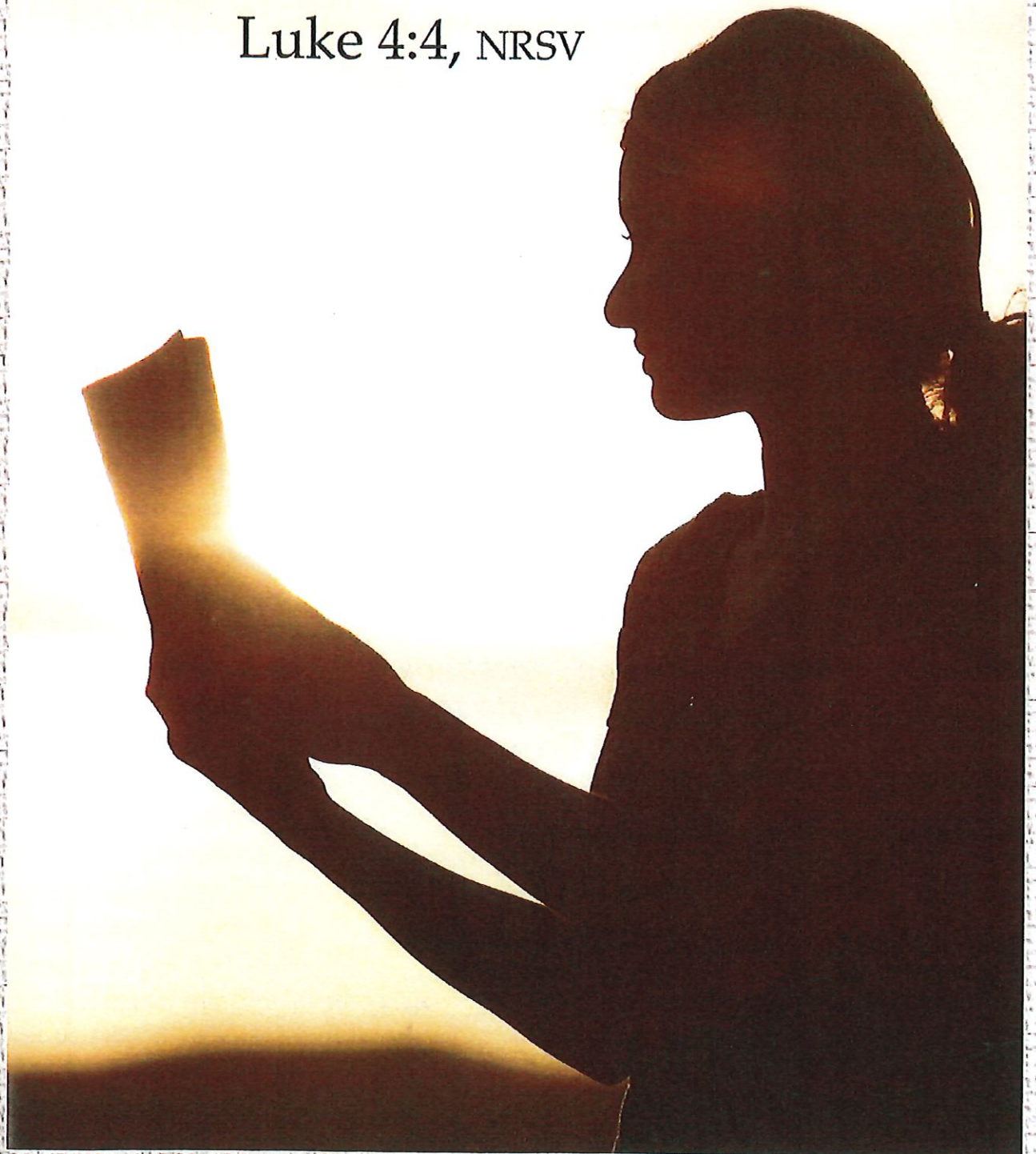


"It is written,
'One does not live
by bread alone.'"

Luke 4:4, NRSV





CALENDAR OF EVENTS March

Mar. 9, 16, & 23 - Making Soup with Suzie @ 11:15

Mar. 10 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr

Mar 12, 19, & 26 - Lenten Gathering, Soup @ 6:15 and class @ 7

Mar. 16 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 17 - OWLS @ 12PM, Susan Linder's Home

Mar. 20 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall

Mar. 26 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

Mar 30 - Brunch and Brainstorming @ 11 Jacobson Hall

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, March 9

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

MONDAY, March 10

6pm: Esther Circle, Comm Ctr

TUESDAY, March 11

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

6:30pm: Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jacobson Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 12

6:15pm: Soup Supper, Jacobson Hall

7:00pm: Lent Worship, Jacobson Hall

THURSDAY, March 13

FRIDAY, March 14

6pm-10pm: Mens Choir, Comm Ctr

SATURDAY, March 15

SUNDAY, March 16

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



MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Welcomes You
To Our Worship Service
March 9, 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

Office Hours: Mon - Fri

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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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 _____ Paul Bolm

Coffee Hostess _____ Janet McQuillan

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 9, 2025 - 10AM
First Sunday of Lent

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcement

Opening Hymn "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship"
by Brian Doerksen (c 1998 Vineyard Songs; CCLI Song
2430948)
Song Leaders and Congregation

Refrain:

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

1. One day ev'ry tongue will confess, You are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now. (refrain)

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
we gladly choose you now. (refrain)

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: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Music

"Surely the Lord Is in This Place" by Douglas E. Wagner (c 2006 Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation)
 Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Page 180 in the cranberry Bible Page 200 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Romans 10:8b-13	Page 1032 in the cranberry Bible Page 167 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13	Page 936 in the cranberry Bible Page 62 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk

Pr. Ted Niemi

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

"When We Are Tempted"

Pr. Ted Niemi

1. O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
2. You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal word.
3. Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
4. Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

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

3-9-2025 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 Gospel gives the sobering information about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness by the enemy of God called Satan or the devil. We know who he is; he is the enemy of our souls, too. And we know about temptation. Satan comes to us at our times of weakness, just as he did with Jesus who had finished forty days of fasting and was very hungry. ***Lord in your mercy...***

That's when Satan comes to us too: when we're tired, or sick, or depressed or discouraged, or feel that no one loves us, or we have no friends, or we have a health crisis. He knows when to pounce; and his tool is deception. His words are lies and suggestions that seem almost real; they seem like our way out, or the way things will get better. But they won't. He gives us false hope. ***Lord in your mercy...***

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world that they would work for peace among peoples. Satan stirs up strife; he ignites wars; he operates with half-truths; he makes us believe he has the answer. But he is a liar, a deceiver from the Garden of Eden. The apple did not give our ancestors perfect knowledge; it opened their eyes to evil and pain all around them. Their son killed his brother. Death for everyone was the result. ***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...***

Rather, the answer is to praise God. Remember our Creator who blesses us with abundant life through his Son Jesus Christ, as Romans says, "*believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, [and] you will be saved.*" Jesus answers the need of every human heart, and "*everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" He is our Savior and Redeemer. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. ***Amen.*** CAROLYN T. LINN

Communion Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" #661 (vv. 1-3)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

Refrain

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

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

Special Music

"And Can It Be?" words by Charles Wesley, music by Thomas Campbell, Choral ending by Joseph Linn (choral ending c 1986, WORD MUSIC, a div. of WORD, INC.)
Choral Ensemble

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.

Closing Song

"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"
by Paul Baloche (c 2003 Integrity's Hosanna!
Music, CCLI Song # 409281)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise.
You did, You're alive.
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again.
I know that you will, And all the earth will sing Your praises.
All the earth will sing your praises.

You took, You take our sin away, O God.
You give, You gave, Your life away for us.
You came down, You saved us through the cross.
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love.

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise.
You did, You're alive.
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again.
I know that you will, And all the earth will sing Your praises.
All the earth will sing your praises.

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Susan Berg, Piano

First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

*Most people want to be delivered from temptation
but would like it to keep in touch. —Robert Orben*

In my ministry as a pastor, I've had the opportunity to travel to Israel and visit many biblical sites. One of these is Jericho, behind which rises Mount Quruntul, the traditional site where Jesus began his earthly ministry. Christians know it as The Mount of the Temptation.

As I looked at this mountain, a tower of rock and rubble, I couldn't imagine anyone surviving four days up there, let alone 40! But I started to think again about Jesus' experience alone in this arid environment.

He was not afraid of the wilderness. Perhaps he even embraced it. We know that he emerged from these 40 days much stronger than when he started. In a sense, Lent is our spiritual wilderness, a time to strip away the distractions of daily life and focus on our relationship with God. The wilderness is not a place of *abandonment* but a place to encounter God! In the silence and solitude, if we listen carefully, we will hear his voice more clearly and understand his will for our lives.

He resisted temptation. His retreat involved some heavy lifting. He had to use his words and the weapon of Scripture to keep the devil at bay. He faced three significant temptations: turning stone to bread, worshiping Satan for worldly power and testing God's protection. Each temptation challenged his identity and mission, yet Jesus responded with the truth of Scripture, affirming his trust in God's provision, worship and protection. When we're tempted, the Bible is our most powerful weapon.

As we begin our journey through Lent, let us embrace this season as a time of spiritual renewal and growth. For Jesus, these 40 days were a type of strength training, as though he had his eye on the Olympics — which for him would be his final week in Jerusalem some three years hence. It began here, in the mountain of temptation.

So, let's take heart from the example of Jesus. We, too, can be strong. We, too, can be equipped for everything that lies ahead of us. With prayer and trusting in God's protection and provision, there's nothing that can stand in our way!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to embrace this time of reflection and renewal. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and equip me with your Word to resist temptation and grow closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Week of March 9, 2025

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Leviticus 20-23

Monday: Leviticus 24-27

Tuesday: Mark 1-3

Wednesday: Mark 4-6

Thursday: Mark 7-10

Friday: Mark 11-13

Saturday: Psalms 25-28



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HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THIS WORD?

DEREGULATION

DIRECTIONS: The words have to be at least THREE letters long. And you can't use any letter twice in the same word, unless the letter appears twice in "DEREGULATION." So, for example, you can't make the word "latte" because there is only one T in "DEREGULATION," but you can make the word "deer" because there are two E's. List all the words in your answer. Use the space below, the back of this page or another sheet for scratch paper. See possible answers below. Ready? Set? Go!

[scratch space]

Answers to
Are you
getting
ANT-sy?:
giant,
recant
vagrant
relevant
stimulant

Answers: There are more than 1,800 possible words of three or more letters to be found in DEREGULATION. Here are some of them: delegation, goaltender, regulation, delegator, denigrate, elongated, engrailed, entourage, ideologue, interlude, longitude, outlander, realigned, regulated, unaltered, unrelated, altering, dateline, deleting, deletion, derogate, dialogue, enlarged, entailed, idolater, integral, ligature, lingered, loitered, oriental, aged, arid, auto, dale, dare, darn, dart, date, deal, dear, deli, dial, diet, earl, earn, edge, edit, euro, gain, gait, gale, gate, gear, gene, gent, idea, idle, idol, laid, land, lane, lead, lean, elder, elite, elude, enter, erode, etude, genie, genre, giant, glade, gland, glare, glean, glide, glint, gloat, glued, gored, gourd, grade, grail, grain, grand, grant, grate, great, greed, green, greet, grind, groan, groin, grout, gruel, grunt, guard, guide, guild, guile, guilt, ideal, inert, ingot, inlet, laden and hundreds more!

Are you getting ANT-sy?

All answers end with ANT. Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces.
Solution below.

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CLUES (from top row to bottom row):

- ▶ An 8-foot man would be one
- ▶ To take back one's testimony
- ▶ A bum, often homeless
- ▶ Pertaining to, germane
- ▶ A drug to reduce sluggishness



We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers
and thank God for His goodness.

**Members Needing
Prayer:**

Rev. Dr. Arlynn
Turnquist
Mona White
Kay Schumacher
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Wal-
den
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Jade Dixon (Julie)
Kathy (Secretary) and Family
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Linda Healy (White)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Barbara Shakespeare
Phoebe (Neer)
Phil (Anderson)
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)
Irene Goldman (Dueker)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Betty (Anderson)
Tonya (White)
Shanese (White)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)
Jacob, Abbe & Family
(Werfelmann)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Joy Kensinger (Miller)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)
Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)

Prayers For

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of
Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness,
Natural Disasters and War.

For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of
the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

The Testing of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵ Then the devil^[a] led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil^[b] said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

⁹ Then the devil^[c] led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Soups With Suzie - Every Sunday of Lent



Our own Susan Gutierrez has graciously volunteered to lead soup-making on the Sunday mornings before each Lenten Wednesday Soup Supper. We will meet in the kitchen following worship and some snacks, and she will teach us how to make a delicious plant based soup recipe each Sunday. No prior experience required! Suzie did this a couple of years ago, and it was a really fun experience. We learned a lot, too!

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!

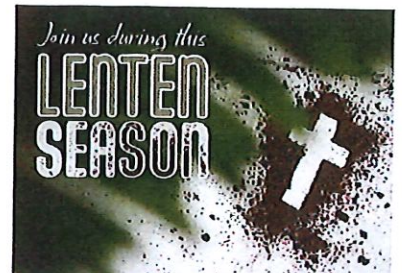
Join Us Wednesdays For Lent

For all the Wednesdays of Lent we will be offering food for the body and soul.

6:15 Soup Supper in Jacobson Hall

7-8 Adult Class with Pastor Ted & Kids' Time with Julie.

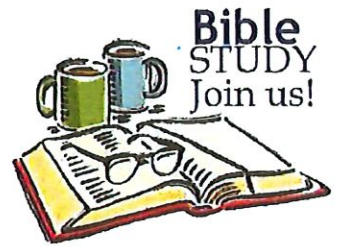
Please plan to make Wednesday nights @ Good Shepherd part of your Lenten journey this year. Come and be fed!



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 is a study of Acts. *Luke in the Land* led us to the crucifixion of Jesus. *The Gospel on the Ground* 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 you calendars, get a copy of the study book, and plan to join us in the Community Center at **6:30 on April 23**.



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 pre-school through 8th grade. Thanks for your support of our adopted school!