

**You are invited to this week's activities
at Good Shepherd**

March 26, Sunday

FAITH STEPS WORSHIP

8:45 AM Worship
10:00 AM Family Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 AM The Wired Word
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship

March 27, Monday

8:30 AM Jazzercise
10:30 AM Needle Art Board
11:00 AM Needle Art Guild
5:30 PM Yoga
6:30 PM Vision Council
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

March 28, Tuesday

9:00-3:00 Create, Laugh, Learn
4:30 PM Endowment Committee

March 29, Wednesday

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Jazzercise
5:15 PM Sing & Ring
5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper
6:15 PM Worship & Communion
7:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir
7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir
7:45 PM Spiritsong rehearsal

March 30, Thursday

9:30 AM Bible Study
2:30 PM Gentle Yoga

March 31st, Friday

7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible
8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

April 1st, Saturday

8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)

April 2nd, Sunday

SPIRIT SONG

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 AM Family Sunday School-
Easter Garden project
10:00 AM The Wired Word
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship & Communion

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**Lutheran Church of
the Good Shepherd**

Duluth, Minnesota



**March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Faith Steps Celebration**

8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship

Welcome to Worship!

We are happy you have chosen to worship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd! Please use this bulletin as a guide for today's liturgy, found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship* in each pew.

PARENTS & KIDS: We have a few special things to help children enjoy worship:

- Just outside of the sanctuary, we have a Kids' Corner with a bookshelf filled with Bibles and other activities. You are welcome to bring a Bible into worship with you today!
- In the back of the sanctuary are Joy Bags filled with fun activities for younger kids.
- Come sit in the front of the sanctuary so your child can see everything that's happening!
- In the pews are "Holy Art" cards for kids of all ages to draw on.
- Please come up front for the Children's Sermon! (*Parents, you are welcome to come up with your child to help them feel more comfortable.*)

We love to have children in worship, but we also understand that sometimes kids (and parents!) need a break. Stop by our church's nursery (near the bathrooms) and say hi to Sydney! She will be more than happy to help!

LEARN MORE

You will find a calendar of worship services and church events on the back page of this bulletin. Please pick up a current newsletter from the Welcome Center near the entrance for additional church news. Call the church office at 525-1922 or visit us at www.lcgsduluth.com if you would like more information about Good Shepherd.

March 26, 2017 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	John 9:1-12
Monday	John 9:13-17
Tuesday	John 9:18-23
Wednesday:	John 9:24-34
Thursday	John 9:35-41
Friday	Matthew 27:45-56
Saturday	Matthew 27:57-66



Wired Word 10am Upper Lakeside Room

The discovery of seven planets orbiting a dwarf star raise the possibility that some of them may support intelligent beings. The discovery also poses interesting and even theologically significant questions for us, so those questions and their ramifications for us. All are welcome!

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School is Coming!

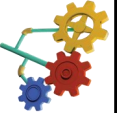
June 19-23 9:00am – Noon

This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory!"

Created by God: Built for a Purpose!

Preschool (age 3*) – entering 5th Grade

Older students, parents, and congregation members are welcome to volunteer with us for the week! *All Preschoolers must be potty trained



VBS Robot Challenge!! all ages can participate! As individuals or as a family: work together to build a freestanding robot model. Use your imagination to create a one-of-a-kind robot! We will display your robot during VBS! Create your robot using any material you'd like (cardboard boxes, paper, tin cans, 5 gallon buckets, etc.) Robots are due back at church on April 26, 2017 (VBS Preview Day!) You will be able to take it home after VBS!

Thank you to the following individuals who assisted in today's worship service:

Welcome Center Grace Chura (8:45); volunteer needed(11:00)
Greeter Susan & Steve Aulie(8:45) Donna Nelson (11:00)
Acolytes..... Evan Leonidas (8:45) volunteer needed(11:00)
Liturgist..... Joe Johnson
Reader Sunday School
Ushers..... Earley Family(8:45)
..... Stevens Family, Dona Schafer, Mark Newman (11:00)
Altar Guild Chris & Carolyn James
Offering Counters..... Tom Seidemann, John Boutin,
..... Jim Moseley, Sulo Kangas
Accompanist Linda Turpening
Projectionist..... Chris McIntosh (8:45); Chris McIntosh (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats..... Lou Anne Siefer, Kathy Sislo,
..... Barb Skogg, Kristine Speros



Lenten Calendar –All are welcome!

Wednesdays, Lenten services - soup supper, 5:30pm.

Worship 6:15pm March 29, April 5

Palm Sunday - April 9

Maundy Thursday - April 13 7pm

Good Friday - April 14 7pm

Easter - April 16 Sunrise 6:18am, 8:45am, & 11:00am

LENTEN SUPPER SERVING TEAMS — JOIN IN!

We are looking for people to help us with our five Soup Suppers. There will be sign up sheets in the Gathering Space if you would like to be part of a serving team.

As a member of a team, you would most likely be asked to bring a crock of soup and a loaf of bread.

Some members of the team will need to come by 5:00 PM to help set up, and some members will need to stay for clean-up after worship. We need dishwashers for each week.

“The goal is to have the clean up done in such a way so ALL can attend worship at 6:15pm.”

Dates for soup supper are: March 29, and April 5. 5:30-6:15pm

NO supper during Holy Week.



THIS WEEK! Fat Quarter Tuesday "Create, Laugh, Learn"

March 28th, 9:00-3:00 Fellowship Hall

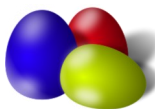
We have been gifted with a generous supply of "fat quarter" fabric of nice quality. Our plan is to come with a simple pattern that uses fat quarters. You only need to bring your pattern, sewing machine, and a lunch. If you do not sew but want to help, come help cut, iron, or just learn and watch. If you would like to help, put on your creative hat and make something we can sell in the fall. Contact Sue Boutin with questions!



Sunday School Announcements: "Faith Steps!"

We will be sharing and celebrating our Faith Steps in Worship Today! Join us for our Sunday School **Easter**

Egg Hunt! During Sunday School, kids will have the opportunity to search for eggs that are hidden all throughout the lower level! Then, turn in your eggs for some great prizes!



FIRST READING : Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.
3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not lie.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Gospel: John 9:1-41 ¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it

was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Worship Notes and Announcements

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Michelle & Travis Johnson, Olivia and Owen; Joan & David Pruder; Amy & Jeff Packer, Elizabeth and William; Chelsey & Jacob Stonesifer and Zoë



ALTAR FLOWERS — Today the altar flowers are given by Kim Kroll in honor of Tomas and Ian Kroll's Baptismal Anniversary! The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Sign up to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or to memorialize loved ones, or celebrate a special event. The cost is \$35

Hunger team says "Help Locally and Globally" Lenten campaign!

Donations can be monetary (we will split funds between Second Harvest Food Bank and World Hunger through the Synod campaign). March remains Minnesota Food Share month with a chance to match funds for Second Harvest and also contribute to World Hunger at the Synod Assembly at the end of April. Watch our "donations gauge" fill up with donations of Food items or monies. One item (box, can etc) or 1 dollar will be traded for one marble to also fill that familiar Well.



Early Bird Summer Camp Registration **Ends April 1st!**

Check out the schedule on our website - www.VLMcamps.org/summer-schedule



The Women of the ELCA's Superior Conference

invite you to come join us Saturday, April 8th 9:00am-1:30pm at First Lutheran Church, 1100 East Superior St, Duluth. Lynn Gerlach-Collard, director of LSS' Renaissance House and Street Outreach will be our speaker: "WHAT IS YOUR STORY, HEARING STORIES CHANGES LIVES" Pastor Dianne Loufman will lead us in worship around the woman of Samaria John 4 text. Lunch cost is \$8 and reserve a spot by calling Marge Kangas 720-3510 We will be collecting Sox and Snax for Street Outreach that day.