

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (ELCA)
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Lent: Preparing for Easter

Ash Wednesday: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Easter Sunrise: “The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds!”

Lent is one of my favorite seasons. On a deep level I know that the more deeply I enter the truth of darkness, the more I am prepared to experience and appreciate the power of light. But darkness can be scary and risky. The discipline of Lent is confession and repentance, dying and rising in ever new ways. The light of Easter then touches our lives in new and fresh places. This year we have an incredible curriculum of Lent through our Sunday and Wednesday services. When Easter sunrise arrives at 6:37 a.m. on April 5 we will be new people and a new community!

Our Sundays in Lent will be celebrations of the glory of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection, featuring Gospel readings from John, powerful liturgical and sacramental expressions, and out of this world musical offerings from our amazing musicians, choirs and congregational hymns.

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| March 8 | John 2:13-22 | The cleansing of the temple will bring about Jesus’ death, by which he will glorify God. |
| March 15 | John 3:14-21 | The lifting up of Jesus through his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension unleashes the Spirit. |
| March 22 | John 12:20-33 | The paschal mystery of the grain of wheat dying and rising brings life to all. |
| March 29 | Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins! | |

Our Wednesday evening worship experiences will feature soup suppers, where all are welcome at the supper table; Holy Communion, where all are welcome at the communion table; Holden Evening Prayer services led by our Confirmation students; incredible musical offerings from the soul of our community; and weekly meditations on the Lord’s Prayer by Sue Boutin, Amie Abenth, Breanna Symens, Craig Sanders, and Patti Hallback. The Lord’s Prayer is the place where we love God with all of our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves.

May the Lord be with you in this wonderful season of Lent!
Pastor Dave

Getting Ready for Maternity Leave!

Once our little baby boy arrives, I am planning on taking a 12 week maternity leave. One of the best gifts this congregation can give me is the gift of this precious time!

- ◆ Teach Sunday School! We will give you a lesson plan, leader guide, and all of the supplies you need!
- ◆ Save the date for VBS. We will have Volunteer Forms available so you can let us know what you feel most comfortable doing.
- ◆ There are lots of little random projects too: Children's Sermons, Sunday School Openers, Milestone Mailings, VBS Registration, Confirmation Party and hiding over 500 Easter Eggs!

I am so excited to welcome our little boy to the world and to this church!

I really do need your help in the weeks and months ahead. Call, email, or stop by.

Thanks so much! -Katie

Diaper Drive For Clayton & Katie Rich

Help us prepare to welcome our newest member as we shower his parents with the necessities of parent hood: Diapers, Diapers and more Diapers!

If you would like to contribute please bring a package of diapers size 1-4, or a box of wipes or a tube of cream to the stage in the Fellowship Hall any time beginning Sunday February 22-March 22.

Thank you for taking part in these joyous preparations!



**Coming Full Circle
Solo Piano Recital
By Dr. Kate Lanzer
March 21st, 7pm**

At Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

This musical journey includes a fascinating set of character pieces. The public is invited to hear how the compositions were created and to enjoy an evening of beautiful piano music.



Lent Photo Challenge!

We can't wait to see how this challenge inspires you to think about Lent, your faith, and spirituality in a new way. We hope our *Lent Photo Challenge* will bring you deeper into our Lenten season and this year's theme: The Lord's Prayer.

We will post the challenge each Wednesday in our weekly email announcement and on social media. Email your photo to communications@lcsduluth.org within 7 days. If you are on Facebook or Instagram, use the hashtag #Lent and use "@LCGSduluth" to tag our page.

Contact Jessica at communications@lcsduluth.org for more info.

Have fun! Get Creative! Post Often!

2015 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd was held Sunday, January 25th. Annual reports are available in the church office as well as on the information table in the Gathering Space. We invite you to pick up a copy to see what God has been up to in the ministries at Good Shepherd. 2015 Elections were held during the meeting. The results of the 2015 election follows:

Vision Council

Patty Altonen**	Jerry Asperheim**
Joyce Dohlin**	Marge Kangas*
Bob Hill*	Rosie Loeffler-Kemp**
Jay Kreft*	Rachel Nyenhuis**
Steve Ring**	
Dave Mesner, Lead Pastor	
Tim Berdahl, Pastor	
Beth Lee, Congregational Treasurer***	

Nominating Committee

Karen Keenan**	Grace Monson*
Carolyn James*	Colin Reichhoff**
Susan Sage*	Frank Wanner**

Memorial Gifts Committee

Trish Earley**	Karen Holden*
Rachel Moseley**	Renee Warner*

Endowment Fund Board of Directors

Joe Johnson*	Mike Klopp**
Cal Loken**	Tom Seidelmann**
Jim Whitlinger**	

*Elected

** Current Leadership Team Member

*** Appointed

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School is Coming!

This year's theme is "EVEREST!"

**Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power!**

June 22-26

9:00 am – Noon

**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**

Lutheran World Relief Kits

In May, we will box kits and quilts for this Ministry. Last year, our quilt donations joined more than 485,000 quilts sent to over 20 countries including Angola, Cambodia, India, Peru and Yemen. Other health and Baby care kits are sent each year as well. Donation boxes and lists of needed items will in the Gathering Space. Thank your for your ongoing generosity.

PENNIES... PENNIES... PENNIES

We are collecting spare change for the Hildegard House at our Welcome Desk. The Hildegard House will provide refuge and support for women who have

experienced human trafficking. This is a serious and very real problem across our region.

SHINY PAPER

We want your shiny junk mail and used magazines! We are collecting Shiny Paper as a fundraiser for our Youth. Our collection area is located outside the office doors. The collection point will soon move to the lower level. Watch for signs.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Lake Superior Spring Gathering for all women of the ELCA will be held at Family of God Lutheran Church April 11th. Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Thank you for the four large bags of fleece blankets donated to the LSS Crisis Nursery! These soft fuzzy blankets are very popular with kids who to the nursery. Thank you! —Sincerely, Jessica Ollhoff

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous gift! We appreciate your thinking of us and helping families in great need. We wish you a Merry Christmas! God Bless! —Union Gospel Mission

Thank you for your recent gifts of \$2,000 to support the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Thank you for your generous gift to support the animal projects of ELCA World Hunger. Together we provide help and hope. Peace! —Christina

Jackson-Skelton Executive Director,
Mission Advancement ELCA

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS—

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd was designated to receive your *choice dollars* in 2014. We hope you will renew your designation in 2015.

Please call Thrivent quarterly if you wish to designate Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd to receive those dollars in 2015.

Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted or email them at Thrivent.com/choicedollars and let them know who should receive your dollars for the quarter.

Body, Mind, Spirit and Community

A new dimension to our balance. Our attention to our place in the world is part of our service to the community. Our church works to look at recycling, use of paper products and talk about what we are able to do.

Our goal is to continue our part and resume Composting of Food and our attention to paper use. Watch for the return of our Green Food Composting containers at our Lent Suppers and other church events.

Signs to help us remember to recycle and compost will be posted in kitchens and rooms where coffee is made. Please look for the signs and containers and give attention to what you can do. These are small but important steps!



Linda Susens, Parish Nurse

Why Water?

This month, our Hunger Team holds their annual Lenten Fundraiser for World Hunger. This year's theme: *Why Water? Because I saw you were thirsty.*

Pastor Dave returned from Honduras last fall. He told us of the great need for water filtration systems. This need coupled with our close association to the Lutheran Church in Honduras, moved our Hunger Team to act.

The goal for our Lenten project, *Why Water?*, is to raise enough money to purchase 100 filters.

The filter is simple, made up of a container, a small spigot, and a removable liner. The cost is \$30 a piece. Each filter is made in Honduras.

There will be opportunities to give each Sunday and Wednesday during our Soup Suppers.



Sunday School Announcements: Practice your “Faith Steps!”

“Faith Steps” are key pieces of our Christian Faith that we want all children to know! Songs – Bible Verses – Prayers. This year’s Faith Steps are:

Preschool: “Jesus Loves Me”

Kindergarten: Daily Prayer

1st Grade: Fruit of the Spirit

2nd Grade: Lord’s Prayer

3rd Grade: 10 Commandments

4th Grade: Apostles’ Creed

5th-6th Grade: Psalm 23

Each grade will be practicing and learning about their Faith Step during Sunday School March 1-15. Make sure you’re also practicing your Faith Steps at home!

We will be sharing and celebrating our Faith Steps in Worship on March 22nd



Our Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt is March 22nd. During Sunday School, kids will search for over 500 eggs hidden throughout the lower level! Turn in your eggs for great prizes!

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: LENT CONTINUES!

- Lent Schedule (Every Wednesday in March!)
 - 5:30 – Supper (optional)
 - 6:00 – Check in with Mentor (mandatory)
 - 6:15 – Worship (mandatory)
 - Remember, all Small Groups will be taking turns leading worship! We need you here!
 - Holy Week Schedule (March 29 – April 5)
 - Palm Sunday Worship (March 29 – 8:45 or 11:00)
 - No Confirmation Wednesday, April 1. *Why? Because I’d rather have you come to worship as much as possible during Holy Week!*
 - Maundy Thursday Worship (April 2 at 7:00)
 - Good Friday Worship (April 3 at 7:00)
 - Easter Sunday Worship (April 5 at 6:40, 8:45, or 11:00)
- Double Sermon Note Credit ALL WEEK LONG**

Worship Attendance

January 25	209
February 1	175
February 8	230
February 15	183
February 22	195

LENTEN WORSHIP:

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25

Wednesdays

5:30 PM Lenten Supper

6:15 PM Worship & Communion

HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday— March 29th

Maundy Thursday— April 2

Good Friday— April 3

Easter Sunday— April 5

Stewardship Stories

*What moves you the most about being a member of LCGS?
The kindness and friendliness of the members LCGS is a warm and comforting place during and after service and during the week.*

What has been your most rewarding volunteer experience and why?

One of my most rewarding experiences as a volunteer is serving as one of two coordinators helping set up and serve funeral receptions at church. I hope it's a service to grieving families and I hope it helps relieve some of the stress of losing a loved one.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION STATEMENT:

*A Community of Christ
Experiencing God † Reaching Out † Nurturing Faith*

FAITH @ HOME

Have you heard about the Lent Photo Challenge?!

We are trying something new during this Lent Season: a Photo Challenge! Take photos that express your faith at church, at home, or anywhere you feel inspired. Then, share those photos with your church community. Check out each other's photos on our social media pages (like Facebook @LCGSduluth or Instagram @lcsduluth.) This activity is designed for ALL AGES!!! Not just grownups, and definitely not just those with a special gift of photography. This challenge is all about seeing God in your world. And each person in your family has a unique, special, and different perspective. You can see things and capture photos that no one else can. God has given each person in your family a unique way of looking at the world – and a special way of finding God. I'd like to challenge EVERYONE in your family to join us, not matter your age or skill level. The most inspiring part of this challenge may not be the photos. The most inspiring part of this challenge is thinking about your faith at home, at the grocery store, or while you're playing outside. This is truly a great opportunity to express your "Faith @ Home!" (More information on page 4)

God Bless You and Your Family!

-Katie Rich, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



Summer Camp

With Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry!

Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion welcome campers of all ages! There are programs dedicated to families of all shapes and sizes. There are elementary programs (including day camps and short weeks.) And there are full week programs for middle school and high school campers!

*****Early Bird Registration Deadline is April 1st*****

Full Week Campers can save \$50 by registering this month!

For more information, visit www.vlmcamps.org



If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, you are invited to call Karin Lemenager at 721-4332.

PRAYERS FOR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS shared with the Prayer Chain (and in the Prayers of the Church) will begin with “God knows the names of all for whom we pray...” unless permission has been granted by the hospitalized individual or a family member of the individual. This is in keeping with our Privacy Policy. If you have questions/ comments regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss it with one of the pastors.

Good Shepherd randomly prays for all its members. During these weeks we are keeping the following in our prayers:

March 1	Jeremy Quam; Doris Klopp; Mary Davidson, Hogan and Allie; Sarah Galchus and Sophie
March 8	Patricia Taly; Lara & Charlie Ahrens, Dane and Peter; Lynette Dennis; Barbara & Donald Garnett
March 15	Amy Bergstrom and Andy; Dave Mesner & Joyce Piper; Robert Garnett
March 22	Sheila Tapper, Erin and Noah; Kay & Timothy Allen; Dawn & Landon DeWitt, Aryanna and Quinn; Max Gilbertson
March 29	Kristi & David Tapper; Patty & Bill Altonen; Susan & Mark Dexter, Eric, Nathan and Matthew; Ben Gilbertson
Prayer	For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. — Romans 6:23

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Worship service at 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

Office Hours: M-Th • 9AM-4PM; Friday • 9AM-Noon

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April
Newsletter
Deadline:
March 13