



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

March 2024



CHRIST IS RISEN! SO WHAT?

Whoa! Wait a minute! How can anyone say that? Well, there have been many throughout history that have shared that sentiment.

Some because they simply didn't believe it and others, because it didn't matter. But it does give us reason to reflect upon our faith, our lives, and what we claim to believe.

The reason I use the word "claim" is because people sometime claim things that aren't necessarily what they truly believe. It should be obvious by now that Jesus wanted more than only belief or proclamation of the good news of God's kingdom. Jesus wanted that good news to have an impact, to make a

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Come to the Party!



*Jesus
is alive*

On **Sunday, March 31** we are throwing a party, because it is Easter, Jesus is alive, God has triumphed, 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** beginning 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?



We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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meaningful change in your life and the way you live. For living into the good news frees us from what we once were and how we once saw the world. It calls for us to see the world with different eyes. The eyes of Christ!

Jesus came not only to rise, but to raise the bar, to set the goal higher than just lip service. He came SO THAT! So that we might have life, and to use his words, that we might have life abundantly. Does that mean abundant things? It depends upon what you are speaking about. If you are asking about things where thieves break in and destroy, or things that rust and decay, then the answer is no. But if you are speaking of things that remain, things that reflect the love of Christ, such as abundant love, abundant mercy, abundant, forgiveness, abundant joy, then yes, this is the abundant life that Jesus speaks of. In fact, life that does not contain these things is not life at all. This is why Jesus spoke of some who were “alive” actually being dead. And not only dead, but if not believing into him, being condemned already.

If you thought, the pastor made a grammatical error then I will explain. In the Greek language of the original scripture, it speaks of not believing in Christ, but believing into Christ. To believe into something calls us to become like Jesus, to live like Jesus, to think like Jesus. The good news is that you do not have to do this alone. You do not have to depend upon your own ability or strength, for Christ is with you.

So, I invite you, I challenge you to live a life that does not look like SO WHAT! Instead live a life SO THAT!

Peace

Pastor Faron

Serving This Month

March 3

Assisting Minister	Skip Banner
Communion Assistant	Sunny Hollenbach
Reader	Michael Solhaug
Usher	
Altar Guild	Cheryl Tennant
Coffee Hosts	Parish Life
Food Pantry	

March 10

Assisting Minister	Lesli White
Communion Assistant	
Reader	Michael Solhaug
Usher	Sunny Hollenbach
Altar Guild	Cheryl Tennant
Coffee Hosts	
Food Pantry	

March 17

Assisting Minister	Jacqueline Rosendahl
Communion Assistant	
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	Cheryl Tennant

March 24—Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister	Lesli White—Palm Sunday
Communion Assistant	
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	Robin Patrick
Food Pantry	

March 28—Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister	Bobbi Sinner-White
Communion Assistant	
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	Sunny Hollenbach
Food Pantry	

March 29—Good Friday

Ruth Crews. Jim Owens

March 31—Easter Sunday

Assisting Minister	Skip Banner
Communion Assistant	
Reader	Jacqueline Ferguson
Usher	
Altar Guild	Robin Patrick
Food Pantry	



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Birthdays

- 1 Kinzey Newsome
- 7 Pastor Faron, Cynthia Shochet
- 8 Judy Jackson
- 13 Werner Knocklein
- 16 Chuck Starbranch, Virginia Whitt, Kelsey Welch
- 17 Ron Pelton
- 20 Pat Morgan, Lisa Suter
- 21 Mark Rosendahl, Debbie Risotto
- 26 Mikayla Colquitt, Griffin Chandler
- 27 Jeff Miller
- 31 Zoe Goranson, Seth Patrick Michael Farley, Hudson Patrick



Congratulations! To Kevin & Heather Welch on the birth of their daughter Hattie Rae, February 19, weighing in at 6 lb. 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Chris & Karen Welch.



To the family of Mary Miller, who died February 12. She will be buried in Louisville, KY along with her husband Jake.



The church council approved the recommendation of the Director of Music Search Committee to hire Dr. Karen Parthun as the Director of Music of Good Shepherd. Dr. Parthun begins her ministry with Good Shepherd March 1. She has been in Virginia Beach for two years, having come because her son is in the Navy. He and his family will be retiring from the Navy and will be making Virginia Beach their permanent home. She has five grandchildren to spoil.



Easter Candy Needed

A basket is available in the Welcome Center for donations of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Candy must be individually wrapped. Please choose candy that will fit into plastic eggs.

Donations accepted through Palm Sunday, March 24



Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. However, the grant that Virginia Beach gave to the Food Bank for the Virginia Beach Agencies to use will be gone by April, which means we will be spending more money to purchase much needed items for the pantry. Please help us stock up by donating items. Some of the items most needed are: Syrup, oatmeal, canned corn, canned meat, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, tomato soup, mixed vegetables, canned carrots and pork n beans. Donations may be placed in the baskets in the Narthex. We do accept all donations.

Shepherd's Award Recipient



Norman Beard

Chris Welch, President of Good Shepherd was kept busy at the Annual Meeting February 11. First presenting the Good Shepherd Award to Norm Beard for his dedication and care of the property. He quietly shows up to do repairs. He also works tirelessly with the food pantry.

Below, he awards to Ken Gary the famous Chili Cook-off trophy, a bottle of "tums".

Chili Cook-off Winer



Kenneth Gray

While the congregation enjoyed good food and fellowship, they also voted to ratify the Constitution and By-Laws of Good Shepherd, which brings it in line with the Model Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America..

Thank you to Becky Fritzinger for her beautiful music during the



vacancy of the Director of Music position. Her last Sunday was February 25th.

Hopefully she will be playing some duets with Dr. Karen Parthun.





Below is the support for our ministries for the month of February.

	Month	YTD
Support	\$24,514	\$53,817
Spending	<u>28,044</u>	<u>\$53,952</u>
Over	\$ 2,740	\$ [135]

Additional Ways to Support Good Shepherd's Ministries

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. Visit us online at www.goodshepherdvb.org to find out more, or TEXT TO GIVE at 1-844-970-2662. You may also send your gift by regular mail to: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1489 Laskin Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

**This space is the
Final Frontier**

The Center of It All

Sunday, March 24 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, March 24 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, March 28, 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, March 29, 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

March 31, 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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Address Service Requested



Easter Lilies and Chicks

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 \$13 for lilies and \$10 for chicks. The **deadline** for ordering is **March 15**. You may also call the office at **319-4847** or **email office@goodshepherdvb.org** and give your information to Pat Morgan.



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.

Name _____

In memory of _____

To the glory of God _____

In honor of _____

Number of Lilies _____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____ Number of Chicks _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____