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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

(Today's reflection is from Dr. David Lose)

Doubt is not the opposite of faith. Doubt, in fact, is probably a necessary ingredient to faith. Faith, by definition, is trust in spite of a lack of evidence. Faith is not knowledge. Faith is more tension-filled. It is acting as if something is true even when you have no proof that it is.

Which means that when we talk about the "gathering of the faithful," we're not talking about the gathering of those who's faith/knowledge is absolute or certain or bedrock. We're talking about those people who have all kinds of questions and doubts but still find joy and wonder in this message of good news about new life. Or maybe who want to find joy and wonder, haven't yet, but keeping coming because of their hope.

All of which suggests two things to me for this week's sermon. First, let people know it's okay to doubt. In fact, let them know that it's probably a requirement of faith. Because, honestly, in light of all the death and trauma and disappoint and tragedy that colors every human life, if you don't have at least some difficulty believing the promise that God not only raised one person, Jesus, from the dead, but also promises new life and second chances and forgiveness and grace to all, then you're probably not paying attention.

Second, I would like to ask people how we might live differently if acted like God's promises were true. So often, I think, these promises are so familiar to us that we hold them far back in our head but don't actually think about them and so don't act as if they are true. But if it's true that God raised Jesus from the dead... If it's true that God promises to renew the whole creation and grant us new life... If it's true that nothing – nothing we've done or has been done to us – can separate us from the love of God... If it's true that God will not turn God's back on any of us but always reaches out to us in grace, mercy, and forgiveness... If any of this – let alone all of this – is true, then how might we live our lives this week differently? How might this faith – not knowledge, but trusting, courageous faith – change how we look at our relationships, and our politics, and our work, and our resources, and our future?

Worship Ministry Schedule

This Week - April 19

Acolytes

8:30 am Kelly Hartmann
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

Sound Technician

8:30 am Sam/Don Bennett
11:00 am Sam/Don Bennett

Altar Guild

Sat Setup Kate Steininger
Sat/Sun 8:30 Reset Anna Lee Sawdey &
Shirley Osburn

Sun 11:00 Reset ~~~

Sun Putaway Duane Tackis &
Ed Thieman

Coffee Fellowship

8:30 am Karen Shaw
11:00 am Helen Filcik

Greeters

8:30 am Ardith & Bill Hargrave
11:00 am ~~~

Flowers/Visitation

Ginny Herbeck

Next Week - April 26

Acolytes

8:30 am Bill Fahle
11:00 am Kayla Grove

Assistant Minister

8:30 am Bill Fahle

Communion Assistants

8:30 am Ralph & Marian Kettering
Roger & Pam Bauser

11:00 am Scott Strohming

Lectors

8:30 am Karen Shaw
11:00 am Ed Thieman

Ushers

8:30 am Robert Spitz Dick Hartmann
George Frankenfeld Les Riehl
Wayne Weyhrauch Janet Grieshop
11:00 am Wendy Pierce Cindy Grove

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8:30 am Ann Chuprun
11:00 am Dorothy Flora

Greeters

8:30 am Wayne Weyhrauch
11:00 am ~~~

Flowers/Visitation

Robin Sessler

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Staff ~ 298-0136

Pastor Jamie Vannoy - Senior Pastor - Ext. 101

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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 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

Sunday April 26

6:30 am Breakfast Service FLC
8:30 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Contemporary Worship
6:00 pm Annual Talent Show

Monday April 27

2:30 pm Homework Club
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den 436

Tuesday April 28

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 29

1:00 pm Project Blessing Meal
2:30 pm Homework Club
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Cadet Troop 30480

Thursday April 30

6:30 am Men's Bible Study-Bob Evans
9:00 am Morning Prayer Service
6:00 pm Daisies Troop 35322
7:00 pm 12-Step SA Group
7:30 pm Generations Swing Band

Saturday May 2

8:00 am Breakfast & Bible Study
5:00 pm Evening Worship
6:30 pm Head-to-Heart
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 Donna & Gerry Harte
In Honor of Their 56th Wedding Anniversary

Attendance & Offering

Sunday April 12

Attendance 81
Offering \$3,379

January 1-Feb 15, 2015

Needed	Received	Variance	YTD Budget
\$4,865	\$5112	\$247	\$4,195
			<u>Overage</u>

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And if it takes a little time to let all this sink in, to come to active trust and faith that these promises are true, well, then let's keep in mind that we're in good company. Jesus' first disciples struggled with all this as well.

~from Pastor Jamie

Free Concert at St. John's Lutheran Church

The University of Dayton Celebration Choir will present a concert at St. John's Lutheran Church, 141 S. Ludlow Street on **Sunday April 26** at 4:00 pm. The concert is open to the public and no tickets are required. A free will donation will be taken for the church. A reception will follow the concert. For more information, call Ginny Herbeck at 298-8876.

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

Jeremiah's Letter Needs Your Help

This **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.

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.

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!

Because I am a child of God, I will...

Romans 12: 1-2: "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

On Palm Sunday, we were each invited to prayerfully consider the difference that the risen Christ makes in our own life. Orange bulletin inserts were distributed with these words from Romans 12 and space on the back for responding to what God has done for us. Remember to bring these inserts with you to worship on **April 25 – 26**. These services will include a special time to bring these inserts forward as a personal offering and rededication of our lives to Christ. No one will read the responses. Weather-permitting, the services will conclude with burning the responses outside the narthex. If you need a copy of the insert, please pick one up in the narthex this weekend or contact the church office.

Awesome! Yogurt Fundraiser

The Youth will be holding a fundraiser on **Monday May 4** from 4-10 pm at Awesome! Yogurt on the corner of Far Hills and Dorothy Lane. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase on that day will be donated to the GSLC Youth. Flyers will be in the Weekly Announcements on May 3.

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.

Benefit Chicken Noodle Dinner

St. John's Lutheran Church, 470 S. Gebhart Church Road, Miamisburg, is having a Chicken Noodle Dinner on **Saturday April 25** from 4:30-7:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit Miamisburg Helping Hands Organization. Tickets are \$10 Adults, \$9 Senior Citizens, and \$4 Children 10 & under.

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.

Martha Leach Memorial Tea

Good Shepherd women are invited to attend the 3rd annual Martha Leach Memorial Tea given by the women of Faith Lutheran Church. The event will be held on **Saturday May 9** at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. The guest speaker will be Erica Russell, a Chalk Talk artist. Presale only tickets are \$4.00 each, children six and under are free. Call Mary Ann Sauer with your reservation by Tuesday, April 28. Fliers about the event are posted on the Narthex and Connector bulletin boards.

GSLC Contributes to Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

Good Shepherd Prayer Shawl Knitters and Crocheters participate in the Prayer Shawls For Fallen Soldiers ministry. Since 2006, 7151 hand made prayer shawls have been given to family members of fallen soldiers. Good Shepherd has sent 42 adult plus two child handmade prayers shawls to family members of fallen soldiers. The March newsletter of Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers is posted on the Connector bulletin board. Please stop by and check out the Blessed by Hands photo and brief paragraph as well as several moving "thank you" notes. Thank you to Good Shepherd members for assisting and supporting this meaningful ministry.

~ O Lord Hear Our Prayer ~
From Week of April 12

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 19 - Third Sunday of Easter - We pray that in the midst of our busy lives and world we not forget to be light in the world, a witness to the good news of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Members and friends with medical concerns and other needs:

NEW THIS WEEK

- ◆ Dee - complications from the flu (from Pam Bauser)
- ◆ Nancy - healing (from Pam Bauser)
- ◆ Robby - encouraging reports from scans for cancer (from Pam Bauser)
- ◆ Andy - under Hospice care (from Pam Bauser)
- ◆ George Frankenfeld - surgery and treatments (from Roger Bauser)
- ◆ Carol Apple - cancer (from Suzanne Bohardt)
- ◆ Laura - mastectomy on 4/14/15
- ◆ Ann Marie - 6-month-old with malignant brain tumor (Kathleen Ireton)

FROM LAST WEEK

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

Members and friends who have lost loved ones:

- ◆ Treadway Family - death of Judy's father (from Pam & Roger Bauser)
- ◆ 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.