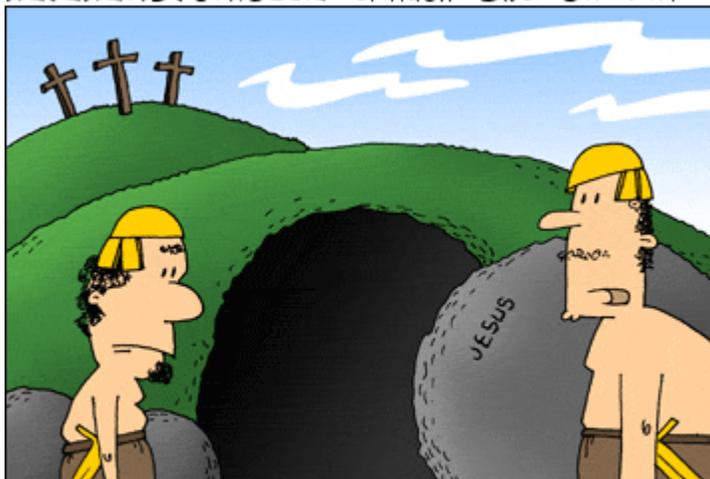


# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

March 2016

## From Lent to Easter

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(See John 20:1-18)

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BETCHA TEN SHEKELS THOSE CHRISTIANS  
HAVE FIFTY NEW SONGS BY THIS WEEKEND

The 40 day season of Lent leads us on a journey of repentance to the cross and the empty tomb of Jesus. Jesus suffered and died to save us from our sins: “[Christ] died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised” (2 Cor 5:15). He rose again to bring us to eternal life: “Because I live, you also will live” (Jn 14:19). What better rea-

son do we have to sing God’s praises? “Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!” (Psalm 96)

Have a blessed Easter. Christ is Risen!

*Pastor Dan*

# The Open Door

By Michael J. Dunn  
Congregation President

By way of introduction, there are all kinds of things I could say about myself: local boy, 40-year Boeing employee, union officer, having been born again after 40 years of atheism, joining Good Shepherd, and serving as an Elder for the past 4 years. I am very concerned for the future of the church in this nation, and for Good Shepherd particularly. Why? I could see that Good Shepherd is a dying church, with dwindling membership, revenues, and vitality. The vitality is so low that no one else was interested in running for the office, so that is why I ran, because somebody needed to serve.

And this is why my introduction before the congregation mentioned that we have more than an opportunity to serve—we have a duty to serve. When the early church was forming, it was expected that each member would contribute in accordance to their capabilities. It was not expected that the church body would adopt a posture of complacent content-

ment and let “someone else” do all the work. But I would say, we are facing that situation today. Do not mistake me; there are many hard workers in this church, but too few to allow the church to function effectively at the administrative level. Expect me to return to this theme, from time to time. I know it is discomfoting, but it is simply the truth.

Now, I don't expect to work alone, and part of not working alone is to be available for any congregant to come to me with a concern. So, consider that I have an Open Door for anyone. No subject is off limits. No names need be remembered. If you have never stepped forward to speak about something, let this be a first time and a springboard to involvement.

Matthew 10:26: Jesus beheld them and said unto them: “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zones are arranged alphabetically. Following is a list of Elders and their Zones.

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Gottgetieu
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Grochowicz - Popplewell
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Preszler - Zmuda

*Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.*

## Financial Update

As of this writing, our Church Finances are in order. We are not behind on our Budget. Contributions are given to help with the Building Maintenance. The High School Challenge, and helping defer the cost of the Plumbing (toilet exchange). Thank you for your prayers. They are needed. We continue to keep in mind that God is in charge. Blessings to all!

## LILIES TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER



We will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex with Lilies for Easter. Orders will be taken **March 6<sup>th</sup>** and **13<sup>th</sup>** Cost this year is only **\$8.50** per plant. Following 1<sup>st</sup> service, place orders and pay Gail Schmitt. Following 2<sup>nd</sup> service, place orders and pay Lynda Munoz. Thank you for helping decorate for Easter.



## Meet the President—March 13<sup>th</sup>

There will be an opportunity for the congregation to get to know the current officers of the church. A “**Meet the President and Officers Luncheon**” will be **March 13<sup>th</sup>** after the second service. **Lunch will be provided.** Each Board will give a short presentation on their goals for 2016. Plan to attend!



## Food Bank Needs

Our food bank needs restocking. We are low on all non-perishables, including pastas, boxed main dish kits, all canned goods (meats, fruits, vegetables, etc) Your donations are very much appreciated and we are able to help those in need in our church and neighborhood. Thank you!

# Preschool News

[www.littlelambstacom.com](http://www.littlelambstacom.com)

## *Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs*



During the month of March the preschool students will be learning about giving back to God, as the widow did with her mites. Then we will be focusing on Jesus' last days of public ministry before His death and triumphant resurrection of Easter Sunday.

We are now officially accepting registration forms for our 2016-2017 preschool year. The registration fee to hold a spot for next year is \$75.00, however, for all early registrants before May 20, the registration fee is only \$65.00. Registration forms may be found in the narthex, preschool office, or downloaded from the website.

Spring is officially here. Please keep in mind our Annual Flower Sale will be held in late April with delivery of flowers for Mother's Day.

Another way to help the preschool with minimal effort on your part is to go to our website and find the Amazon.com link on the main page. From there you can do your shopping and Amazon will directly donate to our preschool a percentage of your purchase. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone for praying for our Little Lambs of the week, their families, our staff, and Preschool Board. We appreciate your prayer support very much.

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



## **The Lunch Bunch**

Our Senior Group – The Lunch Bunch  
will meet for a **Pot Blessing** on  
**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am.**

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Please join us!





## Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

- **Tuesdays:**  
**Bible Study** (9:15 am) **Quilting** (10 am)
- **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, March 13
- **Seafarers Auxiliary**—March 22

To *all* Good Shepherd Ladies! Spring, God's gift of renewal and reminder of His perfect love for us in Jesus Christ. Flowers return, longer days to "Do His Will."

Mark your calendars now for: Rainier Zone Spring Rally, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Olympia, Washington Alaska District Convention June 17-19 in Everett, WA and our own Spring Tea April 23' 2016.

Did you join us for our "Light" event on January 30<sup>th</sup>? How is *Your Little Light*?

Have you looked in the display case at the bottom of the stairs? In it are quilts for sale to help pay shipping costs when we send quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

Easter is coming soon...March 27<sup>th</sup> What a day of joy! Share it "indeed!"

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks!

*Jane Oberg*

PS: Remember Mites!

### **Men's Breakfast / Bible Study** **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 8 am**

Join us 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." We will be discussing the chapter "Who Built Your House" (2 Samuel 7).



## Adult Information Class to begin Mid-March

All are invited to attend our **Adult Information Class** beginning Mid-March. We will meet during the Sunday School / Bible Class time, which begins at 9:30 am. We will meet in room C2, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The purpose of the class is to inform adults of the teachings of the Christian Faith and the Lutheran denomination. It prepares adults for Church membership as well as serves as a review for existing members.



### Workday—March 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning 9:30 am

We will have a workday to help clean the church grounds and the Sanctuary on March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. We will concentrate mostly on outside areas (weather permitting). Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Thank you!

## Mark your calendars for April 28, 2016

That's the date for this year's **Vision Builder's Luncheon**



for Concordia Lutheran School and Mount Rainier Lutheran High School. It will be held at a new location this year: The Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. Lunch will be served at 11 am and the program will run from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.



This is a free lunch where you can come and learn more about our schools. And yes, you will also have an opportunity to make a contribution.

Call the church office to reserve your place and our congregation's table.



## Vacation Bible School Summer 2016

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with this year's VBS. Our Theme this year is: Barnyard Roundup! More details to come.