

# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

April 2018

## Aprille

Someplace in one of his convoluted stories of people's personal life, Garrison Keillor writes of a young woman who is to be confirmed in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and he quotes a poem of Chaucer, the great English bard:

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote  
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote  
And bathed every veyne in swich licour  
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;  
Whan Zephyrus eek with his sweete breeth  
Inspired hath in every holt and heath  
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne  
Hath in the Ram his halve cours yronne  
And smale fowles maken melodye  
That slepen all the nyght with open ye....

After going all over Minnesota and much of the world with his story of how Lutherans drink too much coffee and enjoy pot roast meals after church on Sunday afternoons, Garrison Keillor finally comes back to what he'd really like to say. "Our lovely world has the power to make us brave. A person wants to be someone else and gets scared... But we ride so far on that bus we become the stranger. Nevertheless, these things stay the same: the sweet breath, the rain, the tendre croppes, and the smale fowles maken melodye. God watches each one and knows when it falls. And so much more does He watch us all."

I like to remember that. *God watches over us all.*

Having just come through all of the Lenten cycle in the *droghte of March*, it's as though we can stretch and reach for the sky with the dawning of the Easter Sunday morning here in the month of *Aprille* once again. How much our dear heavenly Father loves us, each and every one.

Having been *buried with Christ Jesus by baptism into His death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we now are privileged to walk in newness of life.* Romans 6.4.

We are very blessed indeed. Amidst a confusion of pain and suffering, uncertainty about the future of *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*, crime and change in the neighborhood and a whole host of other personal issues and concerns, God continues His watch over us all, blesses us with the forgiveness of all our many sins, for Jesus' sake, and promises that *we shall be united with Him in a resurrection like His.* Romans 6.5.

That's just good to remember this *Aprille*, and always.

*Noel D. Kass, Interim Minister*

## President's Corner

In February, Jean and I went to Phoenix to the Best Practices for Ministry Conference. This is held each year for professional and lay leaders of the church. It is 7 years old and has grown from 250 participants to almost 2500 attendees at the 2018 conference. The cost is free (except for hotel and transportation, etc.) to all participants.

This conference has something for everyone. It ranges from prayer to finances, from church structure to worker fatigue and burnout, from education to community involvement.

During the month of March, I have shared with the leaders of the church. This will be the start of our involvement to turn the church into ministry oriented, outreach, and community involved. When new programs and areas are identified and implemented, your participation will be important. Involvement shows a desire for ministry. I, and the other church leaders ask for your prayers in this endeavor.

In February, we also started a prayer time. This is held every Saturday evening at 7 pm. It is a time to pray for the church, people in need, Sunday morning services, and anything else on your mind. It lasts about an

hour and prepares us for Sunday and the week to come. It is a time for your personal reflection with you and your God. You won't want to miss this time.

The District office has given us some names for consideration in process of selecting our next pastor. The Call Committee is meeting to determine the candidates to present to you-the congregation. We have narrowed the list down to four (4). The Call Committee will interview each candidate and then present to the congregation its recommendations.

As previously stated, communication is one of the keys to a successful church. We as leaders can't read minds. Should something bother you, please speak to a church leader. Chances are if it is on your mind, it is on someone else's mind also. Ask the question, we'll get you an answer. The church leaders are available after church service or by phone.

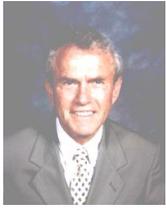
Praise God,

*Joe Morton*  
President

## 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 April 28<sup>th</sup>!

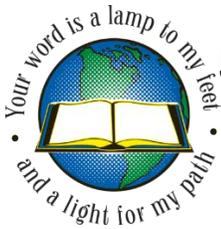


Saturday, April 28, 2018. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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



## Sunday Sermons are now being audio recorded

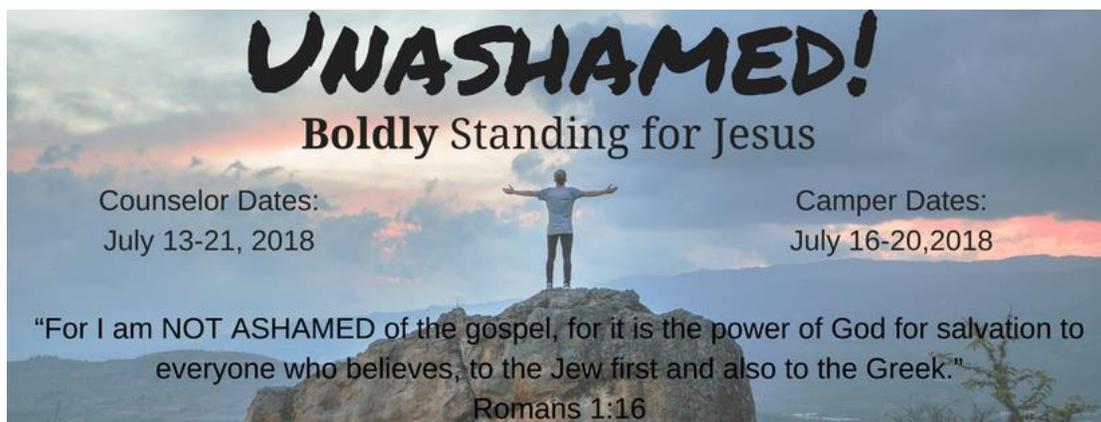
and are available for you to listen, share, and enjoy again anytime  
on our website @ [www.goodshepherdluth.com](http://www.goodshepherdluth.com)

## Financial Update

We continue to struggle to meet our obligations. Currently we are \$6,600 behind on the budget we as a congregation adopted.

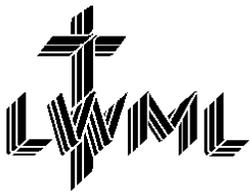
Your continued support is important to keep our doors open and meet our financial obligations.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



## Youth Camp

Trinity Lutheran Bible Camp will be July 16 – 20 at Millersylvania State Park. The theme this year is "Unashamed, Boldly Standing for Jesus." This is for completed 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Cost is \$200. Please see the office for details.



# Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

**Tuesdays:**

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

**Mites—Sunday, April 8**

**Seafarers Auxiliary – April 24, noon**

To all women of Good Shepherd,  
**He is Risen! Rejoice and Sing His Praise!**

Special Invitation:  
**“From Pieces to Peace” LWML Spring Rally, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at Peace Lutheran Church, Chehalis. Ingathering: Pajamas for foster kids ages 0 – 18. Special Speaker: Louise Dunn.

What are you doing June 15-17, 2018? How about attending the LWML Washington-Alaska District Convention, **“Rooted in Christ...Flourishing in the Faith”** at the Red Lion Hotel in Spokane, Washington.

Mites are important for the work of LWML (not one cent remains at Good Shepherd). Updates on Mites are in the Evergreen Echoes of Washington – Alaska District and the LWML Quarterly

Think ahead for 2018 Seafarers Christmas Boxes – travel size shampoo and skin lotion, toothbrushes, small toothpaste, chap-stick, men’s socks, wash cloths and more. Donations are accepted anytime.

Serving the Lord,  
*Jane Oberg*

## Quilters Report to Good Shepherd

Fall 2006 through Fall 2019, 589 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Money sent to LWR for shipping costs 2015 – 2017: \$810.00. Also 15 quilts made for the Preschool Emergency Kits, 20 quilts donated to auctions, several given to ill Good Shepherd Members and some purchased by Good Shepherd members.

This has been an LWML project for Good Shepherd to LWR since 1988. Blessed by God for 30 years.

### Prayer Time



Please join us Saturday evenings at 7 pm for prayer time. This is your opportunity to pray for Sunday Service, individuals, families, leaders, and others. Cards are available to write down your prayer concerns.



# Vision Builders 2018

## April 26, 2018...



The Puget Sound Lutheran Schools Association will hold its annual Vision Builders on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The evening starts at 5 pm with dinner served at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Kelsey Horne at 253-475-9513. This year the event will be held in the Environmental Services Building (9850 64<sup>th</sup> St. West, University Place).

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

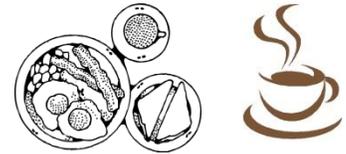


## Men's Ministry Schedule for April



April 7<sup>th</sup> – 8 am  
"Clearing Ground"  
(Mark 1)

April 21<sup>st</sup> – 8 am  
"Head Butting Time"  
(Mark 1:21–2:22)



## TRIPS TO THE HOLY LAND

THERE ARE TWO TRIPS TO THE HOLY LAND PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER.

1. Hosted by Pastor Kurt Onken from Messiah Lutheran Church in Marysville  
**November 7 – 15.** See office for details
2. Hosted by Pastor Joeckel, our former Intentional Interim Pastor  
**November 27 – December 6**

Flier is on the table in the narthex or see office for details.



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

***Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs***



Thank you for your continued prayer support for the preschool and especially the children and their families. We sincerely appreciate your faithful prayers.

**Summer Camp and 2018 – 2019 registrations** are underway. Both registration forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at the church or preschool offices. The Summer Camp will offer 6 weeks of different themes. Next school year we will be offering toddlers through older 4's/young 5's with classes ranging from 1 day per week to 4 days per week depending on the age of the child. Please check out the website or contact Bonnie Huset @253-473-4848 for further information.

Spring has sprung and it is time for our annual **Plant Sale**. This year we will be offering **Geraniums at \$4.50 per plant** and the **Petunias and Calibrachoa will both sell at \$4 per plant**. (yes, after years of the same prices we were given a price increase by our supplier.) The plants are still from Sunrise Flower Farm and you can expect the same quality in this year's flowers. The flowers will also still be in the 4" pots. Flower order forms will be available April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mar 6<sup>th</sup> with flowers ready for **pickup on May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

In the month of April our students will be reviewing the Resurrection of our Lord as well as learning about The Great Commission, the sending of the Holy Spirit, and Peter healing a crippled man. Please continue to pray for these children that the love and truth of Jesus would be in their hearts. Thank you!

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

### **Vacation Bible School**

We **will** 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. Thank you!



# Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday April 8, 2018

The news cycle today feeds our anxiety and fear for the future. We often feel ready to cry out,

## "WHAT CAN I DO?"

Lutheran Hour Ministries wants to help you answer that question. Around the world, we are working to take the Gospel into challenging places.

LHM Sunday is about helping your congregation answer the question, "What can I do?". We want to show you some direct ways your congregation can lead the effort to reach people in your community and around the world.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES RADIO PROGRAM AND RESOURCES:**

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](http://www.lhm.org)).

The Lutheran Hour Ministries offers daily devotions,  
along with other opportunities to serve,  
through their website at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).