

From the Pastor's Desk "As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.'" Mark 16:5-6

Our long Lenten journey is nearing its completion. The holiest of weeks is upon us and the celebration of Easter is within sight. But we are not quite yet there. We still will have to encounter the Cross on Good Friday. The only way to reach Easter is through that Cross. For on that Cross was hung the salvation of the world, Jesus the Christ, the one who died so that we could have new life and forgiveness. This gift of grace from our loving God is what makes Easter a cause for high celebration. For it was on Easter that the power of sin and death were defeated as Christ was raised in triumphant victory.

I encourage you all to participate in the worship experiences of Holy Week once again this year. Watch as the altar is stripped, see the old rugged Cross, hear the words of the Passion, and come with your hearts prepared to celebrate on Easter.

Easter 2018 will be somewhat bittersweet this year for me. Yes the celebration will be grand, but this will be my final opportunity to preside at worship among the wonderful people of Good Shepherd. As you are aware I have accepted the call to serve as senior pastor at Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sharon, Dixie, and I have found it an honor and a privilege to serve alongside all of you in ministry for nearly ten years. We leave with fond and precious memories of the gifts and blessings shared freely among the people of Good Shepherd. We thank you for your graciousness and love throughout our time of service in this place.

We read in Acts 10 "*He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.*" Change and transition are never easy. Even so our mission of witness, service, and proclamation throughout this community will remain at the heart of everything that happens at Good Shepherd. Our voices will continue to be the ones who loudly proclaim "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!"

In Christ,

Pastor Brad Carroll

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone has a very nice Holy Week and Easter experience.

Hopefully everyone received my letter about Pastor leaving and I hope you all are planning on attending the farewell dinner. While we are sad to see Pastor, Sharon and Dixie leave we certainly wish them the best in the future. They have been here for almost 10 years and have been a true blessing to our Congregation.

The Council and Elders met for our yearly retreat on Saturday, February 24th. We had our normal Council discussions and then we spent the rest of our time discussing Pastor leaving and Good Shepherd moving forward. It was a good retreat with a lot of good discussion. We then met on Tuesday night, March 13th with Pastor Kris Totzke who is the bishop's assistant. She will be assisting us in finding a new Pastor and helping Good Shepherd move forward. I had not met her before and was impressed by the fact that she seems very down to earth. I think their process has changed a little bit, but it is still probably like what we went thru 10 years ago. They have some new recommendations on forming some teams to help us move forward and select a call committee that we will consider. She also agreed to come and do our Worship service on April 8th so hopefully everyone will get to meet her then.

The Synod Assembly is in April this year in Temple, TX. Frank and Betty Wolfenbarger will be our Synod representative's. Thanks to Frank and Betty for agreeing to represent Good Shepherd.

The Fire Department conducted their annual inspection of the church on 02/27/18. We were written up for 3 different things on their report that we have taken care of. One of them was not having numbers displayed on the front of our church. Seemed strange because I do not ever remember there being numbers there. Thanks to Don for taking care of the issues they found. We have our Spring Cleaning day coming up on March 24th and I hope the turnout is good as we have plenty of cleaning and sprucing up that needs to be done before Easter.

I also wanted to take a minute to talk about Many Helping Hands. We are continuing to host the Thursday Night Feed and I know that the MHH board is looking for a facility to use as a Day Resource Center. MHH will also be a part of the First United Methodist Rummage sale that they are holding on May 5th.

If you have any ideas or concerns that you would like to share please feel free to call me at 972-910-0588.

Thanks,

Art

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FAREWELL DINNER FOR www.shutterstock.com · 490962115 PASTOR CARROLL AND SHARON ON SATURDAY, APRIL7

5:30PM

PLEASE JOIN IN SAYING GOODBYE TO PASTOR AND SHARON AS THEY MOVE TO ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA WHERE PASTOR WILL BEGIN HIS NEW MINISTRY.

PLEASE LET ART KNOW BY MARCH 28TH IF YOU PLAN **TO ATTEND**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women Piecemakers



It is an exciting culmination of a year of working diligently to do the Lord's work by helping people around the world who are in need! This year our donation to Lutheran World Relief consists of 60 heautiful quilts and 65 school kits filled with

Lutheran World Relief consists of 60 beautiful quilts and 65 school kits filled with supplies to help children – and in some cases – adults who continue learning despite hardships they face. All of this is made possible due to the kindness and generosity of so many of you! Whether it is through donations of money, quilting materials, school supplies, or the gift of sharing your time and talents; in doing so, each of you has played a significant part in easing the burden of many people around the world, as well as bringing a huge smile to their faces!

As earlier reported, our 2017, quilts were distributed in the country of Georgia which is near Russia, and our school kits were distributed in Bosnia. It is with prayer and blessings that we deliver our 2018 donations on, April 7, to Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, where they will be loaded into 18 wheelers and head for the LWR warehouse in Maryland, while we eagerly await learning their final destination.

Everyone who is interested in participating in this important ministry is welcome! We would love to have your join us if you can! We promise you will have a rewarding experience and wonderful fellowship! We meet in the quilting room on the first and third Mondays of the month from 10:00-12:30, and Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30. We look forward to seeing you as your schedule allows! For further information you can contact Sharon Josefy @ 972-986-8321 (hm) or 972-951-7995 (cell) or djosefy@verizon.net.

Sharon Josefy



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers: Art Schneewind (President), Tony Hazelwood (Vice President), Mark Fox (Treasurer), Clarence Stieg (Financial Secretary), Betty Glendye (Secretary)

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ELDERS

Ardie Schneewind, Tom Jenkins, Anita Nigrin, Marcel Lund

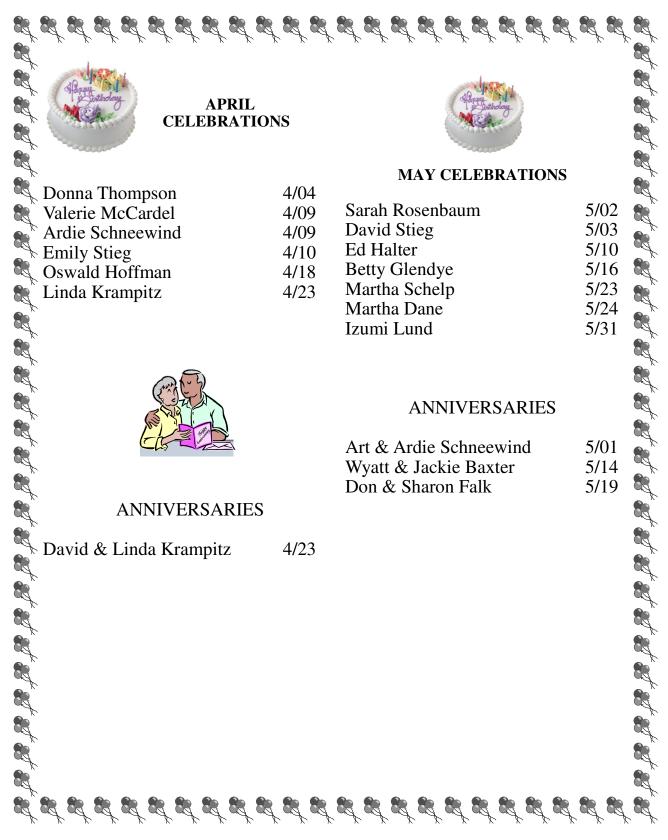
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Mission Statement:

Nurtured by God the Father, Son and Holy Spírít we joyfully share God's Word of love and forgíveness.





IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS MISSING, IT MEANS WE DO NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION ON FILE. PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE SO WE MAY ADD IT TO THE LIST.

WORSHIP SERVERS

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 01

<u>Ushers</u>: Sharon Josefy, Tony Hazelwood, Don Josefy, Elsie Kroussakis

APRIL 08

<u>Acolyte</u>: Jessica Krampitz <u>Ushers</u>: John Mikkelson, Lydia Eckert

APRIL 15 Acolyte: Emily Stieg Ushers: Dave Krampitz, Lola Dean, Georgia Carmody, Marilyn Potter

APRIL 22

<u>Acolyte</u>: April Stieg <u>Ushers</u>: Anita Nigrin, Clarence Stieg, Art Schneewind, John Lukert

APRIL 29

<u>Acolyte</u>: Jessica Krampitz <u>Ushers</u>: Ed Halter, Betty Glendye, Debi Gebhardt, Jenni Harvey

MAY 06

<u>Acolyte</u>: Emily Stieg <u>Ushers</u>: Sharon Josefy, Tony Hazelwood, Don Josefy, Elsie Kroussakis

MAY 13

<u>Acolyte</u>: April Stieg <u>Ushers</u>: John Mikkelson, Lydia Eckert

MAY 20 THE DAY OF PENTECOST

<u>Ushers</u>: David Krampitz, Lola Dean, Georgia Carmody, Marilyn Potter

MAY 27

THE HOLY TRINITY <u>Acolyte</u>: Jessica Krampitz <u>Ushers</u>: Anita Nigrin, Clarence Stieg, Art Schneewind, John Lukert





REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Current Prayer Concerns

Becky and Dan Bellar, Michael, Larry, Steve, Alex and Jenny Nelson, Brittany, Larry Ebert, Colton, Molly Johnson, Frank Edison, Eva Dintamen, Wilbur Graham, Lee Ann Porch, Dave Sheridan, Gary Robbins, Karen Fruendt, Sue Mikkelson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Curtis and Martha Dane, Greg Dane, Thelma Trojan, Oswald Hoffman, Brian Sele, John Eckert, Linda Sims, Karl Gutzke, Dana Beth Harvey, Mary Ann Nichols, Robyn Rorschach, Rodney Sims, Nancy, Acie, Steve Lund, Sandy Mashon and Rachel, Terry McClure, Joseph

If you would like to add a prayer request to this list, please write your request on the forms in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall and place them in the prayer boxes. New prayer requests will remain on the Prayer List for 4 Sundays unless otherwise requested. You may also add prayer requests at any time by calling the church office or by sending an email to **prayers@gslcirving.com.**

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW WHEN TO REMOVE A NAME FROM THE ONGOING PRAYER LIST.

Blessed are those who die in the name of the Lord.



Our sympathy and prayers to Evelyn and Bob Hays on the passing of Evelyn's brother-in-law.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Sue Stewart. Sue passed away on March 19.

Rest eternal grant them O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.



SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 20





SYNOD ASSEMBLY MEETING

APRIL 27 and 28

Frank and Betty Wolfenbarger will be our voting

delegates.



Congratulations to Emily Stieg, daughter of John and Sharon Stieg and granddaughter of Clarence and Jean Stieg. Emily will be graduating on May 25th. She will be attending classes at Tarrant County College and then transfer to a 4 year University where she plans to study Animal Behavior.

Congratulations to Emily Rose Harris, granddaughter of Betty Glendye, who will be graduating from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on May 12 with a Bachelor of Science in Advertising.





Thank you for continuing to bring your aluminum cans for recycling to the back parking lot on the First Sunday of each month. In the last 18 months we have collected and sold 470 pounds of aluminum for a total of \$218.67.

As long as I am able and there is an interest, I will continue to collect and take the cans to the recycling center.

Ed Halter Council Member at Large

A **"BIG"** Thank you to Ed for his faithfulness in collecting and taking the aluminum cans to be recycled each month.



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Worship & Study

Communion ServiceSunday 9:00 amAdult EducationSunday 10:30 am (Sept.—May)

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