



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 2025

*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

Progress, it's a word that can sometimes have derogatory meaning attached to it by society. But its true meaning speaks of something positive, and I would say this is especially true when it comes to Christianity.

It is our hope and prayer that our lives of following Christ are never stationary or stagnant in any way. In fact, because of the work of the Spirit I do not know that is even possible for the Spirit is always busy, always working. But what is our response to what God is doing in our lives?

There is a sense of maturity in our faith when we respond to the desire placed within each of us by the Holy Spirit. We respond in active ways learning to seek God's will in all things and particularly in who we are becoming. If you are attending the book study

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Annual Meeting February 9, 2024



Mark your calendar and please plan to join us for our Annual Meeting, immediately following worship. We will meet in Taylor-Kesiter Hall to partake of Chili and Sub Sandwiches. Let's see who goes home with the title "Chili Champ."

You Do Make A Difference



Our January 16th blood drive was very successful. We got 23 good pints of blood. Many lives will be saved because of you. Our next blood drive will be Thursday, May 29 from 1pm—6pm. You may sign up on the Red Cross website for Good Shepherd Lutheran.

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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of Practicing the Way, then you will have heard me use the word intentional. Practicing the Way of Christ calls for us to be aware and attentive to our thoughts, words, and deeds. We begin to pay attention to ourselves in ways that we perhaps have never thought of before. We begin to ask questions of God. What is my purpose in your holy plan? What shall I do with the gift of this day? Who will you send into my path today and how will we walk together in faith?

Questions like this reveal that there is much more to our faith than words or creeds. There are intentional actions and thoughts that point our souls towards Jesus. As we grow, we find ourselves asking things we never would have and doing things that we find surprising compared to the ways that we formerly lived. This happens because in the process of being intentional we are truly being changed and transformed into the people of God. And while this is exciting to witness and to find ourselves in the midst of all that God is doing, there is a feeling that overwhelmingly comes with it, PEACE. That sense of peace comes from always having a sense of God with us, walking, talking, communicating, and loving His children.

It is my prayer that each of you are growing closer, listening more intently, and asking for whatever it may take to walk in a pleasing way before our Lord. It's a wonderful thing to think about, a wonderful goal to set, and a wonderful thing to think of as the season of Lent draws near.

God bless you on this journey!

Pastor Faron



The pastor wanted to thank everyone for their kindness during the past Advent and Christmas Season. There were many cards and gifts that I truly appreciate. Also, a special thank you for your kindness and concern during my illness. Thanks be to God, I continue to mend and continue in service to our Lord. Blessings

Serving This Month

February 2

Assisting Minister	Lesli White
Communion Assistant	Roger White
Reader	Donna White
Usher	Sunny Hollenbach, Buddy Anderson
Altar Guild	Robin Patrick
Coffee Hosts	Parish Life
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Food Pantry	Robin Patrick, Sunny Hollenbach, Marilyn Berge 2/5 Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 2/8

February 9

Assisting Minister	Skip Banner
Communion Assistant	Donna White
Reader	Roger White
Usher	Cheryl Tennant, Brad Tennant
Altar Guild	Carlin Bachrach
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Food Pantry	Robin Patrick, Sunny Hollenbach, Carlin Bachrach 2/12

February 16

Assisting Minister	Steve Jackson
Communion Assistant	Sunny Hollenbach
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	Cheryl Tennant
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Coffee Hosts	
Food Pantry	Marilyn Berge, Denise & Mike Haag 2/19 Mary Ann & Norman Beard 2/22

February 23

Assisting Minister	Jacqueline Rosendahl
Communion Assistant	Skip Banner
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	Cheryl Tennant
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Coffee Hosts	
Food Pantry	Carlin Bachrach, Gwyne Van Slyke, Bobbi Skinner-White 2/26



FEBRUARY



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Choir 11:00 Adult Forum</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council as Needed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed Work Remotely as needed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10am Food Pantry Property Day</p>
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- 4 Vance Newsome
- 8 Lynnae Rea
- 10 Truman Riley
- 11 Phyllis Streck
- 12 Jennifer Jordan, Tim Miller
- 15 Jonah Jordan
- 22 Julianna Jordan, Trevor Gray
- 23 Joy Whittaker
- 25 Jean Ingold, Sylvia Solhaug, Waylon Welch
- 25 Trish Farley

ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Gwyne & Jim Van Slyke
- 11 Kevin Jones & Karin Lundgren



With Deepest Sympathy

Anna Gottschaldt, one of our newer member's died, January 17 after a long illness. Please prayer for peace and comfort for Kenneth and their family. Anna's service and internment will be in Maryland where they have a niche in a Columbarium.



Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

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- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters

Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes.

Upon thinking of Valentine's Day in the month of February, the hymn, "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" by George Matheson comes to mind.

*1. O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*2. O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

*3. O Joy that seekest me thru' pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru' the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

*4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*



Although blind by the age of 18, George continued his studies at Glasgow University and with the help of his sister learned Greek, Latin and Hebrew. He ultimately became the pastor of St. Bernard's Parish in Edinburgh. Regarding the writing of the words of the hymn, he said it was the fruit of suffering. Something that was known only to him which caused him severe mental anguish. "I had the impression rather of having it dictated to me by some inward voice." The well-known Scottish organist, Albert L. Peace, wrote the tune name, St. Margaret.

Each of the beginning stanzas contain words that we, as Christians associate with Jesus Christ; Love, Light, Joy and Cross. So, on this Valentine's Day, and all days, know that you are surrounded by the love of God through our Savior.

*For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son
To die on Calvary, from sin to set me free.
One day He's coming back; What glory that will be!
Wonderful His love to me! Alfred Barney Smith*