

Good Shepherd  
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**Highlights!**

**Evening Worship Svc**

6:00 pm

Sunday, April 4th  
Sunday, April 11th  
Sunday, April 18th  
Sunday, April 25th

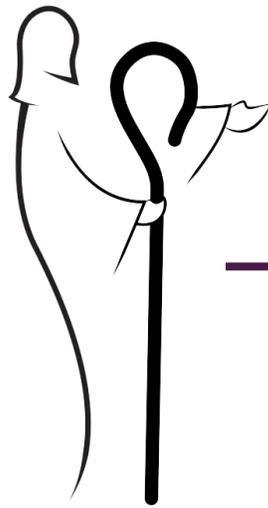


Eli Boll	4/1
Dwane Kamla	4/1
Dan Milbrandt	4/2
Sue Schnell	4/3
Zach Michaels	4/4
Jordan Isaacs	4/6
Dale Schwanke	4/10
Alex Milbrandt	4/19
Karie Andrews	4/20
Leigha Frye	4/21
Dorothy Salzman	4/21
Sharon Blanchard	4/23
Jodi Anderson	4/25
Jeff Kendell	4/28
Colton Waltz	4/28
Haley Waltz	4/28
Pamela Frye	4/30
Belinda Hornby	4/30



Claudene & Robert Murray  
4/5

Denny & Barb Knopes  
4/9



# THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

## APRIL



*What's happening at Good Shepherd*

**Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 1st - 7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 2nd - 7:00 pm

**Easter Service**

Sunday, April 4th - 10:00 am



**Holy Week**

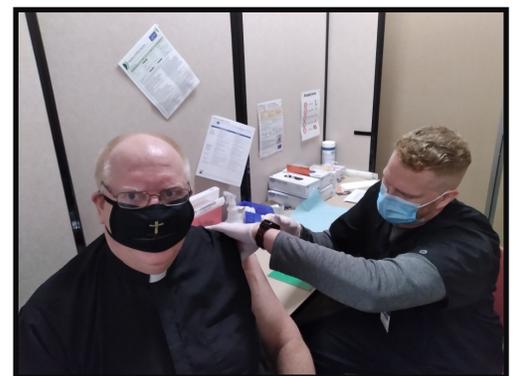


Two members of our Good Shepherd family have recently passed away.

Devon Schlegel passed away on February 19th, and Russell Snyder on February 28th.

Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.

Pastor Mike is finished getting his COVID vaccinations. There is light at the end of the tunnel!



Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Happy Easter everyone! He is risen! He is risen indeed! What a great way to journey into the month of April. This has been a most interesting time of the year. So I thought, I would begin with a little scripture.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-6**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away.

I found this to be spot on. Especially in the middle of so many changes. March brought us daylight savings time, (something I'm not fond of) the beginning of spring, and the start of moving slowly toward a more normal worship service.

There were two new missions we embarked on. The toilet paper drive for Echo, and the noisy offerings that we use to buy meals for those giving vaccinations in our community (at the time of this newsletter, we have fed the entire staff once a week for about a month and a half).

We've had a couple funerals, have enjoyed Holy week, and were met with days warm enough to wear shorts, and others so cold, we bundled up and waited for more snow.

We walked with Jesus toward the cross, and rejoiced when the stone was rolled away. And it has been incredible, as some of you are starting to trickle back in after receiving vaccines. I have missed all of you. And it has been a long and rough year.

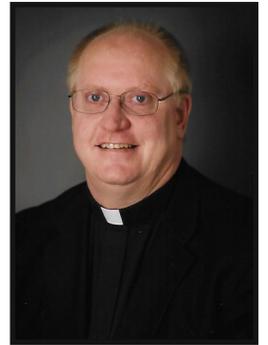
But the light at the end of the tunnel, is burning bright. The light of grace, the light of hope, the light of love, the light that is Christ Jesus our Lord. Truly, For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

It seems to ebb and flow, not only as we move from winter to spring, but in the very transitions of our lives. Letting us know that God is walking with us. Comforting us in our times of trial. And rejoicing with us in times of joy.

As the grass turns green, the flowers bloom, and the sun continues to warm us, let us remember the new life offered to us this day. By the seasons of Jesus' life. For He lived, He died, and He is risen indeed. So that you might be saved. Seasons, designed to set you free.

I wonder, what seasonal changes and opportunities wait for us in the days and weeks ahead. And may your new life in Christ, be a guide wherever God is guiding us.

And may God be with you, until we meet again. Pastor Mike



What can I possibly give to Jesus when He gave so much for me?  
A verse by Christina Rossetti comes to mind:



“What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wiseman I would do my part;  
Yet what I can give him – give my heart.”

Thank you, Good Shepherd Family for your support of ECHO! In February, ECHO received over \$1000 from Good Shepherd members. THANK YOU! These donations assist in providing rental assistance and shelter nights for our neighbors in need. Thank you all for your donations of toilet paper for our TP Challenge in March. I will have a final count for you next month. Our next major fundraiser at ECHO will be a Calendar Raffle. We will be selling tickets in April. More info to come soon. Also we are looking for ideas for a basket from Good Shepherd for our next Online Silent Auction in June. If you have any ideas for a basket, please contact Rita Milbrandt at 608-931-1372.



**Food Pantry Needs:** Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Cups of Mac & Cheese, Pop-top Canned Meats, Shelf Stable Microwave Meals, Ramen Noodles, Deodorant, Shampoo, and Laundry Soap.

**\*\*\*Please hold off on saving grocery paper bags and plastic bags for ECHO at this time due to storage space.**

**Upcoming ECHO Events:**

3/30-4/1	Children's Easter Basket Distribution
April 2021	Garden Basket Raffle
April 2021	Selling Calendar Raffle tickets \$25 each
April 25	CROP Hunger Walk
June 1-10	Online Silent Auction
June 7	Eat Out For Hunger
July 1-Dec. 31	Calendar Raffle with weekly drawings
8/20	School Supply Distribution
10/23	Empty Bowl Soup Fundraiser
11/20	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution



Following is a phone number list for the church council. In the event of an emergency, if Pastor Mike is not available, please contact one of your council members.

**President**—Rob Oja - 608-921-8402

**President-Elect**—Russ Frye - 608-921-9887

**Secretary**—Juanita Habeck - 608-290-8696

**Property/Grounds**—Dick McWilliams (interim) - 608-436-3069

**Parish Ed**—Michelle Webb - 608-481-2992

**Stewardship**—Cordy Madorin - 608-756-4605

**Worship/Music**—Dianne Punzel - 608-921-1858

**Treasurer**—Reggie Hare - 608-295-1075

Before you read this, please open your Bible to Mark 6:34, and read the first part of that verse. Do you notice something that maybe you hadn't read or heard before? The word that jumped out at me when I read this verse in terms of Stewardship is "**compassion**". The Greek word for compassion means "gut". That's our very core of our middle, where everything is centered. Jesus provided for the multitude through **compassion**. We are also to do the same with our time, abilities, and treasurers.



Cordy Madorin, Stewardship Chair



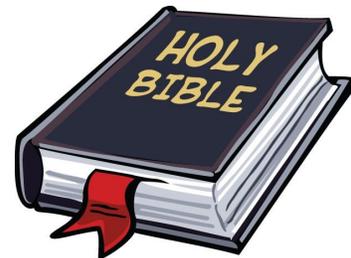
This year's CROP Walk is approaching fast! Check out the Event Facebook page here.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/917863089038207>

You can also contact Dianne Punzel at 608-921-1858 for more information about signing up to participate.

### Gospel lessons for April

- ◇ April 4 (Easter) Mark 16:1-8, or John 20:1-18
- ◇ April 11 John 20:19-31
- ◇ April 18 Luke 24:36b-48
- ◇ April 25 John 10:11-18





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>7:00 pm</u> Maundy Thursday Service	2 <u>7:00 pm</u> Good Friday Service	3
4 <u>10:00 am</u> Easter Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	5 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	6	7	8 <u>6:30 pm</u> Council Meeting	9	10
11 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	12 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	13	14	15 <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for newsletter articles	16	17
18 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	19 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	20	21	22	23	24
25 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>1:00 pm</u> CROP Walk <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Svc	26 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	27	28	29	30	

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Good Shepherd has started a “Noisy Offerings” fundraiser!

We are doing this to say thank you to the National Guard members and staff that are at Blackhawk Tech administering COVID vaccinations. Many of them are away from home and staying in hotels, and they are “brown bagging” it for their lunches. We have an arrangement with Best Events, and every \$250 collected will provide a catered lunch for 25 members of the National Guard and staff. The more we raise, the more lunches we can provide for them! We will be collecting each Sunday, and will be announcing other ways to donate in the days to come.

Our “Noisy Offerings” Fundraiser also has a GoFundMe page! If you are unable to make it to the church, and wish to donate to this cause, you can now use GoFundMe to do so. The link to the page is:

**<https://gofund.me/112be840>**