

## Spring Renewal

Greetings Siblings in Christ!

In the life of the Church, spring is a time of renewal that includes the dark Lenten journey toward understanding our identity as Beloved of God as well as the bright, sun-bright celebration of Christ's resurrection which is our resurrection. This is the very reason that the early Christians celebrated Easter at the time of the spring solstice, when the dark cold death of winter is infused with the light, warmth and new birth of spring.

The journey through the cross to the light of Easter is a difficult one; in the shadow of the cross we encounter ourselves and open the door to that hidden room we all have; the room that holds all of our mess and humanness. The good news is that in the shadow of the cross we can lay that mess at the feet of Christ—do a spring cleaning of our hearts and allow God to clean us and make us new.

We all have a locked room; where we keep our struggles, our fears, our sense of being spread too thin because of life's demands, where we hide our frustration, our sorrow and pain over a loved one's illness, or the breaking of a relationship. We each have a locked room that hides all of our anxieties, sorrows and sins. It is cluttered and it is messy. During this season of Lent I urge you to open the door to that room, let it's contents spill out at the foot of the cross and let God in Christ Jesus clean it with the water of baptism, and fill it with the air of the Holy Spirit, so that you may leave feeling new and clean and green with growing.

*Loving God.*

*We confess that we have hidden our mess from you in locked rooms, hoping to appear clean and organized when inside we feel troubled and cluttered.*

*Open the doors of these rooms, sweep our sorrow and our sin, make us clean at the foot of the cross and send us forward, out of the empty tomb.*

*Open us to the peace that is you and to the love that comes with trusting you with our burdens.*

*In Christ we pray,*

*Amen.*

*In service of Christ,*

*Pastor Jess*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please welcome our two new council members, Debbie Kleinjans and Elliott Eisaman. Thank you for taking on this new responsibility in service to our congregation, church and as servants of God.

## NOISY OFFERING - COMMUNITY ACTION HOUSE

### Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for March and April will be collected for the benefit of Community Action House. Community Action House has programs addressing both food insecurity and homelessness in the Holland area and they have highlighted some specific needs for both programs. We will collect items to respond to these needs in addition to our collection of coins during the noisy offering each Sunday.

Community Action House recently opened a shower facility to serve the homeless community. To support this program, we will collect the following items:

- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Laundry detergent (needed to launder towels at the shower facility)

Keeping food with high nutritional value on the shelves at the pantry is an area of focus. We will support this effort by collecting the following items:

- Canned tomatoes (low-sodium or no salt added)
- Canned vegetables (low sodium or no salt added)
- Canned fruit (in 100% juice)
- Refried beans
- Canned chicken (140mg sodium per serving or less)
- Whole grain cereal (no added sugar)
- Brown rice
- Whole grain pasta
- Low-sodium broth

A representative from Community Action House will join us for a worship service in March to share more about their current programs and we will have an opportunity to tour the pantry when we deliver our donations at the end of April. Watch for additional details about the tour in the April newsletter.

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The 4th Tuesday, each month, we provide volunteer lunch servers/helpers at the Community Kitchen located at Western Theological Seminary. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated to help serve the meal, work behind the scenes and do clean-up.

The Community Kitchen is also looking for 5 - 7 volunteers on the 2nd Sundays of the month from 8:00am- 11:30am to start March 10, 2019. These helpers are needed to ensure smooth operating of the breakfast meals. A great opportunity for those who are only available on weekends.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

A heartfelt welcome to our new church members;

Dale Cramer  
 Maryjo Gillette and the  
 Lindsey Family;  
 Tom, Tory, Caroline and Kylie



Average Attendance for  
 February 2019: 67.5

## Church Council:

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## SERVANTS OF THE DAY: LEADERS AND HELPERS FOR WORSHIP

Date	March 3	Ash Wednesday	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Worship Leader	Tom L.	Pastor Jessica	Brian Underhill	Julie Hardy	C. Willaman.	D. Willaman
Wine Servers	Beckers	***	Russells	Wendts	Need a volunteer	Need a volunteer
Reader(s)	Ellie B.	Deb Ludwig	Chris Manzo	Sharon Wendt	Need a volunteer	Need a volunteer
Ushers	Duane Schuldt Jim Dyke	***	Jon Hurt Steve Johnson	Emma & Andy R. & Mike R.	Don Burmeister Floyd Norvell	Elliott Eisaman Dan Gutknecht
Comm. Prep/Clean-up	Deb Ludwig	***	Kris Norvell	Vicki Russell	Dan G./Pam E.	Tammy
Bread Baker	Parrotts	***	Elizabeth R.	***	Elizabeth R.	***
Nursery	Hurt	***	Underhill	Hardy	Pearson	Pearson

# PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

To the Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you for the gift bag of Mary Kay products. It was nice to know you appreciated my time working in the office. I do love my Mary Kay.

Blessings,

Vicki Russell

received Feb. 24, 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of gifts for the Children to buy for their moms at Christmas time. It means so much to all of them to be able to celebrate Christmas with gifts.

God bless you for your kindness!

Family Hope Ministries  
Holland Rescue Mission

received Feb. 11, 2019

## In Our Prayers...

- **Congratulations:** Elliott Hayes Robinson arrived Jan. 22, 2019 to Kate and Bill Robinson (son and daughter-in-law of Lois Robinson) Her 12th grandchild. Sylvia Loren Schrottenboer arrived Feb. 6, 2019 to Meghan Schrottenboer (Lois Robinson's granddaughter-in-law), Her 8th great-grandchild. Alayna Joy Gerber has arrived, Feb. 8, 2019, granddaughter of Dave & Nancy Morrison.
- **Our Sympathies:** to Al and Myra Kohsel on the death of their daughter, Lynda Blaising, Feb. 12 and to the Willaman family on the death of Dennis' mother, Ruth Willaman.
- **Peace and Comfort:** For family and friends on the death of Bruce Turino (friend of Martinsons), for family and friends on the death of Bettie Anderson (Lois Robinson's sister-in-law).
- **Healing/peace:** Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Brandon Blank (son of Karen & Bryan), Karen Blank, Carol Essig (Bret D'Agostino's aunt), Patty Pantano, Cheryl Harper (friend of Parrotts), Joan Jose, Cathy Kelly, Myra Kohsel, Judy Lamphere (friend of the Parrotts) Allan Malan (Eve's dad), Sue Norwick, Roland Rivera, Richard Russell (Mike's brother), Ana Lilia Salinas, Lucina Salinas, Duane Schuldt, Katherine Snee (friend of Beckers), Som Vixayphone, Myariah Vixayphone (Som's granddaughter Ruth Willaman (Dennis' mother), Myrlene Weishaar, Katrina Wolff, Bonita Zielke.
- **Assisted living/nursing home/homebound:** Ruth Bergen (relative of Corinne Becker)
- **Healthy Pregnancy:** Kelsey Gerber (Dave & Nancy Morrison's daughter), Erin Peer (granddaughter of Kohsels), Kate Robinson (Lois's daughter-in-law), Meghan Schrottenboer (Lois Robinson's granddaughter-in-law), Ashley Visser (Norvell's granddaughter-in-law)
- **Serving our country:** John Bounthapanya (Som's nephew), Steve Dyke, Ben Johnson (Parrotts' nephew), Cortney and Konstantin Ivanov (Gigi Howard's daughter and son-in-law), Eric Johnson (Steve & Kerry's son), Kayla Kleinjans (Stan & Debbie's granddaughter), Alec Lamb-Venecia (Joan Lamb's grandson), Alex Miller, Eli Norvell (Kris & Floyd's grandson), Torrey Ollermann (Carol & Craig's son), Andrew Wagner (Patricia Bradfield's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- **Prayer Partner:** St. John Lutheran Church, Baroda, Rev. Nan Dehnke; Trinity Lutheran Church, Barton City, Rev. Chrisy Bright; St. Peter Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, Rev. Jennifer Michael; Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, Bishop Richard Graham; Trinity Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, Rev. Kjersten Priddy,

## Birthdays

Shane Hurt  
Patricia Bradfield  
Jurgen Becker  
Tessa Hurt  
Lincoln Hardy  
Kerry Johnson  
Heather Wagner  
Jonas Pearson

# March



## Anniversaries

Jon & Tessa Hurt  
Nathan & Meggan McCaughan

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH CELEBRATION

This year we celebrate two milestone anniversaries; 25 years since the formation of our congregation in 1994 and 10 years in our new church building, dedicated September, 2009.

A September Sunday celebration is being planned to honor God's blessings on our congregation and on our ministries in the community. If you would like to be part of the planning committee or would like to assist in any way, contact:

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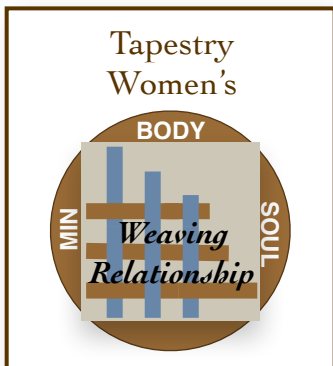


## COUNTRYSIDE GARDENS GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER



Spring is around the corner and Tapestry members will be taking gift card orders the 1st week of March.

This is our only fundraiser for the year (we get 15% of sales). Please consider purchasing a gift card or 2 or 4 or more, to help us offer great programs throughout the year.



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Please join us for Book Group on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 in the church conference room. Our selection for March is *Educated* a memoir by Tara Westover. This is the story of a family of "survivalists" and religious fanatics for whom public education was viewed as a means of governmental brainwashing. From this upbringing, Tara sets foot in a classroom for the first time at age 17, goes on to attain a PhD from Cambridge, and shares her experience with the impact of knowledge and education in this powerful book.

This is a Herrick District Library Book Bag selection. Laurie Schuldts has the books, so if you would like one either catch Laurie after church or call her at 616-406-9717.

## LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6th Ash Wednesday  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Exercise Your Spirit  
7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship



Wednesdays during Lent

(March 13, 20th, 27th & April 10th, 14th)

4:00 pm - 5:45 pm: Exercise Your Spirit

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm: Soup Supper

6:45 pm - 7:15 pm: Holden Evening Prayer and Healing Service

Please Join us during Lent for **Exercise Your Spirit**--a time to come and experience different spiritual practices like Labyrinth, Spiritual Journaling, Spiritual/Sacred Artwork and Yoga (in 15 minute increments).

Please take a look at our **sign-up for the Lenten Soup Suppers** out in the fellowship area. These suppers are simple, nourishing and meant to provide time for fellowship and community before our evening prayer services.



**Lenten Service offerings** are designated for Community Action House.



# March

Good Shepherd

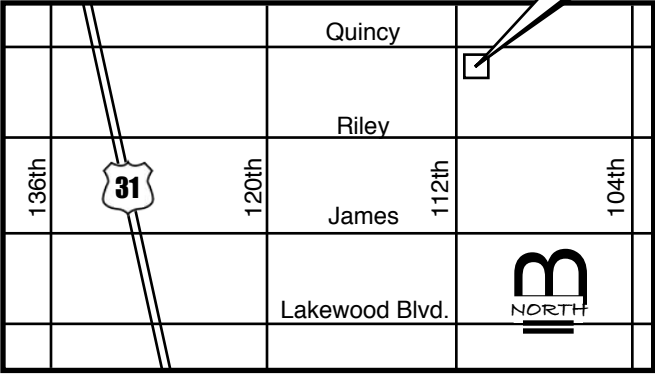
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 <b>Feast and Celebration</b>  10:00 am Worship Council Installation 11:15 am Coffee 11:20 am Sunday School 11:30 am Worship Committee meeting 2:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	4       10:00 am Group Prayer	5       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 10:30 am Quilting  7:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	6       <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  9:30 am Women's Bible Study  5:00 pm Exercise Your Spirt  7:00 pm Taize Service	7       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 6:30 pm Scouts	8       5:00 - 8:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	9       6:00 - 9:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios
10 <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>   10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee 11:20 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	11       10:00 am Group Prayer 6:30 pm Choir	12       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 10:30 am Quilting  6:30 pm Council 7:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	13       9:30 am Women's Bible Study 4:00 pm Exercise Your Spirt 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Holden Evening Prayer and Healing Service	14       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 6:30 pm Scouts	15       5:00 - 8:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	16       9:30 am-2:00 pm Council Retreat
17 <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>   10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee 11:20 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	18       10:00 am Group Prayer 6:30 pm Choir	19       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 10:30 am Quilting  7:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	20       9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Book Group  4:00 pm Exercise Your Spirt 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Holden Evening Prayer and Healing Service	21       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 6:30 pm Scouts	22       10:00 am-2:00 pm Confirmation Retreat	23       10:00 am-2:00 pm Confirmation Retreat
24/31 <b>3rd &amp; 4th Sunday in Lent</b>  10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Annual Meeting; Youth Fundraiser Luncheon; NO Sunday School 2:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	25       10:00 am Group Prayer 6:30 pm Choir	26       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 10:30 am Quilting  11:00 am Community Kitchen 7:00 pm Emanuel Asamblea de Dios	27       9:30 am Women's Bible Study  4:00 pm Exercise Your Spirit 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Holden Evening Prayer and Healing Service	28       <i>Office Closed</i>   5:15 am Fit4Mom Body Back Class 6:30 pm Scouts	29       10:00 am-2:00 pm Confirmation Retreat	30       10:00 am-2:00 pm Confirmation Retreat

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 Holland Township

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
 Worship & Celebration • 10:00 am  
 Coffee & Conversation • 11:15 am  
 Sunday School (September - May) • 11:20 am

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