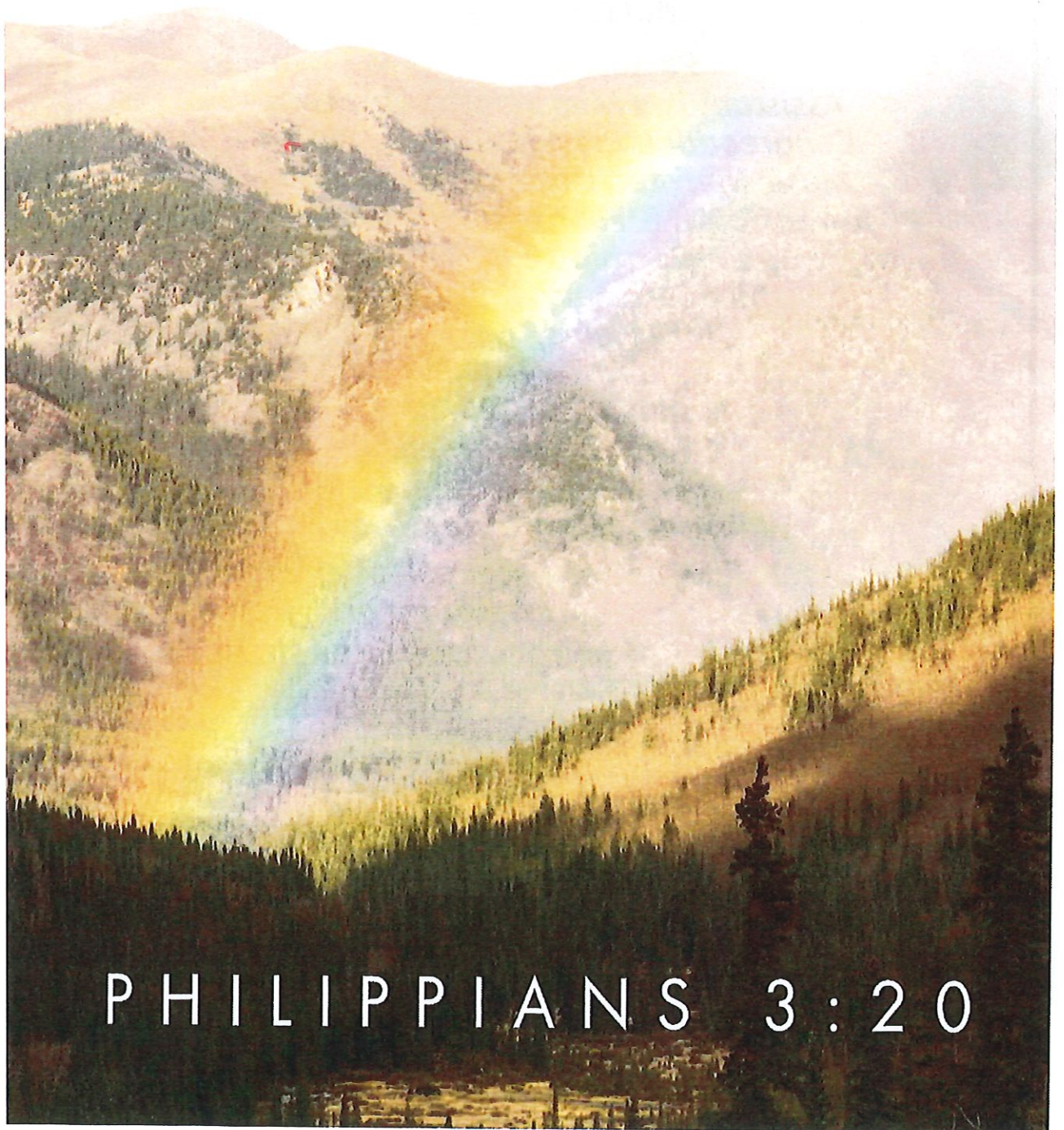


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UPCOMING Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March

Mar. 16 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
 Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 Mar. 17 - OWLS @ 12PM, Susan Linder's Home
 Mar. 23 - Making Soup with Suzie @ 1:15AM
 Mar. 26 - Lenten Gathering, Soup @ 1:15PM and class @ 7PM, Jacobson Hall
 Mar. 20 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall
 Mar. 26 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
 Mar. 30 - Brunch and Brainstorming @ 11AM, Jacobson Hall

April

Apr. 2 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 7:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
 Apr. 2, 9 - Soup Supper @ 6:15PM & class @ 7PM Jacobson Hall
 Apr. 13 - Palm Sunday
 Apr. 14 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr
 Apr. 15 - Tax Day
 Apr. 17 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall
 Apr. 17 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7PM, Jacobson Hall
 Apr. 18 - Good Friday Service @ 7PM, Jacobson Hall
 Apr. 20 - Sunrise Service @ 8AM
 Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30AM
 Worship Service @ 10AM
 Easter Egg Hunt @ 11AM
 Apr. 21 - OWLS @ 12PM, TBA
 Apr. 23 & 30 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
 Apr. 30 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
 Apr. 30 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 7:30PM, Jacobson Hall

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

SUNDAY, March 16

10am: Worship Service
 11am: Coffee Social
 11:15: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2
 4pm: GSLC Book Club, Comm Ctr

MONDAY, March 17

12pm: OWLS, Susan Linder's Home

TUESDAY, March 18

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

6:30pm: Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jacobson Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 19

THURSDAY, March 20

FRIDAY, March 21

7pm: Accion De Fe, Comm Ctr

SATURDAY, March 22

SUNDAY, March 23

10am: Worship Service
 11am: Coffee Social
 11:15am: Making Soup w/ Susie
 11:15: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2



MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Welcomes You
To Our Worship Service
March 16, 2025**

Pastor: Ted Niemi

Assistant Lay Minister: Carolyn Linn

Congregation President: Mary Norris

Music Minister/Organist: Susan Berg

Pastor to Youth & Families: Julie Werfelmann

Worship 10:00 AM

Office Secretary: Kathy Edison

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A Community of Miraculous Expectations

Deacons _____ Pam Gerster, Cheryl & Craig Montgomery

Altar Guild Set Up _____ Brenda Allen

Altar Guild Take Down _____ Marty & Dana Klein, William Hayes,

Janet McQuillan, John Montgomery

Sound System _____ Open

Power Point _____ Mary Fey-Norris

Greeters _____ Marty Klein, William Hayes

Lector _____ Ken Berg

Coffee Hostess _____ Open

Piano _____ Susan Berg

Singers _____ Ken B., Bill B., Paul B., Cheryl & John M., Mary N., Jennifer N.,

Mona W.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
March 16, 2025 - 10AM
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcement

Opening Hymn "Everything Glorious" by David Crowder (c 2006 Inot Music, sixstetps Music, worshiptogether.com songs, CCLI # 4674173)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. The day is brighter here with You,
the night is lighter than its hue,
would lead me to believe, which leads me to believe:

Chorus:
You make everything glorious, You make everything glorious, You make
everything glorious, and I am Yours.

2. My eyes are small but they have seen, the beauty of enormous things,
which leads me to believe, there's light enough to see that:
Chorus

Bridge:
From glory to glory, You are glorious, You are glorious.
From glory to glory, You are glorious, You are glorious.
Which leads me to believe.
Chorus (2x)

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives don't always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.
 We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
 We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
 Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
 Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
 God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.
 In +Christ your sins are forgiven.
 You have a place in God's house forever.
 Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

Special Music "In His Cross I Glory" by Tricia Walker
 (Public Domain)
 Choral Ensemble

Lesson 1	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Page 11 in the cranberry Bible Page 13 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Philippians 3:17—4:1	Page 1070 in the cranberry Bible Page 211 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 13:31-35	Page 951 in the cranberry Bible Page 78 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk

Julie Werfelmann

Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in Jacobson Hall during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

Sermon	"Giving Up"	Pr. Ted Niemi
Sermon Hymn	"Blessed Assurance" Song Leaders and Congregation	Hymn 638

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is a rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

3-16-2025 Contemporary/Traditional Worship

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, today's message from God is, "Believe for a Miracle!" What God told Abram in the Old Testament was outside the realm of human possibility. An old man with an old wife was promised a child. Not only one child, but progeny numbering as many as the stars in the sky. Now that's a miracle! ***Lord in your mercy...***

In addition, God promised to the descendants of Abraham the land that we know as "from the river to the sea." Only God didn't promise it to the Palestinians as proclaimed around the world. God promised that land to the descendants of Abraham, the Israelites, now and forever. ***Lord in your mercy...***

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world. Lord God, you have a plan for creation. It is written in the pages of the Bible for all the world to see. Open our eyes to trust your promises to the Jewish people and to us, the grafted-in branch of the tree-of-life, available through the God who loves us and calls us to Himself. ***Lord in your mercy...***

Remember this congregation, its pastor and people, as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and new life. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? ***Lord in your mercy...***

At this point in Jesus' ministry, his enemies were plotting to kill him. But Jesus had a mission to fulfill. He said, "*I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.*" Jesus knew the end from the beginning of all things. He knew His resurrection would come on that third day. With Him we proclaim, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*" Alleluia, come Lord Jesus. In your mighty name, we pray.

Amen. CAROLYN T. LINN

Special Music

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" words by Civilla
Durfee Martin, music by Charles Hutchinson
Gabriel (Public Domain)
Gloria Miller, Solo

Words of Institution**The Lord's Prayer****Holy Communion**

Communion shall be served using the method known as "intinction": the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip the wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome.

Communion Hymn

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Hymn 744

Song Leaders and Congregation

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In our song, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Congregational Response

"On Our Way Rejoicing" #537 (vv. 1-2)

Song Leaders and Congregation

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

Refrain

Blessing

Closing Song

"Shout to the Lord" #821 (sing twice)
Song Leaders and Congregation

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to
the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Susan Berg, Piano

Second Sunday in Lent, March 16, 2025

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. —Theodore Roosevelt

Are you planning to travel by air this summer? Perhaps you've been invited to a wedding and your grandson wants his nana to be there. Wonderful! Except ... in less than 60 days, the TSA will expect you to produce your REAL ID card to get through security at the airport. A REAL ID card is an enhanced driver's license and if you don't have one, or if you don't have a passport, you will not get on the airplane! (Some other forms of ID are acceptable.)

Unfortunately, not all elderly people and homebound people have driver's licenses or passports. And as I write this, it is unclear as to the best way for those without either of those IDs to travel. You probably don't give much thought to how important it is for you to be able to prove you are who you say you are!

The apostle Paul addresses this in today's reading from his letter to the Christians living in ancient Philippi. He writes, "Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 20).

There are a little more than 190 countries in the world. We are citizens of one of them. Some people have citizenship in more than one country. I am a citizen of two countries, the USA and Canada. I have two passports.

But the apostle Paul says that it is important to remember that *our true citizenship is linked to another kingdom* — a realm where God reigns supreme and Jesus Christ is Lord of lords, the omnipotent sovereign who was present at the creation of the world (Colossians 1:15-20).

But it is hard to convince our neighbors or friends or even strangers that we are citizens of heaven when we have just treated them in a shabby and deceitful manner. If our mouths are filled with falsehoods, gossiping tongues and slanderous accusations, no one will think we are citizens of heaven, will they?

This is why we must live carefully. Perhaps this is why Paul suggests that if we have trouble knowing how to live righteously, that we simply "join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us" (v. 17).

Godly lives help us to confirm our assertion that we possess the REAL ID as citizens of heaven!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Almighty God, may I live worthy of my heavenly citizenship. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Mark 14-16

Monday: Numbers 1-3

Tuesday: Numbers 4-6

Wednesday: Numbers 7-10

Thursday: Numbers 11-14

Friday: Numbers 15-17

Saturday: Psalms 29-30

VERSE TO REMEMBER

*Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.* —Psalm 30:5b

Do you HERE or HEAR the DIFFERENCE?

All answers are homonyms — words that sound the same but are spelled differently. Write the homonym of the word in the space provided. Answers below.

1. TOO _____
2. FOUR _____
3. KNEW _____
4. WHOLE _____
5. HOARSE _____
6. MIGHT _____
7. COURSE _____
8. RIGHT _____
9. SOW _____
10. MALE _____

Answers to Do you
HERE or HEAR the
Difference?

1. two, to
2. fore, for
3. new
4. hole
5. horse
6. mite
7. coarse
8. right, write
9. so, sew
10. mail

CRYPTOQUOTE

To climb steep hills
requires a slow pace
at first.

Cryptoquote

HSZPVHKVZIV
SHAKESPEARE



In this puzzle, one letter stands for another. Here, Z is used for two A's; V is used for three E's; and H is used for two S's. Single letters, the length and formation of the words, and the fact that A=Z, V=E and H=S are all hints. See if you can decipher this quotation from William Shakespeare.

g l x o r n y h g v v k s r o o h

i v j f r i v h z h o l d k z x v z g

u r i h g .

[Use this area for scratch writing.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS



March OWLS

Aon sceal (what's up in Irish) Hooties? Green marks March 17 at NOON as your next event hosted by Susan Linder. Please bring a dish to share and your ENTIRE table service. DO NOT park in the driveway; drop off only. A map regarding directions/parking will be sent out later by Sandy/Susan. Get your Irish on by getting into your GREEN garb and glitter. Pleasurable puzzles to be pondered by parliament.

Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts



The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Financial Secretary & Counters Needed

Counter Job Description (2 counters each week):

- Collect tithes and offerings from collection plate
- Check the Financial Secretary mailbox for checks received from previous week
- Total all checks and cash, provide adding machine tape for Treasurer
- Make copies of all checks for data entry purposes (include on the copy the cash received; I just handwrite this)
- Prepare Bank of America deposit slip and place in B of A deposit bag.

Take to the bank (This May be done by Financial Secretary or Treasurer)

NEW VOLUNTEER
POSSIBILITIES

Financial Secretary Job Description

Weekly:

- From copy of checks enter in "ICON" our church financial software
- Email to Treasurer the weekly report of donations

Monthly:

Every month provide to Kathy the fund totals of donations for the newsletter, this report is run from ICON

Quarterly:

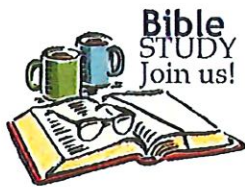
Every quarter run statements for our donors and end of year the full year for our donors

We are also in need of a Property person.

Shalom. Peace. Paz.

Julie Werfelmann

Wednesday Bible Study



Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is not meeting during Lent. We have very much enjoyed the study of ***Luke in the Land*** by Kristi McLelland. BEGINNING **April 23**, the Wednesday after Easter, we will begin *The Gospel on the Ground* which picks up as the gospel begins spreading with the new church. The book is available from your usual book seller. *The Gospel on the Ground* is also written by Kristi McLelland. Mark your calendars, get a copy of the study book, and plan to join us in the Community Center at **6:30 on April 23**.

We will use the soup we make on Sunday mornings for each Wednesday Soup Supper during Lent. If you'd like to help offset the cost of food supplies, please see Suzie. We will also put out a basket for a free will offering each Wednesday night and a sign up sheet for people to take turns bringing bread.

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

Prayer List

If you no longer need to be on the prayer list please let Kathy know so she can remove you from the list. Unless notified, all names will remain as they are.



GSLC Brunch and Brainstorm—HVAC Capital Campaign

March 30, 2025



Calling all Good Shepherd Lutheran Church members and congregants!

Join us in Jacobson Hall on

Sunday March 30, 2025,

for a Brunch and Brainstorming session immediately after church

We are looking for fund-raising ideas for our HVAC Capital Campaign and to sign up for

"Talents, Gifts and Service Auction"

Please join us for a time of brainstorming and fellowship!

Lunch will be provided and prepared by Steve & Janet McQuillan!

Your Church Council is excited to share our ideas for the Capital Campaign and to hear any and all of your ideas for getting back into our Sanctuary Year-Round!

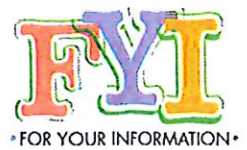
Collecting Books for Summer Reading!

We will once again be providing books to the entire student population over at Roeding. We have a good start thanks to Thrivent's generosity, but we can always use more. Please bring in new or gently used books for preschool through 8th grade. Thanks for your support of our adopted school!



NO Lenten Gathering on 3/19

Both Pastor Ted and Julie are out of town for the week, so last night those of us in attendance decided to take a week off. We will be back on 3/26 @ 6:15!



Thank YOU!



Many Thanks to Tom and Jo For Helping Make Both Soups! Thanks also to Jill and Kay for Supplying the Bread for the First 2 Lenten Gatherings! Kudos to Chef Suzie for shopping and teaching and making delicious, nutritious soups for us to enjoy on the Wednesdays of Lent!

NO Soup Making Today, 3/16

Since there is no Gathering this coming Wednesday, we will resume soup-making on 3/23 after worship @ 11:15 or so. Suzie will be showing us how to make Broccoli Cheese soup to be served on 3/26. All are welcome - no experience necessary.



Roeding Saturday Update



We had a great time crafting and playing with the Roeding children and some of their families on March 8th. Thanks to Jo and Woody from GS and Celia and Krystal from Roeding for volunteering and helping to make the day both safe and fun for all. Hope to see some of you next month on 4/12!

Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday

We had such a great time!! Mikey found the most letters from the word Alleluia and won the special saxophone Mardi Gras beads, and Tom was our Mardi Gras king because he found the baby Jesus in his cake. He led us in a parade around Jacobson where we strutted our stuff to Louis Armstrong's "When the Saints Go Marching In." We played games, ate together, and laughed a ton! Thanks to Janet for providing the ham, cheesy potatoes, and all the toppings, to everyone for staying to help clean up, and to Tom & Carol for cooking all the pancakes. It was one of the best yet!

