



## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE - MARCH 2020

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Pastor: Rev. Chelsea Miller

Members, sign up for a member login to access directories and more.

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, March 1 ~ 10:30 AM

To vote on accepting the mortgage rate offered by Thrivent of a fixed rate of 4.375% for 20 years.

Please note that per our constitution, Voting Members must be on the membership rolls, communed once & made a financial contribution of record in the past year.



### THURSDAY EVENINGS IN LENT MARCH 5 THRU APRIL 2 7:00 PM WORSHIP

Join Pastor Chelsea for Thursday evening worship each week. This service will follow a traditional evening prayer format, though there will be no music.

#### LOOSE CHANGE IN LENT

Our *loose change* can make a difference!

Grab a container when you're at worship to collect your change throughout Lent and bring it to worship with you! Let's see how much of a difference our pennies can make in the world through [ELCA World Hunger](#).



#### Potluck Brunch

Sunday, March 22 after worship

All are invited to bring a dish to share and stay to eat as we continue to build relationships in our GSLC community! This is one of our three priorities for this year—so come one, come all as we do what we do best—eat together! Sign up online or in the Narthex.



### Leadership for Faithful Innovation at GSLC

Good Shepherd is participating in an exciting new program, Leadership for Faithful Innovation, a multi-year initiative guided by Luther Seminary to seek to connect more deeply with God, each other, and the community.

The GSLC Guiding Team: Pastor Chelsea, Janine Shugan, Gene Lepelletier, Kiley Chen, and Florindo Gallicchio. The team is participating with 100 other Lutherans representing 16 congregations in the NJ and Southeast PA Synods. This group forms a learning community where we experience and grow together. Through prayer, skill-building, action, and reflection we address pressing questions about the future of the church and our part in shaping that future.

In the five months since we began this journey, each member of the Guiding Team has grown to be more aware of God's presence among us, from observations of the community around us to sharing our personal stories with each other, and learning about ourselves in more meaningful ways.

### Be Part of Our "God Blog" Experiment



The Guiding Team is excited to extend an invitation to you to join us as we begin our first experiment! We have created our own God Blog exploring "Where we saw God today"! We welcome everyone to participate in that sharing. Our God Blog is in the member section of our website and can be accessed using this link <https://www.gslutheranchurch.org/forum/our-gslc-god-blog> For those who prefer to share their God sightings with pen and ink, use the Narthex Bulletin Board! We look forward to connecting with you in this new way. As a team, we learned new things about each other and about where God shows up. We look forward to learning more from YOU too! We will keep you posted as our experiment progresses!



### There is still time to make your pledge - here comes the Sun!

We at Good Shepherd are on the verge of using God's great light of day, the Sun, to create clean energy to power our building and our ministries. By installing 170 photovoltaic panels on our roof, we will be able to capture and convert the Sun's rays to electricity to light and cool our rooms, power our computers, make the organ sing and even brew our coffee!

We have launched a Capital Campaign to raise \$60,000 towards the total cost of \$135,000 for the purchase and installation of the solar roof panels. We are asking all Good Shepherd members to help us take this bold step to be better stewards of the Earth by making a pledge to support this Campaign.

The Campaign officially launched on Sunday, February 9 and ends on April 22, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Earth Day, at which time our goal is have at least \$60,000 in cash and pledges. We can start implementation of the solar project as soon as we have cash contributions of \$30,000!

We hope that every member of Good Shepherd can generously support a part of this project. Using God's gift of the Sun to generate the energy we need is one of the great ways we can honor and care for God's gift of the Earth for the benefit of all people.

**Call or email the church office if you need a pledge card!**

**Sundays at Good Shepherd**

Professional Nursery Care Sunday mornings  
Our worship services are livestreamed, click on **Facebook**

**MARCH 1, FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Mark 10:17-31 *Teaching on wealth and reward*

✠ 9:30 AM Grace Alive! Lite Worship  
New Members Received

✠ 10:00AM Special Congregation Meeting

✠ 10:45 AM Dwelling in the Word

✠ 10:45 AM Jr. Youth Group (Gr. 3-6)

✠ 5:30 PM Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)

**MARCH 8, SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Mark 10:32-52 *Jesus foretells his death and resurrection; Christ heals blind Bartimaeus*

✠ Daylight Savings Begin—Wear your PJ's to church

✠ IHN Guests Arrive

✠ 9:30 AM Worship, Prayers for Healing, Sending of Communion Ministers

✠ 10:45 AM Family Worship

✠ 10:45 AM Caring Ministries Corner

✠ 10:45 AM Guest Speaker Lynn Weckworth

✠ 11:00 AM Grief Support

✠ Living Lutheran magazine subscription payment due

**MARCH 15 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Mark 12:1-17 *Parable of the Tenants; Taxes to Caesar*

✠ IHN Guests Depart

✠ 9:30 AM Worship

✠ 10:45 AM Family Faith Formation

✠ 10:45 AM GHOSH Planning

✠ 11:00 AM Worship Team Meeting

✠ Newsletter Articles Due

**MARCH 22, FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Mark 12:28-44 *Two commandments; a widow's generosity*

✠ 9:30 AM Worship

✠ 10:45 AM Potluck Brunch

✠ Food for Easter Baskets due

**MARCH 29, FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 *The end of the Age*

✠ 9:30 AM Worship—First Holy Communion

✠ 10:45 AM On-line Census Completion Help

✠ Easter Flowers & Memorials due

✠ Candy for Easter Egg Hunt due

**First Communion**

**On Sunday, March 29**, our third graders will join our worshipping community in receiving Holy Communion.

Please keep all in prayer during this exciting time.

**Living Lutheran Magazine**

If interested in a one-year group subscription at \$11.75, sign up online or in the Narthex, make your check payable to GSLC, and put it in the mail slot for the Office Administrator by **March 8**. Your check is required to receive a subscription.



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**PREPARING FOR EASTER****Easter Flowers & Memorials**

**Due by Sunday, March 29**

Gifts may be made in memory of or in thanksgiving of loved ones. Donations for lilies and flowers to decorate the church (plant cost is \$8.00) or monetary gifts to the Memorial Fund may be given in celebration of Christ's resurrection.

**Candy for Easter Egg Hunt**

Please consider picking up a bag or two of individually wrapped candy and dropping it in the box in the Narthex by **Sunday, March 29**, in preparation for our Easter Egg Hunt.

**Help Fill Easter Baskets For Those In Need**

**Donate Food** ~ Bags, lists, and signup ([online](#) or on the kiosk) are available NOW! Bring a grocery bag back filled by **Sunday, March 22**. Hams will be accepted.

**"Hamdemonium"** Share Shop Rite card numbers to get more hams! Contact Dean Meister or Richard Alagona for more information.

**Donate Money** ~ Monetary gifts are used to purchase perishables. Please use the Giving Envelopes found in the pew racks and specify use as "Easter Food Baskets." Make checks payable to GSLC.

**Help Assemble and Deliver the Baskets** ~ Assembly will be **Friday, April 3 at 6:30 PM** and again on **Saturday, April 4 at 9:00 AM**. Sign up in Narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Alagona

**God's Work. Our Hands.:  
A Day of Service**

Join our GWOH planning task force as we re-imagine what our day of service in September will look like! We already have some great ideas from our February meeting, but it's never too late to join in!

Our next meeting is scheduled for  
**Sunday, March 15 at 10:45 AM.**

All are welcome!

Contact Pastor Chelsea if you have any questions.

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

The Memorial Committee has some undesignated funds that can be used to enhance our worship or facility at Good Shepherd.

We would appreciate your suggestions. Please contact the members of this committee ~ Richard Alagona, Bill Jonat and Stephanie Meister.





# MARCH 2020

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                                      | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1</p> <p>9:30am Worship<br/>New Members Rec'd.<br/>10:00 Special Cong. Mtg.<br/>10:45am Dwelling in the Word<br/>10:45am Jr. Youth Group<br/>Gr. 3-6<br/>5:30pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12</p>   | <p>2</p> <p>6:30pm Stitchers<br/>8:00pm AA</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>1:00pm Stitchers<br/>7:30pm Exec. Committee</p>         | <p>4</p> <p>9:30am Crafters<br/>12:00pm Bible Study<br/>7:30pm Grace Alive! Rehearsal</p>   | <p>5</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br/>7:00pm Thursday Worship in Lent<br/>7:45pm Choir</p>      | <p>6</p>                                    | <p>7</p> <p>9:00am NJ diakonia<br/>Keeping Community Together Workshop</p>  |
| <p>8 IHN Guests Arrive<br/>Turn your clocks forward—wear your PJ's to church<br/>9:30am Worship<br/>10:45am Caring Ministries<br/>10:45am Family Worship<br/>10:45am Guest Speaker<br/>11:00am Grief Support Group<br/>Living Luth. Magazine due</p>  | <p>IHN</p> <p>7:00pm Daughters of Eve African Travelogue at Joan Grace<br/>8:00pm AA</p> | <p>10 IHN</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>7:30pm Cong. Council<br/>7:30pm AA District 35</p> | <p>11 IHN</p> <p>11:00am Crafters<br/>12:00pm Bible Study<br/>1:00pm 60 +ers<br/>7:00pm<br/>7:30pm Grace Alive! Rehearsal</p>   | <p>12 IHN</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br/>7:00pm Thursday Worship in Lent<br/>7:45pm Choir</p> | <p>13 IHN</p>                               | <p>14 IHN</p> <p>9:30 am Book Discussion<br/>9:30am Somerset Chaplaincy to the Elderly<br/>10:00am Comfort Creators</p> |
| <p>15 IHN Depart</p> <p>9:30am Worship<br/>10:45am Family Faith Formation<br/>10:45am GWOH Planning<br/>11:00am Worship Team<br/>Newsletter Articles Due</p>  | <p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Stitchers<br/>8:00pm AA</p>  | <p>17</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>1:00pm Stitchers</p>                                   | <p>18</p> <p>9:30am Crafters<br/>12:00pm Bible Study<br/>7:00pm Fill My Cup for Gr. 7-12 @ Starbucks</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br/>7:00pm Thursday Worship in Lent<br/>7:45pm Choir</p>     | <p>20</p> <p>First Communion Retreat</p>    | <p>21</p> <p>First Communion Retreat<br/>7:30am LMM Breakfast<br/>9:30 am Book Discussion</p>                           |
| <p>22</p> <p>9:30am Worship<br/>10:45am Potluck Brunch<br/>Easter Basket Food Donations Due</p>   | <p>23</p> <p>1:00pm Blood Drive at Elks<br/>8:00pm AA</p>                                | <p>24</p> <p>9:30am ESL</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>9:30am Crafters<br/>12:00pm Bible Study<br/>7:30pm Grace Alive! Rehearsal</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>9:30am ESL<br/>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br/>7:00pm Thursday Worship in Lent<br/>7:45pm Choir</p>     | <p>27</p> <p>9:00am Spiritual Direction</p> | <p>28</p>   |
| <p>26</p> <p>9:30am Worship—First Communion<br/>10:46am Census On-Line Completion Help<br/>Easter Flower &amp; Memorials Due<br/>Candy for Easter Egg Hunt Due</p>  | <p>30</p> <p>6:15pm AA Anniversary Dinner</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>9:30am ESL</p>  | <p><b>Palm Sunday—April 5</b><br/>9:30 AM Traditional Worship<br/>10:45 AM Family Worship with Palm Sunday Parade</p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday—April 9</b><br/>11:00 AM and 7:30 PM Worship</p> <p><b>Good Friday—April 10</b><br/>11:00 AM and 7:30 PM—Worship</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday—April 12</b><br/>9:00 AM—Grace Alive! Worship<br/>10:00 AM—Easter Egg Hunt<br/>11:00 AM—Festival Worship</p>  |   |   |   |



**Somerset County Food Bank Backpack Bags  
A Year-Round Need for Children**

Hundreds of children in Somerset County rely on school lunches for their daily meal. When the weekend comes, they would go hungry, if not for the Somerset County Food Bank Backpack Bags program. Bags of food that children can easily make themselves are sent home with them in their backpacks at the end of the week.

Good Shepherd has joined the effort to ensure our community's children are fed. Suggested items:

- Easy Mac (individual cups)
- Applesauce (individual cups)
- Pretzels (snack size bags)
- Peanut Butter (individual serve size)
- Gallon-size Ziploc Bags
- Ramen
- Fruit Snacks
- Juice Boxes
- Granola Bars

This is an ongoing project, so drop off your gifts inside the church doors at any time! Please continue your generous contributions.



### Interfaith Hospitality Network—IHN

IHN is a non-profit organization serving homeless families with children in a 3-phase approach to combat homelessness

### GOOD SHEPHERD HOSTS IHN GUESTS

Our next opportunity to help will be

**Sun. Mar. 8 thru Sun. Mar. 15**

Guests stay at the church evenings & overnight, Sat.-Sun. **HOST VOLUNTEERS** for 3 shifts are always needed. Sign up in the Narthex for:

- 5–7 PM: Cook, serve and eat with our guests.
- 7–10 PM: Read, play games and watch videos with the children or sit and talk with the parents.
- 10 PM–6 AM: sleep in a spare room (cots provided by IHN for guests and volunteers.)

Bill Jonat, Coordinator

### IF YOU BUY THINGS ON AMAZON FOR IHN

Please consider using Amazon Smile.

A few pennies will be donated to IHN—go to <http://smile.amazon.com>.

- Select Charitable donations.
- Then search for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County.

### Update on February Opportunities

- Souper Bowl Sunday: 535 cans of soup were donated to Food Bank.
- On Feb. 23rd we assembled about 130 Food Bank Backpack Bags (see article above)
- Bright Kids in Uganda (BKU): The \$1860 collected will help build a new playground at BKU which provides a home and education for more than 60 children at risk children. For more info or to sponsor a child visit <https://brightkidsuganda.net/> or contact Alayna Fuller.



### ELCA Advocacy

From *GSLC Feb. 16 Good News Page* ~ “Pray for our president, legislators and other public servants, that their decisions and actions will be guided by a spirit of compassion and justice, a commitment to peacemaking and building relationships globally, and a determination to work across ideologies and political divisions for the well-being of our communities and of people in need.”

Suggested websites to look at:

- Advocacy issues such as racial diversity in the church and welcoming the stranger, among others are found in ELCA Seeds Monthly (<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Seeds-Monthly>)
- ELCA monthly advocacy notifications are available for sign up for at [WASHINGTONOFFICE@ELCA.ORG](mailto:WASHINGTONOFFICE@ELCA.ORG)
- Visit the NJ Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/LutheranEpiscopalAdvocacyMinistry/>

**God's Word. Our Voice.**



### CARING MINISTRIES CORNER:

**Sun., Mar. 8**, in the library following worship with Deacon Jamie Dungey and Janice Reinhardt. Resources, help and

suggestions for any of your health, caregiving or grief support needs are available.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Sun. Mar. 8, 11:00 AM

If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, support is available. We offer information and small group discussion to help you through this difficult time in your life. You do not have to be members of GSLC. Contact Brenda Linton for information.

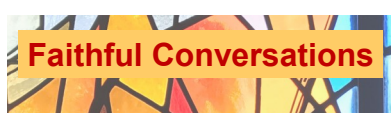


**Mar. 23, 1:00-7:00 PM**, at the Somerville Elks, 375 Union Avenue, Bridgewater  
It's in your blood to save a life..



**Faithful Ecology** will meet in April as we plan how the faith community of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church can be responsible stewards of God's creation and actively participate in its future health and sustainability.

**Join the Faithful Ecology Email List!** If you are interested in participating with this group please sign up [online](#) or in the Narthex to get the latest meeting information.



**DWELLING IN THE WORD Sunday, Mar. 1, 10:45 AM** No prep, just show up ready to enter the Word.

**WEDNESDAY AT NOON BIBLE STUDY:** Join Pastor Chelsea as we take time to look at the next Sunday's texts and wonder what they mean for us today.

**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** This weekly Bible Study is an opportunity for women to gather for Scripture study using a study guide. Please speak to Pastor Chelsea if interested in potentially joining this group.

**GSLC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Sat., Mar. 14 and 28, 9:30 AM.**

All are welcome. Book—"If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus" by Philip Gulley—a challenging and thought-provoking examination of the author's vision of what the church could look like if it refocused on Jesus' priorities.

**Join the Book Discussion Email List!** Whether you plan to participate in this discussion, or may choose to participate in a future discussion, sign up [online](#) or in the Narthex to get the latest info on our book selections, and be in the loop in the event of date changes or cancellations.

Any questions about opportunities for Faithful Conversation and Bible Study at GSLC?

Feel free to chat with Pastor Chelsea!



**March 8, 10:45 AM—Guest Speaker Lynn Weckworth** will discuss census scams and the importance of completing and submitting the upcoming US Census form.

**March 29, 10:45 AM— Complete your Census On-Line Today.** We will have help and tablets on-hand for you to complete the census on-line . Just bring your letter containing your code.

**Income Tax Preparation.** United Way provides IRS-certified volunteers are ready to help those who qualify.

- Offered February through April at various locations in Somerset County, APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED
- Call 973-993-1160, Ext. 5 or <http://www.unitedwaynnj.org/gethelp/freetaxprep.php>



**60+ers Wed. Mar. 11, at 1:00 PM.**

Guest speaker is Nora Dunn, a member of the American Veterans Assoc. Come hear her experiences as a female in services for our country.

Coordinator, Sandy Alexander



**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

**Sat., Mar. 21. 15, 7:30 AM, in Luther Hall**

Come for breakfast, fellowship and interesting discussions.

Coordinator, Dean Levin,

**WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD—** Informal gatherings for all women and their friends. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO:

### AFRICAN TRAVELOGUE

Mon, Mar. 9, 7:00 PM, at the home of Joan Grace. Charlene offers us a glimpse to her travels in Africa!

Please sign up in the Narthex or [online](#).



We support the Ronald McDonald House. Participate in this ministry by donating an item from their Wish List.

Bleach, Plastic utensils; Plastic food storage containers (quart-sized or larger); Brita filters;

Parchment paper; Disposable razors; 9 volt batteries. Monetary donations also welcome.

Please keep filling the Ronald McDonald Little Red House container in the Narthex with aluminum can pull tabs.

Upcoming

Wed., Apr. 1, 7:30 PM: "C.S. Lewis on Stage" @ New Brunswick Performing Arts Center – Tickets \$69

Wed., April 8, 7:00 PM—Easter Egg Coloring at church with Joan Grace

May: Annual Garden Walk hosted by Bonnie Gould.

If you have any ideas for future gatherings, let me know. Coordinator, Stephanie Meister

### CREATING FOR OTHERS—3 OPPORTUNITIES YEAR ROUND

All Welcome to Participate—NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY—ALL Supplies & Instructions Are Provided



Knit and crochet

**Sat. March 14 at 10:00 AM**

Comfort Creators offer **FREE** crochet lessons. If interested contact Roxanne Powers



**Shepherd Stitches**

Quilting

**Mon. Mar. 2 & 16 at 6:30 PM and**

**Tues. Mar. 3 & 17 at 1:00 PM**

Coordinator: Janice Brunsbach



**Crafteers**

Needlework

**Wed. Mar. 4, 18 & 25 at 9:30 AM**

**Wed. Mar. 11 at 11:00 AM**

Coordinator: Roxanne Powers





### CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL AND DAYCARE

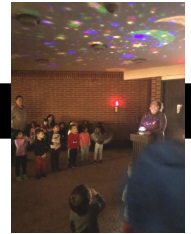
Follow us on Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/GSdaycareandpreschool](http://www.Facebook.com/GSdaycareandpreschool)

Check out our new website: [www.gsdaycare.org](http://www.gsdaycare.org)

- ♥ **In February**, we celebrated Dental Health Month with a local dentist coming to visit our school & talking to the children about brushing & good foods to eat. We talked about Ground Hog Day and the children made Valentine's and had parties in their classrooms. Community Helpers was also a focus of the curriculum.
- ♥ **During the season of Lent**, the children are learning how to take care of the world God gave us. They are also learning about the people who followed Jesus and the miracles Jesus performed.
- ♥ **Parent Appreciation** will also be celebrated in March. We will offer some breakfast foods to appreciate our parents. Teachers will have an art display of children's art for the parents to browse while they enjoy their breakfast.

**We are opening summer and fall registrations to the general public as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**For information, please call us at 908-704-0080**



**Diakonia** An educational program that provides spiritual formation for those desiring to deepen their faith.

To learn more about diakonia visit <http://www.diakoniausa.org/>

Diakonia also offers a 12-course curriculum online class using the ZOOM meeting app. You participate in the class in real time and will be able to see and hear the instructor and other participants. Joan Grace, Secretary, NJ Diakonia Steering Committee

*Open to All—Bring a friend  
Saturday, March 7, 2020*

**KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN DIFFICULT TIMES**  
*Registration 9:00 AM ~ Program 9:30 – 3:00 at Good Shepherd*

The NJ diakonia Steering Committee is pleased to host this workshop, created to give lay leaders skills and ideas on how to support their community.  
**Keynote Speaker:** Rev. Maristela Freiberg, NJ Synod Dir. Evangelism Mission  
**Small Group Leaders:** Rev. Chelsea Miller, Deacon Linda Walker, Deacon Carol Kasabach

Day includes worship, speaker with plenary discussion, followed by break-out sessions where participants will cycle through three hands-on sessions focusing on Visitation, Witnessing and Faith Formation. Go home well-informed and with a packet of information including a free book.

Registration \$25 includes lunch and take away resources. Contact Joan Grace if interested



### Cross Roads

#### Camp and Retreat Center

Pleasant Grove Rd. Port Murray, NJ  
For info call 908-832-7264

<http://crossroadsretreat.com> OR  
[www.facebook.com/CrossRoadsRetreat](http://www.facebook.com/CrossRoadsRetreat)

Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center is a place where youth and adults alike can come to be themselves and have fun in God's creation.

They are located on 250 mountaintop acres in beautiful highlands of northwestern NJ. It is an ecumenical camp of the NJ Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark NJ.



### Free English Language Acquisition

Tues. and Thurs., 9:30 AM—Noon at Good Shepherd

For information contact Somerset County 908 541-5781 ~ Hunterdon County 908 237-5000

# MARCH

## GSLC YOUTH NEWS



**Sunday, March 1**  
**5:30pm-8:00pm**  
**Grades 7-12**  
**All are welcome!**  
**Friends too!**

### Junior Youth Group

March 1  
Grades 3-6  
10:45am-11:45am



**Wednesday,**  
**March 18**  
**7:00pm**  
**For Grades 7-12**  
**Starbucks in Somerville**

### Family Faith Formation

**Sunday, March 15**  
**10:45am-11:30am**  
**For Infant—Grade 2 with parents**



### Family Worship

**Sunday, March 8**  
**10:45am**  
**Family-friendly worship in**  
**Luther Hall!**

### LOOSE CHANGE IN LENT

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Grab a container when you're at worship to  
collect your change throughout Lent and bring  
it to worship with you! Let's see how much of  
a difference our pennies can make in the world  
through [\*ELCA World Hunger\*](#)



### *Confirmation Corner*

**Confirmation Class**  
**Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00pm**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

✝ Kathy Boegershausen  
 ✝ Marie Del Ciello  
 ✝ Marian Thronson  
 ✝ Ron Thronson  
 ✝ Tony Whalen

✝ Prayers of joy and thanksgiving upon  
 the birth of Emilia Lynn Soriano,  
 granddaughter of Lynn Francesconi &  
 Ben Fieselmann

### Homebound Members

✝ Gisela Bodnar  
 ✝ Frank Henrikson  
 ✝ John Kalmbach  
 ✝ Millie Kunkel  
 ✝ Bucky LaFever  
 ✝ Rosely LaFever  
 ✝ Louise Mattice  
 ✝ Doris Siegel

### Friends

✝ John Burfeind, brother of Mary Anne Denys  
 ✝ Eugenia Clinton, mother of Paula and Mary  
 Clinton and Flora Brotherson  
 ✝ Elsie Groth, mother of Dan Groth  
 ✝ Naeem Harry's wife, Mariam  
 ✝ Stephen Kmet, brother of Suzanne Diaz  
 ✝ Marilyn Mountjoy  
 ✝ Lauri Sellers, Brenda Linton's sister-in-law  
 ✝ Ron Tolles, husband of Gail Jorgensen



### PRAYER MINISTERS

Our prayer ministers are available for prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month during worship.

They are also available after worship and at home.

Jeff Davis ~ Dan Groth ~ Joyce Jonat ~ Jim Newton  
 Ron Thronson ~ Alicia Bloch-Chen ~ Naeem Harry

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Emily Baxter-Green  
 Amelia Caban  
 Ed Gould  
 Ruth-Ann Ingram  
 Bailey Klemm  
 Susan Soldivieri

3/2 Lauren Shotwell  
 Colleen Stitt  
 Francesca Thielke  
 Gail Velcheck

3/4 Michele Letko  
 Alexis Pitti  
 Eric Westberg

3/5 Matthew DeMarco  
 Pat Whitehead

3/6 Jack Farmer  
 Rich Lee

3/7 John Balla  
 Alice Cotton  
 Kyle Mountney  
 Jason Smith

3/8 Bob Day  
 Nicholas Dubinsky  
 Dan Groth

3/9 Emma Grace  
 Justin Sapiezynski

3/12 Christopher DeMarco  
 Ben Fieselmann, Jr.  
 David Rochow

3/14 Charlene Walker

3/15 Maureen DeMarco

3/16 Lauren Marchese

3/17 Cassie Mountney

3/18 Doug Allen  
 Suzanne Westberg

3/21 Sabrina Eilers

3/22 Shavaun Famer

3/23 Michelle Behling

3/24 Richard Alagona  
 Graham Denys

3/25 Elizabeth Gyeski

3/26 Terese Hatch

3/28 Evan Ngo

3/29 Emmely Grapes  
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