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# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

March 2017



## LENT

March is here. Along with it also comes Lent. We start on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lent is a time when we march toward Jesus' death and ultimately His resurrection. This is the victory we as Christians have over Satan and death. Jesus' victory over death conquers the final frontier. We need not worry since Jesus defeated this enemy.

Lent also brings a time when we learn to love one another as Jesus loved us. He gave His life for each of us. His death was the ultimate sacrifice to the Father on our behalf. What greater gift can we receive than eternal life as God's children.

Examining ourselves during this Lenten Season will allow Jesus' death to be our springboard toward loving each other.

May God grant us the serenity to love one another as Christ loved us.

*Joe Morton*

# President's Corner

January and February have been rather difficult months for our church. There has been change and now our focus is to move forward.

The Call Committee has not met for a while. We completed the self-study sent us and have sent it back. We are currently awaiting names and biographies from District. We were contacted by District and asked when our closing date was. They said they can't send names and biographies until we have closed congregational input. We have set a date of March 12<sup>th</sup> as a closing date. Even though we have a closing date, the congregation is able to nominate a candidate up to and including the Voters Meeting when a Pastor or chosen. Please be aware, your input is important. The Call Committee will not do anything without informing the congregation.

Currently our list consists of:

- a. Doug Taylor – Associate Pastor at Zion Lutheran
- b. Brad Varvil – Former Associate Pastor here at Good Shepherd
- c. Shauen Trump – Missionary
- d. James Matthews – Pastor at Grace Lutheran

- e. There is also an option to try and get a candidate from Seminary after graduation.

The Call Committee asks for your prayers for these Pastors and the deliberations we do as a congregation.

Due to Pastor Gerken's retirement, there are a few areas of Church Ministry with vacancies.

They are:

- a. Devotions for our Operation Thanksgiving Free Meal at 6 pm on Tuesdays
- b. Devotional / Chapel at Memory Haven in Sumner at 2 pm Wednesdays
- c. Devotional / Chapel at Pioneer Place in Tacoma at 10:30 am Thursdays.

The last two are shared with another person. If you feel called for this, please speak with an Elder or the church office.

I will update you next month on our progress.

Everyone on the Church Council is available to you after services or by phone.

Thank you for your prayers,

*Joe Morton*

## Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Durkopp
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Ellwein – Ladou
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Laie – Retzloff
4	Julian Doyle (253-584-7244)	Rogers - Zmuda

# Season of Lent

The season of Lent is upon us. March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. During this time of reflection and repentance we gather around God's Word on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Again this year, Grace and Good Shepherd will join together on Wednesday evenings for soup suppers before worship. Soup is served at 6:00 p.m. and our worship starts at 7:00 p.m.

This year, the year in which we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, we will use Luther's Small Catechism as framework for our Biblical reflections on "The Art of Living by Faith." Our theme will focus on justification by faith that was and is the joyful message of the Reformation. No better text brings this message home for us than does Luther's Small Catechism that, in the sixteenth century, earned the well-deserved title, "The Layman's Bible." Our mid-week services will have the following themes:

<b>March 1</b>	<b>(Ash Wednesday) – The Christian Life Is the Art of Living by Faith</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>It is Impossible for Us to Live without Faith</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Commandment)
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Created to Live from the Inexhaustible Life of God</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed)
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Justification by Faith Restores Us to Live as God's Creatures</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed)
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Lord and Giver of Life</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed)
<b>April 5</b>	<b>The Battle Cry of Faith</b> (Intro and Conclusion to Lord's Prayer)
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (Lord's Supper)
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> (second question on baptism)

Our Lenten walk with our Savior begins on Ash Wednesday which includes nailing our sins to the cross, absolution, imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. Mark your calendars and be part of the journey of reflection and discovery as we grow in faith, justified by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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## Financial Update

Offerings were so-so for January. Our proposed budget of \$293,784 needs an average of **\$5543** per week. We came up short.

Offerings for February to date:

February 5, 2017	\$5774
February 12, 2017	\$3943
February 19, 2017	\$4438

As you can see, our offerings continue to be short of needed amounts to keep our doors open. We are working hard to keep expenses down but that only goes so far. Your attention to this matter is of utmost importance.

Thank you for your prompt consideration and most importantly your prayers.

Praise be to our almighty God for His goodness and mercy to all of us.



**Lunch Bunch** will meet **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** for a shared pot blessing lunch.  
Please join us!



**Workday** The Trustees have organized a workday for **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **9 am**. We will work inside and outside (depending on weather). Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



**DARE TO READ**  
The Book of Concord  
The Lutheran Confessions

## Reading and Studying The Lutheran Confessions



Our Nisqually Circuit (and the adjacent Rainier Circuit) continues the study group aimed at reading and exploring the Lutheran Confessions as contained in the Book of Concord. We are meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month (2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> for March). We meet in the chapel in the annex of Good Shepherd from 7-8:30 pm. We will read sections of the Confessions and talk about them.

## Preschool Outdoor Emergency Kit Donations

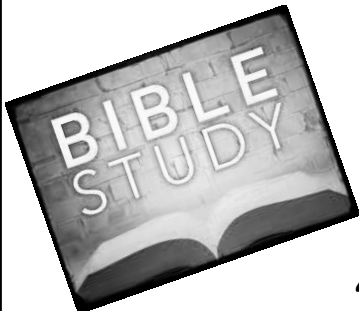
Our shed is up and we have been collecting items to have a supply on hand just in case... In the narthex there is a supply list of items. Please feel free to sign up for something and mark it "Preschool," then bring it to the church. Thank you! 😊



## 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)

## Men's Ministry Schedule for March



**March 4 – 8 am**  
**COFFEE AND BIBLE STUDY**  
"The Unwelcomed Southerner" (Amos)

**March 18 – 8 am**  
**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY**  
"You Want Me to Marry a What?" (Hosea 1-3)





# Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

## Tuesdays:

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

**Mites**—Sunday, March 12

**Seafarers Auxiliary** - Tuesday, March 28

You are invited to the following:

- **LWML Convention June 22-25, 2017** in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Theme: **“Jesus Christ above all.”** Plan to attend this exciting event!
- **LWML WA-AK District Retreat, “Called to Be” September 29-October 1, 2017** in Gig Harbor, Washington. Less distance and cost to attend this event!

If you are interested in either or both of these events, talk to Jane Oberg for more details!

As always, there is an open invitation to all ladies to attend the Tuesday morning Bible study and/or Tuesday Quilting.

Please remember Mites and give generously!

Sharing God's love because He loves me!

*Jane Oberg*

## Preschool News

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### *Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs*



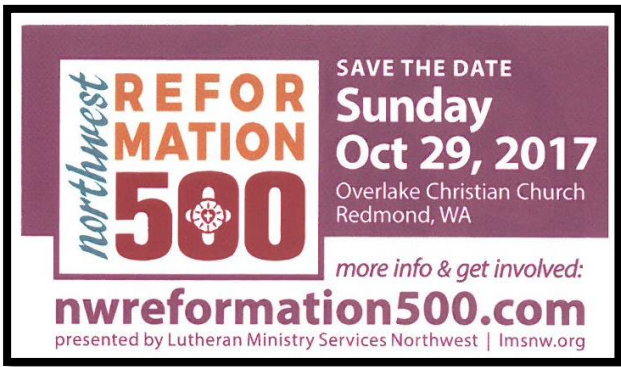
**Enrollment** for the 2017 – 2018 preschool year is now underway. The registration fee for next year is \$80.00, however, if you register March – May, the fee is discounted by \$10.00 and is only \$70.00. Our tuition is remaining the same for next year as it is this year. The costs are \$1,170.00 for the Tuesday / Thursday class and \$1,755.00 for the Monday / Wednesday / Friday class. We do have a monthly payment plan option available and a discount for the tuition if paid in full by September 10, 2017. Our class times run from 8:45 am – 11:30 am. We are NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Accredited) for preschool by the education system of the LC-MS (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod).

This month our **Bible stories** are focusing on the miracles involving nature and Jesus emphasizing grace, compassion, and forgiveness to the people around us. These stories include Jesus calming a storm, the feeding of 5,000, Zacchaeus, and the Good Samaritan.

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As always, thank you for your continued prayer support, financial donations, and words of encouragement. It is much appreciated.

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



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