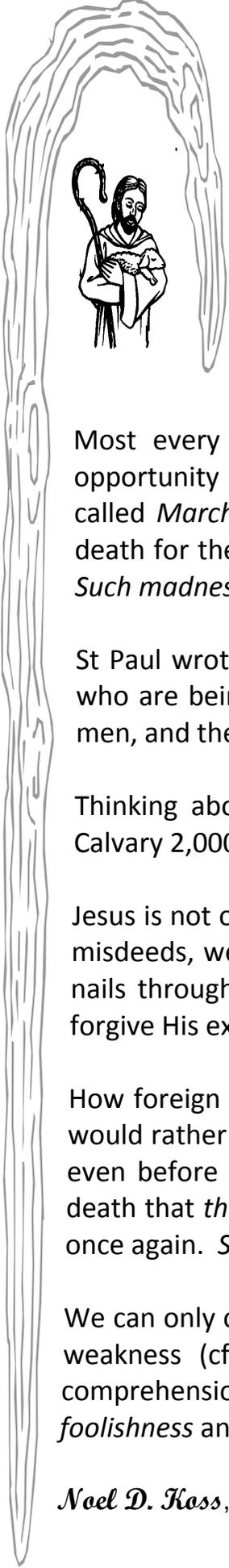


GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

March 2018

March Madness



Most every year at this time college basketball teams vie for recognition and the opportunity to play for a national championship under NCAA rules and regulation. It's called *March Madness*. This year we remember much of our Lord Jesus' suffering and death for the sins of mankind, the forty days of Lent, comes during the month of March. *Such madness!*

St Paul wrote: "For the word of the cross is *folly* to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.... For the *foolishness* of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." (1 Corinthians 1.18,25)

Thinking about this, we must conclude that what God accomplished on the Cross of Calvary 2,000 years ago is better than any basketball game of March Madness, far better.

Jesus is not ordinary. He is the sinless Son of God, and He came to save us from all of our misdeeds, weaknesses, and sins. As the hammer-blows of the Roman soldiers drove the nails through His flesh into the wood of the cross, He called to His heavenly Father to forgive His executioners for their dreadful deed.

How foreign that sounds. Humanity wants nothing to do with forgiveness. Most people would rather *get even* than embrace each other in kindness and love. But God forgives us even before we can *forgive ourselves*. In His own body, Jesus carries *all* our sins unto death that *the score* might be settled. He makes it *all right* with God the Heavenly Father once again. *Such madness!*

We can only comprehend God's *love for us* by reason of *the Spirit's power* made perfect in weakness (cf. 2 Corinthians 12.9). That God loves us so much is beyond human comprehension. We simply rejoice and give thanks for everything He gives us in His *foolishness* and love.

Noel D. Koss, Interim Minister

President's Corner

March is here already. Where did the last two months go? We are currently in full swing with our Midweek Lenten Services. Are you able to attend? They are held at noon and 7 pm each Wednesday. The upcoming dates are March 7, 14, and 21. Holy Week brings Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (March 29 and 30 at 7 pm) and then Easter Sunday April 1.

We have received a list of potential candidates from our Northwest District Office, for our next Pastor. The Call Committee is reviewing the list and will make a recommendation to the congregation at upcoming Voters Meetings.

The Church Boards are busy with their areas of responsibility. Things are getting done as time and money allows. Please be patient. We all know Rome wasn't built in a day. The people on these boards are dedicated to serving. Thank you all for your service.

As I stated last month, communication is important. The Church Council needs to hear from you. Concerns are important. What is on your mind and does it affect others? Ask the question and we'll find an answer for you.

Blessings to all,
Joe Morton
President



Lenten Kantorei Tour

All are invited to attend
"Music of the Lenten Season" presented by the Kantorei of
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
at Zion Lutheran Church, Saturday, March 3rd.

Workday Saturday, March 17th 10 am

We are cleaning in preparation for Easter.
We will be working inside and outside. See you there!



Lenten and Easter Services

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

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)

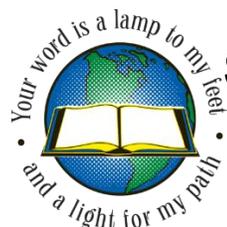
At the Door: **\$20 per person**, (includes lunch)

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

Financial Update

We have completed two months of the year. Our average is a little below what is needed for the budget. Your support keeps our doors open!

God is good. He supplies us with all we need! Praise Him!



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



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

Tuesdays:

Bible Study (9:15 am)

Quilting (10 am)

Mites—Sunday, March 11

Seafarers Auxiliary – March 27, noon

Dear Sisters in Christ,

In this Lenten season we are reminded of our need for a Savior. Thanks be to Him for completing our atonement.

Please remember:

- **Mites**
- **Items for Christmas Boxes**
- **District Convention**
(June 15-17 in Spokane)
- **Spring Rally**
- And always...**Bible Study** and **Quilting!**

Serving the Lord, with Gladness.

Jane Oberg

Men's Ministry Schedule for March

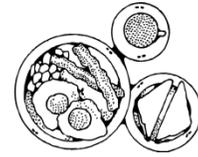


March 3rd – 8 am

“Watching for a King Who’ll Never Come
(The Intertestamental Period)

March 17th – 8 am

“Hit the Ground Running”
(The Gospel of Mark)



Prayer Time



Please join us Saturday evenings at 7 pm for a time of prayer
in preparation for the Worship Service on Sunday.



Vacation Bible School

Will we have **VBS** this year? Are you willing to help support the ministry? There is always more than one way of showing support. First and foremost we need prayer support. We also need committed people to help run **VBS**. **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for **July 23-27**. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex. If you are willing and able to help, please check the sheet and sign up soon for a position. Based on the volunteers listed, we will not or we will run VBS. Thank you!



ISRAEL TRIP

A trip / tour of Israel is being offered this November.
The leader will be Reverend Kurt Onken
from Messiah Lutheran Church in Seattle.
If you are interested, contact the church office for
information. Early Registration to save money is **May 8th**.
The trip will be nine (9) days from **November 7 – 15**.



Preschool News www.littlelambstacoma.com

Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



Thank you for your continued prayer support along with encouragement and donations of time, talent, and treasure. We certainly feel and appreciate your support.

It is now open registration time for the 2018-2019 school year and for our 6 weeks of summer camp. Please go online, contact the office, or see Bonnie Huset for further information. Brochures and registration forms are available.

During the month of March the preschoolers will learn of Jesus' miracle—feeding 5,000 people. His walk with Zacchaeus and forgiveness, and about Jesus' death and resurrection for our salvation.

Plant sales are coming! Orders will be taken in April with delivery of flowers coming in May. Please help the preschool with this annual spring fundraiser. Thank you.

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 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.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher



The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KLAY radio at 10 am Sundays.
The recordings are also available on their website (www.lhm.org).

The Lutheran Hour Ministries offers daily devotions,
along with other opportunities to serve,
through their website at www.lhm.org.