

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Worship – 7:00 PM
With Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 2

Worship – 7:00 PM
Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 AM Worship in the Building and Online
With Holy Communion
9:00 AM Egg Hunt
9:00-9:30 Continental Breakfast – Muffins,
Cinnamon Rolls, Donuts, etc.
9:30 AM Parking Lot Worship
with Holy Communion and singing

(Snow/Rain or Shine we will worship in the parking lot.
Feel free to worship in your car and tune into 88.3 FM or
bring a chair (and umbrella if needed) to be outside
together.)

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PASTOR'S NOTE

April 2021

Christ Is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

This is the Easter message. This is the good news of scripture! This is the foundation for hope in our lives!

God chooses to bring forth life. This is what God has always been doing. God breathed life into Adam, that first human made from the dust of the ground. God breathed new life into a valley of dry bones described in the book of Ezekiel. God breathes new life into death, raising Jesus from the dead.

Before the risen Christ appears to his followers they are in need of new life. Mary is overcome by grief as she walks in the garden. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus are disappointed and disillusioned. Their hopes have been crushed. The original disciples are in the upper room, afraid and living behind not just closed doors, but locked doors. Thomas is filled with doubts. In every case, their sorrow, pain and grief reveals how much they and we need a risen Lord and Savior. And in every case, Jesus meets them in their despair and breathes new life into them through the resurrection.

It is interesting to note that each of these followers of Jesus is slow to recognize Jesus even when he is right there, standing before them. Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener. The two on the road to Emmaus walk miles together, talking and sharing, and they still don't recognize Jesus. Thomas isn't going to believe unless he can touch the wounds. And those original disciples at first thought Jesus was a ghost. Is it any wonder that we too, at times, fail to see and recognize that the risen Christ is with us.

Whether we recognize him immediately or not, the risen Christ is with us. Christ lives! And through Christ's life, death, and resurrection despair turns into hope, death turns into life for all of us. This is why Easter matters. Because Christ lives we are never left on our own. Because Christ lives we have the promise of forgiveness and grace upon grace. Because Christ lives we too have received new life. There is no greater love than this and nothing compares to this grace.

In Christ,

Pastor Krista

CONGREGATION NEWS

NOT RECEIVING THE WEEKLY EMAIL FROM CHURCH?

We have been informed that some members are not receiving the weekly email from GSLC or that they are being sent to the "Junk" email File.

This appears to have been occurring since the change in the Administrative Assistant position from Lynn to Karen. The issue can easily be corrected by creating a new entry in your email address book to the following:

Name: Secretary at GSLC

Email: secretary@goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org

You may want to delete the old entry in your address book to be sure you don't use it by mistake in the future.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We look forward to celebrating with our high school graduates on May 16th at the 9:00 a.m. worship service! Grads, mark this date on your calendar now. Please send Carole a baby photo and graduation photo.

FOOD SHELF HELP NEEDED

The Food Shelf is seeking volunteers to help distribute food a couple of Wednesdays each month (with just a few hours on those Wednesdays). Please call 876-0112 for more information.

ONLINE BENEFIT FOR RACHAEL GROVER ANDERSON

Rachael was diagnosed with Triple Negative Breast Cancer, a very rare form of cancer. While she has been receiving treatments at Mayo, Rachael's cancer is considered "chronic", requiring treatments long-term. To help Rachael participate in an alternative treatment in Kansas, there is an online benefit (Gofundme) where people can donate. To participate, go to <https://gf.me/u/zb2rrj>.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL FISH FRY

Friday, April 16th – at the Plainview American Legion; serving 5-7 p.m. or until gone – 4 pc fried or baked fish, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw and bun - tickets available for \$13 at the door. Masks required, come early-limited seating will be available, drive-thru or take-out also available. Due to Covid, the auction will be held online April 17-27 through Flies Auction Service. Contact Sherry Tuxen or any ILS family for advance tickets.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH NEWS

BOOK GROUP IN APRIL

Meet at church on Thursday, April 8 at 7 pm to talk about * *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. 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. Bring ideas of what you would like to read next year. We will also choose a book for May (our last of this school year).

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – 9 AM SUNDAYS OR ANYTIME AFTER

All worship opportunities available in the building, parking lot & online.

- **Listen** in the parking lot to radio station 88.3 FM. Drive up (in the circle drive) for ashes and for Communion.

- **Go to the church webpage:** <https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org> and click the YouTube icon. It looks like an arrow and says 'YouTube' when you hover over it. It's under the announcement on worship when you scroll down the page.

Or go directly to: YouTube: We are posting our services live. Go to: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=good+shepherd+lutheran+church%2C+Plainview%2C+Mn or try <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbUP9UrAzhXWo078UXGXPQ>
You may need to scroll for the correct service.

- **Go directly to the church FaceBook page.**

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

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

Thank you to the Lenten worship cantors—Kaylee Hutchison, Cameron & Jes Bluhm, and Lucy Loya.

Our Confirmation students spent part of their Wednesdays during Lent doing service projects. We thank them for Easter art for shut-ins, felt pieces for First Communion students, 6 fleece blankets for Camp Noah, blessing soup packages, muffins for Easter Sunday, and more. It was a delight – laughing and chatting while we worked together.

EDUCATION NEWS

EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR EGG HUNT AT 9:00 AM

We are excited to be able to host the annual Easter egg hunt. We really missed it last year!!! This year it will be on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9 a.m., between the two worship services. Each age group will be sent to a different part of the church lawn to hunt for their eggs. Come at 8:45 am to secure your spot! Bring your own baskets! In case of bad weather, we will postpone to the following Sunday, April 11.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

First Communion

We are excited to welcome 23 students to Holy Communion. They have learned about the precious gift of Jesus. They will take their first communion spread out over 5 different worship services during the Lent and Easter season. When you see a student with a white stole, be sure to greet them.

Playing with Fire

5th & 6th graders and their parents will learn about worship **on Sunday, April 25 at 9:45 am**. We will meet in the worship space. Acolytes have an important role in worship. They bring the light of Christ into the service of worship by lighting the candles, and take the light of Christ out into the world by extinguishing candles and walking out with the flame/light. All students will have the opportunity to practice lighting and extinguishing the candles. Following this event, they may acolyte during any service of worship.

OUTDOOR EVENT – SUNDAY, MAY 2 – 9:45 AM

Families are invited to some outdoor fun. Scavenger hunt, craft project, Bible story, and service project. Play and learn together as a family.

SUPER HERO SUMMER SERVICE RETURNS! FOR YOUTH: 6TH GRADE – HIGH SCHOOL

Youth are invited to join in Super Hero service days on the Wednesdays in June 9, 16, and 23 from 8 am-5 pm. Our adventures might include service at Good Earth Village, preparing for VBS, preparing food for the hungry... New service ideas are always welcome. If you know of a community member who needs help, let us know.

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 NEWS CONTINUED ...

REGISTER FOR VBS 2021

We look forward to holding VBS this June! Three days of outside fun for kids and parents or caring adult. Kids will travel with their adult. Of course we will be flexible as needed, but we are hopeful we can plan to have a picnic meal, Bible story, games, and crafts/science in small groups!

Monday - Wednesday, June 14-16 from 6-7:30 pm

- Children currently in Grades Pre K- 4th
- All youth and adults who would like to help are welcome 4th grade on up!
- Registration opens April 1. Forms can be found on Good Shepherd's website www.goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org or in the church gathering area.

A \$10 donation per child or \$20 per family is encouraged by not required.

Meal served starting at 5:25 pm.



VBS YOUTH & ADULTS NEEDED

VBS is so fun you won't want to miss out! People are needed for all these areas:

- Shepherd a group of kids
- Make & serve snacks.
- Lead & play games
- Help prepare a simple meal
- Help with crafts.
- Lead the dancing & music (no singing this year.)

If you are interested in helping or have questions please contact Carole Joyce (carole35@charter.net or 269-9374) to sign-up.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM on Sundays April 11, 18, 25

Topic: The Gospel of Mark

Join us via Zoom as we discover the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Mark. Join Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940295537?pwd=RkdaVWlnRVdCRnhzWWRZb0VZTlhMZZ09>

Meeting ID: 859 4029 5537 Passcode: Bible

Grateful Giving

IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR ON-LINE GIVING – TRY IT OUT

Go to our Website as listed below, using your computer or mobile device.

<https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/give/>

Click on “Give” - Follow prompts to Give a one-time Gift or recurring Gifts. YOU have full control at all times.

If you have any questions, please contact me – Tom Anderson at 507-993-8326 or the church office.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN FINANCIAL SUMMARY NOTES—2/28/21

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| General Account | \$ 41,493 |
| Restricted Accounts | \$ 37,262 (w/o Bldg. Fund) |
| Capital Campaign Account | <u>\$ 194,207</u> |
| Total Short Term Assets | \$ 272,962 |

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| Fixed Assets (old Bldg etc.) | \$ 905,479 |
| New Bldg. to date | <u>\$ 1,280,645</u> |
| Total Assets | \$2,459,686 |

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| Mortgage Balance | \$ 766,009 |
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| Equity | \$ 1,692,987 |
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Check Book Trends (General Fund-end of month) 2021

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| Jan | \$ 48,609 | April | July | Oct | \$ |
| Feb | \$ 41,493 | May | Aug | Nov | \$ |
| Mar | | June | Sep | Dec | \$ |

MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP NEWS



NEWS AND INFORMATION

After prayerful discernment, the staff and board of Good Earth Village have decided that our program focus this summer will be intergenerational overnight camps and one-day adventure experiences. We are excited to offer wonderful themed days for K-12 grade campers and faith-filled family experiences onsite. Visit our website for camp descriptions, dates, and pricing.



REGISTRATION OPENS

MARCH 21st

www.goodearthvillage.org/summer2021

SAVE THE DATE

March 21st- Sign Up Sunday (Registration opens for Summer Programming)

June 26th- Women's Day

August 28th-29th- GoodStock

Visit our website for more information about our events and retreat opportunities.

www.goodearthvillage.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 04/01 | Carol Goergen-Fenske | 04/18 | Tyler Engler |
| | Dylan Koepsell | 04/20 | Mitchell Breuer |
| 04/02 | Stacy Hutchison | | John Wehrs |
| | Camryn Nesler | 04/21 | Joshua LaBare |
| 04/07 | Linda Theisen | 04/22 | Beau Lyons |
| 04/08 | Leah King | 04/23 | Kevin Gudmundson |
| | Caroline King | | Xander Henderson |
| 04/09 | Kathy Rohlik | 04/25 | Jeanne Dunn |
| | Kent Kingsley | 04/26 | Ben Peter |
| | Kareen Bigalk | | Katy Johnson |
| | Dylon Flattum | | Sarah Wolf |
| 04/10 | Bob Dunn | 04/27 | Michelle Gudmundson |
| | Keith Fuerstneau | | Char Balcome |
| 04/12 | Joe Ulwelling | | Jen Peter |
| 04/13 | Doris Johnson | 04/29 | Steve Sawyer |
| | Dustin Wehrs | | Lily Bartz |
| 04/14 | MaKenzie Rau | | Shannon Ramthun |
| 04/17 | Braden Melbostad | 04/30 | Kay Rasmussen |
| | Paislee Nesler | | Sarah Hassig |

Anniversaries

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| 04/05 | Paul & Karla Appel | 04/24 | Al & Franny Schwantz |
| 04/06 | Jim & Sibyl Mason | | Thor & Tina Erickson |
| 04/22 | 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

Kind Words Cost Nothing but are Worth Much

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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 2021 Newsletter is

MONDAY, APRIL 19