

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

April 8th, Sunday

Pastor Tim's Sabbatical Launch!

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00AM Wired Word
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship & Communion

April 9th, Monday

8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)
10:00 AM Quilting (FH)
10:00 AM AARP Board Meeting
7:00 PM Girl Scouts (LLSR)

April 10th, Tuesday

11:30 AM OWLS Potluck & Rachel
Martin @ LCGS
6:00PM Girl Scouts
6:30PM Ruth Circle @ Kathy
Gustafson

April 11th, Wednesday

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)
8:30 AM Jazzercise
9:15 AM Gather Bible Study
10:00 AM Reb/Miriam Circle
1:00PM Deb/Priscilla Circle (@
Dorothy Bowe's)
6:00PM Confirmation
7:00PM Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir

April 12th, Thursday

9:30AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Yoga

April 13th, Friday

7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible
8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)
8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

April 14th, Saturday

8:30 AM Jazzercise

April 15th, Sunday

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Wired Word
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Worship & Communion
4:30 PM OWLS serve at Union
Gospel

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Duluth, Minnesota



**Second Sunday in Easter
Entrance into Sabbatical**

8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship
March 11, 2018

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Community of Christ Experiencing God, Reaching Out, Nurturing Faith

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Linda Turpening, Organist;

Patti Hallback, Office Manager; Amie Abenth, Communications Coordinator;

Sydney Fischer, Nursery Director;

Bob Franseen, Greg Susens, Custodian

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!

COMMUNION

You are invited to join us this morning in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine given at the Lord's Supper — a sacrament offered to renew the relationship God began in Baptism. **Communion will be served today by Intinction.** Communicants should come forward to the two serving stations, receive the wafer of bread and dip it into the chalice of red wine or white grape juice. Children not yet instructed to receive the Sacrament are invited forward for a blessing. The first two pews on the pulpit side are reserved for people who are unable to go up to the communion rail. Please sit there if you wish to have communion brought to you. Gluten free communion wafers are available, let the communion server know if you would prefer this option.

Daily Lectionary Second Sunday of Easter 4/8/18

Sunday	John 20:19-23
Monday	John 20:24-30
Tuesday	John 20:30-31
Wednesday	1 John 1:1-4
Thursday	1 John 1:5-10
Friday	1 John 2:1-6
Saturday	1 John 2:7-14

- **OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutherans) April 10th: "Fires of 1918" Bring History to Life** with a visit from Anna Dickie Olesen (1885-1971). Anna survived the horrific 1918 Cloquet Forest Fires and went on to be the first woman nominated to run for the US Senate from MN! Anna's story is brought to life by Rachael Martin.
- This event begins with a pot-luck at 11:30 followed by the Living History Interpretation!



- **Tuesday May 1st - Crex Meadows State Wildlife Area of Burnett County** near Grantsburg, Wisc., taking a 29 passenger mini coach from Voyageur (leaving between 5:00-5:30 a.m. meeting at the visitor center at 7:45), coffee & pastries, 24-mile driving tour in the wildlife preserve (don't forget to bring binoculars) / naturalist to narrate / bird check off list / back to the visitor center / Burnett Dairy for lunch, cheese and gift shop, cost for the bus & Burnett Dairy expenses on your own, no fee for Crex. We need to keep the bus cost to \$30 each. Sign up with Sue Boutin @ 218-349-5991. I need deposits on sign up to assure your spot by April 23rd.

Summer Camp Registration! Check out the schedule on our website - www.VLMcamps.org/summer-schedule

We are also seeking college-aged young adults to serve on our summer staff!

If you or someone you know is interested have them contact us today.

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

Welcome Center.....Susan Sage (8:45); Dona Schafer (11:00)
Greeter Dona Schafer (8:45) Joanne Carlson (11:00)
Acolyte Brenna Schmalz (8:45) volunteer needed (11:00)
Liturgist..... Marge Kangas
Readers Tom Seidleman (8:45); Kathy Gustafson (11:00)
Ushers Jim Skoog, Dave Kreager, Ron Gullicks, Dave Johnson (8:45)
 Jeff Somrock, Amy & Adam Bergstrom (11:00)
Altar Guild..... Chris and Carolyn James
Offering Counters Doug Carlson, Nancy Cayemberg, Ruth Tryon
Accompanist..... Linda Turpening
Projectionist Cyndi Venberg (8:45); Marcia Semerau (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats Barb Tomlinson, Paula Tsufis,
 Julie Seidelmann, Priscilla Vallie

Save the Date: June 18-22 9:00 am – Noon
Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked!

Preschool (age 3*) – entering 5th Grade
Current 5th-6th Grader can join us as “Volunteers in Training”
Current 7th-9th Graders can volunteers as “Crew Leaders”
Older youth and adults needed as volunteers, too! Let us know what you are interested in!

*All preschoolers must be potty trained

Registration Deadline: MAY 20 or when full!

You can register online now! www.lcgsduluth.com

To register a child/participant (Age 3 – Entering 5th Grade)

To register a youth volunteer (Current 5th – 11th Graders)

To register as an adult volunteer



WOMEN OF THE ELCA - Spring Gathering will be on Saturday, April 21 at Elim Lutheran Church. Doors open at 8:30 for registration and concludes after lunch and the silent auction. **Day care is free**; a kid-friendly meal will be provided.

Annual Convention at Sugar Lake Lodge on Monday, June 4 – Wednesday June 6. The registration forms and agenda are available in the WELCA mail box in the church office. The flyers are posted on the bulletin board by the front door of the sanctuary. Contact Joyce Lund 464-4083 with questions

Technology Specialist -Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd seeks a part-time (up to 25 hrs. per month) technology specialist to provide guidance and assistance for church projections, sound and light systems, and social media. Flexible hours, with some Sunday mornings desired. To obtain a job description and application, contact church office at 218-525-1922 or office@lcgsduluth.org. Deadline 3/9/18. EOE



Wired Word

10am Upper Lakeside Room

Journalist Les Payne, died last month, his faith journey -- which included a commitment to Christ while Payne was a young person, an abandonment of the faith for most of his adult life, and a conscious choice later in life to return to the faith -- which he then engaged not as he had as a child, but as a grown-up.

His story gives us an opportunity to

consider what it means to mature in faith and what it means to return to it after a long time away. Those will be the topics for our next class.

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PSALM: PSALM 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a

liar, and his word is not in us.

²¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Worship Notes and Announcements

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Kapri Slotness, Catherine & Paul Roseth, Samantha and Nicole; John Wuotila; Marion Wuotila



ALTAR FLOWERS — The 2018 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.

Sabbatical for Pastor Tim! We are excited to be granting Pastor Tim a three month sabbatical beginning April 9! From an article in Lutheran Partners: “A congregational sabbatical focuses on the total person – the minister’s physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual aspects. It offers the minister the chance to break the routine of daily ministry and do something very different. It creates space for creativity, rest, and renewal. It gives the minister the marvelous gift of time. A sabbatical leave is a way for a congregation to express how much it values the minister. The concept of sabbatical is grounded on the biblical idea of Sabbath rest. The example of Jesus, who frequently sought out a quiet place where he could meditate and pray, away from the constant demands of the crowds, is a strong model for a sabbatical. Sabbaticals offer ministers a chance to step away from the long hours of work, to find healing and rest, and then to return to their place of call equipped and refreshed to inaugurate new ways of being in ministry” (John Gugel, 2007).

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY!

On April 22nd we will launch our **75th Anniversary** celebration with special worship services featuring musical and personal reflections on Psalm 23 (“The LORD is my Shepherd”) and John 10 (“I am the Good Shepherd”). This celebration will also include a birthday cupcake reception between services. All are invited to be a part of this very special day!

