

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## **CONFIRMATION MINISTRY**

The Service of “Affirmation of Baptism”, also known as “**Confirmation**”, will take place on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.**

**Confirmation pictures** will be taken in the sanctuary that morning from **9:15 - 10:15 a.m.**

Confirmands will share their faith statements with their parents, peers, and other caring adults at the **confirmation banquet** on **Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will have a **meal together at 6:00 p.m.** The evening is always a highlight of the Confirmation year. Council leaders, family and all who want to support them are encouraged to come too.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD WEB SITE**

Good Shepherd’s website is updated regularly. Check it out at **<http://www.goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/>**

- Find the latest news on the Home page! Find the VBS registration, other summer opportunities, and photos from recent events!
- Watch Sunday sermons or read devotions to go along with Sunday’s Bible reading on the worship page.

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

**“Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”**

These are the joyful words of acclamation of Easter. They announce the good news that although Jesus died on Good Friday, today he is alive. He has risen from the dead.

Along with the joyful pronouncement of the resurrection, many churches begin Easter Sunday worship with singing the hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Looking around the sanctuary on Easter morning there are usually Easter lilies. The white flower resembles a trumpet, and we are reminded that the whole creation rejoices in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday, in so many ways, is full of joy and fanfare. Like Christmas, Easter Sunday is a day like no other. And maybe that's part of the challenge of carrying the good news of Jesus' resurrection into the rest of our days. Without the special fanfare, music, and flowers it's harder to hold on to the joy and celebration of Easter. Yet, the good news of Easter is good news for us not just on Easter Sunday, but each and every day.

The good news of Easter is a message of life and hope, even when the fanfare and celebration have gone away. Jesus' victory over death and despair is what has made the difference in Christians' lives throughout the ages. When the world is in chaos, leaders are corrupt, and people turn to violence, Christ is risen. Through times of struggle, confusion, troubles and trials, Christ is risen. The message of Easter is clear: Christ is risen! The Easter message has not lost its meaning (even if there are times we are forgetful). Into this world and into our lives, comes a risen Savior.

On that very first Easter, the women who came to the tomb and Jesus' own disciples felt the confusion and chaos of the world. Instead of joy, they were filled with fear and worry about the future. The struggles they faced and the struggles we face are very real which is exactly why we need a risen Savior and to remember the good news of Easter. The risen Savior comes to us and to this world. The risen Christ shows up even in our doubts and confusion, troubles and problems. Our Lord's victory over death lets us know that we will never be alone in whatever we face. We have a Savior who knows the depths of the confusion and chaos, troubles and problems of this world and through the resurrection bring forth a way of life and love even from hate and death.

“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” is a message for Easter morning and for each and every day of our lives.

In Christ,  
Pastor Krista

## INTERN PASTOR'S NOTE

### He Has Risen. He Has Risen Indeed!

We journeyed through Lent with author Barbra Brown Taylor and the book *Altar in our World*. Calling us all to look at what we have around us, even in our darkest moments, and see the altar before us. Wherever we find ourselves in this world, “*you could do worse than to kneel down and ask a blessing, remembering how many knees have kissed this altar before you.*” It is so easy to see the Altar before us as new life springs forth. Take time this season to enjoy the beautiful creation. I share with you a poem by Wendell Berry. Enjoy- and as Barbra Brown Taylor suggests, we should go and sit under our favorite tree and contemplate. Contemplate this tree, this poem, and the blessings that abound about us. He has Risen and set us free so that we too can live. Let's Live abundantly.

### I Go Among Trees

by Wendell Berry

I go among trees and sit still.  
All my stirring becomes quiet  
around me like circles on water.  
My tasks lie in their places  
where I left them, asleep like cattle.

Then what is afraid of me comes  
and lives a while in my sight.  
What it fears in me leaves me,  
and the fear of me leaves it.  
It sings, and I hear its song.

Then what I am afraid of comes.  
I live for a while in its sight.  
What I fear in it leaves it,  
and the fear of it leaves me.

It sings, and I hear its song.  
After days of labor  
mute in my consternations,  
I hear my song at last,  
and I sing it. As we sing,  
the day turns, the trees move.

--- Wendell Berry from **Sabbaths**

God's blessings.  
Vicar Nicole

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Ten youth will be traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX from **June 25<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>** along with Pastor Krista and Carole Joyce. April's noisy offering will go to help support the youth going on the trip. Keep them in your prayers as they experience the chance to get to know, support and help the community of Houston, learn more about their faith, and worship with 30,000 people. This experience will widen our understanding of the body of Christ and how we work together. Amazing speakers and musicians will also be highlights. Thanks to Good Earth Village who has organized our bus transportation!

**High School Learning: Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** we will explore the topics of: What is the work of advocacy? Whose work is it? What makes you come Alive? and What are Lollipop Moments?

**High School Fun & Service: Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** we will do a "bigger & better" scavenger hunt in the community for the Food Shelf. This adventure is a youth favorite. Two adult drivers will be needed so each team can go to different directions.

## BOOK GROUP IN APRIL

Join us on **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** to talk about *A Slave in the White House* by Paul Jennings. New book lovers are always welcome, so jump in to read it if the topic interests you! All are welcome. A book bag is in the office and there is plenty of time to get it read. Start bringing ideas of what you would like to read next year. The year is just flying by!

Our May book is called *We are Going to Pick Potatoes* by Irene Berman. We do not have a book bag, so you will have to reserve it from the SELCO library. We do have a couple of copies being shared by Good Shepherd members. Ask Carole Joyce to get on the list to read those copies. Discussion will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## MILESTONES

### **Baptisms**

Blessings to Mason Wilke Schneider, who was baptized on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mason is the son of Tony and Laura Schneider.

### **Loss of Loved One**

Our sympathies go out to Pastor Krista and her family for the loss of Pastor's mother, Arlyce Henning, who passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

### **Welcome New Members**

Welcome to the following new members who were received into the Good Shepherd family on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: Neva Ramsey and Tony, Laura, and Mason Schneider.

# EDUCATION

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace (9:30 a.m. in Youth Room)**

Adult Education in April will focus on the life and teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We will watch the movie “Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace” and discuss Bonhoeffer’s decisions and faith. In June 1939, Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor, originally from Germany, had a teaching position in the United States. He decided to return to Germany even though Germany was dominated by the Nazi’s and was at war. Bonhoeffer wrote, “I must live through this difficult period of our national history with the Christian people of Germany.” In Germany, Bonhoeffer was actively part of the resistance against Hitler, became a double agent, and was part of a plot to take Hitler’s life. Bonhoeffer’s actions and convictions cost him his life when he was executed by the Nazi’s on April 9, 1945, a month before the end of the war. Join us as we look at Bonhoeffer’s life and what it means to live out your faith, love God and neighbor.

**NO CLASS ON EASTER, SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST.**

### **David Ramsey’s Financial Peace University (9:15 a.m. in sanctuary)**

What if you could always buy what you need interest-free? What if you could actually keep a percentage of your paycheck? Guess what? You CAN! With Dave Ramsey’s class, Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. If you are interested in learning more about the class, we are offering it at Good Shepherd from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings through the month of April.

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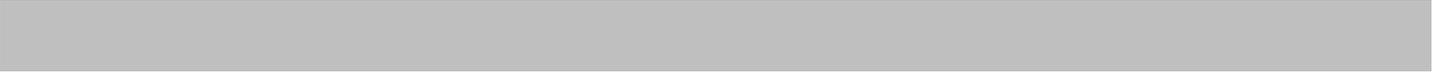
## TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday afternoon Bible study group will meet on **April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** here at Church. We will be watching the video and discussing Chapter 2 (Bored to Distraction) of “Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them”.

## VBS PLANNING MEETING & EDUCATION MEETING

**Thursday, April 19 at Eagle’s Nest**

- **6:30 pm last day of SS planning**
- **7:00 pm Super Hero Service ideas**
- **7:15 VBS planning**



Everyone is welcome to either or both meetings—youth and adults. Many brains and many hands make our education ministry interesting and fun. Carole is buying appetizers for the group.

# EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

## GOOD EARTH VILLAGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

### Good Earth Village Bible Camp

A week (or several days) at Bible camp is a wonderful way to have lots of fun, explore God's amazing creation, and have great faith conversations. Because this can be such a meaningful experience, Good Shepherd would like to pay part of the cost for any student who would like to go to camp at Good Earth Village this summer! This offer is for any student Kind-9<sup>th</sup> grade. (Full scholarships are available for anyone with financial need. Just talk to Carole Joyce or Pastor Krista.)

- The easiest way is to register and pay deposit on-line at [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org)
- Brochures are now available at church on the table in the narthex (and on-line); then send your registration and deposit directly to GEV.
- Let Carole Joyce or the church office know you are going!
- GEV recommends you register early to guarantee the week you want.

Some Good Shepherd kids are going for all the week of July 22-27. If that doesn't work, choose any week that does.

Any Kind-4<sup>th</sup> graders who want to go for one day only, sign up for the Adventure Day on July 25. Carole Joyce or Pastor Krista will bring a group of kids.

### GEV Adventure Day for Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Good Shepherd will again be taking a group to the Adventurers camp at Good Earth Village for any students completing grades K-4. This is a one day camp on **Wednesday, July 25**. The camp runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch provided. You pay a deposit of \$30 and Good Shepherd will pay the rest because it is such a great experience! Carole Joyce will carpool to and from GEV in Spring Valley and join you for the day. If you would like to participate in this great opportunity please sign up on-line at [goodearthvillage.org](http://goodearthvillage.org) and let us know in the office that you did. If you have any questions please contact Carole Joyce [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) or 269-9374.

# EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

## SUPER HERO SERVICE

Last summer our 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders had a blast serving in the Plainview community. We will again hold Super Hero days on Wednesdays **June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.**

Our adventures may include service and fishing at Carly State Park, helping at the Food Shelf, BINGO at the nursing home, making robots for VBS, helping at the library, building faith chests... Your suggestions are welcome too.

We need 2 things to make this happen.

1. Most Important—awesome youth to participate (You can participate around sports and appointments.)
2. A few caring adults to spend a day driving OR help finalize project ideas.

Please contact Carole Joyce or Pastor Krista if interested.

## EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

Sign Up **now** to participate in these summer activities:

(See below for more details and how to register.)

At Good Shepherd:

1. VBS for age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> graders: **June 11 - 14 from 6:00 - 7:45 PM**  
**Meals served from 5:25 - 5:50 PM** for families and the whole community.
2. Super Hero Summer Service Days for 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade

At Good Earth Village Bible Camp

3. Adventure Day with Carole Joyce on **Wednesday, July 25**
4. A week or partial week at Good Earth Village. The church will give everyone a partial scholarship.

**VBS 2018: Maker Fun Factory**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**June 11-14**  
**6:00 - 7:45 pm**  
**Meal served for all 5:25 - 5:50!**



For children currently age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Come with a caring adult (if possible). Anyone older  
than 4<sup>th</sup> grade may participate as a helper.

**Registration is open now through Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome, so share the news and invite a friend, neighbor, or family member. We will have a blast exploring how wonderfully God created us and what we can create!**

Registration forms can be found on Good Shepherd's website [www.goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org](http://www.goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org) or in the church narthex and should be returned to the church office. One child per form please. A \$10 donation per child or \$20 per family is encouraged by not required.

### **VBS Volunteers Needed**

We are currently looking for youth and adult leaders to help with VBS 2018

- **June 11-14 from 6:00 - 7:45 pm.** Any students currently in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to volunteer also.
- Please contact Carole Joyce via email at [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) to rsvp or sign up on the "Count Me In" form in Sunday's bulletin. You won't want to miss out on the fun and fellowship so sign up to participate or help today!
- Help with crafts, guiding a small group, snacks, games, skits, music, and possibly baby holding.

# FINANCE

## Considered On-Line Giving? Simple – Convenient – No cost – Full Control

**One Time Gift or Regular Giving -- (Weekly or Monthly)**

Steps:

Go to our Web-site

[www.goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org](http://www.goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org)

Select **“Give”** – **Double Click on the Phone** –

Follow the directions -

Once on the Vanco site, you will be given a step by step process:

Create your profile – email address, name, bank routing number and the account you wish to draw from and password etc.

Select your preferred start date, donation date and frequency (weekly, monthly etc.)

Select the fund(s) you wish to contribute to: General, Building Fund, Youth etc.

(You can alter your contribution at any time by going to this site)

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Tom Anderson – 507-993-8236 or [Tom.plainviewfbm@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.plainviewfbm@gmail.com).

Thank you for contributing to the ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

# MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

## WOMEN'S SHELTER IN NEED OF DONATIONS

The Women's Shelter in Rochester is in need of donations. **Items needed include: baby monitors, women's pj's, women's packaged underwear, laundry soap, pillows, measuring spoons/cups, night lights, bath/hand towels, alarm clocks and gift cards.** If you would be interested in donating some items to the Women's Shelter, just bring them to Church and arrangements will be made to get them to the Shelter.

## SCHOLARSHIPS:

Any Good Shepherd member that will be attending a Lutheran college next year can apply for a scholarship through church. Scholarship forms are available in the church office. **Deadline is May 7.** Money for these scholarships comes from Thrivent Choice dollars. Please see Jake Thompson or Tom Anderson if you have questions

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

### Lenten Season Offerings/Services

Thanks to all who contributed to the Lenten offerings which are going to the PEM Food Shelf. Thanks to you, many families will have food on their plates this spring.

God was at work through the many people who contributed to the Lenten soup suppers. What a joy to gather for fellowship each week! A special thank you to the youth who helped each week, the adults who kept the kitchen going, and all who helped with food or serving. Donations went to the youth programs. Thank you all!

Thanks to Lenten worship cantors:

Nicole Bartz, Erin Bartz, Kaylee Hutchison, and Cameron Bluhm.

Thanks to Lenten worship accompanist:

Gloria Keseley

Thanks to Lenten worship readers/ushers:

Confirmation students

Thanks to Lenten worship leaders:

Pastor Krista and Vicar Nicole

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES!!!



# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

|              |                      |              |                     |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>04/01</b> | Carol Goergen-Fenske | <b>04/17</b> | Paislee Nesler      |
|              | Dylan Koepsell       | <b>04/18</b> | Tyler Engler        |
| <b>04/02</b> | Stacy Hutchison      | <b>04/20</b> | Mitchell Breuer     |
|              | Camryn Nesler        |              | John Wehrs          |
| <b>04/03</b> | Jane Potter          | <b>04/21</b> | Joshua LaBare       |
| <b>04/07</b> | Linda Theisen        | <b>04/23</b> | Kevin Gudmundson    |
| <b>04/08</b> | Leah King            |              | Xander Henderson    |
| <b>04/09</b> | Kathy Rohlik         | <b>04/25</b> | Jeanne Dunn         |
|              | Kent Kingsley        | <b>04/26</b> | Ben Peter           |
|              | Kareen Bigalk        |              | Katy Johnson        |
|              | Dylon Flattum        |              | Sarah Wolf          |
| <b>04/10</b> | Bob Dunn             | <b>04/27</b> | Michelle Gudmundson |
| <b>04/12</b> | Joe Ulwelling        |              | Char Balcome        |
| <b>04/13</b> | Doris Johnson        |              | Jen Peter           |
|              | Dustin Wehrs         | <b>04/29</b> | Steve Sawyer        |
|              | Piper Horton         |              | Lily Bartz          |
| <b>04/14</b> | MaKenzie Rau         |              | Shannon Ramthun     |
| <b>04/16</b> | Tanner Goergen       | <b>04/30</b> | Kay Rasmussen       |
| <b>04/17</b> | Braden Melbostad     |              | Sarah Hassig        |

## Anniversaries

|              |                        |              |                      |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>04/05</b> | Paul & Karla Appel     | <b>04/24</b> | Al & Franny Schwantz |
| <b>04/06</b> | Jim & Sibyl Mason      |              | Thor & Tina Erickson |
| <b>04/22</b> | Fran & Sheila Grover   |              | Bryce & Angie Beckel |
|              | Roger & Cindy Rettmann |              |                      |

\*NOTE: Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the newsletters are now being limited to adult members and their college-aged and under children. If you have questions and/or concerns with this, please contact the church office.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS  
OR CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.**

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

***You can't always have a good day,  
BUT, you can always face a bad day  
with a good attitude.***

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**VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move forward with a NEW VIEW:

**Notice** the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.  
**Educate** all from cradle to grave.  
**Worship** in thankfulness and joy.

**Value** all generations in passing on the faith.  
**Identify** and affirm the gifts of God's people.  
**Energize** God's people to use their gifts for ministry.  
**Welcome** the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

**The submission deadline for the May 2017 Newsletter is**

***THURSDAY, APRIL 22.***