) for \$16.40 ea  
Lilies (10) for \$12.40



## Applying Bible Principles

What is it that motivates us to serve the Lord? What is it that causes us to use our time, talents, and treasure here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? What is it that enables us to put Christ first in our lives?

**Let's be honest:** Sometimes we serve the Lord for the wrong reason, with the wrong motivation. Sometimes, we do what we do for what Jesus called “the praise of men.” Sometimes, we give our time, talents, and treasure in order to be noticed and appreciated by other people. In reality, though, our **love** for Christ is what should motivate us in our service for Him.

This is stated very simply in 2 Corinthians 5:14: “For the love of Christ urges us on...” It’s what Hazel Simon described in this verse of her poem, “Love Makes Obedience a Thing of Joy.”

*Love gives us satisfaction in our task,  
And wealth in learning lessons of the heart;  
Love sheds a light of glory on our toil,  
And makes us humbly glad to have a part.*

“We love because He [Christ] first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Scripture is correct when it proclaims that the greatest gift is love. But how does that translate into the practical reality of everyday living?

**Here's how:** What we love, we place importance upon. What we love, we take care of. What we love, we nurture and cultivate. What we love, we protect. What we love, we give our time and attention to. What we love (or whom we love), we obey.

In his book, *Love in Action*, Dr. David Jeremiah states,

*Love insists we do something. Feelings follow action. Feelings are the fruit, not the root, of love. If you give your enemy something to eat or drink, something happens to your feelings. When you invest yourself in someone, you begin to feel differently toward him or her.*

You see, it’s one thing to sing, “I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice.” It’s entirely another to put that love into action by serving the Lord here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and demonstrating that love through serving others in Christ’s behalf.

What motivates you in your Christian service? If it's anything other than pure love for our Lord, why not ask God to create within you a heart that responds to the love shown for you on Calvary?

God could have chosen someone else to do what you have been asked to do. God's selection could have been made from literally billions of people. And yet God chose you. That's why it is indeed a holy privilege to be involved in this ministry as we serve the King of Kings.

So, why not ask God to show you how you can serve here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in a greater way in the days ahead?

**Volunteer! Serve our Lord. And have fun doing it!**

*A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is available on our [website](#), and printed copies are available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.*

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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## Fellowship

With the month of April, we have much to look forward to with Easter and hearing the story of our risen Lord. As has been the custom in most families' homes, a special meal is prepared for the occasion. As was done for Thanksgiving, Easter meals will be prepared for those who would like to have the opportunity to pick up a meal at church on Sunday, April 17th between 1 pm - 2 pm.

Sign up sheets are available on the table in the Narthex. Please read carefully the four clipboards. One is to sign up for a meal(s). Be sure to include all requested information. The second is asking for some food donations as listed. The third is asking helpers to prep the meals on Saturday, April 16th at 9 am. The fourth is asking for volunteers to help with distribution on Sunday, April 17, 1-2 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me or Deacon Bonomo.

Just a reminder, if you drop off items in the kitchen, please identify who left them and what is to be done with them. Another reminder is if you provide food at a function, please take leftovers home, or if leaving for the staff, please label the date and contact person.

Peace be with you,

*Betty Sanger*, Fellowship Chair



# Serving Our Savior



SOS Food Pantry  
PO Box 640774  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464  
email [sos4food@gmail.com](mailto:sos4food@gmail.com)

## Social Ministry



**Saturday Night Pick-Up  
&  
Food Share Monday Delivery**

Linda & Dan Cashman



# Adopt a Highway Program

Next event will be June 4th.



## Building / Property

### "You can see clearly now we changed the bulbs"

We, The Property Team, thought we would let you know what we have been up to last month in March.

We have swapped out 56 florescent light bulbs with new LED brighter cleaner lights and eliminated all of the ballasts in the process reducing heat output and energy costs.

This was done in the Fellowship Hall, two classrooms, kitchen, Pastor's office and the main office ( Shirley's office ).

We will be replacing the old flood lights at the Jesus Statue and the Cross with new LED Flood Lights.

Other projects being done this month, **not by Property:**

- The Courtyard Walkway Canopy (90% done)
- Replacement of door blinds with Shaded Film ( thank you Deacon Rick )
- Replacement of wooden fencing at mechanical areas with vinyl fencing.
- Sealing and striping of the parking lot including directional arrows and maybe double yellow no passing lines :)

The Recycling Garbage can for aluminum cans has been RELOCATED just around the corner of the front of church, behind the bush.

**G.S.L.C. Property Team,**  
Randy Wagner, Joe Adams, and Harv Johnson



# WELCA NEWS

*As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.*

The March WELCA Board meeting was held on March 1st, 2022.

A combined Circle meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and a Bible Study entitled “The Kingdom of God: Here and Now” was led by Lisbeth Goetter. Our women attended both in person and via Zoom. **The next Circle Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, in the classroom at Good Shepherd.** Anne Storan will lead the Bible Study.

The third WELCA Saturday event was held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Bechdolt presented the award-winning PBS movie “Beyond Our Differences.” Patrons enjoyed popcorn and lemonade. A lively discussion followed the movie.



**On April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM, we will be holding a Spring/Summer Fashion Show in our Fellowship Hall. Come watch your church friends as they strut the runway!**

Bonnett Washington, a NYC Fashion Week professional, will coordinate the show. Music will be provided by Renate Williams, photography by Darren Green. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Donations gratefully accepted. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item to help us fill a box for the local Food Bank.

**On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Terry Lucente will lead a tour of Funny Farm Alpacas.** Feed the alpacas their favorite treats (provided by the Farm)! We will meet in the church parking lot by 11:00 AM and carpools will form. Please wear casual clothing and comfortable shoes suitable for walking on grass and gravel. This event is free. The Farm gratefully accepts donations.

Don't forget to periodically check the Saturday calendar of events, as new events may be added during the year! Most of our Saturday events are open to all members of GSLC, family, friends, and neighbors. The Saturday Event Calendar can be found on the GSLC website, and was published in March's newsletter. You do not want to miss any of these great events and speakers!

GSLC women attended the annual Spring Gathering for the Pinelands Conference on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages. We enjoyed Hope's hospitality and lunch, and the breakfast provided by Rock of Ages. The Bible Study was led by Doris Binner from Rock of Ages Church. The guest speaker was pastor David Houck, CEO of SoZo Kids. SoZo Kids has been chosen as the Love Offering recipient for 2022 and 2023. The women also participated in a scripture verse coloring craft and a QiGong energizer.

Rachel's Day will be held on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Kirby Family Farms, an organization that runs many programs for children (including those with special needs, low-income children, and foster children) has been chosen to receive the 2022 Rachel's Day offering.

The April WELCA Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd and the May Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd.

Shelly Fortin, WELCA President



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

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## Worship & Music

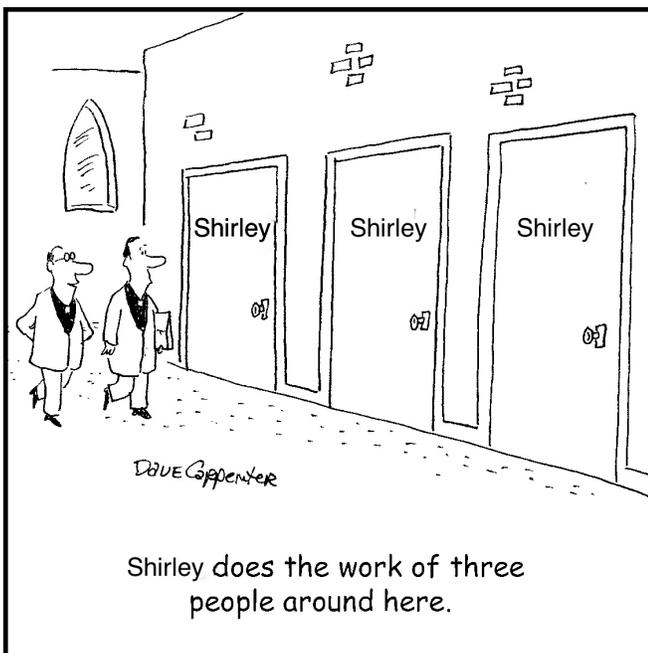
We have been busy preparing for  
**EASTER!**

**Meeting:** April 5th @ 10:00 AM



Our Faith Community Nurse, Kathy Metz,  
will be offering CPR class on

**April 26th at 3:00 PM**



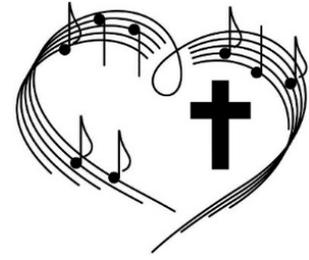
*"I want to know Christ  
and the power of his  
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

**Winter Music Series 2021-2022  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Hernando**

AND

**First United Methodist Church of Homosassa  
8831 W Bradshaw Street  
Homosassa, FL 34448**



**Present:**

**Special Consensus, Bluegrass Band** [More information](#)

**Grammy nominee and IBMA "Best Song of the Year" award winner.**

**April 29, Friday 7pm at First United Methodist Church of  
Homosassa**

Advanced Limited tickets are available at First UMC only.

Reserved Seating: \$20

General Admission: \$15

CDC Guidance will be observed.

Tickets at the door, only if remaining after pre-sales.

For Information contact Angela Busler (with GSLC), 860-906-8723 (cell),

[AMBusler@gmail.com](mailto:AMBusler@gmail.com) or contact Ron Hesketh (with FUMC), 352-382-4518 or contact First United Methodist Church at 352-628-4083.

**Sponsors:**

Tom and Barb Laing

AND



# CRAFT N SHARE



We will meet next on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Bring your lunch and a beverage.

In February, we made a simple felt bookmark for our shut-ins and sent it in a Valentine card to our shut-ins. In March, we addressed envelopes for a small gift and Easter card for our shut-ins. Since we did not meet in March, in April we will start a clothes pin nativity project for Pastor Koch's 'supply'. We will be using our supply of glue guns or bring your own if you have one to use for these projects. Join us for an easy project.

We thank Judy Wood, one of our home sewers, who picked up several pillow case kits and is working on pillow case dresses for the Little Dresses for Africa project. We have a goodly supply of donated pillowcases if you would like a pattern and sew some.

We have patterns for prayer shawls, lap robes pillow case dresses for anyone who likes to work on a home project. If interested, call Maggie.

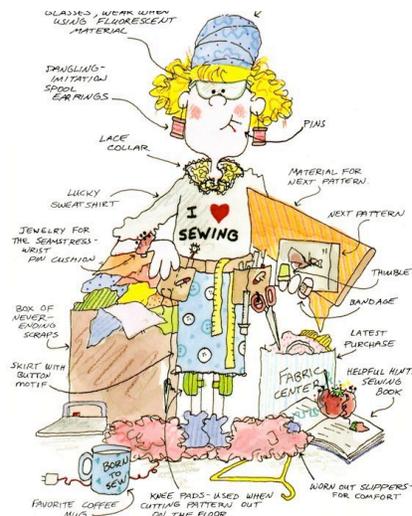
JOIN US on the fourth Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as we chat while we work. Bring your lunch and a beverage.

We hope to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month, except July and August, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this year.

Questions? Call Maggie at 352-860-2215.

# QUILTING GROUP

April 6th and April 20th @ 10:00 AM



## Special Dates

April 10th - Palm Sunday

April 14th - Maundy Thursday (6PM)

April 15th - Good Friday (12PM)

April 17th - Easter (8 AM & 10AM)

April 22nd - Earth Day

April 26th - CPR Class

April 27th - Secretary's Day



Caring for God's Creation

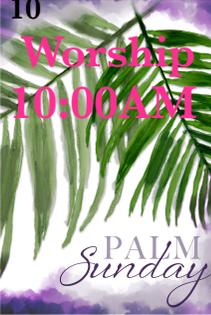
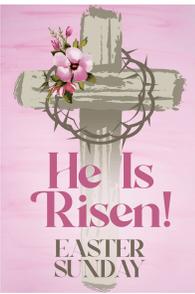


**Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM**

Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe



# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7:30A - Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe <i>Every Tuesday</i>	 <b>ALLELUIA!</b> CHRIST IS ALIVE!		<b>1</b> <b>8:00A –</b> Workday Grounds 	<b>2</b> <b>2 P</b> WELCA Fashion Show Dress Rehearsal
<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship 	<b>4</b> <b>10:00A –</b> Bible Study	<b>5</b> <b>9:30A</b> WELCA Board Mtg <b>10:00A</b> Worship & Music <b>6:30P -</b> Scouts/Bells	<b>6</b> <b>8:00A - SOS</b> <b>10:00A-</b> Quilters <b>1:00P -</b> Newcomer's Club <b>6:30P -</b> Worship <b>7:15P -</b> Choir	<b>7</b> <b>8:30A -</b> SOS <b>9:30 A</b> Executive Council Zoom <b>12 P</b> Lunch Angelotti's	<b>8</b> <b>8:00A –</b> Workday on Grounds 	<b>9</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> WELCA Fashion Show 
<b>10</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:00AM</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>10:00A –</b> Bible Study  <b>1:30P</b> Fellowship Study	<b>12</b> <b>6:30P -</b> Scouts  <b>6:30P-</b> Bells	<b>13</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b>  <b>1:00P -</b> WELCA Bible Study zoom  <b>6:30P -</b> Choir	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 A- SOS</b> <b>3:00 P</b> Church Council Zoom  <b>6:00 P</b> 	<b>15</b> <b>8:00A –</b> Workday on Grounds  <b>12:00</b> 	<b>16</b>  <b>10 A - 2 P</b> Scouts Carwash
<b>17 - 8A &amp; 10A</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>10:00A –</b> Bible Study  <b>1:30P -</b> Social Ministry	<b>19</b> <b>6:30P -</b> Bells  <b>7 P</b> Kensington Estates HOA meeting	<b>20</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b>  <b>10:00A-</b> Quilters  <b>6:30P -</b> Choir	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>22</b> <b>8:00A –</b> Workday on Grounds    Earth Day	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>10:00 A</b> Worship	<b>25</b> <b>10:00A -</b> Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>3:00 P</b> CPR class  <b>6:30P-</b> Scouts  <b>6:30P -</b> Bells	<b>27</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b> <b>10:00A-</b> Craft n Share <b>6:30P -</b> Choir  	<b>28</b> <b>8:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>29</b> <b>8:00A –</b> Workday on Grounds <b>7 P</b> Winter Music Series Concert See page 14	<b>30</b> <b>11 A</b> WELCA Alpaca Tour <b>FUNNY FARM ALPACAS</b> 

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Cliff and Ann Possinger	04/18/1998
Jack and Maggie Bregger	04/19/1958
Ray and Maxine Whitcomb	04/24/1948



3 - Ginny Gopadze	14 - Joe Adams	22 - Jerry Waara Mimi Waara
5 - Elfrieda Romanelli	15 - Sandy Jackson	23 - Patricia Carrier Jerry Dawson
8 - Diane Pawelko	18 - Karen Fandel Barbara Lauer	24 - Angela Busler
9 - Jack Eggert	20 - Alma Day	26 - Deacon Bob Bonomo
11 - Pat Zehner	21 - Sue Dawson	29 - Art Craft Carolyn Wall
12 - Steven Swartz		





**Let us remember:**

Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Jimenez, Jeannette	Pawelko, Diane
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Johnson, Carol Lee	Thomas, Maria
Burfeindt, Janet	Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael	Whitcomb, Ray
Clark, Dawn	Lauer, Barbara	Wildman, Joe
Dionne, Pam	Lawrence, Ivalee	Wolff, Jack
Drennen, Rose & Family	Lepore, Linda	
Hartsfield, Sylvia	Masters, Leith	
Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Page-Wood, Jeremy	

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

Hehn, Margaret	Moll, Bob	Phillipp, Dick	Whitcomb, Maxine
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**All who serve our country in the military:**

Burba, Jake	Holman, Evan	Posa, Codymicheal	Timpe, Chris
Ceballos, Jason	Jackson, Brad	Radloff, Steven	
Corsino, Mykael	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Radosevitch, Eric	
Day, Kenneth	Luchay, Alan	Seefeld, Jessica	
Gaertner, Jerrod	Martin, Aaron	Springer, Dennis	
Harrington, Bryan	McCann, Jim	Stroble, Jeramy	
Heinz, Karinne	Miller, Tyler	Swain, Jr., Terry	
Hickman, Richard	Much, Jason	Thomas, Peter Chris	
Hicks, Nathan	Piott, Trenton	Thompson, David	



**Relatives and Friends:**

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Burgess, Louise	Crooks, Candi	Gifford, Judy
Balastieri, Casey	Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	DeGina, Fran &	Goetter, Thomas
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Campano, Thomas	Dortin, Rachel	Goforth, Jeffrey
Beck, Bryan	Cato, Cecelia	Egan, Tom	Goodloe, Ernestine
Beeftink, Paul	Cipollone, Elaine	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice & Declan
Bell, Ian	Clarke, Charlotte	Fidwell, Eloise	Guberman family
Blunt, Robert	Clarke, Father Peter	Fowler family	Hertel, Karl
Blyth, Ruby	Costa, Denise	Fratto, Joseph	Johnson, Jim
Brockschmidt, Donna	Crawford, Cleola	Garling, John	Kamm, Nancy
Brugger, Tristan			

Kraft, Carter	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Robertson, Glen	Vespa, Hazel
Krol, Shirley	McHugh, Mark	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vulkelich, Alejandra
Krutzikowski, Karl	McPhee, John	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie
Lavaja, Jim	Mena, Steve	Schoenleber, Sara	Wilder, Gayle
Lewellen, Emily Anne	Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Sillen, Rita	Williams, Dorothy
Lobenthal, Jean	O'Berry, Darlene	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wierzel, Rosalee
Loftin, Tracy	Page-Wood, Jake	Stewart, Sam	Wittman family
Longworth, Kathy	Powell, Bill	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wood, Rowen
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### **ATTENTION: PLEASE READ**

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 be removed from the prayer list - otherwise**, they will remain on the list. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military.

Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

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Newsletter deadline is April 16th.

*Stephanie*



Sometimes I just look up, smile, and say, "I know that was you **Lord!** Thank you for all you do for me!"

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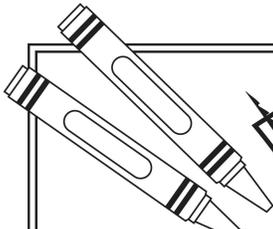
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# PUZZLE

## A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

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 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

## Why Do We Celebrate EASTER?

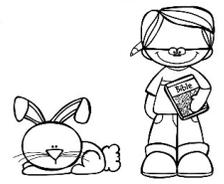
Easter is a special holiday that we celebrate to remember that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to save us from our sins.

We are all sinners because we have all disobeyed God.

God is holy and just. He cannot let sinners come into heaven.

God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, into the world to live a perfect life in our place and then to die in our place, to take the punishment for our sins.

If we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we can be saved from our sins and spend all of eternity in Heaven with God.



Jesus died for our sins. But, He didn't stay dead. He rose again from the dead on the third day. And that is the wonderful story of EASTER!

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Jesus has  
 Risen,  
 Jesus, our  
 friend.  
 Joy fills our  
 hearts;  
 He lives again.

Thelma Johnson Ryser



He is Risen

