

# The Good Shepherd's Fold

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY

### 2012



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

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## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

**Imposition of Ashes  
And  
Holy Communion  
Wednesday, February 22  
7:00pm**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**Mark your calendar to join the Evangelism committee for  
lunch and fellowship at the Outback  
restaurant located 3510 W. Airport  
Freeway.**





*“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it” I Corinthians 9:24*

We are well into the new year of 2012 already. The celebration of Christmas is a fading memory and preparation for Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent is well underway. Time passes quickly leaving us little opportunity to rest on our laurels or even to pause for a brief moment to catch our breath. So often it seems that our lives have become like a race to the finish line – day in and day out – with no end in sight. While that may be true we are thankful that our Lord continues to give us the strength and inspiration that we all need in order to meet the demands of each new day.

As we begin this new year of ministry we find comfort in knowing that our hard work and efforts combine together as we serve in partnership in the body of Christ which is the church. Unlike runners in a race who compete against one another, members of the body of Christ work together for the benefit of the entire church. In other words we do not do all this church work for our own personal gain; we work together to strengthen the ministry of the church so that more and more lives can be touched and transformed through the Good News of Jesus.

We are so thankful that God has given us this opportunity to serve in partnership with one another as we share the Gospel story of Jesus and his love throughout our community.

In Christ,

Pastor Brad Carroll

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### Hearing the Familiar in a New Way

Among the compositions I've started and am trying to complete is one for violins and voice. I decided to use the 5th Psalm as the basis for part of the text, however I wanted to use a language other than English. I've found that there are free audio recordings on the internet that allows you to listen to the entire Bible in many languages. Although I was originally considering Latin, I was immediately drawn to the reading of the Psalm in German for the rhythm and dramatic sounds. It's given me a new perspective on how God communicates with all of us and reaches us in different ways all at the same time.

As the incoming Worship and Music chair, I want to lead with a light touch but I also hope to offer different perspectives on the familiar as well. I can't promise that everything we choose will be to everyone's liking, but I hope you will find a way to appreciate the different ways that Christ communicates with us as we participate together in collective worship and communion with Christ.

Marcel



## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**As we begin a new year, I and the rest of the Council look forward to serving the people of Good Shepherd. We again shared a wonderful Christmas season and the New Year is off and running. They always say that time flies when you're having fun. I certainly hope to make that possible with the Council and the people of Good Shepherd. I have a lot of ideas that I would like to see implemented at Good Shepherd. Some of those ideas are free and will not cost us a penny. Some of the other ideas are not free so we will have to see where we can go with those. I believe we have a great facility and the Love of the people at Good Shepherd is never ending. There should not be any mountains that we cannot move. With that being said, we will see where The Good Lord leads us. I ask you all to remember Good Shepherd in your prayers and to please be willing to share any thoughts and ideas that you have with me. You will be hearing more from me as the year goes along and I will certainly try my best to lead the Good Shepherd Council.**

**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**

## **MISSION CAUCUS UPDATE**

In January the mission caucus contributed \$20 to Lutheran Campus Ministries and \$100 to Walnut Hill Lutheran Church.

February's contributions were \$45 to Lutheran Campus Ministries and \$100 to Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

The Piecemakers Needlework committee has a current balance of \$629.74 remaining in their account.

Eric Donehue,  
Mission Caucus Chairman.

# GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH COUNCIL

**Officers:** Art Schneewind (President), Elsie Kroussakis (Vice President), Anita Nigrin (Treasurer), Clarence Stieg (Financial Secretary), Betty Glendye (Secretary).

**Members:** Marcel Lund (Worship & Music), Kim McBrayer (Parish Education), , Sharon Josefy (Evangelism), David Phillips (Properties), Eric Donehue (Mission Caucus), Sandi Rush (Fellowship), Glenda Griffith (Community Services) and Ed Halter (Stewardship)

## ELDERS

Ardie Schneewind (Head Elder), Marcel Lund, Thomas Jenkins, Fred LaVail, Lola Dean, and Mark Fox

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### *Mission Statement:*

*Nurtured by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we joyfully share  
God's Word of love and forgiveness.*

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY

### January 15

ACOLYTE: Sara Stieg

USHERS: Mike Brodowski, Anita Nigrin, Clarence Stieg,  
Art Schneewind

NURSERY: Cheryl Oertel

### January 22

ACOLYTE: Emily Stieg

USHERS: Mike Hoffman, Ed Halter, Betty Glendye, Bonnie Moore

NURSERY: Janet Smith

### January 29

ACOLYTE: Deb Gebhardt

USHERS: Sharon Josefy, Tony Hazelwood, Don Josefy, Robyn Rorschach

NURSERY: Sara Stieg





## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women Piecemakers



In 2011, Lutheran World Relief distributed 378,050 quilts in twenty two different countries that had been devastated by war or natural disaster. The largest number of quilts went to Thailand, Azerbaijan, and Sierra Leone. Twenty of those quilts were sewn, blessed, and sent by our Piecemakers group here at Good Shepherd. Our goal is to surpass our last year's count by as many as possible. (We currently have 20 quilts in some stage of completion.) It's not too late to join in the fun and fellowship as we work toward this very worthy cause!

We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Sharon Josefy at 972-986-8321 or [djosefy@verizon.net](mailto:djosefy@verizon.net).



### Evangelism Report

Jesus' last words to his disciples before He ascended to heaven were: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone." (Mark 16:15 NLT) In 2012, this great commission rests in our hands both as a congregation and as individuals. We must all be vigilant in recognizing opportunities to witness our faith to others as we cross paths with those waiting to hear of Jesus' saving grace. We also need to be ready to speak words of encouragement to fellow believers and to warmly welcome visitors to Good Shepherd who come seeking a place of worship. And don't forget we have a supply of wonderful witness cards which includes our worship schedule and GSLC contact information, in addition to significant bible verses for us to have available to distribute as the opportunity arises.

In an effort to show our gratitude, the evangelism committee is organizing a series of after church (Dutch treat) lunches at the various restaurants in Irving who so generously donated gift cards to our raffle at the Fall Fun Festival. The first lunch will be Sunday, February 26, at the Outback located 3510 W. Airport Freeway in the same area as Lowe's. This will be a great opportunity to not only thank these businesses but to also enjoy some fellowship with GSLC members. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!



Yours in Christ,

The evangelism committee: Sharon Josefy (chair) Beverly Craft, Wanda Damstra, Lydia Eckert, Betty Glendye, Elsie Kroussakis, Bonnie Moore, Ardie Schneewind, and with assistance from Don Josefy.

## Your Prayers Were Appreciated

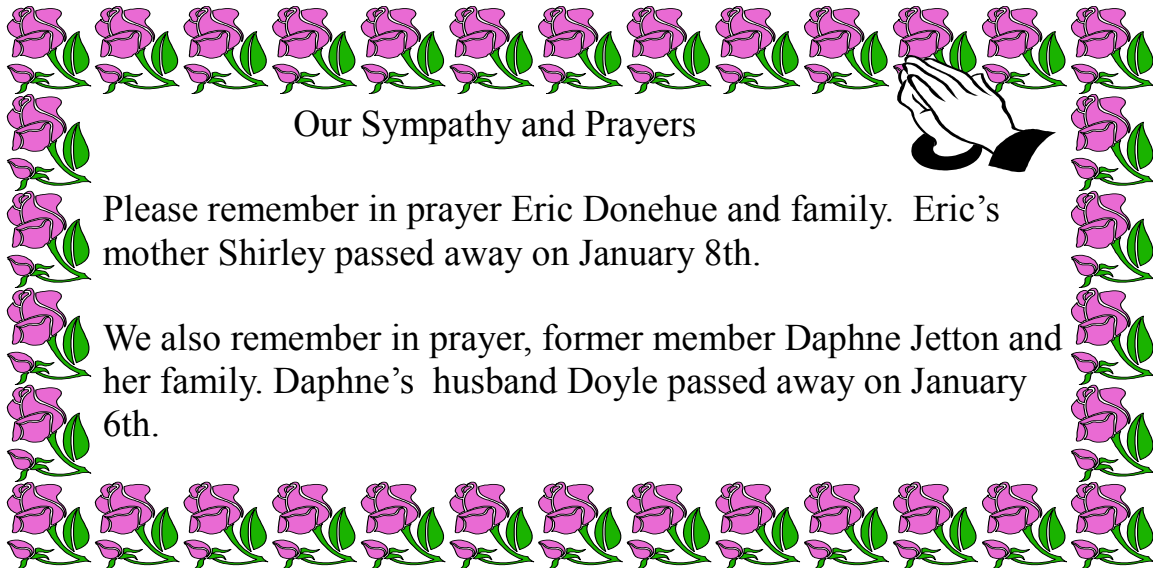
I would like to thank Pastor Carroll and Good Shepherd members for all your cards, food, phone calls, visits, and prayers during the recent death of my son Glen and my hospitalization. I will never forget your love and concern for my family during this time. I thank God each day for you and your support and love. God bless you all and may you all enjoy a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Love in Christ,  
*Wanda Damstra*

Thank you Good Shepherd Family for your prayers and support after my recent surgery.

When life becomes a  
heavy load  
An upward climb, a  
winding road,  
In daily tasks, Lord  
let me see  
That with me You will  
always be.

All God's Blessings,  
*Bonnie Moore*



### Our Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in prayer Eric Donehue and family. Eric's mother Shirley passed away on January 8th.

We also remember in prayer, former member Daphne Jetton and her family. Daphne's husband Doyle passed away on January 6th.

### ADDRESS CHANGE

Margarete Porath  
6825 Harry Hines Blvd. Room 120  
Dallas, Tx. 75235-4210

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

THANK YOU to all for the generous outpouring of love shown by your donations to the Avante Rehabilitation Center and our Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

### **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, Feb. 5th**

**Look for it in the Narthex...We will be collecting donations to the Stew Pot Ministries of Dallas. A Heart Healthy way to Feed Your Soul!**



**The Stew Pot offers basic survival needs and a safe haven for homeless and at-risk individuals of Dallas. They serve nearly 2,000 meals a day, 7 days a week!**

*Congratulations!*

Special applause to Carol Hinrichs upon receiving the 2011 Irving Parks and Recreation Superstar Award for her donation of time to the Heritage Senior Center and the services provided to our senior population. Carol volunteers at the center every Monday and Thursday.



## Parish Education Committee

2011 was good, but I need your help to make 2012 GREAT! What did you like, what do you want more of, what can we do new?

In 2012, you can expect Parish Ed to bring you more movies for discussion, and another book or two to read together. This year, VBS will be about Daniel and Babylon. Make plans now to be involved...

A special thanks to the Sunday School teachers: Betty Glendye, Linda Krampitz, Sara Stieg and Pastor Carroll.

Thank you to the Parish Education committee: Jennifer Gebhardt, Lola Dean and Tom Jenkins.

### Let's Make 2012—Glorious

Kim McBride, Parish Education Chair

This month's Fruit of the Spirit is the last one. This month we will be looking at *love*. *Love* is deep affection, to have deep affection for something or someone, devotion, natural affection. It is also spiritual affection for holy things.

One of the first places I would think to look in the bible to read about *love* is 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13. Then there is John 3:16. In Deuteronomy 6:5 it says "and thou shalt *love* the Lord thy God with all thine heart, all thy soul and all thy might." In Matthew 22:37 Jesus says pretty much the same thing except it is "with all thy heart and all thy mind instead of thine heart and thy might." In Matthew 5:44 it says "But I say unto you, *love* your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" Finally it says in John 15:12 "This is my commandment that ye *love* one another as I have first *loved* you."

Basically what I get out of all of that is that God wants us to *love* Him with all of ourselves, to *love* everyone around us (even those we don't like very much) as He *loved* us, and to pray for those who hurt us and upset us. In a mystery novel I was reading recently by Rita Mae Brown there is a scene that comes to mind where there is an older lady in her bedroom talking to her dog, a German shepherd named King. She says "King, I think the kids and my niece know I *love* them though I know I don't tell them very often." She goes on to tell him how when she was younger you showed people you *loved* them by doing for them not by telling them, and she then tells King that she *loves* him. So even if you can't or don't feel like you can tell God that you *love* Him you can always show Him you *love* Him by doing good things for those around you and by telling the people in your life that you *love* them.

Yours in Christ  
*Jennifer Gebhardt*  
Parish Education Secretary

**THE REMAINING BALANCE ON OUR KITCHEN IS \$8,616.77**

# NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

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Our Music Ministers - Each month we will run feature stories about our volunteers. This concludes our monthly series. Thanks to all the music volunteers for all they do.



**MARCEL LUND** writes: I was born in Irving after my mom and dad moved for work reasons from Illinois and the Midwest where their family still lives. My attendance at the GSLC day care led to my parents coming to church here. I can remember playing on the playground or trying to take afternoon naps when we were too antsy and later having classes in various rooms of the building. I also recall playing violin in church when services were held in Fellowship Hall. The school closed after my 2nd grade year and I attended Missouri Synod schools in Dallas where my dad taught. I came back to Irving and finished my last 3 semesters of high school at MacArthur. It was an important moment in my life for me to move out of private school. I went to UT Austin, not the best choice for me as a music school, but after my mom passed away I wanted to be close to home; the other academics and resources at UT were very good and I'm glad I attended. I was unsure that I would continue violin after college; I even looked into going to culinary school. I had decided that if I couldn't get into a better school for my Master's, I would change careers. I got into Cincinnati, great for both continuing my violin studies and for meeting Izumi. I liked Ohio but I'm glad we were able to move back to more familiar territory and I like Ft. Worth very much.

Music is a big part of my life, whether listening to it, playing the violin, or more recently composing and learning keyboard. I like to cook and am often inspired by cooking competition shows on cable. I play badminton at AT-Arlington; I was first exposed to it through Izumi's mom who was a semi-pro. I also like to play and study Igo or Go, which is a territorial board game popular in Asia.

**MARK FOX** writes: I was born a Lutheran and have been Lutheran my entire life except for when my parents took me into Baptist exile when I was 17. This prodigal returned to the fold in 1981, attending Trinity Lutheran in North Little Rock. At GSLC, I taught the high school Sunday school class in the 1990s and was an elder from 1994-2000. I joined the church in 1994 and the choir in 1995. I am currently an elder, and try to curb my R's while singing in the choir. I have a B.A. in Political Science from Michigan State University Oakland (1973) and an M.A. in Theological Studies from Wheaton College (1975). I am a Systems Engineer (programmer/analyst) for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, doing this work for 30 years. Susie and I have been married for 15 years and I have a son, David, who is 36 and a teacher. I am a Star Trekkie and I like to travel north when Texas gets so hot in the summer.

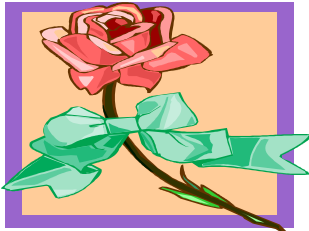
# CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

• SYLVIE JENKINS		1/16
• CARMEN PETRICK	1/18	
• LOUISE SASS		1/20
• DEBI GEBHARDT		1/21
• WILLIAM ADAMS , JR.		1/22
• ERIC DONEHUE		1/22
• FRANK WOLFENBARGER		2/01
• BEVERLY CRAFT		2/05
• SANDRA PHILLIPS	2/06	
• JOHN LUKERT		2/08
• PAMELA PRICKETT		2/10
• ALICE WERBERIG		2/13
• SHARON STIEG		2/14
• ZACHARY HEEBNER	2/15	
• CINDY PETRICK		2/16
• WANDA DAMSTRA	2/21	
• CAROL HINRICHS	2/22	
• BRIAN SELE	2/23	



## ANNIVERSARIES



DAVID AND SANDRA PHILLIPS—18 YEARS  
1/06

• GERHARD AND LOUISE SASS—54 YEARS		2/01
• PASTOR BRAD AND SHARON-27 YEARS		2/16
• TONY AND PAT HAZELWOOD-43 YEARS	2/22	



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



**Mary Woodard**

**Beverly Craft**

Steven Glendye

**Charles McKinney**

**Dolan Miller**

**Sue Stewart**

**Margarete Porath**

**Laverne Balusek**

**Martha Dane**

**Curtis Dane**

**Thelma Trojan**

**Oswald Hoffman**

**Sandra Phillips**

**Dorothy Sideris**

**Doris Harrison**

Gerald Stevens, **Sharon Josefy's** brother.

Doug Estes, **Susie & Mark Fox's** brother-in-law.

Kay Graham, **Debi Gebhardt's** mother

**Andrew Moore**

Michael Walden, son of the **Josefys'** friend.

Blaine Newton, son of co-worker of **Cheri Oertel**

Julius Ovesney, brother-in-law of **Oswald Hoffman**

Miriam Phenphol, former member

Debbie Zimmerman, sister of **Bonnie Moore**

### Service Personnel & their families:

**AEAN Ratchford, Steven**

VFA-122 Hanger 1

210 Reeves Blvd.

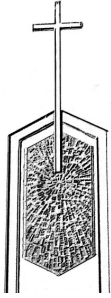
Lemoore, CA 93246

**PFC. Miller, Cody E. (MATT)**

1702 Cooley Street

Fort Leonard Wood, MO. 65473

*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. You may also add prayer requests at any time by calling the church office or by sending an email to [prayers@gslcirving.com](mailto:prayers@gslcirving.com)*



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