



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 2026



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.*

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Annual Meeting February 8, 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."

Ash Wednesday A Day of Ashes and Fasting



**Wednesday, February 18
Worship Service at 7:00 pm**

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, a day of somber call to self-examination and repentance, or "turning back to God." If medically approved, we ask everyone to consider joining us for a **Day of Fasting [1 or 2 meals]**.

Fasting is an act of worship that helps us to focus on the truth: despite all that we stuff into our lives, it is God, and God alone, who truly gives us life and sustains us. Consider making a special donation to our **Food Pantry** as an offering of thankfulness for God's gifts to you.

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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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*

God bless you on this journey!

Pastor Faron

Serving This Month

February 1

Assisting Minister	Lesli White
Communion Assistant	Sunny Hollenbach
Reader	
Usher	Buddy Anderson
Altar Guild	Robin Patrick
Coffee Hosts	Parish Life
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Food Pantry	Denise Haag, Robin Patrick 2/4

February 8

Assisting Minister	Skip Banner
Communion Assistant	
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	Carlin Bachrach
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
	Marilyn Berge, Sarah Bumgarner 2/11
Food Pantry	Ruth Crews, Jim Owens 2/14

February 15


Assisting Minister	Steve Jackson
Communion Assistant	
Reader	
Usher	Sunny Hollenbach
Altar Guild	Cheryl Tennant
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Coffee Hosts	
Food Pantry	Gwyne Van Slyke, Marilyn Berge, Denise Haag 2/18

February 18 Ash Wednesday


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

February 22

Assisting Minister	Bobbi Skinner-White
Communion Assistant	
Reader	
Usher	
Altar Guild	
Video Tech	Jeff Miller
Coffee Hosts	
Food Pantry	Robin Patrick, Sondra Lindstrom, Sunny Hollenbach 2/25 Norm & Mary Ann Beard, Sarah Bumgardner 2/28



FEBRUARY



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Choir 11:00 Adult Forum</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</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>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Worship 10:45 am Children's Choir 10:45 am Annual Meeting—TKH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed for Training</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 Food Pantry 11 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Office Closed Work Remotely as needed</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am Food Pantry</p>
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<p>Pat Morgan is on vacation for granddaughter's wedding</p>						



- 4 Vance Newsome
- 8 Lynnae Rea
- 10 Truman Riley
- 11 Phyllis Streck
- 12 Jennifer Jordan, Tim Miller
- 15 Jonah Jordan
- 19 Hattie Welch
- 22 Julianna Jordan
- 23 Joy Whittaker
- 25 Jean Ingold, Sylvia Solhaug,
Waylon Welch
- 25 Trish Farley

ANNIVERSARY

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

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Yes, we are just beginning lent, but before you know it Easter will be here. I will be taking orders earlier so that I know how many to order. Look for an insert in the weekly bulletin after Ash Wednesday.



Greetings Ruth / Good Shepherd,

I thank you for your recent kindness to Samaritan House.

Together, with you, and with your support, Samaritan House transforms compassion into action. In the past year, we cared for and placed 300+ abused individuals (including 150+ children) into safe, secure homes; 18,000 meals and thousands of articles of clothing were provided to our collective program participants. We also provided year-round shelter, services and therapy at **The Hallow**, our licensed sanctuary facility for underage survivors of human trafficking.

Indeed, we have established a legacy of safety and self-sufficiency for survivors of domestic violence and trafficking in Coastal Virginia. Your continued benevolence will blossom our expansion, outreach and services.

Samaritan House is genuinely thankful and grateful for your attention and assistance. Indeed, I am eager to hear about what initially inspired - and may continue to inspire - **your** connection to the mission of Samaritan House.

Wishing Good Shepherd Lutheran Church the best, and thanking you for your presence.

Mark Davis
Mission Advancement Officer



The Food Pantry will be collecting canned fruit for the month of February. You may put your donations in the basket in the Narthex.