



# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**May 2025**



With the coming of spring comes new life and it calls us to be renewed in our own lives.

I have always heard people speak of spring cleaning, a time when we put away the things of the long winter and prepare ourselves for the coming warm weather.

While meditating upon this I found myself looking through a window at the ocean and seeing the ships in the distance and it caused me to reflect upon the importance of the way we look at our world. We can look at the world through the windows that are dirty and block our view, a warped perspective that is distorted by the filth that is upon the glass. Or we can look at the world through a window that is cleaned with care so that we may see the world clearly in all its glory.

The same can be said of our souls. That there are windows that we see the world and others through. If sin marks the windows it can give us a very negative perspective of creation. We focus upon the evil and

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I would like choir for dedication throughout season, Holy Week, Sunday, and Easter so blessed faithfulness dedication night early

morning rehearsals and the Sunday service, week in and week out. The song, ***Find Us Faithful*** by Jon Mohr which the choir will sing this month, comes to mind.

**Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe and the lives we live, inspire to obey.**

Thank you choir for inspiring me each Sunday!

*Dr. P*

Holy Week & Easter Music



to thank the their tireless to worship the Lenten

Palm the glorious Sunday. I am by their and weekly to Tuesday rehearsals, Sunday

*We are Christ's hands and voice in the world*

# THE SHEPHERD'S HORN



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short-comings of others and ourselves, for we lack vision that is filled with grace. Without Christ in our life that sin remains and the world through that dirty glass looks pretty dismal.

Yet through repentance and forgiveness Jesus gives us a new way of seeing creation, a new way to see each other and ourselves. Instead of the brokenness, we see forgiveness. Instead of judgment, we see compassion. Instead of hatred, we see love. Indeed, what we are now seeing, we see through the lens of Christ and that calls us to see Jesus in each other, along with the wonder of God in all of creation. Suddenly, we now begin to understand why God called creation good.

What do we look like when we are seen through the eyes of Christ? Imagine being able to see your neighbor and to understand why Jesus would suffer and die for them. Imagine being able to see the value that God sees in all people. Such an ability would greatly change our lives. So, as we move into the warm days, let our hearts be warmed with the love of Christ. Let us pray together that God cleans the windows of our soul that we may rejoice in the beauty of God that surrounds us. May we always treasure the life of service and love that we have been called to.

Shalom  
Pastor Faron

Thank you for your continuous support of our church. We appreciate your monetary donations as well as your time and talents. It takes all of us to maintain the building in good order and all our ministries.

There is more than one way to donate: in person, or you can go to our website and donate on line.



	Month	YTD
Support	\$30,286	\$105,217
Spending	26,182	\$114,241
	\$ 4,104	[ \$ 9,024 ]

## Women's Group



The Good Shepherd Sisters have made Easter Baskets for the children at Samaritan House for several years. With your donations, they were able to assemble 37 baskets, collected 12 sheet sets, 12 towel sets, and personal items from Bath & Body Works. The administration was so excited to see so many good items. What a rewarding project!

Now, on to our next project!

## Blessing Bags

Blessing Bags are care packages designed for people experiencing homelessness, containing essential items like food, hygiene products, and other necessities. Throughout the month of May, items will be collected and assembled.



### WHAT TO INCLUDE IN

## Homeless Helper Bags

### YES

- Lip balm
- Lotion
- Sunscreen fragrance-free
- Baby wipes
- Water-free toothbrush
- Band-aids
- Apple sauce
- Pudding cups
- Trail mix, beef jerky
- Sugar-free gum
- Travel mug can fill for a discount
- Gift-cards
- Socks
- Toe/handwarmers
- Gloves clean t-shirts in summer time are
- Hat
- T-shirts wonderful

### NO

- Hand sanitizer nothing with alcohol
- Mouthwash
- Soap places with showers also have soap
- Shampoo
- Crunchy foods tough on teeth!
- Granola bars
- Sticky food
- Cash they're worth something new
- Used items
- Religious literature include a note - "You matter" or a poem instead

# Serving This Month

## May 4

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Coffee Hosts  
Food Pantry

Bobbi Skinner-White

Roger White

Debbie Risotto

Buddy Anderson, Sunny Hollenbach

Carlin Bachrach

Jeff Miller

Parish Life in celebration of May birthdays

Marilyn Berge, Denise & Mike Haag 5/7

Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 5/10

## May 11

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Coffee Hosts  
Food Pantry

Lesli White

Donna White

Jacqueline Ferguson

Cheryl & Brad Tennant

Cheryl Tennant

Jeff Miller

Joyce Miller, Judy Coyne

Bobbi Skinner-White, Linda Radix,

Sondra Lindstrom 5/14

## May 18

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Video Tech  
Coffee Hosts  
Food Pantry

Skip Banner

Sunny Hollenbach

Debbie Risotto

Buddy Anderson

Ulaire Pelton

Jeff Miller

Robin Patrick, Sunny Hollenbach

Sondra Lindstrom 5/21

Mary Ann & Norm Beard 5/24

## May 25

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Ushers

Steve Jackson

Cheryl Tennant

Karin Lundgren

Kevin Jones, Karin Lundgren

Altar Guild

Video Tech

Coffee Hosts

Food Pantry

Robin Patrick


Jeff Miller

Robin Patrick, Sunny Hollenbach

Denise Haag 5/28

# May 2025

**Community Groups:** 6:30 am Early Bird Breakfast Club—M-F, 8 am Breakfast Club—M-S; 12 pm ACOA—M; 6:30 pm Next Frontier AA—M; 8pm Va Bch AA —M; 7 pm SCA—2ne Tue; 7 pm Men's Bk Study AA—W; 12 pm ACOA —F; 7 pm NA F; 7pm NA Men's Grp—Sat; 1pm ACROBICS- - Sun; 6:30pm Friends of Bill—Sun;

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pat works outside the office	2 Offices Closed	3
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## Food Pantry Update



Thank you to everyone who donated fruit for the April food drive. The items for **May** are:  
**Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup, and Chicken and Rice Soup.**

Our funds are getting low. If you're unable to shop, monetary donations are appreciated, and someone will do the shopping for you. Mark your envelope or electronic giving, food pantry.

## Coffee Hosts Needed!



Most Lutherans love coffee and sweets. At least that is a good rule of thumb. Have some coffee and a few delectable items after worship, and . What's more, we talk with one another, laugh together, and build the bonds of fellowship that make Good Shepherd special. And this, by the way, is critical to having people come and stay - a sense of belonging, a sense of being at "home." So help us

grow the life of Good Shepherd. Sign up to host a coffee fellowship after worship. It's easy! We will show you all you need to know. Feel free to pair up with another family, even.



- 1 Heather Welch
- 6 Joshua Jordan
- 8 Ray Ingold
- 9 Donna White
- 12 Caitlyn Patrick
- 13 Michael Haag
- 16 Steve Newsome
- 17 Cindy Olson
- 24 Gloria Gurdziel
- 25 Jackie Rosendahl
- 26 Bob Hudkins
- 29 Beverly Seif
- 31 Marcy Vermillion

## Happy Anniversary

- 10 Mike & Denis Haag
- 18 Greg & Emma Chandler
- 23 Seth & Caitlyn Patrick
- 31 Timothy & Shelley Fulmer



*Please keep Joy Whittaker in your prayers, on the death of her husband, Jack. May she find peace and comfort in the weeks and months to follow.*

# Children and Adult Choirs Sing Hosanna!



## Palm Sunday



*I* wanted to write a note of thanks to you the congregation. The words “thank you” may be ones that are enough pastor, I know thankful am all who during Wednes-ings to upon the where Jesus walked and lived while here on the earth. I am thankful for those who took time to prepare food for those who would come to that gathering. And a big thank you to all who made our celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord such a wonderful time together. I am thankful, I see you and your lives of faith.



Pastor Faron

# *Alleluia! He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*



*It is always nice when we have Rebecca Fritzinger and Karen Parthun playing an Organ/Piano Duet.*



*Easter Excitement Following the Worship Service*



*Members and visitors sharing an Easter Breakfast.*



*Children finding Easter Eggs. A visit from the Easter Bunny too!*





**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

**Blood Drive**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall  
1489 Laskin Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**Thursday, May 29, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: GoodShepherd to schedule an appointment.

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**Volunteers Are Needed to Sign People In!**



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