



Good Shepherd Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
Exciting Happenings and Doings of  
God's People

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

The repentant sinner rejoices at being found in the loving embrace of the Father's full, free, and "foolish" forgiveness.

**2019 Midweek Lenten Suppers & Worship**

Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 7:00 pm during the Wednesdays in Lent. Our theme is "Three Words of Truth." Each week we will explore a powerful three-word phrase from the record of Jesus' suffering.

April 10	Take Him Away!	John 19:28-30
	Pastor Bergemann	Good Shepherd, Downers Grove

**Help Needed!**

Good Shepherd is in charge of organizing the upcoming grade school track meet at Timothy Christian School in Elmhurst on Saturday, May 11th starting at 9:30 AM. We need your help! We are looking for individuals to help with concession stand food prep, running the concession stand, timing races, and running the softball throw and shot put events. If you are interested please contact Mr. Roekle ([david.roekle@gsdg.org](mailto:david.roekle@gsdg.org)). Thank you for considering using your gifts in this way!

**Fellowship Hall Setup for Easter Breakfast**

After our Maundy Thursday Church service we need help in taking down the wall in Fellowship Hall and setting up for Easter breakfast. We need to empty the Nook, which is used as a Pre-school room, take down the wall, and set up tables and chairs.

Then on Monday night, April 22nd, we need to put it all back together again. We'll start at 6:30 pm.

Many hands make short work. Contact Bob Reichert with questions at 630-263-5039 or [reichert2700@gmail.com](mailto:reichert2700@gmail.com).

**Easter Breakfast Sign-up**

Join us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 21st. It will be served from 9:00-10:30 am in the fellowship hall. Please let us know you will attend the breakfast on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We ask that you bring a food or beverage item to the breakfast and indicate your item(s) on the sign-up sheet.

We also need volunteers to help prepare for the breakfast: set up, serve, clean up. Please indicate your availability on the separate sign-up sheet found on the table in the narthex.

Questions? Contact Karen Bassler at [630-789-4373](tel:630-789-4373)

**Palm Sunday Processional of Palms -**

Parents who are interested in having their children participate in a processional of the palms to begin our services on Palm Sunday morning are asked to arrive 5 minutes before the service begins to line up in the narthex. The children will follow the pastor to the front of the church and will lay their palm branches at the feet of Jesus before the altar and then return to sit with their parents for the remainder of the service. Teachers from our School, Preschool, and BLAST will be there to help guide and escort children back to their parents. Any questions? Contact Pastor Bergemann or Principal Dave Roekle.

**School Accreditation Results Presentation**

From April 8-10 we will have a WELSSA accreditation team visiting us and looking at the results from our recent K-8 school self-study. The results of their visit will be revealed at a presentation in the church at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, the 10th. All are welcome to attend!

### **Divine Call Received**

Our 5th and 6th grade teacher, Vicki Smith, has received a call to be a teacher in the early childhood center at Grace Lutheran in Sahuarita, Arizona. Please keep Vicki, and her husband Jeff, in your prayers as she prayerfully considers how to best serve the Lord in His kingdom.

### **Woman's Paint Night Hosted by Servae Cristi**

Join us for dinner, fellowship and painting in the Fellowship Hall! We will also be sharing opportunities for you to learn about ways you can get involved in different ministries at Good Shepherd! Please sign up on the table in the Narthex or call or text Megan Boerema at 734-216-7872 or email at [boerema.megan@gmail.com](mailto:boerema.megan@gmail.com).

Opportunity to Give - to Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti served by WELS Missionary Terry Schultz who lives in Chicago. To learn more go to [www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org](http://www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org).

Bring cash or write a check payable to "Good Shepherd" with "Branch Schools" in the memo line. Those who wish to donate to Haiti schools and are not able to join us on April 24 at 6:30pm, may place donations in the lockbox in the narthex prior to April 24.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Prayer Chain Leader Needed**

We are in need of a new Prayer Chain Leader for Servae Christi. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great fit in this volunteer position, please contact Renita Kennedy at [samnren@ameritech.net](mailto:samnren@ameritech.net) or 630.484.7390.

Thanking you in advance.

Servae Christi Team

### **Register for Bowling & Pizza Lunch**

**Where:** Tivoli Bowl 938 Warren Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515 **When:** Sunday, April 14, arrive at 12:30, bowling begins at 12:45 (2 hours of bowling and shoes included) **Lunch:** pizzas ordered from Aurelio's next door to Tivoli, & will be served 1:00pm **Who's invited:** Everyone!!! **Prizes:** Yes! **Cost:** \$15 per person 2 hours bowling, shoes, pizza, prizes. If I'm not going to bowl what is the cost? \$10. **Registration Sign-up :** Forms are now available in the narthex. **Questions:** Dan Schindler Group Life Coordinator [dschindler6422@gmail.com](mailto:dschindler6422@gmail.com)

### **LWMS 2019 National Convention**

All are invited to attend the 56th Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention June 27-30, 2019 ~ Des Moines, IA

You can find more information about the 2019 convention at [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org)

### **Run-for-the-Brave 5K – May 25<sup>th</sup>**

If you are looking to support a local military organization that helps Veterans throughout our local communities, Operational Welcome You Home is a great organization. Vicki and Jeff Smith have been involved with this organization over the years, and it is a GREAT organization that supports ALL of our military.

Each year, Operation Welcome You Home sponsors a 5K Run, Walk, Ruck to benefit local Veterans in need. To register for Run-for-the-Brave, visit the link below Register by May 14<sup>th</sup>

[http://www.welcomyouhome.org/run\\_for\\_the\\_brave\\_5k\\_run.html](http://www.welcomyouhome.org/run_for_the_brave_5k_run.html)

### **Bible Study Dessert Volunteers Needed**

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex for those who would like to provide a dessert for Sunday morning bible study. We are looking for two volunteers a week to bring about two dozen servings each of a dessert or snack.

Contact Lonnie Weaver- Servae Christi Spiritual Growth (209)617-2416, [lonnie\\_weaver@yahoo.com](mailto:lonnie_weaver@yahoo.com) or Angelina Davenport- Servae Christi Group Life (920)979-6141, [angelinamccormick7@gmail.com](mailto:angelinamccormick7@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Accepting New Student Admission Applications**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is now accepting new student applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please contact the school office at [office@gsdg.org](mailto:office@gsdg.org) or by calling 630-852-5081.

**Holy Week Worship**  
**Maundy Thursday: A Meal to Save You**  
**April 18 at 7:00 pm**

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, the first word of the Latin translation of John 13:34: "*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos.*" That phrase means: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you." Jesus explained to the apostles the significance of his command by washing their feet before he instituted the Lord's Supper. On this day we look at the special spiritual benefits God gives us in this holy meal. Worship includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Good Friday: The Seven Words, a Service of Darkness**  
**April 19 at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm**

On this day, darkness blanketed the earth from noon until 3:00 pm, as our Savior endured the pains of hell, hanging from a cross. But Christ's suffering means our salvation. In this worship service, we use the ancient custom of "Tenebrae", Latin for "darkness." Throughout the service, as we meditate upon our Savior's passion, lights are dimmed and candles snuffed. This symbolizes the ebbing of Christ's life. The somberness of this worship serves as a foil, making the joy of Easter Sunday all that much brighter.

**Easter Sunday: Risen to Free Us!**  
**April 21 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am**

He is risen indeed! On Easter morning we celebrate the fact the Jesus has risen from the dead to save us. His resurrection is the proof positive that we stand before God as forgiven children, free from condemnation and hell, and that we will live forever in heaven. A congregational breakfast will be served between the services.



Perhaps you have noticed the cross in front of the church. Our thanks to Tom Pindelski from St. Andrew in Chicago for making the cross for us, Bob Reichert for picking it up and placing it in front of the church, and Dave and Laurie Bowen for coordinating the effort. The cross is draped in purple during the Lenten Season. It will be draped in black on Good Friday signifying our Savior's suffering and death and white on Easter signifying his glorious resurrection.

## Serving at Worship

**Pastor:** Jon Bergemann  
**Organist:** Karen D'Aversa  
**Piano:** Karen D'Aversa

### Ushers

04/06	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
04/07	8:00 am	Paul Kippes & Ed Boron
	10:30 am	Bill Merchantz & Daniel John
04/10	7:00 pm	Steve Danekas & Kenneth Jordan Jr.
04/13	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
04/14	8:00 am	Erik Guldberg & Ryan Schindler
	10:30 am	Chuck Rhodes & Greg Busse
04/18	7:00 pm	Dan Schinler & Bob Vicker
04/19	1:30 pm	Ken Hull & Chuck Rhodes
	7:00 pm	Todd Oard & Dale Graefnitz

### Greeters

04/07	8:00 am	Dean Gerdes
	10:30 am	Joan Richmond
04/14	8:00 am	Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Greg Busse

### Altar Care

04/07	Sarah Rardin & Michal Meek
04/18	Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
04/21 (Easter Sunday)	Kathy Paradis & Cindy Oard

### Coffee Schedule

04/07	Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
04/14	Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller

### Folding Schedule

04/07	Sherrie & Jay Norco
04/10	Christina Kurtz
04/14	Jan & Gary Henriksen

### Communion Assistant Schedule

04/18	7:00 pm	Dave Rardin & Doug Semenske
04/21	8:00 am	Todd Paradis & Rick Brands
	10:30 am	John Roland & Ken Jordan

### Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD'S HOUSE (03/30-31/19)**

Saturday – 28  
Sunday Early – 89  
Sunday Late – 91  
Lent – 104  
Live Streaming – 66  
Weekend Total – 378

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK**

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 40	03/31/19	\$6,959.50	\$485,658.84	\$545,580.00	90.0%

**STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD**

James 1: 17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
9:20 am Adult Bible Class /  
BLAST Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service with Communion

4:00 pm WELSSA Dinner

MONDAY 04/08

8:00 am WELSSA Visit

TUESDAY 04/09

8:00 am WELSSA Visit

9:30 am Woman's Bible Study

6:00 pm Catechism

7:00 pm School Committee Meeting

7:15 pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY 04/10

8:00 am WELSSA Visit

8:10 am Chapel

3:30 pm WELSSA Accreditation Results Presentation

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

THURSDAY 04/11

7:00 pm MCC Meeting

FRIDAY 04/12

CALAC Meeting

SATURDAY 04/13

SpBAM @ Jerusalem

3:00 pm OWLS Historic Route 66 Presentation

5:30 pm Worship

SUNDAY 04/14

8:00 am Worship Service

9:20 am Adult Bible Class /

**BLAST Sunday school**

10:30 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Bowling at the Tivoli

SAVE THE DATE

April 15

3:30 pm Faculty Meeting

7:00 pm Cole Teem Meeting

April 18

No School PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

7:00 pm Maudy Thursday

April 19

No School PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1:30 pm Good Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday

April 20 (Saturday)

**NO Service**

April 21 (**Easter Sunday**)

**8:00 am & 10:30 am** Easter Breakfast served between services

April 22

No School PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 24

6:30 pm Woman's Dinner/Paint Night

April 26

12:30 pm Arbor Day – PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 27

9:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Steven's Restaurant

April 28

11:30 am OWLS Meeting

May 2

Entertainment Night Rehearsal O'Neill Middle School (No Parents)

May 3

Entertainment Night O'Neil Middle School

May 4

5:30 Worship with Branches Band

May 5

Worship with Branches Band

2:00 pm Piano Recital

May 11

Track Meet @ Timothy Christian

May 20

7:00 pm Voter's Meeting