

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

February 2012

VALENTINE'S DAY

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On Valentine's Day we send tokens of love to the ones we love. Have you ever thought that that is exactly what God does? He wants you to know and experience His great love for you. The Apostle Paul put it this way: "God shows His love for us in this, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). And how about: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus then calls us

His friends. Christ Jesus laid down His life for us so that we might have life now and life for all eternity. Our God has sent us another token of His love. It's a letter. A letter of love. A letter that tells us exactly how much God loves us and what He has done and continues to do for us. That love letter from God to us is His Word, the Bible. May we always read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it.

May God bless you this Valentine's Day and always. Remember and celebrate God's love. Oh, and don't forget. You are always welcomed to share His love with others.

Blessings,
Pastor Dan

Men's Breakfast / Bible Study February 18th

Join us **Saturday, February 18th at 7 am** for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and in-depth Bible Study. We are going through the series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." This month our topic is: "Jacob Comes Full Circle," Genesis 35 *Pastor Dan*

President's Corner

I hope everyone is looking forward to 2012. Whether you are excited for the relationships you will build through your church family, anxious to move your study of God's word to the next level, and/or seeking to see God at work in your life, 2012 is full of opportunities. There are several items to share with you this month.

I want to thank those of you who have chosen to take positions on the various boards within the church. We appreciate your help, incite, wisdom, and all your efforts to come. From a semi military perspective, the church is a base of operations. It certainly helps to have a strong base of operations as we work to share God's word with our neighbors. To those who are considering the possibility of getting involved, please allow me to state, this base of operations, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, is in need of your involvement. I'm confident you will be glad you did. One of our focuses this year is the exterior of our church building. It is in dire need of a new paint job. Expect to hear more on this as we near the warmer weather.

The statue of Jesus and the sheep that used to be on the building is in the process of being moved inside to the space at the bottom of the spiral

staircase. There is currently an outline of it taped up there to give an idea of size and positioning. I have no exact dates yet on when this will be all set up.

For those that really enjoyed having the statue on the outside of the church wall, you are not alone. There is a group within the church that is looking to start a fund to help pay for a method to make a duplicate of the statue, out of a material that will hold up to our weather, and have it placed in the now vacant spot. Please talk to Pastor Gerken if that is something you would like to contribute to or is something you have some knowledge to share.

Pastor Varvil is working on a project to reach out to the various campus communities around our area in an effort to share God's word with our young adults in those typically hostile environments. I'm sure you will hear or see more on this from him, but I wanted to make sure we keep him and his efforts in our prayers. I would like to encourage those who are interested in assisting to talk to Pastor Varvil. We need to be doing more as a church and this is one of those important sorties (please see above "base of operations" military reference). I would like to take a moment to add a dedication of my own

to Gene Anderson. I've known Gene for over 30 years. He was the one who helped my two brothers and I get involved in the church. My mom did a wonderful job of getting us exposed and educated in the faith, but Gene got us involved in contributing to the church activities.

He taught each of us to acolyte. When we became old enough, he guided us to being ushers. Outside of church, we played on his basketball teams, spent time watching sporting events with him, and went swimming at his house during the summer. I think he even took the youngest brother to a couple Seattle Sonic games. He later encouraged me to get involved in one of the church boards, which I did. Most recently, he was the force behind hounding me (I say with the utmost respect) to be president. He asked me several times. All of which I turned down, saying that I was too busy. God took care of the being too busy part and Gene kept after me until I accepted, a little over two years ago. My two brothers are also heavily involved in their churches. Gene's absolute dedication and strong example were a powerful tool of God's in helping to bring that about.

Julian Doyle



Preschool News

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For the month of February we will be focusing on three of the healing miracles performed by Jesus. Our students are now visiting Pastor Dan and Lego Lamb for our "Jesus Time" in the church one day a week.

Remember, our **Tea & Talk** will be **Sunday, February 26th** beginning at **4 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. All preschool and church families are invited to join us for tea and scones! After our get together

everyone is invited to join Pastor Brad at the 5 pm Chapel.

We ask for continued prayer support for our preschool, the families, board, and staff as we all work together for the sake of our Heavenly Father's dear children. Thank you!

Bonnie Jean Huset
Preschool Director / Teacher



Women in Mission

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:15 am.

Weekly Quilting on Tuesdays at 10 am.

Mites collected on February 12th
Seafarers Auxiliary – February 28th

Dear Lutheran Ladies,

Please join us for our weekly and monthly events in February! We offer Bible Studies, Prayer, Quilting, 2nd Saturday Brunch and Bible Study. You are also invited and encouraged to join with us as we serve together here at Good Shepherd. There are many opportunities for service.

Look for upcoming information about the LWML Spring Rally and plan to attend and participate.

The LWML Convention will be held in Olympia in June. You can help with preparations and / or attend.

When we, as women, do things together we form bonds of sisterhood. Remember we are sisters in Christ!

Jane Oberg
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Brunch & Bible Study and Pink Shoe Club

The Women's Brunch & Bible Study and Girls' Pink Shoe Club will meet on Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 am with a shared breakfast followed by a Bible Study for the ladies and activities with

Miss Sue for the girls. We will end promptly at 11:30 am. If you need babysitting, please call the office at 473-4848 in advance. All ladies "young" through "old" are welcome to attend.

Lunch Bunch News

Please join us on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th at 11:30 am!** We will begin with a devotion led by Pastor Dan, followed by a shared meal. **SWEET ADELINE'S QUARTET** will be our February program. You don't want to miss this event. Come and enjoy the music from the quartet. **Invite a friend or two!** Bring a hot dish and/or dessert to share and join us for a time of fellowship. We hope to see you on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th**

Pastor Ken Boetcher
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Notes from Delia

Dear Lovely Ladies of Good Shepherd♥,

Happy New Year or should I say "Feliz Ano Nuevo"

Happy New Year! I know, I know its February. I'm so excited to join you once again since December was way to busy and I wasn't able to write to you in January. The Women's Ministry team met. One of our discussions was planning this year's retreat and a Tea Party. We pray fully considered asking some of you ladies to be one of our guest speakers. Just to get to know you better. Don't say NO right away, *please* pray about it first and let's see were God leads us. Just one more thing I want to share with you. You have a great team working for you; these women are so motivated to see God do His miracle work at Good Shepherd and seeing Ladies abounding in God's Love.

Women's Ministry Team- We want you to know that we are praying for you. *"If You Need Something Just Ask!"* How can we know if you don't tell us? ♥ Luke 13:12 Jesus said to her, *"Women, you are set free from your infirmity"* I'm holding on to that.

Women's Brunch & Bible Study- Saturday, February 11th at 9:30am. Come join ladies like you, who want to get to know Jesus better. Bring a dish to share. The study is from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Copies of the magazine are in the church narthex. Study is lead by Bonnie Jean Huset and Ruth Gerken.

Operation ThanksGiving- Keep this ministry in your prayers. We have a committed group of people who volunteer their time, efforts and sometimes money to making this happen. Thank you God for these wonderful people. If you find it in your heart to volunteer with set up, clean up or even cooking (*must have a food card*) please give our wonderful church secretary a call for more info. We need all the help we can get.

Girls Nite Out- Would you like a Movie Nite? How about *"The Help"*? If you read the book or not, you are welcome to join us. Bring a dish to share, I'll supply the wine. *Friday February 10th at 5:30pm*, at my house. 13110 131st Street Ct E. Puyallup. Please RSVP.

"Tea Party"-The Women's Ministry is hosting a Spring Tea Party. Save the date: *Saturday, May 19, 2012*. More information coming next month, I promise. ☺

If you have any questions, would like to get involved, or get e-mail, facebook notifications, please feel free to contact me.

Your Servant,

Delia Stallard

"I'm willing to be Heart Broken in Jesus name."

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