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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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GSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS

Welcome

We welcome all of our visitors... as guests. We ask that you complete a gold visitor card located in the pew rack and ushers will collect them. Thank you for joining us today.

We ask our members...

to complete a green card and the ushers will them pick up.

Nursery available...

downstairs, for children who need an alternate place during the service. See an usher for assistance.

Prayer Stations... people are available in the front of the sanctuary after each service on Saturday and Sunday.

Someone is available to share a prayer with you before you leave.

Prayer and Care... Each week we gather special prayer requests to share joys and concerns of those in need. Please enter your prayer request in the notebook in the narthex and our prayer team will remember to pray for you throughout the week.

Holy Communion... Everyone is welcome. Please see our Communion Statement in each worship bulletin.

Lectionary Thoughts

from Rev. Delmer Chilton's LectionaryLab.com

When you hear the word "church," what picture comes to your mind? Just close your eyes and think "church?" What did you see? A large neo-gothic cathedral? A picture perfect white frame building with arched windows and a high steeple? Perhaps a sturdy brick building with a bell tower? Maybe something more modern; with soaring glass walls and sharp angles vaulting toward the sky? Maybe a community gathered around a Word and Sacrament, sitting in folding chairs in a room used for something else most of the time? Perhaps a stage with people playing drums and guitars and people with closed eyes and upraised arms singing words of praise? What do you see when you hear the word church?

I'd almost be willing to bet none you saw fifteen or twenty scared and lonely people, huddled behind closed and locked doors, whispering among themselves, jumping out of their skins at every noise from the outside. Whatever our image of church is, it usually doesn't include locked doors and frightened people.

Yet that is the picture John paints of the very first church. First Church, Jerusalem: gathered together on that first Sunday after Jesus' death, huddled and hiding, trembling and terrified, lonely and loveless. They're not much of a church; no organ, no pews, no pulpit, no stained glass windows, no joy, no praise, no word, no sacrament. Nothing but a room to meet in and memories to talk about.

"What was it he said at Supper the other night? Something about the bread being his body and the wine his blood? Peter, what did he mean by that?" "Did you hear what Mary Magdalene and the other women said? They said they went to the tomb this morning and Jesus' body was missing, the stone was rolled away and the body was missing. And Mary Magdalene said she saw the Lord?"

"Well, sure, did anybody check her breath to see what she'd been drinking? She saw Jesus alive this morning? Right! And so on.

Worship Ministry Schedule

This Week - April 12

Acolytes
 8:30 am Kelly Hartmann
 11:00 am Matthew Pierce
Assistant Minister
 8:30 am Roger Bauser
Communion Assistants
 8:30 am Ginny & Del Herbeck
 Bob & Diane Miller
 11:00 am Ed Thieman
Lectors
 8:30 am Bob Miller
 11:00 am Mary Pierce
Ushers
 8:30 am Robert Pressler John Chuprun
 Les Riehl Joe Oldham
 Wayne Rosholt
 11:00 am Wendy Pierce Cindy Grove
Sound Technician
 8:30 am Sam/Don Bennett
 11:00 am Sam/Don Bennett
Altar Guild
 Sat Setup Lisa Connelly
 Sat/Sun 8:30 Reset Anna Lee Sawdey &
 Shirley Osburn
 Sun 11:00 Reset Jennifer Kellstrom
 Sun Putaway Duane Tackis &
 Ed Thieman
Coffee Fellowship
 8:30 am Ginny Herbeck
 11:00 am Carol Wade
Greeters
 8:30 am Donna & Gerry Harte
 11:00 am ~~~
Flowers/Visitation
 Robin Sessler

Next Week - April 19

Acolytes
 8:30 am Pete Connelly
 11:00 am Tyler Grove
Assistant Minister
 8:30 am Bob Sauer
Communion Assistants
 8:30 am Karen Shaw Lova Lilly
 Gerry & Donna Harte
 11:00 am Eileen Hunter
Lectors
 8:30 am Lisa Connelly
 11:00 am Kathy Seim
Ushers
 8:30 am Del Herbeck Connie Dishon
 Bob & Diane Miller Chris Connelly
 11:00 am Wendy Pierce Cindy Grove
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 11:00 am Helen Filcik
Greeters
 8:30 am Ardith & Bill Hargrave
 11:00 am ~~~
Flowers/Visitation
 Ginny Herbeck

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Staff ~ 298-0136

Pastor Jamie Vannoy - Senior Pastor - Ext. 101
Don Bennett - Director - Youth and Family Ministry - Ext. 105
Mark Shoemaker - Music Director - Ext. 106
Linda Newcomer - Office Manager - Ext. 100
Judy Washburn - Office Assistant - Ext. 100
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If you would like to sign up to volunteer on the Worship Ministry Schedule contact the church office.

Calendar of Events

Sunday April 12

6:30 am Breakfast Service at First Lutheran
8:30 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Contemporary Worship
5:00 pm Thrivent Meeting

Monday April 13

1:15 pm Prayer Shawl Knitters & Crocheters
2:30 pm Homework Club
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den 436

Tuesday April 14

5:30 am NA 12-step Meeting
9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 193

Wednesday April 15

2:30 pm Homework Club
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Cadets 30480

Thursday April 16

6:30 am Men's Bible Study-Bob Evans
9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
5:30 pm Daisy Troop 34303
6:00 pm Daisy Troop 35322
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee
7:00 pm 12-Step SA Group

Friday April 17

2:00 pm Bethany Communion
6:30 pm Kitty Hawk Square Dancing

Saturday April 18

8:00 am Breakfast & Bible Study
9:00 am Lay School of Theology
5:00 pm Evening Worship
6:30 pm Head-to-Heart
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday April 19

Jeremiah's Letter Sunday
8:30 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Contemporary Worship

Monday April 20

9:30 am Quilting Group
2:30 pm Homework Club
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den 436

Tuesday April 21

5:30 am NA 12-step Meeting
9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
11:30 am Women's Council of Graceworks
7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 193

Wednesday April 22

2:30 pm Homework Club
4:00 pm Brownies Troop 32314
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

Thursday April 23

6:30 am Men's Bible Study-Bob Evans
9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
7:00 pm 12-Step SA Group
7:30 pm Generations Swing Band

Saturday April 25

8:00 am Breakfast & Bible Study
10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training
10:00 am WELCA Board Meeting
5:00 pm Evening Worship
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Lifelong Learning

Adult Sunday School Class
Sundays 9:30 am - Lounge
Taught by Roger Bauser

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch

Normal Coverage:

Judy Washburn - Mon / Tues
Linda Newcomer - Wed / Thu / Fri

Altar Flowers

Given by Wayne & Michele Weyhrauch
In Honor of Tanya Weyhrauch
& Adam Watson Wedding

Attendance & Offering

Sunday April 5

Attendance 162
Offering \$5,399

January 1-Feb 15, 2015

Needed	Received	Variance	YTD Budget
			Overage
\$4,865	\$5112	\$247	\$4,195

Weekend Comedy at FLC

The Undercroft Players will present "Weekend Comedy" on **April 23-25** at 8:00 pm and on **April 26** at 3:00 pm in the basement of First Lutheran Church, 138 W. First Street. Tickets are \$5.00/\$10.00 (cash only at the door). For more information visit Undercroftplayers.weebly.com

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They talked, they fretted; they worried themselves sick about what it all meant and what the Roman soldiers or the Chief Priests might be up to. And maybe, just maybe, somebody in the room was praying, but it's not likely.

Doesn't sound like much of a church does it? Preaching professor Tom Long said they are a picture of the church at its worst, "scarred and scared, disheartened and defensive." Long wonders what sort of advertisement might this church put in the Saturday paper to attract members?

The friendly church where all are welcome? Hardly. Locked doors are not a sign of hospitality. The church with a warm heart and a bold mission? Forget it. This is the church of sweaty palms and shaky knees and a firmly bolted front door. Here is a church that has almost nothing going for it, has practically no claim to being church except except that when they gathered, the Risen Christ pushed through the locked door and stood among them.

That is what turned that little group of scarred and scared people into the church, the Presence of the Risen Christ in the room. It wasn't anything they did or didn't do, it wasn't anything they said or didn't say. Church happens when the gathered community pays attention to the presence of the Risen Christ in the room.

And, when that presence is ignored, nothing of any consequence can or does happen. It was the disciples' awareness of and attention to the presence of the Risen Christ that made the difference then; and it is our awareness of and attention to the Presence of the Risen Christ that makes the difference now.

Jesus comes to us today, Jesus comes to us showing us his love for us by showing us the wounds he has suffered on our behalf. Jesus comes to us offering us peace and the fiery breath of the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to us, to tell us, I love you and I have great plans for you!

Are we paying attention? Amen and amen.

Call for Scholarship Applications

Applications will be solicited from **April 1 through May 10**. Students who are interested in applying for scholarships from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund should request a 2015 Application from the church office. Awards are granted only when there are sufficient monies in the Scholarship Fund. Applications must be submitted by **Sunday May 10**.

Scholarship Fund Special Offering

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church recognizes the value of a great education and encourages its members through the congregation's SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This past year, five students have benefitted from the fund: Sarah Bennett-Wittenberg University; Cameron Connelly, Marietta College; Aimee Connelly, Amy Hartmann and Scott Hartmann-Capital University. The purpose of the SCHOLARSHIP FUND is to: encourage students to pursue college or Lutheran ordination; provide financial aid in the form of scholarships; and receive gifts and bequests for the fund.

On **Graduation Sunday May 17**, a special offering will be taken in honor of our graduates for the SCHOLARSHIP FUND. You can support our students by participating in this special offering. Please place gifts in a pew envelope and indicate that it is for the SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Pastor On Vacation

Pastor Jamie will be on vacation from **Monday April 6 through Tuesday April 14**. Contact the church office or Don for any needs that may arise in Jamie's absence.

Talent Show Coming Soon!

Coming soon to a Fellowship Hall near you: The 2015 rendition of the Annual Talent Show. It will be on **Sunday April 26** at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars now and start warming up that act! Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Tickets are now available in the narthex and in the church office. Don't be shy! Join in the fun!

New Member Class in April

We will be having a New Member Class beginning on **Sunday April 26**. Length of class and how many sessions will be determined by the number of people participating and religious background of the group. Those who are already members and want to come and sit in on the conversation about our vision and mission at GSLC are welcome to come as well. If you are planning on being in the class call the office and let us know so we have enough materials.

Jeremiah's Letter Needs Your Help

Next **Sunday April 19** is Jeremiah's Letter Sunday. Please consider donating any of the following items to Jeremiah's Letter: sheets (all sizes, especially queen/full), bath towels, blankets, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant (full size or trial size), toothpaste, tooth brushes, feminine hygiene products, Depends, razors, shaving cream, denture cleansers and adhesives, back packs, sleeping bags, broth-based soups, canned meat, spaghetti/meatballs, canned fruit or vegetables, cereal, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, dish soap.

Linda Newcomer On Vacation

Linda Newcomer will be on vacation from **Wednesday April 15 through Friday April 24**. Judy Washburn will be working in the office each day in Linda's absence.

Choir Members Wanted for 2015 Synod Assembly

Joshua Brodbeck, Chairperson of the Worship Committee, invites members of the Southern Ohio Mission Territory to be a part of the 2015 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly Choir. There will be two rehearsals on **Sunday May 31** and **Friday June 5** that you must take part in prior to the event. If interested, visit the SOS website at southernohiosynod.org and click on the Synod Assembly link. You can register for the choir online. Synod Assembly will be held on **Friday June 5 and Saturday June 6** in Columbus.

Faith — 'A Little Dab'll Do Ya!'

*By Sharron R. Blezard
from stewardshipoflife.org*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Luke 17:5-6

More is not always necessary, or even better. You know that more than a little dab can sometimes even be detrimental. It's a normal human tendency to think that more of something will be better; Jesus' disciples were no exception. In fact, the words that seem to push the disciples over the edge to ask for more faith are these:

Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive" Luke 17:1-4

No wonder they asked for more faith! The pressure is on for do-it-yourself discipleship. How in the world can any one of us—then or now—make the grade? Stumbling blocks and leading folks astray unawares, disciplining the wayward, forgiving the repentant, and REALLY forgiving, even when dealing with a repeat offender. Sort of makes one want to throw up the hands and look for the line where they're handing out rope and millstones.

But that's exactly the point. We can't do this on our own. It is impossible. And that's what Jesus is trying to get his disciples (and us) to see. It is not about us at all. It's all about God and what God can do with ordinary, fallen, fragile, broken, and wonderful bumbleheads like us. We don't need to supersize our faith. We don't need to feel inadequate because someone else seems like more of a saint or appears better-equipped for ministry. We don't need to have edifice envy because the church down the street has a full parking lot every Sunday.

According to Jesus a little dab of faith'll do ya; it's enough to see you through. By the winds of the Holy Spirit God will equip, inspire, and send us to do what we're called to do—to serve the world in the name of Christ because we have been loved, and fed, and saved by a gracious and amazing God.

So relax. Breathe. Quit fretting. Give yourself permission to mess up, because even if you do (and you will), God will be right there to get you back on your feet so you can try again. God will provide. You don't need more faith or greater faith or bigger faith; just exercise the faith you have, no matter how paltry or pitiful it may appear to you. God is in the business of maximizing the small broken bits and pieces of ordinary, everyday faithful folk. Go into the world and share this amazingly good news!

~ O Lord Hear Our Prayer ~
From Week of April 5

Praise and Thanksgiving to God for:

- ◆ The people and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- ◆ Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
- ◆ Reverend Suzanne Dillahunt, Bishop, Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
- ◆ Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa; Evangelical Church - Mecklenburg, Germany; Evangelical Lutheran Church - Republic of Kazakhstan, Russia; Sinodo Espirito Santos Belem, Brazil

Prayer Ventures - April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter - Today we hear the questions and doubts of Thomas and remember our own uncertainties. We pray that our trust and faith will grow in the promises and presence of God.

Members and friends with medical concerns and other needs:

NEW THIS WEEK

- ◆ Anita Apple - gastrointestinal bleed
- ◆ Emily - job search (from Eileen Hunter)

FROM LAST WEEK

- ◆ Matt - job search (from Kathy Seim)
- ◆ David - career change (from Kathy Seim)
- ◆ Becky - mental health issues (from Kathy Seim)
- ◆ Bill Tyler - fighting cancer (from Ed Thieman)
- ◆ Nancy - cancer (from Sandy Pfaff)
- ◆ Nancy Phillips - recovery from surgery (Wendy Pierce's mother)
- ◆ Sue Watts - recovery from wrist surgery (Wendy Pierce's sister)

Members and friends who have lost loved ones:

- ◆ Family & friends of Tommy Gerard who passed away this week (from Don Bennett)
- ◆ Family & friends of Angelista Gibson's husband who died this past week - grandmother of Addie and Aerial who attend our Wednesday Night Fellowship meals (from Don Bennett)
- ◆ Family & friends of Bill Tyler who passed away this past week (from Ed Thieman)

Members who are serving in the armed forces and for their families:

- ◆ Devin Cahill - enlisted in the military - prayers of safety

Submit your prayer requests to goodshepherd.gslc@gmail.com or call the church office. Prayer requests will be listed for two weeks. If after that time you would like your request to remain on this list, resubmit your request. Please use this sheet daily to remember those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd community of faith.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***Call the office to request
a copy of the Weekly Staff if
you are unable to attend the
service or if you know someone
who is unable to attend.***



April Birthdays

Bill Hargrave – April 3
Bob Shaw – April 4
Amy Kosanovich – April 7
Ron Hershey – April 8
Joyce Shaffer – April 8
Chris Hunter – April 12
Audrey Laughter – April 14
Adam Thieman – April 16
James Treadway – April 16
Gary Horton – April 20
Lisa Connelly – April 23
Jane Ireton – April 28
Rowan Linch – April 28
Benjamin Newell – April 29
Allison Leatherman – April 30

April Anniversaries

Gerry & Donna Harte – April 4
Wayne & Michele Weyhrauch – April 9
Ed & Brenda Thieman – April 16
Kevin & June Newell – April 21

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month but do not see your name on the list, contact the church office to update our database records.

If you do not wish to have your birthday or anniversary published in the GSLC Announcements, contact the church office.