

# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

February 2018

## A Message of Love

Dear Christian Friends.

February is the month of love with Valentine's Day being the central event ordinarily.

St Valentine was a physician who lived in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius. He was a Christian man who died for his faith in 270 AD. Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution he left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on irregularly-shaped paper. Hence the pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring ever since.

This year Ash Wednesday supersedes Valentine's Day. The love of Christ supersedes all other.

The hymn writer Isaac Watts in his *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* of 1707 said of it:

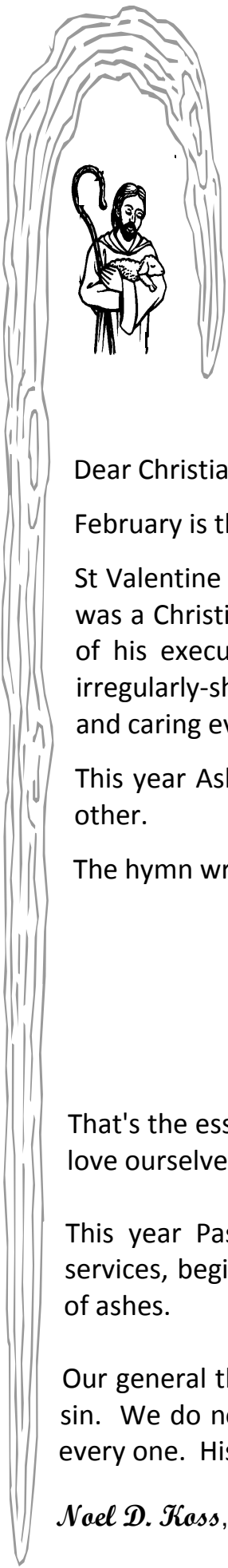
Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?  
Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

That's the essence of God's love for us all in Christ Jesus. God loves us even more than we love ourselves. He loves us with an everlasting love.

This year Pastor James Matthews of Grace congregation and I will share the Lenten services, beginning February 14 at 7:00 pm in the evening with the traditional imposition of ashes.

Our general theme for the Lenten journey reflects the journey of life under the burden of sin. We do not walk alone. Christ Jesus walks with us all the way. He loves us each and every one. His is a *love beyond degree*.

*Noel D. Koss, Interim Minister*



## President's Corner

We've had a good start to the new year. So far this month (January) we have seen a change in our pastoral leadership. Pastor Toby has returned to Las Vegas and now Pastor Noel Koss is here to serve us. We welcome him with open hearts and open minds as we move forward. We also had a congregational meeting and adopted a new mission statement: "Sharing Christ, Feeding Sheep." This mission statement is in harmony with our preschool's mission statement: "Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs." We need to remember our name, "Good Shepherd" and that all of us are the sheep of God's kingdom.

February also brings forth some opportunities for all of us. Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year. This will be a good time to reflect and repent of our sins as we move into Lent and toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We will also offer a soup supper each Wednesday before the Lenten service. Let's all remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us so that all who believe may have eternal life.

Last month I listed the positions and who was elected to what office or board. Please note there are still a number of board positions that are not filled. These are just

as important as the ones that have been filled. To make us a growing and thriving church it takes effort on everyone's part, not just a few. Without commitment we will go through the motions and not really get anywhere. ARE YOU IN??

As in business and life, communication is important. We strive to be transparent in all we do. We fell down a little last year by not supplying minutes from the Church Council meetings. This year, we again will make available to everyone those minutes. Please be patient with us. The minutes will be placed in the narthex for you to take and view as soon as they are available. It will be about a month's delay. We are also going to report more openly on our finances. This is your church and you deserve to know where we stand.

The last thing to remember is that if it's on your mind, it's on someone else's mind. Ask the question, we'll get you an answer. We have nothing to hide.

Blessings to all,

*Joe Morton*  
President

### **Wind Ensemble Concert February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

On **February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**, we will host the Concordia University (Portland) Wind Ensemble. It will be preceded by a meal for the congregation and the ensemble group. We will also need to house the group for the night. **Please sign up soon in the narthex if you are able and willing to help with providing housing for some of the group!** They will join us for our worship service on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Plan on joining us for the meal and concert!

# **HOUSING NEEDED FOR WIND ENSEMBLE**

**FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**PLEASE SIGN UP SOON!**

## **Lenten and Easter Services**

<b>February 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Lenten Daytime Service</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
	<b>Lenten Evening Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Lenten Daytime Service</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
	<b>Lenten Evening Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Lenten Daytime Service</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
	<b>Lenten Evening Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Lenten Daytime Service</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
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	<b>Lenten Evening Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> <b>Easter Sunrise Vigil</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Rolls</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>(Holy Communion)</b> <b>Breakfast / Brunch</b>	<b>7 am</b> <b>8 am</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>10 am</b>

## Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Classen
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Cunningham – Jaech
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Jindra – Merkel, L.
4	Julian Doyle (253-584-7244)	Merkel, R. – Scott
5	Tony Huset (253-753-3764)	See - Zmuda

## DR. PAUL MAIER SEMINAR COMING IN APRIL!



**Saturday, April 28, 2017....9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Cost :** Pre-register: **\$15 per person**, (includes lunch)

At the Door: **\$20 per person**, (includes lunch)

Reserve your seat soon: Sign up on Sunday mornings,  
or call the church office @ 253-473-4848

## Financial Update

We are a month into 2018 and are already seeing a drop in giving. No, we aren't ready to close the doors, but we still need to pay our bills. Your financial support is vital to our ministry here. Let's all get going and support Good Shepherd.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!



## Sunday Sermons are now being audio recorded

and are available for you to listen, share, and enjoy again anytime on our website @ [www.goodshepherdluth.com](http://www.goodshepherdluth.com)



# Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

## Tuesdays:

**Bible Study** (9:15 am)  
**Quilting** (10 am)

**Mites**—Sunday, February 11

**Seafarers Auxiliary** – February 27, noon

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Have you noticed the amount of the LWML Mission Goal? (Page 15 of the Winter Quarterly) Prayerfully help make this goal with your mites (Page 9 of the Winter Evergreen Echoes shows the goal for our / your Washington –Alaska District) **WE** are the LWML and together under Christ we can do great things.

Are you “Rooted in Christ – Flourishing in the Faith”? Find out at the **WA-AK District Convention June 15-17** in **Spokane**. Next year Mobile, Alabama will be the location of the National LWML Convention June 20-23, 2019.

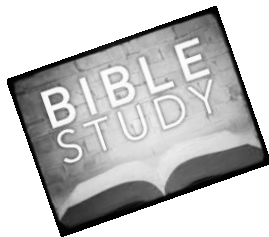
Start planning now to help with our goal of 150 Seafarers Christmas Boxes. Save the date of Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to fill & wrap boxes. Please gather travel size shampoo, skin lotion, chap sticks, and socks (new items only). Also bars of soap.

Rejoice in Christ always.

Love to all.

*Jane Oberg*

## Men's Ministry Schedule for February



February 3<sup>rd</sup> - **NO MEETING**

February 17<sup>th</sup> – 8 am  
**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY**

**“Movers and Shakers”**

(The Intertestamental Period)





# Preschool News [www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com)

## Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



Our annual **Music and Muffins** will be **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this fun family hour as the preschool students will sing some songs they have learned. Following the singing we will enjoy some muffins from Costco. This event will be done by 3:30 pm. Come join us as we share Jesus with these little lambs.

Summer Camp dates for children ages 3-5 will be:

- June 19 - 20
- June 26 - 27
- July 10 - 11
- July 17 - 18
- July 31 – August 1
- August 7 - 8

Next school year the Preschool intends to offer a Toddler Class, 3 Year Old, 4 Year Old, and a Further Fridays option to the 4 Year Old Class. These class options are also what we have available this year. We are increasing our prices slightly; however, we are still affordable and do offer financial scholarship dollars to those who request it.

During the month of February our preschool will focus on the healing miracles Jesus performs. We hope to visit a local dentist as we discuss our own health and hygiene.

Do you like to shop online? If you do, we would like you to consider going through our website to AMAZON.com. Our preschool has a continuing fundraiser through our website that is an **ongoing** campaign in association with AMAZON.com. Please help us by making your purchases by visiting us at [www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com) and clicking on the "Support US Shop AMAZON" button! By using the Little Lambs Preschool website AMAZON will donate directly to our preschool a small percentage of what you spend without costing you any additional money.

Thank you for all your prayers and support of the preschool. You are truly appreciated!

Serving our Savior,  
*Bonnie Jean Huset*  
Director / Teacher



## Music and Muffins

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Hall at 2:30 pm**



Please join us for a fun filled hour of music presented by the Little Lambs Preschool Students, followed by marvelous muffins and fun fellowship!