



The Shepherd's Voice Pastor's Devotion

Our
Interim
Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

April begins with the ***“Feast of our Lord’s Resurrection”***. On Sunday, April 5th, we will arrive at church to find the altar dressed in festive white instead of solemn purple, and the sanctuary filled with lilies and other spring flowers. We will sing hymns of joy and victory filled with ***“Alleluias”*** which our Sunday School Children had ***“buried for Lent”***. Our worship will begin with our Children ***“unburying the Alleluias”*** and joyfully presenting the ***“Alleluias”*** to us just before the greeting ***“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!”*** as we celebrate this day our Savior rose from the dead and lives forever.

But when Easter Sunday is over, we don’t have to stop the celebration. As the Christian church worships each Sunday, we are reminded the Easter victory is ours’ each day. In fact, each Sunday throughout the church year is designated a ***“little Easter”*** by the Christian Church. Each Sunday reminds us that the wonderful news of ***“the new life in Christ Jesus”*** belongs to us every day. So let us celebrate!

Easter also gives us a great opportunity to recommit ourselves to celebrating victory from this day until the final ***“Day of Resurrection”***. So, in August, we can open our hymnal to ***“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”***. Next October we can proclaim, ***“I know that my Redeemer Lives;”*** and even in the cold, bleak days of January we can live in the hope ***“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”***.

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, proclaim with us ***“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!”*** as we celebrate ***“our living hope”*** in Christ Jesus at our 10:00 a.m. Festival Worship Let us, then, faithfully celebrate ***“Christ’s Victory”*** every day throughout the year as ***“He is Arisen! Glorious Word”!***

***With Christ’s joy, peace, and love,
Pastor Bob***

President's Message



I am happy to report some new things we have started at Good Shepherd.

To start, we have started a weekly email blast called Good Shepherd Connections. These are usually sent via email on Fridays and to keep you informed of the events that are taking place the following week. The feedback has been positive. If you are not receiving these email blasts, please contact the church office at 352-746-7161 to get on our email list.

We have also started a new Slack channel. Slack is an app you can use on your phone and computer to stay in touch easily with the Good Shepherd family. It is email, text, and zoom all in one app. Most of the Council members and Committee members have already signed up. If you would like to be added to this new and exciting tool, just send me a note and I will add you to the channel.

Pastor Bob will be holding a new members class on April 23rd and 30th at 1 PM. Lunch will be provided on April 23rd. If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, please contact the church office to be included in these classes.

In preparation of the Synod Assembly in June, the Florida-Bahamas Synod will have a Synod wide Bible study using the book *Bearing Witness in Acts and Today*. All are welcome to join in this first ever Synod wide bible study. The Synod will have a weekly Zoom discussion starting on April 14th at 7 PM. If there is an interest we can host the Zoom meeting at the church. For more information and how to purchase the book use this link <https://www.fbsassembly.org/bible-study.html>

Finally, the Christian Education Committee has started a new Bible study on Tuesdays starting at 11 AM. The first meeting was very well received and all participants were very excited about this new approach to Bible study using *Dwelling in the Word*. *Dwelling in the Word* is an ancient form of Bible study that is still practiced today by Seminary students and church councils.

As you can see there is a lot going on at Good Shepherd and I truly hope you can join us in some of these activities.

Grace and Peace,

Joe

Church Council News



- Synod delegate change from John Colson to Joe Adams
- Purchase of a laptop for the Treasurer
- Enduring Gifts expenditures for needed church items
- Craft and Share purchase of storage bins for their supplies
- First PODCAST recorded and went wonderfully
- Purchase of a new children's anti-choking device
- Hope Partnership Program participation offered through the Synod

- **Use of Building requests approved:**
 - Kensington Estates annual POA meeting
 - Lifeline Screening
 - WELCA Baby Bump Expo
 - Citrus Hills Women's Club charity drive in the parking lot

- **Upcoming activities:**
 - Spring Fling
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Mother's Day Tea
 - New Member Classes
 - Pentecost Sunday for bringing in new members
 - Synod-wide Bible study Zoom opportunity

Kathleen Swartz
Council Secretary

Fellowship



Our Fellowship Committee Meeting will be held on April 13th at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows. If you would like to help with serving coffee, tea or cleaning up after worship please sign your name on the volunteer sheet near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping if you can. It will take about an hour of your time once a month and would be greatly appreciated. We are asking our congregation to occasionally help with bringing a dessert. It does not have to be home made. Anything from a bakery; sugar free, gluten free or regular dessert will help make our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance for any assistance.

NOTE: Volunteers are needed in the Fellowship Kitchen to serve coffee after worship service.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair
John Giammasi, Co-chair



This is a time for renewal as we celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. GSLC, the Council, and the call committee are also all in a time of renewal, as we listen for more guidance from the Holy Spirit in finding the shepherd that our congregation and community need. The process has been long and at time arduous for all involved, but as a congregation we must push on and continue to do the work of the Church, treating all our neighbors with love and kindness. Each of us needs to be a shepherd, tending to others around us.

Personally, I thank each of the members of the call committee who have spent a great deal of time and effort on our work thus far. I especially extend my gratitude to Lenore Deck and John Lepore, who have decided to step down from the committee as we move forward. To fill these two openings, we are gathering names of those who may be interested in serving. Please contact Nina Giglio nmgiglio@gmail.com; 704-609-2174, to discuss further. To participate in the committee, you need to be a member of GSLC and cannot be currently serving as a member of the Church Council. The Church Council will appoint one male and one female to serve out the terms.

The committee is not “starting over”, the Mission Site Profile (MSP) we previously completed and the open position have been reposted. The Council and Call Committee met with Pastor Nicole in March. The committee will continue to review, evaluate, and update the MSP as new members are appointed, and as we reflect on our experience with the process. Please continue to pray for Synod leaders, GSLC Council, the Call Committee, and all members of GSLC.

John Lepore, ZoAnn Weimer, Mel Pease, John Reichert, Lenore Deck, Nina Giglio

Craft & Share



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.” Romans 15:13

March Craft and Share meeting was so much fun. I really appreciate all the help from the volunteers. We have volunteers that help create the crafts, and we have volunteers that take the crafts to the sick and shut-in. Thank you all very much.

The goal of March Craft and Share meeting was to create crafts with the theme of Easter. We were able to make bunny dishcloths and washcloths. We also made some colorful Easter egg wreaths; we made bunny napkins filled with chocolate Easter eggs and jellybeans. We made bunny and Easter egg silhouettes on canvas; we also included cards of encouragement and Easter quotes from the bible.

The next time Craft and Share meet will be April 22, 2026, from 9:30am – 1pm. We meet every fourth Wednesday of the month. We will take a lunch break, so don't forget to bring your lunch.

If you can cut, sew, glue, and do simple crafts, this is the place to be. Come join us we will have a blast! For the next meeting we will make crafts to celebrate “patriotism”. We will make pillows, flags, wreaths, gnomes, cards and much more.

If this sounds exciting to you, don't be shy, come and share your craft skills so we can get these gifts to the sick and shut-in, to let them know we did not forget about them.

If you'd like to sew or crochet some crafts at home at your convenience, please let me know. We can use all the help we can get.

I look forward to seeing many new faces joining the Craft and Share Team!!!

Bonnett Washington

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SOS FEBRUARY DISTRIBUTION REPORT

WEEK ENDING	FAMILIES SERVED	PERSONS SERVED	FOOD WEIGHT	WEIGHT PER FAMILY
2/5/26	151	409	8,305	55lbs
2/12/26	120	338	5,400	45lbs
2/19/26	164	463	10,660	65lbs
2/26/26	116	328	6,960	60lbs
TOTALS	551	1538	31,325	



SCAN TO DONATE



Memorials and Special Gifts

Thrivent

Lois L. Johnston

Susan F. Okimoto

Mike & Angela Busler in Memory of Cathy Heaps-Stetson

Joe & Stephanie Adams in Memory of Kathy Heaps-Stetson

Marty McMahan special donation to Music & Worship



Property Committee

This is NOT a parking spot



For your safety please park in the designated area



This IS a parking Spot

Eucharistic Ministry

Volunteers are always needed to assist at Services held at assisted living facilities. Compass Rose is the first and third Mondays. Best Care is on the second Monday. The Reserve is the fourth Monday. All services start at 10 AM and volunteers are needed before service to assist those needing help.



Contact Rick Minister or Sharon Maxwell.

Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Cathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team Members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. worship.

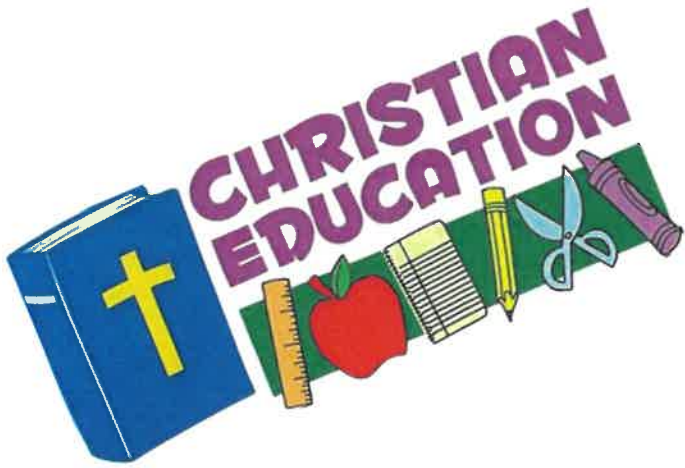


We always take donations for Hygiene kits.



Publix Bread Pick-up:
Sign up in the Narthex
Deliveries to: CUB

Christian Education



He is RISEN!! What a wonderful time to begin to explore various stories of the Bible. Come join us every Tuesday at 11 am for our new and interesting Bible study. This is a study like none of you have ever experienced before. Discussing each passage, there is a dynamic feeling that takes over the room. Whether you have studied the Bible cover to cover or are new to it, you are sure to get a lot out of our meeting.

One interesting aspect of these “lessons”, is that through discussion, questioning, and partnering, many new insights come to light. The information in the Bible is fascinating, but what one person takes from it, may not be what you took from it. As we come back together and discuss as a group, many ah ha moments are had. We all come from different backgrounds and histories, and this brings about different ways of thinking. The best part of all of this, is that there is no wrong way to think about it.

Unfortunately, currently, we don't have a consistent Sunday School class. The intent is to continue through the 10 Commandments and make connections as to what they mean to us in our current day and age. We always look for ways to connect to what is going on now in our lives to cement the meaning of our lessons. This also allows the children to continue to apply God's word and strengthen their faith.

Yours in Christ

Sue Fowler

Christian Ed Chairman



Our first podcast is recorded. How much fun that was!!!! Thank you Miss Nina and Mr. Tom for being part of this. Emily had many interesting questions that they all worked through and answered with interest and thought. We are working on editing the podcast so that we can upload it to our website, YouTube, and Facebook. We will announce when it has been released. Please take a moment to listen to our *Sheep of the Shepherd*. Our next podcast will include our president, Joe Adams. These are entertaining as well as informative as we teach each other a little about ourselves, and our generation. If you are interested in taking part in a podcast episode, please let Sue Fowler know, or send her an email at treasurer@gsi.bernando.org. Miss Nina and Mr. Tom stated that they really enjoyed the interaction. If you are not sure if you would like to be part of one, talk to one of our previous guests. Looking towards the future and many more podcasts to come!

APRIL

As we had 90 plus names listed on our ***“Relatives and Friends”*** prayer list in our “Monthly Newsletter “instead of listing all the person(s)’ names, we offer the following “Options” so that you/we can regularly lift up your/our ***“Relative and Friends”*** in prayer.

We invite you to raise up the person(s) name silently or aloud at our Sunday Morning Worship Service during the “Intercessory Prayer” as we pray *“The Prayer for Healing”* as we give the congregation the opportunity to lift up our name(s) of concern *“aloud or silently in our hearts.”*

We invite you to share your prayer concern(s) by writing the person(s)’ name and concern on the back of the “Welcome”/Prayer Request” card found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate. Your prayer request(s) will be specifically lifted up during our “Wednesday Morning Prayer Service.

We invite you to attend our “Wednesday Morning Prayer Service” beginning at 9:00 am. It is a simple prayer service at which you can personally raise up the person(s)’ names and concern either “silently or aloud.”

We invite you to place your “Relative or Friend” name(s) on our “Prayer Chain” by contacting Marcia Reichert at mareichert55@gmail.com

We offer the following “General Prayer” that you may regularly use as you pray for your *“Relative and Friends”* for the Lord’s blessing, compassion, healing and wholeness:

“Compassionate God, look with favor upon those who are sick, suffering, grieving or have any need (especially.....INCLUDE NAME(S)) and grant them healing, comfort, wholeness and your peace that surpasses all human understanding. In Jesus’ name. Amen

God’s Blessing Always!

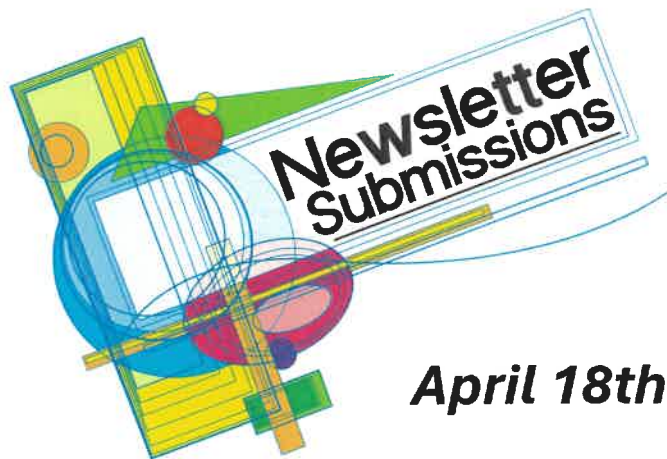
“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in Truth.” (Psalm 145:1)

Newsletter Editor



We have many contribution envelopes from the last order. If you fill out an envelope in the sanctuary, please let me know I will assign you envelopes. You do not have to be a member to get envelopes. Email financial-secretary@gslchernando.org or call the office. If you request them, they will be on the WELCOME table in the Narthex.

Thank you. Stephanie



April 18th



God's work. Our hands.

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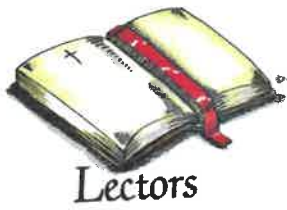
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WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS**

We invite you to participate in the next steps of the membership process by attending Good Shepherd's "New Member Orientation Sessions". "Orientation Sessions" will be held on Thursday's April 22nd and April 30th from 1:00pm through 2:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Light lunch will be served on April 22nd and then on April 30th popcorn and snack will be available as we will be watching a movie about "Martin Luther".

New member will be received into Membership on "Pentecost Sunday" which is May 24th, 2026, during our 10:00 AM worship service. If interested, please sign up on the "New Membership Orientation sheet", located on the "Welcome Desk" located in the Narthex area. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Bob or call the Church Office

SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY— SUE FOWLER



Maundy Thursday April 2nd	Tom Kranauer
Good Friday April 3rd	Brenda Landfried
Easter Sunday April 5th	John Giammasi
Sunday April 12th	Sue Okimoto
Sunday April 19th	Ann Serafin
Sunday April 26th	Margot Berger



Please be at church by 9:15 am for 10 a.m., service
April 5th and 12th Denny Moore, Tom Fowler and Gary Bush
April 19th and 26th Lois Lenhart, Ann Serafin and Harv Johnson

Sound room



FRAN STETSON, JOHN GIFFORD, JOE ADAMS, DAN CASHMAN

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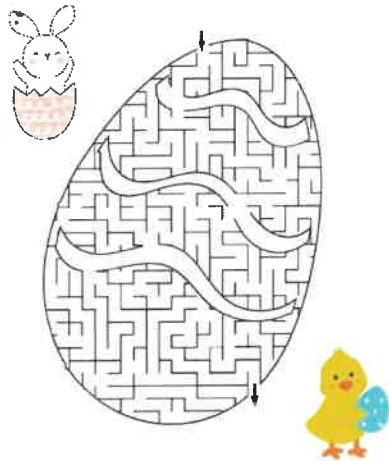
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Kid's Corner

Egg-citing Easter Maze

Can you find your way through the maze?



PUZZLE TIME FIND THE WAY OUT OF THE EGG



You're Invited



Mother's Day Tea

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

May 9, 2026 • 1:00pm - 3:00pm











Renate Williams , GSLC Director of Music will provide the entertainment this year. I know we are in for a treat so please invite your friends to join the celebration.

We are also awarding a \$50 gift certificate to the person who shows up wearing the best decorated hat, so grab an old hat, glue gun, flowers, netting, pictures or wherever your imagination/talent takes you and come on down to march in our parade.

Any questions, call Sharon Maxwell at (304) 237-2573



WEDNESDAYS A TIME FOR PRAYER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Quilters 2:00 PM Citrus Newcomers 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	 2 7:30 AM SOS 9:00 AM CFQG** 9:30 AM Executive Meeting 1:00 PM Outreach 2:00 PM Stewardship	 3 8:00 AM GROUNDS	4 10:00 – 2:00 Sp. Lang Church
5 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	6 10:00 AM EM Compass Rose 1:30 PM Fellowship 6:00 PM Kensington States	7 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	8 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	 9 7:30 AM SOS 3:00 PM Council Meeting	 10 8:00 AM GROUNDS	11 10:00 – 2:00 Sp. Lang Church
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26 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	27 10:00 AM EM Best Care 6:00 PM Kensington States	28 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 2:00 PM Fairview HOA 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal	29 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	 30 10:00 AM Christian Ed. 1:00pm New Members Class		

Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe
 Every Tuesday @ 7:30 a.m.

Lunch at Angelotti's
 First Thursday @ Noon

**EM EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

** CITRUS COUNTY FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS GROUP