



The Shepherd's Horn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • Virginia Beach, Va.



He's Alive!

There they were, lined up in perfect order one after another. Their colors gleamed with the ribbons and bows that adorned them. They

were as pristine as the day they were received. No one was sure why they were so well preserved or what the motive was that made the person keep them as they were. But the shelves were filled with goodwill and love. Who among us has ever received a gift to only place it upon a shelf? Why would we do such a thing? For gifts are not only meant to be received, but meant to be opened and then to serve a purpose in our lives whether that purpose be simply to bring us joy or to be of some use to us as we journey through life.

You have been given the greatest gift ever given. That gift began with the gift of life. Then we had the gift of growth and health, such as it may be. And the gift of a relationship with the one who created you.



Come to the Party!

On Sunday, April 9 we are throwing a party, because it is Easter, Jesus is alive, God has tri-

umphed, and nothing will ever be the same again!

Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the beginning of the Easter season. We will one worship service at **9:30 am**, with our annual **Easter Breakfast** and **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** being immediately after the service.

All are welcome!

Breakfast will be served beginning at **10:45 a.m.** Children are invited to BYOB (bring your own basket) for the egg hunt which will begin around **11:00 a.m.** If there are co-workers, neighbors, friends or family members in your life who do not have a place to worship this Easter, why not invite them and their families to join us?



Easter Lilies and Chicks

Ten little chicks make

a big difference. Eggs are not only an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals, they also help bring in steady income when sold at the market. With this gift, things are looking up – sunny side up, that is.

Easter Lilies will help beautify our worship space. They may be given in memory of, in honor of, or to the glory of God. Make sure you mark your check or envelope accordingly. Sign up forms are in the bulletin for Easter Lilies and Chicks. The cost is \$12 for lilies and \$10 for chicks. The **deadline** for ordering is **Sunday, April 2.** You may also call the office at **319-4847** and give your

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In this season of Easter we often concentrate on the fact that Christ is Risen. But I remember the long hours studying Greek in seminary and how in translations by Dr. Peterson you would occasionally hear passages that contained the phrase, “*so that*.” The phrase is most important for it speaks to the purpose or results of our actions and God’s actions. Everything that God has done for you contains a “*so that*.”

God created *so that* you would feel love. God walks with us *so that* we never feel alone. God guides us *so that* we do not have to worry about making all of lives decisions on our own. God sends Christ *so that* we can come to know God even in a closer, more intimate way. God gives us forgiveness *so that* we know that our growth is not the result of threats or coercion, but our growth comes from being completely loved. God gives us forgiveness, love, blessing upon blessing, mercy and grace *so that* we can give those same things to everyone around us and everyone we meet.

Oh yes, it does sound somewhat idealistic. Especially due to our own experiences in life. But just imagine what our days would look like if we placed the *so that’s* into motion. What would it look like if we followed Christ in “thought, word, and deed” as our confession states? Would it change the world? Some may argue that it would not. But I guarantee you that it not only would change the world, but it DOES change the world. If for no other reason than it changes the way you see the world. It changes the way you respond to the world. And you begin to see the world and the things around you through the eyes of Christ. You begin to see the world and all of creation as God did in the beginning and God declared that it is GOOD. It still is good for God is still here with us. Perhaps the greatest gift is the invitation to walk in the WAY of Christ. God sends reminders to us constantly.

One reminder comes to you each and every day. You already experienced it this morning. For if you are reading this it is because you woke from sleep. Each morning you rise and that reminds us that Christ rose from the dead. Death was defeated. Not only spiritual death, but death from being captive to ourselves. We have the gift to focus upon our love for others. In doing so we live a life similar to our creator who focuses upon all of us and all things. It sounds like a lot to accomplish, but surprisingly, it is very freeing to know that we, everyone and everything is in the hands of God. We love and trust God, *so that* we no longer have a reason to worry.

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April Birthdays/Anniversaries

- 5 Sharon LaFontaine
- 7 Jackie Ferguson, Steve Jackson
Lynn Wiles
- 12 Steve Sunderland
- 17 Kevin Welch
- 19 Shannon Doolittle
- 22 Karen Welch
- 26 Betty Jackson
- 29 Claudia Banner
- 30 Daniel Guest

Anniversaries

- 1 Steve & Nicole Newsome
- 27 Norm & Mary Ann Beard



Births IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to the following families on the arrival of their new baby:

Jennifer & Joshua Jordan on the birth of their daughter, Julianna Jordan.

Emma & Greg Chandler on the birth of their son, Griffin Parker Chandler.



With Deepest Sympathy

Peace and comfort to Pastor Faron and his family on the death of his aunt March 19th in North Carolina..

Recognition Award



Chris Welch receiving a recognition award for all of his work as chair of the Call Committee.

Installation Service Pictures



Pastor accepting the call.



Tidewater area pastors who were able to attend with Pastor Faron [center]

No wonder Jesus taught us that we shouldn't.

Let this Easter be the beginning of living a RISEN life in the awareness of the eternal one who makes you eternal as well, *so that* where I AM, YOU may be also!

So that always leads to so what!
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor Faron

Financial Update 2023

Our latest financial snapshot for the month of March 2023 is shown below.

Financial Snapshot As of March 27, 2023

	February	YTD
Support	\$ 22,560	\$ 78,244
Expense	\$27,580	\$ 74,431
Over/[short]	\$ [5,020]	\$ 3,813

Good Shepherd offers electronic giving for those who appreciate the convenience of online payments. Whether it is a one-time gift, or automated regular giving, you can setup a payment by visiting our website at www.goodshepherdvb.org and click on "Online Giving" at the top. Or scan the QR code. Many people have found this to be a handy feature, especially for times when life gets overwhelmingly busy. As always, we greatly appreciate all who contribute to our life and ministry together here at Good Shepherd. Your gifts do more than keep the lights on – they touch lives!



Online

Food Pantry Fruit Donations for April



Through the month of April we are asking for donations of canned fruits to replenish our supply. You may put your donations in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you in advance. Our clients really appreciate it. Our numbers have increased.



The Center of It All

Sunday, April 2 begins the most important week of the year for Christians. From palms to cross to empty tomb, we mark the events that are at the center of our hope and faith. Like any great drama, to skip even one act of the play is to lose out on the meaning of the whole. Don't miss out! Join us this year as we walk with our Lord Jesus to the cross of our salvation and beyond.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2 9:30 a.m.

With shouts of 'Hosanna!' palm branches and exuberant expectations, the crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. But how fickle our human hearts, and how soon their cheers turn to jeers as he goes to fulfill his Father's will.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

On this first night, we remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples before being betrayed to the those seeking to kill him. Not only are we called to a "new" commandment, that of love, we share with one another signs of that love through Holy Communion and a (optional) rite of foot washing.

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

The story we began on Thursday night continues this evening as we walk with Jesus the way of the cross. This somber service includes John's account of Jesus' trial and crucifixion. Still, a note of victory is sounded as we behold the cross by which Jesus has redeemed not just our own lives, but those of the whole world.

Easter Sunday

April 9, 9:30 am

Join us Easter Sunday morning as we celebrate the Risen Lord. Alleluia! He is alive! Join us for our Easter Breakfast following the service, at 10:45am and the Easter Candy Hunt at 11:00 am.



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Those Who Serve

April 2—Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister Jackie Rosendahl
Communion Assistant Roger White
Reader Donna White
Usher Mark Rosendahl
Altar Guild
Coffee Host Parish Life Ministry
Food Pantry Joy Whittaker, Marilyn Berge 4/5

April 6—Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader Karen Welch
Usher Cheryl Tennant
Altar Guild

April 9—Ester Sunday

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader Mary Ann Beard
Usher
Altar Guild
Coffee Host
Food Pantry Mary Beard, Marilyn Berge 4/12

April 16

Assisting Minister Steve Jackson
Communion Assistant Cheryl Tennant
Reader Jacqueline Ferguson
Usher
Altar Guild
Coffee Host
Flowers Ralph Block
Food Pantry Robin Patrick Linda Radix 4/19
Mary Anne & Norm Beard 4/22

April 30

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Usher
Altar Guild
Flowers Norm & Mary Ann Beard
Coffee Host
Food Pantry

April 23

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant Donna White
Reader Donna White
Usher Cheryl Tennant
Altar Guild
Coffee Host
Flowers
Lamps Annemarie Whiteside
Food Pantry Robin Patrick, Linda Radix 4/26



Buddy Anderson is a native of New Jersey. He attended Key Port High School and Brookdale Community College. Buddy has worked as a dish machine operator, retail, janitor. His last place of employment was with Kmart for 17 years. His hobbies include music, reading, and activities with people.

Buddy joined Good Shepherd in 2004 with his mother, Sally Anderson. He likes the fellowship and the people that make you feel like family. Also, the outreach projects that he has participated in [food pantry], and mission projects. Buddy's three favorite hymns are, Here I Am, Lord, A Mighty Fortress, and Lift High the Cross. His favorite books are the Bible, the dictionary, history; favorite movies are Holiday Inn, Blazing Saddle, Coal Miner's Daughter and anything that involves Jesus.

Jacqueline Ferguson is a native of Winchester, Virginia. She is married to Ray [Mac] Ferguson, and they have one son, Cole. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Longwood College, and her Master's in Education degree from Old Dominion University. She taught English for 32 years and has had a pet sitting business for 14 years.

Jackie's hobbies include gardening, exercising, reading, and just started pickle ball.

She is a lifelong Lutheran. She was baptized, confirmed, and married in the same Lutheran Church in Winchester. After visiting several Lutheran churches in the area, Jackie joined Good Shepherd in 1983. She likes the traditional church service. She also likes the kindness and goodness of its member, it's a family. The programs that also reach out to the community. Her three favorite hymns are A Mighty Fortress, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, and The Lord's My Shepherd. There are too many books to choose just one, but some of her favorite authors are Colleen Hoover, Kristin Hannah, and Tami Hoog. Her favorite movie is Forest Gump. Jackie's favorite Scripture verse is : 1 Corinthians 13:13 *"Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love."*

Rebecca and Jared Fritzinger. Jared is a native of Virginia and Becky is a native of Bridgewater, Virginia. Rebecca attended Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Eastern Mennonite University. Jared attended Old Dominion University. Both Becky and Jared teach at Old Donation School; Jared teaches 8th grade Civics and Economics, and Becky is the reading specialist. Becky's hobbies include playing the piano, reading, writing, singing, baking, cooking, gardening and art; Jared hobbies include playing drums, and working with wood.

We are not members, but started coming in October 2015 after leaving our former church for various reasons. We felt as if we belonged right away. We love the community and we longing congregation. We also like the music opportunities and meditative worship.

There are too many hymns, books and movies to choose to have a favorite. Favorite Scripture verse is: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal."

Zoe Goranson is a native of Virginia Beach. Her husband, Tom Fisher, died in January 2021. They have 2 sons, Nathan King, and Mike Fisher. Zoe attended Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Arts, and received her Masters of Social Work from Norfolk State University.

Zoe's work history spans 46 years in the helping profession—10 years a Speech Therapist, the remainder as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Her family moved from Norfolk to Virginia Beach after her father died. Good Shepherd was on the oceanfront at that time. Her father had been raised Lutheran. Her mother later became one of the first women ordained as a Lutheran minister. Zoe was confirmed and married at Good Shepherd. She enjoys singing and music. She took two years off due to COVID and the death of her husband. She mad it back for Advent 2022. Her favorite hymns are Soon and Very Soon, Christ Be Our Light, I Am the Bread of Life. Her favorite book Dream New Dreams by Jai Pausch; favorite movie is Otto. Favorite Scripture, *"Let not your heart be troubled."* *"This is the day the Lord has made. We will be glad and rejoice in it."*



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Easter Candy Hunt

Sunday

April 9

11 am

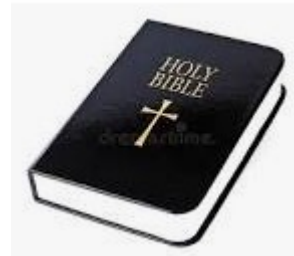
All Are Welcome!



Bring your own basket to fill.-

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Bible Study Begins!



Pastor Faron, will be offering Bible study, beginning April 26th at 7 pm in Taylor Keister Hall. Bring an open heart and your questions about Scripture and faith.

All Are Welcome!